

Winter 2022-2023



SHIPWAYS

Maritime Museum Louisiana E-Newsletter

HAVE YOU HEARD?

The museum recently went through a rebrand!

Introducing the new and improved,

Maritime Museum Louisiana!

Read more about the Museum rebranding on page 5.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

\$5,000 Drawdown:

March 17th

Maritime Music & Art Festival:

April 22nd

8th Anchor Classic Golf Tournament:

May 5th : Cinco De Mayo

Kidcam Camps at the Maritime Museum:

May 30th — August 4th

32nd Wooden Boat Festival:

October 14th & 15th

Read more about upcoming events on page 6 & 7



DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Interesting happenings since the last Shipways –

At the general membership meeting, we were pleased to have Lt. Gov Billy Nungesser as our guest speaker. He spoke about tourism here in Louisiana, highlighting some of the efforts made by the Office of Tourism and talked about his efforts to develop more robust support for the museums in the state. He identified several programs that the Office of Tourism has to help museums in support of exhibits, educational programs and public relations. As a point of interest, the Office of Tourism was the major sponsor of the Wooden Boat Festival.

We also announced a name change from Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum and Research Center to “Maritime Museum Louisiana”. I am excited about the change for a number of reasons, primarily because it more accurately reflects that we are the only maritime museum in the state, with a mission statement – “Bringing Louisiana’s unique maritime history to life”. I believe that the new name allows us to reach out beyond the local community for support and that our requests have a better chance of being viewed more favorably.

Although we made a name change, you will notice that we maintained the

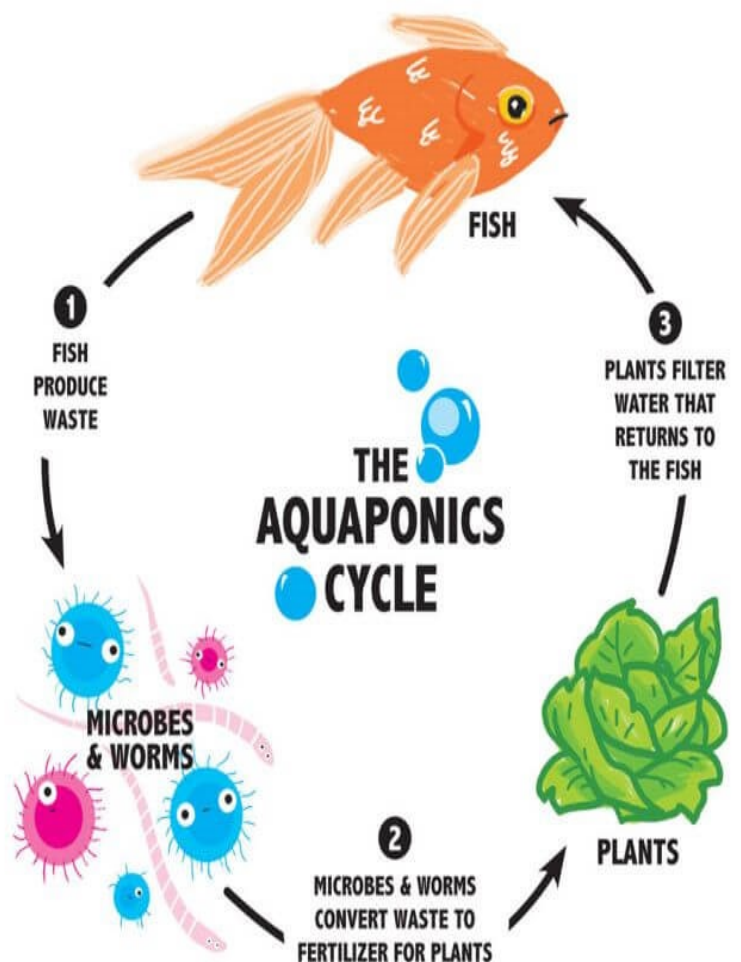
Tchefuncte River Lighthouse as key to our logo, as well as incorporating “Madisonville” into it. We intend to continue highlighting the maritime history of the area, but we have the opportunity to expand even more into maritime activities that occur outside of the immediate area – think things like shrimping/fishing, offshore energy, container/cargo handling, commercial diving, marshland/bayou exhibits that are representative of the state. At the same time, we intend to continue developing exhibits closer to home such as the James Rumsey exhibit which recently opened. There is significant naval history local to the lake, New Orleans and Madisonville to be explored. Essentially, I am saying there is a lot to be excited about, as exciting things are coming down the road!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EDUCATOR

Changes are Afoot at the Maritime Museum

The Maritime Museum is doing more than changing its name this year. We are embarking on a new program in education that will be a pilot to ongoing projects, funding and partnerships in environmental education. What better place to start an environmental education program than at the Maritime Museum whose mission and location tie it to the environment? Through generous funding from the State of Louisiana and hard work by the museum staff and partners at Enterprise Aquatics, the goal is to recreate the aquaculture of the Tchefuncte River and Lake Pontchartrain.

Louisiana residents are aware of the delicate ecosystem above and below the waters of our rivers, bayous and lakes, but we often take it for granted. The Maritime Museum's new environmental education program is a reproduction of the system through a multi-trophic aquaculture system that can be shared with all ages to introduce them to and educate them on how the cycle of life runs through our local water systems. A multitrophic aquaculture system sounds complicated but it's simply a mini version of the greater ecosystem using pumps, tanks and trays. Fish, shellfish and wood provide rich waste to supply plants with biologically available nutrients. Plants in turn filter the water, which provides protection from a buildup of toxic levels of nutrients. A harvest of fresh vegetables and fish is produced. It's a perfect circle of interdependence that happens around us every day!



