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Meetings, the Dock, *Fruition*

by Cdr Gregory Deis, SN-CN

The Bridge held the August General Membership Meeting on line. It was a "ZOOM" meeting. In the event COVID restrictions are not relaxed, virtual GM meetings have been scheduled through November. The login information for the meeting is as follows:

Topic: NOPS General Membership Meeting
Every month on the Third Thursday, until Nov 19, 2020, 3 occurrence(s)

Sep 17, 2020 07:00 PM

Oct 15, 2020 07:00 PM

Nov 19, 2020 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87385815264?pwd=aZLQXFceGNMRTAreUhNT2RZbW41dz09>

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DOCK UPDATE

NOPS has been providing dockage to several boats. However, the Bridge has decided to return the dock to day use for the general membership. Consequently, the decision has been made to restrict long term boat dockage to small boats, effective September 30, 2020. Stay tuned--we will be planning a home port rendezvous in the near future!

Fruition: enjoyment derived from use or possession.



Jim and Sue Kuemmel, past members of NOPS, made the "loop" with a boat named *Fruition*. *Fruition* took care of the Kuemmel's and the Kuemmel's took very good care of *Fruition*. A couple of years ago, they sold the boat and became Land Lubbers again.

Simultaneously, Floyd Gillis, a retired River captain, was dreaming of making the loop. *Fruition* became part of his dream. Floyd's wife, Ethyl, agreed to help crew and they set off living the dream.

Unfortunately, Floyd's dream came to an abrupt end a few weeks ago in Norfolk, VA when he suffered a fatal heart attack. Ethyl is looking

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to quickly sell the boat before she returns to New Orleans, which brings me to the heart of this update. I've been asked to spread the word throughout the Power Squadron about the great opportunity selling *Fruition* presents for someone who has a dream that includes a dependable boat.

If you have dreams or know someone with dreams of making the loop and need a proven boat, here's your chance. *Fruition* is a 48' CHB Seamaster, immaculately maintained and ready for a new skipper. You can walk through her with the youtube address:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vMBQs5aV1QI>

I would encourage you to contact Greg Mulvany (504-377-8357) or myself (985-212-9762) for more details. Greg Mulvany can put you in contact with Ethyl.



"Just When You Thought It Was Safe To Go Back Into The Water..."

P/C Dan Ross, S

I was thinking about something to write for *Topside* while at the same time watching the recent news updates about Covid-19 and our economy. Like all of us I hope to see a decline in new cases, more complete recoveries and the development of a vaccine. For some unknown reason I thought about how this pandemic and related events somewhat compares on a much smaller scale to the 1975 movie "Jaws" and the sequel 1978 movie "Jaws 2". After doing some past reviews of both movies I decided Peter Benchley's famous tag in "Jaws 2" would be a fitting title for this article. For our members who recall both movies or just curious about them I recommend going back memory lane and "Google" both movies. For those who did not see these movies a summary of the first movie includes how a rogue white shark appeared at a small beach town off of the New England Coast, caused death and personal injury along with the threat of destroying the local economy by closing the beaches during the prime vacation season. These events are similar to what Covid-19 has done and still doing on a much larger global scale. Also the various actions of the main actors in the movies somewhat compare to what we are presently witnessing from our public officials in the fine balance of preventing the spread of Covid-19 and the bringing back of a healthy economy. In the end of "Jaws" the great white shark was finally terminated and the locals along with tourists put their guard down with disregard of another similar occurrence.

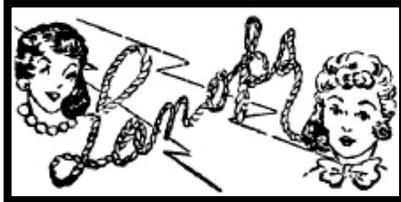
By now you may have figured out that events in the movie "Jaws 2" resemble what happened as a result of letting our guard especially when not at home. Like in the movie, Covid-19 reappeared similar to the shark in "Jaws 2". For those who have left their guard down hopefully a lesson has been learned and we will never have a "Jaws 3"

Wishing you, your family and friends good health and hope to see all of you in the near future. Lets have fun but at the same time use good judgement.

More NOPS History

LANOPS

From the inception of the New Orleans Power Squadron, its members had their ladies very much in evidence at many of the Squadron events, and immediately following the membership meeting of the Squadron in September, 1950, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the New Orleans Power Squadron was formed. Marcel James, Immediate Past Treasurer of the Squadron, presided over the organizational meeting until the officers were elected, at which time Mrs. Hal Roper, who was elected President, took over the conduct of the meeting.

