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Spring is Here! Are you Ready?

by Cdr Dan Ross, S

Spring has sprung and your Squadron has planned many upcoming events to help make this time of the year very enjoyable. We have planned our activities to include both fishing and cruising trips along with some great Home Port Rendezvous that can be reached by driving. Our Fishing Rodeo started on 10 April 2014 and will end 13 October 2014. This six month rodeo will allow all of our registered anglers plenty of time to reel in the big one. I would like to thank P/C Brian Gautreaux, JN for continuing to chair our rodeo. Let's all support Brian in the obtaining of door prizes for our annual awards presentation and fish fry. Other popular events have been scheduled that include Buncos, Cheese Burgers in Paradise at Kelly and Keith's home along with joining our friends from Baton Rouge at Middendorf's. To welcome in summer, your planning chairpersons have scheduled a trip to Shaggy's in Pass Christian, a Lobster Fest at Robbie and Cheryl's home and our annual Crab Boil at Eddie and Debbie's camp in Lafitte. Thanks to all that open their homes to us throughout the year. I hope that all of us have the opportunity to enjoy the planned events that help maintain and grow our membership by providing camaraderie among our members.

By now most boat owners have started their annual spring boat maintenance that includes a general cleaning of the inside and outside of their hull. Besides cleaning, there are numerous mechanical and electrical items to be checked that include making sure that batteries are fully charged and making repairs to any wires, terminals and switches which show signs of corrosion. All instruments, gauges, electronics and bilge pumps should be checked for proper operation. Engine maintenance should be performed that include changing of filters, fluids, spark plugs and checking electric wires and fuel lines. Belts, cables and hoses are also important to check as they may have developed cracks due to extreme weather conditions.

While the above items are common both to Power and Sail Boats, additional inspection and maintenance is required for sailboats. According to checklists furnished by "Boat US" and "Discover Boating", all sails, attachments and riggings should be inspected. Turnbuckles, pulleys and rollers should be checked for wear and corrosion. Lines should be checked for signs of chaffing. Bottoms need to be checked and "zincs" may need to be replaced similar to power boats that stay in the water. Additional maintenance recommendations can be obtained on the above websites.

Boat trailers need proper maintenance to avoid breakdowns, costly repairs, damage and personal injury. Proper tire pressure should always be checked prior to taking a trip and old tires that appear to look good may need to be replaced. When checking tire pressure do not forget to test the pressure of the spare tire. Winch straps, tie downs, safety chains and the trailer coupler should be inspected.

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 Winches and tongue jacks need lubrication and due to the corrosive effects of salt water, bearings should be checked and lubricated at least annually and replaced if needed. All trailer lights and their connections should also be checked. Last year it was brought to our attention that a Louisiana State Safety Inspection Sticker is required for boat trailers. You may want to consider storing the sticker in the glove box of the tow vehicle along with the vehicle's current registration certificate.

Now that your boat, motor and trailer have been checked and serviced, a thorough review of all required safety equipment should be made. We have many

Vessel Safety Inspectors that are available to assist in performing a vessel inspection for you. Besides all of the required safety equipment, firsthand experience has taught me to carry a basic set of tools, first aid supplies, insect repellent, sunscreen, extra keys, rain suit, hat, batteries, extra water and a reliable flashlight. Last but not least, make sure that your boat registration is on your boat and is easily accessible. Before leaving the dock check the weather and make sure that you have left a float plan with the person that may need to assist in locating you in the event that the unexpected happens. If you are trailering a boat it is important to notify that person if you decide not to launch your boat at the launch site listed on your float plan.

Now that you are ready for a fun Spring and Summer season, stay safe and plan on attending some, if not all of the events that NOPS has waiting for you.



**Spring Fishing Trip
 Rigolets/Rabbit Island
 12-13 April 2014**



**There is nothing which has
 yet been contrived by man,
 by which so much
 happiness is
 produced as by a
 good tavern.**

- Samuel Johnson
 (1709-1784) English Author



Our First Twenty-five Years - And a Little More

"THE MOVING FINGER WRITES; AND HAVING WRIT, MOVES ON"

The following was taken from the October 1964 25th Anniversary issue and the April 1989 50th Anniversary issue of Topside Talk

THE EARLY YEARS

The New Orleans Power Squadron was chartered as a unit of the United States Power Squadrons on 27 December 1939. Less than four months prior to this date war had been declared on Germany by Britain and France. The "Moving Finger" was recording a variety of events that were occurring throughout the world at this time, including some particularly unpleasant ones in Europe.

Among the events that may have been obscured in 1939, which is of particular interest to us, was the piloting class that was conducted for 39 men, 21 of whom became the charter members of our Squadron.

The man responsible for introducing the idea of USPS boating education to this area and conducting its first piloting class was George W. Rappleyea.

Mr. Rappleyea resided in Baltimore where he was a member of the Patapsco River Squadron. This squadron, chartered in 1916, is presently one of 24 squadrons comprising District 5 and has a membership of 626 as of 1 April 1964. In 1939 Mr. Rappleyea came to New Orleans and was associated with a local boat building organization.

