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## Cruise on the *City of New Orleans!*

by Cdr Greg Mulvany, SN



Eddie and Debbie Brazeal, Dan and Judy Ross, Barry Hays and Mindy Kershenstine, Cheryl Jarrell, Gary and Joan Toche, daughter Julie, Greg and Liz Mulvany, Cheri and Greg Deis. JC Ciolino and Shirley were also on the cruise, but had boarded earlier and missed the group picture.

Buffet meal included chicken and sausage gumbo, salad, creole pasta, roasted chicken, jambalaya, potatoes, green beans, and for dessert, white chocolate bread pudding.



Greg Deis arranged for a group of us to cruise on the Mississippi River aboard the *City of New Orleans* riverboat. It was hot, but the food was tasty and plentiful, the views were great, and the band playing music on the 4th deck were fun. Great time was had by all!

This was fun, but hot, hot, hot. We told Greg D. He should maybe consider October for this next year! Or maybe November...

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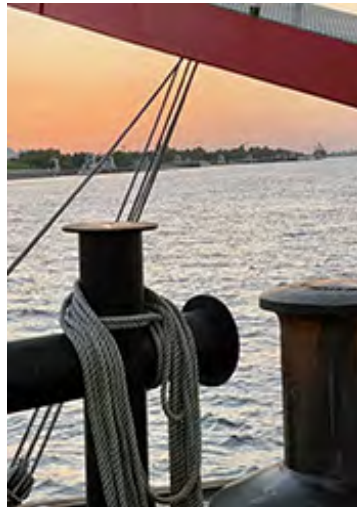
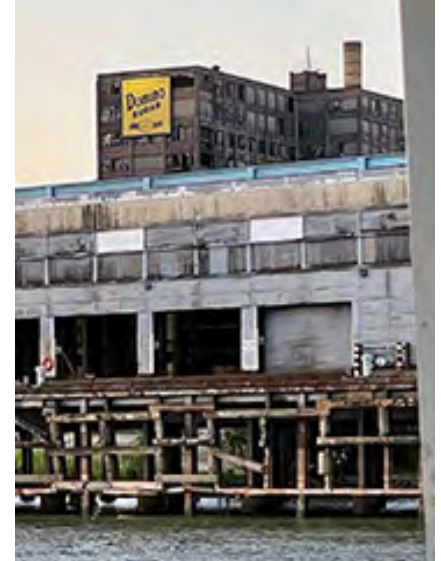
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the Cathedral,  
the Band!

## **NEW ORLEANS POWER SQUADRON DOCK & GROUNDS USE POLICY**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Utilization of the dock and grounds is for the members of the New Orleans Power Squadrons, United States Power Squadrons affiliate squadron members and their guests only. The dock is not to be utilized for long-term docking/storage.

### **SECTION 1 - LONG-TERM USAGE**

- 1.1 Long-term dry storage is limited to members or family members of the New Orleans Power Squadron.
- 1.2 Members utilizing the dry storage area for small sail or powerboats on dollies or trailers must furnish their own trailer/dolly and be adequately secured and maintained by the member. Member(s) must place or remove the trailer/dolly & boat at their expense.
- 1.3 Donations for using the facility are a donation to the Squadron of \$1000.00 annually per trailer/dolly, \$500 of which is payable in advance; \$500 in advance every six months after the initial payment. If at any time the member wishes to terminate usage of the space, they may remove their trailer/dolly and receive a pro-rated refund.
- 1.4 If a member defaults on their dues or facility storage payments, they will have 30 days to remove their boat and dolly/trailer from New Orleans Power Squadron facility. If not removed within this period, the boat and dolly/trailer may be removed by Dock Master and placed on the street outside the property.

