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Summer Is Almost Here!

by Cdr Greg Mulvany, SN

Hopefully we are all getting out on the water. There has been a lot going on over the last couple months or so that I hope you took advantage of.

Our General Membership meeting was on Thursday, May 18 at New Orleans Yacht Club. Coincidentally, this was steak night at the yacht club. Our members, who were interested in having an excellent and inexpensive steak dinner after the meeting, just had to let Pete Ingrassia know a couple days ahead of time.

National Safe Boating Week was May 20-26, 2023. I mention this for several reasons. It was a good time to check all the safety gear on your boat to make sure it is in good condition and functional as well as not expired (flares and fire extinguishers); and also a great time to talk to other boaters, family and friends about the classes and seminars offered by USPS <https://www.americasboatingclub.org/index.php/learn/select-type-of-boating/all> We have an America's Boating Class scheduled for 3 June with openings for more attendees. As a reminder, upon successful completion of this class attendees will receive their Louisiana Boat Operator's Certification.

Speaking of checking safety gear, this is a great time to schedule a free Vessel Safety Check for your boat regardless of the type or size, everything from kayaks to yachts, paddle, power or sail.

To schedule call Chester Cooke at (504) 455-2227 or go online to and we will get with you to schedule a check:

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

The USPS District 15 Spring Conference was the weekend of 19-20 May at the Holiday Inn on Louis Prima Drive in Covington. Activities kicked off Friday night with a Welcome Cocktail Gathering. Saturday's agenda included D/15 Council and Conference Meetings, lunch, the D/15 Change of Watch and finally, Instructor Recertification training session in the afternoon, presented by our own Chester Cooke. A dinner and presentation by Scott Talbot of Coast Guard Search & Rescue Optimal Planning System (SAROPS) wrapped up Saturday's activities. Thanks to Carol Bell and the members of Lake Pontchartrain Sail and Power Squadron for a successful conference.

May 27-28 was Memorial Day Weekend and if anyone was looking for a cruise destination, Moonraker Lake in Slidell for the NOPS annual Cheeseburgers in Paradise get together was the place to be. There was dock space as well as room to anchor, and a great sail over. Ask Tiffany and Kevin Eyer!

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June 3rd was the Rendezvous at Midendorf's Restaurant in Manchac sponsored by our sister squadron in Baton Rouge. As always, this was a fun time with great food and drinks. Although this is officially a BRPS event the New Orleans folks normally outnumber them at least 3 to 1. Several members from Lake Pontchartrain also joined the group, this year.

As a reminder, it was Memorial Day Weekend a year ago that we had a drowning fatality in Lake Pontchartrain. The victim was not wearing a life jacket when his body was recovered several days later. Wear your life jacket. There are new style inflatable PFDs that look like a Fanny Pack which are reasonably inexpensive and can save your life. Just search for "belt pack inflatable life jacket" on the internet or contact your preferred marine supplier.

Now that we are getting into peak boating season I thought I should remind folks that membership in the New Orleans Power Squadron also includes use of our dock with advanced notification. Members wishing to use the dock should notify Pete Ingrassia at (504) 881-1895.

As a parting thought I'd like each of you to think why you joined NOPS and what you hoped to get out of your membership. I'd love to hear what we can do to help you meet your boating expectations, goals and dreams.



D/15 Officers Installed at Conference
Asst Treasurer Mike Turner, DEO Greg Deis, Treasurer Dan Ross, Secretary Karen Gercak, and D/C Taylor Baldrige.
Congratulations to all of the officers, but especially Mike, Greg and Dan who are also serving on the NOPS Bridge and committees!

