



UNDER THE BRIDGE

LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS

FROM THE COMMANDER

Cdr. Carol Bell, S

Greetings to all my fellow boaters!



September has arrived and with it I am hoping for some cooler weather! I am very anxious to get back out on the water doing boating activities. Everybody's mood just seems to lighten up as the cooler temperatures come rolling in!

Things have been quiet in the Squadron these past few months but with our General Membership Meetings starting up again a flurry of activities will start as well.

Our website is down and has been for some time now. Our Executive Officer Lt/C Bob Albers, AP has resigned his webmaster position due to personal reasons. We hope one day that Bob will be back to join us but for now we wish him well! Bob has done an outstanding job with our website and he is a tough act to follow. I am working on a replacement for him and we will let you know when the site is up and running again. In the meantime please read your newsletters and watch for emails pertaining to the activities of the Squadron.

Peggy Roy will soon be contacting you to sign up for the Wooden Boat Festival. Please lend a hand as this is the biggest civic duty for our Squadron. The festival is the major fundraiser for the Maritime Museum and relies heavily on volunteers to put it on. The camaraderie with your fellow Squadron members is only one of the benefits of helping out at this event. There are several areas where you can help out; the dinghy dock, the Power Squadron booth and the gate that we man at the Madisonville bridge.

Please note the change in date for the October General Membership meeting. This meeting would normally occur the week of the festival but the Museum will not be able to accommodate us that week. Instead the meeting will be on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6th at the usual time. Our Administrative Officer will have the details for that meeting.

Mark your calendars for the D15 Fall Conference on October 7th, 8th and 9th at the Marriott Lakeside Hotel at the foot of the causeway hosted by the New Orleans Power Squadron. On Friday there will be a social evening and this is a great way to meet some fellow Power Squadron members from across the District. See the attached conference forms for more details. The meetings on Saturday morning will be informative and a good chance to interact with other Squadrons to get some new and fresh ideas. Saturday evening is another social evening with a dinner. If you are interested in working on your Boat Owner's Certificate this would be a great opportunity to get started as New Orleans Power Squadron will be dedicating some time to this topic. Come on out and help support our neighboring Squadron and have a good time also!

I am looking forward to increased rendezvous'. . . If you have any good ideas for events please contact our Administrative Officer, Lt. /C John Gniady, P and discuss them with him. Also in addition to our scheduled rendezvous' we frequently have impromptu ones so keep your VHF radios on (as you should) and watch for our banner. Everyone is welcome!

Safe Boating to all! I look forward to seeing you soon!

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C John H. Gniady, P

September brings a changing wind and hope for cooler days to come.



The dog days of summer will be behind us as fall begins. Hopes are high as we look forward to cooler temperatures. Football

renews our sense of tradition and rekindles old memories. Our general membership meeting captures the season with a tailgating party indoors. The food is catered at a cost not to exceed \$15.00 per person. As customary, bring your own adult beverage. Please wear your favorite team colors, college or professional. My college didn't have a football team so I have to adopt one that did. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATE HAS CHANGED TO FRIDAY THE 9TH DUE TO THE SAINTS GAME ON THURSDAY. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please review the upcoming events on the calendar. In hopes of cooler weather, we will have our September rendezvous planned for the weekend of September 17th-18th on the North side of the Madisonville bridge on the Tchefoncte River. I respectfully request that all skippers planning to bring their boats send a confirmation to me by the September 11th. This promises to be a great weekend for football and an opportunity to continue the tailgate party we plan to start on September 9th.

THE MOST important event of the year for the Maritime Museum is scheduled for October 15th – 16th. It is also THE most important event of the year for LPSPS as an opportunity to fulfill our community service mission and recruit some new members while having a great time. Where else can Pirates rule the day? The exposure to our boating public is fantastic! PLEASE make your services available to LPSPS this special weekend.

In order to allow full participation in the Wooden Boat Festival, the October meeting will be held on the 6th. This will be a covered dish dinner with a guest speaker. The theme is October Fest. German music will be provided. Please prepare now for the Chicken Dance. More details will follow.

As the year enters its final third, there is time to plan for next year. The calendar is a blank page at this time, but I plan to have a draft to the Commander by November. To that end I would appreciate your input and feedback. What did you like, not like or wish to have included in next year's calendar? Please forward your comments and suggestions to me at JohnG@lpsps.org.

Thank you and Safe Boating!

John H. Gniady

EDUCATION REPORT

Lt/C Nick Chronis, JN

As yet another summer season draws to a



close and we look forward to fall boating activities in more pleasant temperatures, we are reminded of the many great things we've enjoyed so far in the 2011 boating season ... the fun we've had with friends,

the rendezvous we've attended, the places where we cruised, etc. Sadly, however, we also are reminded of the recent newspaper headlines that described far too many on-the-water incidents and accidents that have resulted in costly property damage, numerous injuries and, unfortunately, several needless fatalities.

Many of us have given serious thought to these boating fatalities ... some perhaps more than others. In thinking about this, I, like many folks, inevitably asked the following question: "*How could this tragedy have been prevented?*" As I pondered the question, I came up with several answers ... and, once again, categorized myself as something of a "safety fanatic". While I normally wouldn't refer to myself as a "fanatic" about anything, in this case, I willingly accept the description when it comes to safety.