### **SECTION 2 - TEMPORARY, SHORT-TERM USAGE**

- 2.1 Members may use either side of the dock at any time for short term use as may be necessary for maintenance work on their vessel or trailer, or just for a brief outing from their normal marina. Temporary parking (2 to 3 days) on the grounds for trailer maintenance, etc. is also allowed.
- 2.2 All overnight docking or vehicle or trailer parking must be coordinated with the Dock Master or Assistant Dock Master, including notification via telephone or e-mail when leaving.
- 2.3 Three days consecutive usage is free of charge for members. Members staying more than three days must make a donation of \$0.50 per foot or \$ 10.00 per day, whichever is greater. However, members and guests are limited to 15 consecutive days of dock use.
- 2.4 Guest boats may use the dock when sponsored by members, provided space is available, at the rates stated in Section 2.3.
- 2.5 When there are several boats using the dock during a Home Port Rendezvous, large vessels should use the northernmost part of the dock, stern to. This will permit easier access by smaller vessels to clear the NOYC floating dock. A bow anchor is

## **NEW ORLEANS POWER SQUADRON DOCK & GROUNDS USE POLICY**

recommended, and the anchor/line must be marked with a buoy.

- 2.6 Any boats left at the dock more than 15 consecutive days without express approval of the Dock Master will be considered abandoned. Owner will be liable for all expenses associated with having the vessel removed from New Orleans Power Squadron facility including dockage fees at offsite facility.

### **SECTION 3 - HOME PORT RENDEZVOUS**

- 3.1 Docking for members at all Home Port Rendezvous includes three (3) free days. RESERVATIONS WITH THE DOCK MASTER OR THE ASSISTANT DOCK MASTER ARE REQUIRED AND WILL BE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.
- 3.2 A cut-off date for members will be established for each Home Port Rendezvous in order to accommodate sponsored guests to bring their boats as space permits at the rates stated in Section 2.3.

### **SECTION 4 - HOLD HARMLESS AND INSURANCE**

- 4.1 USE THE FACILITY AT YOUR OWN RISK! Anyone using the dock or grounds shall hold harmless the New Orleans Power Squadron for any damage to their vessel, trailer, or vehicle due to, but not limited to, improper/inadequately securing a boat to the dock, moving/maneuvering boats and theft or vandalism of boats, trailers, boat parts or vehicles, or personal injury while on the property.
- 4.2 Owners of all boats using the facility shall maintain liability and salvage insurance on all vessels using the dock.

### **SECTION 5 - STORM CONDITIONS**

- 5.1 All trailers/dollies and vessels at the dock must be removed from dry storage area 72-hours prior to the forecast arrival of any severe weather in the Greater New Orleans area.
- 5.2 A fine of \$250.00 may be imposed if a member does not remove their vessel, vehicle dolly or trailer by the established deadline. Docking and storage privileges may be subject to cancellation or non-renewal at the discretion of the New Orleans Power Squadron Executive Committee.

### **SECTION 6 - GENERAL**

- 6.1 All boats and trailers shall be maintained in seaworthy/roadworthy condition.
- 6.2 All boats shall maintain current LADWF registration.
- 6.3 No utilities are provided to dock or dry storage users.



# Lobster Fest Pictures



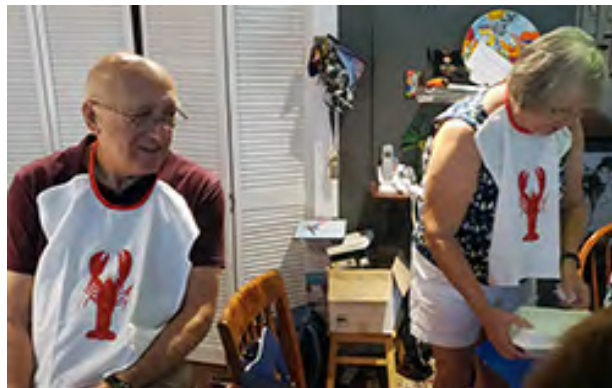
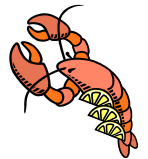
Lobster Fest was a huge success. Everyone showed up, the weather was hot, but no rain until it was over. Lots of nibbles before, lots of desserts after, the lobsters were outstanding, corn and potatoes delicious and plentiful!

