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New Boater Education Coordinator



Boater Education Coordinator
Jack Dyess.

It has been said that there is nothing so stale as yesterday's news. The fact that Tim Spice is now First Sergeant Spice, United States Army rather than the TPWD Boater Education Coordinator is old news to many of you because of the time required to publish *Staying Afloat*. However, some of you may not know that I have been designated as the new Boater Education Coordinator.

Those of you who know Tim know that he leaves some big shoes to be filled – both figuratively and literally. With the help of each of the volunteer instructors, I will attempt to fill those shoes.

Many of you, especially in the North Texas area, already know me. For those of you who don't, I'll introduce myself by providing a little personal history as it relates to my assumption of these duties.

I received a Bachelor of Science degree from Omaha University and a Master of Science degree from The University of Nebraska. I hold teaching certifications from the U.S. Army, Texas Education Department, American Sailing Association (seven levels of instructor certifications including Instructor Evaluator), TPWD, National Safe Boating Council and the International Personal Watercraft Rescue Specialists – International.

I have over thirty years of teaching experience at institutions such as University of Nebraska, Ohio University, Old Dominion University, U.S. Army Engineer School, Fort Worth Independent School District, Texas Sailing Schools, American Sailing Association and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

My boating experience extends over more than forty years and includes inland lakes, streams, coastal areas and the Atlantic Ocean. It also includes fishing boats, ski boats, personal watercraft, sailboats and white water canoeing.

I am a graduate of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer Motorboat Operator License Course and hold a USCG Captain's License (Master Mariner), 50 gross tons, inland and near coastal waters with power, steam, sail and auxiliary sail endorsements.

Two of the honors of which I am most proud are the receipt of the National Safe Boating Congress, Regional Award, in 1996 as a TPWD volunteer instructor and the receipt of the American Sailing Association's Instructor of the Year Award for four consecutive years.

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I was certified as a TPWD volunteer instructor at one of Tim's first instructor certification classes shortly after he was hired by TPWD. We have worked together ever since. Soon after I became an instructor Tim asked me to become a BED Area Chief. Immediately thereafter I found that I was the first "pure" boater education area chief in the state. That is, the first not grand fathered over from the hunter education program.

After passage of the 1997 Water Safety Act, that created the Boater Education Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator (North Texas and South Texas) positions, Tim hired me for the North Texas position. I held that position until Tim left for the army.

Tim and I have worked very closely over the years to establish the BED program. We continue to share the same goals and dreams for the program. These are the same goals and dreams that most of you share, and together we will accomplish many of them in the near future.

I need your help as I take on these new responsibilities, and I pledge to help each of you in any way I can. Please let me hear from you. I can be contacted as listed below.

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New North Texas Boater Education Specialist

A lot has happened in the last several months with Tim Spice going to active duty and Jack Dyess becoming the new Boater Education Coordinator. Since that time I have been fortunate to be brought on board as the new North Texas Boater Education Specialist. I am stationed at the North Texas Education Center (the Dallas/Fort Worth field office) at Joe Pool Lake. As a new member of the Boater Education staff I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

My background is in the field of aviation safety and as a pilot. As in aviation, seamanship develops the skills and equipment for safe passage, accurate navigation and general on-board self-sufficiency. However, the commonalities are often obscured because the professions are perceived as separate and distinct.

I hold a Bachelor of Business Administration from University of Texas and I am currently pursuing a Master of Science from the University of North Texas. My teaching experience extends throughout twenty years of military service (instructing maintenance procedures and safety practices) and most recently with Hawaiian WaterSports.

I hold boater instructor certifications from the National Safe Boating Council, TPWD, Personal Watercraft Rescue Specialists – International, and the Canadian Watercraft Training Centre. My boating experience stretches over twenty years, mainly on inland lakes, coastal areas of Hawaii and the western seaboard. I have enjoyed recreation opportunities on motorboats, sailboats, kayaks and personal watercraft.

