



These are GREAT people:

May was a very busy month with the completion of both the adult kayak class and the OLG puddle duck boat building. I am only able to accomplish projects like these and others with help from some great volunteers.

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How Old Are Your Charts?

ALEXANDRIA, Va., May 17, 2010 - Nautical charts, whether paper or electronic, can become quickly outdated as storms and currents alter waterway topography or aids to navigation change with little warning. That's why Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS), the United States Power Squadrons, and several other organizations have teamed up with NOAA to create <http://www.allianceforsafenavigation.org>, whose goal is to help ensure

boaters have the most current chart data available every time they head out.

In addition, boaters can go to <http://www.allianceforsafenavigation.org> and enter the numbers of their most commonly used charts and instantly see a list of all the changes for that chart since the last print date. "I think some boaters and anglers will be surprised at the number of updates posted for their home waters," said Elaine Dickinson of BoatUS.

"Many skippers don't realize that even though they have a GPS and a chartplotter, the electronic charts in their receiver may be just as out-of-date as their paper charts," continued Dickinson. "Fortunately, updating is easier than ever with print-on-demand charts and free NOAA downloads available. Manufacturers of chart products also have update subscriptions to alert their customers when a new edition is released," she added.



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HAPPY FATHERS DAY!



BY-THE-WIND SAILOR (sail jellyfish) *Veleva veleva*

Found worldwide in tropical and temperate waters (including our own Matagorda Island). This pelagic animal spends most of its time floating among the surface of offshore waters. By the wind sailors are a colony of specialized polyps. They are dark blue in color with a triangular, flexible, and upright sail. They use air-filled floats to cross surface waters. (They look like fingerprints when they dry.) The vibrant blue color arises from carotenoid pigments ingested in their prey (including the Portuguese Man-o-War).

http://www.uoregon.edu/~ecostudy/elp/e_marine_07/ecosysteminfo.html#organismslist

From the Hooked on Seafood Cookbook:

GOLDEN FRIED SHRIMP

- 1½ lbs. raw, shell-on shrimp
26-30 count
- ½ cup crushed saltine crackers
- ¼ cup flour
- 2 beaten eggs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Canola oil for frying

Butterfly shrimp and wash under cold running water. Combine eggs and salt in a shallow bowl. Combine flour and cracker crumbs in a flat pan. Dip each shrimp in egg mixture, and then roll in cracker mixture. Repeat procedure. Fry at 365 degrees for 2 to 3 minutes or until golden brown. Drain on absorbent paper.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

2010 Hurricane Season



Remember the Atlantic Hurricane Season starts June 1st and runs through November 30th. It's never too early to prepare and it's important to keep an eye on the weather. Here are some web resources you may be interested in:

- <http://www.dixwx.com/>
- <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>
- <http://www.stormpulse.com/>
- <http://texashelp.tamu.edu/>

- <http://www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/index.shtm>
- <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/hurricane-resources/>

Also, the National Weather Service has made a change to their Saffir-Simpson Scale. It is no longer called a "hurricane scale" because it does not address the potential for other hurricane-related impacts, such as storm surge, rainfall-induced floods, and tornadoes. **The scale is only for wind damages.** To learn more about this important distinction and how it can be useful, visit these two sites:
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/sshws.shtml>
http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/sshws_table.shtml?large

Puddle Duck Racer @ OLG

Check out our boat building project with the seventh graders at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic School.

www.olgmariners.org. Fr Dan Morales blessed our little vessel prior to the launch and maiden voyage at Lighthouse Beach on May 27th.

Texas 200 is June 22-26

And the best part is the Mess-about at Magnolia Beach on Saturday, June 26th. Come on down and see the homemade boats. This year will also include a Kayak Builder's Bash. There should also be some Puddle Duck Racers around to show off their stuff; maybe even the Mariner One will be there.

Horizon Oil Spill

To learn more and keep up with the latest facts visit

<http://www.glo.state.tx.us/oilspill/index.html> then click on these buttons



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