My sister Marilyn heated the sausage and melted butter; Chester cracked the lobsters; Debbie helped package the containers; Eddie sold 50/50 tickets; lots of people made and brought that extra food; many participated in the cleanup. Everyone made it successful and fun.



Judy won the 50/50. And we even made a bit of profit on the function, \$74.74!

*(Some pictures were from Carol Arcediano and Chester Cooke.)*





# LANOPS' BUNCO

LANOPS Bunco was successful with 25 attendees. Doris Burvant won First Place \$20 and the Money sock \$24, Second Place was Shirley \$10, Third Place Bottle of wine was won by Debbie Brazeal.



Don't join the book burners. Don't think you're going to conceal faults by concealing evidence that they ever existed.

Don't be afraid to go in your library and read every book...



- Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890 - 1969)  
34th President of US 1953-1961

## Tap Into America's Boating Channel™ Library of Boating Safety Videos

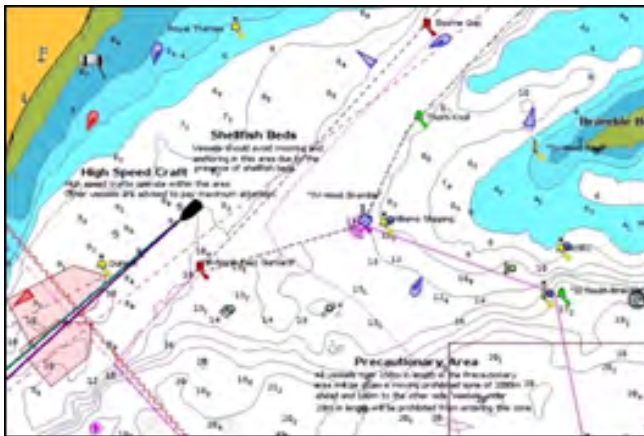


The boating community uses many acronyms that someone new to

boating may not understand. Do students enrolled in our basic safe boating course understand that the acronym ATONS references aids to navigation? In 2020 America's Boating Channel produced "Introducing ATONS," a video showing how buoys, day beacons, and other marks provide aids to navigation. This short video offers a wonderful introduction to ATONS. In it, viewers also learn about categories such as lateral and regulatory ATONS, as well as special purpose and danger marks.

In 2022, another ATONS video was released.

Entitled "Digital Charts and Virtual ATONS," it covers the effort underway to replace paper nautical charts with electronic navigation charts.



This video introduces viewers to three types of new virtual aids to navigation. Also featured are tips for using these enhancements and how they will make recreational boating safer.

Remember, if you need a refresher before getting out on the water, you can access an invaluable library of videos produced by America's Boating Channel. The videos referenced here, and others, are available to USPS members to view and download for free at [bit.ly/USPSABC](https://bit.ly/USPSABC). There is an index to help you find the topic you need, which is very convenient for instructors who want to use

## Educational Department News

SEO Chester Cooke, SN-CN

Mike Turner is trying to arrange an **America's Boating Course** for September. If you know anyone interested, contact Mike.

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[www.neworleansboatingclub.org](http://www.neworleansboatingclub.org)

Peter Ingrassia held a Hurricane Preparedness information class on 29 June.

Mike Turner held a Knot tying session on 27 July.

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

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these videos in the classroom without the need for an internet connection.

Otherwise, visit America's Boating Channel on YouTube at

<https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel>

to find these and nearly 100 other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.

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Channel on-demand app on Roku or FireTV.

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# Flotsam and Jetsam

## Vessel Examiner Qualification Exam Changes

The qualification exam for becoming a vessel examiner has recently been revised. The exam can be found <https://www.usps.org/VSC/uspsveexamnew.php> and on the VSC web page --> Become a Vessel Examiner. There is a 2-hour time limit to complete it once you



start. If you do not pass, the details of the items you missed will show up in an email so you can go back and study them before trying again. Once you pass with a 90% or better, both you and the safety committee will be notified right away. Special thanks

to Carl Filios of Information Technology for his hard work in getting this completed.

