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COMING EVENTS:

March 25—Dean Barnes Lecture, Lighthouse Interpretative Plan, 6:30pm

April 17—Dragon Boat Races, 8:00am-5:00pm on Madisonville waterfront

April 24—Texas Hold ‘Em/Bouree Tournament

April 29—Keith Fawcett Lecture, “Sailing on America’s Tall Ship,” 6:00pm

May 18—Lunchtime Lecture, International Museum Day/National Maritime Day

June 7-18—Short Boatbuilding Class

June 21–25, July 12-16—ROV Summer Camp

July 17—Tchefuncte River Lighthouse Fundraiser

August—Wood Carvers Show (tentative)

October 4—Southeastern Louisiana University Fanfare, 7:00pm

October 22—Maritime Mania!

October 23-24—21st Annual Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival

November—Toy and Model Boat Show

January 19—2011 LPBMM Annual Meeting

Call (985)845-9200 or visit www.lpbmm.org for details on events.

DRAFT INTERPRETIVE PLAN FOR THE TCHEFUNCTE RIVER LIGHTHOUSE TO BE UNVEILED

In anticipation of plans by the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum to begin offering tours of the Tchefuncte River Lighthouse Site in 2010, Northwestern State University M.A. Candidate (and Southeastern Cultural Resource Management Program alumnus) **Dean Barnes** is developing a site interpretive plan to enhance visitor experience of the site. Barnes is keen to forge meaningful connections between visitors and the resources at the Tchefuncte River Lighthouse. Interpretive planning allows general or customized tours to be created for visitors. Barnes has been working for the last year to identify topics and themes, including: the Tchefuncte River Lighthouse and surrounding structures, local history, maritime navigation, lifeways on Lake Pontchartrain, local wildlife, and environmental wetland issues of concern in southern Louisiana.

The Tchefuncte River Lighthouse site was first inhabited by Native American Indians, then after

the Louisiana Purchase future president Andrew Jackson saw the strategic importance of the Tchefuncte River and had a lighthouse built here in 1838. A new lighthouse was constructed after the Civil War, and it is this conical brick tower that still stands to this day as a beacon for both boaters and the surrounding communities. Raised in Ponchatoula, Louisiana, Dean Barnes strives to advance the mission of the Maritime Museum to “Bring Louisiana’s unique maritime history to life.”

Barnes’ interpretive plan will provide a solid foundation for long-term initiatives promoting the conservation, preservation, and greater awareness of the significance of the Tchefuncte River Lighthouse in its local and wider historical contexts. Dean Barnes will present his draft plan at the Maritime Museum at 6:30, **March 25**.

For more about the Tchefuncte River Light Station, visit www.lpbmm.org.

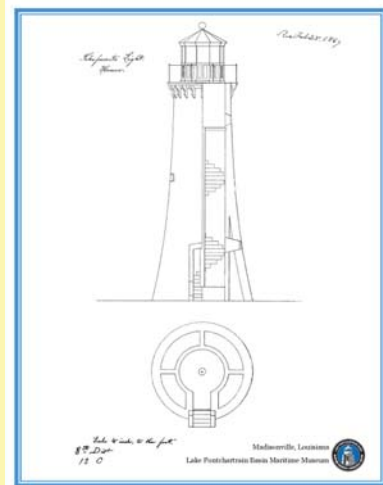
1867 TCHEFUNCTE LIGHTHOUSE PLAN RESTORED

With the help of United States Coast Guard Sector New Orleans, the Maritime Museum recently located the plan for the **Tchefuncte River Lighthouse** tower, built in 1867. The plans were badly damaged and have been digitally restored by Museum Educator Kristen Garcia.

The gift shop is proud to announce that prints of the 1867 Tchefuncte River Lighthouse plan, will be available May 1, 2010. The pre-publication price for this collectors print is \$10.00 until the May 1st issue date. The post-publication price is \$15.00. The 19" x 13" print depicts the lighthouse tower in elevation and plan view. If you can not pick your poster up at the museum, please include \$3.00 for shipping with your order. To purchase your poster, contact Sharon at (985)845-9200 or giftshop@lpbmm.org.

Stop by the museum gift shop and see our display of merchandise celebrating the lighthouse. *On sale now* is the 2003 John Akers Tchefuncte River Lighthouse Station, for \$5.00. This lovely poster depicts life at the lighthouse one evening at sunset. Pins, magnets, and a series of lovely pictures are also available.

Remember, Maritime Museum Memberships make great gifts!



The Tchefuncte River Lighthouse constructed in 1867-1868 replaced the 1837 lighthouse destroyed during the Civil War.

2009 LPB MARITIME MUSEUM ANNUAL REPORT

The Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum made steady progress during 2009. Here are some highlights:

1. Work with appropriate educational partners to build new or refine existing educational programs for all ages to extend institutional outreach and impact.

- Southeastern Louisiana University
- University of New Orleans
- Maritime Industry and Recreation
- Environmental Protection Agency
- United States Army Corps of Engineers
- United State Materials and Minerals Service
- United States Navy
- National Science Foundation
- United States Coast Guard
- Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office
- The Nature Conservancy
- St. Tammany Parish Library System
- Local and regional schools
- Many others

Results: New educational programs underway, significant media coverage, and exposure in two additional motion pictures (*Jonah Hex* and *The Pregnancy Pact*).

