



# SHIPWAYS

## Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum E-Newsletter

The 31st Wooden Boat Festival was a success for us at the Maritime Museum! We had a blast watching everyone enjoy themselves at Toyota Maritime Mania and the Wooden Boat Festival. *Read more about the festival weekend on page 5.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Mixers and Merriment**

Members are invited to share in the holiday cheer and celebrate with Christmas cocktails and hors d'oeuvres!

**Wednesday, December 14th**  
**6 pm - 9 pm**  
 At the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum

**RSVP BY December 7th**

**Christmas at the Maritime Museum:**

December 2nd-January 6th

**Mixers & Merriment:**

December 14th, 6 PM - 9 PM

**Annual Membership Meeting:**

January 17th

**\$5,000 Drawdown:**

March 17th

**Boats on Wall/Music Festival:**

April 15th

**8th Anchor Classic Golf Tournament:**

May 5th

**32nd Wooden Boat Festival:**

October 14th & 15th

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Season's Greeting from all of us on the staff! We hope you had a good year and wish you all of the best for the coming year.

As I said in the last issue, we have had an exciting year and things continue to happen – first we had a very successful Wooden Boat Festival. As some of you will remember, WBF served as the primary source of revenue for the museum for a number of years. It is still a major source of revenue and is important to the museum, not only for the revenue, but for the publicity it brings us and the increased tourism it brings to the Town of Madisonville. For everyone's awareness, next year's dates are October 14 & 15, 2023. We'll have the website updated with those dates shortly, as we are already getting calls from vendors and boaters about the dates for next year. That is a good sign that everyone had an enjoyable and profitable festival this year.

The Anchor Classic took place a short 3 weeks after WBF and therefore offered some challenges that were met head-on by Tournament Chair Danny Schaus and Public Events Coordinator Lori Marcus. You might remember that the tournament was originally a spring tournament, but COVID forced us to move it to fall as the only safe fundraiser that we could hold. Given that, we faced a few challenges, but still had a successful tournament. Next year's tournament will move back to the spring – May 5<sup>th</sup> (Cinco de Mayo). As you might imagine that date opens a ton of possibilities for a really good time.

Once again, we have decorated the museum for Christmas at the Maritime Museum and have

added another couple of lighted decorations to complement our nautical themed lights. Lowe's again sponsored the trees, so be sure to show your appreciation by shopping with them, as you see fit. That, by the way, is appropriate for all of our sponsors and partners. Let them know how much we appreciate their support when you have the opportunity. The trees will be on display through January 6, 2023.

Don't forget *Mixers & Merriment*, the quarterly membership happy hour. It is December 14 from 6PM until 9PM. Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please RSVP to Memory at [Info@LPBMM.org](mailto:Info@LPBMM.org) as soon as possible to ensure we don't run short.

Into the new year, the General Membership Meeting is scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 6PM. Election of Board Members, a general update on finances, plans for the future, etc., are all on the calendar.

The first fundraising event for the new year is the *Maritime Museum DrawDown* scheduled for March 17. Those that attended the last DrawDown enjoyed a good time with catered food, drink and entertainment. We've convinced Board President Alexis Hocevar to emcee the event again, so it should be a great time again! Tickets will be available soon, certainly by the General Membership Meeting. Tickets are \$100, which admits 2 adults to the party and offers the chance of winning \$5000. Attendees must be 21 years or older.

As I said earlier, things continue to happen here.

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

We have a new exhibit entitled “El Nuevo Constante” with artifacts and details about a Spanish merchant ship that was caught in a hurricane in 1766 and purposely tried to run aground to save the crew and cargo. It nearly made it but sank in shallow water off the Louisiana coast. The state was able to conduct an archeological survey of the site when it was discovered by shrimpers in the 1980’s. They were able to recover cargo and pieces of clothing, weapons, food and other items belonging to the passengers and crew. We have the exhibit on loan from the state for the next 9 months. It includes several artifacts from the wreck, including a large ingot of copper.

We also have an expanded version of our steamboat exhibit, courtesy of a grant from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities. It includes the research of local scholar Don Sharp about the research/inventions of James Rumsey who developed and proved the viability of moving boats through the water against the current using steam power. Sharp’s research showed that Rumsey, a mechanical engineer, performed much of his early work in and around Lacombe before being called to Maryland by George Washington to help make the Potomac River navigable.

Last, but not least, Jenny Dyer has joined the museum as the Educator. Jenny came to us from the Pitot House Museum in New Orleans. Prior to that she was the Education Director at the Hermann-Grima/Gallier House Museums and she was a Project Consultant at Oak Alley Plantation. Her experience covers the Beaugard-Keyes

Historic House, French Quarter Festival, Louisiana Association of Museums and more. We are extremely pleased to have her join us with her broad expertise as we continue to grow, expand and offer new Education experiences to our visitors.

