



## St. Paul Yacht Club

St Paul Yacht Club

Board Of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 7pm ~ 8pm

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/aru-rswv-ezk>

**Approved by:** Andy Ristrom , Nathan Schumann , David Nelson , Robert Smekta ,  
Andrea Johnson , Diane Scovill , Jon Oulman , Jon Oulman

**Board members present:** Bill Tschohl , Troy Janisch , Diane Scovill , Andy Ristrom , Jon Oulman ,  
Andrea Johnson , David Nelson , Robert Smekta , Nathan Schumann (remote)

**Board absent:** Greg Jorgensen

**Staff present:** Kristina Cummings

**Attending:** Tom Marrone, Carol Janisch, Mary Rossi, Will Golden, Bruce Johnson, Kathy Christison, Paul Amann, Andy Ryan, Danny Delude, Brian & Diane Backes, Brett Cummings, Peter Borne, Janice Delise, Lee Pfeilsticker, Barb Haake (remote). Others did not sign in legibly.

## General Meeting Agenda

1. **Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Open Comments from the Floor**
  - We ask that comments be limited to 2 minutes.
4. **Flag Officer Reports**
  - Commodore - Bill Tschohl
  - Vice-Commodore - Nathan Schumann
  - Treasurer - Tom Surprenant
  - Secretary - Troy Janisch

SPYC Board "Actions to be taken" are being tracked in a spreadsheet. The first draft is available for board member review. Beginning in May, it will be shared at board meetings.

### 5. Marina Manager Report Kristina Cummings

### 6. Committee Reports

During the general meeting, committee chairs will discuss priorities and activities of their committees and invite interested members to participate.

- Amenities - Nathan Schumann (Notes attached)
- Finance Tom Surprenant No written report
- Marketing & Membership - Troy Janisch (Minutes attached)



## St. Paul Yacht Club

- Operations - Andy Ristrom (Notes attached)

**Motion:** "Purchase two dredging totes of materials (less than \$5000)." Unused materials do not expire and can be stored and applied to future needs.

**Made by:** Andy Ristrom

**Seconded by:** David Nelson

**Status:** Passed

- Social Committee - Andrea Johnson  
Written report to be provided for minutes.  
- Community cleanup will be April 26
- Strategic Planning - Bill Tschohl

### 7. Old Business

- Dredging  
LSM is coming the weeks of 4/7 & 4/14 to dredge the upper harbor entry and club house area.
- Boat Ramp Dock ( Bill Tschohl )

**Motion:** "SPYC to finalize design approval by DNR, COE and partners to create a mutually beneficial asset for the community. The SPYC along with SPPR will move forward with gathering funding through possible avenues with SPPR, DNR, Grant Opportunities and any other sources we can identify." No SPYC funding associated with this motion.

**Made by:** Bill Tschohl

**Seconded by:** Andy Ristrom

**Status:** Passed

- Boat Yard Land Survey ( Bill Tschohl )  
Sunde land survey - Due to the nature of the preparatory work to understand the land, rights, etc. which a new land survey would provide with no public benefit in the near-term, this work falls outside our lease agreement for credits with the city. The motion passed in November was for the expense to be approved contingent on a lease credit. We would like to go ahead with this expense ASAP and expect that we can wrap this into future discussions on construction cost offsets once we have a clearer plan for site development work.



- **Motion:** “Approve \$6,800 for a land survey of the yard area between the yard gate and high bridge, then from the road to the river area.” Based on a proposal from Sunde Land Surveying. The Survey would be for the area West of the yard gate to the high bridge edge, then between the road and the river.” Survey cost will be rolled into a future capital project, as possible.

**Made by:** Bill Tschohl

**Seconded by:** Tom Surprenant

**Status:** Passed 7/2

## 8. New Business

- HR Consultant, Bethany Gladhill,
  - Feedback meeting (4/22)
- - Member survey (4/25 deadline)

**Motion:** “Engage Bethany as HR consultant to SPYC board, leveraging the unused \$5,000 dollars approved engaging in 2024 for use with another consultant.”

**Made by:** Bill Tschohl

**Seconded by:** Andy Ristrom

**Status:** Passed 7/2

## 9. Adjournment

**Motion:** adjourn

**Made by:** Bill Tschohl

**Seconded by:** Andy Ristrom

**Status:** Passed

**Action to be taken:** Refer handicap ramp needs to amenities committee

## **Commodore's Report – 4/8/2025**

*Ready to go boating? We're Ready When You Are!*

As we gear up for another exciting boating season, the St. Paul Yacht Club is primed and ready to serve your boating needs – and yes, we're already launching boats!

