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From the Helm



Welcome to April!

I hope everyone had a good Easter and can assume you are ready for good weather, I know I am.

March was a great month with the Grand Lake Boat Show in Vinita, a very productive dinner meeting and closing it out with a fun and profitable BINGO night at the American Legion Post 178.

Let me start by thanking everyone involved with set up and working the Boat Show, you all did a wonderful job. Since it was only the second year at the Vinita location and it was a very competitive weekend around Green Country with other events, it wasn't surprising that turn out was low. Having said that, I am pleased to announce that we gave away almost twice as many life jackets this year as we did last year.

Thank you to visitors: Craig & Linda Ferguson, Jack & Juanita Celie, Nancy Cooper-Freely and George & Sharee Triplett for coming to the March Dinner Meeting. It is always nice to have visitors and future members join us for dinner and learn more about our wonderful squadron.

Once again Mazzios catered another great meal, big thank you to Monte for cooking and delivery, such great customer service. Thanks to Mina Herren-Hale for coordinating the dinner plan and setting up the room. We had a business meeting, a little trivia for fun and I had the opportunity to swear in our newest members - Steve & Terry DeCoster. You're now official America's Boating Club – Grand Lake members!

Lastly let me thank everyone for coming out to our BINGO Fundraiser! We had a great turn out, although there is always room for more folks. Several of our members won games and at the end of the night we raised \$861.00 to add to our bank account! Let's do this again in the fall!

I will close by saying, it is a good thing to help, and we rise by helping others.

Clayton Hale – Commander

JN ——— *Junior Navigator*

N ——— *Navigator*

SN ——— *Senior Navigator*



S ——— *Seamanship*

P ——— *Piloting*

AP ——— *Advanced*



DID YOU KNOW???

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



Article 1

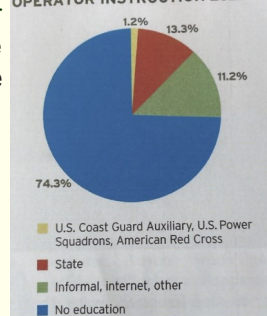
Boating requires knowledge of the "road" just as driving a car. Boat smart and take a boating course from America's Boating Club- Grand Lake.

The club will conduct a two-part ABC3 class on April 6 and 13, 2024 at the Grand Lake Visitor Center at 9630 Highway 59 in Grove. The classes will be conducted from 9am to 1pm on each of the days. America's Boating Course is the most comprehensive, single source, in-person boating course available to give you the skills you need to enjoy your time on the water and boat with confidence. This course is NASBLA approved and meets Oklahoma's requirements for youth boating permits.

What You'll Learn:

- Information about your State Boating Laws, regulations, boat registration, and licensing.
- Required boating safety equipment
- Do and Don'ts of boating safely
- Practical Knowledge of navigation and rules of the road
- How to handle medical emergencies onboard and mechanical problems on the water
- The basics of towing and trailering.

PERCENT OF DEATHS BY KNOWN OPERATOR INSTRUCTION 2022



Operators with no boating safety education accounted for nearly three-quarters of all deadly boating accidents in 2022.

Article 2

It is recommended to gradually reduce boat speed before stopping, but a situation may arise that requires stopping from a higher speed. When this happens, steering control will initially be reduced because the boat's speed is not slowing as quickly as the propeller thrust is reduced. At high speeds steering control can be lost completely if the power is cut suddenly. Some boats because of their design may have their own wake coming over the transom flooding the cockpit or the boat's wells.

To avoid problems with the boat's wake, cut the throttle to an idle rpm and make a 90-degree turn, then shift into neutral. Remember to communicate your action to those on your boat to avoid them being thrown overboard or tossed about in the vessel with the possibility of injury.



Article 3

The Great Loop is a nautical journey that encompasses nearly 6000-miles of travel through continuous waterways that include Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, the Chesapeake Bay, and the New York Canals northwards. It crosses the Great Lakes, Canadian Heritage Canals turning south on the inland rivers of America's heartland.

Several Grand Lakers have completed the "loop" which can take typically a year or longer depending on the desired pace and sightseeing along the way. America's Boating Club, a.k.a. United States Power Squadrons has several helpful courses such as engine maintenance, weather and navigation to add to a boater's knowledge for a more successful cruise.

