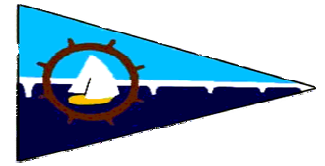




Newsletter for the members of the Lake Pontchartrain Sail & Power Squadron

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UNDER THE BRIDGE

LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS

FROM THE COMANDER

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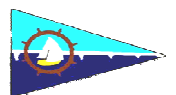
Cdr. Joey Wheeler, AP

July is here and we are getting into the heart of summer. As we are out boating take the opportunity to promote safe boating. Some ways we can accomplish this is through example or casual conversations with other boaters.

Another way to promote safe boating is by example as we boat and by having your vessel checked by one of our vessel examiners. The Vessel Safety Check is a free service and usually takes less than an hour. We have a number of examiners. I am sure any one of them would be glad to perform a VSC on your boat at a mutually convenient time.

Our district 15 Fall Conference will be hosted by the Pensacola Squadron 14-16 October 2016. Please see the attached registration form and consider attending.

With July USPS is initiating a six (6) month **Each One Reach One** membership drive. As part of this membership drive we are asking current members to introduce a friend, neighbor, co-worker, teammate, non-member spouse or partner to a squadron event or class. I encourage each of you to actively participate in this drive. Please see the attached flyer.





Executive Officer

Lt/C Christine Williams, P

As a boater, you should have the required flares on board, but do you know how and when to use them?

When to use flares

You want to use your flares when you are in distress and in a location where they can be seen by someone. If you have radioed or called for help, you may be asked to fire a flare to pinpoint your location, so you can be spotted at sea and from the air.

If searching for you, the U.S. Coast Guard may ask you to set off a flare or an orange smoke flare in the daytime. Lighted flares are effective for short time spans (some for 8–10 seconds, others for 2–3 minutes), so use them efficiently with foreknowledge and practice. Don't wait until the need arises before preparing for action; it could make the difference between life and death.

How to use flares

You will want to shoot two flares relatively close together: the first one to catch someone's attention and the second to confirm the sighting. Always fire flares downwind, so the burning phosphorous, wax and other materials fall away from your boat and body.

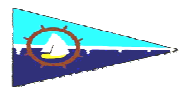
Always hold hand-held flares over the side of your boat so the drippings don't land on your deck and ignite a fire on board.

If you use a flare pistol, get into a safe position and be ready to fire before loading the cartridge into the pistol. Immediately point the pistol high over your head with your arm fully extended, then cock it. Continue to hold the launcher overhead and point skyward while firing. Don't look up at the pistol as sparks and residual hot material could drop into your face and eyes.

After firing, lower the pistol, open the barrel (pointing it away from others) and remove the spent cartridge. Place the expended cartridge into a pail of water to be completely extinguished. Do not drop the cartridge overboard.

If a cartridge fails to fire, continue pointing the gun skyward and wait 30 seconds; cock and pull the trigger again. If the cartridge still does not fire, wait 30 seconds before carefully removing the cartridge and placing it in a container of water.

Even though expired flares will often fire, the Coast Guard recommends that you get rid of flares five years past their expiration date. Turn over old, outdated flares to the Coast Guard or a USPS/USCG Auxiliary Vessel Safety Check station. The next time you go to the boat, check the expiration dates of all your flares. Even better, have a vessel examiner check out everything, including your flares. —Kathryn Byrd





Administration Officer

Lt/C Scott Bordelon

Ahoy sailors!

Last weeks Rendezvous to the Prop Stop and Tin Lizzys was enjoyed by all who attended. Two boats made the voyage to Lake Maurepas and the Tickfaw River. The Grand Escape, traveled with Joey LeBlanc, Kristen LeBlanc and Sue LeBlanc. Blues Traveler II had Jeff and Chris Williams, Bob and Jeannie Johnson and of course myself, and my lovely first mate (admiral) Janice Bordelon.

The weather was terrific all weekend and seas were calm. First stop was the the Prop Stop where we enjoyed burgers, fish tacos and an occasional Worm Bucket. Then on to Tin Lizzys where we tied up for the night to enjoy cocktails, appetizers and dinner. Doug and Elaine Gardener, as well as, Nick Chetta and Sherry Barnett traveled by land and joined us for dinner at Tin Lizzy's. In all, 13 members attended in the June Rendezvous.

