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Newsletter
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Mission of the Organization

- Promote sportsmanship and the protection of natural resources
- Promote the quality of Lake Fork fishery and other outdoor recreational activities
- Promote the future of angling through youth programs
- Promote a spirit of cooperation with local, county, state, and federal governmental agencies, and other civic organizations for the purpose of improving Lake Fork and its surrounding communities
- Promote items of interest of the membership at large

President's Report

Remember that membership renewal due in September. A renewal letter or an e-mail has been sent to members needing to renew. We need your continued support to be able to meet the mission of the LFSA.

Crappie Tournament Report

Sam Scroggins gave a report on the Crappie Tournament during our recent meeting.

- We have expanded to 2 days October 3 & 4 with \$6,000 guaranteed payout
- Contestants must register in either the "Saturday-Only" or "Two-Day" event. All contestants are eligible for the Saturday payout (40% of the total pot).
- The Two-Day contestants will combine their Saturday and Sunday weights for the remaining payout (60% of the total pot).
- Upfront cost for the tournament is \$3,100 for ads, polygraph and goody bags.
- We need 80 entrants to break even.
- Mailing to all entrants from last year as well as catfish tournament entrants within a 100 mile radius.
- Sam reviewed to tournament schedule and advised that Stan Kuhn will act as tournament director with help from Bruce Allen Arlan Jaeger will be our fish cleaner.

We will need everyone's help to ensure the Crappie Tournament is as successful as the Catfish Tournament.

Tournament Time



October 3 & 4 Crappie Tournament

We will have the Live Release Boat on display during the Crappie Tournament. Melvin will be the representative to talk about the Live Release boat.

October 10 we have two tournaments. To handle this, George Schwend volunteered his Pontoon Boat.

- Irving Bass Club out of Lake Fork Resort
Bruce Allen, Captain
Larry Lewis, Helper
- Texas Trails out of Lake Fork Marina
Micheal Rogge, Captain
Melvin Travnichek, Helper
George Schwend, Helper

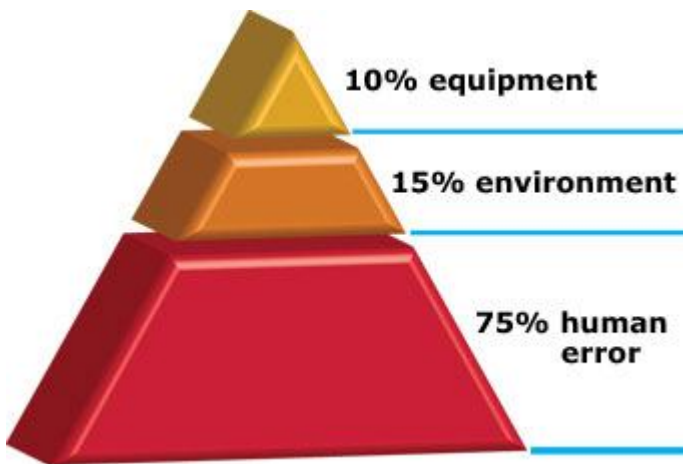
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EACH MONTH IN THE LAKE FORK
AREA NEWS**

Next LFSA General Meeting

**Our next meeting will be October 13, at the Lake Fork Deli and Cafe on Hwy 17, beginning at 7:00.
See you there**

Boating Safety

Profile of a Typical U.S. Boating Accident



Boating accidents for the most part are preventable but they do happen. This year there have been several near fatalities and at least one fatality on Lake Fork. Human error accounts for most accidents. If each of us would take just a little time before we get into our boats we could prevent accidents.

Approximately 70% of all boating fatalities are drownings, and most of those fatalities could have been avoided. Ninety percent of drowning victims are not wearing a life jacket—drownings are rare when boaters are wearing an appropriate PFD. One of the most important things you can do to make boating safe and enjoyable is not only to carry enough life jackets for everyone on board but also to have everyone wear them!

The following requirements for PFDs are both important and the law.

- **PFDs must be readily accessible.** Better yet, each person should wear a PFD because PFDs are difficult to put on once you are in the water. In most fatal accidents, PFDs were on board but were not in use or were not within easy reach. If you are in the water without a PFD, retrieve a floating PFD and hold it to your chest by wrapping your arms around it.
- **PFDs must be of the proper size for the intended wearer.** Always read the label of the PFD to make sure it is the right size based on the person's weight and chest size. It's especially important to check that a child's PFD fits snugly. Test the fit by picking the child up by the shoulders of the PFD and checking that his or her chin and ears do not slip through the PFD.

The following requirements for PFDs are both important and the law. (continued)

- **PFDs must be in good and serviceable condition.**
 - Regularly test a PFD's buoyancy in shallow water or a swimming pool. Over time, the ultraviolet radiation from the sun will break down the synthetic materials of your PFD. Frequently inspect PFDs for rips or tears, discolored or weakened material, insecure straps or zippers, or labels that are no longer readable. Discard and replace any PFD that has a problem.
 - If using an inflatable PFD, before each outing check the status of the inflator and that the CO2 cylinder has not been used, has no leaks, and is screwed in tightly. Also check that the PFD itself has no leaks by removing the CO2 cylinder and orally inflating the PFD. The PFD should still be firm after several hours. After an inflatable PFD has been inflated using a cylinder, replace the spent cylinder and re-arm it. Because an inflatable PFD is a mechanical device, it requires regular maintenance. Maintain the inflatable portion of the PFD as instructed in the owner's manual.

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Sandra is an active member of the LFSA and donates her time to the Live Release Boat as one of its Captains.