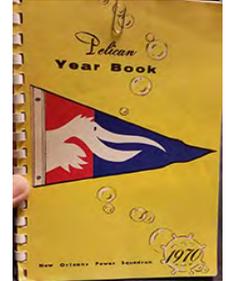


Past Presidents of LANOPS (April 1989 TOPSIDE)
Front row seated; left to right: Dr Shelby Faget, Mrs Walter Christensen, Mrs Reggie Jackson, Mrs Charles Heintz, Mrs George Dureau
Rear row; left to right: Mrs Joseph Fromherz, Mrs Edward Baxter, Mrs Robert Heintz, Mrs Rosemary Staehle, Mrs Thomas Buckley, Jr, Mrs S. Joseph Canepa, Mrs Morris Klinger

SQUADRON QUARTERS

The trials and tribulations of a newly formed organization were many in the early years of the Squadron. Many of the members were in the Armed Forces; there was a constant search for meeting locations, attempts to have interesting meetings, to increase membership attendance, and always scavenging for ration stamps for refreshments at the meetings. In spite of all the obstacles, the Squadron continued to prosper and membership slowly increased. By 1946, membership of the Squadron had

increased to 109 members, but meeting places were still scarce, although Piloting Classes were held in school classrooms. The one subject constantly discussed by members was hot to get a permanent headquarters. The previous year, Squadron Commander H J McCampbell was given authority to appoint a committee that would report to the membership on the acquisition of permanent quarters. Committees worked diligently – came and went – but to no avail.



Finally, on 23 August 1950, P/C Hal Roper, who was then Squadron Treasurer and newly appointed Chairman of the Housing Committee, excitedly called together six of the staunchest members whom he could count on for a luncheon meeting. He unfolded the story of five large quarterboats which were being towed down the river from Memphis by the U. S. Corps of Engineers to be offered for sale in New Orleans. These boats were 160' X 40'. He thought the Squadron could acquire one for about \$4 500, and by knocking out the interior walls, it could be converted into a permanent meeting place. It sounded great, but at the time there was only \$500 in the treasury; and even if it could be purchased where could they put it after they got it? A decision had to be reached immediately without time for a special meeting.

As the old saw goes - "Difficult things are accomplished at once; the impossible takes a little longer." Nothing could stymie these determined men! As a result of a visit to the Mayor's office that same afternoon, and after much oratory by P/C Hal Roper, P/D/C Teddy Hotard, P C Bernie Shields and George Tranchina, they were promised a temporary place in the Yacht Harbor until the question could be resolved. This, in spite of the fact that the Yacht Harbor was already overcrowded and much political influence was being used by others to obtain space. This was a gentlemen's agreement, but at least it was a beginning.

Before parting company that afternoon, the few members present collected \$100 among themselves for a 24-hour option on the quarterboat. After contacting the Commander and much telephoning, a special meeting was called for the next night. Other parties were interested in purchasing the quarterboat, and it was necessary to deposit \$500 to hold the option for another week. At the suggestion of Dave Herman, 20 of the members present each offered \$25 to the committee for the deposit to secure the option. Then, gambling

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that the general membership would stand behind them, 10 members signed a contract of sale, binding the little group personally to make full payment. They were sold on the idea, and now had to sell it to the others.

At the general meeting, the idea at first was not well received; but after lengthy discussion, the majority of the members were in favor of the purchase if a suitable location for it could be obtained. The final decision for the purchase was reached at the general membership meeting on 20 September 1950. Arrangements were made to form a corporation known as Squadron Quarterboat, Inc. Financing would be accomplished by issuing non-interest bearing bonds in denominations of \$50 each to members who were willing to purchase them. One bond was to be redeemed each year by replacing names in a hat, and to this day, the Officers of Squadron Quarterboat, Inc, are the members of each year's Bridge and the redemption of a bond a year is accomplished in the same manner at the of SQB, Inc. Thus the Quarterboat became the property of Squadron Quarterboat, Inc and the New Orleans Squadron had the makings of a home.

There was still much to be done. One member in the towing business offered to tow the Quarterboat to its new location. With no hopes of raising funds for renovating, work parties were formed and members came out with sledge hammers, saws and other tools and proceeded to knock out partitions. Cots, mattresses, heads, basins and lockers were sold so that other necessary fixtures could be purchased. One member, a plumber offered his services; another, a carpenter, an electrician - all offered their services free. The ladies of LANOPS served sandwiches and their first projects after their organizational meeting included decorating the quarters and purchasing Quarterboat, Inc bonds. At last, NOPS had a permanent home and the capacity of each Piloting Class could be increased to 150.

