



UNDER THE BRIDGE

LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS

FROM THE COMMANDER

Cdr. John B. Bell, AP

As we enter the "dog days of summer" it's important for us all to remember a few of the basics, drinking lots of water to make up for water losses, using sunscreen to avoid getting sunburned, and to NEVER underestimate the value of WEARING your personal floatation device (PFD).



I read in the news about three people who lost their lives in three different boating related events. In each case, a properly fitted PFD would have made the difference between life and death. We frequently tend to think that the PFD's we have are for the other folks aboard our vessels and by doing so we are overlooking our own personal safety. I take this opportunity to remind you that we should always remain conscious and vigilant about wearing PFD's when enjoying our time on the water. It continues to be the cheapest insurance we can get! It really is becoming akin to wearing your seatbelt when driving or riding in a car. And statistics, such as the three recent deaths continue to send us the message.

Our squadron, like many other USPS squadrons, is using electronic communications and information distribution more and more these days. If you receive this newsletter electronically then you may assume we have your correct email address. However, we have a number of members that we do not have their correct email address and the messages don't reach them. If you know of a fellow member that we may not have their correct email address please ask them to contact us so we can update their information. They can contact any of the bridge members or Helen Trousdale our Membership Chair to update their information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Lt/C Doug Brooks, AP

Our Safe Boating Week main event held at Marina Del Ray on May 12th was a great success. I want to thank all the Vessel Examiners who donated their time helping to make boating safer for all of us. Bob Albers (Committee Chairman) and his team kept all the examinations running smoothly. Marina Del Ray even called to let me know that many of the people who had their boats examined appreciated this service and there was not one complaint about being held up at the launch ramp. Congratulations VSE's--A job well done.



I hope everyone has been enjoying this great Spring/Summer weather on the water. Doris and I certainly have. I'm sure you have read about several accidents and even loss of lives just in the surrounding areas. This all comes about because people just do not take safe boating seriously enough. They do not understand the rules of navigation nor do they have the proper equipment and training needed to survive if they are involved in a tragic event on the water. We all know that promoting safe boating is one of the principle reasons for the existence of the Power Squadron -- so please help us accomplish the task of educating everyone by donating your time and knowledge. We can make safe boating a reality with your help.

Don Roman (Chairman Co-Op Charting) is providing NOAA with up to date data information on Markers and Buoys in Lake Pontchartrain as they pertain to your charts. This would definitely be a learning experience for everyone involved and at the same time be providing a great service to all boaters on the water. If you would like take part, please contact Don or myself.

Thanks Everyone,

ADMINISTRATIVE

Lt/C Gene Mallard, P



Membership Meetings

The LPSPS will not have monthly Membership Meetings for July and August.

So, watch the e-mail, web site and newsletter for activities during these months. Speaking of activities:

Pensacola Beach Features the Blue Angels Air Show. July 20-21, 2007.

The biggest event of Pensacola's summer festivities includes the world-famous Blue Angels. Supported by civilian and military performers, the show is a must-see event. *Free admission.* Call (850) 932-1500 or visit www.visitpensacolabeach.com for further information. The Navy's "Blue Angels" call Pensacola, Florida home. Every July the premiere flight demonstration team performs their breathtaking maneuvers over Pensacola Beach.

Some LPSPS members are going down on Thursday and some on Friday. We are staying at Orange Beach or Perdido Key hotels. There are a lot of places to stay on the water with boat slips. They are booking up fast and many are expensive. Orange Beach is about 25 miles from the prime viewing area on the water in Pensacola.

July Birthdays:

Norm Lasky	03
Cookie Brown	08
Richard Owens	11
Lou Adams	13
Gabriel Lasala	15
Jeff Leedy	18
Rebecca Page	21
Doug Brooks	25
Bob Economides	26
Jim McCarron	28
Kim Vanek	30

IMPORTANT RENDEZVOUS CHANGES:

The July 28th rendezvous to the Prop Stop has been changed to August 4th and the August 25th rendezvous venue has been changed to the Madisonville Wall. Everyone, please come out for a great time!

EDUCATION

Lt/C Ronald Everett, AP

Three New Classes Are Starting! They are



Cruise Planning, Weather, and Jr. Navigation. If any of these offerings interest you, please send a check to cover the cost. Squadron policy requires payment before class materials can be ordered.

CRUISE PLANNING – Class

begins on Tuesday, July 24, 2007 – Cost \$40
Location; John and Carol Bell's, 20436 Narrow Road, Covington 985-809-9805.