While many of us may still be in the early stages of prepping our vessels for the season, the excitement of getting back out on the water is undoubtedly on everyone's mind. Whether you're fine-tuning the engine, touching up the hull with a fresh coat of wax, or adding a few new gadgets to enhance your river adventures, it's that time of year to check off your boating to-do list.

At the St. Paul Yacht Club, we approach our operations with the same level of planning and dedication that many of you apply to your boats. Our team spends the year refining our vision, strategies, and procedures to ensure that we're not just meeting today's needs, but also preparing for the long-term success of our club. Some initiatives, like the single-rate structure introduced for 2025 or the ongoing annual dredging projects, take time to come to fruition, but they're all carefully thought out and aligned with our commitment to providing a premier boating experience.

Because many of our projects take time to come to life, it's crucial for you, our valued members, to engage in the process. The St. Paul Yacht Club thrives on input from our community, and there are countless opportunities for you to get involved. We have seven active committees that guide our club: Amenities, Social, Finance, Marketing & Membership, Operations, Strategic Planning, and HR. These committees, along with our dedicated 11-member board, help shape the direction of our club and bring diverse perspectives to everything we do. If you're looking to make a difference or simply want to learn more, we invite you to attend any committee or board meetings. You can always find the schedule on our club calendar here: [St. Paul Yacht Club Calendar](#).

Our board and staff are already hard at work crafting plans for 2025 and beyond, and I'm truly humbled by the energy and dedication of every committee. With each passing day, we're building toward an even better boating season and a brighter future for our club.

As you prepare your boat for the season, whether you're upgrading your VHF radio or adding a fun new toy to your collection, remember that the SPYC team is equally focused on delivering the best possible experience for you. We're committed to making your time on the water unforgettable, and we look forward to serving you in the months ahead.

Your Commodore,  
Bill Tschohl  
651-335-1719

**You can email the entire board at this single address: [board@stpauilyachtclub.org](mailto:board@stpauilyachtclub.org)**

Marina Manager Report:

Kristina Cummings

March 2025

Slip Covers – Roll out will happen April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

- We will invoice the slip holders after

Dredging

- Start date to be determined – water levels are getting to a better place

Lower Harbor Water

Each unit is 748 Gallons

100 Yacht Club Rd –

- October 2024 – 21 units – (October 2023 – 43 units ) = \$296.96
- November 2024 - 19 units – (November 2023 - 23 units) - \$277.38
- December 2024 - 75 units – (December 2023 - 33 units) - \$905.14
- January 2025 - 112 units – (January 2024 - 20 units) - \$1,302.83
- February 2025 - 130 units – (February 2024 - 32 units) - \$1,496.29
- March 2025 – 38 units – (March 2024 - 28 units) - \$507.46
- Winter thus far – 295,460 gallons / \$4,786.06

Water invoice were received – 4/3/25

Electric invoice not yet received – 4/4/25

# Amenities Committee

Meeting Minutes - April 1, 2025

## Attendees

- Nathan Schumann (chair)
- Bill Tschol
- Kristina Cummings
- Troy Janisch
- Jon Oulman

## Summary

The SPYC clubhouse remains in good condition and currently does not require any major maintenance/repair projects. All equipment (kitchen appliances, audio/visual equipment, HVAC, pumps, etc...) are all in good working order.

## FY2025 Budget

Total budget for FY2025 is \$TBD.

Item	Description	Cost	Approval Status
Cleaning	Regular cleaning of the clubhouse	\$425/month applied to member slip fees	Required ▾
<a href="#">Tile Flooring</a>	Tile floor repair/maintenance	Unknown	TBD ▾
<a href="#">Drywall Crack</a>	Potential fix for crack(s) in drywall	Unknown	TBD ▾
<a href="#">Power Washing</a>	Power washing for exterior of building	Extra \$425 applied to member slip fees	Approved ▾
Good Chairs	Sturdy Adirondack chairs for the exterior of the clubhouse to replace the lightweight red chairs	TBD (Maybe donated by Nate)	TBD ▾

Minisplit	Minisplit system to augment existing A/C capacity	\$18,500	Approved ▾
Can Crushers and Recycling Bins	Look at getting recycle bins and can crushers		TBD ▾

