



UNDER THE BRIDGE

LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS

FROM THE COMMANDER

Cdr. Douglas A. Brooks, JN

Spring at last!!! They can talk about a warm up all



over the world, but it sure did seem to me that it was colder this year than last. I know, I'm just getting older or something, but that is one of the reasons I'm down South. It is suppose to be warmer.

As we all prepare for the boating season, it is time to get your vessel inspected, and the sooner the better. We have five certified inspectors that would love to do that for you. You can call Jeff Williams at 985-624-3813, Paul Lumpkin at 504-450-7817 or me at 504-453-0225. This is one of the benefits of being a member of the Power Squadron.--Safe Boating.

While we are talking about safe boating, I want to take this opportunity to mention to all of you the importance of taking the courses offered by the Power Squadron. We have several members who have only taken one or two courses. These courses are not just for the guys. It is just as important for the ladies to know about safe boating. You just never know when the Captain (She or He) or navigator might become incapacitated and the next in command might have to take over. What would you do if someone or especially the Captain fell overboard? Do you know what you would do if your boat ran hard aground? Who would you call and by what means? Do you know how to operate your GPS or Radar? Sure we all know this could happen, but probably won't. Then you have to ask yourself, who are all of those people it does happen too. I think you will find they are just like you and me. So, please consider taking more courses that the Squadron has to offer. They are for all of us. By the way, if you come to the General Meeting we are giving free seminars on several of our courses. You will have more fun on the water because you will have more confidence in what you are doing. Think of it another way,

you will be protecting you, your family, friends and your boat because you have learned to be a Safer Boater. When it gets right down to it, this is the reason you are a member of the Power Squadron. Do you know the new slogan for the Power Squadron? "Boating is Fun--We will show you how" That is what I'm talking about. Please give Paul Lumpkin or any member of the Bridge a call if you need any information on our courses.

See you on the water,
Cdr. Doug Brooks, JN

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

Lt/C Paul Lumpkin, SN

We are proud to announce the completion of the Cruise Planning Course and congratulations to the following students who passed: *Fred Beverly, Laura Beverly, Doug Brooks, Nick Chronis, and Norman Laskay.*



There are 128 Lake Pontchartrain Sail & Power Squadron members who have not taken the Engine Maintenance course!

Engine Maintenance (EM) is scheduled to start the 27-May-08, at 1900 to 2100. The course will be held at the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum.

The new Engine Maintenance (EM) course 2007 has been put into one ten chapter course that stresses the diagnosis of modern systems, while also teaching the basics of engine layout and operation. Gasoline inboards, outboards, and diesel engines are taught in a way that reinforces the common aspects of how engines work. This new course is complete in one book with one exam.

Modern engines offer high reliability and good performance through the use of computerized

systems for fuel delivery and engine timing. Most of these systems are "black boxes" that can no longer be serviced by weekend mechanics with ordinary tools. The EM course covers those repairs that do-it-yourselfers can still perform, teaches how to diagnose problems that might be beyond your ability to fix, and how to share information with your mechanic so the right repairs get performed. The new Engine Maintenance 2007 also covers basic mechanical systems such as drive systems (propellers), steering systems, and engine controls. The last chapter discusses solutions you might use to problems that could occur while afloat and away from a repair facility. Gasoline, diesel, and outboard engines are treated independently in this chapter.

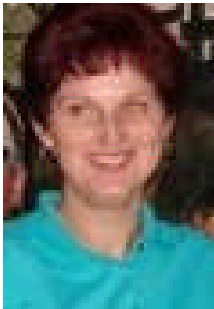
You must be registered 30 days before the class starts which means on or before April 27th!

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Lt/C Carol Bell, P

As I write this article, I am sitting on board *Talk*



About Good enjoying the sights and sounds of marina life in Orange Beach, Alabama. Life just doesn't get any better than this. John and I were fortunate enough to be invited along on the trip to Sandestin, Florida with George and Helen Trousdale. Also making the trip were Art and Norma Roberts on *Lady*

Norma and Paul and Judy Warncke on *HaHa*. One of the values of being a Power Squadron member is to be able to do such trips in a group and feel comfortable. Another is the lessons to be learned with hands on experience from fellow boaters. Every day we learn something new.