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The system being designed for the museum is several tubs (with observation windows) of water that house the fish, shellfish and wood. Attached is the filtration system which relays the water and nutrients to the plants, which in turn provides the fish and shellfish with filtered water. Our plants will be marsh grasses that can then be harvested and used to restore our vanishing shorelines.

What does this mean for the Maritime Museum? The possibilities are endless! We will first be sharing this as a tool to educate elementary school visitors on their own unique environment. From there we will recruit high school students, community college students and university students to be a part of the care and maintenance of the system thereby providing them with education and experience in the field of environmental sustainability. Harvesting, sharing and planting the marsh grasses we produce will be available to environmental education programs for schools, nonprofits and community organizations such as New Harmony High, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, Pontchartrain Conservancy and LA Sea Grant to name just a few.



This is just one of many exciting new programs we will be offering in 2023. On the tails of design completion of the environmental education program, museum staff took a field trip to Gulf Quest in Mobile, Alabama. With the advice of Gulf Quest staff (and a promise to keep up a partnership) we wrote up a plan and wish list to reinvigorate our museum with new exhibits and programs that align with our mission. Be sure to check in with us regularly to see what is coming soon.

REBRANDING THE MARITIME MUSEUM

On January 17th, we announced the Museum's rebranding and official name change at our annual membership meeting.

Why change our name?

Our new name, Maritime Museum Louisiana, accurately reflects our mission of "bringing Louisiana's unique maritime history to life and preserving the whole of Louisiana's rich maritime history and tradition."



Change is in the works!

Next time you visit us, take a look at the Museum's new sign and banners at the front of the building.

UPCOMING EVENTS

\$5,000 Drawdown
THEFUNCTE LIGHTHOUSE FUNDRAISER
MARCH 17TH • 6 P.M.
\$100 PER TICKET
2 PEOPLE ENTER PER TICKET
MUST PRESENT TICKET TO ENTER
ENJOY AN EVENING OF LUCKY COCKTAILS, AN IRISH THEMED DINNER AND A CHANCE TO WIN \$5,000!
IRISH ATTIRE IS ENCOURAGED
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT MARITIMEMUSEUMLOUISIANA.ORG OR PICK UP AT THE MARITIME MUSEUM
HELD AT MARITIME MUSEUM LOUISIANA
133 MABEL DR. MADISONVILLE, LA
CONTACT US: (985) 845-9200 OR MARITIMEMUSEUMLOUISIANA.ORG
MUST BE OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE • WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT

Support the Lighthouse and take a chance to win \$5,000 at our Drawdown! Enjoy an evening of lucky cocktails and an Irish themed dinner. (Irish attire is encouraged)

\$100 per ticket—2 people enter per ticket

- ◆ Must present ticket to enter event
- ◆ Must be over 21 years of age
- ◆ Winner need not be present

Tickets are available on our website, maritimemuseumlouisiana.org or pick up at the Maritime Museum.

Let the music take you to the Maritime Music & Art Festival on April 22nd! Includes local artists and food trucks. Closing with Andree & the Giants, Four Unplugged and Supercharger.

Tickets are \$15 per person (kids 12 & under FREE)

Tickets available for purchase on our website, maritimemuseumlouisiana.org or at the gate on festival day.

Maritime Music & Art Festival
April 22
BENEFITTING MARITIME MUSEUM LOUISIANA
AT THE MADISONVILLE BALL PARK
1007 Pine Street, Madisonville, LA
LIVE MUSIC 11 am - 9 pm
CLOSING WITH ANDRÉE & THE GIANTS, FOUR UNPLUGGED AND SUPERCHARGER
SUGARBOMB AT 11:30 A.M.
SOLJET AT 1:30 P.M.
INCLUDING LOCAL ARTISTS & FOOD TRUCKS
\$15 PER PERSON
KIDS 12 & UNDER FREE
BUY YOUR TICKET AT THE GATE OR ONLINE AT MARITIMEMUSEUMLOUISIANA.ORG

UPCOMING EVENTS



**8TH ANNUAL
ANCHOR CLASSIC
GOLF TOURNAMENT**
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MAY 5TH * CARTER PLANTATION

CINCO DE MAYO THEMED FOOD, ADULT
BEVERAGES, DOOR PRIZES, & SILENT AUCTION

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY

BECOME A HOLE SPONSOR

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WWW.MARITIMEMUSEUMLOUISIANA.ORG

Join us for a day of golf at Carter Plantation! Enjoy Cinco De Mayo themed food, adult beverages, door prizes, and a silent auction.

Register your team or become a hole sponsor today.

Visit our website,
maritimemuseumlouisiana.org, to
learn more!

KIDCAM SUMMER CAMP LOCATED AT MARITIME MUSEUM



**Boys & Girls
Ages 5-13**

\$185 per week when
you purchase 3+
weeks before Mar 31.

Maritime Museum Members
Save 50% on camp registration fees
when you register campers before
May 1st using code MML23.

133 Mabel Dr.
Madisonville

**May 30-
Aug. 4**

Monday - Friday
9am - 3pm
Before Care 7:15am
After Care until
5:30pm

Registration Open Now!
www.kidcamcamp.com



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