



UNDER THE BRIDGE

LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS

FROM THE EDITOR

OPENING THE FESTIVAL



Cdr. Marlene Sobkowich and Chief Tom Buell

FAMILY SAFE BOATING FESTIVAL

After months of preparation, the event was kicked-off with the ribbon cutting by Police Chief Tom Buell. Lake Pontchartrain Sail & Power Squadron in partnership with Baton Rouge Sail & Power Squadron, New Orleans Power Squadron and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary – Flotilla 42 produced the best Safe Boating Event held in this area. Many members earned credit towards their merit marks that day.

Last Printed Issue

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With escalating printing cost and uncertain delivery of 'Under the Bridge', the Executive Committee decided that distribution of the squadron newsletter should be accomplished through electronic media. This decision was made relating printing and mailing cost versus the possibility of increasing squadron dues.

This was not a “knee-jerk” reaction. It was made knowing that members would have the opportunity to receive squadron news, information, and announcements in a timely manner if they choose to do so. Members that do not have the ability to retrieve the newsletter have been asked to let us know so other arrangements could be made. We have had some requests for that service. For those that have the capability, visit www.lpsps.org and download Under the Bridge.

WELCOME TO:

Transferring members **Nick and Diane Chronis** from New Orleans who have recently moved to the North Shore

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

03 Fairby Oncale	06 Bill Dennis
07 Warren Abadie	14 Barbara Kowaleski
16 Karen Grevemberg	16 James Rust
20 Linda Keefer	27 Art Roberts
	28 David Keyser, Jr.

GET WELL

P/Lt/C R. Upton Lea, AP, we wish you a speedy recovery.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Lt/C John Bell, P

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of the volunteers that came out to help make the 2005 Annual Tri-Squadron Safe Boating Festival the BEST ONE YET! We had a great turn out by the public, an outstanding demonstration by the USCG with their air/sea rescue, and a very effective demonstration of how to re-board a man overboard from our colleagues in the New Orleans Power Squadron. In addition, the weather cooperated all day. Nice and warm, no

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rain, sunny, and a prelude to what we can expect to see this summer.



Honorary Member Anne Barnes

A special Thank you to our Honorary Member and PR person Anne Barnes. Anne did an outstanding job of keeping our name and event in the public eye for the last few months. Great Job ANNE!

Tom Buell, Mandeville's Chief of police officiated at our "Ribbon cutting" to open the festival. Also in attendance were the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Mandeville Fire Department, Mandeville Police Department, and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement unit. Lots of community involvement with parents, children, brothers, sisters, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and other relatives in attendance. Also, Many thanks to our sponsors, especially the National Water Safety Congress and the National Safe Boating Council, for the grants they provided, National Marine Manufacturers Association, Coca Cola, Mandeville's West Marine, and Champagne Beverage. Vendors who participated this year are Anne Strack- Artist, Backyard Printing, Bleu Skies Yacht Brokerage, Delta Logic Satellite Phone, Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum, Pontchartrain Yacht Club, Sea School, St. Tammany Marine, Tony Gallant and Tammany West Tourist Commission. Their

support greatly contributed to our ability to provide the amenities and advertising that resulted in an encouraging public attendance this year.

I would be remiss if I did not say a special "thank you" to our fellow USPS members in the Baton Rouge Sail and Power Squadron and the New Orleans Power Squadron. Their participation was wonderful in helping with getting booths setup and torn down along with facilitating events, demonstrations, and promoting the USPS message to the Festival attendees.

I would like to recognize our LPSPS volunteers specifically for their individual and collective contributions to this successful community event. Thanks to: Bob Albers, Carol Bell, Doug Brooks, Bob Christian, Nick Chronis, Bill Dietrich, Ron Everett, Lynn Haase, Linda Keefer, Pat Lumpkin, Paul Lumpkin, Glenn Roy, Harry Talbot, and Joyce Tracy. I appreciate your help and teamwork!



