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St. Paul Yacht Club

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

ANCHOR & LINE

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

April 2002:

Thank you for the nice comments regarding March's Anchor & Line. Many of you said you really enjoyed the Club's March newsletter because it was filled with informative articles. Thanks to everyone who contributed and to our editor, **Roger Anderson**.

The SPYC Board of Directors has been very busy since they were elected on February 12th at the Club's Annual Meeting. We have had a lot on our agendas and are chipping away at it as the days/weeks go by. When you see the Board members during your visits to the Club's harbors, mention your appreciation to them for their volunteer efforts and the time they are dedicating to our Club.

Below, I will give you a brief overview of what has happened this past month - elsewhere in this April issue of the A&L you will find more elaboration on some of the below topics/issues.

Our Club's treasurer **Cathryn Allison** has been doing an excellent job. We will have our audit done and into the City of St. Paul as required in our lease and we will have our taxes filed by April 15th (as we all are required to do). Cathryn is chair of the Finance Committee and one of the challenges the committee has is to research creative ways we can increase our income to the Club so we can keep our slip rates affordable. We also will be exploring Grants that may be available to us. If there is money out there that could help us, we need to find it. **CALL TO MEMBERS:** Is there any member of the Club that has **experience in finding/writing for Grants?** Please give Cathryn a call - we all would be most grateful.

Vice Commodore **Greg DenBleyker**, chair of Operations, and his committee are working with staff on building new docks and planning the "splashing" of our boats so we can get on with the reason we are all here - to go boating. Anyone who has not paid their summer slip fees will not be splashed. As stated last month in the Commodore's Report, the Club is a business as well as a social organization because without operating in a professional manner and managing our income well, we could not and would not exist.

Mike Radford, the Club's secretary and chair of the Strategic Planning Committee is working with his committee and other Board members on developing a Strategic Plan for the SPYC. At our Board meeting in March (the 25th) two members of our Club, **Ann Bitter** and **Lyn Parker** who are strategic planning consultants, volunteered their time to present to the Board their introductory (but time shortened) workshop on how to go about organizing/writing a Strategic Plan. At the April general meeting (**Tuesday, April 9th, 7:30 p.m. on the General**) Mike will tell you more about it. At a time to be announced, the Strategic Planning Committee will ask for your thoughts as to what you would like to see YOUR Club look like/be/do in the next three to five years. **YOUR PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED.**

The Rules Committee has already worked on and the Board has passed the Standing Rules for the duties of the Grievance Committee. **Mary**

Forsythe, chair of Rules, will be holding bi-monthly meetings of the committee so the review of the Standing Rules can meet a fall deadline completion date. The first meetings will be Tuesday, April 2nd and April 18th at 6:30 p.m. (Call Mary for meeting location). The previous name for this committee was Bylaws but the composition of the committee remains the same: **Bob apJones, Barbara Haake, Tom Mega, Dirk Schindel and Lyle Taipale**. This committee accomplished a lot last year (after approximately eight years of discussion that the Bylaws needed to be updated); you can fully expect them to undertake this task in as thorough and competent manner as they applied to updating the Bylaws.

Bob Heinz is chair of the Insurance Committee and already review has been undertaken as to the property, liability and comprehensive insurance coverages the Club has or does not have. This is a very important task to review and update the Club's P&C insurance coverages so we can minimize our exposure as to risk on and to our property, to our members and to our employees. We need to be pro-active in this area so we can protect the Club's considerable investment in the most responsible manner we are able.

