



UNDER THE BRIDGE

LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS

FROM THE COMMANDER

Cdr. Carol Bell, S

Greetings to all my fellow boaters!



Promises of cooler weather are around the corner and with that I expect that our boating activity will increase. The heat of the summer sometimes puts a damper on what we do with our boats. The benefit of living where we do is being able to

boat all year around. If you haven't used your boat much this summer be sure to check things out carefully before going out on the water. It is beneficial to have a check list written out that you can follow each time so as not to forget something. Also get your First Mate involved so they have an idea of what needs to be done. That doesn't mean that they have to work on the engines just have some basic knowledge.

If you have an idea for an impromptu rendezvous please call our Administrative Officer Lt/C John Gniady ,P and share it with him!

Our Education Officer Lt/C Nick Chronis, JN has some upcoming courses and seminars that will be offered for the Fall/Winter season. It is a good time as we head into the winter months to plan what you would like to take. It is very important for First Mates to know how to operate the various equipment onboard your boat. Nick has lined up some great instructors to help him with the classes but he is always looking for additional help. If you have an interest in helping to educate your fellow boaters, I know that Nick would be happy to hear from you!

Peggy Roy is busy lining up volunteers for the upcoming Wooden Boat Festival on October 15th and October 16th. The Festival is the major fundraiser for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin

Maritime Museum. The monies earned from this event help to support the Museum over the coming year. We are very fortunate to be able to use this excellent facility to have our meetings and classes. Please give Peggy Roy a call and offer to help. This is the Squadron's biggest community service event. We run the dinghy dock, operate an admissions gate and man a LPSPS booth to pass out information to the public and reach potential students for our classes. There are a lot of our members who have never volunteered at this event and I ask you to please step up to the plate and help out. We have members who work all day both Saturday and the Sunday because of their commitment to the Squadron and the Museum. It would be nice to give them a bit of a break! It is always a fun time and allows members a good opportunity to get to know each other better. Thank you to all who have volunteered to help at the Wooden Boat Festival!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our October 6th meeting!

Safe Boating to All!

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C John H. Gniady, P

October is my birth month and has been my



favorite month of the year since I can remember. For one thing, it marked the definitive change from summer to fall.

Growing up in New Orleans, September was too much like summer to be considered the start of fall. HAPPY OCTOBER everyone! As boaters we reap the benefits of cooler days and that crisp clear sunshine that comes with fall days. The sailors among us are rewarded with the start of the best sailing months of the year ahead and a fresh

wind to dispel the hot and sometimes nonexistent summer breezes. What a great time to be out on the water!

We start the month off early with the general membership meeting on October 6th. Please note that this is a change from the original date. The change is necessary due to the close proximity of the Wooden Boat Festival. The theme remains Oktober Fest. The meal is covered dish. Bring your favorite German/Bavarian dish to pass and of course the adult beverage of your choice. Social hour begins at 6:00 o'clock with dinner to follow. Feel free to bring a guest. We were graced with several last meeting and it's a great way to interest prospects in joining the Squadron.

Next up is the District 15 Fall Conference which is being held in New Orleans October 7-9 at the Marriott Metairie located at the South shore of the Causeway. A full program of activities and meetings has been planned. The members of the Bridge attending will gain valuable information regarding the recent developments at both the District and National forums. A report will be presented at the next general meeting.

THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT this month is the Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival on October 15-16. The Squadron fulfills its public service commitment by providing volunteers to assist the festival. Mrs. Peggy Roy has been organizing the volunteer effort to staff the entry gate booth located on the east side of the Madisonville Bridge on Hwy.22 and to provide coverage at the LPSPS information booth located inside the festival. Courtesy vessel safety checks will be provided to the public. This year we will also be offering free PFDs at the Squadron information booth in our ongoing efforts to place the remaining PFDs back in the service of the boating public. If you have not volunteered please give Peggy a call or see her at the general membership meeting.

On October 22 our SEO, Lt/ Nick Chronis JN, will present for public education, the ABC course. If you know of anyone interested in taking the course please forward this information to them.

November is a time to recover from the hectic October pace and have some fun. The general membership meeting will be held on Nov 10th. The theme is Veterans Day. The meal is

covered dish. An educational program will be presented by our SEO. The last rendezvous of the year is set for November 19th. The location is the Tchefuncte River wall, north of the Hwy.22 Bridge. We will hold our annual cook off. This year the chefs are asked to prepare their best Jambalaya.

As a final note, I would like to invite the general membership to make recommendations for our calendar of events for next year. What would you like to see added or changed? I plan to submit a draft of next year's calendar to the Commander at the November Bridge meeting.

The month ahead is full of challenge and opportunity. Fall is a time to enjoy boating in all of its aspects. I look forward to working and having fun with everyone as we fulfill our commitments this month.

Safe Boating!
John H. Gniady, P

EDUCATION REPORT *Lt/C Nick Chronis, JN*

Well, we've survived yet another of those hot



Louisiana summers and now we're happy to claim the long-anticipated joys of yet another fall boating season. Fall boating is wonderful.