Picture from Glenn Roy of LPS&PS

Pictures from Founder's Day



NOPS Past Commanders:

- 1973 Don Larson, AP (picture)
- 1988 Pete Lang, SN
- 2000 Charles Chapman, SN-CN (picture)
- 2008 Chris E. Lawler, AP
- 2013 Don Ellis, SN-CN (picture)
- 2012 Eddie Brazeal, AP
- 2014, 2017 Dan Ross, S
- 2015, 2016 Greg Deis, SN-CN
- 2011 Chester Cooke, SN-CN
- 2022, 2023 Gregory Mulvany, SN

LANOPS Past Presidents:

- 2000, 2001 Doris Burvant
- 2005, 2006 Jeannette Lawler



Crawfish Boil at the Trailer

It's nice having rendezvous again, with members showing up to enjoy the fun. The crawfish were tasty and the weather was nice. Some of us were inside and others were outside overlooking the dock and marina.



Kevin, Tiffany and friends



Bill, Carol and Darlene



Eddie and Debbie



Chris, Jeannette, Sissy, Chester, Marlene



Left, Sissy;
below, Cheryl;
right, Monique, Connie



NOPS 2023 Calendar of Events *(Updated)*

January

- 12 Exec Meeting
- 19 General Membership Meeting

February

- 4 Bilge Boat Parade - Slidell
- 9 Exec Meeting
- 12 Super Bowl
- 16 General Mtg - Founder's Day
- 19-25 USPS Annual Meeting - Orlando
- 21 Mardi Gras

March

- 8 Day at the Races
- informal meet up
- 9 Exec Meeting
- 11 ABC Class
- 12 Daylight Saving Time Starts
- 16 General Mtg
- Founders Day



April

- 1 Crawfish Boil
- 9 Easter
- 13-16 French Quarter Festival
- 13 Exec Meeting
- 14-16?? D/15 Spring Conference
- 20 General Membership Meeting
- 28-30 Jazz Fest



May

- 4-7 Jazz Fest
- 14 Mother's Day
- 11 Exec Meeting
- 18 General Membership Meeting
- 20-26 Safe Boating Week
- 27 Moonraker-Cheeseburgers In Paradise



June

- 3 Middendorf's - Baton Rouge S & PS
- 3 ABC Class
- 8 Exec Meeting
- 15 General Membership Meeting
- 18 Father's Day

July

- 4 Independence Day
- 9 LANOPS Bunco-NOYC
- 13 Exec Meeting
- 20 General Membership Meeting
- 22 Lobster Fest
- 27 Seminar Thursday



August

- 5-6 Satchmo Summer Fest
- 10 Exec Meeting
- 12 Natchez Dinner Cruise
- 17 General Membership Meeting
- 24 Seminar Thursday
- 27-Sep 5 USPS Fall Governing Board - KC, MO

September

- 4 Labor Day
- 16 Crab Boil
- 14 Exec Meeting
- 21 General Membership Meeting
- 28 Seminar Thursday



October

- 12 Exec Meeting
- 14-15 Wooden Boat Festival
- 19 General Membership - Nominations due
- ?? D/15 Fall Council and Conference
- 21 Moonshine and Moonbeams
- 26 Seminar Thursday
- 31 Halloween



November

- 5 Daylight Savings Ends
- 9 Exec Meeting
- 11 Fish Fry
- 16 General Membership Meeting
- 23 Thanksgiving

December

- 7 Annual Meeting/Elections
- Change of Watch
- 25 Christmas



January 2024

- 1 New Year's Day
- 11 Exec Meeting
- 18 General Membership Meeting

February 2024

- USPS Annual Meeting

**Check the latest issue
of TOPSIDE TALK for changes.**

Anise Biscotti

Judy Warnke's Dessert at Cheeseburgers
reprinted from TOPSIDE June/July 2019

Anise Biscotti

This is the complete recipe with notations as to how I actually bake.

- 2 cups white sugar
- 1 cup softened butter
- 4 eggs
- 4 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon salt (*I use salted butter and only add 1/4 teaspoon salt*)
- 1/3 cup brandy (*I do not use at all*)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons anise extract (*I like anise so I put 2 - 2 1/2 tsps*)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup of slivered almonds
- 2 tablespoons anise seed (*if you don't want to use the seed, add 1 more teaspoon of anise extract*)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line 2 cookie sheets with parchment or foil.

