

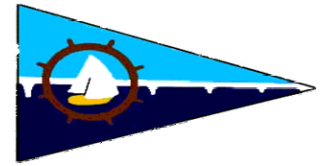


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UNDER THE BRIDGE

LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS

FROM THE COMANDER



Cdr. Joey Wheeler, AP

.To again quote Cdr John Ginady from the November 2014 UTB, "November is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving. Among the many things to be thankful for this year we can include the passing of the storm season without one. As boat-ers that has a special meaning and so please include this safe passage through the storm season in your Thanksgiving celebration". His words are equally applicable to this year and we are truly blessed and have much foe which to be thankful.

Last month, the Wooden Boat Festival was a great success for the LPSPS. Many thanks to Christine Williams, Peggy Roy and all who volunteered to staff the gate and LPSPS booth.

Many thanks to the Bell's for hosting the Lobster boil rendezvous at their home on 29 October. It was well attended and all had much fun.



2016 Wooden Boat Festival
Pictures courtesy of Janice Bordelon





Executive Officer

Lt/C Christine Williams, P

Boating Safety-It could mean your life.

In the most recent year with complete data, the US Coast Guard reports that there were 4062 recreational boating accidents in the U.S. and it's territories in which 626 lives were lost and 2,620 were injured. Almost 76% of the fatal accident victims drowned, and of these 85% were not wearing a life jacket. Eight out of every ten boaters who drowned were using boats less than 21 feet in length.

BWI (boating while intoxicated) is the leading contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; it was listed as the leading factor in 17% of the deaths. Operators with a blood alcohol level of 0.10 percent (which for most of us is 1-3 beers) are 10 times as likely to be killed in a boating accident as a sober boater.

Additional contributing factors for deaths were hazardous waters, operator inattention, weather, operator inexperience, excessive speed, improper lookout, drug use, navigation rules violations, sharp turn, restricted vision, failure to vent (while fueling), and inadequate onboard navigation lights.

The American Boating Association (ABA) encourages every boater to be serious about boating safety, starting with the proper kind and amount of boater training. Remember, a boating mishap or fatality often involves innocent people who share none of the blame, but all the consequences. As a responsible boater, the life you save may very well be someone else's. **Remember, B E S A F E* - Know your...**

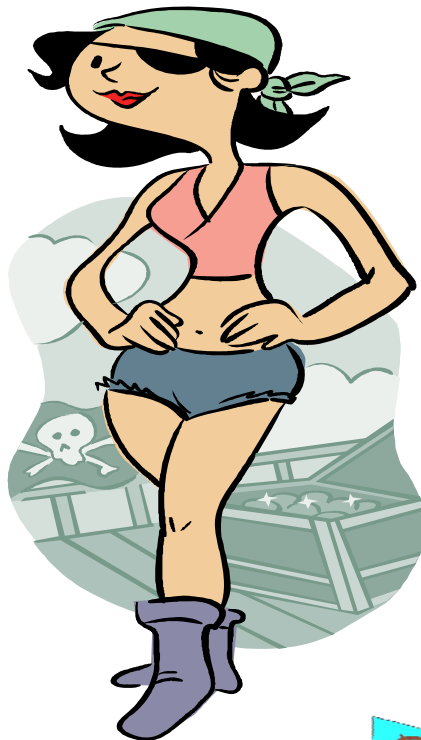
Boat
Equipment

Safety devices and PFD's
Alcohol limits
First aid and emergency procedures
Environmental (area and weather)

.....Before you go



November Lobster boil and Halloween rendezvous
Photos courtesy of Dwight Coursey





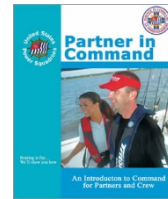
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1/Lt Glenn Roy, AP

We are in the final stretch of the **Advance Piloting Course (AP)** that began several weeks ago. Our good friends and instructors Lynn Hasse and Bill Dietrich are leading this great educational experience. Many USPS members say that AP is the **“Best”** course we offer. I agree! AP is a follow-up course to, and differs from P in several ways. In addition to the material in P; Advance Piloting covers the effects of tides, wind, currents and adverse conditions on the course a boat takes as it travels in our coastal waterways.

All of the students that attended the most recent **Coastal Navigation Course (P)** have passed with “flying colors”. Congratulations to all of them. Lynn and Bill did an excellent job of presenting this very detailed and useful information.

We will be presenting the first part of the **Partner in Command Seminar** at our November membership meeting on the 10th. Past Commander John Gniady will cover the materials in the Seminar. This Seminar will be divided over two membership meetings. This slide presentation should be very interesting to all of us who spend time on the water.



Partner in Command

This seminar provides boating information for crew members who may or may not have taken a boating course. It is designed to provide essential information one may require to assist a skipper in the safe operation of a recreational boat should the need arise... especially in an emergency situation.

LPSPS Booth – Wooden Boat Festival

The LPSPS booth at the Wooden Boat Festival was well attended by many of the folks in the crowd. It was located across the parking lot from Morton’s Restaurant. Several visitors showed interest in;

- joining USPS,
- taking the ABC Basic Boating Course,
- signing-up for future SAIL and Coastal Navigation Courses,
- having a **Vessel Safety Check** done on their boats.

Overall, it was well supported by many of our LPSPS members and the visitor interest was steady throughout the 2 day event.

