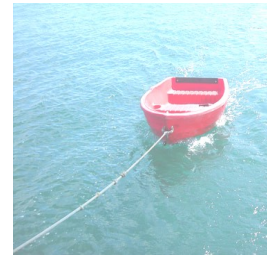




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## **THIS MONTH**

### **3 June—Members Business Meeting**

Our monthly business meeting was held on Monday, 3 June 2024 at **7:00 PM** at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Ave.

### **18 June—Margarita & Taco Bar**

We will meet on Tuesday, 18 June 2024 at **6:30 PM** at the Church of the Resurrection, 13112 N Rockwell for chips and salsa, tacos makings, guacamole, hot sauce and more. Please coordinate what you bring with Marilyn. Major Activity: Kick back and enjoy a **Margarita**

## **NO BUSINESS MEETING IN JULY!**

**Enjoy your Summer**

### **18 July—Everybody's Birthday**

We will celebrate all Squadron members birthdays on Thursday, 18 July 2024 at **5:30 PM** at the Royal Bavarian Restaurant, 3401 S Sooner Rd, (I35 to 9th st exit in Moore, east on Sooner Rd, 1 mile South). There will be cake! RSVP to Marilyn Goss asap.

### **5 August—Members Business Meeting**

Our monthly business meeting will be held on Monday, 5 August 2024 at **7:00 PM** at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Ave.

### **27 August—Pot luck and Games and Members Business Meeting (September)**

We will meet on Tuesday, 27 August 2024 at **6:30 PM** at the Church of the Resurrection, 13112 N Rockwell for chips and salsa, tacos makings, guacamole, hot sauce and more. Please coordinate what you bring with Marilyn. You can provide an ingredient to be used to make the tacos.

Our monthly business meeting will also be held on the same date, time and location.

### **19 September—Picnic**

Location and other details to be determined.

### **4-6 October—Little Axe Redezvous**

It's not too early to make a reservation!

### **7 October—Members Business Meeting**

Our monthly business meeting will be held on Monday, 5 August 2024 at **7:00 PM** at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Ave.



## COMMANDER'S REPORT June 2024



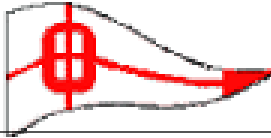
Did you watch a video? Watch some more until the storms ease up.

### Competition

Since forever the boating course was our marketing and public relations tool to attract new members. At that time about the only sources of this education were USPS and USCG. States got involved and started requiring knowledge demonstration to operate watercraft. Particularly affected were the often youthful personal watercraft drivers. Boating education became a business.

Some years ago I researched the number of sources of training. There were dozens. Many online, some free, some not. Some offered a proctored exam (required by some authorities), some not. Today there are still quite a few alternatives, some free of cost but not all.

So, what are we to do. Well, I say stay on our course. Continue to advertise and offer the boating courses, in whatever formats. Work with USPS National to make the courses as available and low cost as possible. But more than ever, continue to do what we do very well. Have social events, have activities, be visible.



***Cdr David McGhee, SN***

### Legislative Report

The Regular 2024 Legislative Session is over. To the best of my ability to detect and discern there are no significant bills that affect boating, fishing, hunting, camping, park use, etc. But I may be wrong, so I will keep watching as the dust settles.

There may be a special session, that will focus on tax cuts. Not sure.

***Cdr David McGhee, SN***



## My View From the Boat Ramp

The signs of summer boating season are here. I found my first cooler on the side of the interstate the other day. It was a nice soft-sided one in good condition. It was empty though.

I saw on TV where Lake Eufaula had a fatal accident. Someone ran their boat into one of the concrete bridge supports. I'm thinking that the driver saw the "no wake zone" sign at the last minute and wanted to stop his boat as quickly as possible to avoid a ticket for causing a wake. He was dead right. The impact stopped the boat and canceled the wake. Witnesses said there was a strong smell of alcohol present. We can't jump to conclusions though. It might have been rubbing alcohol he was using to cool his sunburn.

I had a great time at the rendezvous at the lake. I got one tick bite. I didn't find it till I got home. The next day I found two more clinging to the side of my camper. Persistent little creatures.

"That's the way I see it!"

**PEACE  
LOVE  
LIFE JACKET**

*P/C Bob Hlubin, JN*



## From the Education Office:

I'm hoping to get a new ABC course started soon. I'll be advertising it as soon as I have a date.

