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## **Things are Happening**

*by Cdr Tiffany Eyer*

It's that time of year again when the winds are just right, the sun is shining, and the waters of Lake Pontchartrain beckon us to set sail! Whether you're a seasoned sailor or a novice navigator, there's something for everyone in this year's boating calendar, and we couldn't be more thrilled to share it with you!

### **\*\*Collaboration on the Horizon\*\***

This year, we're proud to announce unprecedented collaboration between local organizations that share our love for Lake Pontchartrain. I've had the pleasure of meeting with Kenny Breaux from the New Orleans Yacht Club, Debbie Grimm and Louise Bienvenue from the Lake Pontchartrain Women's Sailing Association, along with Hooper Harris, Al Johnson, and other esteemed board members from the Corinthians Sailing Association. Together, we're charting a course for a year filled with boating education, cruising adventures, and thrilling races!

### **\*\*Setting Sail with Knowledge\*\***

Preparation is key to any successful voyage, which is why my husband and I recently completed the cruise planning course instructed by the knowledgeable and Caribbean vetted Greg and Liz Ann Mulvany. The wealth of information we gained has left us feeling more confident and prepared to outfit our boat for the cruising experiences we've been dreaming of. Plus, with the Marine Navigation Course and our ABC Safety Class on the horizon, led by experienced instructors like Greg Deis and Mike Turner, there's no limit to what we can learn!

### **\*\*Spreading the Word on Safety\*\***

Safety on the water is paramount, which is why I've been diligently reaching out to local harbors to raise awareness about our educational opportunities and vessel safety checks. A special thanks to Mike Gillen at South Shore Harbor for hosting us aboard his mini-ship, where we were able to introduce our neighbors to the benefits of joining our organization.

### **\*\*Cheers to LANOPS!\*\***

Let's not forget to raise a toast to LANOPS, our Ladies Auxiliary for hosting a day at the races that was as filled with anticipation as it was enjoyable. Good food, good company, and the excitement of watching the ponies run made for a truly unforgettable experience. Also, with events like Cheeseburgers in Paradise on Moonraker Lake scheduled May 25th and Bunko at NOYC on July 14th, we can't wait to make more memories.

Stay Safe and  
Smooth Sailing,  
Tiffany Eyer

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# TOPSIDE TALK

## March Membership Meeting

April/May 2024 (nbr 2024-2)

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## America's Boating Channel™ Warns of Electric Shock Drowning

Electric Shock Drowning (ESD) is a little-known and often-unidentified killer, severely injuring and killing people every year. It occurs when faulty wiring sends electric current into water, which passes through the body and causes muscle paralysis that can result in drowning.



Faulty wiring or the use of damaged electrical cords and other devices on docks and boats can cause the surrounding water to become “energized,” with no visible warning. Avoid getting in the water within 150 feet of where AC power is in use and learn how to test if dangerous electrical currents are in the water around your boat.

To help boaters understand the danger of Electric Shock Drowning (ESD), Season Four of America’s Boating Channel offers the video “Electric Shock Drowning (ESD).” The video shows how ESD causes deaths and injuries at marinas nationwide, including many undetected incidents. Viewers also will learn about ESD prevention and how to install ground

protection on docks and boats. Also featured are differences between ESD dangers in saltwater and freshwater.

Follow the above link or visit <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find these and 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.

In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel free, on-demand app on Apple TV, Roku or FireTV. America’s Boating Channel™ is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.



### *On another note:*

All nine (9) new **Inlet Drone Videos (IDVs)** have now been approved for public release by the U.S. Coast Guard. IDVs combine aerial video footage and 3D chart animations to help recreational boaters plan their first sorties through challenging and dangerous U.S. waterway entrances. You can share closed-captioned streaming versions online and show download versions at in-person gatherings. While none of these are nearby, they may still be interesting.

