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COMING EVENTS:

October 9- Maritime Museum booth at Culture Splash on the Mandeville Lakefront, 3pm

October 14- Maritime Mania Party!

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

October 20- Madisonville Branch Library Groundbreaking Reception

October 25- Maritime Museum booth at Fairview State Park for “Wetland Exploration Day”

November 10- “Waterways to Railways” Exhibit Reception, 6pm-8pm, Film Showing at 6:30pm

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

THE 22ND ANNUAL WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL WILL ROCK THE BOAT OCTOBER 15 & 16, 2011

On October 15 and 16, 2011, the LPB Maritime Museum will present the 22nd Annual Wooden Boat Festival along the banks of the scenic Tchefuncte River in Madisonville, La.

There will be about one hundred vintage boats, great performers, arts, crafts, food, and fun for everyone at the 2011 Wooden Boat Festival! Daily admission to the festival is \$10 per person, \$5 for seniors over 65, and free for children under 12 and uniformed military personnel. With paid daily festival admission you gain access to the Maritime Museum as well as festival entertainment. Free off-site parking and shuttles will be available.

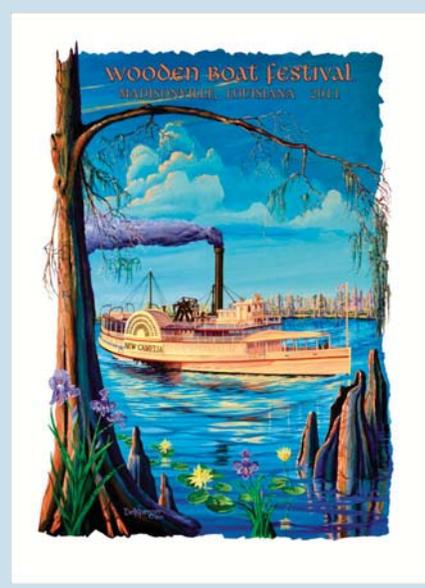
Stroll along the river on Water Street and eat some delicious food, and check out all the fine wares being sold by our artists’ and marine vendors. For 20 years the **St. Tammany Woodworkers Guild** has been a part of Festival tradition. The tradition continues at the south end of Water Street building small wooden boats with children for them to take home.

On the field at the corner of Main Street and Mabel Drive the classics of the water will meet the classics of the road as the **Classic Car**

Cruise-In is expected to attract over one hundred antique and classic cars from across the region. Next to the Car Cruise-In will be the **Bud Light Entertainment Stage**. The stellar line up on Saturday includes Nathan Michael, a Madisonville native, Ashlee Thomas, Karen Waldrup, the Big Fun Brass Band, Soul Revival and Category 6 and on Sunday Ashlee Thomas, Karen Waldrup, Bottoms Up with Rockin’ Dopsie, Jr. closing the festival.

Children’s Village, which is located in the ball field on Main Street will feature some new and exciting activities. Come on out and walk on water in the **Giant Hamster Ball**, challenge yourself on the **Huge Rock Climbing Wall**, create **pirate crafts** and romp in the **Bounce House**. While on the ball field, stop by and help to **Paint-A-Pirogue**, a traditional Louisiana watercraft. Come out and see a demonstration of the **Aquatic Robots** built in our summer camps. Enter the **Madden Xbox Tournament** inside the Bayou Games Van and have a chance to win the First place prize of an Xbox 360 with Kinect, second and third place prizes will also be awarded. The registration fee of \$25.00 is required by October 12th and includes your admission to the festival.

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CHILDREN'S VILLAGE
at the
WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 15 & 16

Activities for teens, tweens, kids, and those young at heart!

Giant Hamster Ball - walk on water!
Madden 12 Tournament
Bounce House
Free entrance kids under 12

Huge Rock Climbing Wall
Bayou Games Video Game Van
Aquatic Robotics
Free Giveaways!

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WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL, CONTINUED

Also on the ball field is the ever-popular **Quick 'n' Dirty Boat-Building Contest**. Witness the hilarious antics and cunning carpentry skills on both days as 20 teams blitz build a boat with the hopes of being the first to glide across the finish line. A team consists of a four to six member crew. The crews bring a Mardi Gras feel to the festival as crews pick themes, name their boats, and dress up in costumes. At **2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 16**, the crews will parade from the ball field to the river, where the ultimate contest begins. This year we are excited to have as celebrity King and Queen of the Quick 'n' Dirty Boat Building Contest, Jonathan Myers, a meteorologist from WWL TV and Dawn Brown, a meteorologist from Fox 8 TV.

