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Have a Great Summer

by Cdr William "Mike" Turner, AP

Greetings all. Memorial Day Weekend has come and gone. If you were traveling, hope you had safe travels; if you stayed home, I hope you enjoyed your weekend. Just one thought about Memorial Day, this is a time to reflect on the ultimate sacrifice friends, family and fellow citizens have made in the defense of our great country. Did you take a moment to remember and recognize those sacrifices?

We have a great summer schedule coming up with several activities. We started with Middendorf's with the Baton Rouge Sail and Power Squadron on 2 June; next up, Shaggy's on 14 July; followed by Lobster Fest on 21 July. I hope you can come out and join us for one or all these fun events. Check out *Topside Talk* for more details.

We have changed our summer General Membership Meeting schedule. We will NOT have a General Membership meeting in June or July. We will resume General Membership Meetings on Thursday, 16 August. I hope you get a chance to enjoy a fine summer.

One other reminder here, Hurricane Season is upon us starting June 1st. The National Hurricane Center is forecasting an above average season of activity, so consider preparations needed to keep you, your family and marine property safe during this time.

Finally, New Orleans Power Squadron is hosting the District 15 Fall Conference on 19-21 October. If you haven't been to a conference before I suggest you try and attend this one. They are very informative, and you will have an opportunity to meet members from other District 15 Squadrons. We will be hosting the Conference at the Airport Hilton, same location as our Change of Watch. If you are interested in volunteering to help plan and/or stage this event, please contact Cdr Mike Turner at turnermb@cox.net or 504.458.1443.

Enjoy the first half of the summer of 2018.
That is all...



Mayor of Matsue City, Japan
and Cdr Mike Turner

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Lobster Fest

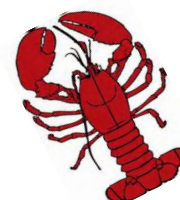
Saturday, 21 July

Rendezvous at Cheryl's house
130 Sherwood Forest Dr NOLA 70119
Open 1400 (2pm), Serve 1600 (4pm)

Keith and Charlie C. are Cooking!

Lobster with potatoes, corn, sausage
Dessert**\$25.00 per person****Reservations Required**
by 14 Julyemail cdjarrell@cox.net

or call Cheryl 504-488-3853

Bring your own chair!

LANOPS Bunco

Sunday, August 5

at the New Orleans Yacht Club

Doors open at 4:00 PM

Dinner served from 5:00 - 6:00

Games from 6:00 - 8:00pm

Prizes will be

\$20.00 for 1st place
\$10.00 for second place
\$5.00 for Booby prize
plus the Sock!Dinner Menu: Ham,
raisin sauce, salad, baked beans,
potato salad, rolls and dessert**The cost is \$18.00 per person**
Contact Sissy Chapman 985-641-4618
or Marlene Cooke 504-874-1808
for ReservationsIf you have never played before, come anyway as it is easy
to learn and a lot of fun. And Bring Your Friends!

Crawfish Boil Pics

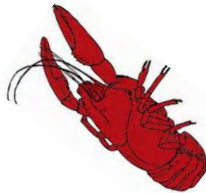




SHAGGY'S
14 July
Lunch at 11:30
Shaggy's Pass Harbor
120 South Hiern Avenue
Pass Christian, MS 39571
For reservations -
Chester at cgcooke3@yahoo.com



Jazz group from Japan provided entertainment



Cdr Mike invited many friends from the Japan Society of New Orleans and of sister city, Matsue Japan. The young group of Jazz musicians were fun. Everyone had a great time, and managed to eat 175 pounds of crawfish, plus corn, sausage, potatoes and ice cream!