The General Clubhouse Committee chaired by **Warren Lakso** will hold their first meeting on April 6th. This committee has much to do in weighing our options comparing a water based meeting facility vs. a land based one. They will be working closely with the Finance and Strategic Planning Committees because a permanent Clubhouse could be up to five years away. Also to be considered is the possibility of earning income (meeting room rent) from a new facility to help us keep slip fees affordable for our members. In the meantime, Warren's committee, along with the finance, strategic planning and operations, are exploring various office facility options including the possibility of a new or used temporary trailer that the Club could own, rent or lease or a remodel of our present trailer. The impetus for this "unplanned" office solution is because of the need to hire an office administrator for the Club and presently, the Club's office has only an "outhouse" facility for employees to use. We have found out that our current staff go home at necessary intervals - outhouses are pretty cold during the winter.

Gordy Mergens heads the Safety/Security Committee and will be working on a "safety" handbook for the gas dock and members to use in case environmental items or emergency issues arise. Also, the committee will be exploring ways to make our yard more secure during winter storage.

Lyle Pichelman is going to be busy this year with the Membership/Orientation Committee. He has a couple of seasoned members to help him so we expect a banner year for him. This committee will be contacting you to update the roster (membership phone book) for this year and will need your help in extending your hand to those who boat next to you so they will feel welcome in joining the Club as members and in all of its activities.

Our Social Committee plans all of our social activities (along with membership) and is chaired by **Rich Wright**. This committee is presently working on the **Commodore's Ball to be held on**

Saturday night, May 11th at the University Club's downtown St. Paul Athletic Club. Put this date on your calendar to spend a "kick-off" event of our summer boating season and celebrate the **90th anniversary of our St. Paul Yacht Club.**

I reported in the March's A&L that the **dredging for the lower harbor** was expected the second or third week in March. The Army Corps of Engineers went out for bids and the project was awarded to Lametti. The Corps' survey boat was in here for a day in mid-March to map where the shoals are. It takes a couple of weeks to mobilize so they should be here the first part of April. We emphasized with the Corps the imperative need to get the end ten/twelve Miller Dock diagonal slips dredged first which they agreed to do. Last year the Corps was not given the authority by Washington to do the dredging; St. Paul had to contract for the work to be done, FEMA agreed to pay until they said the Corps is responsible for the dredging and at that point, they pulled out. This year, through much hard work in the political arena the Corps received the go ahead (and the funding) from Washington. To make this happen, we partnered with the City; its Park and Recreation Department, **Mike Hahn, Vic Wittgenstein and Mayor Randy Kelly's** office; **Congresswoman's Betty McCollum** office and in particular her field representative, **Jaime Simmons** and the real heroes from the Army Corps of Engineers, **Ken Buck, MVP and Colonel Bob Ball.**

As I mentioned, we are in the process of hiring an office administrator for the SPYC. By the time you receive this issue of the A&L we will be in the process of reviewing resumes and talking to some of the applicants. If any of you know of someone who is looking for an office position and has book-keeping experience with a heavy emphasis in business administration, have him/her send me their resume so we can consider their application. We can also send them a job description if they request it. We would like to have someone "on board" by the beginning of boating season if not before.

Expect to see an article in the **St. Paul Pioneer Press** in mid April regarding the SPYC, its history and its present activities along with a mention of our coming Commodore's Ball and the fact that we have been here for 90 years making us one of the oldest Club in St. Paul. The reporter writing our SPYC story is **Theresa Monsour** whose murder thriller **Clean Cut** will be published in February 2003 by Penguin Putman. This is Theresa's first book - her heroine is a liveaboard at the St. Paul Yacht Club! We will plan a general meeting sometime this year and ask Theresa to come down to give us a presentation on mystery writing and her SPYC heroine. The SPYC is certainly making a mark on the literary landscape - with a fictional resident liveaboard detective and author **Patricia (Trish) Hampl** who is a "real" member of our Club.

If any of you have any questions or would like more information about all of the activities the Board is doing, do not hesitate to give me a call. As **Rich Wright** said at our March Board meeting regarding strategic planning, we are "**Charting our Course for the Future**".

