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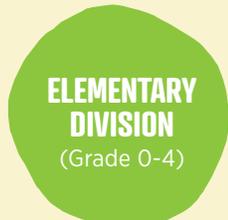
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Recently the children of PC Electric members as well as children who attend one of PC Electric’s adopted schools were invited to participate in the cooperative’s 14th annual art contest. The art was required to have an electrical theme and the words “Thank You” had to be included somewhere within the drawing. All art entries become the property of PC Electric, and the winning art will be displayed throughout PC Electric’s office buildings. (Lucky Number: 696800) First place winners received a \$35 gift card and a certificate. Second place winners received a \$10.00 gift card and a certificate while all third-place winners received a certificate. The following students were selected as winners in this year’s contest:



ELEMENTARY DIVISION
 (Grade 0-4)

FIRST PLACE

Sophie Landry
University View Academy

SECOND PLACE

Bella Friddle
Valverde Elementary

THIRD PLACE

Chloe Lemoine
Rougon Elementary



MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION
 (Grade 5-8)

FIRST PLACE

Chloe Landry
University View Academy

SECOND PLACE

Madeline Martinez
Trinity Academy



HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION
 (Grade 9-12)

FIRST PLACE

Lily Martinez
Trinity Academy

SECOND PLACE

Megan Martinez
Trinity Academy

On behalf of PC Electric’s management, board of directors and staff, we would like to thank all of the students who participated in the art contest and congratulate our contest winners.

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PC ELECTRIC

PRESENTS 2019
MATH

& SCIENCE Awards

PC Electric just recently presented numerous Math and Science Awards to students in many of its adopted schools throughout its tri-parish service area. (Lucky Number: 2212100) The awards were available to elementary, jr. high and high school students in schools throughout Iberville, Pointe Coupee and West Baton Rouge parishes.

The Math and Science Awards were given to the students who had the highest combined Math and Science grade in each of the three different school levels: graduation from elementary school (4th grade, 5th grade or 6th grade depending on the school and parish); graduation from middle school or junior high (8th grade); and graduation from high school (12th grade).

The elementary students that received the awards were presented with a certificate and a \$25 gift card. The junior high students receiving the awards were presented with a certificate and a \$50 gift card. The high school students receiving the awards were presented with a certificate and a \$75 gift card.

The management, board members and staff of PC Electric wish to extend congratulations to all of the following award winners for the 2018-2019 school year:

POINTE COUPEE PARISH

Catholic Elementary of Pointe Coupee (6th grade) **Andrew Sevin**
Catholic High of Pointe Coupee (8th grade) **Jacob Eaves**
Catholic High of Pointe Coupee (12th grade) **Bailey Chutz**
False River Academy (5th grade) **Carleigh Gauthier**
False River Academy (8th grade) **Kayden Langlois**
False River Academy (12th grade) **Elexia Sellars**
Livonia High School (8th grade) **Dylan Bell**
Livonia High School (12th grade) **Joseph Will, III**
Rosenwald Elementary (6th grade) **Alacia Collins**
Rougon Elementary (8th grade) **Kevin Moreno**
S.T.E.M Magnet Academy (5th grade) **Brian Ruffin**
S.T.E.M Magnet Academy (8th grade) **Emma Circello**
Upper Pointe Coupee Elementary (6th grade) **Ahmyriah Patterson**
Upper Pointe Coupee Elementary (8th grade) **Jeremy Major, Jr.**
Valverda Elementary (6th grade) **Alli Tate**

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH

Chamberlin Elementary (4th grade) **Hunter Bodin**
Devall Middle (8th grade) **Rachel Daigle**
Holy Family (5th grade) **Jesse Jones**
Holy Family (8th grade) **Corinne Moreau**
Port Allen High School (12th grade) **Mignonne Leachman**

IBERVILLE PARISH

Crescent Elementary School (6th grade) **Miracle Thibodeaux**
North Iberville Elementary (5th grade) **Xavier Greaud**
Plaquemine High School (8th grade) **Avery Justilian**
Plaquemine High School (12th grade) **Madalyn Savrage**
St. John Elementary School (5th grade) **Caroline Schlatre**
St. John Middle School (8th grade) **Chloe Marking**
St. John High School (12th grade) **Caleb Kleinpeter**
MSA West (8th grade) **Lane Bordelon**
MSA West (12th grade) **Nghi Nguyen**

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WATER & ELECTRICITY *Don't Mix*

School is out and summer has officially begun. (Lucky Number: 1071702) A large part of our membership lives on the water. PC Electric wants to remind its members of a serious hazard that often remains overlooked. This silent killer is known as Electrical Shock Drowning (ESD). This typically occurs in fresh water when a low-level alternating current (AC) passes through the body and causes muscular paralysis that can eventually lead to drowning.

Many ESD deaths have occurred around private docks and boats plugged into shore power while docked. It only takes between 10 and 15 milliamps, which is 1/50 of the wattage of a 60-watt light bulb, to cause drowning. (Lucky Number: 1584100) Old or outdated wiring and a lack of appropriate safety equipment, and maintenance on docks or boats is the leading cause of ESD.

Protect yourself and your loved ones from the risk of ESD and common boat electrical hazards with these handy tips from the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI).

Don't allow yourself or anyone else to swim near docks. Avoid entering the water when launching or loading your boat.



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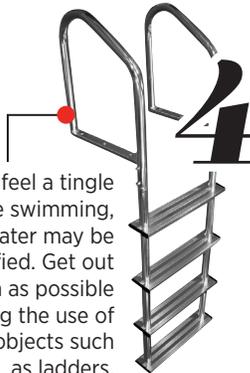
Have your boat's electrical system inspected and upgraded by a certified marine electrician who is familiar with National Fire Protection Association Codes: NFPA 303 and NFPA 70.

