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## THIS MONTH

### 5 February - Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting was held on Monday, 5 February 2024 at 7:00 PM at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Ave. Let Marilyn know if you wish to attend by conference call.

### 22 February—Chili Cook-Off

Our Chili Cookoff will be held on Thursday, 22 February 2024 at 6:30 PM at the Church of the Resurrection at 13112 N Rockwell. RSVP to Marilyn if you are planning to enter your winning recipe. Bring an appetizer or dessert; water and soda will be available and byob.

## UPCOMING

### 4 March—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting will be held on Monday, 4 March 2024 at 7:00 PM at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Ave. Let Marilyn know if you wish to attend by conference call.

### 21 March 2024—Casino Night

Bring your lucky charm to the Church of the Resurrection at 13112 N Rockwell on Thursday, 21 March 2024 at 6:30 PM for fun and games. If you are proficient at any Casino game, let Marilyn know so we can have dealers, high rollers and maybe cocktail waitpersons. Bring finger foods. Soda and water provided. There will be PRIZES!

### 1 April 2024—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting will be held on 1 April 2024 at 7:00 PM at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Ave. Let Marilyn know if you wish to attend by conference call. (No fooling!)

### 19-21 2024 April— Little Axe Rendezvous, Lake Thunderbird

Join us for and or all of this fun gathering at the Little Axe Campground. Whether you are full-time RVers, tenting, staying nearby or just dropping in for the day, a good time will be had by all, especially if the weather cooperates. Danny and Marilyn can answer any questions you may have, so make sure you have reservations asap.

### 6 May—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting will be held on 6 May 2024 at 7:00 PM at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Ave. Let Marilyn know if you wish to attend by conference call.

### 11 May—Hefner Lake Cleanup

We will meet on Saturday, 11 May 2024 at 10:00 AM at the picnic area near the site of the old police building. (It has recently been removed.) Wear appropriate clothing, tools and bags will be provided or bring your own. We will meet back at noon for Ron Dogs and any snacks you are welcomed to bring.



## COMMANDER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2024



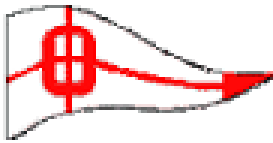
### Progress Requires Change

The Ranger Station at the Lake Hefner marina is one of my oldest recollections of the lake, going back to the 1960s, probably.

There is debate as to when the building was built. I suspect it was part of the original lake construction which was completed in the late 1940s, after a delay caused by World War II. It has had several occupants, but generally was the lake office.

It had fallen into disrepair but hopes for saving the building never totally faded. But the handwriting was on the wall and as I drove into the marina for a boat check the newly created open space and view of the lake was still a shock. Hopes are now there will be a new building to house the first responders and administrators that keep lake users safe and the environment enjoyable.

Sometimes you do have to let go of something old to grasp onto something new. But take care not to lose what is still good. We had a wonderful Change of Watch, and thanks again to our Squadron members whose work allows our organization to continue. The Sea Scouts Ship at Lake Hefner have expressed a desire in a boating course. If successful there will likely be interest in additional courses. Something new.



**Cdr Dave McGhee, SN**

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

### February 2024 Legislative Report

The Oklahoma State Legislature's web site is still only partially populated. Currently there are no new, significant bills apparent; with few existing proposals that would affect boating and lake recreation.

This is an election year, and I believe there are a number of new bills yet to be added.

**Cdr Dave McGhee SN**

**Land was created  
so boats would have a place to visit.**

## 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 been too cold to go out on the boat ramp. Not much going on anyway.

Made it back from my Holiday trip to the east with no major problems Other than losing at the casinos on the way. You have to stop at all of them because that's the only place on I-40 that you can find clean rest rooms and decent food. The trip is 1500 miles, so I do it in three days. The trip is rather boring since my car practically drives itself. I used this time I gathered some interesting observations.

If you see a Cadillac driving slowly in the left lane with it's turn signal on, disregard the turn signal. The is the method that old people use to bring attention to themselves so you'll give them a chance. If you see a Cadillac with no turn signal, beware. This is a young successful driver that is going to get in front of you at all cost because he thinks he has that right. Pickup trucks do not have turn signals. They have traded them out for fog lights. In Oklahoma and Arkansas thy have their fog lights on when traveling on a clear night but turn them off in the fog. Further east they keep them on all the time. Probably don't know how to turn them off.) Some cars have their turn signal switch connected to the steering wheel. When they change lanes the turn signal comes on after they've pulled in front of you. My car won't let me change lanes without a signal. It pushes me back until I signal.

