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## THIS MONTH

### **4 November—Members Business Meeting**

Our monthly business meeting was held on Monday November 4 2024 at 7:00 PM at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Ave.

### **12 November—Wine and Cheese Party**

Bring your favorite libation and appropriate nibbles. We will convene on Tuesday, 12 November 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Church of the Resurrection, 13112 N Rockwell. We promise an evening of fun with friends.

## UPCOMING

### **10 December 2024—Christmas Party & Business Meeting**

Our Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday 10 December 2024 at the Church of the Resurrection at 13112 N Rockwell. We will have a pot luck dinner followed by a rousing bout of Dirty Santa.

For dinner the Squadron will provide meat and everyone is asked to bring their favorite beverage, a side to go with the meat, and/or dessert. Let Marilyn know what you're bringing so we won't have duplicate dishes. Please count your blessings and bring canned/bagged boxed food items to donate to the Church pantry for those less fortunate.



### **Report of the Safety Officer 4 November 2024**

Having survived the stormy weekend here, just a reminder to keep track of the weather systems that may affect your safe travels. An article has been submitted to the Dingy Painter. Stay safe and well.

**Respectfully, Lt. Robert G. Van Ewyk, SN**





## COMMANDER'S REPORT November 2024



We got rain! Sadly, tornados too. So, until things settle down we should take some time to work on ways to grow our organization.

National has engaged a marketing company, Marine SEO, to help us with our task, but I'm not sure what path that may take us. In the meantime lets think about ways to make our presence and activities known on our own. (SEO = search engine)

If we elect not to participate National is asking for our growth plan outline, and our reasons why we do not feel we will benefit from participation.

Classes and social activities are our place to start. Do we want to add some other functions? What would people want? Should be have a "booth" at some local lakes? Or,....? Let's do some brainstorming. Send in your ideas.

**Cdr David McGhee, SN**



### Legislative Report

The website seems to be working, but no data as yet. Nothing of interest in the meetings agendas schedule.

**Cdr David McGhee, SN**

### We proudly present our slate of 2025 Officers:

We will vote on their retention at our December 2024 Christmas Party.

Squadron Bridge: Commander— P/C Mike Ellis, JN  
Executive Officer—P/C David McGhee, SN  
Administrative Officer—Lt/C Ron Huff, P  
Education Officer—P/C Steve Bryant, JN  
Asst SEO—P/D/C Danny Goss, SN  
Secretary—Lt/C Glenda Sims, S  
Treasurer—P/D/CDanny Goss, SN



Appointed Volunteer Positions: Chaplain—Lt Roberta Ellia, S  
Dinghy Painter Editor—Peggy Anglin, P  
Public Relations—P/C Mike Ellis, JN  
Webmaster Danny P/D/C Danny Goss, SN  
Legislation—P/C David McGhee, SN  
Safety Officer—Lt Robert van Ewyk, SN (Van)  
Membership—P/C Marilyn Goss, P  
Environmental Committee— P/C Steve Bryant, JN  
Social Chair Activities—Marilyn Goss, P



## 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.

I didn't have a chance to visit the boat ramp recently, but I did enjoy a wonderful Fall Conference. The Fort Worth Squadron hosted the event and did a wonderful job. They had volunteered to do it when the request was made at the Spring Conference in Houston.

I missed Thursday's meet and greet as I was running a little late. All of the courses were very interesting. I think I finally learned some about Geodetics Surveys and how to safely light a flare. I carry flares on my boat but have never lit one. Not quite as exciting as the military ordinance.

But, the highlight for me was the food and friendship. Fantastic subs for lunch and Friday's Fajita Festival and Saturday's Old Fashioned Shrimp Boil were fantastic.

And the best part of all was that it was FREE! Well, almost. My daughter went with me and since she was not interested in the meetings, she decided take my credit card on a shopping spree. Did you know that if a woman finds two dresses on sale she must also have two pair of shoes and two purses to match?

**PEACE  
LOVE  
LIFE JACKET**

Fort Worth did a fantastic job. And the person most responsible for putting this together just had experienced hip replacement surgery two weeks before but did it without complaint. (at least not in public).

*"That's the way I see it!"*

***P/C BobHlubin, JN***

## FIRE CRACKERS

Cheese Its  
Mini Club Crackers  
Mini Saltine Crackers  
Oyster Crackers

Use half pack each; pour in large bowl & mix together:

1 1/2 c. canola oil  
1 Pkg Ranch Salad Dressing Mix  
2-3 Tablespoons Crushed Red Peppers.

Stir together

Pour over crackers in big airtight container, toss several times over a 1 hour period.

I like it best made the day before.

Will keep for extended period of time in an airtight container. DO NOT REFRIGERATE.

***Marilyn Goss***

## **Know Before You Go Always Consult the Local or National Weather Forecast**

### **Know Before You Go. Always Consult the Local or National Weather Forecast**

With the terrible flooding in North Carolina, Tennessee and other states, we should all remember, Semper Paratus—Always Ready: That motto of the US Coast Guard prepares its boat and helicopter crews for the merciless winds, blinding snow, impenetrable fog and flooding rains, weather most of us would avoid by necessity. Whenever we go boating, RVing or just driving, we need to be aware of the weather conditions and what the forecast holds for us for a safe trip. We may be in areas and need help farther away than Rescue Teams can provide quickly. There are many videos of the helicopter rescues on You Tube today and thankful they were available to resolve what was surely the lowest point of someone's worst day. As past boaters on Lake Michigan, we always took extra care to make sure what the lake was doing and what to expect hours later as it was always very predictable. Never want to get caught with huge waves or a thunderstorms with lightning when you are in a small boat on a huge body of water. Weather apps are available for free.

