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SHIPWAYS

Maritime Museum Louisiana E-Newsletter



Look what's new at the Maritime Museum!

It certainly BUOYED our spirits to see this new addition to the Museum! The Aids to Navigation Division of the U.S. Coast Guard decommissioned these buoys and graciously donated them to us.

Have you checked out the buoys outside the Maritime Museum yet?

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Kidcam Camps at the Maritime Museum:

May 30th — August 4th

Maritime Mania:

October 13th

32nd Wooden Boat Festival:

October 14th & 15th

Read more about upcoming events on page 9.



DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Since our last Shipways, we have been very busy. We had the St Patrick's Day DrawDown, thoroughly enjoyed by attendees and profitable, adding \$10,000 to the Lighthouse Preservation Fund. We followed that up with The Maritime Music and Arts Festival in April and, again, had a very successful event raising roughly \$20,000 for our operations and lastly, our Anchor Classic, which was held on May 5 (Cinco de Mayo) and again thoroughly enjoyed by the participants.

Aside from fundraising, we have been acquiring/developing new exhibits. We now have an 18th century British naval cannon (Blomefield) on long term loan from the state archeology division. It sits at the entrance to the museum by the flagpole.

We also took ownership of two lateral marker buoys donated by the USCG (New Orleans Aids to Navigation Division). We have positioned them by the driveway, properly located (red on the right side, green on the left side, thereby keeping with the mnemonic "Red, Right, Returning". To remain safely in the channel, keep the red buoys to your right when returning from sea.

Work has begun on our Environmental Education "Multitrophic Aquaculture System" which we expect to be completed by the end of summer. It is located

on the ground floor of the east side of the building. It will serve as both an exhibit and a means of providing marsh grasses for replanting for coastal preservation non-profits such as Pontchartrain Conservancy, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana and Louisiana Sea Grant, as well as for our own use to manage and restore the land around the lighthouse.

If you missed the presentation by Bob Gerosa, Captain of the USS Constitution when she underwent her last restoration from 2015-17, you missed an incredibly entertaining evening. Trivia fact - when she was refloated after her period in dry dock, she was taking on hundreds of thousands of gallons of water until the wood had swollen enough to seal. We are working hard to bring in more presenters with interesting presentations like that.

We are roughly 5 months away from October 14/15 - WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL. Planning has begun and I am officially calling on the membership to jump onboard to help on our biggest fundraiser. We usually have no shortage of volunteers for the weekend itself, but we can always use help in the weeks leading up to the festival. The really good news this year is that Harvey Gulf International Marine has come onboard as Title Sponsor this year and committed to two more years as the Title Sponsor - part of a 3-year partnership agreement with the museum. In addition to Harvey

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Gulf, CM Combs Construction, Banner Ford and Heritage Bank have all joined the Museum with multi-year partnerships. Champagne Beverage continues it's long term relationship with the museum. These partnerships are valuable to the museum and we greatly appreciate the support of our partners.

Lastly, The Lighthouse project (Shoreline Protection Project) is making progress. The Cultural Resources Survey has been completed, submitted

to State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). We are awaiting their review and upon successful completion/acceptance, should receive our Coastal Use Permit which will allow us to go out to bid for the construction. Fingers crossed that we see this in the next month or so.

