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## THIS MONTH

### 6 November—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting was held on Monday, 6 November 2023 at **7:00 PM** at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Avenue.

### 16 November—Wine & Cheese with Auction

Bring your favorite wine or other beverage and some appropriate nibbles to enjoy while bidding furiously on auction items recently liberated from somebody's stash. We will convene on Thursday, 16 November 2023 at **6:30 PM** the Church of the Resurrection, 13112 N Rockwell. Bring treasures! Bring money! Have FUN!

## UPCOMING

### 4 December—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting will be held on Monday, 4 December 2023 at **7:00 PM** at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Avenue. Let Marilyn know if you wish to attend by conference call.

### 15 December—Christmas Party and Dirty Santa

Our Christmas Party will be held on **Friday, 15 December 2023 at 6:30 PM** at the Church of The Resurrection, 13112 N Rockwell. We will have a pot luck dinner and there will be a \$5 charge to cover the cost of turkey and ham which will be provided. Coffee and tea will be provided and the bar will be open. We will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the Church of the Resurrection's food pantry. For those that wish to participate there will be a Dirty Santa gift exchange. Assume we are all on Santa's "good" list for this year.

### 8 January—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting will be held on Monday, 8 January 2024 at **7:00 PM** at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Avenue. Let Marilyn know if you wish to attend by conference call.

### 27 January—Change of Watch

Our annual Change of Watch will be held on Saturday, 27 January 2024 at Charleston's, 2000 S Meridian. Happy Hour **6:00 PM**, dinner at **6:30 PM**.





# COMMANDER'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2023



## Looking Back to See the Way Forward

This is an opportunity to see how we are doing before the Holiday Rush begins.

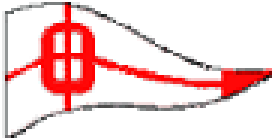
Thanks to the hard work of our Squadron Membership (you!), we have had a pretty good year. We have had some fun and productive events, maintained our membership, and finances.

What could be better? Cooler summers, warmer winters, and more rain evenly provided. And of course, more interest in our organization resulting in more courses and training.

So, find some time and energy and take some courses. Classroom, online, whatever. Form groups, find some outside friends.

Popcorn, friends, and books!

**Cdr. Dave McGhee**



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

## **We proudly present our slate of 2024 Officers.**

We will vote on their retention at our December 2023 Christmas Party.

Squadron Bridge: Commander Dave McGhee, SN  
Education Officer Bob Hlubin, JN  
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Administrative Officer Aaron Spivey, AP  
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## 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.

On my way to the boat ramp the other day, I noticed that a lot of people have decorated for Halloween this year. Though I decorate quite extensively for Christmas, I never have for Halloween. This year I thought it would be a good idea, so, off to the store I go.

I never realized how much a pumpkin cost. Too expensive for a one day display. I happened to look over to the vegetable section and saw that watermelons were cheaper than Pumpkins. Almost half the price. I had the only green Jack-o-lanterns in the neighborhood this year. I use the juice to make wine. (Can't make good wine out of the insides of a pumpkin!) It should be ready soon. I used the money I saved by substituting watermelons for pumpkins to buy a new Christmas tree for the living room.

"That's the way I see it!"

**PEACE  
LOVE  
LIFE JACKET**

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

## From the Education Office:

We will be starting the new Boat Handling course on the first Wednesday of January. This is an updated course that replaces the Seamanship course. If any of you who have taken the Seamanship course would like to attend for review and new information you are welcome to attend.

I just realized that Change of Watch is approaching. Because we have not had any training this year, I am at a loss for any awards to present. If you have any suggestions for awards or people who should receive recognition please contact me at by phone or email shown below.

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  
Educational Officer***

## 2023 Little Axe Fall Rendezvous

The Gosses, Huffs, and Ellises started the Fall Rendezvous a day early---as usual. Mike & Roberta ended up at Rose Hill Campsite a few minutes away due to a reservation mixup. But it worked out! . After dinner that night we sat around visiting and enjoyed the lapping of the water with the night sky shining across the lake. We weren't exactly quiet...Ron, Danny, and Mike decided Mary needed a little harassment when Ron said Danny said then Mike said Ron said. Roberta and (surprisingly) Marilyn kept mum and let Mary handle them because we knew she could. And handle them she did!

Bob rolled in on Friday to get set up for the weekend while the rest of us sat around and watched him work. Whew! It wore us out, but apparently Bob had energy left in the tank because he disappeared after that. We weren't too worried, however; the neighborhood casino is just up the road. The singing of the slots has a mermaid effect on Bob and it lures him in every time. We didn't see him until the RonDog Master was hard at work and the rest of us, including by this time day-trippers Steve, Glenda, and Bill Buxton, were setting up for a RonDog, etc., dinner.

