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COMING EVENTS:

June 13-17–Aquatic Robotics Summer Camp Session 1

June 27-July 1–Aquatic Robotics Summer Camp Session 2

July 11-15–Aquatic Robotics Summer Camp Session 3

August 7– National Lighthouse Day

August 20– LWCCG Wood Carvers Decoy Show and Sale, at the Maritime Museum, 10am-6pm

October 14–Maritime Mania Party!

October 15 & 16, 2011–22nd Annual Wooden Boat Festival

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

EDUCATION NEWS:

AQUATIC ROBOTICS SUMMER CAMP & FIELD TRIPS

The Aquatic Robotics Summer Camp registration began in April and filled to capacity in two weeks! We have 48 campers enrolled and ready to get to work on their underwater robots this summer. Thank you to the Aquatic Robotics sponsors, partners, and volunteers for their assistance with program. The gracious sponsors and partners of the 2011 Aquatic Robotics Summer Camp are Chevron, NASA & Naval Research Lab at Stennis Office of Education, SeaTrepid, Northshore Parents Magazine, and Macaroni Kid.

Field trips to the Maritime Museum started out slow this school year but have really picked up.

Our last school field trips in May are only a precursor to June. Campers and counselors from the YMCA (130 strong) will come to enjoy multiple activities that will be in place for everyone to have a great day. This school year and summer we will have entertained and taught approximately 1229 children with an additional 250 chaperones. What an accomplishment! Thank you Catherine Lynch for being our field trip coordinating wonder woman! The Maritime Museum’s school outreach program has also been busy this year. We have taken our Paint-A-Pirogue, dug out canoe, and sails to several schools for educational demonstrations. A great time was had by all!



2010 Aquatic Robotics campers put the finishing touches on their robots.



Students at Pontchartrain Elementary Paint-A-Pirogue for Cultural Arts Day.

2011 WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL

The 22nd Annual Wooden Boat Festival is scheduled for October 15th and 16th, 2011 in Madisonville, La. Plans are well underway for this popular event. The Wooden Boat Festival website, woodenboatfest.org, is an excellent place to keep track of what is going on for the 2011 Festival. The various registration forms such as Sponsorships, Boat, Artist, Food,

Marine, Quick 'n Dirty, Volunteer, Nonprofit, and the Car Cruise-In are now available online. We would like to ask you to take a moment to look at the various sponsorship levels and see if there would be funds available in your community outreach programs to help support the Festival. The Wooden Boat Festival is the major fundraiser

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WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL, CONTINUED

for the Maritime Museum and the proceeds go to help the Museum's operating expenses as well as to help expand the educational programs and projects that bring Louisiana's unique maritime history to life. We encourage you to come take a stroll through our Museum and see for yourself what an interesting array of exhibits that we have displayed.

Wooden Boat Festival Children's Village planning has started and the newest development is the addition of activities directed towards

teens. This should make things fun! The Maritime Museum sponsors the annual Children's Village Art Contest, a contest in which the grand prize winner has their design featured on the Children's Village shirt that is sold at the Wooden Boat Festival. The Art Contest letters have gone out to schools. If you know anyone that has a child in K-6th, please tell them about the contest. It is open to public, private, and home school children. Flyers for the contest are available on the museum's [website](#).

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENTS

Starting in 2010 the Maritime Museum began to host Texas Hold'em Poker Tournaments. The tournaments are held quarterly and benefit the Museum and its programs.

The tournaments are open to the first 150 players that register. Initial buy-in is \$50.00, re-buys are optional at \$50.00 each. Players that register early (before the day of the event) will receive a 10th Anniversary Wooden Boat Festival poster. Poker Productions LLC conducts the tournament play. The top five finishers receive gift cards in amounts based on a percentage of the initial buy in, 40% for 1st place, 20% for 2nd place, 15% for 3rd place, 10% for 4th place,

and 5% for 5th place. Gift baskets are awarded to the 6th, 7th and 8th place winners.