### **IDVs**

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLglbejlMU2Hd\\_IYJGtyK6udYt4t-4zFSz](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLglbejlMU2Hd_IYJGtyK6udYt4t-4zFSz)

### **Download Versions**

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DsuI\\_dzAx-oZTISpmeQ9jYhxYGs6lvUd](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DsuI_dzAx-oZTISpmeQ9jYhxYGs6lvUd)

# Pictures from LANOPS Day at the Races



# NOPS 2024 Calendar of Events

## January

|    |   |     |
|----|---|-----|
| 5  | Sunset Squadron Dock 5pm                |     |
| 10 | Cruise Planning 6pm, Trailer, 8 wks Wed | 3-4 |
| 11 | Exec Meeting                            | 8   |
| 18 | General Membership Meeting              | 15  |
| 27 | Bilge Boat Parade - Slidell             | 24  |

## February

|      |                               |     |
|------|-------------------------------|-----|
| 2-12 | USPS Annual Meeting - Orlando |     |
| 2    | Sunset at the Dock 5pm        | 2   |
| 8    | Exec Meeting                  | ??  |
| 11   | Super Bowl                    | 12  |
| 13   | Mardi Gras                    | 19  |
| 15   | General Mtg - Founder's Day   | Mtg |



## March

|    |                             |       |
|----|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1  | Sunset at the Dock 5pm      | 22    |
| 2  | ABC Class                   | 22-30 |
| 10 | Daylight Saving Time Starts |       |
| 6  | Day at the Races            | 10    |
| 14 | Exec Meeting                | 12-13 |
| 21 | General Membership Meeting  | 17    |
| 23 | Crawfish Boil Too Pricey    | ??    |
| 23 | Big Bass Rodeo-City Park    | 31    |
| 31 | Easter                      |       |



## April

|       |                                    |        |
|-------|------------------------------------|--------|
| 5-7   | D/15 Spring Conference-Baton Rouge | 3      |
| 11-14 | French Quarter Festival            | 2 or 9 |
| 11    | Exec Meeting                       | 14     |
| 18    | General Membership Meeting         | 21     |
| 25-28 | Jazz Fest                          | 28     |

## May

|       |                            |    |
|-------|----------------------------|----|
| 2-5   | Jazz Fest                  |    |
| 7     | Marine Navigation          | 11 |
| 9     | Exec Meeting               |    |
| 12    | Mother's Day               | 21 |
| 16    | General Membership Meeting | 25 |
| 18-24 | Safe Boating Week          |    |
| 25    | Cheeseburgers In Paradise  |    |



## June

|     |                                   |      |
|-----|-----------------------------------|------|
| ??  | Middendorf's - Baton Rouge S & PS | 1    |
| 8   | ABC Class                         | 9    |
| 13  | Exec Meeting                      | 16   |
| 20  | General Membership Meeting        |      |
| 16  | Father's Day                      | 1-10 |
| TBD | At The Wall                       |      |

## July

|          |                                   |  |
|----------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1        | Heritage Park Fireworks - Slidell |  |
| 4        | Independence Day                  |  |
| 11       | Exec Meeting                      |  |
| 14       | LANOPS Bunco-NOYC                 |  |
| 18       | General Mem Meeting               |  |
| 20 or 27 | Lobster Fest                      |  |



## August

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Satchmo Summer Fest        |  |
| Exec Meeting               |  |
| General Membership Meeting |  |
| Lunch at GilliGils-Slidell |  |

## September

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Labor Day                        |  |
| Crab Boil                        |  |
| Exec Meeting                     |  |
| General Membership               |  |
| Fall Equinox                     |  |
| USPS Fall Gov Board - Pittsburgh |  |



## October

|                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Exec Meeting                         |  |
| Wooden Boat Festival - Madisonville  |  |
| General Membership - Nominations due |  |
| Moonshine and Moonbeams              |  |
| Halloween                            |  |

## November

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Daylight Savings Ends      |  |
| Fish Fry                   |  |
| Exec Meeting               |  |
| General Membership Meeting |  |
| Thanksgiving               |  |



## December

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Annual Meeting/Elections |  |
| - Change of Watch        |  |
| Winter Solstice          |  |
| Christmas                |  |



## January 2025

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| New Year's Day             |  |
| Exec Meeting               |  |
| General Membership Meeting |  |

## February 2025

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| USPS Annual Meeting - Orlando |  |
|-------------------------------|--|

Check the latest issue  
of TOPSIDE TALK for changes.