Next morning at the campsite a really good breakfast was had by all. Wasn't long after breakfast when Steve and Glenda showed up again, this time with racks of ribs in hand along with three GIANT bags of popcorn. Shortly thereafter, Ron's son Corey and little granddaughter Camden joined us with more racks of ribs and his homemade peach barbecue sauce...major YUM! I have to say dinner was looking good about this time; kinda made my pot of soup seem a little bland. Ron made a big pot of beans that went well with the ribs and cornbread. Bill reappeared with all kinds of Mediterranean dishes from his favorite exotic deli. Also a big YUM! Dessert was courtesy of Roberta by way of her famous banana cake.

I promise we did other stuff besides eating---at least I think we did. I do remember we wanted to watch "The Taming of the Red", a documentary about the building of Denison Dam and the creation of Lake Texoma, but it was lost in Danny's cyberspace, so we watched "Overboard" on the outside screen Saturday after dinner instead.

We campers all gathered around on Sunday morning and pitched in making another breakfast, then relaxed and enjoyed the rest of the morning. To our delight, Very Special Guests Aunt Bonnie and Aunt Dorothy showed up! They are Ron and Mary's aunts, but we claim them. Ron's cousins, Sam and Pam, were so kind to bring them out again this time and after spending the day with them we are definitely adding the cousins to our guest list, but only Aunt Bonnie and Aunt Dot (who are in their 90's) are Special Guests! Dinner that night consisted of smashburgers with all the fixin's and sides. As the wind became feisty, our Aunts were getting a bit tired and so bid us adieu with a promise to return! As darkness fell, we stretched the screen out again and watched Elvis in "Blue Hawaii." We all enjoyed that because it brought back youthful memories and lots of laughing. After the movie, Bob picked up his glass and headed to his camper. Just seconds later he returned with a whimper in his voice: two big ole geese had decided they didn't like Bob and wouldn't let him near his camper! Not to worry, though. 🎺 Mike Ellis to the rescue.... Mike Ellis to the rescue....go lil' Mikey...go!!! 🎺 and he scared those mean old geese off so Bob could get to bed. The geese situation did not improve the next morning. They were back and wouldn't let Bob out of his camper! Again, not to worry: this time Danny and his 15-pound mini Aussie, Cherry Pop, came to the rescue when they heard Bob whining! [Maybe Bob should consider changing his brand of cologne....just sayin'.] Later that morning Bob and the Huffs packed up and headed home. The Gosses & Ellises hung on for one more night and headed home Tuesday morning.

It was a just a fun and relaxing Rendezvous. It's always good to get some fresh air and soak up that sunshine-activated vitamin D. And, if this rendezvous were to have some kind of moniker, I would probably call it *The Sandbur Uprising*; do NOT go barefoot into that good campground! But we really missed everyone who didn't make it and hope to see you all next time.

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



Dear OKCSPS Campers and friends,

I just completed making reservations for Little Axe next  
\*October 2-7/2024 site #35 which is where we usually park.  
As a reminder, we've also reserved April 18-23/2024, same site.

Make your reservations as quick as you can and please remember  
to get your confirmation. If a problem occurs, the system will  
Reset itself in less than 24 hours. Be there or be talked about.

\*updated

Danny Goss

## Holiday Safety Tips

From late November to January, families gather, parties are scheduled and travel spikes. Safety should be top of mind. Following is advice to ensure your family remains safe and injury-free throughout this joyous holiday season.

**Traveling for the Holidays? Be Prepared.** If you're traveling this year, be sure your vehicle is in good running condition, get plenty of rest and be prepared for any emergency. Traveling by car during the holidays has the highest fatality rate of any major form of transportation based on fatalities per passenger mile. Alcohol impairment is involved in about a third of these fatalities. Prepare your car for winter and keep an emergency kit with you. Make sure every person in the vehicle is properly buckled up. Use cell phones responsibly.

**Decorate Safely.** Decorating is one of the best ways to get in a holiday mood, but emergency rooms see thousands of injuries involving holiday decorating every season. Carefully place poisonous plants such as mistletoe, holly berries, Jerusalem cherry and amaryllis. If using an artificial tree, check that it is labeled "fire resistant" If using a live tree, cut off about 2 inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption, remember to water it, and remove it when it is dry. Avoid placing breakable ornaments or ones with small, detachable parts on lower tree branches where small children can reach them. Only use indoor lights indoors and outdoor lights outdoors. Be careful when using a ladder. Check for frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Never nail, tack or stress wiring when hanging lights and keep plugs off the ground away from puddles and snow. Do not overload circuits. Turn off all lights and decorations when you go to bed or leave the house.

**Candles and Fireplaces** Use of candles and fireplaces, combined with an increase in the amount of combustible, seasonal decorations in many homes during the holidays, means more risk for fire. The National Fire Protection Association reports that one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles and that two of every five decoration fires happen because the decorations are placed too close to a heat source. Place candles where they cannot be knocked over and out of reach of children. Use flameless candles near flammable objects. Use a screen on the fireplace at all times when a fire is burning. Never leave candles burning unattended or when you are asleep.