2. Continue to develop lighthouse complex and work toward achieving public access.

Lighthouse restoration made significant progress:

The interior restoration included reconditioning and painting of the central stair, walls, and rails. The U.S. Coast Guard resumed care and maintenance of lighthouse lantern. New windows were fabricated by Dependable Glass and are awaited installation.

Lighthouse research and collections continue:

- 1867 plans for lighthouse tower located
- Archaeological investigation of lighthouse site
- Acquisition of Tchefuncte Marsh:
 - Nine acres acquired by the museum via donation
 - 800 acres acquired by Nature Conservancy for donation to Southeastern Louisiana University

Assess issues addressed:

McKenzie law suit regarding museum dock settled.

Other:

- Marker placed on the unmarked grave of the Schrieber infant.
- Expanded lighthouse reserve fund with August "Drive for the Lighthouse" fundraiser

3. Build staff and volunteer corps to handle increasing challenges.

Expanded the number and variety of partnering volunteer groups

Added Gift Shop Manager as part of staff and enlarged Gift Shop

New volunteer opportunities:

- Archaeology
- Volunteer trips

Training opportunities for students:

- Archaeology

- Draft Land Management Plan
- Internships in museum practice
- U.S. Navy survey of Lake Pontchartrain around the Tchefuncte River Lighthouse
- Aquatic Robotics Program with Madisonville Law Enforcement Explorers, Post 75

4. Prepare the museum for AAM accreditation.

- Planning for lighthouse access/site development
- 2008 External Audit / Project Audit by EPA
- Planning for new exhibits
- Collection reorganization underway / new collections added
- Assisted record number of researchers and published original research
- Executive Director taught multiple college level classes at Southeastern Louisiana University and served as a grant reviewer for the National Science Foundation
- Active in professional organizations:
 - Council of American Maritime Museums
 - American Association of Museums
 - Historic Naval Ships Association
- Educational programs grown and diversified:
 - Field Trips
 - Wooden Boatbuilding
 - Lights Out at the Museum and Light Keeper Overnights
 - Swashbuckler Birthday Bash and Overnight
 - Aquatic Robotics Program

In addition, in 2009 the museum reached milestones for the restoration of the lighthouse tower and for its level of activity with key educational partner Southeastern Louisiana University.

Thank you to our many sponsors, volunteers, and community members who helped make 2009 a year of great progress.

LPB Maritime Museum		
Statement of Assets and Liabilities		
Comparative		
	2008 Audited	2009 Un-Audited
ASSETS		
Cash	196,182	69,836
Accounts Receivable	18,903	12,945
Inventory	27,805	20,386
Fixed Assets	2,092,862	2,092,862
Exhibits	471,092	471,092
TOTAL ASSETS	2,806,843	2,667,120
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Accounts Payable	5,676	6,396
Other Liabilities	5,546	9,955
Accrued Expenses	10,882	7,896
Net Assets	2,784,740	2,642,873
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	2,806,843	2,667,120

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR 2010

The Maritime Museum staff and volunteers are excited about the upcoming summer **Aquatic Robotics Program** (June-July 2010). We have already had students call to be placed on the waiting list in order to make it on the 2010 roster. The staff has approached potential sponsors with the goal of offering the program at a lower tuition so more students have the opportunity to participate. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering to help out during the four week program, please call the Museum Educator Kristen Garcia at (985) 845-9200.

The 2010 Lecture Series began with our first speaker, Austin Montgomery who spoke

on January 20 about his Eagle Scout Project in which he headed a group that repainted the lighthouse. On February 25, the museum's guest speaker was Ann Durel from the historic Otis House in Fairview-Riverside State Park.

Upcoming lectures in the series will include Northwestern State University Graduate **Dean Barnes**. He will unveil the draft interpretive plan for the Tchefuncte River Light Station on **March 25** at 6:30 pm.

On **April 29**, at 6:00 pm **Keith Fawcett** of the United States Coast Guard will present "Sailing on America's Tall Ship". For more information please call (985) 845-9200.

DRAGON BOAT RACES

The *first annual Greater New Orleans International Dragon Boat Festival* sponsored by the St. Tammany Parish Tourist Commission and hosted by the Greater Madisonville Area Chamber of Commerce will take place on the banks of the Tchefuncte River in Madisonville on Saturday, **April 17**. Visit the Maritime Museum pavilion on Water Street south of the bridge to purchase Budweiser products to benefit our educational programs as you enjoy this unique event. The action is scheduled to begin at 8:00 am and conclude at 5:00 pm. Viewing along South Water Street is free and open to the public. To learn how you can participate, please visit www.lpbmm.org/whats-new/.

LOUISIANA INNOVATORS: TRINITY INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED

From Horace Hunley and his Civil War submarine to Andrew Higgins and his World War II landing craft, Louisiana maritime history is filled with innovators. In this new column, the Maritime Museum will support the marine industries with histories of companies that continue to keep our state on the cutting edge of discovery and achievement in the maritime realm.

Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, **Trinity Industries** in Madisonville has a long history in shipbuilding. The company traces its shipbuilding history to the 1973 acquisition of the Equitable Equipment Company (formerly Jahncke Shipbuilding), with yards in New Orleans and Madisonville.

Founded in 1958 when the Dallas Tank Company merged with Trinity Steel, the company became Trinity Industries in 1966. W. Ray Wallace has been the vision behind the firm since its inception. In 1966 Trinity was

the only publicly owned company that produced a varied line of metal products for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).

In the early 1970s Trinity broadened its operations to include construction of marine vessels and fabrication of structural steel products. In 1973 the company bought the Equitable Equipment Company, with shipyards in New Orleans and Madisonville, Louisiana, and the Mosher Steel Company of Houston, a large manufacturer of steel beams and framing. Other structural steel operations were acquired or built and Trinity became a leader in the production of rail cars, LPG containers, weld fittings, flanges, and container heads.

The company bid for new types of commercial watercraft contracts, including boats for the fishing industry, tug and barge units, river hopper barges for grain transportation, and surveillance ships for the United States Navy. The company continued to increase shipbuilding capacity, at

one point operating twenty-one yards nationwide. The marine division invested heavily in training employees and upgrading plants. In the early 1990s demand for new ships and barges increased sharply. Trinity's investment began to pay off as the marine subsidiaries showed satisfactory profits and healthy backlogs of orders culminating in the construction of double hull barges to meet OPA 90 standards in the first decade of the 21st century.

Today, Trinity Industries' Inland Barge Group is the leading builder of inland transport barges, with yards in Madisonville and Broulee, Louisiana, and in Ashland City, Tennessee, and in Caruthersville, Missouri. Company Chairman and CEO Tim Wallace carries on the same tradition of quality products started by his father, W. Ray Wallace, over fifty years ago.

For more information about our featured business, see [The Legend of Trinity Industries, Inc.](#) by Jeffery L. Rodengen (2000).

Founded in 1958, Trinity Industries, Inc., continues to build barges at its Madisonville, Louisiana, plant, carrying on a centuries old tradition of shipbuilding in our state. See the Trinity Industries web site at www.trin.net for more information about the company's diverse product lines. *Photograph courtesy of Thomas Faherity, Trinity Industries, Inc., Madisonville.*

If you would like your maritime company to be featured as part of the Louisiana Innovators series, please contact Dr. Jay Martin at jaymartin@lpbmm.org for details.



2009 WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER AWARDS!

The museum wanted to thank all 400 of the 2009 WBF volunteers for all the hard work they put into the festival, so on November 20, 2009, we threw them a party! We also gave fun awards to some of our outstanding volunteers:

Jolly Rancher	John Ammerman	Because He has a JOLLY time working the rum huts!
Silver Bells	John & Carol Bell	For a couple of BELLS that truly stand out!
Smarties	Nancy Blackburn & Anne Huffman	She's got everything figured out for Captain's Registration!
Werthers	Roy Blackwood & Ken Milstead	Because they're WORTH so much to us!
Whopper	Lisa Bloemer	She did a WHOPPER of a job!
Stride Gum	Ken Buhler	He takes everything in STRIDE and does a great job!
Sweet Tart	Donna Chaisson	There's nobody SWEETER!
Red Hots	Bill Dietrich & Joe Huffman	Docking guys known for their RED wardrobe!
Now & Later	Bob Doolittle & Bert Murray	For our Quick'n Dirty, Bob's NOW & Bert's LATER!
Super Bubble	Alan Fortier	For his SUPER job on the Boaters' BUBBLIES Awards!
Tootsie Roll	Doug Gardner	For keeping those cars ROLLING in!
Riesen	Lynn Haase	Because he always has just the right REASON for everything!
Baby Pop	Jean Flint, Jeff Mickey, & Paul Lombard	For the new additions to our family!
Dentyne Ice Gum	Rick Granger	He's our ICE guy and does a great job!
Mr. Goodbar	Bill Kingsmill	Because he is so GOOD to us in every way!
M & M's	Adrian Laborde	Because she does a fantastic job on M & M (Maritime Mania)!
Crunch Bar	Don Lynch	Because we can always go to his guy when we're in a CRUNCH!
Lifesaver	Catherine Lynch	Because she truly is a LIFESAVER!
Pop Rocks	Joe McCrossen	He just ROCKS!
Hot Tamale	Penny McCrossen	Well, you all know Penny, she's a HOT TAMALE!
Starburst	Tom & Mary Meehan	Because they truly are STARS at what they do at Town Hall!
Milky Way & Orbit	Larry & Georgia Young	Because they are out of this world!



This beautiful photograph of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Mascair was taken on the porch of the historic light keepers cottage by Aaron Hogan, Eye Wander Photo, Inc.

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The Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum (a 501 (c)(3) non-profit) collects, preserves, and interprets the unique maritime history and culture of Lake Pontchartrain, the lower Mississippi River, and the Louisiana Gulf Coast.

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