It’s back! The 31st Wooden Boat Festival is set for October 15th & 16th!
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Membership Happy Hour:
August 18th, 6 PM

Maritime Mania:
October 14th, 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM

31st Wooden Boat Festival:
October 15th & 16th, 10 AM to 6 PM
(Children’s Village: 10 AM to 4 PM)

7th Anchor Classic Golf Tournament:
November 4th

WELCOME ABOARD

The Museum is happy to introduce our new Public Events Coordinator, Lori Marcus! Not only is Lori a successful design consultant, she has organized fundraising and events for organizations such as the Madisonville Garden Club, Humane Society of St. Tammany, and Volunteers of America.

Next time you visit our office, be sure to say hi to Lori!
We’ve had a number of exciting things happen since our last Shipways and as I stated then we are picking up our stride. Membership is now just shy of 400 with over 25% being Seaman level (premium) members. We are working hard to add even more value for your membership dollar. Speaking of which, the next **Membership Happy Hour is scheduled for August 18th in the Main Event Room**. Members who come will get a sneak peek at the 2022 Wooden Boat Festival Poster, as well as enjoy the usual adult beverages, Hors d’oeuvres and generally enjoy good conversation with other members. Bring a friend so we can convince them that membership is a good thing!

Since our last issue we have had three events, all of which I consider successful. **Boats on the Wall** on April 9th was our first real opportunity to get our name out in the public. We also took the opportunity to try a few things out. Remember, it was a one-day event, free to the public, open to all types of boats and funded/supported by the boaters, vendors, and sponsors (Murray Yacht Sales, Nunmaker Yachts, Banner Ford & Abita Roasting). We tried out using food trucks as food vendors since they are becoming so popular.

From there we moved on to the **Draw Down 2022** on May 20th. You might remember this was originally scheduled for 2020, but was cancelled due to COVID-19. It wasn’t until late last year that we felt comfortable having an indoor event, especially with the number of tickets sold. The event room was filled close to capacity. It was a huge party that was enjoyed by all. In the end, there were 4 winners that split the $5,000 prize. Rumor has it, demand was so good that next year’s prize might be a lot bigger!

Next, we hosted the **Madisonville Music Festival** on June 4th. It was another effort to feel out whether there is an appetite for this type of event as a fundraiser for the museum. The general consensus is that there is that appetite and we can do a lot more. Essentially, it was a 4-hour concert and we had close to 400 attendees on a warm and humid day. Again, we used food trucks for snacks. There were a couple of merchandise vendors,
beverage vendors, and we sold lots of beer. This has a lot of potential to really benefit us.

Right now we are focused on the **Wooden Boat Festival (Oct 15th/16th)** and **Maritime Mania (Oct 14th)**. In speaking with vendors and others who have been observing other festivals and events, the pent-up demand over the 2 years of pandemic closures has been exploding, so we are anticipating a large turn out for the festival. That being said, we are in great need of volunteers, so if there is any way you can help, we could use your talents. That means any day of the week leading up to the festival itself, as well as on the weekend, even if you can only offer a couple of hours, they would be greatly appreciated. There are fillable volunteer forms online, please take the time to fill one out and join us during the festival!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the August 18th Happy Hour!
It was a beautiful and sunny day to hold our first annual Madisonville Music Festival! The Festival had a wonderful turn out. People were happy to listen to great music performed by Sugarbomb and Supercharger while enjoying delicious food and drink from the Rusty Pelican, Creole Tomateaux, Nan’s Café, Pyre BBQ, and Tinymomma’s.

Members and friends of the Museum came together in late May to earn a chance at winning $5,000! People enjoyed wonderful food from R&L Catering, cocktails and watching the screen draw down to the winner. At the end of the night, the final four participants decided to split the grand prize. Congratulations to Ron Blue, Otto Mehrgrut, Jeff Henderson and Lisa Taber who each went home with $1,250!
In late July, the Museum hosted NEXUS Robotics Summer Camp! The kids had a blast learning and experiencing the world of naval robotics.

WHAT’S NEXT?

MEMBERSHIP HAPPY HOUR

Join us for a Membership Happy Hour to support the Museum and unveil the 2022 Wooden Boat Festival poster. Cool down with us and enjoy daiquiris, adult snowballs and sorbet!

Feel free to bring a friend!

RSVP by August 11th to info@lpbmm.org or call 985-845-9200

MARITIME MANIA

Maritime Mania will be kicking off the 31st Annual Wooden Boat Festival on Friday, October 14th, from 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM at the Museum!

Live Music ~ Food ~ Pirate Costume Contest

Tickets: $75 per person, $125 per couple

Purchase tickets at www.lpbmm.org or call (985) 845-9200
The Wooden Boat Festival is back! Join us on October 15th & 16th for your favorite festival’s return! But we need your help to make the Wooden Boat Festival’s return to Madisonville the best it can be. The Museum is in need of sponsors and volunteers. We appreciate all the time and talent any volunteer can spare to help us.

If you would like to volunteer or become a sponsor, visit our website, www.lpbmm.org, to register or call (985) 845-9200.

The Maritime Museum’s 7th Annual Anchor Classic Golf Tournament will be November 4th, 2022!

It is never too early to start getting your golf team together for the tournament!

Team registration forms are available on our website, www.lpbmm.org
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