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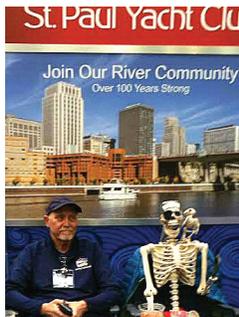
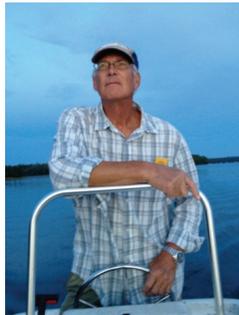
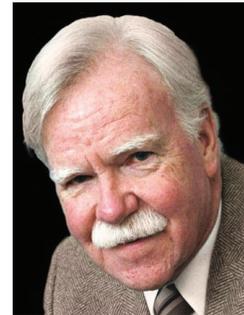
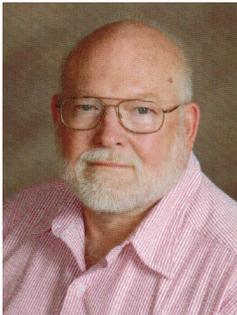
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SPYC ELECTIONS 2017

GOOD LUCK! To all of the Candidates.



**St. Paul Yacht Club
2017 Election of Officers and Directors**

2017 BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF SPYC's BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Annual Meeting February 14th, 2017 at 7 pm at the St. Paul Yacht Club Clubhouse.

If mailed in, use a numbered addressed envelope to:
SPYC Election 2017; 100 Yacht Club Rd. B-1, St. Paul, MN 55107
Your ballot must be in the SPYC Office no later than 3 p.m. February 13th, 2017.

You will be voting for ten (10) SPYC Board members comprised of four (4) Officers Commodore, vice-commodore, secretary and treasurer and **six (6) Directors**.
(The eleventh Board member is the immediate past commodore; no vote required)

OFFICERS – Please vote for one (1) person in each below named office

COMMODORE:

Dennis Sando

VICE-COMMODORE:

Lynn Adle

SECRETARY:

Terr Meredith

TREASURER:

Ralph Delong

DIRECTORS: You must vote for six directors. If you vote for more than six or less than six, your ballot will be NOT be counted. Check six (6) from the below list:

Dennis Asmussen

Bill Gibbs

Troy Janisch

Tom Marrone

Mike Patten

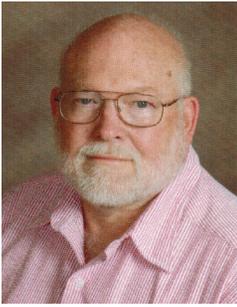
Fran Potvien

Jerry Quaal

Sue Walters

NO WRITE-INS ALLOWED

Remember the 2017 Board Election and Annual General Meeting is Tuesday, February 14th at 7:00pm at the Clubhouse. To Vote you must be a regular member and a current SPYC account, along with paid member dues. There is one vote per membership. Absentee ballots are available BY REQUEST from the SPYC office. Only an official numbered ballot from the office can be used to absentee vote. Contact the office at 651-292-8964 or spyc@comcast.net to request a ballot. Absentee ballots must be in our possession no later than 3:00pm on February 13th. All other votes must be cast in person at the meeting.



DENNIS SANDO

Running for Commodore

I'm running for the office of Commodore of the St. Paul Yacht Club. I've served on the board for more than 10 years in a wide range of positions, starting as officer at large through Vice Commodore, and Commodore in 2016. It has been my goal to help keep club expenses as low as possible to allow us to keep our slip fees at a manageable level. In addition, I've worked very hard to make the harbor and the boats as safe as possible. I have done extensive work in the yard, working in flood preparation, boat haul-out, and launching. This background gives me a unique perspective in the club operation and an intimate understanding of the needs to keep us operating as efficiently as possible.

With me, you will have a Commodore who won't quit, keeps an even temper, and who has an excellent knowledge of the marina infrastructure and operation. I have a great rapport with all the staff, and I work well with each of them. I am straight-forward, and you will always know where I stand on an issue. My goals for the upcoming year will be to keep expenses under control, and continue to keep the harbors accessible. Both of these are very difficult tasks, and I will devote as much time as possible to achieve them. Thanks for your consideration, and I hope, your vote.



LYNN ADLER

Running for Vice Commodore

It was a pleasure to have served on the board the past few years. They have definitely been both challenging and a productive ones.

I have been boating on the river for over 25 years and have been a part of the St. Paul Yacht Club since 2005. Having kept my boat - La Vida Loca - on both the Dahlgren Dock as well as the Upper Harbor, I understand issues that are of concern to our membership as a whole; specifically dredging, safety and a commitment to keeping our membership strong.

As the Vice Commodore, I will listen to your concerns and represent you. As any experienced marketing professional knows - feedback is key to progress, and building a strong club through involvement is something we will all benefit from. I urge you to feel free to contact me with ideas, concerns or stop by for a neighborly visit.

