



UNDER THE BRIDGE

LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS

FROM THE COMMANDER

Cdr. Douglas A. Brooks, JN

Well, we all know about the Grinch that stole



Christmas, but he must have stolen summer too. I know there were a lots of hot summer days, but it is hard to believe that fall is almost here. I guess the real proof is that school has started. Anyway, welcome to fall and the restart of our General

Membership Meetings. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at there. The next General Meeting is on September 10th at the Madisonville Maritime Museum 6:00pm

The LPSPS Bridge has been working on a couple of projects this summer. One has to do with membership, (working with other Squadrons and Yacht Clubs) and the second is with education. The education project has more to do with our current members. When I reviewed our roster on the DB 2000 and saw how many of our members have not taken any of the classes offered by the Squadron, I was sadly surprised. More than half of our membership has not taken even one course. The reason I am so surprised is the fact that we offer some great courses for the whole family. Usually, the first course most people take is Seamanship. This is a real easy general course that teaches all members of the family how to Marlinespike (tie knots, splice), nautical etiquette, flag etiquette, navigation rules and right of way , skipper responsibilities and many other boating operations. This is not only a great course for the Captain, but for anyone that might have to take over for the skipper in an emergency.

Would you or a member of your family know how to tie your vessel up if the captain was not around? Would you or your second in command know how to use the VHF radio to get immediate help and do it properly? What if it happened at night? Do you know what navigation lights to turn on or off. Would you recognize from the lights of

another vessel if it is coming at you, going away, or cutting across your course of travel? Would you know from the lights if it was a fishing trawler, sail boat or barges in tow? I know all of you know the importance of these questions. What I don't know, is why you and your family are not taking these courses. Our Squadron has great teachers with loads of experience. All we need is you.

Please consider taking some courses this year. You will have a great time and learn a lot. I know each time I have taken a course; it has been fun working with the rest of the class. By the way, I am not only talking to the men, but the women and kids too. After all, it will be you that might have to take over some day. These courses will give you the confidence to get all of you home safely.

Please contact Nick Chronis (985-674-2687) or me for class information.

See You Soon,

Cdr. Doug Brooks, JN

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Carol Bell, S

Greetings to my fellow boaters.



On Friday, September 11th, 2009, an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office, and store in the United States. Every individual should make it their duty to display an American flag on this eighth anniversary of one of our country's worst tragedies.

We do this to honor those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, and those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.

In the days, weeks and months following 9/11, our country was bathed in American flags as

citizens mourned the incredible losses and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism. Sadly, those flags have all but disappeared. Our patriotism pulled us through some tough times and it shouldn't take another attack to galvanize us in solidarity. Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds. Americans should fly the flag year-round, but if you don't, then please at least make it a priority on this day.

Now, on to a bit of Squadron business. The annual Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival will be held October 10th and 11th this year. In addition to manning the LPS&S booth near the City Hall, and the entrance ticket booth on the east side of the Madisonville Bridge, we will also be in charge of the dinghy dock. Many volunteers will be needed for this fun packed weekend. Volunteers get a free meal and admission to the festival on the day they work. Please put this on your calendar and plan to help out. Volunteer applications will be available at the general membership meeting, also on the website www.lpsps.org.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C John Winters

Dear Members, It's been a long HOT summer at Marina del Ray saved only by the pool. As a note, the pool barge is pumped 24-7 (rather than patching the leak) to keep the pool out of the river. This is another example of "Claytor Economics".

September 10th we resume our monthly general membership meetings. It will be catered by Louie and the Redheaded Lady and will be fried catfish with all the usual fixin's. The cost will be \$15.00 per person and you should RSVP with me (504) 835-9340 by September 3, 2009. Dr. Jay Martin, the museum's Executive Director has agreed to be our speaker at this meeting so please put it on your calendar and plan to attend.

September 26th is scheduled to be this month's rendezvous; the site is yet to be determined. I will keep you posted.

At our last bridge meeting, the Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival was brought up and that's a clear sign of fall. Jeanne and I use the festival as a vacation week. Besides all the festival activities there will be half a dozen sailors from NOYC that will raft up on the river starting Wednesday and Thursday.

Keep an eye out for October. The scheduled October 8th meeting may be moved due to the Wooded Boat w which is October 10th and 11th. The Fall Conference is October 23rd-25th in Mobile, AL.

See you on the water!

ASSISTANT SEO REPORT

Nick Chronis, JN

Improving Education in LPS&S

If one of the aims of "education" is the pursuit of personal improvement, it seems only fitting that our squadron also should look into how we can improve our overall education program. With this in mind, we are busily engaged in evaluating some ideas on how we can enhance the offerings which comprise our "Continuing Education Program". During the next few months, we hope to consider several initiatives with a view toward developing and implementing some enhanced education opportunities. Stay tuned!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lt/C George Trousdale, S

...storm season. Enough already!