I was certified as a TPWD volunteer boater education instructor before passage of the 1997 mandatory education law and was fortunate to be mentored by people whose boating and teaching experience are considered the best among the American Sailing Association. Thereafter, I was asked to serve as an Area Chief to assist with boating workshops for instructors.

I find that my new role is to support the volunteer instructors by providing the information and experiences needed to become good instructors. I believe in boating safety and the good that the Boater Education program can do for Texans. I ask for your help in making the Boater Education program the best that it can possibly be.

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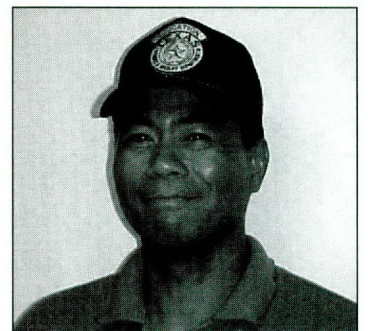
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Personal Flotation Device Exchange at Joe Pool Lake

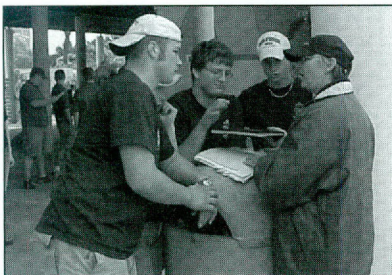
On June 1, 2002, TPWD Boater Education instructors, Grand Prairie Police Lake Patrol Officers, Cooks Children's Hospital personnel, Grand Prairie Firefighters and EMTs, U.S. Army Corps of Engineer Rangers and others teamed-up under the banner of the Tarrant County Safe Kids Coalition to provide free PFDs at four locations including Joe Pool Lake.

Children wearing their new PFDs learn about water safety from GPFD EMTs.

The PFD Exchange at Joe Pool Lake occupied an area of approximately two acres. The site was surrounded by Grand Prairie Police Department patrol cars, trucks, 4-wheelers, bicycles, patrol boats and PWCs. Two fire trucks, an ambulance, a dive-team and a mobile rescue unit were provided and staffed by the Grand Prairie Fire Department. A U.S. Army Corps of Engineer truck pulling a trailer whose sides dropped down provided an information booth for the distribution of USACE and TPWD water safety literature. TPWD provided department trucks pulling PWCs on trailers and all of the equipment and materials required for the Junior Boater Education program. All of these high visibility, action type units proved to be an irresistible attraction to youngsters in the area.

As an additional event, TPWD Boater Education Instructor Russell Lockwood (lake patrol officer with GPPD) and members of the local BSA troop presented the JBED program at Joe Pool Lake.

During the PFD Exchange, 158 junior boater certifications were issued.



BED Instructor Cassie Johnson explaining boating principles to a group of Sea Scouts.



Laurie Smith looks at all the unserviceable PFDs collected from children.

New Junior Boater Education Program



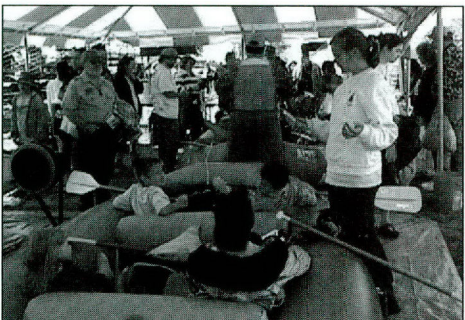
Boater Education Specialist, Phil Steffen, explains the rules of the Knot Tying Relay to junior boaters.



During the PFD Relay, competitors must find a properly sized PFD and fasten it securely before making a dash towards their teammates.



The Type IV PFD Toss activity sometimes gets rather competitive.



The Boat Sinking activity at last year's EXPO drew large numbers of junior boaters.