The Wooden Boat Festival kicks off with **Maritime Mania**, the patron party featuring United We Groove. The **Pirates of the Tchefoncté** themed party will be held on **Friday, October 14, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Maritime Museum**. General admission tickets cost \$75 per person or \$125 per couple. Only a limited number are available. The highly coveted tickets to this popular bash are available on a first-come, first-served basis and can be purchased by calling the **Maritime Museum at (985) 845-9200**. Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Maritime Mania guests are encouraged to dress like pirates or nautical chic.

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TEXAS HO-HO-HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT, DECEMBER 3RD

On **December 3rd, 2011** the Maritime Museum will host its **6th Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament**. Come show your poker skills and make it to the final table. Doors will open at 5 PM; tournament play begins at 6 PM until 12 AM.

The tournament is open to the first 150 players that register and pay. Initial buy-in is \$50.00, re-buys and add-ons are optional at \$50.00 each. **Players that register and pay before December 3, will receive 1 free concession meal.** All donations to the Museum are tax deductible. Poker Productions LLC will conduct the tournament game play. Visa gift cards will be awarded to the top 5 places 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 will be awarded to the 6th, 7th and 8th place winners.

A concession stand and cash bar will be available. There will be Door Prizes and a 50/50 Raffle. Register early to guarantee your spot in the tournament. To register, players can stop by the museum or go to the museum's website, www.lpbmm.org, to download the registration form.

Help the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum continue to provide educational services in the form of field trips, science camps and many other unique hands-on educational programs that bring the story of Louisiana's heritage to life.



NEW ORLEANS STEAMBOAT MODEL JOINS MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

A reception was held here at the Museum on September 20, 2011 to honor Mr. Lowell Ford and officially receive the steamboat model New Orleans. Mr. Ford, a true friend of the museum and a direct descendant of the Schrieber Family, researched and handcrafted the model to depict the first steamboat to travel on the western waters.

The epic voyage of the New Orleans, first steamboat to descend the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, departed Pittsburgh in October, 1811 and arrived in New Orleans in January 1812. Nicholas Roosevelt (great uncle to President Theodore Roosevelt) built the Steamboat New Orleans in association with Robert Fulton. Traveling on the New Orleans were Roosevelt, who acted as captain, his eight-month pregnant wife Lydia and their 20 month-old daughter. Also going was an engineer, pilot, six hands, two female servants, a waiter, a cook and an immense Newfoundland dog named Tiger.

This was to be a very eventful trip. The Great Comet of 1811 was in full view for most of the trip. Lydia gave birth to their second child, a son, before the boat reached the Mississippi. Migrating squirrels swimming in the Ohio River competed for right of way. Just as they were leaving the Ohio River and entering the Mississippi, the first of the New Madrid earthquakes occurred. This caused the Mississippi River to flow

backwards for a while. The continuing earthquakes caused the river banks to cave in and the crew was afraid to tie up to shore so they tied to trees on islands in the River. One morning they awoke to find that their island holding the anchor tree had disappeared during the night and the tree was underwater and that they had to cut the mooring line to escape their anchorage. Indians thought that the steamboat was the comet come to earth and was causing the earthquakes, so they attacked the steamboat in their war canoes. A wood stove used for heating caught fire in the aft cabin causing considerable damage before being extinguished and to top off the excitement of the trip, a rare blizzard occurred in the Louisiana territory as they passed through. After all of this, the New Orleans arrived in New Orleans on January 10, 2012.

The steamboat model will be incorporated into our collection and will be on display. We will be loaning the model early next year to the State Museum for the bicentennial celebration of that memorial trip made by Mr. Roosevelt, his family and crew. After that visit, the model will be returned to its home here at the museum. Call the museum at 985-845-9200 for more information on the 2012 celebration or visit our website, www.lpbmm.org, where information will be posted when available.