Danny is going to set up a library of all the books used in our courses. These will be used in any presentations we give to advertise our courses. Not only will he be able to tell prospective students about our course but will be able to use hands on techniques to demonstrate them.

So far we have obtained the six primary course books: ABC, Boat Handling, Piloting, Advanced piloting, Junior Navigation, and Navigation. I've asked that other course books such as Weather, Cruise Planning or any of the seminar books, could be used if you would care to donate them to the cause. I have yet to receive a response. Contact Danny or me if you have any other ideas or useful items that you think would be helpful.

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)

(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*

# Lake Eufaula Gathering

We started this Rendezvous a little disjointed, but none the less, started we did. The Gosses set sail Saturday, shortly after our Lake Hefner clean up. The Ellises followed suit on Monday and headed out to W-26 at Belle Star Camp where they met up with Danny and Marilyn on campsite W-24.

Weather moved in on us and brought lightning and thunder along with a mayhem of troubles. Electrical power was knocked out of W-26 and parts had to be purchased and replaced in order for the power to be restored. All has been well since then. Sunsets out over the lake are beautiful! The scenery here is fantastic! The many deer eating the green sweet grasses, the squirrels running to and fro across the road, and scissortails, along with a plethora of other birds give this place a peaceful atmosphere.

The Gosses had to set sail early (Wednesday) to make time for a grandson's graduation, a tall order for them as it was a hard choice to be faced with, food and frolic or education and family! Tally Ho and smooth sailing.

The Huffs showed up Thursday and found site W-25 and set up homeport there. Friday Bob Hlubin lands in at W-22 and sets his ship up for an extended stay. Shortly we are blessed to have Peggy and Lee followed by Glenda and Steve, all for the infamous Ron Dogs and fixings. If anyone went away hungry it was their own fault! It would appear that this group knows how to put on a feed and have fun!

Weather has been holding out very nicely as a good breeze blows across the bows of all who parked out here at Belle Star. Early mornings were sometimes interrupted by the sounds of the train from across the lake, but this was only a minor disturbance.

Saturday was a grand adventure as Captain Jeff Penner arrived flying the Stars and Stripes in a most bold and beautiful way! We met up with him out on the pier over at the central ramp and he announced that we may all "Come aboard!" This was then followed by a "float plan" and instructions as to where the safety gear was located and a short quiz was given to one of the newest grads to Boat Handling; She passed with flying colors!

After a 20 minute ride over to the Penner's we were greeted and offered a wonderful lunch and libation before setting sail again to get a small history lesson of Lake Eufaula.

United States President, Lyndon B. Johnson, dedicated this lake back in 1964 after a delay because of JFK's assassination! What history Oklahoma has! We then set out to see Marina 9, Longtown, where the biggest Garage Sale (on Fathers Day) in Oklahoma encompasses 5 miles of garage sales! Next we motored on out to Carlton landing and saw some unusual sites and water activities that are for just those that live there. Oh Wow!

After seeing where the Canadian river runs into the lake and back out again we learned that it is possible to travel onward down river to the Arkansas River, then to the Mississippi River and then on out again to the Gulf of Mexico! Who knew? Captain Penner did!

This is all possible because of locks that were installed so that we could be given navigable waters. I think we should try to go out and explore this at some time in the near future.

If we cannot set sail on the water, at least we set sail close to it! Looking forward to coming back to Belle Star!

***P/C Michael Ellis, JN***



## Why The Urgent Need To Keep Our Educational Program Alive

When the pandemic caught the world by surprise, many Americans decided to take refuge on the water, leading to a surge in boat sales. In fact, 2020 and 2021 yielded 800,000 first-time boat buyers. That was good news for the industry as a whole, from boating manufacturers to retailers to marinas, as the recreational boating industry supports more than 690,000 jobs, according to the National Marine Manufacturer's Association. It also led to an increase in demand for **Safe Boating Courses** in person and on line. But a boating market report by Boats Group, issued in February, reported that the boating market began to normalize last year, with softening consumer demand. The NMMA also reported that recreational boating will maintain its popularity in 2024, but according to several boat dealers, the momentum has dissipated somewhat. However, the market still has opportunities for growth.



