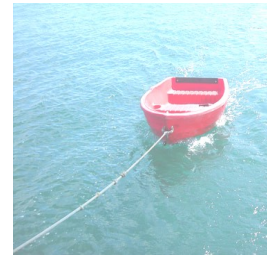




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SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

THIS MONTH

4 December—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting was held on Monday, 4 December 2023 at **7:00 PM** at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Avenue.

15 December—Christmas Party and Dirty Santa

Our Christmas Party will be held on **Friday, 15 December 2023 at 6:00 PM** at the Church of The Resurrection, 13112 N Rockwell. We will have a pot luck dinner and there will be a \$5 charge to cover the cost of turkey and ham which will be provided. Coffee and tea will be provided and the bar will be open. We will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the Church of the Resurrection's food pantry. For those that wish to participate there will be a Dirty Santa \$15 gift exchange. Assume we are all on Santa's "good" list for this year.

UPCOMING

8 January—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting will be held on Monday, 8 January 2024 at **7:00 PM** at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Avenue. Let Marilyn know if you wish to attend by conference call.

27 January—Change of Watch

Our annual Change of Watch will be held on Saturday, 27 January 2024 at Charleston's, 2000 S Meridian. Happy Hour **6:00 PM**, dinner at **6:30 PM**.

We proudly present our slate of 2024 Officers.

We will vote on their retention at our December 2023 Christmas Party.

Squadron Bridge: Commander Dave McGhee, SN
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COMMANDER'S REPORT DECEMBER 2023



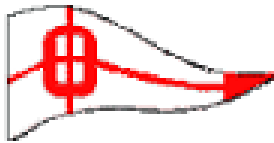
Mental Health

Recently I was driving by Lake Hefner thinking of all the things that I needed to do. Always behind, always stressed.

The Sea Scouts were working on their Catalina 25, *Delta Pearl*. The keel had been chipped and faired, the bottom side blisters were in work, and she was looking much better than she did a few months ago.

Stopped for a short visit with the leadership. There was optimism about the boat's future and gratitude that their new sponsor was understanding and flexible to the needs of a grassroots youth organization.

I left feeling better about the future. Sometimes we need to make the little effort it takes to stop and smell the flowers.



Cdr. Dave McGhee

*"To be successful at sea we must keep things simple."
- R.D. (Pete) Culler -*

December 2023 Legislative Report

The Oklahoma State Legislature's web site has been at least partially populated. At this time there are no new, significant bills apparent. I believe there are a number of new bills to be added.

Cdr Dave McGhee
Legislative Review



Dear OKCSPS Campers and friends,

I just completed making reservations for Little Axe next
*October 2-7/2024 site #35 which is where we usually park.

As a reminder, we've also reserved April 18-23/2024, same site.

Make your reservations as quick as you can and please remember to get your confirmation. If a problem occurs, the system will Reset itself in less than 24 hours. Be there or be talked about.

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Danny Goss

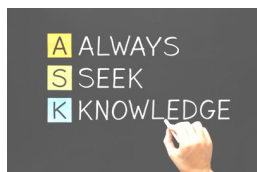
My View From the Boat Ramp

The boat ramp is the beginning and the end of an adventure whether it be fishing, wakeboarding, tubing, or just a pleasant cruise. Most times it is a pleasant adventure, sometimes not. To me it is more than this. It is a source of amusement.

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas." Horns blowing, people getting shot over a parking space, rude drivers on Northwest Expressway, drunks coming home from the Christmas parties.

Whatever happened to "peace on earth, good will towards men." "jingle bells." Santa Clause ringing a pleasant little bell while standing next to large kettle has been replaced by a vagrant ringing a bell that sounds like a tin can being struck with a piece of rebar.

Well, in spite of it all, I am planning a peaceful Christmas with family on the east coast. And I wish you all have a merry Christmas.



"That's the way I see it!"

**PEACE
LOVE
LIFE JACKET**

***P/C Bob Hlubin, JN
Educational Officer***



From the Education Office:

There's not much new in the education world.