Barbara Haake, Commodore

The Rules Committee will soon be scheduling our meetings to review, revise and update the existing "Standing Rules". Although this does not require the same process as the Bylaw revision, we have heard from many members who would like to have input in the process. **WE WELCOME THE INPUT !!**

Copies of the existing Standing Rules are at the SPYC office. Please feel free to pick up a copy and send your recommendations to me at the address below. If possible, please let me hear from you by April 15. We will post a schedule of our committee meetings at the office, for those interested in attending.

Mary Forsythe
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St. Paul, MN 55107
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maryf@forsytheappraisals.com

**Greetings again from the members
of the Grievance committee!**

At the February Membership meeting, the members elected three non-Board Members to serve on a Grievance Committee which was developed and incorporated into the SPYC By Laws at the November 2001 Membership Meeting. Elsewhere in this edition of the Anchor and Line you will find a new standing rule that was developed and adopted by the Board of Directors at the 3/11/2002 Special Board Meeting. In the new standing rule, the Board lays out in clear language the purpose and responsibilities of the Grievance Committee.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT ALL MEMBERS READ THE NEW STANDING RULE AND KEEP IT FILED WHERE YOU CAN REVIEW IT AT A LATER DATE IF NECESSARY.

The elected Committee members are:

Bob Davis, Chairperson (651) 291-0722
Liz Garland (651) 335-4961
Wanda Pichelman (651) 773-5881

The committee members want to thank all of the members for electing them, and promise to strive for FAIR, IMPARTIAL, RESPECTFUL and CONSISTENT resolutions of those issues appealed to them.

Not everyone that brings a grievance to the committee will be happy with the final outcome of the grievance, but we hope that they will be satisfied that they have received an impartial hearing of their complaint, and that we, as a committee, have performed our duties in a fair and expeditious manner.

We need to understand that this is a new and evolving committee staffed with elected volunteers, all of whom bring to the committee, above all, a great desire to see that this club remains a harmonious community of boating enthusiasts, dedicated to the safe and affordable enjoyment of the Mississippi River, Harriet Island, and St. Paul.

Thanks and see you on the river!

Bob Davis - Chairperson/Grievance Committee

U-59 Scuttlebutt

It's time! I'm very surprised that I haven't seen more people in the boat yard lately. By the time you read this Pat and his crew could be splashing boats. It will be another busy spring even without a flood.

Part of our capital improvements this year was to update the computer hardware in the office and get web access and E-mail. This has happened. So now you can call or E-mail Pat to schedule your launch at Patspyc@aol.com. A web page is also in progress.

I'm still looking for people to help me on the Safety and Security committee. If you have any expertise in this area or just want to contribute time to this cause, call or E-mail me. Some of the things we will be doing include:

- Security and safety issues in the upper and lower harbors.
- Security and safety issues in the parking lots.
- Security and safety issues in the boat yard including buildings and equipment.
- Security and safety issues on the gas-dock.
- Security and safety hand book including such things as fire and severe weather information.

Got time? I'm sure Pat, Rick, or Chris can come up with something for you to do if you stop at the office and ask.

With that said...let's go boating!

Gordon Mergens
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Commodore's Ball

Mark you calendars as the Commodore's ball has been set for May 11, 2002. It will be at the University Club, downtown St. Paul. Invitations are being mailed as we go to press. Please RSVP as promptly as possible! Celebrate to the sounds of Crossroads variety band

This Commodore's Ball will prove to be something truly special, celebrating both the 90 year anniversary of the club *and* the election of the first lady Commodore in club history.



Treasure Island Sail-A-Way

On July 26-27 the SPYC will be heading for Treasure Island Marina again this year for the 6th annual Sail-A-Way! Slips can be reserved by calling Wanda at 651-773-5881. We are asking Watergate to join us this year, so please reserve your slip

early to make sure there is room. Ron Hilson has reserved C dock, and when it is full we will have to turn additional boats away. To reserve, Ron needs your boat name, boat length, and an estimate of the number of people on board. We will let you know later what extra "goodies" are available for bringing our flotilla to their casino.