The market for larger yachts remains strong with affluent buyers, according to Kyle Stenzel at Spring Brook Marina. His company operates seven sales offices in Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. Smaller boats including pontoons, fishing and even Kayas are up slightly with the summer season. Most interest seems to be for family friendly boats with multiple purposes. The center console fishing boat with outboard motors still remaining strong. The middle tier buyers, while they are still making purchases, are exhibiting hesitancy. Kyle stated that higher interest rates and inflation across all goods and services have made things especially difficult and the industry is seeing fewer first-time boat buyers. Still, there are many new boaters with little or no **Safe Boating Education**. There are many seasoned boaters wanting more knowledge with off shore boating skills. Our mission is very much needed.

It's never too late to learn new tricks.



Discover Boating, in collaboration with Progressive Insurance, launched a television public service announcement (PSA) campaign to increase awareness of boating safety and provide resources for people looking to get started in boating. To date, the PSAs have aired more than 3,000 times across local, regional and national TV networks including ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX affiliates in media markets such as New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Philadelphia, driving nearly 13 million impressions. The videos are also airing on You Tube and streaming platforms such as Apple TV and ROKU. Please take a look at these well done videos.

The need for our courses are an important part of keeping everyone on the water safe. Remember to get your Vessel Safety Check. Have a safe summer boating season on the water and on the roads.

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





## OKLAHOMA CITY SAIL and POWER SQUADRON Members Business Meeting Minutes



03 June 2024

Cdr David McGhee SN called the meeting to order at 19:01 hours at the Tres Mgmt Bldg. The following members attended: Lt Peggy Anglin P, Bill Buxton S, P/C Mike Ellis JN, Roberta Ellis S, P/D/C Danny Goss SN, P/C Marilyn Goss P, P/C Bob Hlubin JN, 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 May meeting minutes; P/C Marilyn Goss P seconded; carried.

**Dinghy Painter** – Editor Lt Peggy Anglin P has all required reports as well as several articles.

**Treasurer** - P/D/C Danny Goss SN has sent his report online to members. He asked if the OKCSPS should donate to the annual National Education Fund again this year at \$1 per member. P/C Marilyn Goss P so moved; P/C Bob Hlubin JN seconded; carried.

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

**Website** – P/D/C Goss SN: website is up-to-date but awaiting upload of pics.

**Public Relations** – P/C Mike Ellis JN was contacted by RiverSport organizers who are looking for boat drivers to accompany upcoming events & competitions, including Olympic rowing trials. Mike gave the dates and asked for volunteers. P/C Ellis has been to the venue to assess the boats; P/D/C Goss and he will do a further reconnaissance as well. The first event will be on June 22. OKCSPS members can drive tag boats and will be able to display our banner at the site. P/C Ellis will finalize plans with RiverSport. **Also, the State of Oklahoma now requires all boats to have its registration document on board, preferably laminated, along with a required carbon monoxide warning sticker.**

**Legislation** – Cdr McGhee SN: 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: Piloting, Advanced Piloting, and Junior Navigation course books have been purchased for instruction anticipated for later this year at the Oklahoma City Boat Club, mainly for some of its members. P/C Hlubin requested that if any member has old USPS / ABC textbooks not being used or wanted to please donate them to the squadron. By ruling, an ABC course must be advertised by OKCSPS by July 30, 2024.

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

**Membership** – P/C Marilyn Goss P: membership is 28. She shared a report from Susan Albertson concerning Susan's recent hospitalization (double pneumonia) and recuperation at home.

**Environmental Committee** - P/C Steve Bryant JN was unable to attend; see a report on the Hefner Cleanup.

**Social Activities** – P/C Marilyn Goss P outlined all social activities and dates for 2024. **\*\* SEE THE DINGHY PAINTER FOR ACTIVITY DETAILS \*\***. She has sent each member a text listing all 2024 activities & dates. See a report on our recent Belle Starr@Lake Eufaula rendezvous in this *Dinghy Painter*. **NOTE:** We will no longer be able to schedule any social events at the Church of the Resurrection on Thursdays; some upcoming events will be rescheduled for Tuesdays, more than likely.

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

**Old Business:** Lt/C Huff read a nice thank-you note from his cousin who came to party with us at Lake Eufaula.

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

*Respectfully, Lt/C Glenda Sims S, Squadron Secretary*



## 2024 CALENDAR

3 June	Members Business Meeting
18 June	Taco & Margarita Bar
JULY	NO DINGHY PAINTER
18 July	Everybody's Birthday Party @ Royal Bavarian Restaurant
27 August	Pot Luck & Games and Members Business Meeting
19 September	Picnic—TBD
4-6 October	Little Axe Rendezvous



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