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**Any Good News? Anyone?**

*by Cdr Gregory Deis, SN-CN*

Just when we thought things were getting back to normal, a COVID surge pushed us back to virtual meetings for a month. What can I say? How about "The dock is open!" The last "long term resident" has gone and now I want squadron members to know that the Squadron Dock is open for their use.

I encourage you to make a reservation with the Dock Master (Pete Ingrassia) and spend the week end using the dock as a base for boating on Lake Ponchartrain and, perhaps, to enjoy the lake side restaurants.

Were you able to get out on the water before the summer doldrums, the current wave of COVID and Hurricane Ida slowed things down? Whenever we get through the storm season, the weather will be cooling down and boating will again be a pleasant past time.

I encourage you to check out the calendar for upcoming events. I've always enjoyed the crab boil sponsored by the Brazeal's, but unfortunately, it was cancelled because of all of the destruction caused by Ida. However, Moonbeams is on for October 29-30, and the Fish Fry will be at the trailer on November 6, so make plans to attend.

Stay tuned for the details, but a dock party is also being planned! (Oops, Ida again!) What else do you as members want to do?

Let me or one of the bridge know. We would welcome your input.

**August Meeting at NOYC**



**New member, Louise Bienvenue, sworn in by Exec Officer Don Ellis**



**Member, Dr William Carter, gave a presentation about Electric Shock Drowning.**

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## Annual Meeting and Change of Watch Thursday, 9 December 2021

Ridgeway of Old Metairie

2431 Metairie Rd  
Metairie, LA 70001

1830-2230 (6:30-10:30pm)

\$40.00 per person

Reservations due Monday, 29 November 2021 to:

Debbie Brazeal

54 Marie Drive

Gretna, La. 70053

504-458-6557

## Fish Fry at the trailer

Saturday, 6 November

\$15 per person

Open at 1200 (noon)

Food Served at 1300 (1pm)

Fried Fish, Pasta Salad, Dessert

Reservations by Saturday, 30 Oct

Contact Cheryl

[cdjarrell@cox.net](mailto:cdjarrell@cox.net)



### Does Your Boat Have an Interesting Name?

We would like to share the story of how your boat was named in our Transom Tales section in The Ensign.

Submit your story and a high-resolution photo to [ensign@hq.usps.org](mailto:ensign@hq.usps.org) For more details on submissions, see

<https://theensign.org/submit/>

Email: Tina Tibbitts [tibbittst@hq.usps.org](mailto:tibbittst@hq.usps.org)

## Pictures from the LANOPS' Bunco

Bunco was held on July 11th at the trailer there were 15 participants, even on a stormy day a great time was had by all. We enjoyed a wonderful meal, consisting of ham, potato salad, baked beans, green beans, coleslaw and delicious desserts. The highlight of the day was the presence of Eliza "Chris and Jeannette's grand daughter". She proved that bunco can successfully bridge the generation gap. We all had a great time with her as she did with us.

The winners were:

First Place Ernie Beyer

Second Place Jeannette Lawler

Booby Karen Allen

Sock won by Brenda Pipes

Eliza rolled the most single points in a row at 12



Well, I don't see Charlie C., but I do see, Chester, Brenda, Eddie, Doris, Marlene, Eliza, Lila, Ern, Karen, Jeannette, Sissy, Chris and Debbie.  
Did I miss anybody?



**Winners...left to right...Booby prize \$5 most games lost Karen. Second place \$10 Jeannette. First place \$20 Ernie. Sock winner \$15 Brenda.**



# Lobster Fest Pictures

Lobster Fest was a bit different this year. The lobsters, corn and potatoes were ordered cooked from Lakeview Harbor. We only had to pick up, cook the sausage, melt the butter, and box the dinners. Work, but not nearly as much as usual!

Thanks to everyone who attended, set up, cleaned up, provided desserts. It was fun!





