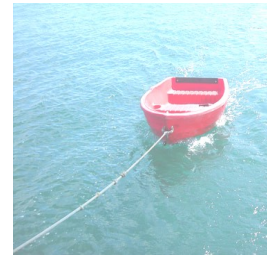




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SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

THIS MONTH

4 March—Members Business Meeting

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

14 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!

UPCOMING

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 any 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

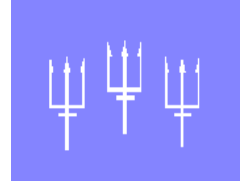
Our monthly business meeting will be held on 6 May 2024 at **7:00 PM** at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Ave. Let Marilyn know if you wish to attend by conference call.

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 welcome to bring.

17—19 May Lake Eufaula Gathering

More on this later.



COMMANDER'S REPORT March 2024



Be Prepared and Aware

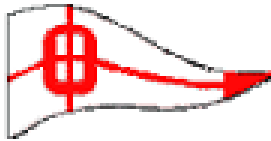
Nothing ruins a good time quicker than someone getting hurt or broken toys. This is one of the key messages of our teaching regarding water safety and related boat activities.

The waterways are getting more active as the Pandemic becomes more of a distant memory, the weather starts to warm, and an even more diverse group of boaters take to the water. It's important that we each be prepared and aware of the challenges that could occur on and around the water.

A recent visit to Lake Hefner on a windy day saw little activity on the lake, but very busy trails. And a very diverse range of user wheels and sneakers. Our streets are no different. More people are using bicycles for transportation, and sadly shopping carts seem to be the new recreational vehicle. Some know and follow the rules, some do not.

Sadly, on the way home I came upon a traffic accident where a person (adult) on a scooter had tangled with a car. A reminder that regardless of the rules, regulations, laws, etc., Watch out for the other guys. See and be seen.

Cdr Dave Shumake always emphasized; Don't hit anyone and don't let anyone hit you.



Cdr David McGhee

"To be successful at sea we must keep things simple."

Legislative Report

This is a very busy year, a lot of politics and an election in November. Oh my!
There are some repeat attempts to change laws regarding state park usage and firearms carriage in boats.
There is a substantial proposal to require boats to display an orange flag when a person is in the water.

Bill	Authors		
HB 1404	Culver, Hardin & Humphrey (H) Preto (S)	Transport of handguns by licensees	ENGROSSED
SB 327	Stanley (S) & Manger (H)	Transfer of title in transfer-on-death form	ENGROSSED
SB 355	Seifried	Relates to transporting or discharging weapon from a vessel	INTRODUCED
HB 1586	Greco & Sneed(H), Bullard (S)	Reserved space, entrance fees, administration penalties	ENGROSSED
SB 1252	Burns	Transfer of Hugo Lake Park to Okla Tourism & Recreation	INTRODUCED
SB 675	Burns, Bullard & Rogers(S) Humphrey (H)	Funds and accounts, tort claims, succession	ENGROSSED
SB 1253	Burns	State parks, campsites, reservations & fees	INTRODUCED
SB 1275	Burns	Powers, rights, privileges of Okla Tourism & Recreation Commission	INTRODUCED
SB673	Burns & Bullard (S) Humphrey (H)	State parks, campsites, entries, fines, rates & fees	ENGROSSED
SB 1644	Rogers (S) & Dempsey (H) Dempsey (H)	Orange flag for person in water	INTRODUCED

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.

Boaters aren't ready to get out yet but there sure are lot of campers traveling on the highway. I haven't seen too many boat trailers traveling on the highway yet. The problem with campers is they keep much of the good stuff inside. Once the boat trailers hit the highway, I should be able to find a new cooler, fishing tackle and maybe even a small tent along side the highway.

I'm going to Houston this weekend. Maybe I'll have better luck further south.

It sure is lucky that most of D21 is south of the border. I get to stay at Winstar Casino on the way to every conference.

P/C Bob Hlubin, JN

Never drive faster than your guardian angel can fly!

"That's the way I see it!"



From the Education Office:

We have three members deserving to place an S after their names.

Congratulations to Bill Buxton, Roberta Ellis, and Glenda Sims who have all completed the Boat Handling Course.