And -- speaking of survival -- it's also great to report that LPSPS is making very nice progress on a training initiative we've appropriately named "**Skipper Saver**". This project was undertaken when several of our squadron's first mates expressed an interest in being able to ensure their captain's survival (not to mention their own) in the event of an unforeseen incident while underway. The draft plan for this valuable on-the-water training describes the purpose of the Skipper Saver program as follows:

"The intent of the emergency exercise is to provide a simulated, but realistic scenario for the training of persons who could logically be placed in the position of having to assume command of a vessel in the event of an incapacitated skipper. The scenario is intended to be tailored for use aboard a specific vessel; therefore, it requires

the support of the vessel's skipper in the form of useful operating checklists. The training will be conducted by personnel who are qualified to provide this instruction safely and with due attention to applicable laws and regulations. In this on-the-water training situation, the vessel's skipper would be on board, but he/she would be administratively placed out-of-action for training purposes (unless his / her involvement were needed in an actual onboard emergency that developed during the training session)."

We are looking forward to Beta testing this concept aboard a few volunteer vessels (both power and sail) before making the program available to the entire squadron. The type of boat doesn't matter; what does matter is the skipper's willingness to develop checklists for those systems that are essential for the "mate" to save the day.

Scheduled Education Classes/Seminars:

On Saturday, October 22, 2011, LPSPS will conduct the **America's Boating Course ("ABC")** at the Maritime Museum in Madisonville. This eight (8) hour course is provided periodically as a public service to the boating public. Successful completion of the course results in certification by both the USPS and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. If you know someone who could profit from attendance, please have them contact Bill Dietrich at (985) 373-5182, Peggy Roy at (985) 624-8824, or Nick Chronis at (985) 674-2687.

On Saturday, November 12, 2011, LPSPS will offer another USPS University seminar. The topic will be **"How to Use a Chart"**. This seminar is the perfect complement to the most recent seminar on **"Using GPS"** and it will be presented by the same great instructor, Skipper Chenault. The cost for members will be \$10.00; the fee for non-members is \$20.00. To register for the seminar, contact Bill Dietrich at (985) 373-5182, Peggy Roy at (985) 624-8824, or Nick Chronis at (985) 674-2687.

Regrettably, there hasn't been sufficient interest expressed to warrant scheduling either "elective" or "advanced grade" USPS courses. We need at least six (6) students to justify setting-up a class. If you would like to attend a course, please notify Bill Dietrich or Nick Chronis at the numbers listed above; we'll be pleased to get a class organized.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lt/C John Winters

I am back in publication this month with some good news. It was voted at our September 9th General membership meeting that LPSPS's annual contribution to the Madisonville Maritime Museum will be made this year in time for them to have additional monetary resources prior to the Fall Wooden Boat Show being held October 15-16.



In other news, the September issue of Passage Maker Magazine has a great article about self-driven boats on the canals of France from Branges to the Soane River. It is a very interesting way to charter. If anyone would like a copy, please call. We took the same trip in 1999 and had much the same delightful experiences as written about in the article.

This summer, we spent a week on the Thames River, just west of London, and in my mind a much more enjoyable experience.

If anyone wants to visit LeBoat's web site - www.leboat.com, they have boats available all over Europe.

See you on the water,

John



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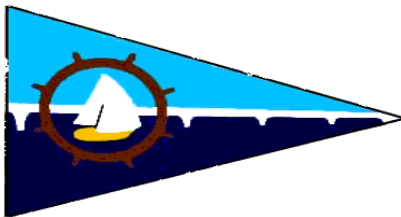
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October Birthdays

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

Marianne Hood	01
Jeanne Winters	04
Patsy McDonnel	06
John Webb	08
Greg Lemons	10
Joey Wheeler	12
Robert Owens	15
Michael Chiasson	16
John Gniady	21
Ted Oster	21
Alanson Chenault	26
Russell Harris	28
John Mores Jr.	28
George Trousdale	29

Christmas in Destin-Dec. 2-4, 2011

One Bedroom Gulf Front View

2 nights room, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts - \$398.93

3 nights room, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts - \$491.90

2 nights room, 1 dinner, 1 breakfast - \$335.33

3 night s, 1 dinner, 1 breakfast - \$426.79

One Bedroom Coastline View

2 nights room, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts - \$382.94

3 nights oom, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts - \$466.73

2 nights room, 1 dinner, 1 breakfast - \$319.34

3 nights room, 1 dinner, 1 breakfast - \$402.82

The pricing above includes sales tax, reservation fee, and clean fee. Guests may call in and book their reservations through Shane or Scott at Sundestin at 850-654-6226, please make sure they refer to the New Orleans Power Squadron Group Code #X1016.

Upcoming Events

General Membership meeting

DATE CHANGE –PLEASE NOTE

October 6, 2011
6:00PM-Social
7:00PM-Dinner and meeting
Madisonville Maritime Museum
This will be a covered dish. Theme is Oktoberfest

As always “BYOB”

District 15 Fall Conference

October 7-9, 2011

Wooden Boat Festival

October 15-16, 2011

ABC public boating course

October 22, 2011
Madisonville Maritime Museum
See SEO's article for details

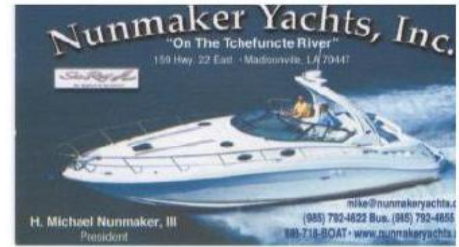
General Membership meeting

November 10, 2011
This will be a covered dish to pass

LPSPS Seminar

November 12, 2011
See SEO's article for details

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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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