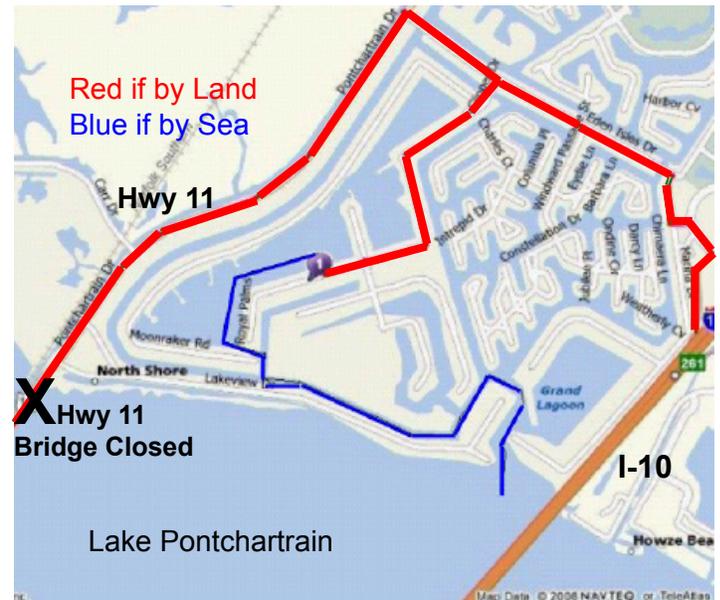
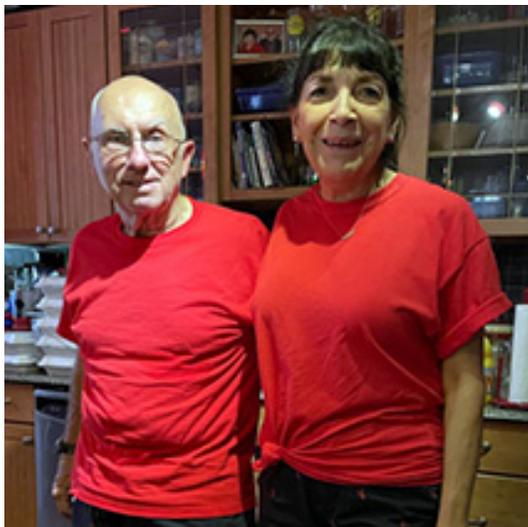
## Moonbeams in Paradise October 29-30, 2021



**Friday night dinner** at Nathan's restaurant, leave at 6:00pm, for anyone who needs a ride. Address 36440 Old Bayou Liberty road, if you choose to go direct. After dinner, those who choose can come to the house for libations. If you are planning to come on Friday reservations must be made early (call Sissy).

**Saturday lunch** will be approximately 1:00 PM followed by relaxation and libation. Lunch will consist of Spaghetti & meat sauce, garlic bread, salad and dessert. Cost \$15.00. per person. As always bring your choice of drink and chairs.

If you plan to come by boat let me know so I can arrange dock space. Call Charles or Sissy Chapman or email [sonights@bellsouth.net](mailto:sonights@bellsouth.net) with your reservation plans.



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



The party's over!  
Time for the overnight guests  
to celebrate with some blue  
champagne.



## DISTRICT 15 FALL CONFERENCE

29 - 31 October 2021

Hampton Inn & Suites

301 Hollywood Blvd., Mary Esther, FL 32569

850-581-7000

[www.my-event.hilton.com/fortwaltonbeachsailandpowersquadron/](http://www.my-event.hilton.com/fortwaltonbeachsailandpowersquadron/)



The Fort Walton Sail & Power Squadron cordially invites you and your guest(s) to the District 15 Fall Conference to be conducted 29 - 31 October 2021. Please complete this reservation form and forward it to the Chairman to arrive no later than Friday October 20, 2021.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Event	Time	Cost	Count	Total
Hospitality Get Together	1800 to 2200	N/C		N/C
Saturday Morning Breakfast **	0700 to 1000	N/C		N/C
Saturday Lunch	1200 to 1400	\$10.00		\$
Saturday Dinner & Social	1800 to 2200	\$25.00		\$
Sunday Morning Bon Voyage**	0700 to 1000	N/C		N/C
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				\$
<b>HOT Breakfast is included with room reservation at the Hampton Inn</b>				
<b>All events are BYOB with Set-ups provided by FWSPS</b>				

Room Reservations can be made directly through the Hampton Inn link above. The room rate is **\$99.00** a night plus tax. If you prefer to call for reservations, dial 850-581-7000, option 0, and ask for the Group Code C-PSC. 10/20/21 is the cut-off date for the group rate.

Uniform of the Day: The uniform for the Conference will be announced on the agenda; the uniform for other events is casual attire.

Cut-off date for activity reservations is 10/20/21

Conference attendees, please make checks payable to Fort Walton Sail & Power Squadron and mail to the Chairman:

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If you have questions or problems concerning the Conference, please call or email the chair.

## Educational Department News

SEO Chester Cooke, SN-CN

The one day **America's Boating Course** scheduled for **September** at the New Orleans Yacht Club did not happen. (Ida!) If it is re-scheduled, we will let you know. As usual, space will be limited, preregistration required, max of 12 students.