The Quarterboat remained afloat as a two deck structure until 1958 and served the Squadron well; but time was taking its toll. The cost of hauling out was prohibitive and the old QB was in a bad state of

repair. There were three pumps going and once when the power failed, a cloudburst nearly sank her. It was cheaper to buy pumps than haul out but something had to be done soon. After much consideration, it was decided to slice off the upper deck of the quarters and

place it ashore on pilings: but again, this required funds.

The status of Quarterboat, Inc. was changed by authorizing the sale of additional bonds to some of the newer members. Committees were appointed by the score; box lunches were raffled a city wide fishing rodeo was sponsored, more ads to Topside Talk were sold and Eastward Ho! was made bigger and better. No stone was left unturned. LANOPS came to the fore by holding rummage sales, dances, style shows and what have you and turned the receipts over to the treasury. Commander Buddy Rosen appointed a finance committee headed by Sid Spilsbury. More pledges were obtained and when additional funds

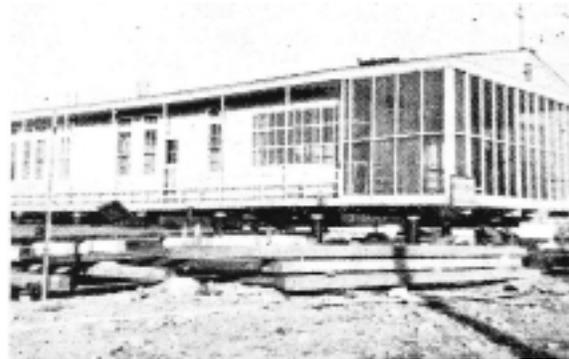
were needed the Executive Committee authorized the Commander to borrow what was required. The financial picture soon glowed with health and this one obstacle was overcome.

Next our engineer members began working and plans were soon forth coming. Another trip to the Mayor's office resulted in permission to slice off the upper deck of the quarters and slide it over onto land, on pilings. A now member, Steve Whitty Contractor, offered to drive the pilings at cost. The cutting began with jacks placed beneath the upper deck and resting on

Evolution of the Quarterboat



Quarterboat Afloat



Quarterboat Moving Ashore



Quarterboat Onshore

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the hull frames. The night before the upper half was to be moved over, the city power failed, the pumps stopped and with a long sigh the old Quarterboat gave up and sank in ten feet of water. When settling it curved like a scenic railway.

The members were not to be thwarted, however. With additional jacks and timbers, they raised the top portion which was needed, and with much groaning and shivering, the old QB .lid over to her new foundation and rested. And so did the work-weary members.

Herbert Moitrejean, N, who was by now Commander, took over the helm and by promoting new ventures and increasing the existing ones, raised the necessary funds, not only to pay back the loan, but to entirely renovate the interior and exterior. The Ladies' Auxiliary did the rest.

We have a wonderful dock, 160' long, 110 and 220 volt power, with ten feet of water at the side and an electric hoist for launching small boats. Now, with a membership of approximately 400 strong, we are once again looking to renovate and enlarge our quarters. For this purpose, we have a long-range Planning Committee with a membership of varying terms of office. How much easier the task will be for us than it was for our "pioneer" members.



The "New" Quarterboat



The Quarterboat after Katrina

Educational Department News

SEO Tracy Hamlin, N
ASEO Chester Cooke, SN-CN

A one day **America's Boating Course** has been scheduled for 12 September 2020 at the New Orleans Yacht Club. Open 8:30, class 9-4:30. Space is limited, preregistration is suggested.

Mike Turner

Instructor, America's Boating Course
New Orleans Power Squadron
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New 'Social Distancing for Boaters' Video

Visit America's Boating Channel on YouTube to view the newest title added to Season Four videos in response to COVID-19. "Social Distancing for Boaters" offers valuable tips for getting back on-the-water safely.

Read more: <https://AmericasBoatingChannel.com>

A short series of **Seminars** are planned at our meetings when we return. A list will be available for people to sign up for them. The most requested will be given.

If you have any questions, or an interest in taking or teaching classes, please contact me, Tracy Hamlin, SEO, at hamlinhs@bellsouth.net or 504-430-7689, or ASEO Chester Cooke, SN-CN, who can be reached at cgcooke3@yahoo.com

Great minds discuss ideas;



Average minds
discuss events;



Small minds discuss people.

