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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**DECEMBER 2011- ALL MONTH FREE GENERAL ADMISSION!**  
2012

- January 18- Annual Meeting, 6PM
- January 28- Steamboat New Orleans Bicentennial Celebration (River Heritage Foundation Event in New Orleans)
- February 2- Volunteer Dinner Party
- March 14- New Boat Class Session
- March 24- Poker Tournament
- October 12- Maritime Mania
- October 13 & 14- 23rd Annual Wooden Boat Festival**

Call (985)845-9200 or visit [www.lpbmm.org](http://www.lpbmm.org) for details on events and to check holiday hours.

## 22ND ANNUAL WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL REPORT

Congratulations to the Wooden Boat Festival Coordinator, committees, and volunteers for a successful festival! Once again, over 100 boats and thousands of spectators came together to celebrate the classics of the water. We would also like to thank the St. Tammany Woodworkers Guild who celebrated their 20th year of being at the festival and putting smiles on kids faces. Each year the Woodworkers Guild builds toy wooden boats with the children at the festival, all for free.

At this year’s festival there was tons of fun for all ages. Some stand out activities in Children’s Village were the giant hamster ball, rock climbing wall, pony rides, and Paint-a-Pirogue.

The Quick n’ Dirty Boat Building Contest was a hoot with Dawn Brown and Jonathan Myers, married couple and meteorologist for different TV stations, predicting good weather as King and Queen of the festival. Along the river there were many talented vendors selling their works and delicious food to be eaten.

Maritime Mania kicked-off the festival in funky pirate style. With music playing all weekend long, Rockin’ Dopsie’s Cajun swagger closed out the party!

Hope to see everybody on October 13 & 14, 2012 for the next Wooden Boat Festival!



Festival King & Queen Jonathan Myers and wife Dawn Brown with Bert Murray, Quick n’ Dirty Coordinator.



Children playing in the Hamster Ball ride in Children’s Village.



One of the several unique boats that were on display at this year’s festival.



Children testing out their new toy wooden boats made with the Woodworker’s Guild.

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- Longhorn Steakhouse
- The Chimes Restaurant and Tap Room
- Water Street Bistro



Thank you to each and every restaurant for your participation. We encourage everyone to support these great local establishments.



2011 Wooden Boat Festival Coordinator, Carol Bell, and LPBMM Executive Director, Don Lynch, take a quick moment to smile at Maritime Mania.

Thank you Carol and Don for a job well done!



### IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE AN "INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS" AT THE MARITIME MUSEUM



Cedar Wood School chose "Italy" as their theme country to decorate a tree.

Christmas at the Maritime Museum has begun. Thank you to Lowe's, Tiger Branch Tree Farm, and Shady Pond Tree Farm for donating the trees. We also have multiple tree sponsors who have quietly donated money to help the museum. The trees are being decorated by local students and sponsoring organizations using the theme of "An International Christmas". Each tree is creatively decorated representing a different country or countries.

If you haven't seen them yet, make sure you stop by soon. **You can visit the museum for free while you're here, general admission is free for the whole month of December, don't miss it!**



St. Peter's School Chorus sang carols to a joyous audience on the steps of the museum.



The Maritime Museum staff decorated a tree with pictures of maritime museums from around the world.

### NEW ORLEANS STEAMBOAT MODEL TO BE PART OF BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN NEW ORLEANS- JANUARY 28, 2012

As announced in our previous newsletter, the Maritime Museum added a model of the Steamboat New Orleans to its collections thanks to Mr. Lowell Ford. The model is on display near the River Boat Pilot Exhibit in the Museum. It is truly remarkable.

Soon, the Museum will share that wonderful piece with the River Heritage Foundation of New Orleans. In New Orleans on January 28, 2012, the River Heritage Foundation is hosting a grand bicentennial celebration commemorating the arrival of the Steamboat New Orleans in 1812. The New Orleans model built for the Maritime Museum by Mr. Ford will be a part of that celebration. The New Orleans was the first steamboat on western waters and its success led to thousands of steamboats operating on the rivers of America.

The steamboat was owned by Robert Fulton and Robert Livingston and constructed by Nicholas Roosevelt. Mr. Roosevelt's wife and children were also counted as passengers on the first steamboat on inland rivers. The storied journey of the New Orleans includes weddings, births, a great earthquake, the Great Comet of 1811, and threat of tribal attack.

The 2012 Steamboat New Orleans Bicentennial Celebration is sure to be an interesting day filled with events commemorating this great voyage and the steamboat era. **For more information on the celebration, please contact Frank Courtenay with the River Heritage Foundation at [FAC@preisroy.com](mailto:FAC@preisroy.com) or (504) 289-6560.**



Lowell Ford and the Steamboat New Orleans model.



### REMINDER: ANNUAL MEETING & BOARD NOMINATIONS, WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18, 2012, 6:00PM

The Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum Board of Directors invites you to the annual meeting, **January 18, 2012**. Candidates for the Board have been nominated and voting will take place at the meeting. Immediately following the Annual Meeting will be the first full board meeting for 2012 at which time the Executive Committee will be elected.

Please consider the following when voting for a candidate for the Board of Directors:

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 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.

### NEW EXHIBIT “WATERWAYS TO RAILWAYS” NOW OPEN

The documentary style “Waterways to Railways” exhibit is now open and to visitors to the Maritime Museum. “Waterways to Railways” focuses on eastern St. Tammany Parish’s waterways and the families that lived there. 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. A reception in honor of the participating families was held on November 10, 2011 at 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). The exhibit features historical photos from the Slidell area and a ten-minute video documenting the stories of the families. The exhibit video shows excerpts from the hour long “Waterways to Railways: Remembering Slidell History” documentary. The hour long movie was shown twice at the reception with open discussion afterwards. Viewing of the hour long “Waterways to Railways” movie may be arranged by appointment by calling the Maritime Museum at 985-845-9200.



Chief Elwin Warhorse Gillum of the Tchefuncta Nation talking to guests at the reception about her great aunt Florinstine “Tun-Tee-Tine” Green Parker, licensed midwife from the Chahta village of Bonfouca, who was born in the 1880s.



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