## NOYC 2024 Cruise Schedule

- Spring Cruise – Coordinator Al Johnson
  - 3/8/24 Cruise to NOYC for Opening Ceremonies
  - 3/9/24 Cruise to TYC - Blue Crab as an alternative
  - 3/10/24 Cruise to Smugglers Cove or Bay St. Louis based on Wind
  - Return date depends on group deadline 2/22/24 to PontYC Opening
- PontYC Opening Cruise – Coordinator Hooper Harris
  - 3/22/24 Cruise to PontYC for Opening Ceremonies
  - 3/23/24 PontYC Opening Ceremonies Start
  - 3/24/24 Cruise back to NOYC & TYC
- Madisonville Cruise– Coordinator Hooper Harris
  - 4/6/24 Cruise to Madisonville
  - 4/7/24 Cruise back to PontYC & TYC
- Bastille Regetta Cruise – Coordinator Danielle Rodriguez / Hooper Harris
  - 7/12/24 Cruise to NOYC
  - 7/13/24 Bastille Regetta
  - 7/14/24 Cruise back to PontYC & TYC
- CSA Summer Party Cruise – Coordinator Kenny Breaux
  - 8/2/24 Cruise to PontYC
  - 8/3/24 Summer Party
  - 8/4/24 Cruise back to NOYC & TYC
- Pam Sintes Regetta Cruise – Coordinador Louise Bienvenu / Al Johnson
  - 8/23/24 Cruise to NOYC
  - 8/24/24 Pam Sintes Regetta – Female Skipper
  - 8/25/24 Cruise back to PontYC & TYC
- Great Lake Race Cruise – Coordinator Kenny Breaux
  - 9/20/24 Cruise to NOYC
  - 9//21/24 Great Lake Race
  - 9/22/24 Cruise back to PontYC & TYC
- Wooden Boat Festival Cruise – Coordinator Hopper Harris
  - 10/18/24 Cruise to Madisonville
  - 10/19/24 Wooden Boat Festival
  - 10/20/24 Cruise back to NOYC, PontYC, TYC
- Fall Cruise – Coordinator Skipper Chanault
  - 2 Week Cruise Window based on weather 11/10/24 – 11/22/24
  - TYC – Blue Crab stops on way out and way in to Lake
  - Smugglers Cove or Bay St. Louis based on wind

# An Educated Boater is a Safer Boater!

## Marine Navigation Class

The New Orleans Power Squadron | America's Boating Club  
 10 Tuesday Evenings - May 7, 14, 21, 28, Jun 4, 11, 18, 25, Jul 2, and 9 2024  
 7601 Breakwater Drive, New Orleans, LA 70124

The New Orleans Power Squadron / America's Boating Club will present the Marine Navigation Class during Spring / Summer, 2024 at 7601 Breakwater Drive, New Orleans, LA 70124

Marine Navigation is the first course in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation, covering the basics of coastal and inland navigation. This course focuses on navigation as it is done on recreational boats today and embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool while covering enough of traditional techniques so the student will be able to find his/her way even if their GPS fails. The course includes many in-class exercises, developing the student's skills through hands-on practice and learning. View the Table of Contents for this course.

Ten classes of two hours each normally are scheduled for presentation of this course. In addition, the students have seven days to complete the open book exam. Topics covered include:

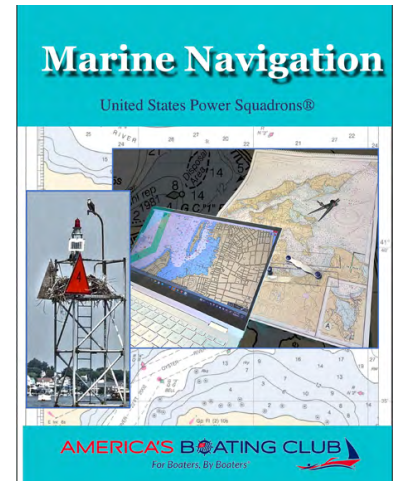
- Charts and their interpretation
- Landmarks and navigation aids (buoys, day marks, lights, etc.)
- Plotting courses and determining direction and distance
- The mariner's compass and converting between True and Magnetic
- Use of GPS - basic GPS displays and information they provide, setting up waypoints and routes, staying on a GPS course
- Pre-planning safe courses and entering them into the GPS
- Monitoring progress and determining position by both GPS and traditional techniques such as bearings and dead reckoning
- The "Seaman's Eye" - simple skills for checking that one is on course

Registration for this course is open. Course begins 7 May 2024. First class starts at 6:00 PM and happens once a week for 10 weeks plus exam. Average 2 hours per session.