THANK YOU TO OUR MULTI-YEAR PARTNERS



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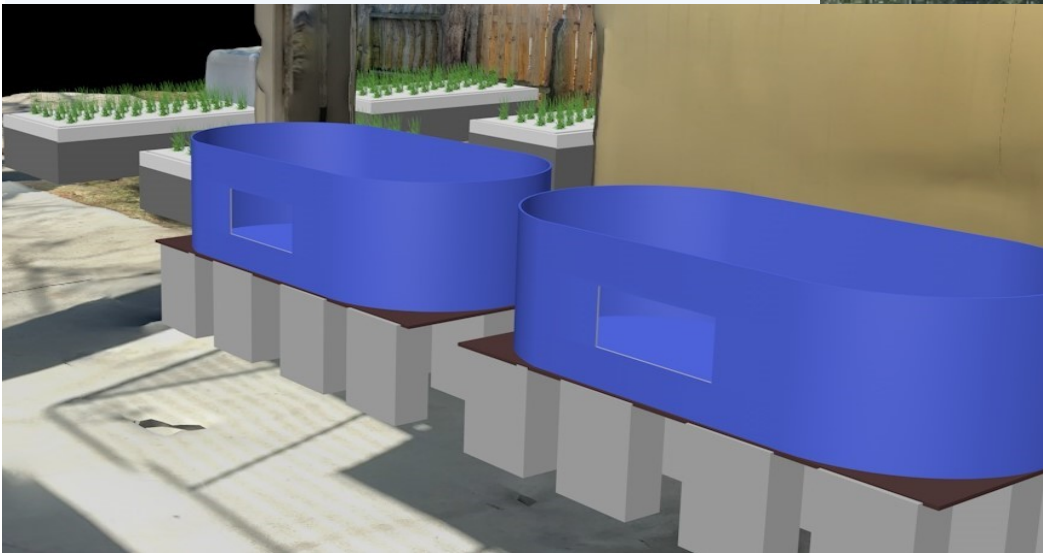
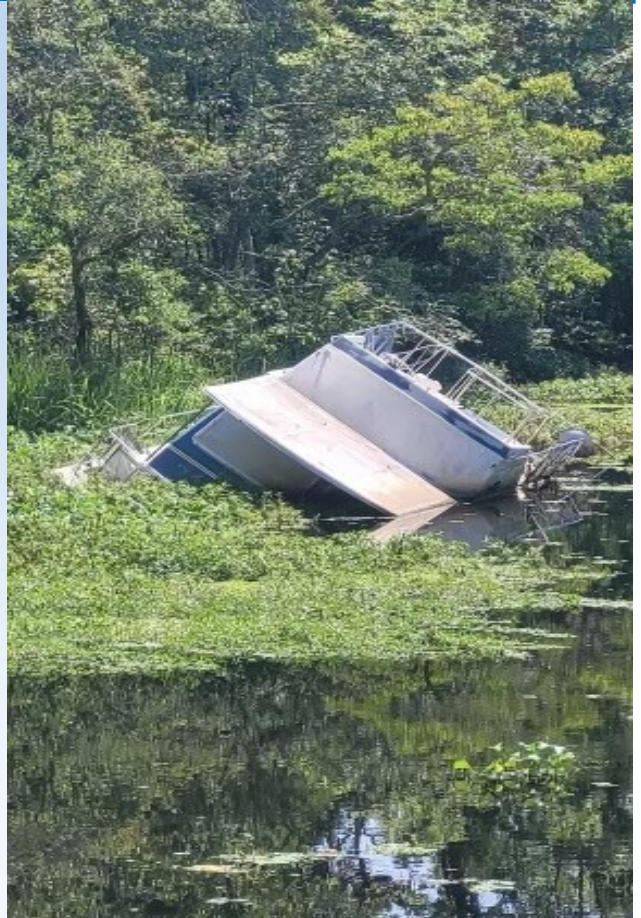
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EDUCATOR

Summer is in Full Swing for Education at the Maritime Museum!

On the tails of concluding the last of the field trips at the Maritime Museum, summer camp is in full swing with KidCam Camp. They will be with us all summer so look out for a lot of fun being had at the museum! Meanwhile, Tyler Huse has joined us as an employee of the museum in the Education Department and we are thrilled to have him. He is currently working on a derelict boat project proposal intended to educate Louisiana on the major problem of derelict vessels littering our waterways. Our hope is that it will evolve into meaningful participation and funding. Visit our website regularly to keep up to date as we embark on the new program.



FUN FACT

This is the official rendering of the environmental education exhibit!

The environmental education program is underway as the system slowly comes together beneath the museum. We are excited about this program's prospects and about building a robust education model to engage students of all ages. The goal is to provide hands-on education that will provide students with knowledge of their surrounding environment and the skills to manage and preserve it. As we get closer to the new school year, we will be encouraging our members to support our outreach for this program.