— Eleanor Roosevelt (1884 - 1962)
US diplomat & reformer; wife of
Franklin Roosevelt; niece of Theodore
Roosevelt



July 18th Gathering at Moonraker

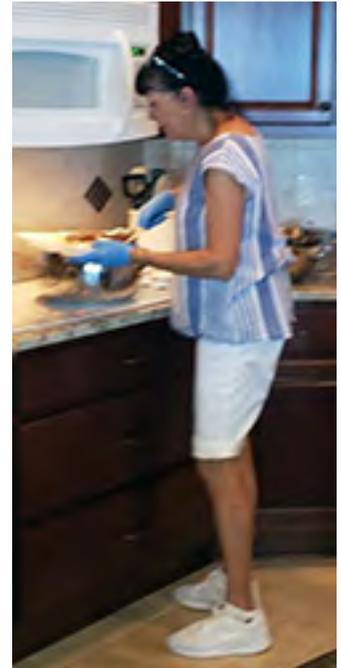
Charles Chapman

On July 18th a gathering was held at our residence. We felt that some of the membership were yearning for a get together. All covid 19 precautions were followed, including masks and gloves for designated food servers and social distancing while outside. We asked that people who felt comfortable attend if they desired and 23 people attended. It was basically a one day event on Saturday with lunch being served around 2:00 pm and libations before and following. Since this was not considered an official Squadron function, there was no charge for the event and numerous people assisted with food offerings. The attendees seemed very happy to get together to share personal news and friendship.

If the covid pandemic continues on, there is a possibility that another event will be forthcoming when the weather cools.



**Food,
Friends,
Fun!**



Flotsam and Jetsam

Email Address Needed to Receive The Ensign

To reduce our organization's expenses, America's Boating Club will no longer print and mail The Ensign magazine to members. Starting with the Fall 2020 issue, members will receive an email containing a link to the digital edition of The Ensign on our website. Squadron commanders and secretaries, please urge your members to update their contact information, including their email addresses. We currently have over 2,800 members without email addresses on file. These members will not be able to receive The Ensign unless they have an email address on file. Thank you!

Tina Tibbitts tibbittst@hq.usps.org

How is Your Non-Renewal List? - We are now past the big renewal month. The people who did not renew are still on the dues status page. They are now listed under "non-renewal." They stay in the listing for a year. Since email distributions are free; don't delete them from the electronic distribution of your newsletters and other email notifications. They have only slipped one step down on your priority list. The likelihood of renewal is pretty good. My home squadron had at least one response to a renewal letter after several months had passed. Just stay in contact and good things will happen. Robert Howd rhowd1@ec.rr.com

Don't Die of Doubt! - With the persistence of the COVID pandemic, hospitals across the nation have reported dramatic drops in the number of emergency department visits. Unfortunately, medical emergencies such as heart attacks, cardiac arrests, and strokes have continued with the same frequency. 911 calls for heart attack/chest pain events are down 31%, and stroke calls are down 21%. This delay in seeking care is more common with people who have chronic conditions. This creates a situation where the person coming to the ED is much sicker, complicating treatment. Bystanders may be concerned about the risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 during CPR. An analysis of Seattle emergency medical services and hospital data shows a low risk of COVID-19 infection from bystander CPR. As always, a CPR mask should be used. The use of an AED is critical to saving the life of a cardiac arrest victim. The American Heart Association and the Citizen CPR Foundation have developed a program to help you be more aware of these issues and make good choices in an emergency. For details.

<https://citizencpr.org/ccprf-partners-articles-aha/>

Jeff McKinney jmckinney2606@gmail.com

Beach and Waterway Cleanups - Get Involved!

Seems a little early to be thinking about fall already, but many areas have beach, lake and river cleanups scheduled for the fall. This would be a chance to get out (while social distancing of course!), have some fun, get some exercise, and do some good while you're at it. Check the local activity schedules, and see if there's one for you. For instance, California has something scheduled for every weekend in September. Lots of places schedule end-of-season outdoor cleanups, too. It's a great way to end the season, and it's always good to get out there! For California's program check out the URL below. Steve Gattou sgattou33@comcast.net
<https://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd.html>

Merit Marks - Committee chairs should send in merit mark information to P/C Charles Chapman at sonights@bellsouth.net Be sure to include your own info as well as times for any members working on your committee. The MM entry program is new this year so Charlie would like this as soon as possible.

Irene Klinger passed away on Sunday August 2, 2020, at age 96 at her home in Metairie. She was preceded in death by her husband, P/C Morris Klinger. She was a life time member and past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the New Orleans Power Squadron.



My Mother, **Rosemary Dulany**, died on August 14, 2020 at Heart of Hospice, EJGH, at the age of 96. Rose was born November 1, 1923 in New Orleans, lived for many years in St Bernard Parish, moving to Slidell after Hurricane Katrina. She and Robbie were best buds after my dad died in 2003. She attended many of our squadron rendezvous over the last 15 years. When we can all gather together safely, there will be an ice cream and cake party in her honor. She would love it.