GFCIs

Have Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs) installed on your boat, and test them once a month.

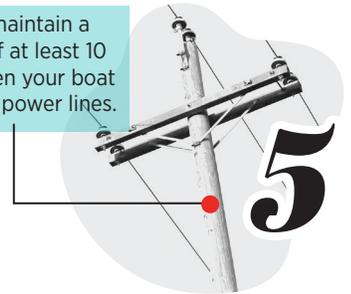
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If you feel a tingle while swimming, the water may be electrified. Get out as soon as possible avoiding the use of metal objects such as ladders.



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Always maintain a distance of at least 10 feet between your boat and nearby power lines.



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ELCI

Consider having Equipment Leakage Circuit Interrupters (ELCI) installed on boats to protect nearby swimmers from potential electricity leakage into water surrounding your boat.

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Only use shore or marine power cords, plugs, receptacles and extension cords that have been tested by Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or Intertek (ETL).

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Never use cords that are frayed or damaged or that have had the prongs removed or altered.

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Never stand or swim in water when turning off electrical devices or switches.

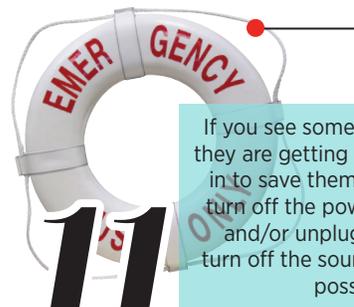


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ESD can also occur in swimming pools, hot tubs and spas. Have an electrician inspect and upgrade your pool, spa or hot tub in accordance with applicable local codes and the National Electrical Code (NEC).



If you see someone in the water and suspect they are getting shocked, you should not jump in to save them. Instead throw them a float, turn off the power connection at the source, and/or unplug shore power cords. Try to turn off the source of electricity as quickly as possible; then call 911.

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How to Prevent ELECTRIC SHOCK DROWNING

Each year, 3,800 people die from drowning.

- Electric shock drowning occurs when an electric current escapes boats, docks and lights near marinas, shocking nearby swimmers.
- There are no visible signs of current seeping into water, which makes this a hidden danger.
- The electric shock paralyzes swimmers, making them unable to swim to safety.

Swimmers

- **Never swim near a boat or launching ramp.** (Lucky Number: 2190803) Residual current could flow into the water from the boat or the marina's wiring, potentially putting anyone in the water at risk of electric shock.
- If you feel any tingling sensations while in the water, **tell someone and swim back** in the direction from which you came. (Lucky Number: 1840000) Immediately report it to the dock or marina owner.

Boat Owners

- **Ensure your boat is properly maintained and consider having it inspected annually.** GFCIs and ELCIs should be tested monthly. Conduct leakage testing to determine if electrical current is escaping the vessel.
- **Use portable GFCIs or shore power cords** (including "Y" adapters) that are "UL- Marine Listed" when using electricity near water.
- Regularly have your boat's electrical system inspected by a certified marine electrician. **Ensure it meets your local and state NEC, NFPA and ABYC safety codes.**

IF YOU SEE ELECTRIC SHOCK DROWNING TAKING PLACE:



TURN POWER
OFF



THROW A
LIFE RING



CALL
911

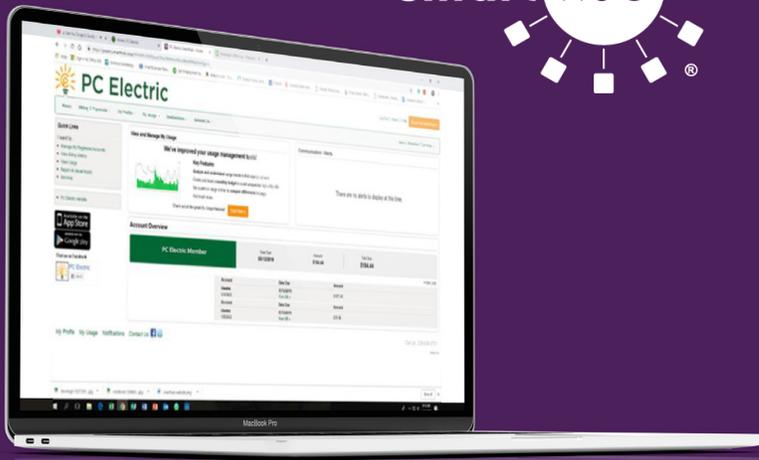
DO NOT enter the water. You could become a victim, too.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

TIP OF THE MONTH

When it's warm out, avoid using the oven. Try cooking on the stove, using the microwave or grilling outside instead.

Source: energy.gov



PC ELECTRIC HAS A NEW WAY TO PAY YOUR BILL ONLINE. ENROLL IN SMARTHUB!

WITH SMARTHUB YOU CAN:

- Make a payment online
- Check your energy usage
- View current & past billing information
- View payment history
- Enroll in paperless billing

To enroll on your phone or tablet, just search for "SmartHub" in either the Apple Store or Android Market. Download the app and follow the prompts.

You can also enroll on your laptop or personal computer by clicking on the SmartHub button at the top of the page on our website at www.pcemc.org. Use PC Electric as the provider and follow (Lucky Number: 2384500) the onscreen instructions to complete registration.

Lucky NUMBERS



LOOK FOR YOUR LUCKY ACCOUNT NUMBERS!

If you see your account number published inside this issue, call PC Electric by August 31, 2019 to receive a \$25 credit on your bill.

Your account number can be found on your bill statement. Good Luck!



JULY 4TH closing notice

WE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, JULY 4TH

PC Electric wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday. A dispatcher will be on duty if there is an emergency or outage.

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