

<b>Project</b>	MASGC- Preserving Oral Histories of Waterfront-Related Pursuits in Bayou La Batre
<b>Interview Date</b>	August 7, 2008
<b>Interview Length</b>	32:46 (Title 1)
<b>Interviewer</b>	Michael Stieber
<b>Videographer</b>	Lynn Rabren
<b>Interviewee</b>	David Bosarge
<b>Format</b>	Tape # 6 HD 1080/24P
<b>Affiliation</b>	Boat builder, Oyster tong handles maker, Chemical Plant worker
<b>Keywords</b>	Bayou La Batre, Boatbuilding, Boat repair, Community History, Dauphin Island, Fishing Economy, Gulf Shrimping, Hurricane Katrina, Imports, Inshore Shrimping, Lumber, Machinery, Oystering, Seafood Imports, Shrimping Boats, Steel Boats, Timber, Timbering, Tools, Ways, Wood Boats, Woodworking

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06:01:03:28	Interview introduction
06:01:18:20	Involvement of Bosarge family in Bayou La Batre (BLB) seafood industry over the years
06:01:52:21	Boat building (types, materials, process, quantity, etc.)
06:04:22:27	Oyster tong handle making
06:05:28:24	Technology and the effects on oystering (tonging versus dredging)
06:06:23:01	Loss of oysters due to environmental factors and related consequences (growth of conch population, lack of freshwater, influx of salt water)
06:07:59:01	Community history in BLB, boatbuilding, waterfront
06:08:28:27	BLB shrimping industry in the past
06:09:28:26	The waterfront in the past versus present time
06:09:58:29	The heyday of BLB/waterfront/south Alabama history/shrimping
06:11:22:02	Causes for the decline of seafood industry in BLB (overfishing, fuel price, etc.)
06:13:29:11	Affects of regulations on seafood industry-oyster
06:15:29:01	Storage of oysters on boat
06:15:48:22	Depth of water and regulations on oystering
06:16:09:06	General relationships between families in BLB and amongst different fishermen themselves (shrimpers, oystermen, fishermen, crabbers)
06:18:09:03	Connection/attraction of being on the water/relying on the water
06:18:39:02	Boat building
06:19:18:18	Feelings towards future of BLB (where it is going)
06:20:43:29	Boats on/working in the Bayou during its heyday
06:20:58:22	Boat building
06:21:58:25	BLB during its heyday (oyster shops on bayou, businesses in town geared to seafood industry, processing plants)
06:23:38:18	Process of deciding who to sell catch to (reasons for choosing a particular place)
06:24:19:03	Traditions passed down through families (is it still occurring?)
06:25:09:01	What it was like to grow up in a family involved in the seafood industry

06:25:58:24 Decline of seafood traditions being passed down through the family  
06:27:25:24 Learning industry from family members  
06:28:09:02 Boatbuilding (learning how to)  
06:29:14:01 Building first boat (how it felt and what it took)

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<b>Interview Date</b>	August 7, 2008
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<b>Interviewer</b>	Michael Stieber
<b>Videographer</b>	Lynn Rabren
<b>Interviewee</b>	David Bosarge
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- 07:00:18:09 Discussion about passing seafood industry related trades to family members (kids, grandkids)
- 07:01:03:01 Boat building (where DB builds his boats, what boats he builds now, etc.)
- 07:02:37:26 Oystering
- 07:03:18:25 Things hurting the shrimping industry (overfishing, fuel, cost of shrimp, imported shrimp)
- 07:04:53:08 Pricing of shrimp and how it affects the local industry
- 07:04:58:10 Alabama/local shrimp versus imported shrimp (demanded for)
- 07:07:17:07 Boatbuilding (decline of, demand)
- 07:10:13:06 Cost of materials used for boatbuilding (nails, wood, copper, etc.)
- 07:12:13:08 How it feels to be witnessing the decline of an industry that you grew up in and thought you would be doing forever
- 07:13:58:03 Government intervention (or lack of)
- 07:14:58:03 Seafood/fishing stories (what role they play)
- 07:15:43:06 Oyster tonging
- 07:16:23:06 Make up of people in the industry now versus in the past (different values)
- 07:17:28:07 Discussion about Floyd Bosarge/boatbuilding/self employment vs. working for others
- 07:18:23:11 Aura of being connected to water, Floyd Bosarge, seafood job versus working a "real job"
- 07:21:53:02 Residential patterns in the community in the past versus the present
- 07:22:48:05 Influx of immigrants and effects on the industry (Asians)
- 07:24:50:27 Discussion of hardships being felt by everybody (European, Asian, etc.)
- 07:27:47:29 Community feelings when Asian immigrants first came to BLB

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<b>Interviewer</b>	Michael Stieber
<b>Videographer</b>	Lynn Rabren
<b>Interviewee</b>	David Bosarge
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### **Contents:**

#### **Demonstration of making a pair of oyster tong handles**

#### **Demonstration of working on a wooden boat being built**

- 08:04:06:24 Explanation of oyster tongs (what they are/how they work or function)
- 08:05:18:15 Explanation of making oyster tong handles while performing demonstration
- 08:16:30:19 Explanation of oyster tong rivets (what they are, how they work, where they are manufactured)
- 08:19:26:16 Copper nails
- 08:23:48:09 Explaining where he (DB) learned to make oyster tong handles/explanation of what is different nowadays in making oyster tong handles from the past (tools used)
- 08:24:51:07 Comparison of how handles are now days to how they used to be
- 08:25:26:12 Further explanation of oyster tong handles (how the basket part is made)
- 08:26:21:15 Close up of tong basket and explanation
- 08:26:56:29 Close up of tong teeth with explanation
- 08:27:36:24 Material used to make tongs being shown
- 08:28:10:01 Demonstration of sanding a boat being built
- 08:28:25:02 David Bosarge's personal boat
- 08:29:07:06 Close up of David Bosarge sanding boat being built
- 08:30:46:00 Explanation of the type of boat being built
- 08:31:23:60 How long it has taken to get boat being built to current stage
- 08:31:40:16 Use of boat being constructed and who it is for
- 08:32:03:24 Bosarge skiff model boats (started by, evolution of, use of)