Course w/ Student Manual – \$100 for USPS Members, \$150 for non-Members.

Students need access to a computer or Laptop on which they will install Open CPN software as part of the course. They will also need basic plotting tools: dividers or compass, 4-by-15 inch USPS Plotting tool and pencils/erasers. If you do not have dividers and plotting tools they can be purchased in class or ordered directly from USPS.

For more information about the course, please contact our Asst SEO Greg Mulvany at: [GMMLAF@gmail.com](mailto:GMMLAF@gmail.com) or 504-377-8357 or Chester Cooke at [cgcooke3@yahoo.com](mailto:cgcooke3@yahoo.com) or 504-214-4656.



## Educational Department News

SEO Chester Cooke, SN-CN

Mike Turner had an **America's Boating Course** on 2 March. There was a good group of students and all passed with high grades. The next ABC class is scheduled for 8 June 2024. If you know anyone interested contact Mike.

[turnermb@cox.net](mailto:turnermb@cox.net) or 504.458.1443

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

Cruise Planning tests are back, 10 tested, all 10 passed. Congratulation to them and thanks to the Instructor Greg Mulvany for doing a great job. We believe there will be another Cruise Planning Class in September.

There will be a Marine Navigation class starting 7 May 2024. See complete details on previous page. For more information contact Asst SEO Greg Mulvany at (504) 377-8357 or email [gmmlaf@gmail.com](mailto:gmmlaf@gmail.com)

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)



**Mike Turner  
teaching the March  
ABC class  
at the trailer**



## THE NEW ORLEANS POWER SQUADRON

**will be conducting AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE with 8 hours of instruction on Saturday, 08 June 2024 at 9:00am-5:00pm at**

**New Orleans Power Squadron  
7601 Breakwater Dr, New Orleans, LA 70124**

**Students asked to arrive before 08:45am. The course covers seamanship, required equipment, navigational rules, emergency situations, and much more. Graduates receive a certificate from USPS for insurance purposes and their Louisiana Boat Operators License.**

**THERE IS NO FEE FOR THE COURSE BUT A CHARGE FOR MATERIALS**

**THIS COURSE IS STATE CERTIFIED**

**To sign up visit:**

**[www.neworleansboatingclub.org](http://www.neworleansboatingclub.org) educational tab**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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## Trying to Reason with Hurricane Season\*

Rendezvous at Moonraker Lake  
May 24-25

### Cheeseburgers in Paradise

May 25 - Open noon, Burgers 1:30pm



The Cheeseburgers in Paradise event will be held as usual at Sissy's home at 1459 Royal Palm Dr. in Slidell on Saturday, May 25. If anyone wants to come over on Friday evening, May 24, a trip to Nathan's at 6:00 for dinner is planned. Reservations for Nathan's to Sissy by May 10. Her number is 504-452-1097.

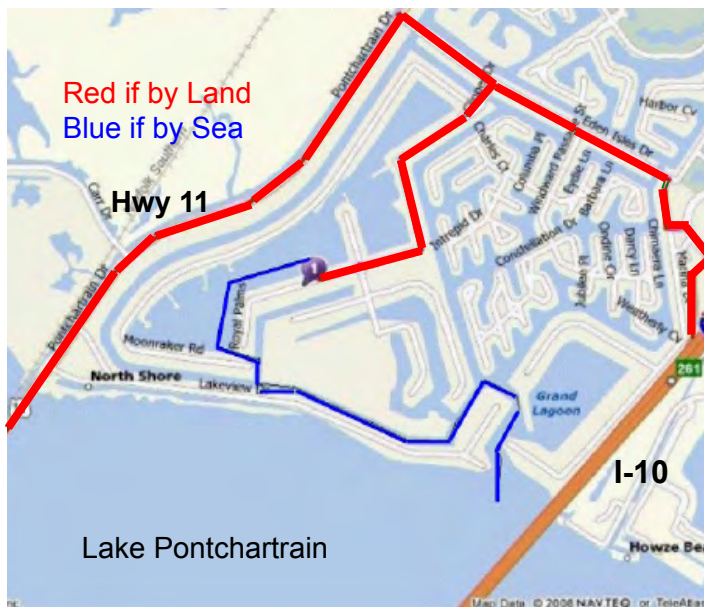
As usual we will have cheeseburgers, potato salad, baked beans, desserts. We will serve around 1:30 but come early and visit. The cost will be \$20.00 per person. There is plenty of room to spread out, bring your own chairs and bring what you plan to drink.