First up, I would like to talk about our general membership meeting on April 10th at Don Diego's Restaurant at 1600 West Causeway approach. Our very own members Neal and Lu Terrebonne own this lovely restaurant and the food has always been very good. The cost will be \$22.00 per person including tax and gratuity. The menu will consist of: A Mixed Italian Salad, Seafood Pasta, Lasagna, a Vegetable, Chocolate Cake and Coffee and Iced Tea. The restaurant does not serve alcohol, but you are invited to bring your

own refreshing adult beverages. Please RSVP to Carol Bell at 985-264-1662 no later than Tuesday, April 8th.

The speaker will be Mike Howell who will talk about surviving Hurricane Katrina on board his boat at The Municipal Yacht Club. Some of our members have heard Mike speak before and enjoyed him very much.

Our Crawfish Boil will be on Saturday April 19th at the Madisonville Wall on the Mortons side of the bridge. We will gather around 11am and plan to have the crawfish around 1pm. The cost will be approximately \$20.00 per person. It could be less depending on the cost of the crawfish at the time. Don't forget to bring chairs and your own refreshing adult beverages and let's bring an appetizer to share or a dessert. Please RSVP to Carol Bell no later than April 14th at 985-264-1662.

The weekend of April 25, 26, 27th is the District 15 Spring Conference. It is being held at the Clarion Inn University Mall, 7200 Plantation Road, Pensacola, FL. Phone 850-474-0100.

LPSPS member Glenn Roy will be sworn in as District 15 Commander. Come on out and show your support. If you go to our website www.LPSPS.org and click on the District 15 link, you will find the information regarding the activities and festivities of the weekend. Last month's newsletter contained information on the Friday's golfing event. It promises to be a great time!

The May 8th General Membership Meeting will be at The Madisonville Maritime Museum and will be bring a covered dish to pass. Our speakers will be LPSPS members Nick and Dianne Chronis who will talk about their trip to Turkey. They did a sailing trip while there and it promises to be very entertaining. I believe that Nick and Dianne have some surprises in store for us.

Don't forget that our rendezvous for May will be at Moonraker Lake in Slidell, May 23, 24 and 25th (Memorial Day Weekend) and it's the District 15th Rendezvous. It is a 3 day event but you can come for any portion of the weekend. Usually there is a cookout on Saturday at a cost to be announced. Friday has a get together and there is a going away breakfast on Sunday. You can come by boat or by land. Directions will follow later and also more details as to price etc. If you are planning on going by boat, it will be necessary to make reservations for dock space. Please call Carol Bell at 985-264-1662.

June's Membership Meeting will be the last one for the summer since we do not have meetings in July and August. The meeting will be at The Maritime Museum and will be a catered dinner. Our June rendezvous will be announced in the next newsletter.

Please come on out and support your fellow squadron members and have a great time!!!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lt/C George Trousdale, P

Once again, I can report that our finances are coming along well.



Commander Brooks has renegotiated the rent for our store room and we're going to move into a smaller one after a lot of junk is disposed of. Thank you, Doug.

SEO Paul Lumpkin is teaching up a storm! He has adequate supplies and is scheduling classes as people sign up. By the way, his "mini-presentation" on power boat handling at the Membership Meeting was a howling success! He's a great teacher.

As usual, any member in good standing is most welcome to see any and all of our financial information. Just give me a call – 985-792-1335.

George Trousdale

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN REPORT

Helen Trousdale

Our March meeting was very interesting. SEO



Paul Lumpkin gave a most informative 30 minute seminar on boat handling. We all gained new information and certificates.

Commander Brooks swore in the following new members: Wally Reynolds, Judy Warnke and Paul Warnke. Please make it a point to welcome our new members.

They're most interested in LPSPS and are looking forward to meeting you!

The Membership Committee encourages you to pick up membership brochures and applications. You are a great person to promote your organization! Talk to a friend about the benefits of being a member!

