

# Want to Learn How to Sail?

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The Grand Lake Sailing Club of Grove, Okla. – GLSC - has elected to sponsor the newly formed Sea Scout Ship #222. Sea Scouts are a division of BSA – Boy Scouts of America. Recently BSA voted to welcome girls into the organization. Thus, Sea Scouts is rightfully a group for boys and girls, ages 14 to 21. To those who would like to join Sea Scout Ship 222 you are not required to have been a scout prior to joining.

The Grand Lake Sailing Club has a primary objective in its articles of incorporation:

“The promotion of the sport of sailing and the teaching of sailing skills to both adults and youth.”

To fulfill that objective the club commits to supporting and instructing boys and girls and their scout leaders about this wonderful sport.

Sea Scouting is unique, involving getting into a boat of any size or type and learning how to operate an auxiliary engine on small sailboats to larger yachts over 30 feet long. GLSC has sailboats of all sizes available for the scouts to use as well as skilled crew to teach safe and proper operation.

Possible 2021 activities for the scouts might include Grand Lake cruises in large and small boats; sailboat races; overnight raft-ups in secluded coves – a sort of sea roving campout. Scouts learn sailing language and seamanship as well as valuable water safety.

Current plans call for Sea Scouts to meet twice a month at the GLSC Marina in Dillar Cove 31700 S. 605 Rd. The next meeting of 2021 will be in late June, date to be announced.

In its early startup, Sea Scout Ship 222 met for class room instruction and later in sporty 14 ft Laser sailboats on the water, when five scouts had an exciting introductory sail, as shown in the photos below. To learn more about this program, contact one of the Sea Scout representatives.



High School students and instructors gathered on the dock at Grand Lake Sailing Club, the afternoon of June 7, to have some fun and learn how to sail. Scout leader Eric Davey, Representative of GLSC Kurt Hagen, Chandler Bratcher, Kaitlyn Bratcher, William Davey, Daniel Jackson, GLSC, Saffron Durhan and Kage Davey

Photo by Arizona Smith



Cody Husong and Lilly Rameau sail a Sea Scout Laser 14 in light wind.



Laser 14 sailboats capsize much to easily, but that is part of the fun. It's a bit like sailing on a banana peel.



Kaitlyn Brachard paddles the chase boat waiting for her turn to get on the Laser.



Chandler Brachard (left) and Cage Davey upright their Laser mere minutes after capsizing.



Sometimes Lasers turn completely upside down. That is called "turning turtle".

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