Although the New Orleans Power Squadron charter is dated 27 December 1939, it was formally presented to the membership by P/C/C Henry A. Jackson of the New York Power Squadron on 5 January 1940 at a breakfast on the porch of the Southern Yacht Club. The Charter members were also presented their membership certificates at this time.

THE BIRTH OF DISTRICT 15

Squadrons were not grouped into districts by USPS until 1942. In the July 1943 issue of *Topside Talk*, it was reported that George W. Rappleyea, the squadron organizer, had been appointed National Rear Commander of the newly created District 15 which consisted of Squadrons of New Orleans, Chattanooga, newly chartered Mobile, and Oklahoma City. Since then, nine past commanders of the New

Orleans Power Squadron have become commanders of District 15.

THE SQUADRON PUBLICATION

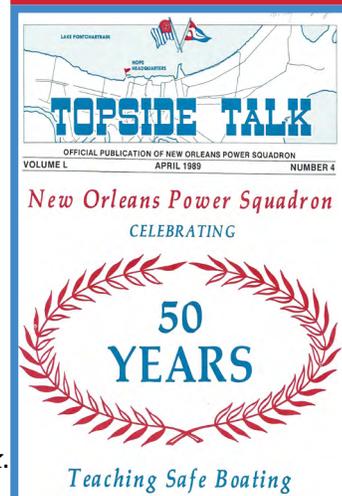
A mimeographed publication entitled "Bulletin of the New Orleans Power Squadron-Vol. 1, April 1942, No. 1" is the earliest located evidence of any Squadron publication. This was followed by a bulletin announcing the meeting time and date for the February 1943 meeting, the intention to publish a monthly news bulletin, and a request that members suggest a name for the publication.

The next bulletin dated March 12, 1943, was entitled the "Bayou Bugler." Then, in April, 1943, issue Vol. 2, No.3, was finally named *Topside Talk*.

The early issues relate the tribulations of a newly formed organization with a good number of its members in the armed forces, the search for meeting locations, attempts to have interesting meetings, to increase membership attendance, and scavenging for ration stamps for refreshments at the meetings. Despite these administrative problems, the educational department progressed with members completing advanced grades including JN and N. Meetings were held in office buildings, the basement of a member's residence, the Southern Yacht Club and other locations. Classes were conducted in office buildings and schools.

Topside Talk continued as a mimeographed publication until March, 1947. This first printed issue (Volume V1, No.3) was printed by The Port Printing Company.

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TOPSIDE ads were sold to underwrite the cost of printing



How beautifully practical!

Let your Kreegerwig Ensure your Boating Pleasure!



CANAL STREET AND LAKESIDE

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EASTWARD HO!

The idea of an Eastward Ho! cruise was conceived in 1947 by P/C S. E. Mortimer, who was then Squadron Commander. Following a cruise in his boat "Tern" to Fort Walton in August 1947, Mortimore made a strong appeal in the October issue of *Topside Talk* for members to arrange to take their vacations at the same time and have "an Eastward Ho!" Rendezvous at some desirable place, not too close, but within sailing distance of New Orleans."

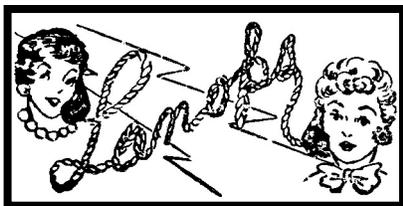
The rendezvous committee was formed immediately and, before the November issue of *Topside Talk* went to press, the destination and dates of the first Eastward Ho! cruise were decided. The cruise left West End shortly after noon Saturday, 10 July 1948, for Ft. Walton and returned to West End Sunday, 25 July 1948. The date of the full moon was given as 20 July.

Oak Ridge, Mobile and Oklahoma City Squadrons, the Southern Yacht Club, the Lafitte Yacht Club and the Louisiana Civil Air Patrol, were invited to participate.

By April 1948 forty boats were registered for the cruise. P/C Don Peterson (then Lt/Cdr.) was Chairman of this first Eastward Ho! Since then, with but few exceptions, this cruise has become an annual affair. Following is a list of the Chairmen Cruise Commanders,

LANOPS

From the inception of the New Orleans Power Squadron its members had their ladies at many of the Squadron events including membership meetings, rendezvous, and Eastward Ho! cruises.



Following the first Eastward Ho! cruise in 1948 brief articles appeared in *Topside Talk* relating to luncheons or other social activities in which the first mates engaged in small groups. Included in the "Personal Mention" column of the March 1949 issue of *Topside Talk* was the following paragraph: "The ladies of the Squadron were invited to meet at the house of Mrs. Bobbie Transou on Tuesday, March 8, to discuss the possibilities of forming an Auxiliary."

