

# ANCHOR & LINE

## April Calendar

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*General Meeting*  
*Nail - A - Way*  
*Slip balance due in full*  
*Board Meeting*  
*New Boater Orientation*  
*Commodore's Ball*  
*Board Meeting*  
*Memorial Day Chicken Feed*

Tuesday, April 8th at 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, April 12th at 8:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday, April 15th  
 Monday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, May 3rd at 10:00 a.m.  
 Saturday, May 17th at 6:30 p.m.  
 Monday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, May 31st at 4:00 p.m.

On the General  
 Meet at boatyard  
 SPYC Office  
 SPYC Office  
 On the General  
 Paddleford Landing  
 SPYC Office  
 SPYC Boatyard

Note: General membership meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month for the months of January (Nominations), February (Elections), April (Splash), June (Summer meeting), September (Pullout), November (Planning for 2009). Board meetings are held the 4th Monday of each month. SAVE A STAMP! Want to receive the Anchor & Line electronically? Send me an e-mail at [spyclub@qwestoffice.net](mailto:spyclub@qwestoffice.net) and I'll add you to the distribution list. You'll be e-mailed a .pdf version of the A&L as soon as it's done each month.

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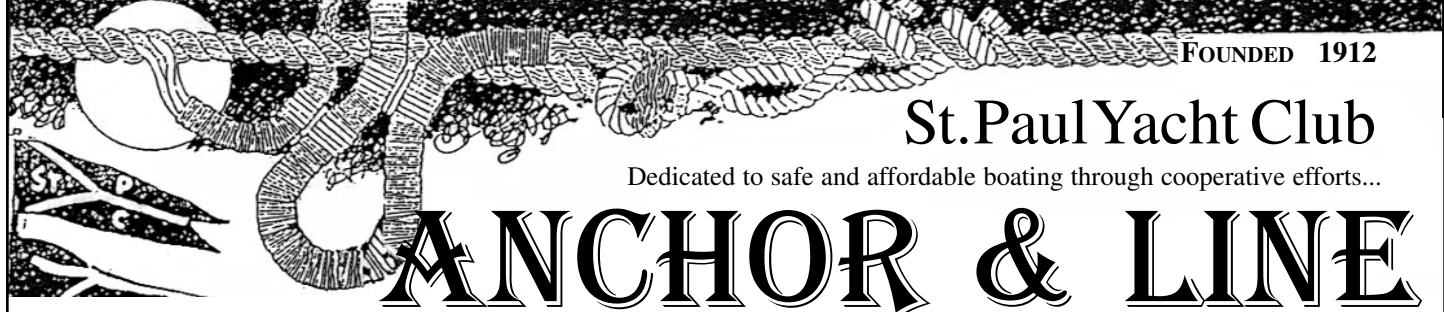
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#### Deadline

Articles must be submitted by the 25th of the month for publication the following month.

*Roger Anderson, Editor*



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St. Paul Yacht Club

Dedicated to safe and affordable boating through cooperative efforts...

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The Saint Paul Yacht Club was founded in 1912 as the Saint Paul Motor Boat Club for the purpose of fostering a greater interest in motor boating and the Mississippi River. In 1934 the club adopted its present name, S.P.Y.C., and continues more than 90 years of service to its members and the community.

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## - COMMODORE'S REPORT -

With our boats covered by 7" of white wet snow it's hard to believe that we'll be boating in a few weeks...but yes, so plan to get ready.

At our general meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8th I will be bringing everyone up to date on our current and future plans for the SPYC, dredging, launch, summer activities, the RNC at the end of the summer, our new management structure and our finances. We will have an open discussion of these issues.

Plan to attend.

As you were,

Peter Kramer, Commodore SPYC

Well the lot is muddy but that's a good thing, it means we are close to dropping the ships in the creek!! We've got new engines for the work boat and we're painting her up for the '08' season. The rest of the dock pieces are almost finished and ready to be installed, we're getting all the nuts, bolts, boards, and screws together - organizing to the teeth. The dredge is coming so we want it to go smooth as it can be so we'll need your attention during this time!!

As the snow melts there appears to be a collection of stuff around the yard; every thing from frame work to tanks to generators to dinghy's to - well .....CRAP, there I said it!! The man said to clean this yard up, SO HEAR this if you are storing something at the yacht club NOW is the time to come down and let us know about your plans to remove it. Don't assume we know who all this stuff belongs to, WE DON'T. It is our mission to get rid of it all this summer by any means we can, sell, scrap or give to the trashman. And remember we are not responsible for lost or stolen items! So if you can't get down here to pickup after your self send your mother!

Speaking of picking up, remember no tarps in the dumpster and no storing of frame work under boats for extended periods. Pick up all your painting and cleaning supplies and trash immediately. If you change oil put old oil in the recycling tank, drain filters there too!! If you replace batteries take the core with you or bring to the shop and we'll have it picked up for you. Lock your ladders to the stands so they can't be used. This is a very vulnerable time for our boats. And remember WE WILL BE INSPECTING EVERY BOAT'S BILGE

prior to pick up so be sure your in good shape or you'll be dirt boating longer. The river deserves your respect so don't pollute.