Mike Turner, Instructor, ABC 504.458.1443  
[www.neworleansboatingclub.org](http://www.neworleansboatingclub.org)

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)

### The Online Alternative for the Weather Course

A new, updated version of Weather is now available online. The content is the same as the classroom course released last spring, complete with newly updated sections on modern forecasting tools. Many squadrons are now offering this updated course to their members. If your squadron does not have an available instructor or plans to offer Weather in person, members can still take this newly updated course online and get credit for it. The course is fully narrated, has a comprehensive student manual with practical examples, quizzes to check for understanding, and a final exam. Interested?

Go to <https://uspsonline.lmscheckout.com/>  
Remember, your squadron gets credit when a member passes any course, whether online or in person.

Email: Eileen Rickard [daverick93@gmail.com](mailto:daverick93@gmail.com)

### An Alternative Way to Teach Boaters

*(Editor's Note: I didn't really understand what this was, but thought maybe someone involved in education, might want to see this.)*

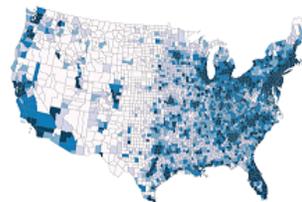
Are your squadron members unable to get to a classroom? Maybe your squadron isn't offering a course that members would like to take, or perhaps the timing of courses offered doesn't meet their schedule. The Virtual Classroom LMS is a great alternative to help America's Boating Club reach more boaters. With a growing list of 27 titles ranging from courses to fully interactive seminars and recorded webinars, America's Boating Club reaches both members and non-members for boating education.

The Virtual Classroom LMS may be the only way cyber members can take America's Boating Club courses and seminars. The LMS provides flexibility in how and when courses are completed, gives members the opportunity to earn credit for their efforts, and allows members and non-members alike to further their marine knowledge in a comprehensive way. Learn more about how the Virtual Classroom LMS is being used by America's Boating Club as an alternative way to teach students around you by viewing a presentation made at the Fall Governing Board using the link below.

Email: H. Eileen Rickard [daverick93@gmail.com](mailto:daverick93@gmail.com)  
Read more:

<https://uspowersquadrons.sharefile.com/d-s0b34da937a4c4d0da926beccd4848021>

In the United  
States there is  
more space where  
nobody is than  
where anybody is. That is what  
makes America what it is.



— Gertrude Stein (1874 - 1946)  
US author in France

# Boat Registration

from the Sep 2021 issue of COMPASS

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

## Boat registration

As a skipper, you are responsible for the safety of your boat and everyone on board. That's why it's essential that you know and follow local, state and federal boat registration requirements.

Federal regulations were created to manage the movement of marine traffic and reduce the number of boating accidents. State and local boating laws address similar concerns.

## Boat registration requirements

Motorboats must be either

- registered in the state where they are primarily used, or
- documented with the U.S. Coast Guard.

Documentation is an optional form of national registration for yachts of five or more net tons. Some states require you to also register documented vessels.

Additionally, keep your registration or documentation certificate on board in a protective waterproof container whenever your boat is in use.

## Boat registration numbers

Attach your assigned registration numbers permanently to each side of the forward half of your boat where they can be readily seen.

- Registration numbers should read from left to right.
- Use block letters at least three inches high.
- Also, use a color that contrasts with your boat: black lettering on a light-colored boat or white lettering on a dark-colored boat.
- Boat numbers include two letters that identify your state, followed by a combination of numbers and letters that identify your boat. Unless specified otherwise by the respective state, your registration is valid in all states for a period of 60 days when traveling or moving.
- Use spaces or hyphens to separate blocks of numerals from letters.
- Attach state registration stickers within 6 inches of the boat registration number.
- Do not display any other numbers nearby.

The law allows each state to create its own numbering system. Find out the requirements in your state. Notify the state agency that issues your registration within 15 days if

- your boat is transferred, destroyed, abandoned, lost, stolen or recovered;
- your registration certificate with assigned numbers is lost or destroyed; or
- your address changes.

Surrender your certificate within 15 days if it becomes invalid for any reason.

## Boat documentation requirements

The U.S. Coast Guard controls vessel documentation. In some states, you can use it in lieu of state registration. Documentation used for vessels transiting foreign ports provides clear tracking of the vessel's ownership.

Documentation applies to

- vessels of at least 5 net tons (refers to volume not weight) wholly owned by a U.S. citizen and
- vessels over 25 feet in length.

