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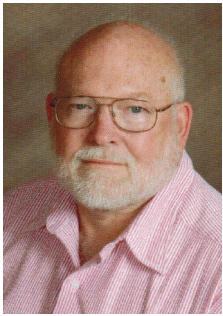
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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Greetings, Fellow Boaters! (Well, boaters next spring.)



This will probably be the last A & L for 2017. We're mostly into hibernation until next spring. The yard crew has pulled all the boats that wanted to be stored in the lot, all the needed winterizing is finished, and the crew has been released until spring.

Be sure to remove any and all valuables from your boat, and consider

leaving your cabin door unlocked. We had a couple of cases of people who had unwanted visitors this year, and at least one had serious damage to the cabin door, but nothing was taken. I hope that everyone properly winterized their boats, drained blocks and water tanks, blew out freshwater lines, and so on. Don't forget to remove any cleaning supplies and other chemicals that might freeze, including rations stores and the refrigerator. This is a good time to clean and cover decks and carpets. By now, boat covers should be on, whether tarps or shrink wrapped. If you've covered with a tied-on tarp, you should plan to check it several times over the winter season to make sure the lines haven't parted or pulled through the grommets. We will plow snow throughout the season as needed, so access should be reasonable most of the season.

Our social calendar is mostly filled, and there won't be a lot going on until spring. However, remember the holiday party on Dec 2. Hope we see you all there. The Clubhouse will remain functional throughout the winter for your use. Just be sure to clean up after yourselves. Roger would like to know of any plans to make sure no one else is planning an activity.

Don't forget the two important member meetings next year in January and February. We will announce the slate of candidates for board election in January, and we want to vote on a minor change in the By-Laws regarding a change in election protocol. We were unable to vote this up or down at the last meeting for lack of a quorum being present, so please be sure to attend the January meeting. Of course, this is also the time we will ask for nominations from the floor for additional candidates. If you intend to nominate someone, you must ensure they agree to serve, and they're eligible for election. The vote will take place at the February meeting, so we need to ensure we have a quorum for this meeting as well.

Finally, it's WAY too early to predict a spring flood, but be sure to read all of Roger's Marina Updates this spring, and be ready to launch or to be moved in case we have to vacate the yard if the water comes up to near flood levels.

Well, enough for now. I look forward to seeing you all at the Holiday Party, and especially at the January and February members meeting.

Hope everyone had fun this year, and that we will have a great season next year. — Denny Sando



ROGER'S ARTICLE

Another season has come and gone, and the marina is put to bed. As a final article for the year, I'd like to touch on a few rules and situations that seem like obvious knowledge around a marina but are constantly getting somehow confused or ignored outright.

If you have a boat here, it costs money. If you're here during the summer our assumption is that your boat will go in a slip and you will be billed and treated accordingly. If for some reason your boat is not seaworthy or you wish to hold it out for repairs, health issues, or whatever please contact me BEFORE THE SEASON STARTS (April 1) and we can work out a storage cost. Just not putting the boat in does not cancel your slip responsibility, and you can't decide in July that you're not going to use it or pay for it. Please make plans and contact me up front and we'll accommodate you. Why does it make a difference? To use the limited resources we have in the best possible way we need to be confident of what's open and available at any given time. If we're holding open a slip for someone that isn't using it or paying for it, that's a waste.