Field Trips @ the Museum

November is “loaded” with Field Trips to the Lake Pontchartrain Maritime Museum this month. Dozens of Kids from Schools, Churches, Scout groups, Home-taught environments, Summer Camps, etc. will be arriving at the Museum this month to learn about **Knot Tying Skills and Boating Safety**, and much more. It’s a 4 to 5 hour program, broken-up into 5 sessions that our volunteer members Bill Dietrich, Doug Gardner, Lynn Haase, Nick Chronis and Peggy & Glenn Roy help present. This is all part of the **USPS Civic Service Support** to the community. **IT’S A BLAST!** We do it because it is sooooo much fun. Watching the reactions of the “kids” from 2nd grade to high-school in age learn about ropes and knots (Knot Tying), Life Jackets and water safety procedures (Boating Safety) is sooooo rewarding! It’s AWESOME! Lots of hands-on demonstrations. To help with this and to really have an enjoyable experience, let us know if you are interested.





Administration Officer

Lt/C Scott Bordelon

Ahoy mates,

October was a busy month for the power squadron with LPSPS volunteers working the wooden boat festival. The weather was fantastic and the festival was a success. Additionally, in October we planned a bus trip from Chimes in Covington up to Baton Rouge for the LSU vs. Ole Miss Game. This trip was canceled due to the game being scheduled so late in the evening and would've made for an extremely long day for everyone. We will try to schedule this another time when we know the game is going to be scheduled for an earlier time and see if there's any interest.

Our October Rendezvous was a lobster boil at John and Carol Bell's lovely home on October 29th. The hors d'oeuvres, the lobsters, the desserts and most importantly the comradery was terrific! We also celebrated George Trousdale's 79th birthday. Happy birthday George! Congratulations to all the cooks and helpers, especially John and Carol Bell and all those that made this Rendezvous a success.

Looking forward to November activities, we have a general membership meeting with a Thanksgiving theme on the 10th November. The turkey for the meeting dinner will be provided by the squadron. Thanksgiving side-dishes are asked to be provided by the members. Please coordinate the side dishes to bring with Norma Roberts. And finally, our rendezvous for November will be on November 19th, at the Madisonville wall. This rendezvous will be a mystery cook off that will be voted upon at the November general membership meeting. The rendezvous will be held and organized by Carol Bell and Christine Williams.

Have a happy fall and enjoy the weather.

Scott E. Bordelon



Treasurer

Lt/C John Winters, S

No report this month



P/Lt/C George Trousdale, S

Who da thunk it?

One of our own knows someone from M.I.T.! That in and of itself is amazing, but there's more to this!

Our member, who will remain anonymous, introduced those in attendance to a ritual unknown to the common man other than M.I.T.

Just before plunging a lobster into boiling water, Mr. Anonymous started caressing a female lobster on the tail! After a few minutes of fascinating petting, the lobster reportedly fell asleep and was then balanced on her head until she woke up by falling over.



Then, without remorse, she was plunged into the pot.

Of course, then another anonymous member had to try it too.

Theory from M.I.T. is the lobster is relaxed when entering the pot and therefore more tender when done cooking.

Anyway, they all came out mighty tasty.



UP COMING EVENTS IN THE NEXT 60 DAYS

[2016 Calendar of Events for the next 60 Days see page 7](#)



NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016

6:00 SOCIAL HOUR 7:00 DINNER AND MEETING

Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum

133 Mabel Drive, Madisonville, LA

A THANKSGIVING TREAT

Fried Turkey will be provided by the Squadron!!!!

Bring a FAVORITE THANKSGIVING dish to help complete the meal.

Also don't forget to bring your favorite beverage!

Cook-Off Rendezvous — November 19th

Madisonville Wall— Starts at noon

“Casserole” or “Bar Squares”

BIRTH'S

NOVEMBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bell, Carol	11/02
Williams, Jeffrey L.	11/07
McNabb, Matthew	11/13
Satterlee, Stephen	11/17
Dietrich, William F.	11/24
Satterlee, Jane	11/24
Satterlee, Stephen	11/30

CLASS & SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Advanced Piloting Course

This course is underway and proceeds for 10 consecutive weeks. Location: Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum, 133 Mabel Dr., Madisonville, LA

Contact either Lynn Haase or Bill Dietrich for more information.

Let the Education Department know what USPS Seminars you may be interested in seeing at our upcoming General Membership Meetings. They are trying to accommodate your needs.



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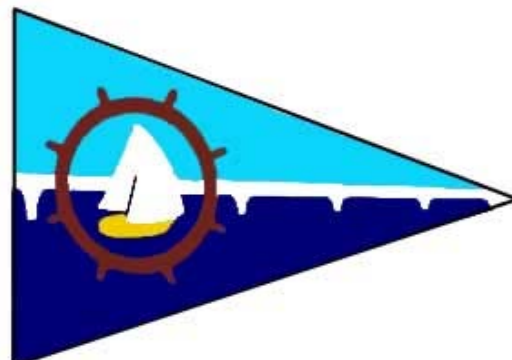


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Exec Board Meeting @ Claiborne Oaks Event Center - 6:30 pm	4	5
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends	7	8 Election Day	9	10 General Membership Meeting - Maritime Museum - Thanksgiving Meal, turkeys provided, members bring sides - Social @ 6 pm; meeting @ 7 pm	11 Veterans' Day	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Rendezvous - Chili Cook-Off - Madisonville Wall @ Noon
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27	28	29	30	Notes:		

~ December 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Exec Board Meeting @ Claiborne Oaks Event Center - 6:30 pm	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 General Membership Meeting - Maritime Museum - Christmas Party, Member Appreciation, Dirty Santa, Officer Elections - Social @ 6 pm; meeting @ 7 pm	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Winter Solstice (Northern)	22	23	24
25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31