In conjunction with the Poker Tournament, the Museum will also hold a 50/50 Raffle with the drawing announced that evening. A concession stand and bar are available to the players and spectators. All donations to the Museum are tax deductible.

Check the [calendar of events](#) on our website for upcoming tournament dates. Contact Sharon at 985-845-9200 for more information or to sign up.

ART EXHIBITIONS

Starting in 2011 the Maritime Museum will occasionally host fine art exhibitions in our reception rooms. The exhibitions will be available for viewing Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4pm only.

Water and Vessels, curated by Southeastern Louisiana University's Director of Galleries Dale Newkirk, is the first show to come to the Maritime Museum. This maritime inspired fine art exhibition features

2-D and sculptural works in a variety of media including photography, ceramics, and mixed media. The themes explored are the fragility of our wetlands, the oil spill, boats, and vessels. We invite the public to come and check out this unique and wonderful collaboration, which will only be on display until the end of May.

Check our online [calendar of events](#) for upcoming exhibits.



LPB Maritime Museum Director Don Lynch, SELU's Director of Galleries and Water and Vessels curator Dale Newkirk, and SELU Professor and Maritime Museum Liaison Roy Blackwood at the Water and Vessels Reception



Water and Vessels fine art exhibition opening reception March 15, 2011.



LPBMM BOAT BUILDER'S ASSOCIATION RENDEZVOUS ON THE RIVER

On March 19th the Boat Builder's Association got together on the Madisonville Tchefuncte River waterfront to enjoy their hand build wooden water crafts and show them to the public. It was an enjoyable and relaxing day. The members of the LPBMM Boat Builder's Association have built a boat in the Maritime Museum's Boat Building Program.

The LPBMM Boat Building Program allows students to choose among several designs, including a pirogue, lake skiff, and bateau, then complete them to fit their needs.

For more information on boat building classes call the museum at 985-845-9200 or visit the [boat building page](#) on our website.



Boat Builder's Association members along the Tchefuncte River.



Members gave boat rides in their hand crafted boats on the river.

HISTORIC LIGHT KEEPER'S COTTAGE EXTERIOR RENOVATION



THANK YOU St. Tammany

Wood Worker's Guild!

The exterior of the historic Tchefuncte River Light Keeper's cottage has recently undergone much needed renovations thanks to the St. Tammany Wood Worker's Guild. Parts of the exterior were in dire need of repair, and the hand rail which has been missing from the cottage for many years was added again. Although it still needs paint, it already looks beautiful! If you haven't seen it yet, drive by the museum to see this work in progress.





TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE

The Maritime Museum is home to new computer systems. They have been recently installed and were a great relief to the staff and volunteers around the office. After last year's Wooden Boat Festival we realized that our old systems were not capable of keeping up with new document formats or even communicating with each other for that matter. Things got very hectic because of the out dated technology that was in place. **Thank you to Jim Kubik and HomeSite Technical Services for your great work and assistance.**

GIFT SHOP SHELF

The gift shop has acquired a variety of handmade book marks by Nelson Plaisance, they have lovely Acadian art work painted on them and a description of the wood used. Nelson has recently replaced the lights in the lighthouse exhibit, if you have not visited the exhibit in a while please stop by, you will be pleasantly surprised.



Original Nelson Plaisance hand crafted wooden book marks.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

The Maritime Museum core volunteers were presented with new lapel name tags at a luncheon in their honor. It was a fun relaxing event and gave everyone a chance to get to know each other a little bit more. For more information on becoming a Maritime Museum volunteer call us at 985-845-9200.



Volunteer Carol Bell demonstrates how to wear the new name tags.



Check out our event rental **Sizzling Summer Special** for June, July & August.

25% OFF!

Go to our website at www.lpbmm.org or call Melanie at (985) 845-9200 for more information or to book your event.

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.

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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