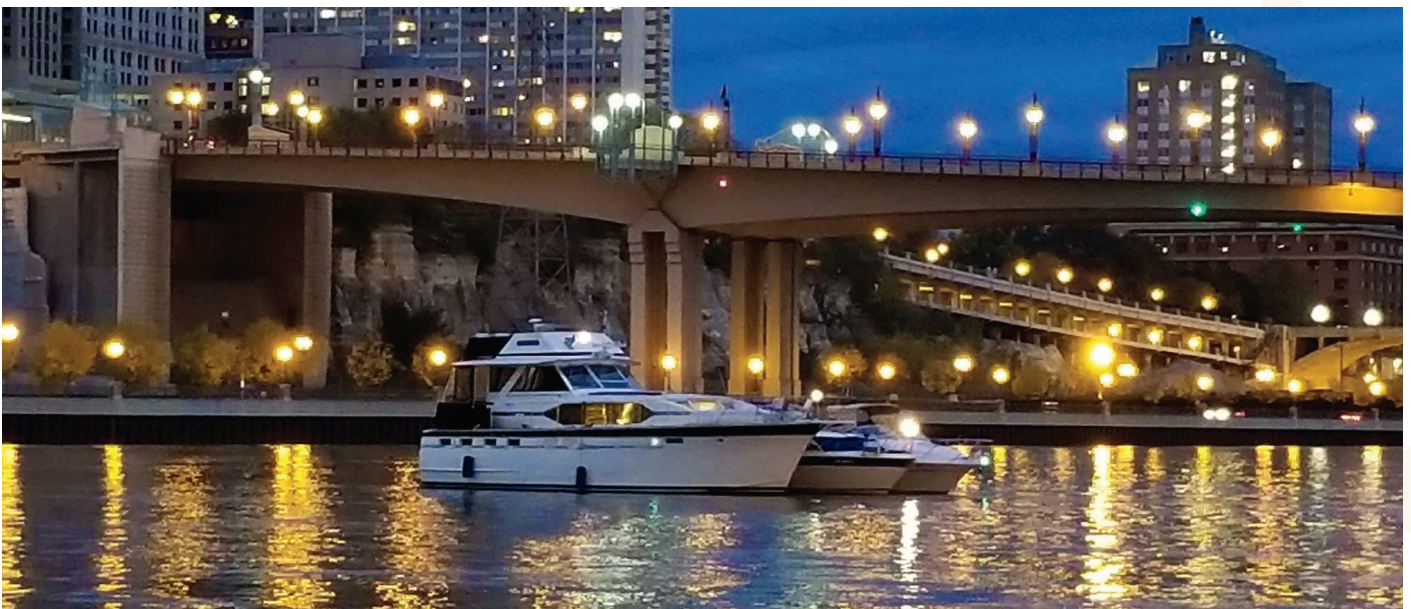
When we rent someone a slip or storage space in the yard, we rent it for one (1) boat. That does not give license to bring in additional small boats on trailers, general storage items, small boats in the water, jet skis, utility trailers, cars, trucks, motorcycles, or anything else. It's amazing the items that find their way in here – both the yard and the harbors - without our knowledge. We have some flexibility for additional items to be evaluated on an individual basis; if we can help you out, we will – but we need to

know, and we also need to make a fair income from that service.

Boats need to be in the correct slips; any boat in the water needs to have an assigned home. I can't count the number of times I've assigned a slip for a transient or some other use only to find there's a dingy tied up in it, or someone has moved their boat in for some reason. Just because a slip is open doesn't mean it can be used for any purpose at any time by anyone. The only boats that can share a slip are small boats that can be tied behind the main boat within the confines of the slip. We try to be as flexible as possible both with dinghies and using other slips temporarily however we need to be aware of what's going on, and if you have an additional boat that's not in your slip there is a cost.

The marina is responsible for the maintenance and operations of the docks and our infrastructure; we ARE NOT responsible for the operation (or non-operation) of member boats, utility connections like gas or water hoses, or electrical cords. Please have your accessories like cords, hoses, ropes, fenders in good condition and deployed correctly. Hoses and cords need to run under the docks and should be up out of the water. Examine the condition of your cords or hoses regularly and the connections going into the boat as that stuff wears like any other component. If we need to move your boat, or otherwise deploy staff for items we aren't responsible for there will be a cost.

This marina and club is a co-op structure and as such we try to be as flexible and more than fair with our members, after all that is our purpose. We do have to observe some common sense rules however and operate in a way that insures us adequate income and cash flow to continue to maintain our facility and provide services for all our members at a competitive price.



DOCKSIDE GRILL -

Bon Appétit's Best Macaroni & Cheese

4 Servings

Ingredients:

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
- ¾ cup panko breadcrumbs
- About a ¼ cup Parmesan, finely grated
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- 8 ounces of pasta noodles
- 2 ½ cups whole milk
- ½ small onion, grated
- 1 garlic clove, finely grated
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup of Fontina cheese, grated
- 1 cup of Gruyère, grated
- 1 cup of sharp white cheddar, grated
- ½ teaspoon English mustard powder
- Pinch of cayenne pepper

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. Melt 2 Tbsp. butter in a medium skillet over medium heat. Add panko and cook, stirring, until crumbs are golden brown, 6–8 minutes (make sure to get them toasty brown; they won't darken much during baking). Transfer to a small bowl and toss with Parmesan, thyme leaves, and ¼ tsp. salt.

