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From the Helm



Welcome to May

Our grant from GRDA to purchase life jackets has finally arrived! Many thanks to GRDA, without their continuing support there would be so much less we could do in providing life jackets for the youth in the Grand Lake and surrounding areas.

April was a good month, we had a fantastic dinner meeting and welcomed guests: Tony & Mary Anne Revier & Jan Pryor. Thank you to our dinner meeting speaker, our own Bob Hunt, who took us on an amazing trip around the Great Loop with his slide show and super interesting narration. Thanks again to Monte at Mazzios for doing the cooking, delivery and setting up – let's do it again this month. We hope to start having some outside meals with a mini meeting thrown in as the weather gets nicer. We are open to ideas on where we should go first . . . Wolf Creek, a member's home or maybe a restaurant accessible by water . . . shoot me your ideas.

Also want to thank everyone that pitched in to clean up after the meeting, we really appreciate you all!

Our next eBoard meeting is Thursday, May 9, 10:00 a.m. at the Grand Lake Visitors Center. Everyone is welcome to attend, although only board members are allowed to vote. If you would like to be on the agenda, please send me an email prior to Wednesday, May 8.

National Safe Boating Week is May 18-24, 2024. Members of ABC-GL will go to the May 21 Grove City Council meeting where the mayor will sign a Safe Boating Proclamation. Please plan to join us on Tuesday, May 21 at 4:30 p.m. (with a life jacket to wear in a photo) to show your support for safe boating in our community.

June is looking to be a busy month. First, we have Camp Bandage on Saturday, June 1, at Grand Lake RV Resort in Afton. This is a fun event . . . and they feed you lunch. Our next big event is Toes in the Grand the following weekend, June 7 & 8 at Wolf Creek. We will have sign-up sheets for both events at the May dinner meeting.

We rise by helping others.

Clayton Hale – Commander America's Boating Club – Grand Lake



JN ——— *Junior Navigator*
N ——— *Navigator*
SN ——— *Senior Navigator*

S ——— *Seamanship*
P ——— *Piloting*
AP ——— *Advanced Piloting*

DID YOU KNOW???

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN

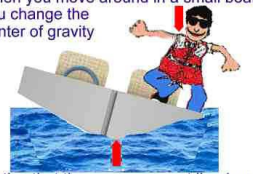


Article 1

The stability of a boat is very important regardless of its size. Some boats are very stable at rest such as a flat bottom boat, but when underway with wind and waves, they will have less stability than round bottom and vee hull boats. These hull shapes tend to roll or heel easier at rest than a flat bottom hull but have a better righting ability that minimizes the possibility of capsizing the vessel when underway.

Other situations that can cause instability are poor distribution of passengers, gear, and water sloshing in the bilge. Boats with tall structures such as flybridges can become unstable with poor weight distribution of passengers on the bridge or in strong winds.

When you move around in a small boat you change the center of gravity



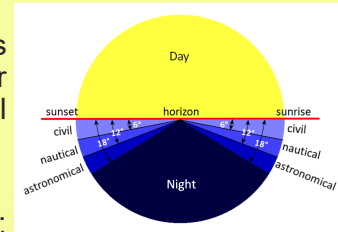
Notice that the arrows are not lined up

Always check the weather before going out and stay alert for weather changes. Know the limits of the vessel's stability for the weather conditions to be encounter, as well as one's ability to handle the vessel.

Article 2

Sunrise is defined as when the sun appears above the horizon and sunset is when the sun disappears below the horizon. This is important to boaters because of regulations when boat lights are to be used and personal watercraft are to be operated.

Boaters should not confuse sunrise or sunset with civil twilight when the center of the sun is 6 degrees below the horizon and outdoor activities can take place without the need for additional artificial light. Besides civil twilight, there is also nautical twilight and astronomical twilight.



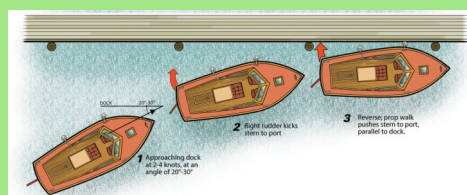
The period of nautical twilight is when the center of the sun is 12 degrees below the horizon. The outline of objects can be seen at its beginning in the morning or at the end at night and the horizon is indistinct.