Approximately 18 months later, immediately following the September, 1950, membership meeting of the Squadron, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the New Orleans Power Squadron was formed. Marcel James, immediate Past Treasurer of the Squadron, presided over the organizational meeting until the officers were elected at which time Mrs. Hal (Millie) Roper, who was elected President, took over the conduct of the meeting. Meetings were held in members' homes until 1952

when, with some exceptions, they were held aboard the Quarterboat.

A down period was in May, 1953, when new president Aster Jones proposed the auxiliary disband in September. An expression of opinion was asked of each member attending and the consensus was to keep going. Present was Commander Bernie Shields who suggested that social programs be stressed to attract more interest. The members apparently reacted with



Past Presidents of LANOPS (April 1989 TOPSIDE)
Front row seated; left to right: Dr Shelby Faget, Mrs Walter Christensen, Mrs Reggie Jackson, Mrs Charles Heintz, Mrs George Dureau
Rear row; left to right: Mrs Joseph Fromherz, Mrs Edward Baxter, Mrs Robert Heintz, Mrs Rosemary Staehle, Mrs Thomas Buckley, Jr, Mrs S. Joseph Canepa, Mrs Morris Klinger

spirit and LANOPS moved forward, holding spaghetti dinners, shrimp boils, dances and parties. Added to the earlier activities were card parties, and style shows, rummage sales, and barbecues, and LANOPS continued to buzz around trying to help wherever they could with the NOPS.

Sometime in 1953 articles usually authored by the president began to appear in *Topside* under the caption "LANOPS Apropos". In 1956 a skipperette attendance book was presented to the auxiliary by Lt. George Tranchina. By 1989, LANOPS had 87 members, 7 of whom were 25-year members.

SQUADRON QUARTERS

The desirability of having its own quarters for conducting classes and meetings was recognized early in the Squadron's history. In the Squadron's membership meeting on Thursday, 23 August 1945, the Commander was given authority to appoint a committee that would report to the membership on the acquisition

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of "permanent quarters."

In the September 1945 issue of *Topside Talk*, Commander McCampbell advised that an opportunity was present for a solution to the long-present problem of having "proper surroundings to present our many outstanding values." A "clubhouse" had been located "ideal for our purpose. It leaves little to be desired. We could have our own class rooms our own meeting rooms, our own bar and hang-out ____ "

The committee appointed to locate permanent quarters reported a location at the membership meeting on 20 September 1945 and authority was given to lease the quarters suggested at a monthly rental not to exceed \$25. The report of this committee at the next membership meeting indicated that the chances of obtaining the recommended quarters were doubtful. There were no further reports of this committee.

Again in 1948 a housing committee was appointed to develop plans for permanent quarters.

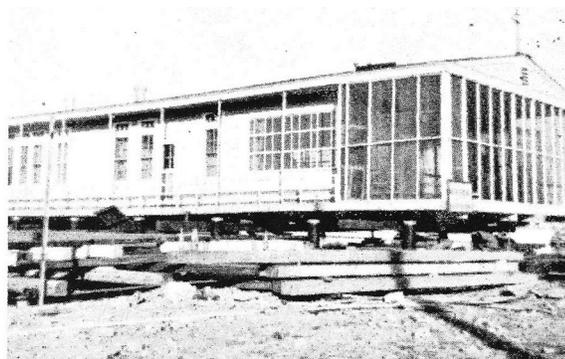
Finally at a membership meeting of the Squadron held on 17 August 1950, PIC Hal Roper, who was then Squadron Treasurer and newly appointed Chairman of the Housing Committee, reported on the possibility and the feasibility of the Squadron purchasing a U.S. Engineer's Quarterboat. This quarterboat was at that time in transit from Memphis to New Orleans and arrived here on 23 August 1950. It was inspected by the committee on the day it arrived.

A special meeting of the membership was called on 25 August to advise that there were other parties interested in the quarterboat and that it would be necessary to deposit \$500.00 if the Squadron wished to purchase it. At the suggestion of Dave Herman (Associate Editor 1945-46,

Evolution of the Quarterboat



Quarterboat Afloat



Quarterboat Moving Ashore



Quarterboat Onshore



The "New" Quarterboat



The Quarterboat after Katrina

Editor and Co-Editor 1947 of *Topside Talk*), twenty of the members present each offered \$25.00 to the committee for the deposit to secure the option.

The majority of the members were in favor of the purchase if a suitable location for it could be arranged. On 28 August the Housing Committee met with Mayor Morrison and obtained permission to locate the quarterboat in the Southwest corner of the NEW Municipal Yacht Harbor. On 1 September it was moved from the Mississippi River to the Municipal Yacht Harbor through the courtesy of Edward Jahncke.

Although the final decision for the acquisition of the quarterboat was not reached until the membership meeting on 20 September, it had been previously ascertained that \$4,500.00 for its purchase and maintenance would be required. It was decided that the financing would be accomplished by issuing non-interest bearing bonds in denominations of \$50.00 to members who were willing to purchase them. Prior to the September meeting \$3,000 of the bonds were purchased by members.