–Jeff McKinney [jmckinney2606@gmail.com](mailto:jmckinney2606@gmail.com)

## ITCom News-Member website changes

Over the next several weeks you may notice some changes in the appearance of the member website, <https://www.usps.org>. The changes are because a new version of our content management software, Joomla, is being released, and the developer of our current template will not be updating the template to work with that new version. The changes are cosmetic only, and the current menu items and pages will remain the same. If you have bookmarked any pages, those bookmarks will continue to work. The new template has been thoroughly tested, but if you should notice any problems that slipped by our testing, please notify me,

–Jay Stevens [hjaystevens64@brighthouse.com](mailto:hjaystevens64@brighthouse.com)

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## Cooperative Charting

With the Cooperative Charting year about halfway over, now's a great time to get yourself, your squadron and your district on the Honor Roll for this year. If you have already made the Cooperative Charting Honor Roll, congratulations! If not, why wait any longer? Go out on the water and check aids to navigation, etc. For those on land, you can check marinas or do a Geodetic Mark treasure hunt.

**BoatUS Civic Service Award** Squadrons and clubs are participating in tremendous activities. Take the opportunity to share your successes by applying for the BoatUS Civic Service Award. The mid-October deadline gives you plenty of time to consider your application. Please email me if you have any questions. –Connie Shay [connie.shay@aol.com](mailto:connie.shay@aol.com) Criteria and the application form are posted on the below link under "Awards."

<https://www.usps.org/departments/14000/14850-squadron-support-and-development>

## Environment-Pentagon Shifts to PFAS-Free Foam

It is finally happening. The Pentagon is replacing the PFAS "forever chemical" firefighting tool it has used since Vietnam with a foam that does not contain these harmful and toxic chemicals. By federal law, federal agencies must switch by October 2023 with implementation one year after this date. This toxic foam was an aqueous film-forming foam containing per- and poly-fluoroalkyl (PFAS) chemicals. Used in many other production processes, these chemicals permeate much of our water supply. "While it is unclear how long some airports, oil refineries, chemical manufacturers, and local fire departments will keep using AFFF foams in states that allow it, most understand the need to follow the Pentagon's lead," said Cynthia AM Stroman, an environmental practice partner with King and Spalding LLP. "It's not a matter of if," said Stroman, "it's a matter of when." –John DiPrima [captjrdiprim@hotmail.com](mailto:captjrdiprim@hotmail.com)

## Thunderstorms and Severe Weather Forecasting Webinar

All-new for 2023, the Thunderstorms and Severe Weather Forecasting webinar takes the mystery out of storm forecasting. You'll learn about storm dynamics and forecasting tools during this live webinar on Wednesday, September 27, from 8–9:30 p.m. EDT. This webinar goes beyond the fundamentals to explore advanced topics including thunderstorm dynamics, storm severity indices, weather radar, NWS forecast products and more. You'll also get a 43-page guide and a link to the recorded webinar for reference. Register today using code USPSABC23 and sign up for only \$20\*—a whopping 50% off the nonmember rate!

\*Price includes webinar recording in your training record. –Gordon Bloom [gordonbloom@att.net](mailto:gordonbloom@att.net)





## Eco-Friendly Boating Tips

Do your part to protect our waterways by following these eco-friendly boating tips.

### Trash

Retrieve any trash that gets into the water—even if it isn't yours. Keep a net handy for this purpose.

Limit the amount of packaging and plastic you take aboard.

Recycle all cans, glass, plastics, and monofilament fishing line.

Have easy-to-identify trash and recycling containers aboard.

Do not throw or let trash blow overboard. All plastics are harmful to fish and birds.

Do not throw fish waste into shallow water or water near a marina. Discard it in deep water or in trash bins ashore.

### Sewage

Use restrooms onshore before departure.

Use approved marine sanitation devices while underway.

Pump out and rinse holding tanks regularly.

Follow a regular maintenance schedule for your marine sanitation device based on the manufacturer's recommendations.

Use enzyme-based products to control odor and break down solids in holding tanks.

