Many thanks to Carol Bell and all who assisted her in planning and presenting a wonderfully fine and successful District 15 Spring Conference. The conference was well attended and everyone had a good time. LPSPS was recognized and received awards for the following:

- Under the Bridge
- Squadron website
- USPS Education Fund Certificate

Additionally, Michael Barger was recognized for educational proficiency. Also as part of the conference our squadrons 25th anniversary was celebrated.

This 4 May 2016 marks the 25th anniversary of Lake Pontchartrain Sail and Power Squadron’s Charter. Some of the charter members still actively contribute to LPSPS while others have been replaced by new members. Thanks to the hard work of the charter members our squadron was successfully established and with the help of new members has prospered over the last 25 years. Looking forward to another 25 years.
National Boating Safety week is from May 21-27, 2016. The purpose of the campaign is to spread the message of safe and responsible boating. "Wear It!" is the theme of this year’s campaign and the goal is to educate the boating community on the importance of wearing life jackets while on the water.

We all are only too familiar with all the reasons for not wearing life jackets, “I know how to swim”, “nothing is going to happen to me”, “it’s too hot” are regularly used excuses, but the fact remains that approximately 700 people drown each year from recreational boating accidents. The vast majority of these deaths could have been prevented if only the victims were wearing a life jacket. We must encourage people who boat frequently to wear the proper life jacket and take a safe boating course.

Accidents can happen at an alarming speed anyplace or anytime you are on the water. Although many boaters stow life jackets on their boat, very few choose to wear them. There just isn’t time to grab a life jacket and put it on properly before you are in the water. If you are faced with a strong current or unfavorable weather conditions, you will not only have trouble making sure you are safe and secure in your life jacket, but you may find that you will be unable to help your friends, relatives, children or passengers that have accompanied you in your boat. Wearing your life jacket will allow you to be safe in case of an accident and will also allow you the ability to assist others that may be in danger.

On Saturday, May 21st, LPSPS will kick off Safe Boating Week at 9:00 AM with Vessel Safety Checks (VSC’s) at Marina Del Ray and Nunmakers. The Vessel Safety Examiners (VSE’s) are scheduled to be in these locations. At approximately 2:00pm another LPSPS "team" will assemble at the Marina Del Rey pool for the second part of the kick off, The Ready, Set, Wear it (RSWI) life jacket (PFD) demonstration. This will be open to the public, and will be advertised in local media and area bulletin boards. It will cover Laws requiring the use of PFD’s, description of the various types of PFD’s and a demonstration of the proper use of them. The St. Tammany Parish Sheriff’s office will be sending a knowledgeable deputy to participate in this important, and informative event.

Please spread the word of these events, and also comeout and support your Squadron. We need everyone to participate in order to ensure we accomplish our goal of promoting safety knowledge. And please bring your PFD with you so we can set an example for all during this important annual Safe Boating Week event.

Safe and fun boating to all!

Treasurer
Lt/C John Winters, S
Unfortunately the AO report is nonexistent this month, as he was out of town in the beautiful BVIs and here are a couple of pictures to show just how hard it is...to be in paradise.

Oh, the pressures and demands of total relaxation! It must be tough!!!
Hi Folks,

The Educational Dept. at Lake Pontchartrain Sail & Power Squadron is planning another. Below is the course description.

We would like to begin the class at 6:00 pm at the Museum either Tuesday May 24 or Tuesday May 31st. It is a 10 week program that last 2 - 2.5 hours/wk. Are you still interested in attending and what date is best for you? Cost is $85/person and plotting items (dividers, plotters) will be offered for sale on the first day. Thank you for your interest and we hope you can make it. Please respond so we can order the correct number of manuals. It is a great program and was very-well received by the attendees in the previous class.

Thank you and I hope to hear from you soon.

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**COSTAL NAVIGATION COURSE (PILOTING)**

Piloting covers 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. Several classes of two hours each are scheduled for presentation of this course. There will be an open book exam at the end of the course. Topics covered include:

- Charts and their interpretation
- Navigation aids and how they point to safe water
- Plotting courses and determining direction and distance
- The mariner's compass and converting between True and Magnetic
- Use of GPS – typical GPS displays and information they provide, setting up waypoints and routes, staying on a GPS route.
- 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.

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**SAIL Course**

Lake Pontchartrain Sail & Power Squadron is offering a SAIL COURSE:

**6:00 pm: Tuesday May 31st for 8 consecutive Tuesdays**

**Location: Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum, 133 Mabel Dr., Madisonville, LA**

This Sail course was created to serve the needs of the novice and experienced sailor, as well as the non-sailor, for basic skills and knowledge. The course starts with basic sailboat designs and nomenclature, rigging, safety, and sail processes and then tackles the physical aspects of sailing forces and techniques sail applications, marline-spike, helmsman ship and handling of more difficult sailing conditions, navigation rules, and an introduction to heavy weather sailing.
Two of our members, Bob Johnson and Guy Robinson, just completed the ALL-Day American Boating Course (ABC) presented Saturday April 30th at the Maritime Museum. They were joined by two other students. All 4 passed both the USPS and Louisiana State test with flying colors and will receive certifications from both groups. Several of our talented and State certified instructors helped out with the material presentation and grading task. Many thanks to Cdr. Joey, John Gniady, Bill Dietrich, Lynn Haase and Glenn Roy for all the preparation needed to make this a great/fun learning experience.

Many, many hats-off to Peg for doing most of the “heavy-lifting” associated with registration, food services and examination filing. Mr Dwight came through again. He electronically submitted the registration and final test grades for the students, this time, for both the USPS and the LAWLF examinations. This is our first ABC class this year.

Final testing for the Coastal Navigation Course (Piloting) is underway. The course began back in February with over 20 enthusiastic students wanting to learn more about plotting and navigation techniques on our coastal waterways. What a High-Intensity, exciting and challenging learning experience. Could not have happen without the leadership and talent of Lynn Haase, who spear-headed and taught most of the program. Lynn received assistance and support from Bill Dietrich, Chris Cottrell (teaching one of the chapters), Jeff Williams, Glenn and Peg. It’s great to know these students will now have the knowledge, skills and confidence to safely and accurately cruise our coastal waters. What a feeling of accomplishment! Arguably, one of the best courses USPS has to offer!
D15 Spring Conference—Covington April 15—17, 2016
2016 Calendar of Events for the next 60 Days see page 9

LPSPS MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016

6:00 SOCIAL HOUR 7: DINNER AND MEETING

Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum
133 Mabel Drive, Madisonville, LA

CINCO DE MAYO THEME (Belated)

Bring a MEXICAN FOOD DISH to share.

FROZEN MARGARITAS will be available for $1.00 while supplies last!!

Also don’t forget to bring your favorite beverage.

MAY
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Deborah L Ashworth 05/01
Fred R. Beverly 05/10
Weber J. Janssen 05/22
Trubee G. Racioppi 05/15
Leslie Robinson 05/14
Edward J. Vanhoven 05/04
Edward Jerry Whorton 05/31

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