We will be starting the new Boat Handling course on the first Wednesday of January. This is an updated course that replaces the Seamanship course. If any of you who have taken the Seamanship course would like to attend for review and new information you are welcome to attend.

Our indoor courses will be conducted in accordance with guidance from the CDC. If you have a course you are interested in, please let me know. If we can't schedule a formal course maybe you would like to study on your own. You can buy or borrow a course book, study on your own, and take the test. One of our instructors can go one on one with you to review the material before the test.

If you or someone you know is interested in a USPS course, please contact me. 405-373-2310 (If no answer, please leave a message) or bob.hlubin@cox.net



Time to get off your boat and into the classroom.

(It's a tough job but somebody must do it.) That's why know that I am somebody.

***P/C Bob Hlubin, JN
Educational Officer***



Wine & Cheese Party and Auction

Danny and I made it to the Church on time and with Bob, Jan and their little buddy Buddy's help we got everything ready--- but no one else was there. I thought we had been stood up because usually everyone is there by 5:30, chomping at their bits and ready to start the festivities. So Jan and I kicked our feet up and had a nice glass of wine.

Finally around 6:00 a few started arriving and by 6:30 we had a pretty good group (turns out the *Dinghy Painter* had indeed listed the time as 6:30). To our surprise, Van, Cecelia and their daughter walked in followed by Jeff and Dalinda! I gotta believe this event is too much fun to pass up for swapping old "treasures" for new ones. We also had special guests: Shawn Goit and his little buddy Walter from the San Luis Rey Sail and Power Squadron, D28. He was visiting family in Norman, looked us up on the internet, gave Danny a call, and said he'd love to join us at our Wine and Cheese / Auction. It was really nice seeing everyone, especially the Van Ewyks and the Penners. It has been a while since we got to visit with them! And it was especially nice meeting Shawn and Walter. Walter and Buddy hit it off, too.

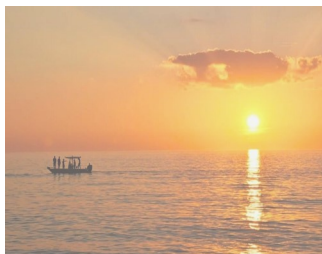
After Bob, our long-standing auctioneer, visited and filled up on all he could eat, he asked our Vanna (Peggy) to come on up and the haggling began. Pretty sure Bob had been doing spring cleaning in November: he filled up one whole table with his treasures, while the rest of us combined filled only one. Although I went home with a few treasures, Ron and Mary took grand prize! Their Christmas shopping is no doubt done.

We made \$153 on the auction and another \$30 in donations for a total of \$183. Not bad for a bunch of senior citizens with lots of \$1's and \$5's in their pockets.....

All in all it was a really fun evening with a great turnout. We missed those who didn't make it! And we especially enjoyed meeting Shawn and Walter and hope he calls us every time he's in the area.

Block Damaging UV Rays with UPF Clothing

Why are we talking about sun protection when it is 40 degrees outside? Some may be traveling south to warmer climates soon and it is the gift season. We all need to consider protecting our skin while on the water with the right UPF clothing. With skin cancer rates on the rise, use of sunscreen has become a familiar part of any boater's and RV lifestyle, but not everyone cares to constantly apply, and remember to reapply the lotion, spray or stick. Enter UPF clothing, casual wear with fabrics that provide both UVA and UVB protection. Here's what to look for. SPF (sun protection factor) has become a familiar term to anyone who regularly applies sunscreen, but UPF is not as widely known. Think of UPF (ultraviolet protection factor) as a rating similar to SPF, but for fabrics.



Clothing with a UPF rating of 50 blocks out 98% of the sun's UV rays when worn, offering essential protection to covered skin. Styles can vary depending on the activity they're aimed for, but to make UPF clothing as comfortable as possible look for features like raglan sleeves, moisture-wicking "tech" fabrics that breathe and pull moisture away from the skin, and a slightly loose fit that offers good freedom of movement and won't cling tight to the skin. Bright colors can help make you more visible to other boaters when you're on the water.