Documentation identifies the vessel by name, port and a Coast Guard-issued documentation number, which must be permanently affixed to the boat's interior. The Coast Guard handles documentation, and you can get information on the procedure by calling 800-799-8362 or visiting the Coast Guard's National Vessel Documentation Center. [www.dco.uscg.mil](http://www.dco.uscg.mil)



## Flotsam and Jetsam

### USPS National Meetings

The 2022 Annual Meeting will be held February 19-27, 2022 at Ponte Vedra, Florida. Except for the dates, no other details are available yet. But for those of you who think of such things, the meeting is smack in the middle of Mardi Gras 2022. The actual meeting is on Saturday, February 26, the same day as Endymian, or Iris.



### America's Boating Channel Launches Season Five

On Friday, Sept. 3, at the USPS Governing Board Meeting in Raleigh, NC, America's Boating Channel launched Season Five. Every Friday for 10 weeks throughout the 2021 fall boating season, a new video will premiere on America's Boating Channel on YouTube and [AmericasBoatingChannel.com](https://AmericasBoatingChannel.com). Subscribe for free to our YouTube channel to receive updates as each new title debuts—and don't miss a single episode!

Past members of NOPS, now of Chattanooga, Sue and Jim Kuemmel were heavily involved in one of season 5's videos, *Carbon Monoxide Dangers*. Sue was the Field Producer; Jim was a production assistant, budding actor, and he did his own stunts! Great seeing them again.



### Coast Guard to Approve Level 100 Inherently Buoyant Lifejackets

The Coast Guard has issued a policy letter on obtaining Coast Guard approval on Level 100 lifejackets. This policy builds upon previous efforts the Coast Guard in cooperation with Transport Canada (TC) and members of the Personal Flotation Device (PFD) community to harmonize North American PFD standards. Level 100 lifejackets are intended for commercial vessels. However, they are acceptable for use on recreational vessels. They do provide face-up flotation with a level of support sufficient for open water use and turn most users face-up, even when the user is unconscious. Policy Letter 02-21 can be found here: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/ENG/Policy/>



**PIC Nolan Haro, Sr, SN-CN passed away** in early July 2021. He joined NOPS on December 1, 1990 and had 26 merit marks. A donation was made in Nolan's name to St Jude Children's Hospital, and a thank you note was received from both St Jude's and Cary.

Our deepest sympathy to Cary and family.

### The Heritage and Protocol Update

The Heritage and Protocol Committee has a lot going on with the news of our new status. The USPS Board of Directors will be establishing a new committee in February—Heritage and Documents. The new committee will be the combined Heritage and Protocol and the Operations Manual committees. The Raleigh GB was probably the last meeting in the present form. A new Historians report is currently being finalized as well as a new Historians website.

Guy Anastasio [nag723@verizon.net](mailto:nag723@verizon.net)  
<https://www.usps.org/departments/15000/15900>

### Read The Ensign on Any Device

Watch your inbox in mid-October for an announcement about the new digital edition of The Ensign magazine. Redesigned from the ground up to be user-friendly and responsive, the new magazine not only looks great, but it's also easy to read on any size device—from smartphone to desktop. Inside you'll find rich hyperlinks, expanded content, and a Stem to Stern section that gives members easy access to all things United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club. Email: Yvonne Hill [hilly@hq.usps.org](mailto:hilly@hq.usps.org)

### Ongoing Cyberattack Attempts

USPS webservers are under ongoing cyberattack in an attempt to obtain information. USPS does not store any critical information such as social security numbers or credit card numbers on its servers, but information security remains a top priority for the IT Committee. We are working to identify and prevent unauthorized access. This requires constant monitoring and changes to various server and software configurations. These changes may result in a temporary loss of service. Be patient, as we work to protect you from information breaches. Email: H. Jay Stevens [hjaystevens64@bighthouse.com](mailto:hjaystevens64@bighthouse.com)

## More August Meeting Pics



## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

21 Oct - 18 Nov

1800 Social, 1900 Meeting - NOYC?

### October

- 14 Exec Meeting - Virtual
- 21 General Membership Meeting  
- Nominations due
- 29-30 Moonshine and Moonbeams
- 31 Halloween

### November

- 6 Fish Fry
- 7 Daylight Savings Ends
- 11 Exec Meeting - 1800 Trailer?
- 18 General Membership Meeting
- 25 Thanksgiving

### December

- 9 Annual Meeting/Change of Watch
- 25 Christmas

### January 2022

- 1 New Year's Day
- 13 Exec Meeting - 1800 Trailer
- 20 General Membership Meeting



And for dinner, LANOPS provided Lasagna and Cobbler. YUM!