Cook pasta in a large pot of boiling salted water, stirring occasionally, until al dente (the noodles will continue to cook in the cheese sauce, so take them out a minute or two before you think they're actually done). Drain pasta; let cool while you make the sauce.

Bring milk to a bare simmer in a small saucepan; keep warm. Melt remaining 2 Tbsp. butter in a medium saucepan over medium-high. Add onion and garlic and cook, stirring, until onions are fragrant and beginning to soften, about 2 minutes. Sprinkle flour over and cook, stirring constantly, until mixture starts to stick to bottom of saucepan, about 1 minute. Add warm milk in a few additions, whisking to combine after each addition.

Bring béchamel sauce to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer, stirring, until sauce is thickened and doesn't feel grainy when a little bit is rubbed between your fingers, 6–8 minutes (cooking the flour thoroughly at this stage ensures a creamy sauce). Add Fontina, Gruyère, cheddar, mustard powder, cayenne, and ¾ tsp. salt and stir until cheeses are melted and sauce is smooth. Remove from heat and mix in pasta; transfer to a 2-qt. baking dish.

Bake 10 minutes. Top with parmesan breadcrumbs and bake until sauce is bubbling around the edges, 8–10 minutes longer. Let cool in pan 15 minutes before serving.



WET YOUR "BOAT" WHISTLE -

Sticky Toffee Pudding Egnog

Ingredients:

- 1 quart heavy cream
- 10 ounces store-bought sticky toffee pudding (see Note)
- 6 eggs, separated
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup plus
- 2 tablespoons Cognac
- ½ cup plus
- 2 tablespoons dark rum
- ½ teaspoon salt

Serves: 12

Directions:

Step 1:

In a container with a tight-fitting lid, pour the cream over the sticky toffee pudding. Cover and refrigerate for 2 days.

Step 2:

In a large bowl, beat the egg yolks with the sugar. Stir in the Cognac and rum.

Step 3:

Strain the infused cream through a fine sieve, pressing on the solids. In a medium bowl, whip 3 cups of the infused cream until stiff. Fold in the egg-yolk mixture. In a large bowl, using clean beaters, beat the egg whites with the salt on high speed to stiff peaks. Fold the beaten egg whites into the whipped cream. Refrigerate the eggnog until chilled, about 2 hours.

Notes:

Sticky toffee pudding is available at Whole Foods and specialty-food shops.



Board Members Present At Board Meeting

Commodore	Vice Cmdre.	Secretary	Treasurer	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Past Cmdre.
Dennis Sando	Lynn Adler	Terri Meredith	Ralph DeLong	Bill Gibbs	Troy Janisch	Tom Marrone	Mike Patten	Jerry Quaal	Sue Walters	Dave McKusick
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BOARD MEETING NOTES - OCTOBER

Call to Order: 6:30PM; Pledge of Allegiance

Attest: Terri Meredith, Secretary

Guests: MJ Babcock, Stephanie Stoessel, & Barbara Haake

Minute Approval: 9/25/2017 meeting minutes were reviewed and no changes were requested. Lynn Adler motioned for the approval, Mike Patton seconded, and none were opposed.

Open Forum: MJ Babcock reported that she had a leak in a gas hose this past week and the fire department came down twice, and Excel also came down. Excel advised her on what hose she needed to purchase and then later she was advised that she needed a different hose. She asked the SPYC employees to come down and install the hose. Roger Anderson had advised her that boaters are responsible for the cost the hose replacement. She said that she had reviewed the bylaws and the standing rules and couldn't find anything that specifically addressed this issue and she suggested that we should add this so that it is clearly stated that boaters are responsible for the cost of the new hose. Her issue is that she has had to pay for two hoses and if she had known this she would have hired someone to install the hose and would not to have been charged for two hoses.

Dennis Sando said that he would review the standing rules and bylaws and will address it. Barbara Haake said that she was aware that boaters are responsible for that cost but she wouldn't know how to replace the hose herself. She said that Dave Nelson has been helpful with this in the past. MJ asked if it was OK to ask SPYC employees to install the new hose or if she should have hired someone to do it. Roger Anderson said that boaters are responsible for the cost of the hose but that it was OK to ask SPYC employees to install it. It was just unfortunate timing to make that request while they were in the middle of pulling out boats. MJ asked who was responsible for paying for the second hose that was not needed and thought it was unfair that she pay for it. Roger asked why she thought it was the yacht club's responsibility to pay for it. MJ said that she was told to purchase the wrong hose. Roger said that Excel told her what to purchase so she should take it up with them. MJ said that they would not refund the purchase and doesn't think it is her responsibility to pay for it. Dennis asked what happened to the original hose that was replaced and she said she didn't know what happened to it. Someone asked what the cost of a new hose was and MJ said that it was approximately \$125. Dennis said that he would look into what happened to the original hose and see if they could do anything about it.