The period of astronomical twilight is when the center of the sun is 18 degrees below the horizon. At the beginning

Article3

Propellers that turn clockwise when the transmission is in forward gear are called right-handed propellers and those that turn counterclockwise are left-handed propellers. The most common is right-handed. A single propeller boat will create what is called "prop walk" and requires a slight correction of the wheel to counter the "pull" or "walk" to make the boat go straight. An easy method to determine the prop walk direction while the boat is tied to the dock is to center the wheel and put the boat in reverse at idle speed. A right-hand propeller will "walk" the stern to port in reverse and a left-hand propeller will "walk" the stern to starboard. Using the prop walk can be helpful when leaving or approaching a dock.

Many of today's inboard/outboard engines have both a left-handed and a right-handed prop mounted on a coaxial shaft which is designed so that the two props rotate in opposite directions eliminating "prop walk" in the single engine installation.





DINNER MEETING

THURS. MAY 16, 2024

SOCIAL TIME - 5:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

DINNER & MEETING 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH 555 E 3RD ST, GROVE OK

STEVE RHOADES

**GUEST
SPEAKER**

OWNER TOWBOAT US - GRAND LAKE



DINNER IS ONLY \$15 PER PERSON

PIZZA, PASTA, SALAD, DESSERT & DRINKS



Our membership includes all types of boaters and boating families (power, sail, and paddlers) novices and experienced boaters alike. You don't need a boat to join: just have a keen interest in boating-related activities and an eagerness to meet others who do, too.

**PLEASE RSVP TO MINA AT 918-521-8697 OR MINA.HERREN@GMAIL.COM
BY NOON WEDS. MAY 15TH**

For More Info. on America's Boating Club - Grand Lake



<https://www.grandlakeusps.com/invitation-to-join.html>



April was a busy month:

ABC3 Class The course took place at the Grand Lake Association Visitor Center on April 6 and 13. Bob Hunt and David Sloan were instructors. The eight students passed the final exam.



Students L to R: Jon Murphy (inset . . . took the class virtually), Rob Reilly, Sheree Triplett, George Triplett, Jack Celie, Juanita Celie, LaDonna Edgington, John Edgington

April 20 Roadside Cleanup of North Cherokee:

L to R: Earl Starkman, Julie Jones, Harv Blattner, Juanita Celie, Jack Celie, Jan Pryor, Linda Ferguson, Craig Ferguson, Marge Blattner, Arlene Starkman.

April 22 Harv and Marge Blattner distributed life jackets to all of the loaner poles.



Earth Day - Clean Up
April 20, 2024



April 18 Membership Meeting - Random Pics



Bob Hunt presented a slide show on a trip he and Kathy took around the "Great Loop" in 2008-2011. It was fascinating and very interesting.



Linda Ferguson won the 50/50 drawing!



On a personal note . . . The Grove Hospital Auxiliary appreciates the members of ABC-Grand Lake who attended the Auxiliary's Bingo Fundraiser on April 20. We share several of the same members and work together to support each other.



Requesting volunteers for GLA Visitors Center for Saturday, July 6, from 10 am to 3 pm. This is the only date that is still open.

If you can volunteer on this date, please call or text Carol Rice at 918-801-6701 so that she may send the completed schedule to GLA.

2024 Assignment Dates to Host GLA Visitor Center

Date	Time	Name
Saturday, May 25	10 am – 3 pm	Jack and Juanita Celie
Saturday, June 8	10 am – 3 pm	Bill and Peggy Miller
Saturday, June 22	10 am – 3 pm	Roger and Julie Jones
Saturday, July 6	10 am – 3 pm	
Saturday, July 20	10 am – 3 pm	Arlene and Earl Starkman Harve & Marge Blattner
Saturday, August 3	10 am – 3 pm	Jim and Cindy Reynolds
Saturday, August 17	10 am – 3 pm	Joe and Marian McNeill
Saturday, August 31	10 am – 3 pm	Clayton & Mina Hale
THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING		