We also can order many of your boating needs right here at the club everything from batteries to paint to parts AND DOCK LINES for your craft, and have it delivered to the yard. All at reasonable prices!!

The first nail away is April 12th come and helps us clean the General and the yard to spiffy things up for the summer.

The St Paul Yacht Club wants to provide you with a first class experience so please help us do that, by doing these small efforts it will continue to be the jewel that we have here in the heart of the great river town of St Paul.

The old yard dog



## - U69 Scuttlebutt -

The weather has finally broke and everyone should be getting their boats ready to launch. The plan is to start launching boats the week of 4/14. The 2008 boating season is here!

**Board** – We have money to dredge and we are trying to use some of the money to get the lower harbor fully usable and some of the money to do the hydrological study to identify the problem(s). Right now, any money we throw at dredging is money poorly spent. We would rather spend the money to find out the cause and implement a remedy, but we also need to maintain a usable marina.

It was also decided to purchase two new motors for the workboat. One of the motors was not dependable which dangerous in some situations. We got a good trade in price on the old ones and a great price on the new Yamaha T50's. These should serve us for the next decade to come.

**Pay your bill** – We still have about 8,000 in receivables from last year to collect. This would cover the cost of the new motors. If you owe the club any amount, please pay it promptly. Thank you for your full cooperation on this issue.

**Slips** – We have about 27 slips open and transient dockage. We need to fill our slips to pay the bills. The \$100 finder fee is still paid to anyone who recruits a boater to slip at the SPYC.

**Operations Committee** – The committee is meeting weekly right now to make sure we are prepared for dredging, launch, installing capital and getting the harbors up and running for the season. We have a dredge plan, the new motors are here, a new set of slings, the dock sections welded and coated and the equipment is tuned up and ready to role.

**We are planning a clean up in conjunction with the park clean up. If you are interested in participating, meet on the General, April 12th at 8 am. We will be cleaning up the General, the gas dock and the grounds. Hope to see you!**

We also have a slip cover for sale, call the office for details.

**Vessel Safety Checks** – It is time to get your vessel checked in 2008. Please get the report into the office to be recorded. If you have not had a check performed on you boat, you need to get this done. This is now a standing rule that operations is enforcing. The club is requiring that each boat have a current survey, or a safety inspection performed by either the coastguard auxiliary (free) or staff (charge) and proof that the boat meets minimum requirements of Fire Extinguishers, Ventilation, Backfire Flame Control (if applicable), Marine Sanitation Devices (No discharge of untreated waste possible), Overall Vessel condition: Clean bilge, electrical system, fuel system, No automotive parts. Not complying with this rule could impede your launch. Every boat needs to get this done NOW!

With that said...Lets go boating!

Gordy Mergens

Mrs. Adventure Here with Social committee updates!

Find out about the dredging issues at the general meeting April 8th, on the General! Meet the new Board and find out all the new issues for the year!

After being in the boat yard this weekend, the season has started. There were tarps coming off boats, repairs being made ect...It is nice to see our fellow boaters again! Please take a moment out of your time to say HI or introduce yourself to our new boaters or old ones!!

Saturday April 12th is our first Nail-away, Please join us, we are spiffing up the General for our summer pleasure!!

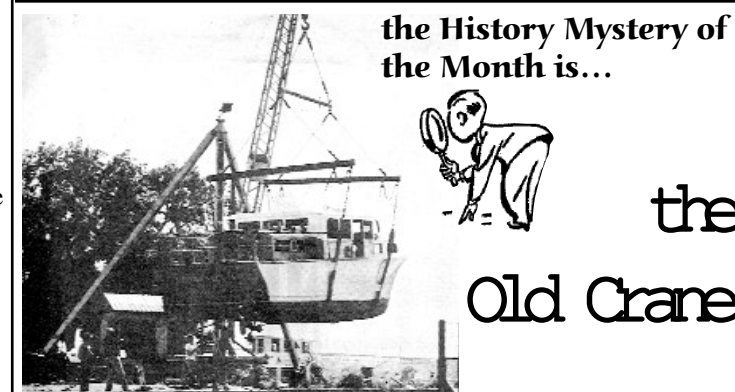
Get your RSVPS in for the Commodore's Ball on May 17th.

Our usual Memorial weekend chicken feed has moved to Saturday May 31st, Join us to see old and new friends!

Wayve Becher will be celebrating her 50th ANNIVERSARY with the SPYC. We will be Honoring her with an appreciation party June 22 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Wayve has served this yacht on many committees and most of the time multiple committees!!! More information to follow.

I'm still looking for volunteers to help out, you can contact me at: juliemarrone@msn.com or 651-488-3035

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the boat yard!!! Let's get boating!!