At the same meeting which was held aboard the quarterboat, a corporation, to be known as Squadron Quarterboat, Inc., was planned for the ownership of the Headquarters.

As previously noted, at the conclusion of this meeting the organizational meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary was held. Their first projects included

decorating the quarters and purchasing Squadron Quarterboat, Inc., bonds.

Until 1958 the squadron's quarters remained afloat as a two-deck structure. By that time the hull was in poor condition and time was taking its toll. It was cheaper to buy pumps than to haul out. Our engineer members then began working on plans and another trip to the mayors office resulting in permission to slice off the upper deck of the quarters and slide it over onto land on pilings. The cutting began with jacks placed beneath the upper deck and resting on the hull frames. The night before the upper half was to be moved over, the city electric power failed, the pumps stopped and with a long sigh, the old Quarterboat gave up and sank in 10 feet of water. With additional timbers and jacks, the members raised the top portion and slid it over to her new foundations. This engineering feat was finally accomplished in December of 1958. term of the elected officers and yet permit replacement annually of a portion of the membership of the Committee.

In 1964 Cdr. Charles Heintz, AP was instrumental in starting a new building fund. It grew to a respectable size by 1971, but another subscription drive was needed and started. In 1972, a study was started for the design and specifications of a building. In November 1973 under Cdr. Don Lawson, AP, a bid was accepted for the demolition of the old building. A month later the construction of our building was started.

By November of 1974 the building was completed and dedication finally took place on 10 May with the Chief Commander William C. Lucey, N, and his lovely wife Vivian as honored guests.

In the 1989 50th Anniversary *Topside*, the "new" Quarterboat was described as a modern facility with spacious well lighted classrooms, meeting rooms and even a lounge area complete with bar, central air and heat.

LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN FISHING RODEO

This event, sponsored annually by the New Orleans Power Squadron, began as a "Fellowship Rodeo" which was conducted for the participation of Squadron members on 28-29 August 1954 and was chairmanned by Bob Paul, AP. Following the close of this rodeo, a dinner dance was held on the Quarterboat, prizes were awarded to the rodeo winners.

Within a month following this event, on 23 September 1954, an organizational meeting was held of the first Lake Pontchartrain Fishing

Rodeo committee. The Chairman of this committee was Bob Paul, AP. The purpose of the meeting was to plan for the 1955 rodeo. It was decided it would last for three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It was agreed that the rodeo would be open to the public and that the registration fee would be \$2.50. The purpose of conducting the rodeo was twofold, to obtain publicity for the Squadron and to enhance the treasury in order to make improvements to the Quarterboat.

The 1955 rodeo held on 5-7 August had 1050 registrations. The August 1956 rodeo had approximately 1,000 registrations. Since then the Squadron has sponsored the Lake Pontchartrain Fishing Rodeo annually.

The 60th Annual NOPS Fishing Rodeo is now underway. Members have already participated in a fishing weekend in April and several more fishing trips are planned over the summer.

THE SQUADRON PENNANT

The Squadron pennant was selected at the membership meeting on 21 February 1957 concluding a contest of suggested designs by members of the Squadron and LANOPS. The entry submitted by P/C C. M. Barnes, Jr., was selected the winner and after submission to the District Conference in the following month and approved by USPS, it became officially the identifying pennant of New Orleans NOPS Burgee Power Squadron.



NOPS Burgee

There is evidence that pennants had previously been submitted by the Squadron for approval by USPS at least in, or possibly prior to, 1948. However, the pennant currently in use appears to be the first official one of the Squadron.

STEERING TO THE FUTURE

It is our fond hope that in reviewing the accomplishments of the past they will serve to inspire our future endeavors in the affairs of our Squadron, and its cooperation and assistance with USPS at District and National levels.

In April 2014, USPS unveiled a new tag line: "Come for the Boating Education... Stay for the Friends." That is the future.



You think these fish came from an early rodeo?

EDUCATION IS OUR BUSINESS

(from the 25th Anniversary issue of *Topside*, Oct 1964)

Classes through the Years

Education Is Our Business has been the watchword of the Squadron from its start. A search through the files of *Topside Talk*, starting with Volume 1, No. 1, shows that classes and the pursuit of knowledge were the highlights of Squadron Activity. The lead article in the first issue is about Dwight L. Randal, Weather Bureau Office, New Orleans, who gave a talk to the members on Cyclonic Storms, long before there was a Weather class.

George Rappleyea from Patapsco River Power Squadron came to New Orleans for work and brought USPS with him. The first Piloting Class he organized resulted in the New Orleans Power Squadron. With a lot of self-help they pushed through AP and JN in record time. Navigation was a bigger problem. To get through N, the men approached the Naval ROTC unit at Tulane. Two USN officers agreed to teach Navigation, if they would then carry on and teach others. Three members completed the first N class. Very little is mentioned about Seamanship since it was not required to take JN.