Anyone ready for the Pilotage course?

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.

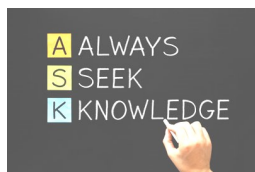
If you or someone you know is interested in a USPS course, please contact me. 405-373-2310 (If no answer, please leave a message

(It's a tough job but somebody must do it.)

That's why know that I am somebody.

leave a message or email,

bob.hlubin@cox.net



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

Annual Chili Cook-Off

Thursday evening, February 22, 2024, was a pleasant 64 degrees outside which complemented the OKC Squadron's Annual Chili Cook-Off. We had 18 in attendance that included Jeff and Dalinda's guests, Bob and Delanna Lewter. Turns out it was National Margarita Day as well so we happily enjoyed some tasty strawberry margaritas to go along with some tasty appetizers, all while awaiting the four chili crockpots to achieve maximum presentation temperature.

The tasting started about 6:30. Three poker chips were distributed to each taster: a red chip would be used to cast a vote for the Hottest chili; a white chip indicated the Most Unique, and a blue chip would be cast for the Best, or first place, chili. Votes were accomplished by each taster placing each of his chips into that cup in front of the chili crockpot he/she determined to fit the designated category. If a taster decided that one particular chili fulfilled all three categories of excellence, then all three chips could be placed into that one cup. Unfortunately (as I see it) there were only four chilis, entered by the same four members as in previous years. So let's up the game. Let's have a mandatory "Bring Your Best Chili to the Church On Time" meeting and have a REAL competition !! Open up a can of your favorite Wolf Brand, spike it up a bit, and let's party.

After the sampling, the real eating ensued---complete with an entire array of accoutrements---and continued long after the judging. Once everyone had their fill of chili they moved on to the dessert table which offered a big bowl of banana pudding and lots of good cookies. If you were not satisfied at this event, tests are in order....

Upon completion of the vote-counting, Cdr Dave McGhee announced and presented the cook-off awards. The Most Unique was presented to Roberta Ellis for her chicken dish, Ron Huff earned the Hottest Chili and Marilyn Goss took the Best Chili prize, just like she did last year. Fourth and last place entrant shall not be named here, but she attributes her loss to an equipment malfunction: not enough heat.

To cap off the evening Danny Goss showed a video called "Taming of the Raging Red", a documentary of the creation of the Denison Dam which in turn created Lake Texoma. It was quite informative; an aerial view of the whole process and area at the time would have been really neat.

P/C Marilyn Goss, P & Lt/C Glenda Sims, S

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

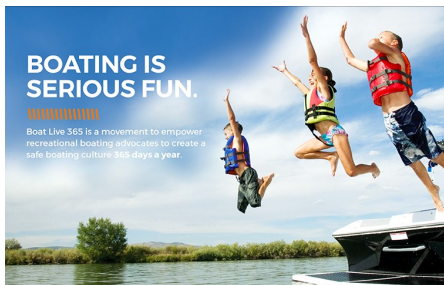
Come to the D21 Conference in Houston—FREE !! There is NO charge for the weekend conference and ALL meals and activities are Free— if you attend the conference. If you want to attend only the Saturday social dinner, there is a meal charge of \$25 per person.

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

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

Go On Line For Safe Boating, 365 Days A Year

The United States Power Squadrons has a Website “Boat Live 365” <https://boatlive365.org/> The mission is to educate boaters on the importance of boating safety, 365 days a year. The website has the latest content and helps spread the word that Boating is Serious Fun, 365 Days A Year. The Boat Live 365 website vision and purpose is to have key areas of interests



and resources available. Members can download materials, request print-ready materials and spread the word that Boating is Serious Fun. You can sign up for content updates. The goal is to curate and create a collection of educational materials and resources for recreational boating advocates that help make our communities, families, and friends safer on the water. Boating is at the top of the fun chain, but it is serious fun. When we recognize that, together we can make a difference, 365 days a

year. Boat Live 365 has a collection of educational materials and resources for recreational boaters and safe boating educators. The hope is that by providing resources for several areas of boating safety, we will be covering safety all year long. Boat Live 365 is bigger than a week-long campaign. It is a movement that empowers recreational boating advocates to create a safe-boating culture 365 days a year through public outreach focused on lowering the rate of boating accidents, incidents, and fatalities nationwide. Boating is fun, but it is serious fun. Visit the resource page for materials, tips and ideas and start making your boating community safer today and create safe boating 365 days a year. Boat Live 365 is also on Facebook.