In large mixing bowl beat sugar and butter until light and fluffy (about 5 minutes). Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Combine brandy, anise extract and vanilla in a small bowl or measuring cup. In a medium bowl combine flour, baking powder and salt. Alternately add dry ingredients and brandy mixture to butter beginning and ending with dry ingredients. Stir in Almonds and anise seed. (*SPECIAL NOTE: Since I do not use the brandy, I just put everything into the butter mixture without alternating. Comes out alright.*)

Drop dough by spoonfuls onto prepared sheet, forming two 2" x 13" long strips on each sheet. Smooth dough into logs with moistened fingertips (*I spread mine to 4" x 13" seems to work out just fine*)

Bake about 30 to 35 minutes or until golden and firm to the touch. Place cookie sheets on racks and cool completely. Reduce the oven temperature to 300 degrees.

Cut cooled logs on the diagonal into 3/4" thick slices using a serrated knife. Place slices on their side on a cookie sheet.

Bake for about 20 minutes, turning after 10 minutes or until dry and slightly brown. Remove to a rack and cool.

Hope it works for everyone. Judy Warnke



Somewhere over the rainbow
Skies are blue,
And the dreams
that you dare
to dream
Really do
come true.



Somewhere over the rainbow
Bluebirds fly,
Birds fly over the rainbow
Why then, oh, why can't I?

- "Over the Rainbow" is a ballad by Harold Arlen with lyrics by Yip Harburg. It was written for the summer of 1939 film "The Wizard of Oz", in which it was sung by actress Judy Garland in her starring role as Dorothy. It won the Academy Award for Best Original Song and became Garland's signature song.

Educational Department News

SEO Chester Cooke, SN-CN

USPS EDUCATIONAL NOTICE #95
Issue Date: 30 May 2023
Effective Immediately

Educational Department Policy on Adopt a Seminar Program

It is the policy of the Educational Department to encourage volunteerism in achieving the Department's goals to (a) update and publish high-priority products to maintain currency and (b) continuously improve the value of our products and services to our members. Historically, volunteers have served as members of Department committees. While committees remain responsible for their assigned curriculum, the Department is seeking additional volunteers to help maintain its portfolio of seminars.

To this end, the Educational Department has instituted an "Adopt a Seminar" program and invites squadrons/clubs to volunteer to review existing seminars and recommend updates to student and instructor materials. Squadrons/clubs should contact the chair of the committee that is responsible for the seminar they may wish to adopt to express interest and learn more. Current committee chairs and seminar responsibilities are listed on the home page for each committee.

As seminar updates are published, adopting squadrons/clubs will be recognized and receive a complimentary instructor kit.

V/C Charles J. Wells, SN-CN
 National Educational Officer

(Information provided by P/R/C Richard Carson, JN-IN.)

The **America's Boating Course** was scheduled for June 3 at the trailer. Mike Turner was the Instructor. There were 5 students.

turnermb@cox.net or 504.458.1443
www.neworleansboatingclub.org

E-mails were sent to members with a list of classes and seminars available. Only 4 inquires were received.

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

The Instructor Recertification seminar was going to be held at the trailer, but 13 members of District 15 needed to be recertified so it was presented at the recent conference.

Instructor Recertification at the D/15 Conference



Instructor Chester Cooke



Recertification Students



Mike teaching the ABC class

Flotsam and Jetsam

National Meeting - Kansas City Here We Come

The National Meetings Committee is busy working on the Kansas City Governing Board Meeting. The Kansas City Marriott Downtown is ready to accept your reservations! Book at conference rates from Aug. 27 through Sept. 4 and make a vacation out of it! Our Activities Chair is working diligently to provide you with experiences you will remember! The Marriott Downtown is within walking distance to many of the area's well-known destinations: the Kansas City Power & Light District, Kansas City Music Hall and T-Mobile Center as well as the City Market of Kansas City, the Missouri River and the Arabia Steamboat Museum. Love Baseball? We have tickets for the August 29 MLB Kansas City Royals vs. Pittsburgh Pirates game! So set aside Aug. 27 through Sept. 4 and make your hotel and travel reservations now!