For some, we will be getting ready for the winter layup season. Up north, this was the time to start my boating wish list for the holiday season or what I would have the Marina work on when the boat was out of water. A little different here in Oklahoma. One of constants is that our boats, RV's, cars, homes and we are getting older. As boat and RV owners, we may not want to admit it or recognize it. And through innovation and technology, they can last much longer than they used to. But, like all of us humans, issues seem to occur and warrant attention, particularly as they get older. That continues to be mostly good news for those facilities that provide boat and RV maintenance and servicing. But, even for those facilities there may come a point where the liabilities, often silent and lurking beneath the surface, outweigh the positives. The typical rough estimate is that there are about 12 million recreational registered boats and 13 million RV's in the United States in 2023. These are substantial numbers, and as time goes by, larger numbers of older boats and RV's are at the end of their useful life. Take the time to do a thorough inspection this fall.

Again, just a reminder to stay safe and well.

***Lt. Robert G. Van Ewyk, SN, Safety Officer***



### **November Report From the OKCSPS Education Department:**

Thanks to the labors of P/C Steve Bryant, JN, we will be presenting a discussion of educational courses available from the US Power Squadrons with a focus on celestial navigation to interested members of the Oklahoma City Boat Club (OCBC) next Monday evening (11-11-24) at 1800.

We're going to offer our potential students regular US Power Squadron classes, or assistance with self study courses as they wish. As we understand exactly what their interests are, we will guide them to the courses that will satisfy their goals. The plan includes yet another avenue to accomplish celestial navigation using a book from Celestaire.

Our goals are to help them achieve their education goals and for them to form a high opinion of our advanced education offerings, and our instructional expertise. Hopefully, this will lead to a public boating course presentation for the younger members in the OCBC.

With the holidays approaching, we expect class to begin most likely in January, but will accommodate their requests as best we can. At this late date, it may be close to the first of December before we receive the class materials and the OCBC members decide their schedules.

This opportunity will exercise our cadre of instructors and give us cause to refresh our knowledge and skills. It is simply a case of "use it or lose it!"



## OKLAHOMA CITY SAIL and POWER SQUADRON

### Members Business Meeting Minutes

04 November 2024



Cdr David McGhee SN called the meeting to order at 19:02 hours at the Tres Mgmt Bldg. The following members attended: Lt Peggy Anglin P (via teleconference), P/C Steve Bryant JN, P/C Mike Ellis JN, Roberta Ellis S, P/D/C Danny Goss SN, P/C Marilyn Goss P, Lt/C Ron Huff P, and Lt/C Glenda Sims S.

**Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance** – P/C Ellis JN delivered the invocation. SXO Lt/C Huff P led the Pledge.

**Secretary** – Lt/C Glenda Sims S moved to accept the October meeting minutes; P/C Mike Ellis JN seconded; **Dinghy Painter** – Editor Lt Peggy Anglin P is awaiting several reports .

**Treasurer** - P/D/C Danny Goss SN has sent his report online to members, citing that deposits are not reconciled due to the new iMIS not up and running smoothly. The IRS issue is not resolved yet.

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

**Website** – P/D/C Goss SN: D21 bylaws are awaiting upload as are Eufaula rendezvous pics..

**Public Relations** – P/C Mike Ellis JN has forwarded the latest version of the OKCSPS trifold to P/D/C Danny Goss for review and/or revision if necessary. Lt/C Glenda Sims S will be asked to proof as well.

**Legislation** – Cdr McGhee SN: Was finally able to access the OK Legislature website as far as meetings, agendas, etc. 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 did not attend. P/D/C Goss is preparing for the Nov. 11 course prep at the OCBC. P/C Bryant would like as many OKCSPS members as possible to attend on that date as well. Further discussion of possible teaching scenarios.

**Administrative Officer** – Lt/C Aaron Spivey AP did not attend.

**Membership** – P/C Marilyn Goss P: paid membership has dropped to 23. P/C Bryant moved to consider and then enact a dues relief fund in future; Lt/C Sims seconded; motion carried.

**Environmental Committee** - P/C Steve Bryant JN had nothing to report.

**Social Activities** – P/C Marilyn Goss P outlined all remaining social activities and dates for 2024. Plans for an April 2025 Eufaula Rendezvous were discussed. **SEE THE DINGHY PAINTER FOR ACTIVITY DETAILS**  
\*\*. She has sent and will continue to send each member a text listing all activities & dates.

**Commander's Report** – See Cdr McGhee's report in the *Dinghy Painter*.

**Old Business:** Further discussion regarding Marine SEO (USPS/ABC marketing contractor access).

**New Business** – **SEE DINGHY PAINTER FOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS.** See the slate of officers for the OKCSPS 2025 Bridge published elsewhere in this *Dinghy Painter*, to be voted upon at the December Christmas party.

The ABC's new iMIS software is being implemented for which training dates of Nov. 13 & 20 are being offered (check your emails from America's Boating Club). Participants must register for this member portal training. P/D/C Goss stated that he has had some difficulty trying to access.

Cdr McGhee reported that the squadron's insurance company, CHUBB, will not be renewing our policy.

The meeting adjourned at 20:08 hours.



## 2024 CALENDAR

- 4 November      Members Business Meeting  
12 November     Wine & Cheese Party  
10 December    Christmas Party

2025 TBD!

“To be successful at sea we must keep things simple” —R.D. (Pete) Culler”—



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