According to a Texas State Travel Guide, there are 151 named lakes and reservoirs totaling over 1,683,200 acres of surface water in the State. There are more than 191,000 miles of waterways made up by some 8,000 rivers and streams dominating the Texas landscape. There are 15 major river basins in Texas that provide crucial freshwater in-flows to coastal estuaries. Interestingly, if one measures the coastline of Texas, over 450 miles of land touches the Gulf of Mexico. Our state provides ample opportunities to those wanting to play on the water.

The Texas Water Safety Act requires all motorboats and sailboats to be registered. The U.S. Coast Guard, reported that in 2000, 626,761 boats were registered. Interestingly, canoes or kayaks do not require registration making it difficult to count the number of boats being used. The U.S. Coast Guard also reported that in 2000 Texas had 219 accidents, killing 55 and injuring 117 persons. The property damages accounted for more than \$1,019,139. Unfortunately, most of the accidents occurred in collisions with other boats.

Considerable attention has been focused on the age group of thirteen to seventeen year olds since they are required to be certified by the Water Safety Act. Unfortunately, little attention was given to people younger than thirteen. Most youngsters do not have the opportunity to experience boating activities.

Fortunately, one does not need a boat or be on the water to learn water safety. Everyone recognizes that most children learn through hands-on activities that teach a combination of concepts. The Junior Boater Education program capitalizes on the concept of learning by doing,

During the summer of 2001 the TPWD Boater Education staff piloted a program called Junior Boater. The program purpose is to introduce concepts of boating, water safety and aquatic stewardship to elementary and middle school children. The program engages participants in fun, hands-on, boating, water safety and aquatic activities. The goals of the program include:

- Teach safe boating practices
- Introduce young people to boating
- Introduce the notion of aquatic stewardship
- Provide an easy-to-use program for youth services organizations and camps to duplicate

Junior Boater was developed from a concept that the Texas Park and Wildlife Department Angler Education program is currently using. All events are designed to be activity based learning stations, situation learning. Activity based means a series of related activities, in this case water safety, which can be easily recreated in almost any setting. Whether on an outdoor field trip, or at a gymnasium or local picnic area, the activities can be used to introduce boating to young people. Situation means taking the program to the young people. Many Texas communities have special programs and events that draw thousands of people.

Recreational program coordinators, physical education instructors and youth organization leaders can tailor this program to fit their needs. The Junior Boater Education Program Manual outlines a series of activities with learning objectives, performance standards and step-by-step instructions. The activities or stations

Professional Training Workshops

Over the years we have issued hundreds of Boater Education Instructor certifications. Unfortunately, there has been little continuing education for our instructors. Nor have additional training opportunities for our instructors been readily available. Many of our instructors have requested additional opportunities for training.

One of the greatest changes in the marine environment and the boater education program over the past few years has been the increased popularity of personal watercraft. The PWC has affected nearly all areas of boating including how and what we teach. Due to the changing situation, all of our instructors are forced to teach subjects relating to PWC operation. However, only a very small number of our instructors have ever operated a PWC. This lack of personal experience tends to place our credibility as experienced instructors in jeopardy.

The marine equivalent of the “dog and cat” relationship is the “powerboat versus sailboat” relationship. Again, only a small number of our instructors have ever actually sailed a boat. Yet, these instructors are often called upon to answer questions concerning sailboat operations. The reply, “*I really don’t know anything about those ragtops*” may be a very honest response but it does not go far in enhancing our image as professional boater instructors.

In an effort to respond to the numerous instructor requests for additional training and to raise the professional level of our program, the boater education staff is now offering free workshops to our instructors. Each of these workshops (PWC operation, sailing and canoeing) consists of about two hours of classroom instruction and approximately five hours of on-the-water training. The classroom portion will cover basic theory, terminology and safety considerations while the on-water portion will provide actual operational experience. Other subjects will be offered in the future as instructor interests are determined.