Staff Report: Roger reported they were in the last week of pulling boats with about 13 or 14 boats left to pull. He said it was going well and they had a good crew. There were no major equipment problems that couldn't be fixed. There have been not been any yard issues reported yet but he invited Jerry Quaal to talk about an issue he had on his boat which is still currently in his slip.

Jerry said that he had stopped by his boat this past Saturday and noticed that his curtains were open. Then he saw that the door had been broken and the mattress from the back of the boat was near the front door. He said that all the drawers had been opened but it appeared that nothing had been taken. He had a TV, sound bar, CDs, wine, clothes, shoes, towels and none of those were taken. However, there were two cups of coffee left on a table and the police took them for fingerprints. The police asked questions about whether he thought it may have been someone from the marina that broke into his boat. Lynn Adler said that she had her boat broken into a couple years ago and that nothing had been taken from her either but thought they were doing drugs on her boat. Barbara Haake mentioned that someone had recently been on her boat too and she didn't know how they got on the docks since the gate codes had just been changed. She said that she did appreciate that the additional fencing had been added in the area. Roger Anderson said that a determined person could still crawl around our gates if they wanted to. He said that there were no other recent issues so far. Mike Patton said that we shouldn't wait for our boats to be pulled before removing valuables from our boats. Roger also said it was a good idea to not lock doors and referred to Jerry's broken door and the cost of replacing it now.

Roger said the once all the boats were pulled out for the season, the staff would be working on winterizing the systems and the plan is the have the staff complete their work for the year by November 15. MJ Babcock asked if that meant that pump outs for live-a-boards would begin after November 15. Roger said it would depend on when that system got winterized but he would check to see if they could pump her out prior to that. He said that Paul and Richard would take care of the winter pump outs again this year.

Operations: Dennis reported that the JCB would need to be tuned up and inspected for general maintenance. Mike Patton asked if it made sense to keep repairing this equipment and wondered if we needed to be planning on replacing it soon. Roger said that there had been one issue that was fixed on it but that it was not a constant problem for now. Mike thought it would still be a good idea to have a plan in place for equipment replacement. Dennis Sando agreed it was a good idea. Lynn Adler asked about the condition our boat lift and if was hard to find replacement parts for it. Dennis said that there had been one part that had been hard to find but that they found a work around for it. Roger said that it would cost about \$250,000 to replace the lift with



a new one and it would be about at least \$100,000 for a used one. He said that our lift is a 1984 lift so it is about 34 years old.

He expects that it should be good for about 50 or 60 years, and even a new lift would require maintenance costs. We are having our lift inspected every year and in addition to repairing anything found in the inspection, we also replace the slings every year. We spend approximately \$5,000 - \$7,000 each year for the lift maintenance. He thinks our lift is still in good shape and is currently probably in the best shape of all our equipment. He said that the strategic plan should be set up to budget for major equipment purchases over time. He said that he thought a new JCB would cost about \$60,000 and a used one would probably be about \$40,000. Dennis said that we could afford to replace the JCB but it would mean that we would not be able to afford to do any dredging for the year then.

Dennis said that they recently had some difficulty starting the yellow tractor so they replaced all starting equipment and is OK now. Also a plumber was recently here to replace some heating elements in clubhouse and seems to be working now. All boats are scheduled for pull-outs, then the gas dock will be pulled in and the lines will be winterized. Stephanie Stoessel asked if it would be possible to get the previously requested transition strip installed on the Dahlgren ramp before the end of the year. She has a friend who visits her and it is difficult for her to get from the ramp to the docks. Dennis said it was on his list and he would see if they have time to get to it, but pulling boats and getting everything winterized was the top priority. Lynn Adler said that Stephanie has been asking for this for several months and she would like to see it taken care of. Dennis said that he would try. Dennis reported that there have been some recent wifi issues but he thinks the clubhouse has been taken care of and that would be where the most use would occur over the winter. They would look into other areas next year.