George & I will be on our boat in Sandestin from April 3 through May 19, so we'll miss the membership meetings in those months. LPSPS' illustrious Past Commander John Bell will take up the slack for me. John's phone number: Home 985-809-9805 - email jbellecc@bellsouth.net.

Good boating!
Helen Trousdale

AHOY MY FELLOW BOATERS!!

Roving Reporter and Boating Paparazzi

March was a very, very slow news month much to the chagrin of this reporter. The rendezvous at Lake Emfred had to be changed due to the lack of boating participants. About 20 or so members met at the Madisonville wall and had lunch at Mortons. After lunch a lazy afternoon was spent under the huge oaks with many tall tales being delivered by everyone. The breeze was beautiful, the sunshine warm and a great time was had by all.

I certainly hope April will bring about some interesting stuff to report. If not, this starving reporter will have to keep the day job!

April Birthdays:

Please wish our April "babies" a very Happy Birthday!

Ellis Brown	01
Robert Boettner	04
Stephen Bloomer	07
James Kowaleski	08
Angela Rayer	15
Donald Roman	21
John Hull	28
Garey Forster	29
Christine Williams	29

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars

Executive Board Meeting

March 31

General Membership Meeting

April 10

Don Diego's Restaurant.

Cocktail hour: 6:00PM bring your own adult beverage.

Dinner: 7:00PM cost:\$ 22.00 per person including tax and grats

RSVP for April 10th General Membership Meeting

April 7th to Carol Bell-985-264-1662

Crawfish Boil-Madisonville Wall

April 19

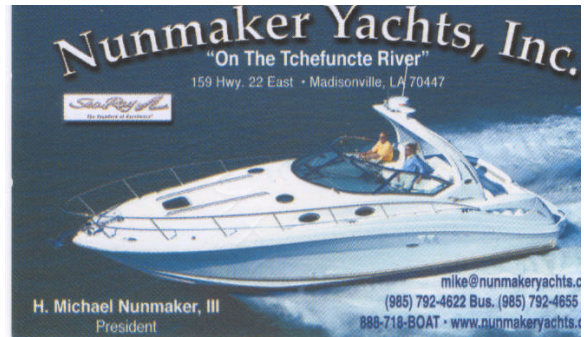
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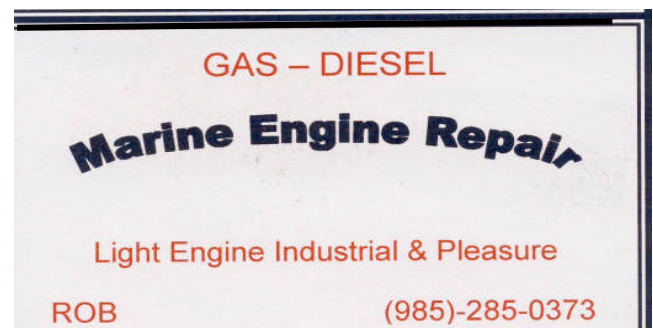
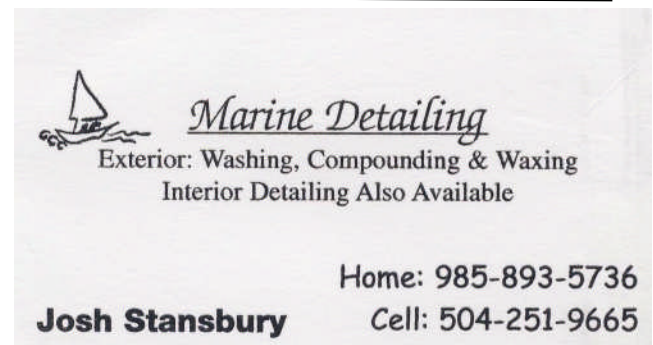
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TOWBOAT U.S. LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN OPENS.

Captain Mark Tupper has opened TOWBOAT U.S. on the North shore at Mariners Village Marina in Mandeville. He will be servicing the entire Pontchartrain Basin.

To join call 800-888-4869 or call Mark Tupper at 985-373-6330



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