Flotsam and Jetsam

Tune in to America's Boating Channel - A new video debuts every week on United States Power Squadrons' America's Boating Channel. Like America's Boating Channel on Facebook. Follow America's Boating Channel on Twitter. Subscribe for FREE to America's Boating Channel on YouTube. Find offerings especially for USPS instructors at <http://americasboatingchannel.com/boating-channel-backstage>

Nav Rules FAQ and Boat Accident Reporting - America's Boating Channel has added two new sections: 1) "Nav Rules FAQ" where visitors can select specific frequently asked questions about Navigation Rules for recreational boaters and view videos providing individual answers; and 2) "Boat Accident Reporting," where visitors can screen a video of federal regulations and choose bodies of US waters on an interactive chart to be linked to relevant state reporting requirements. Email Marty Lafferty at

lafferty@americasboatingchannel.com
Read more: <http://americasboatingchannel.com>

Cooperative Charting News - If you missed the presentation on geodetic markers, The Joy of Geodetics, at our Annual Meeting, the PowerPoint presentation is available on the Cooperative Charting website using the link below. Feel free to browse the other information on the page as it contains links to much more, including area representatives, nautical and geodetic procedures, and links to submitting reports for both. Please feel free to contact your area representatives with any questions or suggestions. Also available for your purchase are Cooperative Charting Safety Vests. If you would like one, please email Bo Ibach III. chasi3@aol.com For information about our Cooperative Charting programs, log in as a member at usps.org and use the URL below to learn more about Cooperative Charting

- Thomas J Peltier

<http://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/12000/12200>

Boat Live 365 Program Offers Boating Safety Resources - Created by the United States Power Squadrons under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard, Boat Live 365 can help make your boat safety events a success with a host of downloadable resources. Visit the Boat Live 365 website, <https://boatlive365.org/> sign up to be notified about resources and a webinar designed to help you get the most from the Boat Live 365 website.

Robert Baldrige robertb@wilsonwarehouse.com

The 2018 Governing Board Meeting, is 12-19 August at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center, 30 South 7th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402, 612-349-4000. Read more:

https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=34

NOPS Summer meeting schedule for June and July 2018. - The June and July General Membership Meetings have been cancelled. The next General Membership Meeting will be on Thursday, 16 August.

We have also cancelled the June Executive Committee Meeting. The July Executive Committee meeting is tentative and will be determined based on need. Should the July Executive Committee Meeting be required, Cdr Mike Turner will send a notice 7 days in advance.

Volunteers are needed to help New Orleans Power Squadron host the District 15 Fall Conference, 19-21 October,

at the Airport Hilton. Contact Cdr Mike Turner or P/C Dan Ross if you are able to help.



The Fall Conference Committee currently includes Mike Turner, Dan and Judy Ross, Eddie and Debbie Brazeal, Greg and Cheri Deis, Don Ellis, and Charley Heintz. After the initial planning meeting, responsibilities have been laid out; work on an introduction letter and registration form is ongoing.

Member Mont Echols updated NOPS on the progress of **Yacht Harbor renovations** - Renovations start 15 June 2018, and will take eleven to thirteen months to complete.

P/C Fernand F. Willoz III, SN passed away

on Monday, April 23, 2018. Randy, commander of NOPS in 1990, was a Life Member of USPS with 38 merit marks. He served with the United States Navy during the Korean War, graduated from Tulane University Law School and practiced law for over 60 years.



Our condolences to his wife Margo and the entire Willoz family.

Traveling America's Great Loop

David and Karen Webber

Bonjour et bienvenue au Canada! We arrived in Plattsburgh, NY only to be delayed 6 days working out engine problems. *M/V Karen Ann* was just as we had left her sitting in the warehouse.



After we launched her in the water, we hit a bit of a snag. Let's just say, human error may have been the cause. The problem wasn't so much in the fixing as it was in getting help. When you are in what seems like the middle of nowhere, help is hard to find. So there we were in a beautiful setting on the shores of Lake Champlain with the Adirondacks in the background. There was plenty of time for exploring on the dingy and riding about on our bikes.

When we finally received the proper help (after begging), we were ready to go. Our first stop was on the border of Canada at a small town called Rouses Point. We had dinner and ice cream at Gino's that was owned by a very friendly old Italian that loved to tease the customers and seemed to be well loved by the locals.

Historic Railway Depot, Rouses Point



The next morning we entered the Richelieu Canal after going through customs which was a breeze. Their only concern was whether or not we had firearms!