As this unfolds, we are diligently cleaning up old exhibits and designing new exhibits within the museum. A fun and interactive knot-tying exhibit is under construction with the help of our boat builder, Ron Blue. We are enhancing the Jahncke shipyard exhibit with a detailed Mallow's Bay panel and accompanying film with more exciting changes to come! As always, we are deeply grateful to our education volunteers and look forward to giving them new material to educate and entertain our visitors with when we approach the next school year.

Finally, we will be asking you to support us as we relaunch the lecture series that was

lost during the COVID-19 pandemic. After the fantastic presentation given by Commander Robert Gerosa on the USS Constitution, members and guests expressed an interest in reviving a series of lectures hosted by the museum. We are looking forward to hosting fellow history and maritime colleagues on such topics as the USS Kidd, restoration of the Steamboat Natchez and naval operations during the American Revolution. If you have ideas or colleagues who would be a good fit for a lecture, please let us know.



Commander Robert Gerosa's USS Constitution lecture on April 20, 2023.

LOOKING BACK



Introducing the Maritime Museum's newest addition, a Blomefield Cannon!

This cannon is about 5-6 feet long, weighs about 1200 pounds, and has a bore diameter of just under 5.5 inches. It also has two marks on the top of it from where the backhoe hit it during the excavation.

The history behind the cannon: It is named after Thomas Blomefield, who was appointed Britain's Inspector of Artillery and Superintendent of the Royal Brass Foundry in 1780. Around 1783, he began designing a new cannon set for the British navy and army. After 1794, the Blomefield cannon was the standard for the British navy.

Thank you, Louisiana Office of Cultural Development, for loaning the Museum this piece of history.

In April, we hosted a special lecture by the 74th Commanding Officer of the USS Constitution, Bob Gerosa.

This lecture covered the 2015 through 2017 restoration of the USS Constitution. A special thank you to Bob Gerosa and everyone who attended the lecture. We hope to have more educational events like this. Stay tuned!



LOOKING BACK

A few lucky winners won gold at the St. Patrick's Day Drawdown!

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Drawdown event! We loved seeing our guests have fun while dressed head to toe in green and gold. We were lucky to have such a fantastic team of volunteers this year! Thank you to all who made this event possible and those who helped raise money for the lighthouse!

Special thanks to Anthony "Chopper" Leone for capturing these great photos of the night.



LOOKING BACK



The Maritime Music & Art Festival was a blast!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Maritime Music & Art Festival in April! It was a beautiful day for dancing, trying local foods and browsing local art vendors.

Special thanks to all our sponsors: Harvey Gulf, Kidcam Camps, Premier Pain Center, Lighthouse Insurance Agency LLC, Joshua D. Allison: A Professional Law Corporation, and Worknet Staffing.



Spring cleaning was in full bloom at the museum's garage sale in late May!

The garage sale was a success, thanks to our volunteers and everyone who donated items. We were happy to see so many items have a second life!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Work in Progress: Environmental Education Exhibit

One of our new additions to the museum, the environmental education exhibit, has made its way here! Stay tuned to see this exhibit set up and ready to go.



Kidcam Camp has had a great first few weeks at the Maritime Museum!

It's not too late to register your child for Kidcam summer camp. Camp will run until **August 4th**.

Campers will enjoy all the activities they love at Kidcam plus so many new adventures that are a part of Kidcam in Madisonville. Soccer, tennis, fishing, boat building, constructing under water robots, movies in the theater, and cooking are just a few of the activities planned for camp!

32ND ANNUAL WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL



Wooden Boat Festival and Maritime Mania are coming up and we need your help!

Maritime Mania
Oct. 13

Wooden Boat Festival
Oct. 14 & 15

Vendors Wanted:

Art/crafts, food, & snack vendor spots are available!

How to Apply? Fill out an application on our website, maritimemuseumlouisiana.org

Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers needed to help at Maritime Mania & Wooden Boat Festival.

Duties include:

- Event set up & clean up
- Maritime Mania
- Registration
- Providing food for volunteers
- Beer booth
- Transportation, docking, logistics
- Distributing ice to booths
- Judging Quick'n Dirty contest

For more info, call our office at (985) 845-9200



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