Return of the Showboat

The new, larger Minnesota Centennial Showboat was constructed by the Padelford Company for the University of Minnesota after the original Showboat was destroyed by fire. For the 2002 inaugural season the University players will perform "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." Tickets are available through the Padelford at 651-227-1100 or 800-543-3908 (outside the metro area).

The new Showboat boasts a spacious 211-seat theater with two large reception rooms. The vessel is 50 feet wide and 175 feet long with two decks tall plus a pilot house. When not being used by the University, the Showboat will be available for private events such as corporate meetings, sales presentations, training programs, weddings, banquets and other uses. It will be docked permanently at Harriet Island Regional Park and will be open throughout the year.

Big changes are planned on the Mississippi River when the Padelford Packet Boat Co. launches its 33rd season in May with arrival of the all new Minnesota Centennial Showboat and an entirely new menu aboard all the Padelford Riverboats thanks to a partnership with D'Amico Catering.

Note: As we go to press the SPYC is putting together a package for the premier performance of the showboat this summer. Details to follow.

Hi To all Harriet Island Supporters!

Good News from the Island:

The Harriet Island Web Page has just been updated at www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/depts/parks/ and click on permits and rentals. We have a link for people to contact us directly off the web. We have booked our first cyberspace - client we are truly in the new century.

Westside Community Education has scheduled its first class on the GREAT LAWN: Tai Chi for Wednesdays at 12 noon starting June 12, 2002 for six weeks. Please check out your Saint Paul Community Education Spring & Summer 2002 brochure when it arrives at your home in March.

The New Harriet Island User Guides are in, please contact me if you would like additional copies.

Ann Simerson
Harriet Island Activities Coordinator



For Sale

1989 Rinker Fiesta Vee 250
Cuddy Cabin 260 Mercruiser
w/Alpha I/O Stainless prop.

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front and aft berth. Full covers,
depthfinder, marine radio

\$17,000 or best offer. Can be seen at Redwing, MN **Call Bob Pervin**
507-288-8949 or 507-269-4921

CALLING ALL MEMBERS - RAIN OR SHINE!!

It is very important that we, as the St. Paul Yacht Club and a longtime Harriet Island venue do, is to participate in the City of St. Paul's activities along the Mississippi Riverfront.

One of those opportunities is here! St. Paul's Park and Recreation Department is holding their "Annual Spring Parks Clean-Up Day" on Saturday, April 20, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Harriet Island Pavilion.

According to the Park and Recreation Department, any help we can give them will be noticed by their park maintenance people and would be very much appreciated.

Please come down to Harriet Island on the 20th and help the Club help St. Paul in keeping Harriet Island clean and neat. It will benefit all of us (and your volunteering will be good PR for the Club).

Immediately following the Clean-Up, the City of St. Paul will say "thank you" to all of the volunteers at a Thank You Celebration held at the Harriet Island Pavilion with a free lunch and family music.

Barbara Haake

Membership Notes *By Lyle Pichelman*

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Fred Nimt is recovering from a very debilitating heart attack and is in physical therapy at Presbyterian homes of Roseville. No visitors at this time please. He is very weak. Cards and well wishes would be appreciated. The address is:

Fred Nimt
Presbyterian Homes of Roseville
1910 West County road D
Roseville MN 55112

Irene Gussler who had broken her wrist at the Red Wing Marina party has come a long way towards recovery. The pins are out and she is in Therapy.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

The membership committee is having its first organizational meeting on Wed. April 4, 2002 at 6:30 PM on the General. The committee members are:

Lyle Pichelman, chair
Wanda Pichelman
Dottie Merwin
Mary Jean Babcock
James McGowan
Marilyn McGowan
Delores Lennon
Skip Mosby
Becky Mosby
Terri Oelschlager
Bernice Rand



SPYC Rules Committee Report

Monday, March 11, 2002
To SPYC Board of Directors
RE: Grievance Committee

Proposed Grievance Committee Standing Rule:

The Grievance Committee exists for the benefit of SPYC members or other petitioners as required by Article IX of the SPYC Bylaws. The duties of the Grievance Committee are to receive, review and resolve complaints including but not limited to:

- a. Alleged individual misconduct or grievous disrespect, which is at odds with, expected behavior and which may threaten the harmony and congenial atmosphere among the SPYC boating community.
- b. Disagreements that are based on factual documentation of the incident.
- c. Grievances regarding the application of the Bylaws or the Standing Rules.