Room rate is \$189 a night. All "DOUBLE" rooms have two Queen beds, not Double beds. If you have an issue booking a room for any date during the meeting dates, contact Kristi Anderson at kayakladyfl@gmail.com and relay the desired dates/issue.

https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=45

Beware of Phishing Emails With Our Logo

A fake email using the America's Boating Club logo is making the rounds. The email subject is "You're WANTED: For participation in Paid Surveys." This email is not from America's Boating Club and should be considered dangerous. If you receive this email, delete it, do not open it.

How to Become a Vessel Examiner (VE)

<https://www.usps.org/departments/12000/12900/12900-vessel-safety-check>

Initial Qualification

A member wishing to participate in the VSC Program must be a USPS member in good standing and at least 18 years of age. The member will need to study the Vessel Safety Check Manual available from the USCGAux web Site at

http://vdept.cgau.org/pdf-files/CIM_16796_8A_Printable_Version.pdf

This manual is available in electronic form only. If a member wishes a paper copy they must print it themselves.

When the member feels comfortable enough with the material in the VSC Manual the member must pass and exam on the material. The passing grade is 90 percent. The exam may be taken online at <http://www2.usps.org:8080/VE/usps-ve-test.asp>

After the member successfully completes the exam the member must then complete 5 supervised exams under the supervision of a currently qualified Vessel Examiner from USPS or the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Upon successful completion of those supervised visits, the supervising examiner shall enter the completed exams in the USPS database, and the Squadron Commander completes the VSC-2 form available at

http://www.usps.org/national/vsc/formtool_files/VE%20Certification%20Final.pdf and submits the form to the Safety Committee Staff Commander responsible for the program.

The latest Paddlecraft Information (update 5/14/23)

The Auxiliary Paddlecraft (AUXPAD) Safety Program's mission is to:

- Promote life jacket wear and safety equipment compliance via Vessel Safety Checks specifically for Paddlecraft and via Public Affairs activities/events



- Promote paddlecraft education and skills development encouraging paddlers to take classes with Auxiliary partners such as the American Canoe Association



To learn more about the AUXPAD program, please visit our website here --

<http://www.uscgau.org/content.php?unit=B-DEPT&category=auxpad>

The Paddlecraft Safety Division has given several online paddlecraft specific educational seminars about: The AUXPAD program; How to Perform VSC specifically for Paddlecraft; and other Paddlecraft specific Safety topics. The seminars were recorded, view here -- <https://www.youtube.com/@AUX-paddler/featured>

Cooperative Charting Updates

The Geodetic Mark recovery program has undergone some minor revisions. The latest version dated 5-2023 can be accessed through our website. The Honor Roll status list has been updated as of 3-31-23. The status report is published a few days after the end of the month. For information and current procedures, visit the Cooperative Charting website:

<https://www.usps.org/departments/12000/12200>

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Seminars

The updated 2023 NOPS calendar shows some Seminar Thursdays so it's probably an appropriate time to check out available seminars.

Seminars make it easy to acquire or update your knowledge and skills about topics in a short period of time, typically 2 hours. Classroom and online options, are shown in the table on the link below. For a seminar description, click on the link in the table (title or the blue Y in the Online column). Titles in parentheses are online or classroom equivalent seminars.

<https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/13000/13000-curriculum/13000-seminars>

Hurricane Preparation for Boaters - A Seminar

Is your boat secured and ready for hurricanes and severe storms? Learn to develop a plan and take action to protect your boat from a damaging storm.

Hurricanes and severe storms bring extreme weather conditions that can damage or destroy your boat. Learn how you can protect your boat from the ravages of wind, waves, torrential rain, tidal surges and high water.

What's included?