Piloting classes were the most important effort the Squadron made. Remember, the time was the 1940s and World War II was on. The country was building sea services and thousands of landlubbers had to become sailors overnight. USPS supplied Piloting course material and the Squadron supplied Instructors. It was

deadly serious work. A class a week was put through Piloting. The Higgins boat plant was the class room and the lake was the laboratory.

There were 250 men for morning classroom work, who then changed to the lake for the afternoon. The

other 250 men did lake in the morning and classroom in the afternoon. For seven months, 500 men a week went through Piloting, nearly 15,000 men took the course.

The immediate post war years were busy too. Classes were held wherever possible – Warren Easton

High School, Rabouin School and the Elks Club. The 1954 class registered 230 persons and was split into a Monday and Wednesday night section. In 1954 the first out of town class was held in Golden Meadows and resulted in a new Squadron there. In 1960, classes in Piloting were held

in Slidell. On 9 January 1961 the first Piloting class in Baton Rouge convened. Piloting was being taught two or three nights a week and at least one of the classes each week was out of town.

Junior Navigation was a course in dead reckoning; sextant not used and no sights done. The prerequisite was AP. Included in the course were five lessons on weather subjects, which now form a good part of the Weather course: wind, cyclonic storms, ocean currents, ice and its movements and forecasting. Very little is written about early Seamanship and AP classes. From the number of JN classes reported, AP was very busy.

Elective Courses were Signaling and Mechanical Instruction. The Signal course taught semaphore, blinker light and flag hoists. The class met in The Times-Picayune building. Mechanical Instruction was not too popular. A class started in March 1943 and by June they were appealing for more interest and attendance.

It is not clear just when Weather was added as a separate course. An instructor was appointed in 1949, no class was held until 1954. Instructor Technique had an unusual start. P/C/C Fritz Keator, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Yale University, came to New Orleans in March 1951. He conducted a class for six consecutive nights to organize IT here. Sail began in 1952 but the first class wasn't held until 1955. Marine Electronics is the latest course. New Orleans participated in the first classes held and assisted in the initial critique of the course.

Until 1956 the Education Department was managed by three local boards, Advanced Grades, Elective Courses, Admissions. In 1956 a Squadron Educational Officer was appointed to coordinate all classes.

The years 1962 and 1963 were the most active in the Squadron's history. During those two years there was at least one class in each

and every course USPS offers. The New Orleans Power Squadron was

honored with the "N Club Award" at the annual meeting of USPS in Miami in January 1964. This was a high honor paid to the Squadron on a national level for its Educational Department efforts.

J. M. Perret, Jr., N, Squadron Educational Officer



Cdr Charles Heintz, AP (right) receives "N" Club banner

Special Thanks

to P/C Pete Lang, SN and P/C Frank Drexel, SN for allowing the use of their records and photos in this 75th Anniversary issue of *Topside Talk*. Thanks also to P/C Nick Blady who donated hundreds of photos to me when he left active membership in NOPS. - Cheryl

Find all NOPS P/C pictures online:

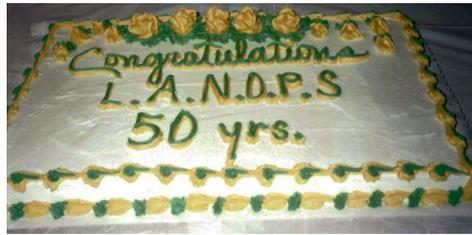
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The More Things Change, The More They Stay the Same

plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose

Pictures from Then and Now

It's amazing how many of the activities described in Our First Twenty-Five Years (beginning on page 4) are still large parts of NOPS today.



In 1950, the **Ladies Auxiliary of New Orleans Power Squadron (LANOPS)** began meeting. LANOPS celebrated 50 years of having dinners, formal dances, wine tastings and generally supporting NOPS in the year 2000. The social activities they organize today may be less formal, but are just as much fun. This year, LANOPS has organized Bunco, Day at the Races, and coming in October is Moonbeams and Moonshine for Halloween.

Past LANOPS Presidents at 50th Year
 Back from left: Doris, Rebecca, Lila, Maureen, Gwen, Vivian
 Front from left: not sure-anyone know?, Kathy, EvaMae, Georgette, Margie, Joe Ann

Early on, the LANOPS activities made small profits, and each year a donation was made to the squadron in support of their programs. This practice continues on today.

The **Annual Fish Fry and Rodeo Awards** rendezvous used to be held in the Quarterboat with frying under the cook shed. Today, it's outside at the trailer. The rodeo is now in its 60th year and NOPS is still fishing, still frying and still giving away lots of door prizes.

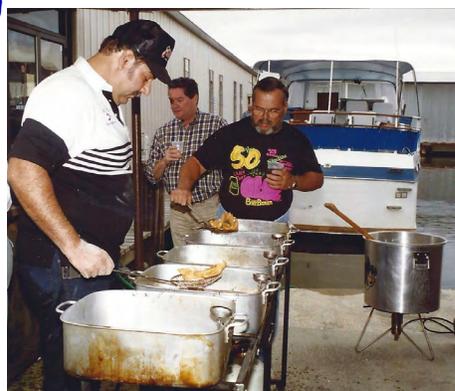


Fish Fry 2013

Robbie, Charlie, Cole slicing & breading
 Brian and Chester frying.