If you remember from last year, we took many locks along the Hudson River before entering Lake Champlain. Lake Champlain is 96 feet above sea level. The locks along the Richelieu will lower us back down to 12 feet above sea level where it meets the St. Lawrence River at Sorel, Canada. We traveled along the Chambly Canal which is a man-made canal along side the Richelieu River. The River current is very swift leading down to the St. Lawrence River which flows east to the Atlantic Ocean.



There is a very nice bike path between the canal and the river. We passed through 9 locks before reaching Sorel. The locks are hand-operated and the young people running the locks are very kind and helpful.

We stopped in Chambly in the mid-afternoon. Chambly is a beautiful town east of Montreal. So far, we have found the Canadians to be very pleasant and friendly. Quebec is very clean and orderly. We took our usual bike ride and had dinner at a popular local restaurant . . . no English menus! Wish I had paid attention in French class.



Leaving Chambly there were 3 locks back to back that took us down about 25 feet into the lake.

Tic, Tac, Toe 3 in a Row! You can see the hand-operated cranks in this picture.



We stopped over in Sorel for one night and then on to one of my favorite cities, Montreal, La Perle Du Canada!

Montreal is very international and everyone speaks English very well which makes life easier. The old town is very charming with cobblestone streets and historic buildings. Restaurants are abundant and the varieties are endless. We read there are more restaurants per capita in Montreal than anywhere in the world. We had lunch at Olive and Gourmando. . . Yum yum! We ate at a communal table. The people sitting across from us were from New Orleans! We tracked down a notary to do a little business and he didn't charge.

Next we went to Atwater Farmers Market.



There are terrific paved bike trails all along the edge of the city. You can take it to the area you want and then go onto the streets which also have bike lanes! The bike path is more like a bike freeway. Cyclists are traveling fast, passing on both sides, getting on and off . . . It's a bit crazy! There are so many cyclist here that the city "blue bike" stations are very large with hundreds of bikes.



We will be staying in Montreal until Friday and then make our way up the Ottawa River to the Capitol, City of Ottawa. Everyone says that Ottawa is a very beautiful and charming city! Looking forward to it!

Karen

This is the whole story from June 13, 2018, but if you want to see a few more pictures, link to the following webpage:

<https://www.webbersloopin.com/all-aboard/>

Chester Cooke is also showing the story through the New Orleans Power Squadron Facebook page. Check back to the above link or Facebook for future updates.



**Wine is
like Duct Tape,
It fixes
everything!**

- Sign on a
Destin Condo Wall



Protect Your Boat During Hurricane Season



Precautions must be taken during hurricane season if you have a boat moored, docked or stored along the Gulf Coast. Decisions about what to do with your boat if a storm threatens should be made in advance.

If your vessel can be transported out of the water:

- Be sure your vehicle can move your boat; check trailer tires, bearings, axles.
- Small vessels should be stored in a garage or dry storage facility.
- If boat must be stored outdoors, remove all

equipment. Secure boat with heavy lines to fixed objects from 4 directions. Remove drain plug.

If your boat must remain in the water: Do not stay on board!

• If your boat remains in marina, ensure lines are doubled and chafing protection is in place. Have ample fenders. Dock lines should be fastened to the pilings not dock cleats so they will move up as the water level rises.

• If you keep your boat at a mooring, ensure that the mooring tackle has been inspected for wear. Check expected storm surge reports; make sure scope has sufficient holding power.

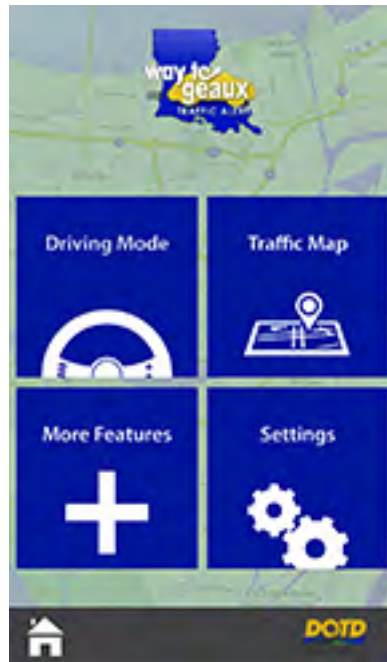
- Minimize the amount of surface area exposed to wind. Remove and stow sails, or fasten sails securely.
- Remove flags, pennants and all loose items.
- Close ports securely.
- Secure the tiller or wheels that operate the rudder.
- Do not leave coils of line on the deck and take out slack from running lines on the deck or mast.
- Remove and stow anchors.