One more name needs to be included, our Commander Marlene Sobkowich. Without Marlene's personal efforts and drive this event may not have even happened. She was the one that organized the site in Mandeville, obtained grant funding, signed sponsors, etc., etc., and was really the glue that pulled it all together. Thank you Commander!! Well Done!

ADMINS VIEW

Lt/C H. Doug Bacon, S

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

POTLUCK = Bring-a-Covered Dish

Our General Membership Meeting on Thursday, June 9th will feature the cooking abilities of our members. The July meeting will be catered by Louisiana Grill. This will only work if reservation are made no later than July 7th.

PRESENTATION

U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Joshua Hunt will present "America's Waterway Watch." This is a national awareness program that asks those who work, live, or recreate on or near the water to be aware of suspicious activity that might indicate threats to our country's homeland security.

NEXT RENDEZVOUS

JAZZ-in-the- VINES on JUNE 25th

Once again the squadron will trek to the Pontchartrain Vineyards to enjoy "Jazz in the Vines" with the Wardell Williams Band featuring our own Frank Sanders on the sax. So, save Saturday, June 25th for this event. Most squadron members who attend bring a dish that can be shared with others. Gates open at 5:30 PM and the music begins at 6:00 PM. More information will be available on the website.

SUMMER CRUISE

1/Lt Bob Albers, AP

We are planning a Squadron cruise to Ship Island and Biloxi/Gulfport for the June-July time frame. To make this a fun-filled success, we need to select the appropriate dates, formation point, sailing times for sail, trawler, & planning hulls, so we all meet at the right location at close to the proper time. We would also want to coordinate this with the various casino shows and possible overnight docking facilities. I need at least 3 good people to get together to this end. It would help if you've made this trip before. We will have our initial planning session at my home Call me at (985)727-4665 or e-mail me at rcalbers@bellsouth.net.

WEBSITE NEWS

We now have a 'Members Only' section on the web. It is just a beginning, but it now has access to the roster from headquarters as well as a member to member sale & wanted section. This part was initiated by Bob Christian placing a WANTED AD. Access to the MEMBERS ONLY section requires your membership number and your last name as the password. Some time in the future, this "password" will expire and you will be required to choose another, but for now, if you want a different password, just send me an e-mail to webmaster@lpsps.org

NEED AN EMAIL ADDRESS

Also, our web host allows us to have up to 150 e-mail addresses. If you need an e-mail address and want one on our site, e-mail me with your request

ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER CHANGED?

If you have changes in your membership profile, you can access a section to make changes at our website. Just look in the MEMBERS ONLY Page and you will see "Squadron Roster." Click on the link and follow directions.

EDUCATION

P/C Ronald Everett, AP

CRUISE PLANNING

Exams will be taken on Tuesday, May 31st.all are expected to pass so, Congratulations to Bob Albers, Bob Christian, Don Egle, Roy and Wanda Mascari, and Marlene Sobkowich.

WEATHER

Congratulations are in order for Chip Correjollles, David Groff, and Arthur Witherup on passing this class taught by Bob Owens.

PILOTING * . Class starts Tuesday, September 13th at the Maritime Museum. You have plenty of time to make your decision on taking this class, but don't wait until the last minute. Manuals have to be ordered.

For registration or information on any USPS course, contact me, Ronald Everett, via phone 985-624-9116 or email; RonEverett39@aol.com

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June General Membership Meeting

***Thursday June 9, 2005
Pontchartrain Yacht Club
Social 6:30 – Meeting 7PM
Bring-a-Covered-Dish
SEE YOU THERE!!!***

Next Rendezvous – June 25th
JAZZ-in-the-VINES

WARDELL WILLIAMS BAND
Featuring our own
FRANK DAVIS on SAX

***Saturday, June 25th Doors open at 5:30
MUSIC starts at 6:30
Great Time - Great Location***

***\$8 per person
More info at LPSPS.ORG***