

Project	MASGC- Preserving Oral Histories of Waterfront-Related Pursuits in Bayou La Batre
Interview Date	August 7, 2008
Interview Length	29:45 (Title 2)
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Videographer	Lynn Rabren
Interviewee	David Bosarge
Format	Tape # 7 HD 1080/24P
Affiliation	Boat builder, Oyster tong handles maker, Chemical Plant worker
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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