I readily admit to being somewhat "fanatic" about issues of safety. That's undoubtedly because of my background and enough personal experiences to convince me that we need to constantly be defensive when it comes to boating safety. Why? Simply because it pays to boat defensively in an effort to prevent -- or at least reduce -- the adverse consequences of boating accidents.

Historically, one of the things the USPS has done exceptionally well is "safety". We teach it, we support it and we emphasize it during most of the things we do. Indeed, it was an issue of boating safety that was behind the very creation of the USPS. Over the years, the USPS and, in particular, our squadron, have done much to promote boating safety.

One of our squadron's major contributions to boating safety is constituted in the various courses we present as a service to the public. More specifically, we have emphasized safety as a perennial service in the form of "America's Boating Course" (also known as "ABC"). While our "ABC" courses are open to anyone, many of our students have been young people who are just getting started in the sport of boating. That's a good thing!

Last month I was contacted by the mother of a young man who was a student in one of our squadron's "ABC" classes. During a telephone discussion and in a subsequent e-mail, our squadron received generous and heartfelt compliments from the young man's mother. She too had noticed the headlines about the boating fatalities and was clearly thankful that her son had learned and taken seriously the safety lessons presented by our instructors. It was gratifying for me to receive those comments and, on behalf of our instructors; I was pleased to accept her generous appreciation. It made my day.

PS: Our next "ABC" class will be presented after the Wooden Boat Festival.

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

Deborah MacCulloch	9/03
Jerry Waller	9/11
Robert E. Owens III	9/15
Pud'n Waller	9/16
David Bradley Sioleau	9/18

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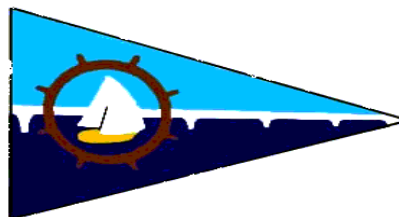
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Upcoming Events

General Membership meeting

DATE CHANGE –PLEASE NOTE

September 9, 2011

6:00PM-Social

7:00PM-Dinner and meeting

Madisonville Maritime Museum

This will be a catered event. Cost is anticipated to be about \$15.00 per person.

As always “BYOB”

Ladies Rendezvous

September 16, 2011

New Orleans Glassworks

More details to follow

September Rendezvous

September 17-18, 2011

Madisonville Wall

Please see Admin. article for more details

District 15 Fall Conference

October 7-9, 2011

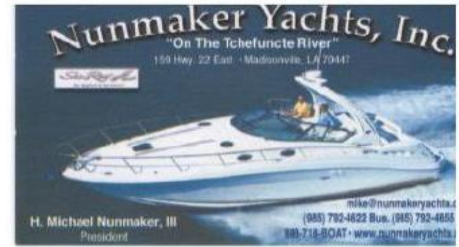
See this newsletter for more details

Wooden Boat Festival

October 15-16, 2011

More details to follow.

ADVERTISER'S CORNER



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

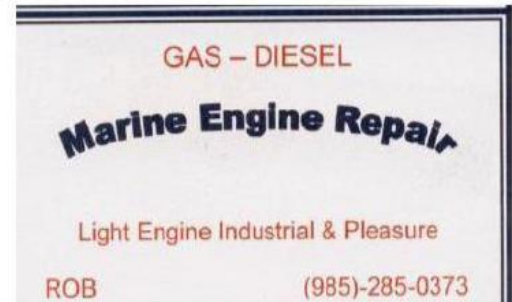


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DISTRICT 15 FALL CONFERENCE

7-9 October 2011

Marriott New Orleans

Metairie at Lakeway

3838 N Causeway Blvd Metairie, Louisiana 70002

HOSTED BY THE NEW ORLEANS POWER SQUADRON



Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Squadron _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Event	Approximate Time	Early Fee By 9-22-11	Late Fee After 9-22-11	Number Attendees	Total
Friday Hospitality New Orleans Yacht Club	1800-2200	\$18.00	\$20.00		
Saturday Meeting Marriott Lakeway	TBD	N/C			
Saturday Luncheon Marriott - Members, Guests & Spouses	1200-1330	\$24.00	\$27.00		
BOC NOPS Trailer	TBD	N/C			
Saturday Dinner Marriott - Informal	1900-2300 Specify PORK or FISH	\$42.00	\$45.00	Pork ____ Fish ____	
Sunday Morning Marriott	0830-1030	N/C			
			TOTAL		

Saturday Night

Are you ready for some Football, or Baseball or even maybe Basketball? Come dressed as a sports fan...or player...or even a cheerleader!

Prize for best outfit.



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HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Call Marriott reservations at 1- (888) 364-1200

Request **New Orleans Power Squadron Oct2011** group block

Room Rate: \$119.00/night plus state and local taxes

Reservations must be received on or before Friday, 16 September 2011.

After the Cut-Off Date, Hotel will determine if it can accept reservations based on a space- and rate-available basis.

or Online at (group id nopnopa):

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