These workshops are restricted to BED volunteer instructors and TPWD employees. All boater education instructors are invited and encouraged to attend at least one of the workshops. We would also like to receive your suggestions for additional topics. For more information, including a current schedule of workshop offerings, contact any of the boater education staff members listed in **Key Contacts**.

should be set-up where children can move around safely and participate in each activity independently or as a group.

A “Captains Log” or check sheet is used to track participants. When the participants complete all the stations, they receive a certificate and a participation pin.

A junior boater event should provide as many individual activities as possible. However, a **minimum** of four activities, to include three specific mandatory activities, are required for certification. The three mandatory activities are:

- Type IV PFD Toss
- PFD Fitting
- Boat Entry
- Additional optional activities include:
- Boat Directions
- Knot Tying Relay
- Required Safety Equipment
- Small Boat Sinking Exercise
- Small Boat Navigation Lights
- Leave It Better Than You Found It
- Taking Care of Aquatic Environment and Wildlife

All Boater Education instructors are automatically certified as Junior Boater instructors.

Contact any of the BED staff for a complete Junior Boater Education Certification Manual. This manual lists each of the activities including the activity objective, a list of required materials, an activity outline detailing the steps required to present the activity, and instructions for the activity coordinator explaining in detail exactly how to conduct the activity.

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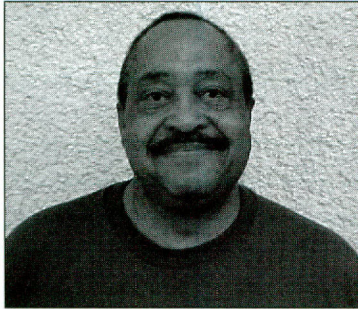
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Case Study - A Unique Partnership Program



Henry Adkins, Director of Community Programs, Mountain View College



MVC volunteer instructor, Leonard Hancock, checks the fit of a PFD prior to the beginning of the Boat Entry event.

The TPWD Boater Education program has formed a unique partnership with Mountain View College in Dallas. Dr. Henry Adkins, Director of Community Programs, Mountain View College (MVC), called the boater education office in Grand Prairie last fall asking if there was anyway that TPWD could assist senior adults to teach outdoor subjects to children. This was the beginning of a mutually beneficial partnership program.

Mountain View College Emeritus Youth Environmental Awareness Program takes youth and elderly members of the community and allows them to commune with each other and with nature. MVC's 50-acre tract of land is an urban wildlife sanctuary.

Studies indicate that children today have less opportunity to interact with nature than previous generations. The Youth Environmental Awareness Program is an intergenerational program that uses the sanctuary as a living classroom to promote learning about environmental concerns.

Mountain View College allows senior citizens to take college courses free of charge. The increased number of adult students provides a steadying influence on the campus as a whole. The basic concept of The Youth Environmental Awareness Program, however, is senior citizens sharing their environmental, and life, experiences with younger generations. MVC provides transportation for elementary school children in the neighborhood to the college campus. Upon their arrival, the senior adults teach a multitude of environmental subjects to include the Junior Boater Education program.

This Spring, approximately 25 senior adult members of the emeritus program were trained in boater, angler and hunter education as well as several other TPWD programs targeting children. They were certified as Junior Boater Education instructors. This Fall, they will be certified as regular boater education instructors so they can extend their program to reach teenagers as well as the younger children.

The MVC volunteers recently conducted their first JBED event. According to Dr. Adkins, it was difficult to determine who enjoyed themselves the most – the volunteer instructors or the children. Thirty-four junior boater certifications were issued. Another junior boater event, with over 200 children already registered, has been scheduled for the near future.

The partnership established between TPWD and Mountain View College is a classic example of how the Junior Boater Education program may be used to establish working relationships with school teachers, camp counselors and others who work with children.