"We are a marina, a club and a neighborhood. Each harbor is unique, yet we are one marina. My goal is to make sure we address our internal club concerns while meeting our external marina commitments. Serving on the board of the St. Paul Yacht Club is both an opportunity and a challenge I look forward to.



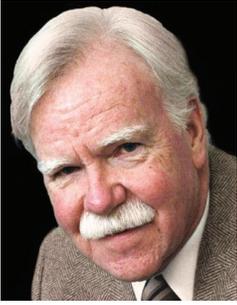
TERRI MEREDITH

Running for Secretary

My husband Steve and I and our dog Finnegan have been in the upper harbor for the past three years. We love being a part of this club and have made some great friends since we've been here. In addition to helping with several club activities, we helped decorate the clubhouse for the Christmas party this past year and I am currently working on the by-laws committee. As I've worked and played side by side with other members, I've heard some great stories about the rich history of our club and I've also learned about some of the current issues our club needs to deal with – dredging, filling our slips, and the purchase of several other items that we'd like to have.

All of these items come back to the financial health of our club and if I am elected, I would like to focus on not only the prioritization of these items but also ways we can help tackle the financing of these items. The more I've gotten involved with this club, the more I'd like to continue to get involved, and that is why I'd like to serve on our board. I hope you'll consider voting for me.





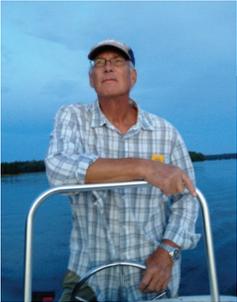
RALPH DELONG

Running for Treasurer

I have been a member of SPYC since 1978. There is a soft spot in my heart for wooden boats (no pun intended); however, my current boat (Dry Martini) is fiberglass with just a touch of teak. I am a professor at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry; soon to be retired. I managed a department with over 100 full and part-time faculty and a budget of several million dollars for over 15 years. In addition, I ran two successful strategic planning committees in the School of Dentistry. These efforts required strong management skills, fiscal responsibility,

secretarial skills, and interactions with state governing boards; skills that I would bring to the club.

As a past member of the SPYC Board, I have worked to improve the financial standing of the Club. If elected as Treasurer, I will do my best to maintain a financially stable club and to maintain open communications between the board and the membership through accurate and transparent financial reports.



BILL GIBBS

Running for Board

I've been a member of the SPYC since 1996. Initially, we decided to moor our boat at the SPYC because of its accessibility and close proximity to our house. However, we are still here after 20 years and 5 boats because of the wonderful people that make up the SPYC. I've served as a member of the board for several years. As a board member, I've been on many committees. Most recently I enjoyed working with everyone on the By-laws. In the future, I'm looking forward to participating in the Clubhouse Committee because my experience as a business

owner/contractor may be useful for the ongoing building maintenance of the clubhouse. When the clubhouse was being built I volunteered on various phases throughout the clubhouse construction.

Over the past year, we have had a wonderful board that has made many positive changes for the operation of the SPYC. I hope with the addition of new board members, we will have another successful year. If elected again, I will continue to follow our mission statement to provide "safe and affordable" boating.

Sincerely, Bill Gibbs



SUE WALTERS

Running for Board

Hello...I am running for the SPYC Board of Directors. Many of you may recognize me from the marina social events. I have volunteered on the Social Committee the past several years and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the SPYC community at those events. I have been involved with the marina since 2005 as a guest on Lynn Adler's boat "La Vida Loca". I then decided to completely dive into boating and the SPYC marina by obtaining my boat "The Guest House" in 2013. I'm in slip 44 in the upper harbor or I can still be found hanging

on the aft deck of Lynn's boat. I guess some habits just can't be broken.

I have enjoyed participating on the SPYC current (2016) Board of Directors and have had the opportunity to learn the marina operations. I would feel privileged if allowed to continue on the board in 2017 to assist with decisions which will keep our club viable so we can continue to enjoy boating and most importantly, the friendships we enjoy 6 months each year.

Please feel free to contact me at 612-860-6839 if you have any questions regarding my commitment to SPYC.

Kind regards, Sue





JERRY QUAAL

Running for Board

Hi, I love boating; I've been on Lake Minnetonka, I've been on the St. Croix, I have been on the Erie Canal. The BEST place is here on the Mississippi River in St. Paul and here at SPYC. I just love it here!

I'm Jerry Quaal, I have a 36' Carver (Quaality Times). I am in the greenhouse business supplying Minnesota and 7 surrounding states. I have been part of the SPYC for 17 years. I was in the lower harbor our first year; I am now in the upper harbor. I was the clubhouse chair for one year, and then became the Treasurer for five years. Being part of the SPYC Board for several years has been a challenge and rewarding. The most important part was seeing Roger installed as manager. As Treasurer, bringing capital spending down to what was needed and seeing our finances turn around to a very positive number with the economic challenges of the times. I also served on the Finance Committee. I hope to again, whether elected or not. I truly care about the success for us and the new users of the SPYC here on Harriet Island!

