



SHIPWAYS

Maritime Museum Louisiana Newsletter

Have you seen our new exhibit?

Introducing the Environmental Education Exhibit! This one-of-a-kind exhibit takes our museum visitors through different elements of a aquaponics system. This exhibit will also benefit local coastal restoration efforts!

Learn more about our new Environmental Education Exhibit's ribbon cutting on page 3!



UPCOMING EVENTS:



Christmas at the Maritime Museum

December 4, 2023-Jan 6, 2024

Christmas Mixer

December 6, 2023

Music Festival

April 20, 2024

33rd Wooden Boat Festival

Oct. 19 & 20, 2024

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Exciting things continue to happen here at the museum. We completed Phase 1 of the Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaponics (IMTA) Exhibit and had the official opening on September 21. Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser helped us cut the ribbon. The exhibit is on the ground floor of the museum and is a closed system that simulates the river, lakes, and marshes of Louisiana. Phase 2 will consist of adding shellfish to our tanks already populated with finned fish. When that is complete, we will have a completed ecosystem of finned fish, shellfish and marsh grasses. The marsh grasses will be available, at no charge, to organizations who replant coastal Louisiana to stem loss of land that is occurring at a rapid pace here in the state. If you haven't seen it yet, you need to! The fish are always ready to greet you. NO FISHING!

With the name change approved by the Board and announced in January, the Board is now looking to state our mission more accurately, reflective of the entire state and further in terms of becoming an accredited museum. Accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) is mandatory if we are to be viewed by professionals in the museum field (other museums) as a quality museum with high standards worthy of the public trust. One of the first tasks in beginning on the trek to accreditation was to restate our mission in terms that museum professionals, academia, and grant funding organizations recognize and accept. In the September Board Meeting, the Board

unanimously approved the following mission statement -

“Maritime Museum Louisiana inspires and engages patrons in bringing Louisiana’s maritime history to life. The Museum accomplishes this by collecting, restoring, and preserving Louisiana-related maritime material culture, including artifacts, photographs, and documents. The Museum interprets these unique treasures in exhibits, dioramas, lectures, and interactive opportunities, on-and off-site. The Museum’s public history interpretations are founded on scholarship. Collections are maintained in accordance with professional museum standards of care. Americans have a shared heritage, and Maritime Museum Louisiana shall preserve, impart, and embrace it.

We continue to strive to make you proud of the decision you made to join the museum, Louisiana’s ONLY Maritime Museum.

LOOKING BACK

Wooden Boat Festival Poster Reveal



In late August, we celebrated the 2023 Wooden Boat Festival's Poster Reveal! This year's poster artist, Hal Wilke, joined us for the evening and signed posters.



Environmental Education Exhibit Ribbon Cutting

On September 21st, the Museum held a ribbon cutting for the Environmental Education Exhibit. Attendees enjoyed touring the new exhibit's fish tanks and aquaponics system.

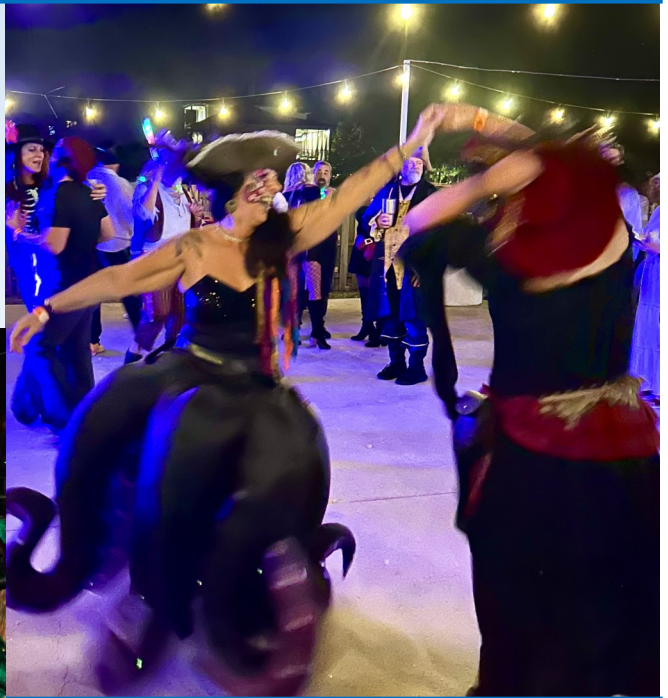
Lieutenant Governor, Billy Nungesser, joined our educator, board president, and executive director in cutting the ribbon.



LOOKING BACK

Toyota Maritime Mania Patron Party

The Museum hosted Maritime Mania on October 13th to kick off the 32nd Wooden Boat Festival! This year's party included live music by Category 6, over 20 participating restaurants ranging from savory to sweet, a silent auction and the infamous pirate costume contest.



32nd Annual Wooden Boat Festival



It was a beautiful weekend to have the 32nd Wooden Boat Festival! Festival goers enjoyed the chilly weather while browsing amazing boats, local craft vendors and food trucks. Crowds also had a wonderful time listening to live music and watching the Quick'n Dirty Boat Building Contest unfold.

Thank you to all who attended the festival! We appreciate the community's love and support each year. A special thank you to our festival volunteers and sponsors, without them this event would not be possible.

LOOKING BACK

Shipwrecks Across Louisiana

On Nov. 16, we welcomed Dr. Charles “Chip” McGimsey to the museum! He presented *Shipwrecks Across Louisiana* to a full house of members and guests.

A special thank you to our presenter and guest of honor, Dr. Chip McGimsey for an excellent presentation.

Thank you to all who support our educational lecture series. We have more lectures planned for 2024 so stay tuned!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas at the Maritime Museum

CHRISTMAS AT THE *Maritime Museum*

MARITIME MUSEUM LOUISIANA WILL
DISPLAY CHRISTMAS TREES FROM

DEC. 4, 2023 - JAN. 6, 2024

TO SPONSOR AND/OR DECORATE A TREE, VISIT
OUR WEBSITE, MARITIMEMUSEMLOUISIANA.ORG

BEFORE NOVEMBER 27

Christmas at the Maritime Museum is back!

Registration is now open to sponsor and/or decorate a Christmas tree here at the museum. Make sure to register BEFORE Nov. 27.

**Trees will be displayed from
Dec. 4, 2023 - Jan. 6, 2024**

Call our office to sponsor/decorate a tree or visit our website, maritimemuseumlouisiana.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mixers & Merriment

SAVE THE DATE

Mixers & Merriment

Dec. 6, 2023

Maritime Museum Louisiana members and volunteers are invited to join us on Dec. 6th for our Mixers & Merriment Party!

Share in the holiday spirit with us and enjoy Christmas cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

Please RSVP by Dec. 1st



Maritime Music & Art Festival



SAVE THE DATE

Maritime Music & Art Festival

April 20, 2024

Stayed tuned for this event's music lineup and info about food and art vendors.

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