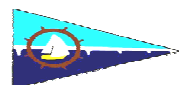
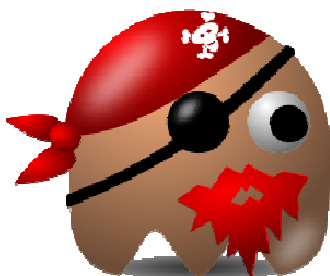
There will be no general membership meeting in July or August. However, we do have our July Rendezvous planned at George and Helen Trousdale's home on Saturday July 23rd at 4:00 pm. The theme will be Independence Day belated. The provided fare will be chicken and ribs, while side dishes will be requested by Helen to those attending. Please mark your calendar for this date. Additional details will be forthcoming by email for the event. RSVP will be required.



Treasurer

Lt/C John Winters, S

The treasures report will be next month.





Assistant SEO

Glenn Roy

From the ED Group, pls use the corresponding pics for these articles

PIC 1

Lynn Haase and Bill Dietrich are the instructors for the 2nd Coastal Navigation Course (P) offered this year at the Museum. There are 4 enthusiastic students attending. One of the students is a past-member who decided to take the course again. David LeBlanc took the P course originally back in 1999 when I was commander...there were few chart plotters back then ! Congratulations and best of luck to each of them for participating in this fine educational experience. **Hats-off** to both our talented instructors!



PIC 2

This is the 4th meeting of the SAIL Course conducted by **Jeff Williams**. Jeff is leading 3 of our present members, Jeanie and Bob Johnson and Chris Cottrell, through this 8 week program. Last week was a hands-on experience. The students met at Chris and Jeff's sail boat in Mandeville to put to practice what they had learned so far in the classroom. Absolutely no better way to learn the language and details of sailing than to combine the classroom time with on-the-boat training. Great approach to teaching and thanks for all your work Jeff !!!



Boating Safety Courses

Lake Pontchartrain Sail & Power Squadron is offering Safe Boating Courses:

8:00 am – 5 pm: Saturday, August __, 2016

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

Learn About: Introduction to Boating; Federal and State Boating Laws; Personal Safety Equipment; Safe Boat Handling; Navigation; Water Skiing, and River Boating; Personal Water Craft (PWC) and much, much more.

This very popular Coast Guard approved course exceeds **all State and Federal educational requirements**. There is a \$50 donation charge for instruction, course material and lunch (Saturday class). Passing the course will qualify participants for boat insurance discounts with many insurance providers. Contact your insurance agent for what discounts they offer. **LOUISIANA LAW HAS CHANGED! Persons born after Jan. 1, 1984 may not operate a motorboat or PWC powered by a motor in excess of 10 HP unless they have successfully completed a boating safety course.**

For information or registration call: **Peggy Roy 985 264-7467** or email **glenn111@bellsouth.net**





UP COMING EVENTS IN THE NEXT 60 DAYS

2016 Calendar of Events for the next 60 Days see page 9

We do not have a membership meeting in July



Boating in the sun

BIRTH'S

Welcome **JULY**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Roberts, Norma D.	07/05
Chronis, Sondra Diane	07/04
Bordelon, Scott E.	07/06
Johnson, Jeanie	07/22
Brooks, Douglas Allen	07/25
Shafer, John G.	07/30
Warnke, Paul W.	07/30



This is O.K.

CLASS & SEMINAR SCHEDULE

There are no classes this month





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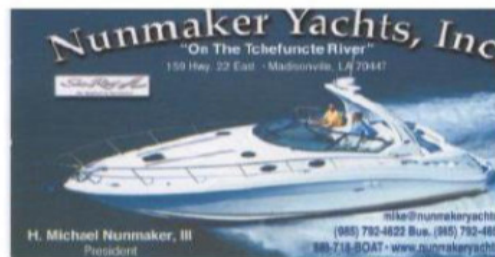
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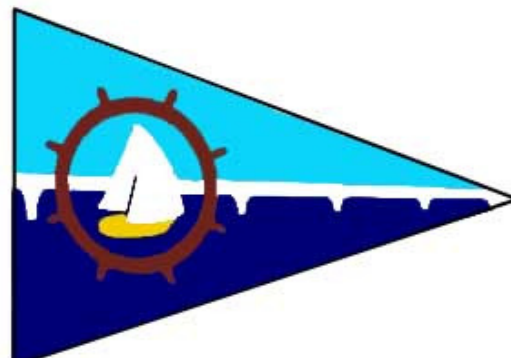
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~ July 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Canada Day	2
3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7 Exec Board Meeting @ Claiborne Oaks Event Center - 6:30 pm	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Rendezvous - Trousdale's House - Madisonville - Hot Dogs & Burgers - Late 4 th of July - BYOB & appetizer - 5:00 pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Notes:					