Never discharge raw sewage in U.S. territorial waters.

### Fueling and spills

Know how much fuel your tanks hold and fill them with caution. Fuel expands as it warms, so don't top off your tanks.

Use absorbent pads to catch drips between the dock and boat and around the vent overflow; dispose of them properly.

Fill trailer boat tanks and other portable gas tanks on shore before launching.

Keep your boat's engine(s) tuned and watch for leaking seals, gaskets, hoses, and fuel lines.

Place oil absorbent pads under engines and replace



them at least once a year.

Keep your bilge clean and dry.

Plan for spills; keep absorbent material at hand.

Never discharge oily bilge water overboard. Pump it into a dockside holding tank or have it professionally removed. Collect oil by swirling an oil-absorbent pad in bilge water.

### Vessel maintenance

Wash your boat regularly with fresh water to avoid using harsh detergents.

Choose phosphate-free, biodegradable and nontoxic cleaners.

Waxing and buffing allow you to use less cleaning solution—and your boat looks better.

Perform major cleaning and maintenance tasks when your boat is out of the water.

Conserve water by using a spray nozzle on the hose. Use a drop cloth when sanding and scraping. Collect and properly dispose of all paint chips, dust, and other residues.

Share leftover paint and varnish.

Dispose of solvents and waste gas at local hazardous waste collection sites.

Use environmentally safe anti-fouling paints and follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Recycle used zincs.

Keep engines tuned; this reduces carbon monoxide emissions when moored, reduces hydrocarbon and soot emissions, and saves fuel.

Dispose of drained oil and any spent or spilled coolant at appropriate recycling centers when performing maintenance yourself.

### Environmental awareness

When fishing, keep only those fish you intend to eat. Practice responsible catch and release techniques to ensure the survival of those you throw back.

Proceed slowly in shallow areas so you don't disturb wildlife.

Avoid stirring up the bottom. Suspended sediment limits light penetration and depletes oxygen.

Sea otters, sea lions, manatees, whales and other sea mammals can be injured by impact with boats at higher speeds; avoid areas of high animal population or proceed slowly.

Report any injured animal to local wildlife authorities. Many times, the animal's life can be saved.

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Protect waters from invasive species. Remove any visible mud, plants, fish, or animals before transporting your boat. Clean and dry anything that touches the water (boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.).

Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came from that body of water. Bilge water can also transport invasive species.

High wakes cause shoreline erosion and destruction of wildlife habitats.

Disturbing sea grass beds increases erosion and disturbs the nursery habitats of many fish species. Avoid these areas while underway and when docking or beaching vessels.

Noise and boat movement easily disturb migrating and nesting birds, causing harmful expenditure of energy, abandonment of nests to predators, and harmful heat or cold exposure.

Harassment of wildlife is illegal and causes undue stress.

### Environmental stewardship

Know and obey the laws governing our boating waters.

Set an example for your crew, guests and other boaters.

Support environmentally responsible marinas and other boating facilities.

Encourage marinas and other boating facilities that don't provide trash cans, recycling containers and pump-out facilities to do so.

*-America's Boating Club, Environmental Committee*

**The Environmental Best Practices tri-fold brochure** is an up-to-date handout to educate boaters during VSCs about caring for our marine environment, to educate new members on being good stewards of our waterways, and to market America's Boating Club at boat shows and other public events. It's also a useful guide to remind all members of the role we play in protecting our precious marine environment.

If you aren't familiar with the order form, click on the link provided below. Log on to the members site and go to "Site Index, Forms, Brochure Order Form, ABC Brochure and VSC order form." It will be the last item on the form, listed as Environmental Best Practices, Item 09-09-117 and it is FREE.

