

SBSO promotes boating safety

With Memorial Day approaching, summer fishing and boating will be kicking into high gear on St. Bernard Parish waterways, and St. Bernard Sheriff James Pohlmann is reminding residents to practice safety while on the water.

"There will be a lot of boats out there, especially on holiday weekends like Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day so be careful, slow down and learn and obey the rules of boating safety," Sheriff Pohlmann said. "Don't speed and pay attention to your surroundings. Operate with caution."

Sheriff Pohlmann also stresses the importance of everyone on board wearing a personal flotation device, or life jacket.

"They are available at sporting goods and department stores," the Sheriff said. "Everyone should be able to find one that fits."

With holiday celebrations,

also comes the chances of people drinking while operating watercraft. Sheriff Pohlmann reminds residents people can be arrested for drinking and driving on a boat, just as they would be while operating an automobile on land.

Alcohol is a primary cause in nearly 25 percent of all fatal boating accidents nationally, Sheriff Pohlmann said. Statistics also show nearly 90 percent of the boating accidents recorded involve someone who hasn't successfully completed a safe boating class.

Residents interested in taking a boating course can do so for free. Information can be found on the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries web site under the education section. Other state-approved safe boating courses can be found at www.wlf.louisiana.gov/boating/courses.

Capt. Brian Clark, a retired state Wildlife and Fisheries agent who heads the Sher-

iff's Office Marine Division, agrees with Sheriff Pohlmann about the necessity of everyone on board wearing flotation devices, especially children.

"It's required that children 16 and under wear a flotation device at all times and recommended that adults wear them also," Clark said. Drowning remains the biggest cause of fatalities on the water and a life jacket being worn could save a life, he added.

"Some boaters used to resist them because they were bulky and made it hard to get around on a boat," Clark said, "but the ones made today are lightweight and easy to use."

Before leaving on a trip, Clark recommends informing someone of where you will be going, and approximately when you expect to return.

"Telling someone what your plans are will let them know if you are overdue so they can inform authorities," Clark said.

Besides flotation devices, Clark said other basic rules for safety include a check of equipment before taking off. He also reminds boaters, if you have a kill switch on the motor, remember to use it if necessary.

Clark said remember to bring important items such as a cell phone and charger, a fire extinguisher, a flashlight, proper clothing, enough food and water for a trip, a safety kit, sunscreen, sunglasses to guard against glare and a device that can be thrown to aid anyone who needs help in the water.

Clark also recommends staying properly hydrated.

"Drink liquids," he said. "Don't let yourself get dehydrated because the sun will take a lot out of you and slow your reaction time."

For more on state boating and life jacket regulations, visit www.wlf.louisiana.gov/boating.

ENTERTAINMENT SHO BUZ

by Ed Held Studio News



Prom Night

★★★★★

The film was a hit! The soundtrack was a bootleg recording made in Japan. The hit film was Prom Night! Now, carefully re-created from 35mm magnetic recording tape an Original 1980 Motion Picture Soundtrack is now available from Paul Zaza (Artist), Carl Zittler (Artist) and contains excellent lush musical notes in the brand new Format: Audio CD! The music consists of two musical worlds. The early half of the film has a texture-heavy, orchestral underscore as the death of little Robin Hammond gets avenged on the perpetrators one by one. Then the second half of the film is effectively scored with infectious disco songs. My favorite from the CD is Dancin' in the Moonlight! You would swear you heard it in Saturday Night Fever, but the film's budget was so low that all this Disco music was invented as to avoid royalties from original hits back then. And what a great job the musicians have done, you can't tell the difference that this is "made up" disco music. Now hear the "World Premiere" of the original score and disco songs from the 1980 cult slasher film, featuring unreleased music. The CD Features 12 original disco songs from the composer of 'Porky's' and 'A Christmas Story'. This Soundtrack has NEVER before been released on CD anywhere, and has never been released in North American in any format. Perseverance Records presents the long awaited official release of the 1980 cult classic PROM NIGHT Original Motion Picture Soundtrack. Perseverance worked closely with Carl Zittler and Paul Zaza to locate and unearth the original masters and all music recorded for the film including unreleased disco songs and score not used in the final production, NEVER heard before anywhere! PROM NIGHT is a 1980 cult classic horror thriller directed by Paul Lynch (RoboCop, Xena: Warrior Princess, Poltergeist: The Legacy, Star Trek: The Next Generation) and stars Jamie Lee Curtis as Kim Hammond and Leslie Nielsen as Mr. Hammond. The movie focuses on four middle school children, Kelly Lynch, Jude Cunningham, Wendy Richards, and Nick McBride who hide the truth of what happened six years ago to ten-year-old Robin Hammond the day her body was found near and abandoned convent. They swore never to tell anyone of how they taunted Robin, backing her into a corner, frightened, when falling to her death while standing on a window ledge. But on that day, six years ago, someone else was there, watching, and now seeks revenge on prom night! "I remember seeing PROM NIGHT during its release in 1980, when disco was still the craze. I was determined to obtain a copy of the soundtrack and to play the theme song at my senior prom only to find that it was never released. I spent years looking at the audiophile catalog at Tower Records hoping to find a release date but no luck. Now, after almost 40 years, my dream has now become a reality!! Fans alike are now able to enjoy the soundtrack!!" Silvio Barretta, Producer.



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