- Check vessels and gear
- Check your trailer
- Prepare a storm plan
- Lessons learned from storms
- Hurricane anchoring
- Be storm ready
- Your responsibilities
- Post-hurricane efforts of US Coast Guard and law enforcement
- Insurance

Proper care of life jackets ensures they will work when needed. Plus, fresh clean life jackets are more attractive to wear and desirable for people to use while underway on your boat. Videos are available that offer an overview of the importance of wearing and caring for your life jacket. America's Boating Channel™ produced these videos to help viewers learn that it only makes sense to treat your life jacket as though your life depends on it.

Watching videos like "Life Jacket Care"

<https://youtu.be/iEofd6mUwN4> is an excellent way to understand how to properly care for your life jacket.



UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®

By action of the elected representatives of
New Orleans Power Squadron

has elected to

Honorary Membership
Carolyn "Sissy" Chapman

with such privileges as are granted in its Bylaws.

22 April 2023

Gregory D. Manning
President

Sissy Chapman was awarded Honorary Membership in NOPS at the April meeting. She was sworn in by Greg as Dan, Eddie, George Nakamura, GaryToche, Pete, Doris joined in.



P/C **Charles B. Chapman, Jr. SN-CN**, passed away on February 14, 2023. He was a native of New Orleans, and was married to his beloved wife Sissy for 53 Years.

Charlie graduated from Holy Cross High School in New Orleans, Louisiana with the Class of 1964 and then attended USL. He served with the New Orleans Police Department, was a Sergeant with the Louisiana State Police, and Captain of Protection for the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta – New Orleans branch. He was also an active member of New Orleans Power Squadron since 1993, where he increased his boating knowledge, donated his time inspecting boats for safety issues, organizing activities and hosting rendezvous. Charlie was a great family man, friend and all-around good guy. He will be missed.



Our deepest sympathies to Sissy and all of their family.

Pre-Launch Safety Basics



Despite the many things that can go wrong on the water, many boaters cast off without attending to some pre-launch safety basics.

Safety briefing

Although it takes little time, a verbal safety briefing is especially important when you have guests aboard. During a safety briefing, the skipper provides vessel safety information to everyone before departure.

Even if you don't have guests aboard, it's a good idea to give your vessel's safety checklist a quick mental review.

Each vessel is unique, so you'll need to customize a safety checklist for the needs of your vessel. If you don't already have a safety checklist, now is a great time to develop one.

Basic safety checklist

When I have guests aboard, I use the following basic safety checklist to review safety plans and procedures and show the location and use of safety equipment:

- Ensure everyone is wearing a life jacket.
- Review basic sailing plan (destination, time estimate, etc.).
- Review weather forecast.
- Review man-overboard procedure and duties.
- Review use of throw rope and life jackets.
- Review use of VHF radio, including emergency protocol.
- Show location and review use of fire extinguishers.
- Review use of engine compartment emergency fire control port.
- Show location and proper use of handle for manual bilge pump.
- Show location and demonstrate use of emergency tiller.
- Verify that someone aboard can start the engine and maneuver the vessel if the skipper is incapacitated.
- Show location of flares and signaling devices.
- Show location of sound-warning devices.
- Show location of first-aid kits.

— Greg Allen, COMPASS April 2023

Teaser Pictures for Next Issue of TOPSIDE

Cheeseburgers and Middendorf's



LANOPS Bunco Sunday July 9 at NOYC

\$20 per Person

Open at 1200 (Noon) til 4:00pm

\$20 per person



**Includes lunch
Prizes of \$20, \$10
and a bottle of wine**

For Reservations
Call Sissy 985-641-4618
or
Marlene 504-874-1808

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

15 June - 20 July

1800 Social, Meeting - NOYC

June

- 8 Exec Meeting
- 15 General Meeting
- 18 *Father's Day*

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Lobster Fest Saturday, 22 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

Reservations Required by 12 July
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!*

Future Activities

August 12 - Natchez Dinner Cruise

Greg Deis will provide
details, but cost

expected to be \$95.



September 16 - Crab Boil
Hosted by Eddie and Debbie
Brazeal

Information Coming Soon!