**Burger reservations to Cheryl, 504-430-9743 or [cdjarrell@cox.net](mailto:cdjarrell@cox.net)**

Looking forward to seeing you .

\*With apologies to Jimmy Buffett, or maybe his estate!



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

## LANOPS is Hosting a Raffle

Contact Marlene Cooke at 504 874-1808  
or Sissy Chapman at 504 452-1097 for tickets.



**\$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00.**

Drawing will be on  
Wednesday,  
11 December 2024.



Prize is \$150.00 Gift Card at Ruth's  
Chris Steakhouse and \$25.00 Gift Card  
to Cafe Du Monde.

## Future Activities

**July 20 or 27 -  
Lobster Fest**

At Cheryl's house, cost \$30



**September?? - Crab Boil**

**November 2 or 9 -  
Fish Fry \$20 at the trailer**



**Information Coming Soon!**

**Minds are  
like parachutes:  
they only  
function when  
open.**



**Thomas Dewar, 1st Baron Dewar  
(January 6 1864 - April 11 1930)  
was a Scottish whisky distiller who,  
along with his brother John Dewar,  
built their family label, Dewar's, into  
an international success.**

## Flotsam and Jetsam

### Your 2024 Board of Directors



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**Miss the Annual Meeting?** If you missed the 2024 Annual Meeting, it was recorded. The link for the replay:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFavqiTpVFU>

#### Next Up—Pittsburgh

The National Meetings Committee thanks everyone for participating in the successful 2024 Annual Meeting and Change of Watch! The pre-conference events were well attended. The workshops and committee meetings provided valuable information. With high expectations, the body elected a new bridge and bid farewell to Executive Director Mary Catherine Berube as she enters retirement. With all that, the National Meetings Committee will begin work on the 2024 Governing Board Meeting in Pittsburgh. The Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square is ready to take your reservation! Reserve your room now! Tours and meal selections are underway. Stay tuned as more information comes your way! –Rich Frenz

[https://www.usps.org/php/reservations\\_new/meetings.php?mtg\\_id=49](https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=49)

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#### VSC Link:

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

The February 2024 issue has articles on

- two new courses,
- how animation is enhancing our teaching methods,
- using video in our classes,
- an award received by America's Boating Channel, and
- comments from our chief commander and our NEO. –Robert Potter



#### Attention Vessel Examiners: New Mandatory Workshop

There is a new 2024 Vessel Safety Check Workshop that was created by the U.S. Coast Guard. All vessel examiners are REQUIRED to complete it no later than June 30, 2024. If not completed by that date, vessel examiners will be de-certified until they complete the workshop. Links to obtain the content are located at the top of the Vessel Safety Check Updates webpage. The content is available in PDF and PowerPoint formats. NOTE: The PDF will open in your browser, but the PowerPoint version will be downloaded to your computer. Vessel examiners also need to complete Appendix A, which is included. The time needed to complete the workshop should be less than 30 minutes. Once you have finished, click to record that you have done it. –Jeff McKinney



# LANOPS Bunco

Sunday July 14  
at NOYC

Open at 1200 (Noon) til 4:00pm

**\$20 per person** + \$1 for sock

**Includes lunch (1:00-2:00)**

Ham, Macaroni Salad, Green Salad,  
Beans, Rolls

**Games from 2:00-4:00**

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

Reservations by July 8  
Call Sissy 504-452-1097  
or  
Marlene 504-874-1808

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

18 April - 16 May - 20 June

1800 Social, Meeting - NOYC

### April

- 11-14 *French Quarter Festival*
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- 25-28 *Jazz Fest*

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