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Stay Safe, Summer is Here!

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Boaters, hopefully now that summer is upon us we are all out on the water taking advantage of the kids being out of school and longer days for an evening sail or a run on the lake, river or bayou. Whether it is for a bit of fishing or tubing with the kids or just relax and watch the sun go down we need to remember to keep safety foremost in our mind. Unfortunately, there have been way too many boating accidents / incidents in the past month or two. There are several boating safety topics that I feel are important enough to discuss in this article.

LIFE JACKETS I know that I am preaching to the choir, but it is staggering to see how many people are being rescued or recovered from boating accidents or incidents that are NOT wearing a life jacket. When do you wear yours? It seems like parents are getting pretty good at getting their young ones to wear their Personal Floation Device (PFD) but don't think they need one, regardless of the circumstances.

On Memorial Day several friends were boating in Lake Pontchartrain near Fontainebleau State Park when their speed boat started filling with water and very quickly sank. People started grabbing life jackets, cushions and fenders to help them stay afloat. Unfortunately, one gentleman went under the water and did not resurface. The 6 survivors were quickly rescued by Good Samaritans that observed the boat from shore. The 7th boater's body was recovered several hours later just east of the Causeway. He was not wearing a life jacket. It is reasonable to say that if everyone had a lifejacket on there would not have been a fatality. Thinking about this tragic loss of life brings to mind several points:

- Were there an adequate number of PFDs on board for all 7 people? VSC
- Did everyone at least know where the PFDs were stored if they weren't actually wearing one? Pre-departure Briefing
- Was the vessel sound and have the necessary safety equipment aboard? VSC
- Did the operator know what to do in event of an emergency? Boating Safety Course

MAN OVERBOARD According to the USCG falling overboard is the leading cause of boating fatalities. There are many ways boaters can end up in the water unexpectedly; large wave, sudden turn, hitting an object, slipping on a wet deck or falling over a lifeline or railing after getting hit with the sail or the boom? Think about it for a second, if someone falls off your boat what are you going to do? What specific tasks do you and others need to do to safely get that person back onboard? If there is any chop or whitecaps how are you going to know where the person is when you get turned around and try to pick them up? How long are they able to stay afloat with their clothes, shoes / boots / pants / jacket

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on? How can they get up from the water and back into the boat? If they are injured or unconscious how are you going to get them into the boat? Once you come up with ideas to address these questions think about what you will do if you are alone onboard your boat and fall overboard..... Were you wearing an engine cutoff switch lanyard and a PFD? Hope so, if not, are you watching the boat run off toward the horizon or circle wildly around you? What are you going to do to survive these scenarios?

Here are a couple cases where the folks were NOT wearing a lanyard or PFD. They were both awfully lucky to be alive. Just click on the links.

- Olmstead's Rescue Comes with Only Minutes to Spare | <https://www.outdooralabama.com/articles/olmsteads-rescue-comes-only-minutes-spare>
- https://youtu.be/_o-aJCSxdE4

And one where they were wearing PFDs

- Anglers Ejected From Bass Boat Without Kill Switch - Wired2Fish

Boaters Safety Class All boaters, both youngsters just getting started using their parents or uncle's boat and adults new to boating or with many years of experience will benefit from taking a Boaters Safety Class such as the Americas Boating Course (ABC) offered by the US Power Squadron or America's Boating Club. This course meets the USCG and State boat operator education requirements. When you really think about it most boating accidents and almost all boating fatalities could be prevented by following the teachings covered in the Americas Boating Course.

If you, friends, family members or acquaintances are interested in a boat safety class please contact Mike Turner at (504) 458-1443 or turnermb@cox.net.