- Cheryl

Fishing Rodeo ends 11 October. Fishing Affidavits due in 15 October to Clint Mouser, 4428 Toby Ln Metairie, LA 70003 Questions to Clint: cmou5@aol.com

The original event, began as a "Fellowship Rodeo" which was conducted for squadron members on 28-29 August 1954. This year, is the 66th Annual Fishing Rodeo. **Go Fish!**

Flotsam from page 7

On May 6, 2020, the **Blue Angels** while honoring **First Responders**, flew over the NOPS trailer. Marlene and Chester Cooke were there to view and take pictures.



And since Marlene has been mentioned, we should acknowledge her birthday. Apparently during this time of CoVid, big parties can't be planned, so let's just make sure everyone knew it was Marlene's birthday. Hope it was happy.



The USPS Raleigh Meeting scheduled for September 2020 has been cancelled-Go to <https://www.usps.org> then login as a member. There are quite a few meetings scheduled. The link will take you to a spreadsheet that has the "latest" virtual schedule of meetings . Note that as a new version is available it will be posted and the date above will change. Check frequently for changes.



Currently, the Educational, Executive and Secretary departments have meetings scheduled from 9 September through 18 September. The Administrative department will make their schedule available soon.

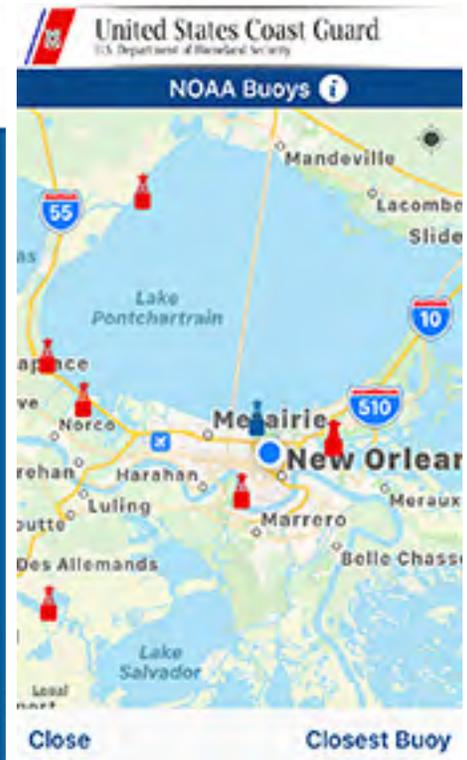
USCG Boating Mobile Safety App

- Find the latest safety regulations
- Request a vessel safety check
- Check your safety equipment
- File a float plan
- Navigation Rules
- Find the nearest NOAA buoy
- Report a hazard
- Report pollution
- Report suspicious activity
- Request emergency assistance

The Coast Guard Mobile App supports its missions by providing the essential services and information most commonly requested by boaters.

The app was mainly designed to provide additional boating safety resources for mobile device users. The app also features an Emergency Assistance button which, with locations services enabled, will call the closest Coast Guard command center.

<https://uscgboating.org/mobile/>



Crab Boil on 'da bayou'

Saturday, 19 September 2019
Open 12:00 pm, Food at 1:00 pm

Boiled Crabs, Corn,
Potatoes, & Sausage



\$15.00 per person

BYOL

Soft Drinks and Water Available

Eddie and Debbie Brazeal's
home on the Bayou
4891 Lisa Ann Drive
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Email Eddie: eddiebrazeal@att.net
or call Debbie (504) 458-6557

Reservations required
by 14 September

MEMBERSHIP MEETING 17 September Meeting - Virtual?

1800 Social, 1900 Meeting ?
New Orleans Yacht Club ?

September

- 7 Labor Day
- 10 Exec Meeting *Virtual?*
- 12 ABC One-Day Class at NOYC
- 6-13 USPS Mtg Cancelled, *Virtual TBA*
- 17 General Membership Meeting *Virtual?*
- 19 Crab Boil

October

- 8 Exec Meeting *Virtual?*
- 11 Fishing Rodeo ends
- 15 Fishing Affidavits due in
- 15 General Membership Meeting *Virtual?*
- 30-31 Moonshine and Moon beams

Symbol	Meaning	Examples
	Danger A diamond shape alerts boaters to hazards	
	Restricted Operations Marks with a circle indicate areas with regulated operations	
	Exclusion A diamond shape with a cross means boats are prohibited from the area	
	Information Marks with a square provide helpful information such as directions, distances, and locations	

Members will be notified by email
of any date or time changes, or
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Cdr Greg says,
Go Fish!
But don't forget social distancing.

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