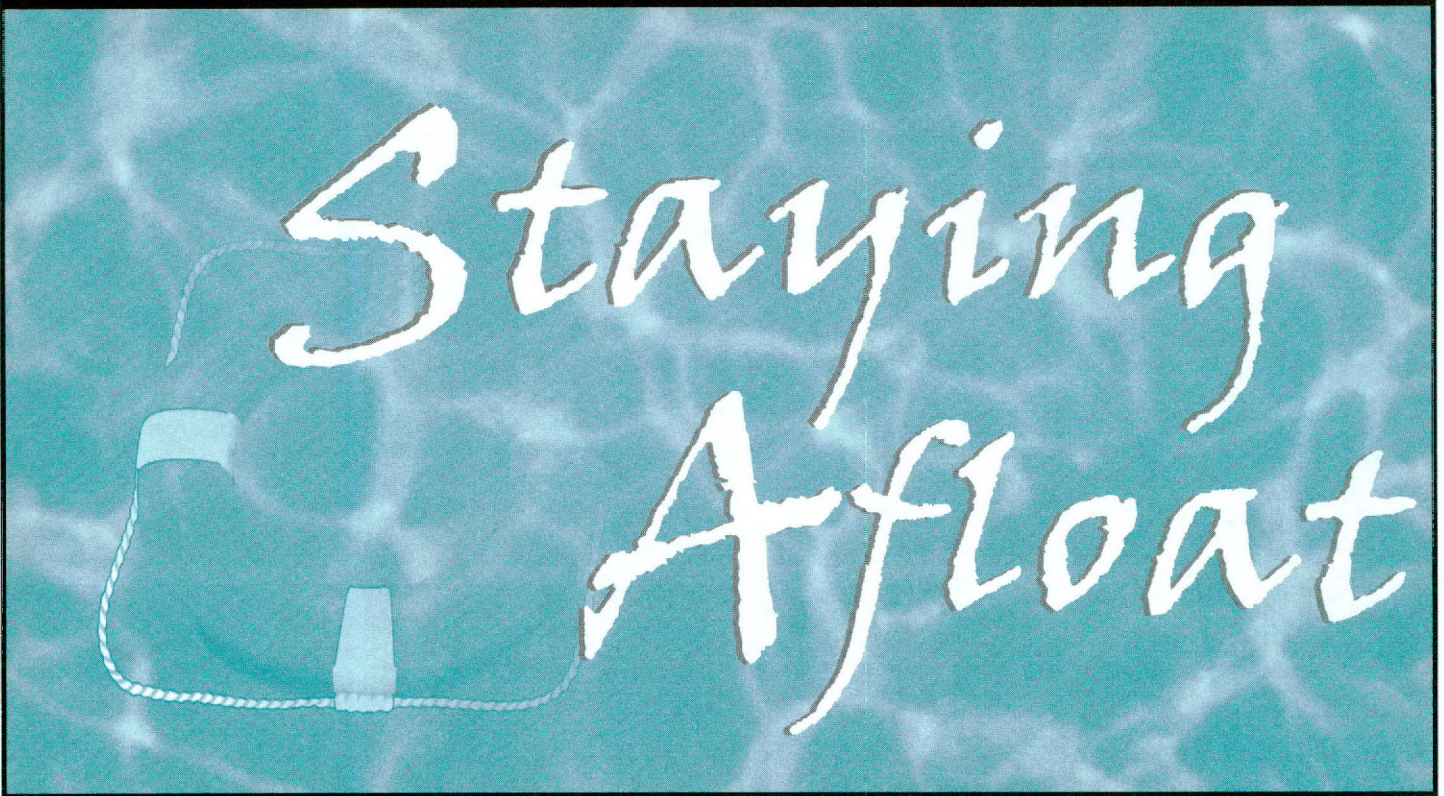
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New Instructors

During the period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, 117 new instructors have been certified. We extend our sincere welcome and appreciation to these new colleagues. They are listed below in alphabetical order by county and city.