Vessel Safety Check Many of us have had a Vessel Safety Check (VSC) performed on our boat in the past and have the sticker on the hull to show for it. The inspection revealed no problem and we were confident that the boat was ready to go. However, as the years go by things happen on our boats like flares expiring, fire extinguishers lose pressure, hoses dry rot, bilge pumps fail, life jackets deteriorate, navigation lights burn out and flame arrestors rust. Most of these items are out of sight and we take for granted that they will be there and function when we most need them in an emergency. I recommend that we all make the commitment to get our boat inspected soon and get a new 2022 VSC sticker on our boat. To line up an inspection contact Charlie Chapman at sonights@bellsouth.net or sign up on line



<https://americasboatingclub.org/scheduling-a-free-vessel-safety-check>

Let's Stay Safe this summer, and the rest of the year too!!

Pictures from the Crawfish Boil at NOYC



It's so nice to be having activities again!



D/15 COW

Left, P/C/C Robert Baldridge, SN-IN presenting Karen Gercak, AP her P/D/C flag, again!



Right, installing the 2022 D/15 bridge.



Below right, P/C/C Robert installing his son Taylor Baldridge, P as D/C.



Left, the 2022 D/15 bridge; asst DEO Dick Carson, JN-IN; Sec Karen Gercak, AP; Trea Dan Ross, S; DEO Ron Swope, SN-IN; D/C Taylor Baldridge, P.

More conference pictures can be found in CAN 15 <https://www.usps.org/localusps/d15/can-sum22.pdf>

Hurricane Preparation for Boaters



National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce

Forecasters
at NOAA's
Climate

Prediction Center, a division of the National Weather Service, are predicting above-average hurricane activity this year — which would make it the seventh consecutive above-average hurricane season. NOAA's outlook for the 2022 Atlantic hurricane season, which extends from June 1 to November 30, predicts a 65% chance of an above-normal season, a 25% chance of a near-normal season and a 10% chance of a below-normal season.

For the 2022 hurricane season, NOAA is forecasting a likely range of 14 to 21 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 6 to 10 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 3 to 6 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). NOAA provides these ranges with a 70% confidence.

The increased activity anticipated this hurricane season is attributed to several climate factors, including the ongoing La Niña that is likely to persist throughout the hurricane season, warmer-than-average sea surface temperatures in the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea, weaker tropical Atlantic trade winds and an enhanced west African monsoon. An enhanced west African monsoon supports stronger African Easterly Waves, which seed many of the strongest and longest lived hurricanes during most seasons. The way in which climate change impacts the strength and frequency of tropical cyclones is a continuous area of study for NOAA scientists. Hurricane preparation for boaters can help protect your boat during the predicted above-normal 2022 hurricane season.

From COMPASS, June 2022 www.boatingcompass.org

If you live in a hurricane-susceptible area, you need to create a hurricane plan for your boat. First, ask your marina about its hurricane plan and what procedures are in place to handle major storms. This will help you formulate your own plan.

Given the severity and unpredictability of hurricanes, it's best to act early, even before a hurricane watch is issued. The best hurricane plan is useless if

you don't have enough time to implement it. Remember, other boat owners will be securing their boats, too. Your hurricane hole may be full, your marina jammed, and access roads and bridges could close if you wait too long.

Regardless of where you decide to store your boat, you should take part in a few common preparation activities.

Reduce windage - High winds can hurl objects that normally appear secure. Strip all gear the wind can catch: canvas covers, sails, bimini tops, outriggers, antennas, anchors, running rigging, booms, life rings and dinghies. Anything on deck that can't be removed should be lashed down securely. If you can, point your boat into the wind. If possible, remove sailboat masts. Run halyards to the masthead and secure them with a single line led away from the mast to the rail.

Chafe protection - Nylon line's ability to stretch and absorb shock is important for in-water hurricane tie-up. However, this spring action causes nylon to abrade and heat up in contact with cleats, pilings, chocks and dock edges. Nylon strands break as they heat up, causing line failure. You can achieve chafe protection by some combination of increasing line diameter, covering lines, or using polyester tails on lines at tie points. Don't seal the chafing protection. Let the rain or sea water cool the line.