Lowell Ford and the Steamboat Model New Orleans

MADISONVILLE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION A BLAST

Madisonville's Bicentennial Celebration was held on Saturday, September 24, 2011. It was a full day filled with fun and history of this town we call home. The day began with the arrival of President and Mrs. James Madison by boat. Then a lecture and photo presentation in Town Hall followed. Throughout the day a Civil War reenactment complete with cannons firing went on at the Jahncke Field. The Maritime Museum had a lot of fun down at the Keeper's Cottage next to the river. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Thurston (a.k.a. Ed Murphy and Catherine Lynch) entertained about 100 people who came to visit and hear the story about their days at the Tchefoncté River Lighthouse. Stories were told about how Mr. Thurston was such a handy man, who used his talent to build the tower and house. Mrs. Thurston told about her duties around the cottage. The children weren't left out. The game of rolling hoops was demonstrated and the children showed their ability of playing an 1800's game.





ANNUAL MEETING & BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum Board of Directors welcomes suggestions for candidates to fill expected vacancies on the Board starting at the annual meeting, **January 17, 2011**. Any member in good standing may suggest a candidate for the Board of Directors. To suggest a candidate for the Board, please provide a brief statement from the candidate explaining why they wish to serve and a copy of their resume to any member of the Board of Directors by **November 30, 2011**. The Directors will then transmit suggestions to John Ammerman, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, care of the museum, in a sealed envelope marked "confidential."

To be a candidate for the Board of Directors, an applicant must fit the following minimum criteria:

1. **Credibility**—communication, integrity, competence in coordinating human and material resources.
2. **Fairness**—equity, impartiality, conflict of interest.
3. **Camaraderie**— socially friendly, sense of team, ability to be partial.
4. **Pride**—work produced by team, standing in community, individual contributions.

In addition, a candidate must be a member of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum in good standing at the time of nomination and **must demonstrate a commitment to the mission of the organization**. Any questions regarding procedures may be addressed to the Nomination Committee Chairman John Ammerman or Board Secretary Lynn Haase. They can be reached by calling the museum at 985-845-9200 and your message will be forwarded to them.

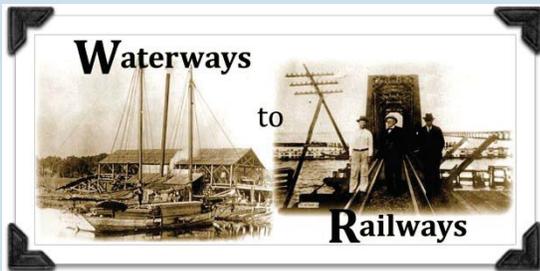
NEW EXHIBITS CAN BE SEEN DURING THE WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL

The LPB Maritime Museum is excited to announce that two new exhibits will be ready for viewing during the Wooden Boat Festival on **October 15 & 16**. In celebration of Madisonville's Bicentennial, some of the **Jahncke Collection photographs**, which haven't been on display for several years, will be on display again. The exhibit features photographs from the Jahncke Shipyard Collection, housed at the Center for Southeast Studies, Southeastern Louisiana University. These photographs, were printed from glass negatives, donated by Herb and Steve Jahncke, which date from 1901-1919. These photographs show the Jahncke Ship Building Firm at Madisonville. There will also be photos from the christening of the Dredge *Paul F. Jahncke* in 1957. Special thanks to Grace Jahncke Newburger for allowing these to be displayed.

The museum will also feature the exhibition and documentary, **"Waterways to Railways"**. "Waterways to Railways" was produced by the Olde Towne Arts Center (OTAC) of Slidell in collaboration with the Guardians of Slidell History (GOSH), and with assistance from the St. Tammany Commission on Cultural Affairs. While Slidell is known for its historical origins as a railroad town, the project brought an outpouring from the community of stories that documented its past as an important waterway. The "Waterways to Railways" exhibit was shown at the GOSH Museum in Slidell last fall as part of the opening celebration of the Bicentennial of St. Tammany Parish. The oral history interviews were edited into a 1 hour documentary and had one showing at the GOSH Museum. **In honor of the participating families, there will be an open exhibit reception and showing of the full length documentary on November 10th, 6pm-8pm with the film showing at 6:30pm.** In addition, the documentary will be shortened to under 20 minutes for the planned exhibit installation that will be available for viewing during the Wooden Boar Festival and after. For more information on the "Waterways to Railways" exhibit and documentary, you may contact the Slidell OTAC by email at info@otacenter.com.



Photographs from the christening ceremony of the Dredge *Paul F. Jahncke*.



Coming soon to the Maritime Museum, The "Waterways to Railways" Exhibit was produced by the Olde Towne Arts Center (OTAC) of Slidell in collaboration with the Guardians of Slidell History (GOSH), and with assistance from the St. Tammany Commission on Cultural Affairs.

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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