Most travel by power boats but it has been completed by adventuresome individuals in sailboats, fishing boats, pontoons and even by kayak. America's Great Loop Cruisers' Association has a website for more information. For educational courses to prepare for the adventure, visit online americasboatingclub.org or usps.org/grandlake, on Facebook: America's boating club-grand lake.



ABC-GL Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2024

Grand Lake Visitors Center

CALL TO ORDER: Clayton Hale, Cmdr. at 10:00 am

PRESENT: Clayton Hale, Bill Miller, Arlene Starkman, Brenda Murphy, Peggy Miller, Joe McNeill, and Jon Murphy (joined by phone).

QUORUM: Achieved.

COMMANDERS REPORT:

First order of life jackets (150) placed using the funds from the Rotary grant. Life Jackets were received and delivered to the GLA.

Loaner jackets; discussed pros and cons of placing "Loaner" on the back of the life jackets at the loaner stations. ABC-GL wants to see if more life jackets are returned if "Loaner" is placed on the back of the jacket.

Before proceeding – Clayton will check with USPS's legal dept to see if we are approved to move forward.

Since GRDA owns the property the loaner stations and signs are on, it was decided to also check with GRDA to make sure they approve placing "Loaner" on the life jackets as well. Clayton stated GRDA does not have an issue with our club putting "Loaner" on the back of the life jackets.

Once legal approval is granted by USPS then the e-board will continue with the motion to place "Loaner" on the jackets.

Clayton moved the Wal-Mart life jackets to be used at the loaner stations from the storage unit to GLA.

GRDA has the grant request and is sending the club a check, which will be mailed to the treasurer.

BINGO – fundraiser March 23 at the American Legion Hall. 6:00 pm.

Camp Bandage – Julie Jones and Michelle Hopper will coordinate ABCGLs life jacket giveaway. Camp Bandage is June 1, 2024 from Noon until 4:00 pm.

Toes in Grand:

Friday, June 7 Noon – 8:00 pm

Saturday, June 8 8:00 am – 8:00

Sunday, June 9 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Still need folding chairs and simulator picked up from the Millers'.

TREASURERS REPORT: Arlene Starkman

February 2024 bank balance is \$7,300.33. Revenue for the month was \$30.00 and expenses were \$2,096.00. Still outstanding is a check for \$1,987.50 which has not cleared the bank. Also, February dinner meeting receipts have not yet been deposited.

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EDUCATION: Bill Miller

ABC Class will be offered for members who have not taken an ABC course. David Sloan and Bob Hunt are going to teach this class. Dates for this 2-part class are April 6 and April 13 and will be held at the Visitors Center.

Still working on acquiring VSC course from National. 4 members are willing to take this course. Jon Murphy, Brenda Murphy, Earl Starkman and Arlene Starkman.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: given by Clayton Hale

Boat show in Vinita went well. 50 life jackets were distributed during this event.

Kept a log of the sizes and quantities of life jackets given away.

SECRETARY REPORT:

America's Boating Club – Grand Lake draft bylaws was approved by National and our club at the last dinner meeting on February 15.

Next step for bylaws is to acquire member approval at one more dinner meeting and then it will be presented to USPS for their final approval.

Website – Uploaded the minutes for e-board, dinner meeting, previous editions of Pelican Newsletter, roster and the bridge.

OLD BUSINESS:

Budget was presented by Arlene Starkman at our last e-board meeting. Everyone on the e-board has had an opportunity to review and no one had any questions. Motion to approve budget made by Brenda Murphy; second by Joe McNeill. Motion carried.

Visitors Center – Carol Rice is willing to coordinate members to volunteer to be available on certain weekend days to act as a host and resource at the visitors' center (GLA). GLA allows us to host our e-board meetings and store our life jackets at the GLA therefore, we donate time to distribute information about our lake area to visitors to the center. Requested a sign-up sheet be available at our next dinner meeting for volunteers.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made by Arlene Starkman; second by Joe McNeill, approved at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Murphy.

Treasurer's Report – February 2024

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| February Income | |
| New member Dues | \$30.00 |
| Total February Income | \$30.00 |
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| February Expenses | |
| Bank Maintenance Fee | \$3.00 |
| Backpack contribution | 1,800.00 |
| February dinner meeting venue | 50.00 |
| February dinner meeting caterer | 243.00 |
| Total February Expenses | \$2,096.00 |

Checking Account Balance end of February \$7,300.33

February dinner meeting receipts have not yet been deposited and check for life jacket purchase of \$1987.50 has not cleared so balance is closer to \$5,700.



