In March, LPBMM members gathered in the Museum event room for the Annual Membership Meeting. LPBMM Director, Jim MacPherson, reported on Museum events for 2021. These included updates on damage from Hurricane Ida, event rental, Anchor Classic Golf Tournament, cottage repairs, and education.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Madisonville Garden Club’s 66th Annual Flower Show:**
  April 27th, 1PM-3PM
- **$5,000 Drawdown:**
  May 20th, 6PM
- **Maritime Mania:**
  October 14th
- **Wooden Boat Festival:**
  October 15th & 16th
- **7th Anchor Classic Golf Tournament:**
  November 4th

**SUMMER CAMP DATES:**

- **Camp 1: Water, Water Everywhere**
  June 13th-17th, 2022
- **Camp 2: Yo ho, Yo ho! A Pirate’s Life for Me!**
  July 11th-15th, 2022
- **Camp 3: NEXUS Robotics**
  July 25th-29th, 2022

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After a somewhat rough year in 2021, we look to be picking up our stride in 2022. We’ve already had more Field Trips this year than we had in 2020 and 2021, so the schools are again getting to experience more than just the classroom. We have expanded our reach and recently hosted a STEM Club from Springfield High School. I was a little anxious because we have not conducted Field Trips for high schools in my tenure at the museum. Once again, our great volunteers, led by Jeanne Brooks did a great job and the students had a very enjoyable experience.

“Boats on the Wall” What is it? That question was answered on April 9, when the Museum hosted our first Spring Boat Show open to all types of boats. This was a new style of event for us, where public entry was free and revenue generated was from boaters and vendors who support the museum. It gave us a chance to get back into the public eye with some beautiful boats, great food, good stories, music and generally fun for all. Thanks to our major sponsors, Murray Yachts, Nunmaker Yachts, Banner Ford and Abita Roasting Co.

More fun stuff coming on May 20th, when we host the 2022 DrawDown at the museum. For those not familiar with a Drawdown, it is essentially a “Reverse Raffle” in a party atmosphere. The Grand Prize is $5000, with numerous smaller prizes as we DrawDown. Food, beverages, and music are all part of the festivities. Tickets are $100, which admit 2 people to the event. Get your tickets from the Board Members or call the office (985-845-9200) and Memory can help you.

For the music lovers, the museum is planning an afternoon concert at the Madisonville Park on June 4. Look for more information on Facebook and the Website soon.
It was a beautiful day on the wall at the Tchefuncte River. There were many amazing boats who participated in our Boats on the Wall event! People were happy to be out enjoying the sights and the good weather. Sorry to the boaters who could not join us at the wall due to winds and high seas! We hope to see all these boaters again next year!
Crossing the Bar

Jackie Chauffe Sr., “Mr. Jackie” to all of us that saw him down in the boat class, passed away on April 5, 2022 at the age of 88. For those who didn’t know him, Mr. Jackie volunteered for years down in the boat class tool room. He was a genius when it came to fixing the various power tools used to build our boats. If it was mechanical, he knew how to fix it. We all enjoyed sitting with him and swapping sea stories. He will be sorely missed!

$5,000 DRAWDOWN

Come on out and join the fun at our Drawdown on May 20th! Enjoy cocktails, food, music and a chance to win $5,000!

2 people per ticket/$100 per couple

6:00 PM Cocktails
7:00 PM Buffet
8:00 PM Drawdown

Drawdown tickets can be purchased on our website, lpbmm.org or call the Museum at (985)845-9200

Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum Fundraiser

$5,000 Drawdown

May 20th, 2022

6:00 p.m. Cocktails
7:00 p.m. Buffet
8:00 p.m. Drawdown

$100 per couple
*2 people enter per ticket
MUST PRESENT TICKET TO ENTER

Must be over 21 years of age
WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT

Held at the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum
133 Mabel Dr. Madisonville, La

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Northshore Technical Community College’s Dr. Wainwright and Randy Savoie joined us at our annual membership meeting! Our members had a blast with NTCC's mobile ship handling simulator. We were thrilled to hear about all the opportunities NTCC has to offer. We can't wait to have them back!

Louisiana Tours & Adventures’ Lighthouse Trips

Captain Mike from Louisiana Tours & Adventures worked alongside the Museum to give beautiful trips to the Tchefuncte Lighthouse. These boat trips were enjoyed by all who climbed aboard!
Yo ho, Yo ho! It’s a pirate’s life for me!

Well, maybe not a pirate yet, but the past few months have been a lot of searching for treasure, and in many ways, we found it. Education is the mission of the LPBMM and though our outreach may have been limited somewhat, our focus has never dimmed. As schools opened up their doors and field trips have increased, we have been busy with field trips and visitors. From small homeschool groups to large middle and high school groups, from the Northshore to the bayous of Terrebonne, we have engaged, taught, laughed, and learned with children of all ages. We carried a pirogue to a local elementary school and within less than 90 minutes students not only learned about our state boat, but they also painted it. We have been fortunate to not only receive a Robonation grant for underwater ROVs, but we are also one of three institutions nationwide to pilot a new robotics program with NASA and the Naval Research Lab. Once again we are Department of Wildlife & Fisheries Volunteer Aquatics Instructors and NASA Astro Camp Collaborative partners. We had the privilege of hosting Native American storyteller, Greyhawk Perkins, Outland Technology, Southeastern Louisiana Underwater Search and Recovery, St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement, St. Tammany Parish Library, and WL&F and our own volunteers, including “Mrs. Thurston” to bring education to “Boats on the Wall”. We’ve worked with the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, the Louisiana Department of Education, and many volunteer, civic, and social organizations. We have interns and renewed relationships with our local universities. We even have visions of bringing back Environmental Eco tours from the museum.

Summer is coming! Three camps are planned, and yes, one week is devoted to a pirate STEAM camp. We have so many plans. We have so much to do. There’s only one thing missing! It’s YOU! Support our educational mission with your time, your talent, and your presence. YOU are the most treasured part of everything we do!
LPBMM will be hosting three summer camps in the next few months! Each camp has a different and fun theme: Water, Water Everywhere, Yo Ho, Yo Ho, a Pirates Life for Me, and NEXUS Robotics.

- $250 per camper
- Each camp is limited to 20 campers

Registration is available on our website, www.lpbmm.org or call (985) 845-9200
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