*Never drive faster than your guardian angel can fly!*

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

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

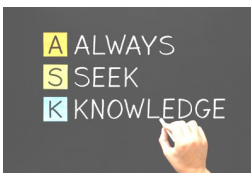


## From the Education Office

We had a slow year but things are starting to look up. We started our first course of the year on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Four of our members are participating in the Boat Handling Course. I hope we can keep up the momentum with more member participation in future courses. After all one of our goals is "Self Education."

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](mailto: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  
Education Officer***

## **2024 Change of Watch**

The OKC Sail & Power Squadron had its 2024 Change of Watch at Charleston's Restaurant with 25 in attendance--- a full house! Tables were adorned with centerpieces consisting of a sculpted sleek white sailboat, a beautiful blue glass-blown dolphin figurine, and blue fairy lights to represent our love of boating. The lights appeared quite lovely in the dimly-lit banquet room.

And speaking of lovely, everyone looked great all gussied up: you know, that's cleanin' up real nice with suits and ties and pearls and shoes with heels and such. Since the C.O.W. is usually our first event of each year, we like to show off to start off. But enough about that.

We were honored with the presence of District 21 Commander Steve Baker and his lovely wife Roxanne from Fort Worth to swear in our 2024 Bridge (although someone wisecracked that in our case the C.O.W. should be changed to the S.O.W.--- Same Old Watch--- since there was no change in Commander or Bridge population). With a small squadron such as ours, members are called upon to give more of themselves to keep us afloat and luckily we are blessed with loyal members. So it was an easy ritual: the 2023 Bridge got dismissed and reinstated as the 2024 Bridge all in one swell foop.....I mean one fell swoop.

But back to the party. Happy hour/meet & greet was in full swing and awaiting dinner when Aaron arrived fashionably late, took the last seat available, and heralded in the noise level to a full-blown roar! Aaron's table became the laughing table and there were some of us who couldn't figure out how they were able to laugh uproariously and eat at the same time. And even the waitresses (Mac and Cheese, I believe---no, Mac and Abby) had a few chuckles as well. Anyway, it was discovered that part of the fun at the Fun Table was that Aaron (and maybe sidekick Bill) decided that we need an official squadron song to kick off our social functions. And so, songs will be presented and will be voted on at next month's Chili Cook-Off!

Note: the food at Charleston's was *magnifique*, as always. Dessert was courtesy of the Gosses who brought a nice cake decorated in blue and white, matching the colors of the centerpieces it turns out.

It was nice to see our long-distance members, Dana and Laurie, up from Lake Texoma way. And it was also nice to see the Van Ewyks as well as Bill; he has been out of pocket the last several functions. We missed those who were unable to attend for various reasons and look forward to seeing them soon. Just hope everyone enjoyed themselves!

***P/C Marilyn Goss & Lt/C Glenda Sims***

### **D21 SPRING CONFERENCE—HOUSTON TEXAS March 8-9, 2024**

Come to the D21 Conference in Houston—FREE !! There is NO charge for the weekend conference and ALL meals and activities are Free— if you attend the conference. If You want to attend only the Saturday social dinner, there is a meal charge of \$25 per person.

Friday, Noon-9:30 AM  
Saturday 8:00 AM-9:30 PM  
Sunday Cooperative Charting event

Learn more and  
register online at <http://tinyurl.com/D21-SpringCon>

## Boating Shoes Provide Safety On or Off Shore

With summer just around the corner, it's time to get our equipment and gear ready for safe voyages. If you're planning on going boating this summer, then you need to have the proper shoes. Although boating is always relaxing, fun, and inspiring, there's always the element of danger. You need the right gear and an understanding of proper boating etiquette if you're going to stay safe and welcome on other boats.

Boat shoes are more than an old pair of sneakers or a funky pair of flip-flops. To understand what shoes are best to wear on a boat, let's look at the requirements for safety and comfort. Boat shoes have super-sticky soles with traction and channels to move water from underneath the shoe, so more rubber connects with the deck. Since the boat is always rolling and rocking, shock absorption is another important quality. Soft rubber and spongy foam insole and outsole reduce vibration to protect the wearer.



After a long day on the water in the wrong shoes, a back can be hurting, legs ache and feet are sore. Without a doubt, the best boat shoes are worth it. The right boat shoes reduce shock so you can be pain free.

Taking a couple waves over the side or landing a few fish can turn boat decks into a slimy skating rink. Grippy boat shoes will keep your feet on the ground. Good boat shoes range from \$80 to \$125. To understand how much boat shoes cost, expect to pay for the technology and design that will provide a safe and comfortable experience on the water. The best boat shoes use premium materials and the most advanced construction for a shoe that dries quickly, provides reliable traction and responsive cushioning providing safety and comfort.