Securing lines - Many boat cleats and chocks are inadequate and possibly unusable with additional, larger diameter storm lines. Add adequate cleats and chocks ahead of time. Make sure all cleats have stainless steel or aluminum backing plates so they can handle the load. Under most circumstances, use a maximum of two lines per cleat. Cleats are most reliable when lines are led parallel to the horn, distributing the force across the length of the cleat backing.

Water damage - If on land, remove drain plugs so any water that gets in can drain out. For boats in the water, seal all possible water entry points. Remove cowl ventilators and seal all vent openings. Use duct tape to cover instrument gauges and seal around hatches, ports and lockers to prevent water from entering. Close all but the cockpit-drain seacocks and plug the engine's exhaust ports, usually one of the lowest openings on a boat. Check that your battery is fully charged, in good condition and topped up. Test the bilge pump and check the wiring to make sure it's functioning properly.



Cheeseburgers in Paradise



No man has a good enough memory to make a successful liar.



- Abraham Lincoln
(1809 - 1865)
16th president of US

Educational Department News

SEO Chester Cooke, SN-CN

The **America's Boating Course** is scheduled for Saturday, July 30. Mike Turner, Instructor, ABC 504.458.1443. Class will be held at 7601 Breakwater Dr. Doors open at 8:45. Registration is available online.

www.neworleansboatingclub.org

If you have any questions, or an interest in taking or teaching classes, please contact SEO Chester Cooke, SN-CN, at cgcooke3@yahoo.com



Tarantino Second Place (\$10) and Ern Beyer won the Bottle of wine as the booby prize for most games lost.

Chester Cooke



Lunch at Middendorf's Hosted by Baton Rouge, Joined by Members of NOPS



Left, Marlene and Chester and family; right, Carol and Bill



Left, Lila and Ern;
below, Charlie and Sissy;
above right, Greg, Liz Ann, Mady
and her friend (I forgot her
name, but it was her birthday!);
below right, Jane, Pete, Don,
Darlene.



Flotsam and Jetsam

See What's Up in Raleigh - Plans for the 2022 Governing Board Meeting, Sept. 11 to 18, in Raleigh, North Carolina, are well underway. Start playing tourist with the great tours lined up to take you around historic Raleigh, including visits to USPS Headquarters! Friday's Keynote Breakfast on Sept. 16 features a conversation with Shallotte River Sail & Power Squadron member Richard G. Smith about the Intracoastal Waterway. Don't forget to sign up for the many exciting themed dinners we have planned. Event registration opens soon for purchasing meal and activity tickets. Hotel reservations can be made now using the online reservation system. Keep checking our website for the meeting agenda and our first newsletter!



Hilton Raleigh North Hills
3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh, NC 27609
Double Occupancy \$159
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Reorganization Update - The second Town Hall meeting was conducted on 5/4/22. An update on progress was provided via a set of PowerPoint slides, but the bulk of the meeting focused on Q&A. Meeting recording: <https://fccdl.in/mbPSDbNeav>

The Reorg Com has asked each National Department to develop implementation plans to support the goals of reorganization. Specifically, each department will:

- Identify what they do to support Clubs and members
- How they contribute to member recruitment and retention, if relevant in their role and stated responsibilities
- Identify other functions that support the organizational mission
- Identify improvements to current organization, functions, and procedures so that they can better serve the areas above
- Create a project plan with tasks, responsibilities, and timelines
- After approval with their department head, implement those plans

The goal is implementation by summer 2023. Constraints include resource availability and that we are, a volunteer organization. With BOD support, we anticipate significant progress. The February 2022 Reorganization Plan, can be found at

<https://theensign.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Reorganization-Proposal-General-Release-Final.pdf>

Marine Debris: Impacts on Ecosystems and Species - As responsible boaters, America's Boating Club members take our responsibilities as good stewards of the marine environment seriously. We protect our environment by being responsible regarding trash, sewage, fueling/spills, vessel maintenance, environmental awareness, and environmental stewardship. Squadrons can order the "Environmental Best Practices" brochure to help engage and educate potential members, especially during vessel safety checks. The trifold brochures outline each of these areas in detail. Order your free copies of the Environmental Best Practices using the Brochure and VSC Order Form. https://www.usps.org/national/eddept/files/free_brochure_form.pdf
John Richard DiPrima captjrdprim@hotmail.com
Go to: <https://www.doi.gov/ocl/marine-debris> for a statement/explanation on Marine Debris from the U.S. Department of the Interior.