If You and Your Family Must Evacuate

Secure your home, bring in outdoor furniture, turn off utilities at the main switches, and disconnect electrical appliances. Do not walk through moving water. Six inches of moving water can make you fall. If you must walk in water, walk where the water is not moving. Use a stick to check the ground in front of you. When driving in flood conditions, remember that six inches of water will reach the bottom of some cars causing loss of control and stalling. A foot of water will

float many vehicles, two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles including SUVs and pick-ups.

Put together an emergency kit with flashlight, extra batteries, several gallons of water, battery operated radio, first aid kit, medications, identification, evacuation route maps, non-perishable food, basic tools, paper/pencils, extra eyeglasses, plastic sheeting, soap, personal items, garbage bags, protective clothing, a change of clothes, and a bedroll/pillow for each household member. Take important papers with you in a portable, waterproof container; things like driver's license or personal identification, proof of residence, insurance policies, birth and marriage certificates, wills, deeds, and copies of recent tax returns.

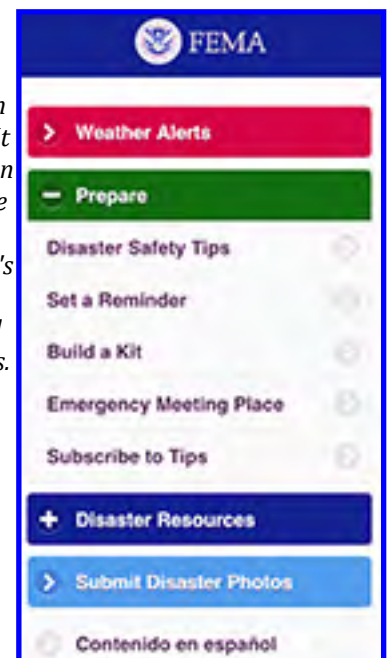


Updates on real-time traffic and road conditions can be found at the 511 Traveler Information Web site at <http://www.511LA.org> You can also download **Way to Geaux** for your phone at the App Store.

Check the Hurricane section of LA Dept of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness website <http://www.getagameplan.org>

For hurricane planning info, go to <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes> There is also a **FEMA app** that can be downloaded for your phone.

This article appeared in the July 2016 Topside Talk. It contains information from an August 2011 Topside article based on LSUAgcenter.com and from P/C Eddie Brazeal's August 2012 Cdr's article. Updates were also included for the available phone apps.





Educational Department News

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

The recent ABC class had 9 students; all passed. Seamanship started Monday, 16 April 2018. The students will be testing in mid-June.

The next ABC Boating Class will begin on 11 September at Munholland Methodist Church.

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.

ASEO Chester Cooke, SN-CN, can be reached at cgcooke3@yahoo.com

Membership Suggestions from USPS

Getting New Members Requires Cooperation

Everybody needs to think membership—the commander, the treasurer, the secretary, the public affairs person, the educational officer and of course the membership person. Everybody has an input and sort of needs to keep their eye on the goal of new members.

Where Are Your Future Members? Keep lists of contacts and re-invite, re-remind, just keep in contact.

Check your lists. Cyber members and USPS university members? - Available on www.usps.org Vessel safety check people, ABC course students, local event participants, squadron contacts from the last five years? - Squadron records.

After you get new members, make sure they get the information they need - name tags, rosters, calendar of courses, meetings, events, newsletters.

R/C Robert Howd rhowd1@ec.rr.com

Member Benefits

Welcome to Member Benefits! As a United States Power Squadrons member, you can receive huge discounts on boating products, insurance, travel and lodging and many more items. Visit our Member Benefits website at the link below and review the benefits that are of interest to you.