Normally, before a grievance is accepted by the Grievance Committee for consideration, the petitioner shall try to resolve the matter by meeting with SPYC staff (marina operations manager and the office administrator). If resolution/agreement cannot be reached, the petitioner may contact the Grievance Committee for mediation. However, if the grievance is between the petitioner and a SPYC staff/employee, the petitioner may go directly to the Grievance Committee.

If the grievance process is pursued, discussion surrounding the alleged affront or disagreement ceases by all parties involved and all future discussion is limited to the Grievance Committee and its members only. When the grievance process commences, SPYC staff and the petitioner will sign a good-faith agreement outlining the process.

Process steps:

- a. Resolution is sought from SPYC staff; if resolution is not reached and a choice of going directly to the Board is not requested or desired, the member/petitioner may proceed to the next step (b).
- b. Request meeting with the Grievance Committee.
- c. The Grievance Committee will review the matter as outlined in these Standing Rules, resulting in either a satisfactory resolution without proceeding further or continue with the process to the next step (d).
- d. Grievance Committee's resolution/recommendation is referred to the Board of Directors per SPYC Bylaws Article IX. A vote on the Grievance Committee's recommendation must take place at the SPYC's next scheduled Board meeting.
- e. The Board confirms/denies the recommendation of the Grievance Committee. Seven Board member votes are needed to overturn the Grievance Committee's recommendation; if not overturned, the recommendation of the Grievance Committee is automatically adopted.
- f. If petitioner protests the final resolution of the Grievance Committee and the SPYC Board of Directors, the petitioner has the right under the Bylaws provision on Referendum to challenge the Board's decision.

The Grievance Committee is duty-bound not to disclose the identity of the parties involved unless the parties consent to being identified during this course of pursuing resolution. If there is a grievance or an accusation against another party, the opposing party is to be called upon to give testimony as to their interpretation of the matter.

The Grievance Committee may keep confidential records as it sees fit.

The Grievance Committee reviews the SPYC's Bylaws, Standing Rules and usual and customary practices of the SPYC in handling or dealing with similar incidents or occurrences.

The Grievance Committee compiles a report outlining the incident/matter; the results of their verification of the facts; the SPYC's rules and regulations pertaining to the matter; pros and cons of the issue and finally their disposition of the matter that in some cases may result in referral to the SPYC Board of Directors. A recommendation of no opinion or no resolution of the matter is also an acceptable conclusion

Wanted: SPYC Office Administrator

The SPYC is hiring an office administrator for the SPYC. By the time you receive this issue of the A&L we will be in the process of reviewing resumes and talking to some of the applicants. If any of you know of someone who is looking for an office position and has bookkeeping experience with a heavy emphasis in business administration, have him/her send their resumes to Commodore Barbara Haake; 100 Yacht Club Road B-12; St. Paul, MN 55107 so we may consider their application. We will also send them a job description if they request it. We would like to have someone "on board" by the beginning of boating season if not before.

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April Calendar

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May Calendar

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General Meeting

Harriet Island Cleanup

Board Meeting

Commodore's Ball

General Meeting

Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 9th at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 20th at 9:00 a.m.

Monday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14th at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m.

On the General

Harriet Island Pavilion

On the General

Downtown University Club

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Please note: During dredging operations and dock construction, the location of the General may change from its current position in the lower harbor.

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