

## ***UNDER THE BRIDGE***

### ***LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS***



**Commander**  
Richard Erbe

#### **Commanders Report for January 2025 -**

I am honored to be able to serve as the commander for the upcoming year. Thank you to all who assisted in making the Change of Watch and Christmas party successful.

The planned ABC class after the Wooden Boat Festival had to be cancelled due to a lack of available instructors.

I am hoping we can get some more members qualified this year. We have reached out to those who signed up at the Wooden boat Festival who indicated an interest in joining the club and hope to see them at an upcoming meeting.

Four VSCs were conducted at the festival.

As some of you may be aware, the Chubb insurance company indicated they would be cancelling liability insurance at the chapter level on December 1. They are still insured at the national level. This apparently would only have affected events the local chapter has control over. We were attempting to acquire liability insurance for the chapter until National could find a new policy which they expected would take a few months. Progress was very slow. Luckily, with only a couple days to spare they were able to secure new insurance. There appears to be some paperwork that would be needed for Squadron event insurance.

If anyone has suggestions for guest speakers, please let me know.

Looking forward to a successful year.





**Squadron Education Officer**

Lt/C Joey Wheeler

**LPSPS EDUCATION REPORT** – Hope everyone had a great holiday season.

We have an opportunity to have guest instructors, Greg and Lizann Mulvany, to teach the Cruising Under Power and Sail course on the Northshore for us. This is an 8-10 week course. They would have to start the course by the end of January to complete within their schedule. Please let me know at this month’s meeting if you are interested so we can finalize plans for the course.

We are planning to have an ABC Safe Boating Class sometime in 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2025. If you are interested in taking this class or another course, please let me know.

NOPS, BRSPS, and LPSPS SEO’s are in discussion on how to leverage our limited number of instructors for advanced boating courses to expand our boating training. We feel that more advanced boating classes may attract more members. We’ll keep you advised of any classes being planned in the area.

If anyone is looking for a LPSPS burgee, please contact me.



**Treasurer**

Lt/C Elaine Gardner

**LPSPS TREASURERS REPORT  
31 December 2024**

	Subtotal	Totals
<b>Cash on Hand (11/01/24)</b>		<b>\$ 13,717.72</b>
Chase Checking	\$ 13,541.72	
Petty Cash	\$ 176.00	
<b>Income</b>		<b>\$ 949.00</b>
Catered Meal 11/14	\$ 240.00	
Membership Dues	\$ 709.00	
<b>Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 1,116.78</b>
Catered Meal 11/14	\$ 300.00	
COW Catered Meal	\$ 450.00	
Education	\$ 82.18	
Meeting Supplies	\$ 22.10	
Badges	\$ 72.50	
Membership Dues	\$ 190.00	
<b>Balance (12/31/24)</b>		<b>\$ 13,549.94</b>
Chase	\$ 13,373.94	
Petty Cash	\$ 176.00	

Respectfully submitted:  
Elaine Gardner, LPSPS Treasurer





Gary Poirier	08 Jan
John Winters	21 Jan
Peggy Roy	23 Jan
George Janssen	08 Feb
Leigh Arceneaux	10 Feb

**General Membership Meeting  
09 Jan at Maritime Museum  
Louisiana, 133 Mabel Dr,  
Madisonville, LA**

SOCIAL- 6:00

MEAL and MEETING- 7:00

Menu - Pot Luck. The Squadron will provide rotisserie chicken and members are asked to bring a salad, side or dessert to complete the meal.

RSVP by Tuesday, January 7, so we know how many to prepare for. RSVP to Norma Roberts - [njroberts@gmail.com](mailto:njroberts@gmail.com) or 225/978-5638

**NEXT 90 DAYS**

Executive Committee	02 Jan
General Membership	09 Jan
Nat'l Mtg – Orlando	2-9 Feb
Executive Committee	06 Feb
Superbowl Watch Party	09 Feb
General Membership	13 Feb
Executive Committee	06 Mar
General Membership	13 Mar





District 15 Vessel Safety Checks	Inspections	Examiners
Baton Rouge Sail & Power Squadron	00	00
Fort Walton Sail & Power Squadron	05	01
<b>Lake Pontchartrain Sail &amp; Power Squadron</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>07</b>
New Orleans Power Squadron	16	02
Pensacola Sail & Power Squadron	19	05
Perdido Bay Power Squadron	0	00
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>15</b>

Vessel Safety Examiner	Inspections	Vessel Safety Examiner	Inspections
David Arceneaux	0	John Gniady	0
John Bell	0	Chris Houha	19
Chris Cottrell	24	Joey Wheeler	0
Richard Erbe	11		