**Food Poisoning Is No Joke.** Keep your holidays happy by handling food safely. Wash your hands frequently when handling food. Keep raw meat away from fresh produce. Use separate cutting boards, plates and utensils for uncooked and cooked meats to avoid cross-contamination. Use a food thermometer to make sure meat is cooked to a safe temperature. Refrigerate hot or cold leftover food within two hours of being served. Be alert to the dangers if you're thinking of celebrating the holidays by frying a turkey.

**It's Better to Give Safely.** Gifts and toys should inspire joy, not cause injuries. Thousands of children are seriously injured in toy-related incidents every year. Avoid safety hazards. Toys are age-rated for safety, so be sure to choose toys in the correct age range. Choose toys for children under 3 that do not have small parts which could be choking hazards. For children under 10, avoid toys that must be plugged into an electrical outlet. Be cautious about toys that have button batteries or magnets, which can be harmful or fatal if swallowed. When giving scooters and other riding toys, add appropriate safety gear such as helmets.

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

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission contributor







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



06 November 2023

Cdr David McGhee SN called the meeting to order at 19:02 hours at the Tres Mgmt Bldg. The following members were in attendance: Lt Peggy Anglin P, P/C Steve Bryant JN, 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.

**Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance** – P/C Bob Hlubin JN gave the invocation; Lt/C Ron Huff P led the pledge.

**Secretary** – Lt/C Glenda Sims moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting; P/C Marilyn Goss P seconded; carried.

**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; no new business. He is, however, in receipt of a letter from the IRS regarding our 990N Form (tax-exempt status) and will investigate this issue to resolve the issue.

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

**Website** – P/D/C Goss SN is working on updates.

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

**Legislation** – Cdr McGhee SN had no report due to no legislative postings.

**Safety** - Lt Robert (Van) Van Ewyk SN was unable to attend. See his article in the *Dinghy Painter*.

**Education Officer** - P/C Bob Hlubin JN reminded everyone of the “Boat Handling” course to begin January 3, 2024. Advertising ?? P/C Hlubin also discussed annual awards to be presented –or not—at our upcoming Change of Watch since the nature and constituency of our squadron have changed. PLEASE RELATE ANY IDEAS IN THIS REGARD TO P/C HLUBIN ASAP. See his report in the *Dinghy Painter*.

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

**Membership** – P/C Marilyn Goss P reported a membership of 29; Merit Marks have been submitted; the complicated dues hierarchy was discussed.

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

**Social Activities** – P/C Marilyn Goss P went over the slated social activities through December 2023. **\*\* SEE THE DINGHY PAINTER FOR ACTIVITY DETAILS \*\*.** Wine & Cheese & Auction Nov 16; Christmas party & food drive Dec 15; COW. slated for Jan 20 OR 27, 2024, depending on availability of venue and D/C Baker; Little Axe Rendezvous April 18-23, 2024. A possible Eufaula rendezvous was discussed.

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

**Old Business** – The D21 Fall Conference, hosted by Lake Charles, was a virtual event on Oct 7. No info.

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

Cdr McGhee asked that the current 2023 Bridge continue to serve as the 2024 Bridge; all agreed to be nominated.

The meeting adjourned at 20:01 hours.

**Respectfully ,**

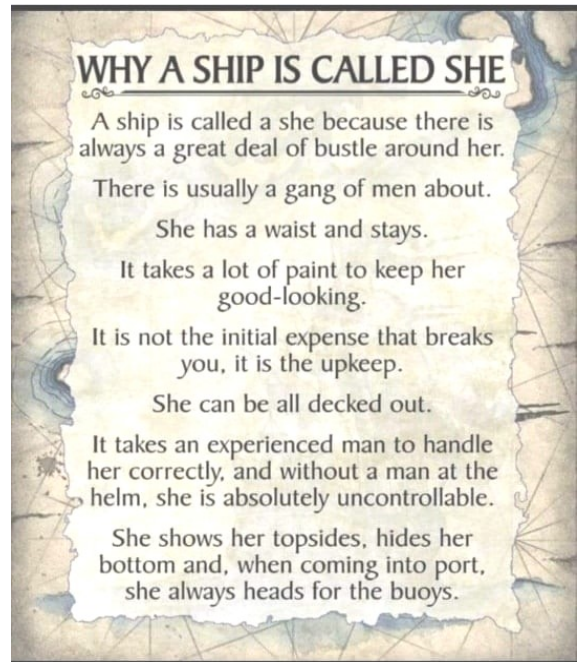
**Lt/C Glenda Sims  
Squadron Secretary**



## 2023-2024 CALENDAR

6 November	Members Business Meeting
16 November	Wine & Cheese w Auction
4 December	Members Business Meeting
15 December	Christmas Party
8 January	Members Business Meeting
20 or 27 January	Change of Watch

***Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm.***



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