Issues to be addressed:

- Doing what is BEST for all at the marina
- Dredging as needed, now and in the future
- Continued maintenance
- Replacing equipment (as needed)
- Addressing any Club policy changes
- Our contract with the City of St. Paul
- Focus on continued debt reduction
- Providing affordable boating.

See you on the river! I look forward to continuing to serve you!



DENNIS ASMUSSEN

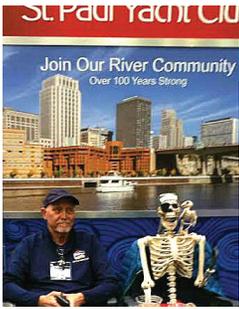
Running for Board

As a member and live-aboard since 2010, I am strongly committed to the well-being of our club. It is, after all, my principle home.

1. I believe our club needs to put more of the budget into paying for our very capable line staff (Brian and last year, Dan). The sunken boat in lower harbor, for example, will require rather extensive work to remove it and replace fractured dock segments. And that's just one example of infrastructure work that needs doing next season.
2. With no criticism at all directed to the many older, white males who have dominated club leadership over the years, we need to begin actively cultivating more of our bright and capable women members for upper leadership positions.
3. I will put energy and effort into board membership should I be elected.

Sincerely, Dennis Asmussen





MICHAEL J. PATTEN

Running for Board

Member in good standing with SPYC since 2003. Isn't it amazing how time seems to fly by when you're having fun! While 'FUN' is certainly our primary focus here at SPYC, I do realize that our unique, affordable boating experience is heavily reliant on membership participation in our various social activities and infrastructure needs. Over the years, my wife Shirley and I have found small ways to pitch in via: Rules Committee, Nomination Committee, Grievance Committees, Social - Club House Committees.

Board experience: Served two terms (4-years) as a Board Member of a Mid-size HOA (Home Owner's Association) last serving in the capacity of Board Secretary. I am subsequently familiar with 'Robert's Rules of Order'.

During the boating season, Shirley and I can be found at Slip 64 - Upper Harbor.

Our email is Contactpatten@gmail.com, My cell phone number is in the Membership Directory: 612-423-6265.



TROY JANISCH

Running for Board

The St Paul Yacht Club has been home to my family since October, 2014. I've been a liveaboard member on Miller Dock along with my wife Carol, my daughters, Phoebe and Chloe, and our labradoodle Sophie. Kahale, our Skipperliner is located next to the Trubador. When I was new to the Twin Cities, SPYC members became our local family and friends. We treasure the time we've spent getting to know everyone on at docktails on Miller Dock and

at the club events hosted at the clubhouse. As a prospective board member, I'm interested in actively contributing to the club and ensuring its longevity more than pursuing any specific platform. I'm a marketing vice president at U.S. Bank specializing in social media and digital marketing. I also teach MBA classes at St Catherine's University in St Paul. I have more than two decades of marketing and business experience - so I feel that I have a lot to contribute to the club.

There are opportunities to improve the club's visibility, provide new members and transients with a welcoming experience, and play a larger role in the evolution of St. Paul's waterfront. If you'd like to know more, have questions, or want to share your suggestions for the future of the club, contact me by email at tj@socialmeteor.com.



FRAN POTVIEN

Running for Board





TOM MARRONE

Running for Board

Greetings Fellow Yacht Club Members!!

I've decided to run for the board again and am asking for your vote in the upcoming election!

There are always challenges and changes in the operation of our wonderful place here on the Mississippi and I believe I can again be of service to the SPYC in the capacity of a board member.

This will be my 17th season here, and will continue to be my choice for boating enjoyment, I have served on the board before (4 terms) and have sat on many committees through the years: social director, marketing, membership, clubhouse, grievance, etc, I have worked in the yard for over 4 years so I am familiar with the day to day, helped build the foundation platform for the clubhouse, also built 2 outdoor clubhouses during the construction of current clubhouse (Camp clubhouse and Camp clubhouse II). Restarted the SPYC's involvement in the St. Paul Winter Carnival, the "Wayve" has continued to be a fun way to get together for the Winter Carnival, as well as a great way to market and make visible our club and its location in the heart of our grand city.

I have continued to serve in small ways you may not know of, reading meters, yearly inventory of ships store, helping set up for social events and readying equipment for said events (Rib Kings competition, Captains Breakfast, etc.). Fleet Captain, Upper harbor Quartermaster too!

There are always decisions to be made, some favorable and easy some difficult and tensing.

I can assure everyone that my drive will be for the greater good and betterment of our great club and its continued operation as the best downtown marina on the river! We enjoy a great location, great pricing, active social club, convenience, and more!

This Paradise of the upper river is ours to enjoy, we are all so fortunate to be here to share with family and friends, met new friends and enjoy the comradery of like minded recreational boaters! Best of all...the great memories we create and hold in our hearts and minds for a lifetime!!

Thank you for your considerations,
We'll see ya on the River!!





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LOOKING FORWARD TO A BANNER YEAR IN 2017