America's Boating Club App - Designed by members and certified instructors, the app includes content derived from our basic boating, Boat Handling and Marine Navigation courses. The app contains links to national Weather Service Charts, NOAA Tide and Current information, and easy access to America's Boating Channel, Member Benefits, and the Ship's Store. There's also a nautical glossary, knot tying descriptions and videos, basic buoy info, navigation light info, nautical flags, and an abridged version of the navigation rules. The America's Boating Club app was designed to keep you, your family and your friends safe on the water. Download it from the Apple App Store or Google Play by typing "America's Boating Club," being sure to use the apostrophe s ('s)! Email: Jeff Lagrew

Read more: <https://americasboatingclub.org/app>

Federal Register § 117.500 Tchefuncta River.
The draw of the SR 22 Bridge, mile 2.5, at Madisonville, LA shall operate according to the following schedule. On Monday through Friday the draw will operate as follows: From 6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m. the draw will open on signal; from 6 a.m. to 7:59 a.m. the draw need not open; from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. the draw will open on signal on the hour; from 4:01 p.m. to 6 p.m. the draw need not open. On Saturday and Sunday the draw will operate as follows: From 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. the draw will open on signal; from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. the draw will open on signal on the hour.

Pictures from our Past



Wonder who had connections to get the 2015 NOPS Bridge and LANOPS officers in the Picayune?

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**

Apparently LANOPS ladies didn't have first names if they had husbands!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016 THE PICAYUNE 301 302 3E
COMMUNITY NEWS

POWER SQUADRON



COMMANDER AND BRIDGE: Cmdr. Greg Deis, executive officer; from left; L/C Brian Gautreaux, administrative officer; L/C Mike Turner, assistant secretary; 1st Lt. Barry Hays, treasurer; L/C Charles Heintz, assistant SEO; 1st Lt. Charles Chapman, squadron education officer; Tracy Hamlin, and P/C Dan Ross. Other members are Jan Ingrassia, secretary; and P/C Keith Dellspenger and P/C Buddy Ward, executive committee members.



LADIES AUXILIARY: From left are Joe Ann Ward, member at large; Debbie Brazeal, treasurer; Lila Beyer, secretary; Marlene Cooke, vice president; and Sissy Chapman, president.



While cleaning out some squadron papers, I found several old rolled up pictures.

Looks like some past commanders from a Founders' Day. No names, no date.

I recognize a lot of the guys. Do any of you? Im going to use the picture I found and compare with the P/C pictures on the web. I will post the names that I can figure out in the next issue.

The LANOPS members, above left, had their names listed.



Lobster Fest

Saturday,
23 July

Come out for the rendezvous at
Cheryl's house

130 Sherwood Forest Dr NOLA 70119

Open at 1400 (2pm)

Lobster with potatoes, corn, sausage

Dessert

served about 1600 (4pm)

\$30.00 per person

Too late for Lobster, but if you want Ribs

email cdjarrell@cox.net

or leave message/text at 504-430-9743

Bring your own chair!

Hooch

will be available for Purchase

*If anyone can't do lobster, I can also get
BBQ Ribs, let me know!*

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

18 August

1800 Social, Meeting - NOYC

July

- 14 Zoom Exec Meeting
- 21 No Membership Meeting
- 23 Lobster Fest

August

- 6-7 Satchmo Fest
- 11 Exec Meeting
- 18 General Membership Meeting

September

- 5 *Labor Day*
No Crab Boil planned at this time
- 8 Exec Meeting
- 15 General Membership Meeting