### Actual Brochure:

[https://www.usps.org/images/Exec/Environmental/Environment\\_ABC\\_TriFold\\_2023\\_fillable.pdf?mc\\_cid=8bf8b2c460&mc\\_eid=676416d942](https://www.usps.org/images/Exec/Environmental/Environment_ABC_TriFold_2023_fillable.pdf?mc_cid=8bf8b2c460&mc_eid=676416d942)

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## Fish Fry at the trailer

### Saturday, 11 November

**\$20 per person**

Open at 1200 (noon)

Food Served at 1300 (1pm)

Fried Fish, Pasta Salad, Dessert



**Reservations by Thursday, 2 Nov**  
Contact Cheryl  
[cdjarrell@cox.net](mailto:cdjarrell@cox.net) or 504-430-9743

**Fish Fry was cancelled last year. We are planning to bring it back this year. Interested? Also, I can host at my house if preferred. Let Cdr Greg M or me know your thoughts.**

## Future Activities

### 7 December - Change of Watch

Annual Meeting/Elections  
Ridgeway of Old Metairie

### Information Coming Soon!





Local Contact:

For more information log onto [americasboatingclub.org](http://americasboatingclub.org)

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# Pictures from Cheeseburgers in Paradise



**Memorial Weekend**  
Upper right, Tiffany,  
Kevin, Tracy;  
Left, Doris, Lisa, Ern,  
Lila; Right, Chester;  
Below left, Sissy and  
Marlene.  
Below right, Beautiful  
day on Moonraker Lake



NOPS members and friends have been enjoying a Cheeseburger in Paradise rendezvous on Moonraker Lake, hosted by the Chapmans, for many years.

And it was absolutely based on the song! Rest in Peace, Jimmy Buffett





## Crab Boil Saturday, September 16

Open 11:30am, Food about 12:30pm

Crabs, Corn, Potatoes, Sausage,  
Jambalaya and Dessert

**\$30.00 per person**

Eddie and Debbie Brazeal's Camp  
4891 LISA ANN DRIVE  
BARATARIA, LA 70036

Sign up at the August Membership Meeting  
or Contact Eddie at 504-723-4898  
or Debbie at 504-458-6557

Reservations required by September 11th

## Moonshine & Moonbeams on Moonraker Lake

\*\*\* NEW DATE \*\*\*

Saturday October 21

**\$15.00 per person**

Red beans and rice, salad, veggies,  
French bread and desserts  
Served between 1:00 and 2:00.



If anyone wants to come on  
Friday, either by car or boat, we will go to  
Nathan's at 6:00 pm. I will need a head  
count for this.

Please make reservations by October 6th  
Call Sissy 985-641-4618  
or Marlene 504-874-1808

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

21 Sept - 19 Oct - 16 Nov

1800 Social, Meeting - NOYC

### September

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

### October

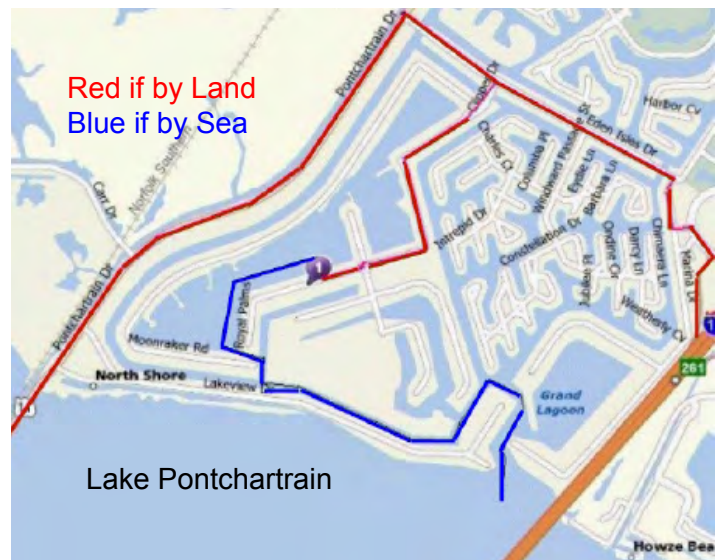
- 12 Exec Meeting
- 14-15 Wooden Boat Festival
- 19 General Membership Meeting
- 21 Moonshine and Moonbeams
- 26 Seminar Thursday
- 31 Halloween

### 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  
Ridgeway of Old Metairie



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