May 9 - Executive Board (eBoard) meeting at Grand Lake Visitors Center

May 12 - Mother's Day

May 16 - Membership meeting at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

May 21 - Grove City Council Meeting at 1201 Neo Loop



Linda Dunham	5/12
Marian McNeill	5/27
Rusty Millikan	5/27
Larry Graves	5/28
Cheryl Elson	5/28



ABC-GL Dinner Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2024
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
5:30 PM Social Hour

SOCIAL HOUR and DINNER: 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Clayton Hale, Cmdr. 6:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Attendees

PRAYER: Clayton Hale

MOTIONS:

Motion to approve March 2024 dinner minutes made by Bob Hunt: second by Julie Jones. Minutes approved.

Motion to adjourn made by Earl Starkman; second by Jim Reynolds. Approved.

GUESTS:

Jan Pryor, Tony and Mary Ann Revier.

RAFFLE 50/50:

Collected \$100. The club kept \$50, and Linda Ferguson won \$50.

TREASURERS REPORT: Arlene Starkman

\$6,319.12 balance as of March 31, 2024. Revenue for the month is \$1,336.00. Expenses for the month were \$2,317.21. This balance does not reflect proceeds from the Bingo fundraiser of \$861.00.

EDUCATION: Jon Murphy

ABC classes went well. Eight students passed the class.

VSC still on hold.

A big thank you to Bob Hunt and David Sloan who taught the ABC Class.

SECRETARY REPORT: Brenda Murphy

Requested a motion to approve March 2024 minutes. Motion made by Bob Hunt and second from Julie Jones to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Thank you note read from Grove's Backpack Program. Generous donations of \$900 were acquired at our Christmas Party and the club matched these donations. A total of \$1,800 will support many healthy snacks and food for children.

COMMANDERS REPORT: Clayton Hale

No **E-Board** meeting in March due to scheduling conflicts.

Bingo fundraiser: great night and helped raise \$861 for ABC-GL!

GRDA Grant: still have not received grant funds, but should be soon.

Loaner Life Jacket Stations: Harvey Blattner is coordinating loaner stations. Please use the life jackets to the left in our storage area. Next week we will stock them for the season.

Events in Future:

Cleanup on Cherokee Road – Marge Blattner is coordinating event on April 20, 10 am until noon.

Jackets, bags, and grabbers are available for volunteers to use for trash pick-up. Camp Bandage –

June 1. Julie Jones and Michelle Hooper are coordinating our

volunteers. Toes in Grand – June 7 through June 9.

Hospital – hosting a Bingo fundraiser on April 20 at 6:00 pm.

Next dinner meeting: May 16 at 5:30 at St. Andrew's.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made by Earl Starkman; second Jim Reynolds, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Murphy.



Treasurer's Report – April 2024

April Income	
ABC Class fees	185.00
GRDA Life Jacket Grant	5,000.00
Dinner Meeting Receipts April	315.00
Bingo Fundraiser	861.00
Raffle Income	\$50.00
Total April Income	\$6,411.00
April Expenses	
Bank Maintenance Fee	\$3.00
Member Dues	220.00
April dinner meeting venue	50.00
April dinner meeting caterer	216.00
Backpack Program	100.00
Total April Expenses	\$589.00

Checking Account Balance end of April is \$12,141.12

America's Boating Channel Explains the Difference Between Boating Knowledge Versus Skills

Think about it: knowledge is theory and skills put knowledge into practical practice. It requires a combination to become a better boater. This is brought home through the "[Knowledge Versus Skills](#)" video that covers differences between boating knowledge and boating skills and why it matters. Viewers also learn approaches to take to improve their boating abilities and the pitfalls to avoid in boater education. Knowledge doesn't mean you're good at boating, but it can help you more easily and safely develop boating skills that must be practiced on the water. Concepts, principles, and information about boating can be learned through reading, studying, and observing. The ability to plan, depart, anchor, dock, and perform other boat maneuvers is mastered through experience.

Visit <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find this and other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership.

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