Consider using our Member Benefits package to help recruit new members! Use of our many benefits will more than pay a member's annual dues. Order our Member Benefits brochures (Item #09-39-106) from headquarters by using the Brochure and VSC Order Form. These free brochures provide a brief overview of our benefit offerings. Take advantage of this today!

Andy Hyman ahyman3@bellsouth.net

<https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/14000/14900>

Animations and Education

Members, are you interested in creating 2D and 3D images and animations using software such as Adobe Animate, Adobe Photoshop and Blender? The Educational Department is looking to develop a working group to create such educational tools for use in USPS seminars and courses. If you wish to see examples of 2D animations, please look at the America's Boating Channel videos, particularly those which demonstrate how to maneuver boats. An important focus of this group will be to, when possible, make these tools interactive. Whether you have experience using the aforementioned software or artistic talent, if you have an interest or would like to learn more, contact me.

- Robert Rayburn

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Instructor Development Recertification Classes

The new and improved Instructor Development Recertification Class is here. That's right; the ID Recertification class is now available to all DEOs and SEOs. After a successful debut at the annual meeting in Orlando, the course is available to all squadrons and districts. Anyone who has ever been a certified instructor, even those not currently active, can get recertified by taking this course. So spend four hours to be even better at what you are already good at. This is a great way to add professionalism to all your courses, make them more interesting to students and raise their level of learning. If you are not currently a certified instructor, ask your SEO how you can become one. If you need help, ask you DEO or anyone on the National Instructor Development Committee.

- Jeff Lagrew

jlagrew@atlanticappraisal.com

Coming Soon – Online Propane Seminar

Do you want to know if your boat's propane system is safe? Is lighting your stove frustrating or confusing? A soon-to-be-released interactive online seminar, "Propane Systems on Your Boat ~ Safe Operation, Maintenance and Inspection," is just what you need. This seminar shows the safe, repeatable way to use your stove, how to check for leaks and how to maintain your propane system.

- Eileen Rickard

daverick93@gmail.com

Learn more about online boating at the link below:

<https://americasboatingclub.org/education-matters/online-boating-education/>

CheeseBurgers in Paradise*



Lots of food and drink, good friends, fun entertainment, and while the weather threatened, the rain held up. Thanks Charlie and Sissy for a great weekend!



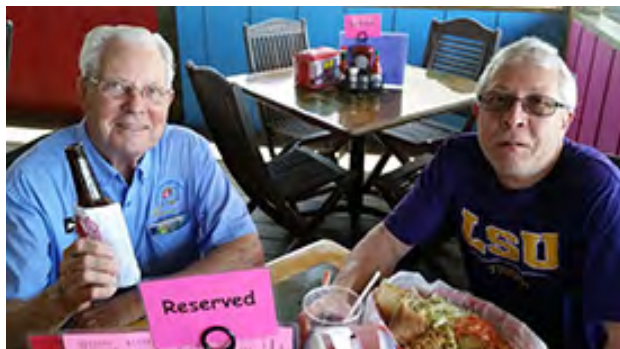
*With apologies to Jimmy Buffett

Pictures from Middendorf's



MEMBERSHIP MEETING 16 August (no meetings in June, July)

1800 Social, 1900 Meeting
New Orleans Yacht Club



July

- 4 Independence Day
- 14 Shaggy's - Pass Christian
- 21 Lobster Fest

August

- 5 LANOPS Bunco
- 9 Exec Board Meeting, 1800 at the trailer
- 12-19 USPS Fall Governing Board-Minneapolis
- 16 General Membership
- ?? Pontchartrain Yacht Club ??



Above, Carol, Mady, a friend, Barry, Don, Darlene, Bill.
Below, Eddie, Debbie, Barry, Cheryl, Rose, Judy, Dan.

Top, Melanie, Mady, Carol, John, Lenny, Barry, in rear;
Center, Pete, Peter;
Directly above, Nancy, Robert;
Right, Chester