LANOPS donation to NOPS.
 left, 2014 - Don and Sissy.
 right, 1991 - Bill and Irene



1992 Fish Fry - Marvin, Bernard, Jimmy, Mel, Bill H, Bill G, Robbie

la même chose cont'd

NOPS has a **Crab Boil** every year. For several years it was hosted by Pete and Maggie Lang at their camp on the eastern side of Lake Pontchartrain. Next it was held at Walter and Edith Cure's camp near Violet. Now it is hosted by Debbie and Eddie Brazeal's at their home in Barataria.

For many years, a **Memorial Weekend rendezvous** was held at George Tranchina's home on Bayou Lacombe. Members and guests arrived by boat or by car and were treated to smoked turkeys which were cooked by Pete Lang and his crew. In recent years, the Memorial Weekend rendezvous has been held on Moonraker Lake, hosted by Keith and Kelly Dellsperger. There are Cheeseburgers in Paradise by Robbie and Cheryl Jarrell, Brian Gautreaux on Saturday; breakfast on Sunday cooked by Charlie and Sissy Chapman, Chester and Marlene Cooke.

**Crab Boil at the Cures' Camp
ca 2000**
front, Edith, Cary, Judy, Dan
back, Nolan, Walter C.



**Crab Boil 2013
Eddie and Debbie
Brazeal**
**Crab Boil for 2014
will be
Saturday 16 August**



**Crab Boil and Fishing at
Pete's Camp in 1992**
Pete, Mel, Ern



2013 Memorial Weekend at Moonraker



**1992
Memorial
Weekend
on Bayou
Lacombe**



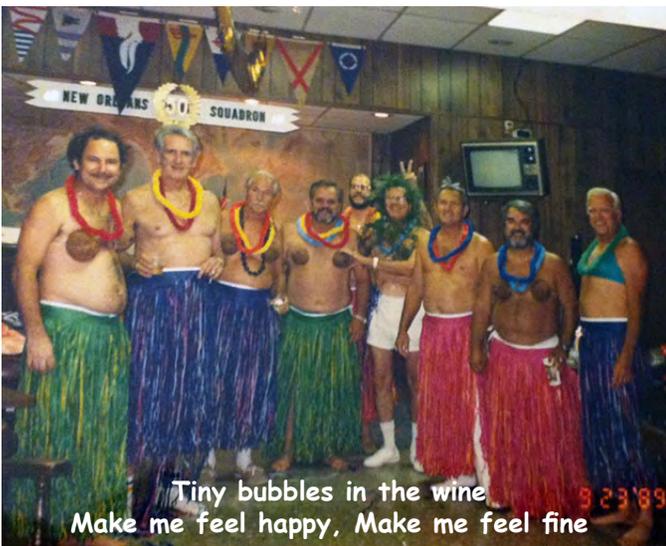
Apparently NOPS Members Always Liked to Dress Up!



There she is - "Miss" America!



Im a Yankee Doodle Dandy,
Born on the 4th of July!



Tiny bubbles in the wine
Make me feel happy, Make me feel fine



Pirates of Moonraker Lake



"Mastering the Art of French Cooking ..."



Top o' the morning to you!



Two stranded castaways,
Here on Gilligan's Isle!



All Hallows' Eve



Scenes from a Dan Brown novel - DaVinci Code, maybe?

Education Department News

SEO Bruce Meyers, P
ASEO Tracy Hamlin, N

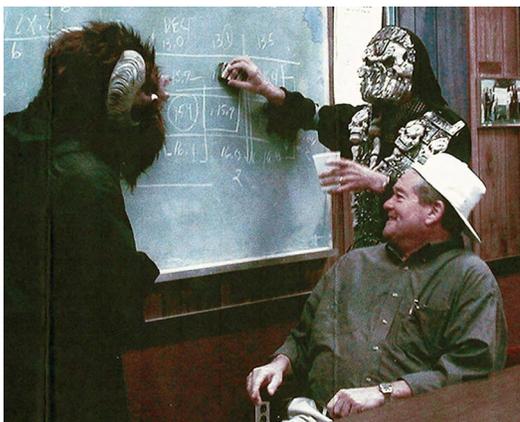
The Advanced Piloting course is completed and testing.

Public Boating under the direction of Charlie Heintz had 10 students, 7 tested out and the others rescheduled. A few of the students were looking forward to continuing on with the Seamanship class which started at the trailer in early May.

The next ABC will be held at Mel Ott Park in Gretna on two Saturdays, 21 and 28 June from 0900-1300 (9AM - 1PM). If you have friends or family interested in taking the course, encourage them to come out on the 21st.