~ August 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Exec Board Meeting @ Claiborne Oaks Event Center - 6:30 pm	5	6
7 International Friendship Day	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Rendezvous - Roberts' House - Baton Rouge
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Notes:		





2016 USPS National Membership Committee

EACH ONE, REACH ONE: A 6 MONTH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Announcing **Each One, Reach One**, which is a **6 Month Membership Drive** for increasing renewals and new member recruiting starting **01 July 2016** and ending **01 January 2017**.

Benefiting all squadrons, the focus is singular: Increase the current membership number during this period using the 01 July 2016 figures as the baseline.

The tools to accomplish this increase already exist in each squadron and cost nothing: Engage the current membership.

Use these USPS materials, programs, and more:

* Ask current members to introduce a friend, neighbor, co-worker, teammate, non-member spouse or partner to a squadron event or class.

* Hold a special ABC3 class, at least one more than last year at this time. This is the number one way to recruit new members from the general public.

* Monitor the Dues Payments System for squadron and district member status (pending renewal, due, past due, outstanding, etc.). www.usps.org/dues/reports . You will need your squadron, or district, account number and password.

* Contact members to encourage renewing, thank them for renewing, or to show how easy it is to renew online. Use all means: personal phone call, email, or letter.

* Show everyone the Member Benefits brochure and explain what they receive with payment <http://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/14000/14900/tools>

* Explain the civic services the squadron provides to the local community: VSC, SERAT, Cooperative Charting, and more.

* Host fun events that showcase the camaraderie within the squadron. Invite recent ABC3 graduates who didn't join the squadron. Use local media to promote activities.

* Visit the How To/Tools section of the Membership Committee website for ideas.

Why participate or care about a 6 Month Membership Drive?

* Squadron growth means more: dues-paying members, volunteers, financial support, local recognition, and more FUN! Why not try it? How? Start with Executive Committee support. Form a committee with Membership, Member Involvement, and Education representation. Enlist help and distribute a calendar of upcoming events, boating activities, and courses. Track progress and share status information. Keep everyone enthused. Celebrate the success achieved!

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2016 USPS National Membership Committee

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District 15 Fall Conference 2016

14-16 October 2016
Homewood Suites by Hilton
5049 Corporate Woods Drive
Pensacola, FL 32504-5933

Phone 850.474.3777 ... Fax 850.474.3531
<http://www.resaver.com/hotel/17030177>



The Pensacola Squadron of the United States Power Squadrons® cordially invites you and your guest(s) to the District 15 Fall Conference to be conducted 14-16 October 2016. Please complete this reservation form and forward it to the Chairman **to arrive no later than** Tuesday, 07 October 2016.

Your Name _____ Spouse/Guest Name _____

Squadron _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone, Email _____

Conference Event	Time	Cost	Count	Total Cost
Friday Evening Dinner	1800 - 2200	\$25		
Saturday Morning Breakfast	0700 - 1000	N/C		
Saturday Executive Deli Buffet Lunch	1200 - 1400	\$18		
Saturday Buffet Dinner and Social	1800 - 2200	\$35		
Sunday Morning Going Home	0800 - 1000	N/C		
ALL events are BYOB; setups supplied		Totals		
14 September 2016, is the cut off date for the group rate ... Breakfast is free if you stay in Homewood Suites.				

Room Reservations: contact Homewood Suites at the address or phone as listed above. The room rate is \$129 a night plus tax. Ask for the PSP or Pensacola Squadron Group rate. 09/14/16 is the cut off date for the group rate.

Uniform of the Day: The uniform for the Conference is Uniform G; the uniform for other events is Uniform T or casual attire. Conference theme is "Margaritaville."

Conference attendees, please make checks payable to Pensacola Sail and 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.

