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Total haunting time: 40-45 minutes

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Total monsters: 50

Total fright scenes: 40, all with a semi-nautical theme, including nooks, crannies and some *really* tight spaces that you have to travel sideways.

New for 2008: After 17 years as one of the nation's top-rated hauntings, producer Allen Rizzo continues to increase its surprises. The flow pattern is new, taking you through the bowels of the ship, past its horrific crew. The boiler room, cargo hold and engine room are also new, as are many of the lighting effects and a goody part of the soundtrack.

Overall rating: 10: The 1930s vintage steamboat has a back story revolving around 112 dead crew members - all angry spirits now - and any number of other unspeakable tragedies, all of them involving violent and premature deaths. Attractions play on common phobias, including fear of heights, fear of creepy crawlers, confined spaces and being eaten alive.

Age recommendation: 12 and older

If you go: USS Nightmare, Newport Riverfront at the foot of Newport on the Levee, 7-11 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday and Saturday through Nov. 1, \$16. 859-261-8500 or www.ussnightmare.com

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