Both a Cruise Planning and Instructor Qualification Class will be offered later this year. When dates and times are determined, details will be included in *Topside*.

To enroll in a scheduled class or to add your name to a "want list," send an e-mail to brucemeyers@bellsouth.net and/or hamlinhs@bellsouth.net. Please communicate your wants and needs so that we can better serve you.



Not too sure about those outfits for the N students, but they must have worked!
P/C Bernard Kullman, SN,
P/C Buddy Ward, SN
and P/C Pete Lang, SN
received their Educational Achievement Awards at the D/15 Conference in April 2001.



LANOPS Bunco

LANOPS held its annual Bunco and basket raffle on April 27, 2014 at the New Orleans Yacht Club. The doors opened at 4:30 for drinks with food served from 5:00-6:00 and the games from 6:00-8:00.

The food was wonderful as usual and all home cooked by members of LANOPS or NOPS in the case of Buddy Ward who cooked the ham. We had potato salad, baked beans, ham, raisin sauce, chips and dips, bread and desserts.

The games were spirited and easy to play even for beginners. The result of the games were as follows: 1st Place after a tie breaker was Jean Clement followed by our second place winner Joe Ann Ward. The person who lost the most games was Debbie Brazeal and the winner of the Bunco sock was Lila Beyer. Afterward, the basket raffle was drawn and Lila Beyer won that also. The hardest part of winning the basket was carrying that monster back down to the car, which was handled by Chester Cooke.

If you missed this event, you might want to look for it next year because the games are fun and the food is wonderful.

Thanks to all who donated items for the raffle basket and everyone who cooked for the Bunco party.



Bunco Winners -
Debbie, Joe Ann, Jean, Lila

Cheeseburgers in Paradise

23-25 May 2014

Well, it's that time again for Cheeseburgers in Paradise, hosted by the Dellspergers, prepared by the Jarrells, and grilled by Brian Gautreaux.

Once more we will be beginning the weekend on Friday evening if you come by car and afternoon if you plan to come by boat (please contact Keith Dellsperger or Charlie Chapman with docking needs as the space is more limited this year)

We plan to have some sort of adult beverage tasting on Friday evening with pot luck for food. On Saturday as usual we will have Cheryl & Robbie to thank for the premo hamburgers. In the evening we have a slight change as there will be a live band (*Overboard*) on the Chapman's back porch from 6-9.

Sunday breakfast will be served once more for those who choose to come by the cost will remain at \$5.00 per person and as usual Chester and I take requests but pay no attention to them as we cook. Mimosas will also be served to those interested.



As always bring a chair to assure you have a place to sit and whatever you plan to drink.

Pictures from the 2007 CheeseBurgers in Paradise

Charlie, Sissy, Brian, Robbie and Lots of Boats



Trying to Reason with Hurricane Season*

D/15 and NOPS Rendezvous

at Moonraker Lake

- Slidell, LA

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

23-24-25 May



If you need dock space

Email Keith Dellsperger at

deltacoast@hotmail.com

985-639-3363 (after 5:00 pm)

or his cell, 504-382-1621

CheeseBurgers in Paradise*

Big Burgers, and Potato Salad

\$15 per person

If you are attending Saturday for Burgers

Tell Robbie at 504-488-3853

or rcjarrell@cox.net



Sunday Morning Breakfast

\$5.00 per person

Tell Charlie Chapman

504-495-5060

or sonights@bellsouth.net

*With apologies to Jimmy Buffett



Moonraker Lake near Docks (from google, not GPS):
Lat 30° 13' 20.91" Long 89° 48' 38.91"

National Safe Boating Week

17-23 May 2014

www.safeboatingcampaign.com
<http://www.uscgboating.org>



To meet U.S. Coast Guard requirements, a boat must have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved Type I, II, III, or V life jacket for each person aboard. Boats 16 feet and over must have at least one Type IV throwable device as well. Each state has regulations regarding life jacket wear by children.

Inflatable life jackets must have a full cylinder and all status indicators on the inflator must be green, or the device is NOT serviceable, and does NOT satisfy the requirement to carry lifejackets. **Coast Guard Approved Inflatable life jackets are authorized for use on recreational boats by persons at least 16 years of age.**

The best life jacket is the one you will wear. Though not required, a life jacket should be worn at all times when the vessel is underway. A wearable life jacket can save your life, but only if you wear it.

On Saturday, 17 May, NOPS will be partnering with the United States Coast Guard, other law enforcement agencies and members of the New Orleans

Yacht Club. Tables and tents will be set up at our location and NOPS members will be promoting safe boating (emphasis on wearing life jackets), providing information on educational courses and Vessel Safety Checks. NOPS volunteers will also be on hand to serve food and refreshments. P/C Charley Heintz and his safe boating committee have spent a lot of time over the past several months to make this a very successful event and most importantly helping reduce boating accidents and fatalities on the water.