Do you remember the old SPYC launch crane? What year was it installed? What year was it removed? What happened to it? Did it ever drop any boats? If you have any information for us, please contact Penny Miller by e-mail at pensmiles@aol.com OR by snail mail at 227 Prescott St., St. Paul, MN 55107. Thanks!

St. Paul Yacht Club Board Meeting 3/3/08  
Board Members present:

Commodore	Vice Comm	Secretary	Treasurer	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Past Comm
Peter	MJ	Dennis	Jerry	Ralph	Dave	Jim	Gordy	Mark	Tom	
Kramer	Babcock	Sando	Quaal	DeLong	McKusick	Johnson	Mergens	Mosby	Marrone	
PK	MJ	DS	JQ	RD	DM	JJ	GM	MM	TM	
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Guests Present: None. Call to order at 7:07 PM

A motion was made to accept the management committee recommendation to hire Roger Anderson as Business Manager. The motion was seconded and passed on voice vote.

Lee Pfeilsticker handed over the ballots from February's election and other paperwork to Peter, then resigned his position on the board. Peter will review the by-laws and standing rules, and if it is required to fill the past commodore position, will talk to Greg DenBleyker about participating as past commodore.

Peter handed out the agenda for the meeting. The minutes from the 1/28/08 meeting were accepted as written.

The two new board members, Dave McKusick and Tom Marrone were introduced. Welcome aboard!

Peter set up board responsibilities:

Jerry Quaal – Finance committee chair

Gordy Mergens – Operations committee chair

MJ Babcock – Planning and membership committee chairs

Ralph DeLong – Green Marina research

Julie Marrone – Social committee chair

Tom Marrone – Marketing committee chair

Mark Mosby – Quartermaster, all harbors

Treasurer's report – short term debt has been paid. We will be starting sheriff's sales on two boats due to non-payment, the business manager is working with another boater on selling his cover and disposing of the boat.

The audit is on track for completion on schedule. We currently have 28 unleased slips. One was leased today, so we are gradually filling them up.

Operations – the operations committee is meeting weekly on Wednesday afternoons. A letter from a member was discussed. Pat Machaud still has some personal items stored in the yard, and will have the removed soon. A proposal from a member was reviewed. We discussed the motors on the workboat. One has been unreliable for some time, and despite numerous repairs, continues to be a problem. We have some excess steel, and will build a few 4' sections to lengthen some slips.

Commodore's report – Pat's vacation and other compensation have been resolved. The Corps of Engineers will be starting the lower harbor dredging, probably in mid to late April. Expect some disruption in services in the harbor if we need to move boats and/or docks. We forwarded the latest EOR study to the Corps. We hope that some of the fund available may be used to help defray the cost of the full study, and perhaps help with some mitigation of the problem.

Peter and Roger met with the RNC to discuss the upcoming convention. They will be asking for a block of slips for transient boaters. No events except the DFL Labor Day Picnic are going to be scheduled for the island during the convention period. It's still unknown what, if any, impact the convention will have on river traffic or use.

We will reserve a table at the Millard Fillmore dinner. Attending members will pay for their tickets.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dennis Sando, Secretary.

# St. Paul Yacht Club

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To: All SPYC Slipholders:

I'm sure that most of you have heard the news that we have a commitment from the Corps of Engineers to dredge our lower harbor this spring. As you can imagine, this is going to be a big project which will include removing fingers, walkways, and temporary relocation of boats that are in the lower harbor. This is a tremendous opportunity that we have been working on for over two years; it will take the cooperation of everyone involved to receive the greatest possible benefit.

We are still working out details, here is what we know right now:

The dredging would typically start around the end of April, however there may a delay into May as they are still working on the contracting process with the company that will actually do our harbors. The Corps subcontracts the work as their equipment is not suited to a small harbor such as ours. We anticipate removing at least some of fingers from the Miller Dock and possibly a section of the fingers and walkway on the shore side of the harbor. It is our hope that we will be able to do the job in stages so we don't have to disassemble everything and have it all out of the way all at once, however that will be largely dictated by the schedule of the contractor, and since they are not in place yet those details have yet to be determined.

I anticipate that we will start launching boats around April 15th depending on the weather and the condition of the boatyard. I would urge that if you are not in a hurry this spring, or possibly plan to do some maintenance on your boat, delay your launch date until after the dredging is completed. We will need all the open space we can find in both harbors, and the smaller the number of boats that we have to move and relocate, the easier the task will be. The deadline to remove shrink wrap or tarps will be pushed back until after the dredging is completed to help keep your boat clean if it is on land.

It is important to note that if you do launch - or are presently in the water - you will be responsible for moving your boat as needs dictate. Our rules are specific in that all boats are to be fully operational and safe to navigate under their own power. There will be a cost for any vessel that we need to move with our workboat.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns, and I will continue to pass along information as our plans become more set. I'm sure I can count on everyone's patience and cooperation. I feel this is a great opportunity to solve a serious problem both in the short term, and for the future. I will be working diligently to see that we have the best possible plan to make it happen.

Sincerely,



Roger Anderson,  
Business Manager