

# **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

## **1. Continued Boating Education**

**FIVE Advanced Grades:** Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation, and Navigation

**SIX Electives;** Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, Weather, Sail, and Instructor Development

*Plus 14 Self Study Learning Guides.*

**Seventeen Seminars:** Advanced Powerboat Handling; Anchoring; Basic Coastal Navigation; Boat Handling Under Power; How to Use a Chart; Hurricanes and Boats; Knots, Bends, and Hitches; Marine RADAR; Mariner's Compass; Mastering the Rules of the Road; Onboard Weather Forecasting; Paddle Smart; Partner in Command; Sail Trim and Rig Tuning; Trailering Your Boat; Using GPS; Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio

## **2. Boating Activities**

FUN cruises and rendezvous to various places, many of which are local and can be reached by boat or car. Some are day trips, long weekends, or longer at marinas located on the Gulf Coast.

## **3. Civic Service**

Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival, Maritime Museum Children's Activities, Boat Shows, Cooperative Charting, Public Boating Classes, and Vessel Safety Checks (VSC).

## **4. Membership meetings**

10 Monthly Membership Meetings with an interesting speaker on relevant topics. Potluck or catered dinners.

## **5. Monthly newsletter:**

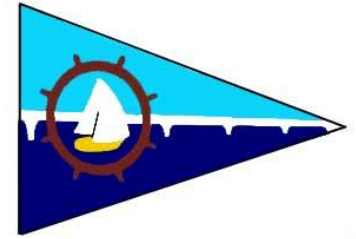
12 Issues of Lake Pontchartrain Sail & Power Squadron newsletter "*UNDER the BRIDGE*" which lists up-coming events and newsworthy, informative items.

**6.** LPSPS and United States Power Squadrons are non-profit (501c3) organizations. Expenses may be deductible.

**7.** Subscription to the Ensign Magazine (4 Issues) and a monthly electronic newsletter COMPASS.

**8.** Two National Meetings and two District 15 meetings every year. All members are encouraged to attend.

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## ***Lake Pontchartrain Sail & Power Squadron A unit of United States Power Squadrons***

### **WHAT WE ARE ABOUT;**

The mission of the United States Power Squadrons is to promote recreational boating safety through education and civic activities while providing fellowship for our members.

We at Lake Pontchartrain Sail & Power Squadron take this matter to heart. You will see that as a squadron we are very active in all areas from boater education to civic service to FUN.

During the year you will find our squadron's Certified Vessel Examiners providing FREE Vessel Safety Inspections at various marina and launch locations throughout St. Tammany Parish. The program allows you to call and make an appointment to have your vessel examined at your dock or other location.

In the fall, you will find us working at the Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival. This is only one of the civic duties that the Squadron participates in with a large number of volunteers. You will find us at the gate on Highway 22 as you cross the Tchefuncte River. We are also at the Lake Pontchartrain Sail & Power Squadron booth located in front of town hall where we offer free literature regarding safe boating operations. Come by and speak to one of members about our safe boating classes or membership.

Our educational courses cover a multitude of topics that will make you a better boater. We guarantee that there is something in these courses for everyone.

Captains and First Mates, whether you boat for a day or cruise for months, you need to confidently operate and maintain your boat. Our members have many years of boating experience and work together to help each other out as needed.

In addition, we also offer a variety of fun activities for the "ladies" as well as the "gents". Our monthly rendezvous are always enjoyable. Great food, camaraderie, and being on the water, what could be better than that?

Our fellow Squadrons from Baton Rouge to Florida have been invaluable about providing us with information on cruising in their areas. Information on

the best places for fuel, anchorages, marinas, etc. can help in proper planning for a cruise. Also, should an emergency arise help is around the corner.

These are just a few of the benefits of becoming a member of Lake Pontchartrain Sail & Power Squadron.

Take time to read our information. You can go to our national web site [usps.org](http://usps.org) or our local web page [lpsps.org](http://lpsps.org) for more information about the United States Power Squadrons or Lake Pontchartrain Sail & Power Squadron.

Please feel free to contact any of our Bridge Officers or membership committee if you have any questions.

### **2011 Bridge Officers**

Commander – Carol Bell (985) 809-9805

Executive Officer – Bob Albers (985) 727-4665

Education Officer – Nick Chronis (985) 674-2687

Administrative Officer – John Gniady (985) 882-6014

Treasurer – John Winters (504) 885-4184

Secretary – Judy Warnke (985) 633-1626

### **Classes of Membership**

**Active member** enjoys all the benefits and privileges of USPS. They may hold elective or appointed offices, have voice and vote at membership meetings and attend socials. They may take all education courses, advanced and elective, offered by USPS, fly the ensign, earn merit marks and participate in membership enhancements.

**Additional Active members** are members who reside in the household of a full active member and meet the requirements for USPS membership. Additional Active members enjoy all the benefits and privileges as an active member.

### **New Membership Dues Schedule**

January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011

*Make checks payable to LSPSPS*

***Complete New Membership Application***

<b><u>Membership Class</u></b>	<b><u>Dues</u></b>
Active (single membership)	\$91.80
Active plus one or more Additional Active	\$139.70

## **SQUADRON MEETINGS**

General Membership Meetings (GMM) are held the second Thursday of each month, except July and August. At this time, we are meeting at the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum. As always, this is subject to change.

LPBMM  
133 Mabel Drive  
Madisonville, LA 70447

### **Social Hour 6:00 PM**

Meet and greet your friends and boating companions. You may want to bring something to drink. Adult beverages are permissible, as well as soft drinks. Ice is available.

### **MEAL 7:00 PM**

Most often “Pot Luck” covered dish events, but occasionally may be a catered meal. Advanced reservations are required when catered. Sometimes meetings are held in various local restaurants. You are responsible for meal charges if you make a reservation and fail to appear.

### **Meeting Starts**

Around 7:30 or right after the meal. We try to have informative speakers on subjects of interest to members and their guest.

**Return your Membership Application & Check to:**

**Helen Trousdale**

**LSPSPS Membership Chair**

**413 Pencarrow Circle**

**Madisonville, LA 70447**

**Or contact Helen at 985-792-1335 for more information.**