This event will be open to all and the USCG has committed two of their boats. One boat will be located close to our squadron and one will be participating in a helicopter rescue. Preceding the rescue the Coast Guard has planned a visual distress signal demonstration. Tentative times for both events have been set from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, weather permitting. NOPS will be demonstrating inflatable life jackets. Lake Pontchartrain Women's Sailing Association and maybe NOYC will have Flying Scot sailboats on location with the possibility of using one in demonstrating boating safety.

Our Safe Boating Committee hopes that all of our members, families and friends will come out and support this event. Members wishing to volunteer to speak to the public about NOPS and boat safety or to serve refreshments, should contact Charley Heintz or any member of his crew - Don, Chester, Randy and Dan.

60th Annual NOPS Jimmy Van Court Memorial Fishing Rodeo

Began 10 April and Ends 13 October at 1800

Rules - Fish must be caught in Louisiana and Mississippi with a rod and reel. Contestants must have a fishing license under State Law. Each contestant must purchase a rodeo ticket prior to submitting entries. Weight shall be in pounds and ounces. Participants will weigh their catch and complete an affidavit signed by a witness.

Trophies will be given in each category. No contestant can make a clean sweep in any one category. Only one trophy per person in each category. A trophy will be given for Smallest Fish and Sportsman. All decisions of the rodeo judges are final.

Eligible Fish

BASS - DRUM - CATFISH - FLOUNDER - SHEEPSHEAD - REDFISH - SPECKLED TROUT

New Orleans Power Squadron 2014 Fishing Rodeo Affidavit

Weigh your fish on an accurate scale. Fill in as directed.

DATE SUBMITTED: ___/___/___ DATE CAUGHT ___/___/___

WHERE CAUGHT _____

KIND OF FISH _____ WEIGHT _____ LBS. _____ OZ.

All entries must conform to Rodeo Rules and are subject to final acceptance by the Rodeo Committee. By submitting an affidavit, contestant agrees to accept the committee's decision.

(PRINT) CAUGHT BY: _____

(SIGN) WITNESS: _____

Mail to: P/D/C Robbie Jarrell, AP 130 Sherwood Forest Dr NO, LA 70119
 E-Mail questions to Robbie: rcjarrell@cox.net

Tickets, Rodeo Rules and Affidavits were distributed in April. If you did not receive yours, contact P/D/C Robbie Jarrell, AP at rcjarrell@cox.net

Middendorf's Restaurant 3rd Annual Rendezvous

The rendezvous at Middendorf's will be on 7 June. We again will be greeting, meeting and eating at the outside pavilion by the piers. If you weren't able to join us last year its self service, you order your meals at the outside bar and your name is called when your order is ready. This worked out great for us the last 2 years since you can order when you are ready and everyone doesn't have to be there at the same time to order. The reservation is for 11:30 AM but you can arrive at your leisure since we will have the tables reserved.

You can come by boat, PWC or automobile. If you come by boat you just need to go at a dead idle going under the bridge and past the pilings. If your boat is too big to get to the piers just anchor out and give me a call and we will ferry you in. Just to refresh your memory you take exit 15 off of I-55 and do some dead reckoning from there.

All the District 15 squadron members and guest are invited. This will be a great time to meet members of the other squadrons and talk about boating and fishing.

Come out and join us, the food is great, the adult beverages are cold and the company will be fabulous. Let's make this the largest rendezvous on the Gulf Coast this year. We had 58 members and guest last year from 3 squadrons.

Please contact me if you will be coming as we need to have a headcount by June 4th so the correct number of tables can be reserved. You can e-mail me at barcediano@cox.net or give me a call at 225-324-1420.

Cdr Bill Arcediano, SN-CN
Baton Rouge Sail & Power Squadron

Enjoying Middendorf's in 2012



Members
of NOPS,
above;
Members
of BRS&P,
right.



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

15 May - Uniform G

19 June - 17 July

1800 Social, 1900 Meeting
New Orleans Yacht Club

May

- 8 Exec Meeting
- 10 Fishing Trip ???
- 11 Mother's Day
- 15 General Membership Meeting
- 17-23 Safe Boating Week
- 23-25 Cheeseburgers in Paradise
- 26 Memorial Day

June

- 7 Middendorf's - Baton Rouge S & PS
- 12 Exec Board Meeting, 1800 at the trailer
- 15 Father's Day
- 19 General Membership
- 21, 28 ABC Class
- 27-29 Big & Small Boats "at the Wall"

July

- 4 Independence Day
- 10 Exec Board Meeting, 1800 at the trailer
- 12 Shaggy's
- 17 General Membership
- 26 Lobster Fest



Lobster Fest Saturday, 26 July

Come out for the rendezvous at
Robbie and Cheryl's house at
130 Sherwood Forest Dr NOLA 70119
Open at 1400 (2pm)

Lobster with potatoes, corn, sausage
Ice Cream Sandwiches for Dessert
served about 1600 (4pm)

\$25.00 per person

Reservations Required by 21 July

email rcjarrell@cox.net

or call Robbie 504-488-3853

Bring your own chair!