Helen & I joined LPS&S about 4 ½ years ago. Seems like a few months, but then I start thinking about how much fun we've had and it seems like a life time! Camaraderie and boating are the name of the game. It really is a hoot to

be involved. I won't name names, but each of you are unique...some more unique than others!

As your Treasurer, I am charged with Bean-counting. I believe that I can account for all monies that we get and also believe that your Executive Committee is spending it wisely. On the other hand, we do have a wealth of assets that we don't tout very much. Those assets are YOU! It seems that about 30 to 40 members attend our membership meetings and a lot of them do SOMETHING to support LPS&S. Your efforts make our Squadron better in many ways.

The Wooden Boat Festival is an excellent way to help LPS&S, the Museum and your community. It is easy and fun to help. Please consider calling Commander Doug. He'll put you into a job that will be fun and involved with our other members.

Speaking of fun, stand by for rendezvous announcements! You can participate with any sized boat or by land to many. If you missed the Membership Appreciation Day, you missed a great time! Burgers with all the trimmings, watermelons with a spitting contest and great people with all of those stories constituted a lot of fun.

Come on out! It's your Squadron!

Good boating,
George Trousdale

FROM OUR WEBMASTER
BOB ALBERS

The wooden boat festival is coming up soon, October 10th & 11th. As with previous years we will be attending the ticket booth at the east end of the Madisonville Bridge and our own LPSPS booth. Additionally, for the first time, we will be operating the dinghy dock. Many people choose to arrive by dinghy, I guess they don't like the traffic jams on the highways and hassle of parking. They boats usually raft up on the North side of the bridge and use their dinghies to get to the festival. I think working this could be a great source of fun while contributing to the success of the event. The docking staff should wear PFDs just in case unexpected swimming is in the cards. A boat hook and throwable device might also be nice to have. More about dinghy dock operation and ticket booth functions will be available at the September membership meeting and on the website. Please stay in touch. Volunteer applications will be available at the meeting, via the web, e-mail & telephone. Let's all join in the fun!

As many noticed, I have added sound to your website. I hope you enjoy hearing Pete Fountain's "Shrimp Boats". Also, as a demonstration, I recorded a narration for the recipe of the month. The recipe of the month, boat of the month and music of the month is subject to YOU sending the appropriate content to the responsible parties. Recipe suggestions should be forwarded to our cookbook committee; boat pictures and music should be sent to me. By the way, if all you have is a vinyl recording of your suggested music, have no fear, I can digitally re-master the vinyl and give you a "clean" CD in return.

September Birthdays

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

<i>Billy Evans</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Barry French</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Robert Owens</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Brad Soileau</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Terri Williams</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Kenneth Rayer</i>	<i>29</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10th, 2009
Madisonville Maritime Museum
Social 6:00PM
Dinner 7:00PM

Speaker will be Dr. Jay Martin

It will be catered by Louie and the Redheaded Lady. Entrée will be fried catfish. The cost is \$15.00 per person so please RSVP by September 3rd to John 504-957-7011 or Jeanne 504-452-2673.

As always "BOYB"

Rendezvous

September 26th, 2009
TBD-Details to follow.

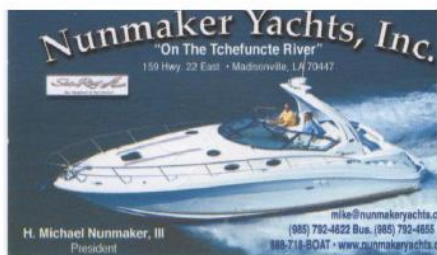
Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival

October 10-11, 2009
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Fall Conference

October 23-25, 2009
Mobile, Alabama

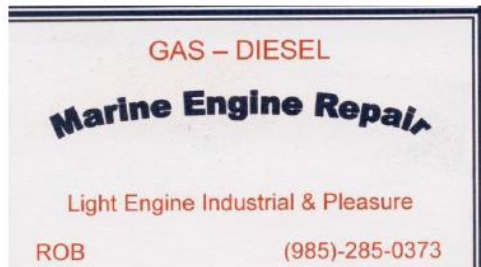
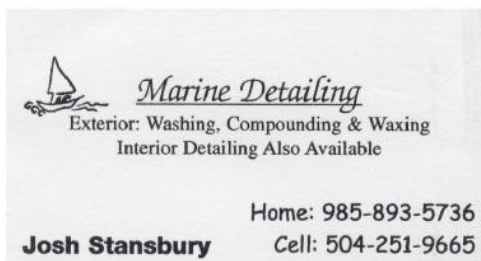
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TOWBOAT U.S. LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN OPENS.

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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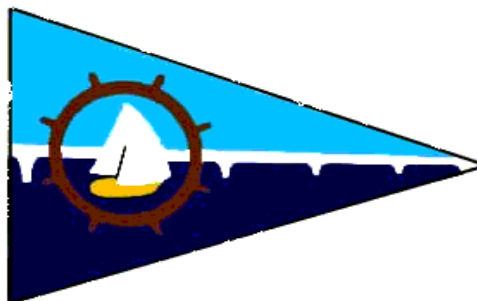
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