Reflective materials go even further and can improve visibility at night. Sun protection shouldn't be limited to just your torso. UPF fabrics are also found in hats, arm sleeves, bathing suits, leggings, fishing-style button-ups and even versatile neck gaiters that can be pulled over the face, ears and head. Look for "flat lock stitching" on UPF garments as it will reduce chafing and increase overall comfort. Looking for the greatest sun protection? Choose a UPF 50+ shirt with long sleeves, with a hood, to cover the majority of your upper body. Stay safe and well.

Cecilia and I hope that everyone has a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lt Robert G. Van Ewyk SN, Safety Officer (Boating Commerce Team, contributor)



OKLAHOMA CITY SAIL and POWER SQUADRON Members Business Meeting Minutes



04 December 2023

Cdr David McGhee SN called the meeting to order at 19:05 hours at the Tres Mgmt Bldg. The following members were in attendance: P/D/C Danny Goss SN, P/C Bob Hlubin JN, Lt/C Ron Huff P, and Lt/C Glenda Sims. P/C Mike Ellis JN, Lt Roberta Ellis, and Lt/C Aaron Spivey AP all attended via teleconference.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – P/C Bob Hlubin JN gave the invocation.

Secretary – Lt/C Glenda Sims moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting; P/D/C Danny Goss SN seconded; carried.

Dinghy Painter – Editor Lt Peggy Anglin P was unable to attend.

Treasurer - P/D/C Danny Goss SN has sent his report online to members; no new business other than the deposit of \$183, proceeds from the recent Wine & Cheese Party auction.

Executive Officer - Lt/C Ron Huff P asked for the following reports:

Website – P/D/C Goss SN is working on updates and posting of pics.

Public Relations – P/C Mike Ellis JN has posted flyers on Lake Thunderbird kiosks; no luck with Draper Lake.

Legislation – Cdr McGhee SN had no report due to no legislative postings. See his report in the *Dinghy Painter*.

Safety - Lt Robert (Van) Van Ewyk SN was unable to attend. See his report in the *Dinghy Painter*.

Education Officer - P/C Bob Hlubin JN reminded everyone of the “Boat Handling” course to begin January 3, 2024, to be conducted here at the Tres Mgmt Bldg. See his report in the *Dinghy Painter*.

Administrative Officer – Lt/C Aaron Spivey AP called for the following reports:

Membership – P/C Marilyn Goss P was unable to attend but there has been no change in membership.

Environmental Committee - P/C Steve Bryant JN was unable to attend.

Social Activities – P/C Marilyn Goss P was unable to attend. **** SEE THE DINGHY PAINTER FOR ACTIVITY DETAILS ****. Christmas party, Dirty Santa gift exchange, & food drive Dec 15; C.O.W. slated for Jan. 27, 2024, Little Axe Rendezvous April 18-23, 2024, and a possible Eufaula rendezvous upcoming.

Commander’s Report - Cdr McGhee SN has submitted his article to Lt Anglin P for publication in the *Dinghy Painter*.

Old Business – The D21 Fall Conference, hosted by Lake Charles, was a virtual event on Oct 7. No info available. Merit Marks have been emailed to all members from National. Let Marilyn know if not received.

REMINDER: the 2024 Bridge will be voted on at the Dec. 15 party.

New Business – SEE DINGHY PAINTER FOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS. The D21 First Tuesday conference calls should be attended by all squadron commanders and education officers.

It was suggested that Cdr McGhee SN attend the upcoming National meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 19:31 hours.

Respectfully,

**Lt/C Glenda Sims
Squadron Secretary**



2023-2024 CALENDAR

4 December	Members Business Meeting
15 December	Christmas Party
8 January	Members Business Meeting
27 January	Change of Watch



**It is the set of the sails,
not the direction of the wind that
determines which way we will go.**

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