## **YOUR IRA'S AND 401(k) RMD CAN BENEFIT THE MARITIME MUSEUM**

If you are 72 or older, you can help the Museum when you make a tax-smart gift to the Museum.

Consider asking your financial advisor to transfer a donation directly to the Maritime Museum. Your gift is tax free up to \$100,000 per donor and will satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD).

Your gift will help the Museum and aid in its mission to educate, restore and preserve the programs we have underway. These include the future preservation of the Tchefuncte River Lighthouse, the educational programs and future development of our facilities.

Please contact us for further information.

Thank you for your consideration and Happy Holidays,

Michael R. Gagliardi

**SAMPLE LETTER TO**  
**ADMINISTRATOR**

# LOOKING BACK AT THE WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL WEEKEND



The Festival weekend started with the official kick-off party, Toyota's Maritime Mania Sponsor/Patron Party. Partygoers donned their best pirate costumes, enjoyed delicious food, cocktails and live music by Deja Vu. We were grateful to have Toyota sponsor this event and great restaurants participate, including Abita Roasting, Knee Deep Seafood, Half Shell Oyster House and R & L Catering.

# LOOKING BACK AT THE WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL WEEKEND

We could not have asked for more beautiful weather on Saturday and Sunday of the festival weekend! It was great to be back again after two years without the Wooden Boat Festival. Festival goers enjoyed food, shopping and live music by SugarBomb, Rhythm Chasers, Bam Bam, and Four Unplugged. Kids also had a blast painting pumpkins, building wooden boats, and dancing to a performance by the Imagination Movers.



**Thank you to all who participated and helped us make this year's Wooden Boat Festival a fantastic event!**

# WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL BOAT AWARDS



## 2022 Wooden Boat Festival's **Boat Awards**

### Boat Class

<b>Lugger</b>	1st "Madame" Owner George Boddie 2nd "Bout Time" Owner John Atherton
<b>Runabout</b>	1st "Hijur Heart" Owner Fred Fink 2nd Tie "C'est Jolie" Owner Terry McFillen, Owner Bourjois
<b>Trawler</b>	1st "Driftwood" Owner Kenny Lindsly 2nd "Brigadoon" Owner George Hero
<b>Skiff Manpowered</b>	1st "Knot Head" Owner Lawrence Pregeant 2nd "15' Mill Creek" Owner Lawrence Pregeant 3rd "Voilette" Owner Thomas Dantin
<b>Sailboat</b>	1st "Black Watch" Owner Jason Savoi 2nd "Glen L. Swetman" Owner Maritime & Seafood Industry
<b>Vintage</b>	1st "Thunder Hawk" Owner Jimmy Stire 2nd "Moonshadow" Owner Brandon Thomas 3rd "Malindy" Owner Greg Lemons
<b>Best in Show</b>	1st "Madame" Owner George Boddie 2nd "Knot Head" Owner Lawrence Pregeant 3rd "Hijur Heart" Owner Fred Fink
<b>People's Choice</b>	<b>Water</b> "Innocence" Owner Paul & Paula Barto <b>Land</b> "Knot Head" Owner Lawrence Pregeant
<b>Skiff Outboard</b>	1st "Barbara Jean" Owner Ric & Linda Meyers 2nd "Flash" Owner Matthew Lane Jr. 3rd "Lil Dutz" Owner Harry Sherburne

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# THE 7th ANNUAL ANCHOR CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT



On November 4th, the Maritime Museum held the 7th Annual Anchor Classic Golf Tournament. It was a beautiful day to hold our tournament! Golfers spent their time on the golf course while enjoying drinks and food along the way. Players also had the chance to win great prizes at the tournament's silent auction.



**A special thank you to Henderson Auctions: Collector Motor Series for being the title sponsor of this event.**

# CHRISTMAS AT THE MARITIME MUSEUM

The Maritime Museum will have Christmas trees on display from December 2nd through January 6th.

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Join in the merriment and look at our beautifully decorated trees and light-up decorations before the holiday season ends!

**Christmas**  
*at the*  
**Maritime Museum**

THE LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN BASIN MARITIME MUSEUM WILL DISPLAY CHRISTMAS TREES FROM  
**DEC. 2, 2022 - JAN. 6, 2023**

TO SPONSOR AND/OR DECORATE A TREE, FILL OUT A FORM ON OUR WEBSITE, LPBMM.ORG  
**BEFORE NOVEMBER 28, 2022**



## MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## DONATE TODAY

Your donation to the Maritime Museum will help bring Louisiana's unique maritime history and culture to the public. Your name will be recognized as a donor in the Museum's quarterly e-newsletter, Shipways, unless otherwise requested by you. Your gift is tax deductible and your support is priceless, thank you.

Please mail your donation to LPBMM at 133 Mabel Drive, Madisonville, LA, 70447 by printing and completing a Donation form found on our website under the "Donations" tab

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## STAFF MEMBERS

Jim MacPherson *Director*

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