Finance: Ralph DeLong reported that our gas income is up by about \$6,000 to \$7,000 compared to last year and overall income is up about \$5,000 ahead of last year. Cash is at about \$9,000 which is about even to last year. He recently held a finance committee meeting to work on the 2018 budget and asked that the social, clubhouse and operations committees review their budget needs for next year and provide him with and requests and justifications so that they can be included in the budget. The budget request for next year will be presented in the board meeting next month.

Standing Rules/Bylaws: Mike Patton reported that he had nothing new to present. Dennis Sando said that he thought we could wait until the January meeting to vote on the pending bylaw change on how to address a tied vote. He thought we would have enough people present at that meeting to vote on it then and it was not a pressing matter for now. Mike agreed.

Social, Membership, Marketing: Lynn Adler reported that the plans for the Christmas party were in the process of being changed because she was getting a lot of push back on holding it on a Sunday. Her new options were either Friday, December 1st at the St. Paul Grill or December 2nd at the Intercontinental. They had also considered Herby's but they didn't think there was enough parking nearby. She wanted some feedback on which one she should book. After some

discussion, the general opinion was that we should go with the option of December 2nd at the Intercontinental because it would be more affordable and it was the original date that was in our calendar for the Christmas party. Lynn said that we did have some problems with our last event that was held at the Intercontinental. The space we were given was too big and the bar was located out in a different room.

Also there were some issues with the food and we had been refunded some money for that issue. She has recently been to the Intercontinental and talked to them about these issues. She was told that the bar would be set up in the same room as where we would be eating this time, and they agreed that some of the food had been a problem. Lynn will proceed with booking the Intercontinental. Dennis asked if there would be a band and Lynn said that there would. She is working on a couple options. Several people mentioned that they liked the band we recently had for our Halloween party and Roger said that he would check to see if they would be available on that date and let her know.

Clubhouse: Tom Marrone reported that the clean-up day for clubhouse on October 14th went very well. There was a major effort to get glue off the deck rails and they got most of it off except for the soffits. He said that it may be easier to replace just replace those soffits. The rails are now ready to be repainted. The window sills were sealed and the building was power washed. Some light switches were replaced and new ceiling fans were installed. The grills were cleaned and are in good condition. One grill could use a couple minor replacements but nothing major. The back storage room was cleaned out and organized. They have had problems with people dumping things in that room and they need to consider how to address this in the future. Dennis Sando asked about the status of the customized enclosure for the deck area around the clubhouse and Lynn Adler said that she had talked to Dave McKusick about that and said that he was going to push that back to next year since we weren't having the Christmas party there this year.

Strategic Planning: Ralph DeLong said that he had been emailing with the committee members and they had identified the top five issues they saw from the current plan. He then handed out a document with those five issues. He wanted the board members to review this document and be prepared to discuss further at the November board meeting. He would like to know which items may have already been addressed so that they can be removed from the plan. He also would like to know if we have any other changes to the plan. Then he would like to set up individuals to be responsible for specific items and set up timeframes. He mentioned that there was a plan specific to the personnel committee but he wasn't aware of us currently having a personnel committee. MJ Babcock asked if he was using the current plan and why we were doing this instead of just updating the current plan. Ralph said that was what he was doing.

MJ said that they had held meetings with the members and had good input that went into that plan. She said it should be reviewed quarterly or at least twice a year. Ralph said that it took some time to actually locate the plan to begin with and that he had not been provided with an Excel version of the plan so he had to re-type everything that had come from a .pdf. MJ was sorry to hear that but was glad to hear that it was being used and not re-invented. Dennis Sando asked Ralph to confirm what he needed from the board. Ralph said that we need to

think about whether these are strategic issues, determine if there is agreement and then prioritize and move forward. He said he thought there were also items that have already been addressed that could be removed from the plan. Terri Meredith said that she would email this document to the board members who were not present at this meeting so that they could review and be prepared for the meeting next month.

Old Business: Dennis Sando reported that the previously discussed tool purchase had been made and it was well received by the staff. So far, those tools have not been misplaced so it is working as planned now that they have kits of tools that can be brought along to their job sites. MJ Babcock commented on the previous comment about not currently having a personnel committee and she said that the executive committee usually serves as the personnel committee if one has not been appointed. Jerry Quaal asked if there were any outstanding issues related to the sunken boat. Roger said that their insurance company is seeking to recover some of their cost for removing the boat and they will work that out with our insurance company through subrogation. We will not be reimbursed for our repair costs. Dennis Sando said that the utilities have been repaired on that section of docks now. There are still some night lights that need to be repaired there but that will be addressed next year.