Cruise Planning Course Description:

Designed for members who plan to cruise for just a day or for a year--in either a sail or powerboat--this course covers the following topics: Cruise preparation and planning; Boat and Equipment; Anchors and Anchoring; Security; Chartering; Cruising Outside the United States; Crew and Provisioning; Voyage Management; Communications; Navigation; Weather; and Emergencies

WEATHER – Class begins on Monday, September 10, 2007 –Cost \$90

Location; Bob Albers, 564 Barbara Place, Mandeville 985-727-4665.
Don Roman, Instructor

Weather Course Description: The Weather course will furnish basic weather knowledge for safer and more enjoyable boating. The student will learn to make weather predictions based upon observations of the sky, upon barometer and wind information, as well as weather data provided by maps, satellite images, and radio and TV broadcasts. Wx 101 and Wx 102 use a *USPS* supplement manual together with The Weather Book from *USA Today* (second edition, 1997) as the textbook. Wx 101 - Basic Weather - topics include: Effects of Heat and Cold; Wind and Pressure; Storms and Fronts; Rain, Humidity and Fog; Floods, Droughts, and Winter Precipitation. Wx 102 - Advanced Weather - topics include: Thunderstorms and Tornadoes; Tropical Weather; Atmosphere and Clouds; Forecasting; and Climate.

Jr. NAVIGATION – Class begins on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 – Cost \$100

Location; to be determined
Asst. Squadron Education Officer Paul Lumpkin, SN Instructor.

Junior Navigation Course Description: Junior Navigation is the first in a two-part program of study in offshore navigation, followed by the [Navigation](#) course. It is designed as a practical

“how to” course. Subject matter includes: Precise time determination; Use of the Nautical Almanac; Taking sextant sights of the sun; Reducing sights to establish lines of position; Special charts and plotting sheets for offshore navigation; and offshore navigational routines for recreational craft.

Contact Ronald Everett, 985-624-4840, to enroll or to request additional information on one or more of the above programs. Last day for ordering materials will be 24 days prior to the beginning of class.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Lt/C George Trousdale, S

Spring has sprung and summer is upon us.



Seems that many LPSPS members are on the water these days! On a personal note, Art & Norma Roberts and Helen & I boated over to Baytowne Marina, Sandestin for a month. We worked on perfecting the art of doing nothing gracefully! The entire “campus” is beautiful and the staff leaves nothing

to be desired.

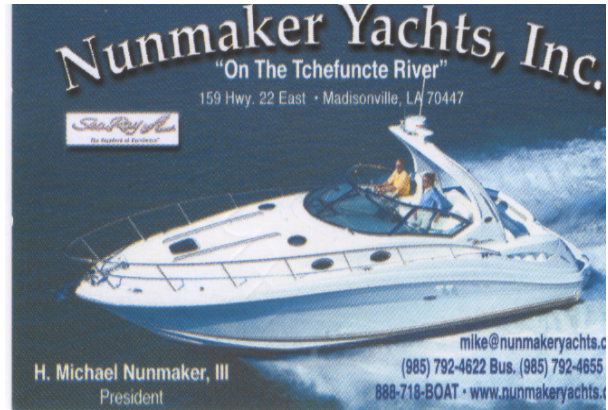
No expenditures and some income has improved our financial position, but I understand that membership renewals are somewhat lagging. Please renew your membership and encourage others to do the same!

Lynn Haase, Gene Mallard and Joyce Tracey have volunteered for the “Budget & Finance Committee”, and I am very appreciative of this! Basically, they will offer a working budget for the rest of the year and years to come. In the past, the Executive Committee did not use a formal budget, and they were very frugal. That worked well in that the LPSPS has a nest egg for the future, but the Executive Committee decided that a formal budget might offer more insight into our finances. I understand that the general membership will be contacted for approval of a budget shortly. I thank Lynn, Gene & Joyce.

The Executive Committee approves each expenditure before a check is cut, however one blanket approval involves the monthly rent for the storage of our “stuff”. Of course, I have details of our monies available for any member in good standing to see. Don’t hesitate to ask! Your Treasurer is involved in the Rules Committee by helping rewrite LPSPS Bylaws. I

am also assisting my wife, Helen, Chairman, Membership Committee with a new “New Membership Brochure” which Ron Everett started. This brochure explains everything a person interested in joining the Squadron needs to know about LPSPS. A new membership application will accompany the brochure.

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