

# RISING TIDE

A CONFERENCE  
ON THE FUTURE OF  
NEW ORLEANS

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# ANNUAL NEW MEDIA CONFERENCE 'RISING TIDE 5' SET FOR AUG. 28 AT HOWLIN' WOLF.

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WHO: Rising Tide NOLA  
WHAT: 5th Annual Rising Tide New Media Conference  
WHEN: Saturday, Aug. 28, 2010, 9a.m. – 6 p.m.  
WHERE: The Howlin' Wolf, 907 South Peters St., NOLA

Rising Tide NOLA, Inc. will present its 5th annual new media conference centered on the recovery and future of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast on Saturday, August 28, 2010 at The Howlin' Wolf, 907 South Peters St., in New Orleans.

The one-day conference features speakers and panel discussions on the status and future of the culture, politics, criminal justice system, environment, and flood protection of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. Past speakers have included actor and outspoken champion of New Orleans Harry Shearer, and authors Dave Zirin, John Barry, Christopher Cooper and Robert Block.

Rising Tide NOLA, Inc. is a non-profit organization formed by New Orleans bloggers in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and the failure of the federally-built levees. After the disaster, the internet became a vital connection among dispersed New Orleanians, former New Orleanians, and friends of the city and of the Gulf Coast region. A surge of new blogs erupted and, combined with those that were already online, a community of bloggers with a shared interest in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast developed. In the summer of 2006, to mark the anniversary of the flood, the bloggers of New Orleans organized the first Rising Tide Conference, taking their shared interest in technology, the arts, the internet and social media and turning advocacy for the city into action.

Conference registration is open at [www.risingtidenola.com](http://www.risingtidenola.com) and is only \$20 until July 31. Registration includes lunch. There will be pre-conference party hosted by the New Orleans bloggers on Friday evening August 27, also at the Howlin' Wolf. More information is available at the Rising Tide 5 Website: <http://www.risingtidenola.com> and at the Rising Tide blog: <http://www.risingtideblog.blogspot.com>

Rising Tide 5 is sponsored by The Canary Collective, a media publishing agency, and by Levees.org.

Rising Tide's featured artwork, available as a poster and t-shirt, is once again produced by the award-winning editorial cartoonist and artist Greg Peters of Suspect Device.

The New Orleans bloggers will present the annual Ashley Award named for Ashley Morris—blogger and passionate advocate for New Orleans—who passed away in April, 2008. The Ashley Morris Award is given each year to an outstanding blogger writing about New Orleans and the challenges it faces.

Tables for booksellers and vendors are available at the Rising Tide 5 Conference by calling Tim Ruppert at 504-975-3591 or by e-mailing [vendors@risingtidenola.com](mailto:vendors@risingtidenola.com).

Those interested in sponsorship should e-mail [info@risingtidenola.com](mailto:info@risingtidenola.com).

Information about registration is available by emailing [registration@risingtidenola.com](mailto:registration@risingtidenola.com).

The telephone number to call for information about Rising Tide 5 is 866-910-2055.

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