Dennis said that there had been a request to consider if our dumpster could be moved to another place in the yard that might help prevent extraneous dumping of trash in our dumpster. He said that they determined that it needed to stay where it was because that was the best place for the dump truck to access it. He also addressed a few other outstanding items; the gazebo cover and garage siding replacement will be tabled until next year; it was determined that the ramp covering material replacement is too expensive and unless a new less expensive option is found later it will not be pursued any further.

There was an outstanding membership application that had been previously approved pending a boat safety inspection to be completed by October 15th. That inspection was completed on October 13th and was included in the board information handout. Tom Marrone said that there were some items noted in the inspection that needed to be addressed. Dennis Sando agreed that there were and that the boat owner agreed to take care of them. Tom said that this was a good example of why the safety inspections are important.

New Business: Dennis Sando led the discussion of the proposed changes to the standing rules per the board hand out. The changes include the following:

1. Application for membership: Add paragraph "e. Potential members must submit an acceptable Vessel Safety Check with their membership application."

- Discussion: Terri Meredith asked if we needed to include that statement on the actual application. Roger Anderson said we could but that there was already a statement in the application that said the applicant needed to conform to all rules of the yacht club so it is already implied that they will need to provide the safety check and didn't think we needed to start listing all those

rules in the application. Dennis Sando agreed that we didn't need to do that and that it would be a duplication of effort to list what was already in the standing rules.

2. Standards list item 5: Add "Power cords and other utility lines (gas, water, cable, etc.) must be supported so that no part of the cord or line is in the water. Cords and other utility cables found in the water will be disconnected and the slip holder will be notified."

3. Standards list item 19: Add "All vessels 15 years or more older must have submit to the SPYC, an acceptable hull survey at least every 5 years. This survey must specify that the hull is sound, not leaking, and showing to 'wasting' that might cause water leakage."

- Discussion: There were two suggested wording changes as indicated above. Bill Gibbs asked if this requirement would be suspended if the owner had hull insurance. Roger Anderson said no, we would still require that they carry liability insurance but that there were limitations as to what we can require from their insurance companies in regard to their hull. That is why it has become important that we start getting the hull surveys.

4. Addition to Office Administration Policy, Fees item 2, Summer and Winter Fees: Add "Winter storage fee included haul-out, hull pressure wash, blocking in the upper harbor storage lot, and launch in the spring. It is the owner's responsibility to move the boat to an assigned temporary slip in the upper harbor to facilitate haul-out. Vessels not in the upper harbor and/or moored stern in toward the walkway will be charged a fee for retrieval. Vessels unable to return to their assigned slip in the spring will be charged a fee to move the boat from the launch well to its assigned slip."

- Discussion: Dennis Sando said that the reason for including this new rule was because it has required the staff to spend five or more hours to move some boats and we can't afford to spend this much time without compensation. It will help to encourage people to get their boats prepared to move on their own for pullouts. We are not billing for this now (with a few exceptions) but we do charge for moving for a pump-out. Terri Meredith noted that the specific fee was not stated.

Dennis said he considered that and decided that Roger needed to have the ability to scale that fee depending on the circumstances so he decided not to include a specific fee amount. Roger said he has a fee schedule that he follows but we do not include other fee amounts in the standing rules document. He said he also considers specific circumstances when determining a pull-out fee. Jerry Quaal asked when this would go into effect and Dennis said that this would apply starting next spring. Jerry said that it will be important that these changes get communicated to the membership and suggested that they be reviewed during the next general membership meeting. Dennis agreed.

Tom Marrone motioned to approve these four additions to our standing rules, Lynn Adler seconded, and none were opposed. Lynn Adler motioned to adjourn and Tom Marrone seconded.

Motion to adjourn:

Lynn Adler motioned to adjourn and Tom Marrone seconded.

Adjourned: 7:57 PM

PHOTO GALLERY





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AHOY SPYC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!

What a great boating and social season we had! Again, I want to thank all the volunteers that helped through out the year – it is very much appreciated!! Last event is coming quickly – the Christmas party, Saturday, December 2nd at 6:00. Hope to see everyone there!!

Happy Holidays to all the great people at SPYC!!

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Lynn Adler – Slip UH63

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