COUNTY	CITY	NAME
Aransas	Rockport	Anne R. Lockwood
Bastrop	Elgin	Jamie K. Cummings
Bell	Belton	Autumn N. Lisenbe
Bell	Killeen	Hubert G. Collins, Sr.
Bell	Salado	Shana D. Berrier
Brazoria	Brazoria	Hannah M. McCoy
Brazos	Bryan	James S. Harlin
Brazos	College Station	Jacob T. Tiemann
Childress	Childress	Jim G. Self
Collin	Plano	Thomas A. Mitchell
Cooke	Muenster	Brian D. Rohmer
Cooke	Valley View	Ginger N. Andrew
Coryell	Copperas Cove	Clint B. Hammontree
Cottle	Paducah	Terry L. Utley
Dallas	Coppell	Scot D. McClure
Dallas	Dallas	Margie Roe
Dallas	Dallas	Mike Sanning
Dallas	Dallas	John C. Tiholiz
Dallas	Garland	Wesley S. Crofford
Dallas	Irving	Jaci F. Muzamel
Dallas	Irving	Laszlo L. Muzamel
Dallas	Richardson	Maria A. Pittman
Dallas	Richardson	Matthew R. Sweet
Denton	Denton	Robert E. Capps
Denton	Denton	Emily E. Hill
Denton	Denton	Angela N. Johnson
Denton	Denton	Chun Y. Lau
Denton	Denton	Oscar B. Smith
Denton	Denton	Whitney L. Wilson
Dickens	Dickens	Chad E. Smith
Eastland	Cisco	Kimberly R. Reich
Eastland	Ranger	Terry D. Whitaker
Ellis	Ennis	Loretta L. Laza
Erath	Stephenville	Chad L. Collie
Erath	Stephenville	Nichole A. Dhooghe
Erath	Stephenville	Zack D. Grisham
Erath	Stephenville	Wesley C. Hamilton
Erath	Stephenville	Laura L. Harris
Erath	Stephenville	Brandi D. High
Erath	Stephenville	Waylon D. Holdridge
Erath	Stephenville	Joey J. Isbell
Erath	Stephenville	Clayton S. Lynch
Erath	Stephenville	Ryan M. McElroy
Erath	Stephenville	Jonathan J. Middleton
Erath	Stephenville	Julie R. Miller-Mikus
Erath	Stephenville	Chris B. Orum
Erath	Stephenville	Robert M. Roe
Erath	Stephenville	Kris M. Sparks
Erath	Stephenville	Kristy M. Talamantez
Erath	Stephenville	Rocky M. Turner
Foard	Crowell	Christie L. Hopkins
Fort Bend	Stafford	Steven M. Francesco
Fort Bend	Sugar Land	Randolph S. Hutchins
Galveston	Friendswood	Ashley L. Dees
Grayson	Sherman	Candace A. Jones
Grayson	Sherman	Jennifer L. Pirkle
Grayson	Van Alstyne	Kelly N. Jones
Grimes	Navasota	Stacye D. Pulpan

COUNTY	CITY	NAME
Harris	Houston	Richard L. Larkin
Harris	Houston	Rebecca K. Mounsey
Harris	Houston	Cynthia A. Tolliver
Harris	Huffman	Jason S. McAllister
Harris	Nassau Bay	Frank B. Lotz
Harris	The Woodlands	Patrick K. Jolly
Harris	The Woodlands	Robert A. Hyre
Hays	Buda	Daryl B. Bone
Henderson	Larue	Chad W. Dingler
Hill	Irene	Tyson K. Herd
Hood	Granbury	Brian S. Statler
Hopkins	Sulphur Springs	Horace W. Scott
Hutchinson	Fritch	Melissa A. Nickell
Jim Wells	Alice	Stacie M. Smith
Johnson	Cleburne	Darrell H. Vinson
Jones	Stamford	Justin R. Cox
Lampasas	Kempner	Brett A. Thomas
Lampasas	Lampasas	Michael L. Brummond
Lampasas	Lometa	Lori S. Maddox
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McLennan	Riesel	Travis A. Kersten
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Nolan	Roscoe	Cody W. Hughes
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