DINNER MEETING

THURS. MARCH. 21 2024

Commander Clayton Hale administered the oath to Steven and Terry DeCoaster



Michelle Hooper won the 50/50 Jackpot!



Leah Bridges heard there was food being served.



BINGO FUNDRAISER!

BENEFITTING AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB GRAND LAKE

SATURDAY - MARCH 23, 2024

**THANK
YOU FOR
YOUR
SUPPORT
\$861
RAISED!**



**Americas Boating Club - Grand Lake
will be at the Grand Lake Boat Show**

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
MARCH 8TH, 9TH & 10TH**

THURS. - MARCH 7TH SET UP

ANY TIME
BETWEEN
8AM - 6PM

JULIE JONES BLATTNERS

DAVID NEPTUNE LANDBURGS

FRI. - MARCH 8 (10AM - 6PM) TWO NAMES PER LINE PLEASE

10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. JON & BRENDA MURPHY MICHELLE & GREG HOOPER

12:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. _____ HARVEY & MARGE BLATTNER

3:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. ROGER & JULIE JONES STEVE & TERRY DECASTER

SAT. - MARCH 9 (10AM - 6PM) TWO NAMES PER LINE PLEASE

10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. JOE & MARIAN MCNEILL TED & CATHY SCHAEFER

12:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. TIM & JEANNE ANDREW DENISE & DAVID NEPTUNE

3:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. JEFF & LISA LANDBURG MARK & LINDA HOLT

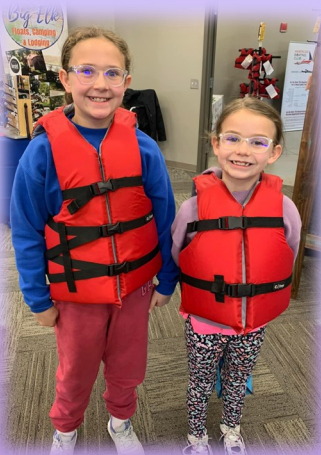
SUN. - MARCH 10 (10AM - 3PM) TWO NAMES PER LINE PLEASE

10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. JEFF & LISA LANDBURG JULIE JONES

12:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. JEFF & LISA LANDBURG CLAYTON & MINA HALE

THIS SHIFT WILL TEAR DOWN.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING!



This clean-up along North Cherokee is contingent upon the weather on April 20. . .and if the ditches are full of water we won't be doing it . . .it will be rescheduled to another dry day.

If you are interested in helping with this clean up, give Marge Blattner a call at 620-338-3453. We will plan to start at 10:00 a.m. and be done by noon. Safety vests, grabbers and stabbers and trash bags will be provided . . . You will need to bring gloves.



Earth Day Clean UP

Sat. April 20th

Save
The
Date

We are getting a trash pick up party together
to pick up the trash along North Cherokee



Details coming soon!
Don't wait for others to save the earth, it starts right from you!

Contact: Marge Blattner to sign up!



Volunteer Opportunities

The Visitors Center no longer requires volunteers for Sunday or the Monday Holidays of Memorial Day and Labor Day. I have two dates that need volunteers - Saturday, July 6 and Saturday, August 31.

Below are the volunteers and dates: Saturday hours are from 10:00 am - 3:00 p.m., so it would be nice to "buddy up" with another couple to make the time seem to go faster.

Call Carol Rice (918 786 5750), or email tomandcarol@gmail.com to sign up for the Visitors Center

- Saturday, May 25 - Jack and Juanita Celie
- Saturday, June 8 - Bill and Peggy Miller
- Saturday, June 22 - Roger and Julie Jones
- Saturday, July 6 - **Need Volunteers**
- Saturday, July 20 - Arlene & Earl Starkman/Harv & Marge Blattner
- Saturday, August 3 - Jim and Cindy Reynolds
- Saturday, August 17 - Joe and Marian McNeill
- Saturday, August 31 - **Need Volunteers**

April EVENTS

- April 11 - eBoard Meeting at the Grand Lake Visitors Center
- April 18 - Members meeting at St. Andrew's Church
- April 20 - Trash cleanup along North Cherokee



S. Michelle Hooper 4/12

Edwin L. Billinger 4/15

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