Finally, boat shoes have to manage moisture. In cold, wet conditions, a pair of rubber boots are the only thing that will keep feet dry. When the weather is warm, wear boat shoes with breathable, water-repellent uppers. Not only does this keep feet dry on the water, but it allows the shoes to dry faster between trips. Dry shoes are more comfortable, and they reduce the chance of spawning foot fungus.

If you're wearing shoes that aren't meant for moving around a boat, then you could end up slipping and falling in the water or hurting yourself. You need a special type of grip that only boat-specific shoes can provide. Beyond that, you'll want shoes that don't mind getting a bit wet, and of course, you'll want something with a lot of comfort, especially if you're on the boat for hours at a time. When we say "boat shoes", most people will probably immediately think of Sperry's. Nowadays, they are fashionable for people on and off boats. Their soles are non-slip and have been the reason that Sperry's "Top Siders" ended up as the official shoe of the US Navy. That said, there are many other brands and styles that will work on a boat. If you know what to look for, then you can find a perfectly safe, comfortable, and stylish shoe to wear out on the water.

Here are a few key buying tips. Make sure that they've got a good grip. EVA soles preferred. You want a light, non-marking sole. Waterproof if possible, to protect your feet from water, cold, and injury. High-quality water shoes for PWC's or sailing boots are good options. Flip-flops are a big mistake. If you follow this checklist, you'll find a shoe that will keep you safe and sturdy on your boat. To stay safe and well, never get on a boat unless you are wearing comfortable and safe gear.

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

## Seas the day!



**OKLAHOMA CITY SAIL and POWER SQUADRON**  
**Members Business Meeting Minutes**  
**05 February 2024**



Cdr David McGhee SN called the meeting to order at 19:01 hours at the Tres Mgmt Bldg. The following members were in attendance: Lt Peggy Anglin P, P/C Steve Bryant JN, P/C Mike Ellis JN, Lt Roberta Ellis, P/D/C Danny Goss SN, P/C Marilyn Goss P, Lt/C Ron Huff P, and Lt/C Glenda Sims.

**Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance** – Chaplain Lt Roberta Ellis gave invocation; P/D/C Danny Goss SN led the pledge.

**Secretary** – Lt/C Glenda Sims moved to accept the January meeting minutes; Lt/C Ron Huff P seconded; carried.

**Dinghy Painter** – Editor Lt Peggy Anglin P is awaiting several articles.

**Treasurer** - P/D/C Danny Goss SN has sent his report online to members. The IRS has yet to respond to Danny's inquiry regarding squadron status. Treasury report will be amended to reflect an additional \$1.08 (interest received late from the CD). He is awaiting some receipts relevant to the recent C.O.W. in order to reimburse. P/D/C Goss also spoke about the recent OKC RV & Boat Show, which has undergone management/exposition revisions, which effectively have shut us out.

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

**Website** – P/D/C Goss SN: has had computer issues lately and is therefore a bit behind.

**Public Relations** – P/C Mike Ellis JN had no news to report.

**Legislation** – Cdr McGhee SN has found nothing new on which to report. 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 was unable to attend. The "Boat Handling" course has several more weeks before completion; the tests have been ordered. Discussion of the Power Squadron ABC course being virtually nonexistent nationwide anymore. Teaching another course to the Sea Scouts (at their request) was entertained and discussed. See report in the *Dinghy Painter*.

**Administrative Officer** – Lt/C Aaron Spivey AP was unable to attend:

**Membership** – P/C Marilyn Goss P: membership holding at 29. Discussion of the dues matrix.

**Environmental Committee** - P/C Steve Bryant JN wants the spring Hefner Clean-up to be scheduled for May 11 .

**Social Activities** – P/C Marilyn Goss P outlined all social activities and dates for 2024. **\*\* SEE THE DINGHY PAINTER FOR ACTIVITY DETAILS \*\*.**

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

**Old Business** –

**New Business** – SEE DINGHY PAINTER FOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

The D21 Spring Conf. will be held in Houston on March 8-9; the USPS Annual Meeting is this month (see websites for details). There was further discussion of past experiences with the Sea Scouts as well as suggestions for future involvement.

The meeting adjourned at 20.03 hours.

**Respectfully,**

**Lt/C Glenda Sims**  
**Squadron Secretary**



## 2024 CALENDAR

5 February	Members Business Meeting
22 February	Chili Cookoff
4 March	Members Business Meeting
21 March	Casino Night
1 April	Members Business Meeting
19-21 April	Little Axe Rendezvous
6 May	Members Business Meeting



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