**Membership – please check your status online.**

Current Members	41
Life	03

**Congratulations to Peggy Roy for her 25<sup>th</sup> Merit Mark and attaining LIFE membership in USPS!!! Great job Peggy!!!!**

**2025 Rendezvous Schedule – Please sign up to host an event**

Date	Theme	Host	Location
January	None		
February 9	Super Bowl	Peggy and Glenn Roy	Roy Residence
March			
April	Crawfish/Shrimp Boil		
May	Safe Boating Event		
June			
July			
August			
September	Lobster Boil		
October	Wood Boat Festival		
November			
December	Change of Watch/Xmas		





United States Power Squadrons

## Welcome our 2025 Bridge



**Commander**  
Richard Erbe



**Squadron Education Officer**  
Joey Wheeler



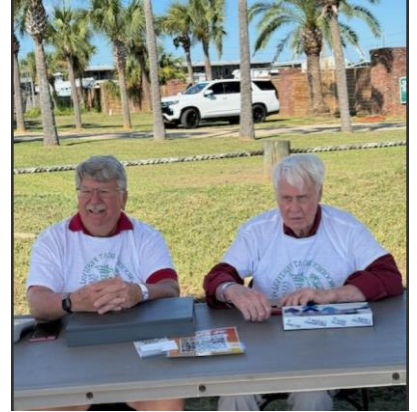
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## Wood Boat Festival – Thanks to all our LPSPS Volunteers – Docking Support, Ticket Sales & Squadron Booth



Lake Pontchartrain Sail & Power Squadron





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## November General Membership Meeting – Trey Yuen



Lake Pontchartrain Sail & Power Squadron

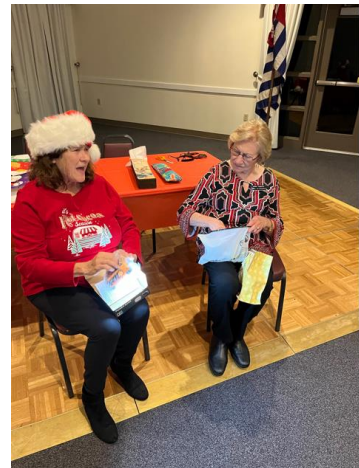




### Change of Watch &



### Dirty Santa







## Special Opportunity Class for end of January –

Once a week for 8 weeks

Average 2 hours per session

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

# An Educated Boater is a Safer Boater! Cruising Under Power and Sail

There is something very special about the thrill of cruising in new waters and the sense of accomplishment upon completing an extended cruise. To go beyond what most boaters do on a weekend overnight or even a week or so marina hopping requires boaters to leave their normal cruising areas and comfort zones. The Cruising and Cruise Planning course focuses on the planning and preparation necessary for safe enjoyable extended cruises on both inland, coastal and offshore waters.



The instructors for this class cruised the Bahamas and Caribbean while living aboard their 37' Pacific Seacraft sailboat for 7 years. They have also made several transits of the Panama Canal and sailed the Pacific Coast from Mexico to Southern California as well as sailing the Atlantic East Coast between Maine and Florida. They are excited about helping you prepare to realize your dream.

Eight classes about two hours each are scheduled for presentation of this course. At the completion of the class students will have to complete exam to receive credit within the America's Boating Club / USPS. Topics covered include:

- Cruise preparation and planning - General
- Boat and Equipment
- Anchors and Anchoring
- Security
- Chartering
- Cruising Outside the United States
- Crew selection and Provisioning
- Voyage Management
- Communications
- Navigation
- Weather
- Emergencies



For more information about the course, please contact our Asst Squadron Education Officer, Greg Mulvany at: [SEOatNOPS@gmail.com](mailto:SEOatNOPS@gmail.com) or (504)377-8357





## Special Thanks to our Facility Host



### Maritime Museum Louisiana Upcoming Events

## Upcoming events

#### Wooden Boat Festival

October 18 & 19, 2025 Time: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Both Days

[More Info](#)



#### Maritime Mania

October 17, 2025 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. at Maritime Museum Louisiana

[More Info](#)



#### Exhibits & Collections

Explore the lighthouses of Louisiana, Jahncke Shipyard, wildlife and more.

[More Info](#)





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## Executive Committee

PDC John Bell	PC Stephen Satterlee
Gary Poirier	PC Chris Houha
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Law Officer	PC John Gniady
Chairman Merit Marks	Open
Membership Chair	Open
VSC Chairman	PC Chris Cottrell
Cruising Chairman	Past Lt/C David Arceneaux
Newsletter/Webmaster	PC Chris Houha

## Website

<http://www.lpsandps.org>