Also available on line is the America's Boating Channel, sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard and produced by United States Power Squadrons. It is the official showcase and repository for digital videos focused on boating safety and boater education. They have released a substantial number of new, very informative videos including how to care for and inspect your inflatable life jacket. There are dates to check with this style of life jacket. Remember, we are America's Boating Club, built by boaters, for boaters. We have a wide variety of safe-boating education opportunities to offer. As we get ready for the new boating and RV season, stay safe and well.

Lt Robert G. Van Ewyk, SN Safety Officer

Seas the day!



OKLAHOMA CITY SAIL and POWER SQUADRON Members Business Meeting Minutes



04 March 2024

Cdr David McGhee SN called the meeting to order at 18:59 hours at the Tres Mgmt Bldg. The following members were in attendance: Lt Peggy Anglin P, P/C Steve Bryant JN, Bill Buxton S, P/D/C Danny Goss SN, P/C Marilyn Goss P, Lt/C Ron Huff P, Lt/C Glenda Sims S, and Lt/C Aaron Spivey AP (via teleconference).

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – Bill Buxton S gave the invocation; P/D/C Danny Goss SN led the pledge.

Secretary – Lt/C Glenda Sims S moved to accept the February meeting minutes; P/D/C Goss seconded; carried.

Dinghy Painter – Editor Lt Peggy Anglin P has all articles except these minutes.

Treasurer - P/D/C Danny Goss SN has sent his report online to members. He had also shared a breakdown of the dues matrix, sent to him by National recently. There was neither objection to nor discussion of these amounts.

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

Website – P/D/C Goss SN: has recently worked on updating both sites.

Public Relations – P/C Mike Ellis JN was unable to attend; no report.

Legislation – Cdr McGhee SN: several bills relative to boating are still pending, one which would require an orange flag to be displayed whenever a boater is in the water, and another one which would allow firearms. 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; he will be sworn in as DXO in Houston this coming weekend at the D21 C.O.W. See his report in the *Dinghy Painter*. The “Boat Handling” course has concluded, with all three students passing and attaining the classification of S. Discussion of a possible “Piloting” course being offered in future. P/C Steve Bryant JN stated that he knows of two boaters interested in our “Piloting” course. P/C Bryant, in his desire to stimulate continued interest among our squadron navigators and junior navigators, is preparing a statement of clarification to an email he distributed earlier.

Administrative Officer – Lt/C Aaron Spivey AP asked for the following reports:

Membership – P/C Marilyn Goss P: membership holding at 29. Commander McGhee SN is now a 25-Year Life Member of ABC/OKCSPS. Members of the now-disbanded Dallas squadron have transferred their memberships to either Houston or Ft. Worth. P/C M. Goss recited membership numbers for each remaining squadron in D21.

Environmental Committee - P/C Steve Bryant JN had no report. May 11 is the next Hefner clean-up.

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.

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

Old Business – The D21 Spring Conf./C.O.W.is in Houston on March 8-9 (this coming weekend).

Cdr will get in touch with the Sea Scouts managers for an update on their intentions regarding our education program.

New Business – SEE DINGHY PAINTER FOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS. Cdr McGhee has been informed by National that he has been sent the latest VSC stickers, but he does not have them and cannot find them. Anyone know anything ??

P/C Marilyn Goss P moved to adjourn at 19.55 hours; Lt/C Huff seconded.

Respectfully,
Lt/C Glenda Sims, Squadron Secretary



2024 CALENDAR

4 March	Members Business Meeting
14 March	Casino Night
1 April	Members Business Meeting
19-21 April	Little Axe Rendezvous
6 May	Members Business Meeting
11 May	Lake Hefner Spring Cleanup
17-19 May	Lake Eufaula Rendezvous



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