## Maintenance

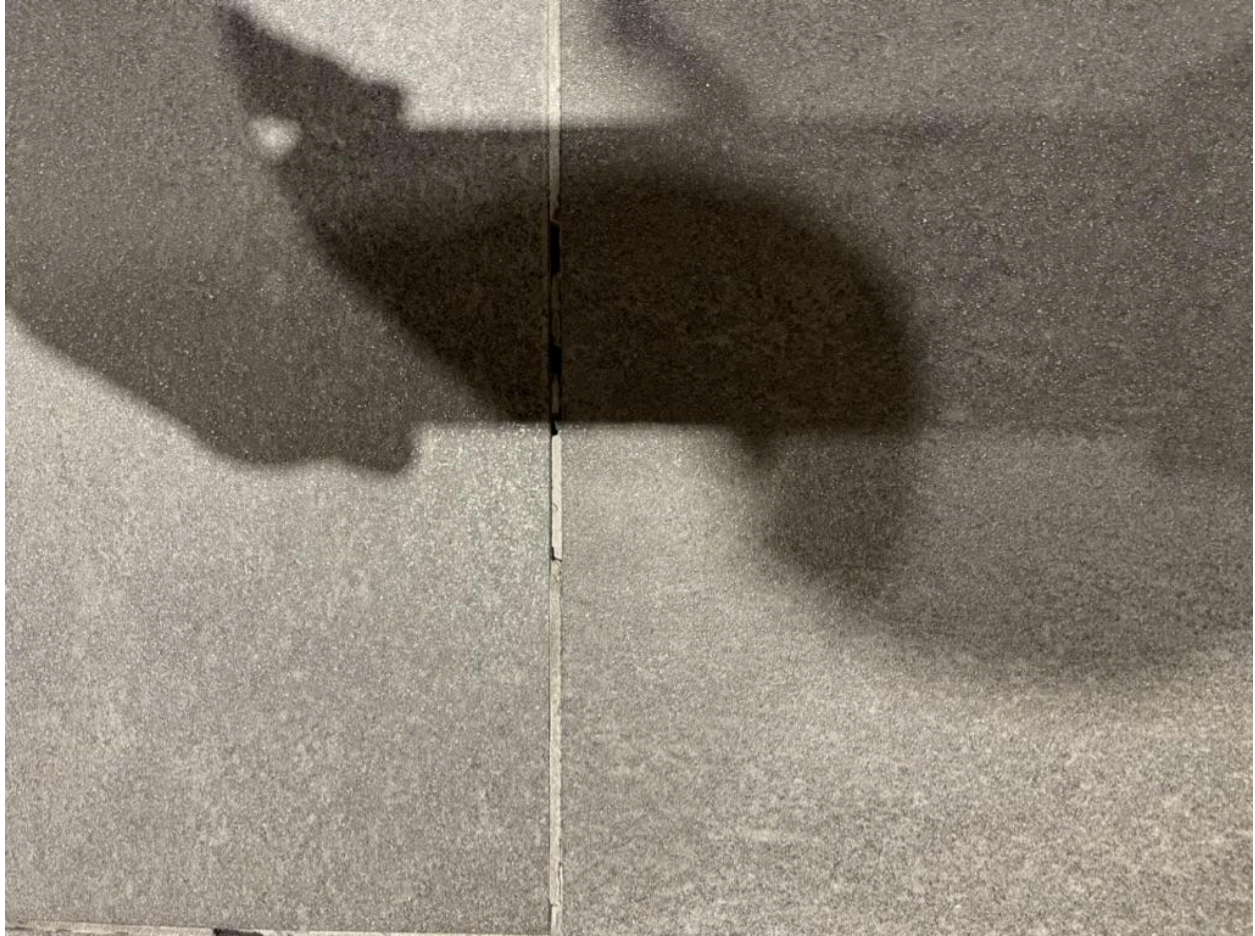
These are the maintenance projects that were discussed during the meeting:

### Building Interior

#### Tile Flooring

The tile flooring in the rear of the clubhouse needs some maintenance to address missing grout and loose tiles. The tile flooring was installed directly on the base floor structure rather than a floating subfloor which causes shifting of the floor as the building shifts with the conditions of the harbor.





The committee recommends that maintenance of the grout (regROUT and seal) be done as soon as reasonable. There is powdered grout in the workshop that can be used for this purpose. Also recommended that the tile be polished. Tom has agreed to attempt this work, but may need assistance. We will look for others in the marina that have tile experience to assist as needed.

Additionally any floor kickboards that are loose should be reglued and potentially sealed with caulk.

Cost Estimate - TBD

### Drywall Crack

There is a drywall crack above the picture of downtown St. Paul near the A/V equipment that needs to be monitored.





## Building Exterior

### Power Washing

The exterior of the clubhouse needs to be power washed to remove spider webs and other debris. This is estimated to be a single day job that Tom Maronne has volunteered for when the weather cooperates.

Cost Estimate - TBD

## Purchases

List of purchases that have been requested. The purchase approval and method needs to be discussed in the next SPYC board meeting. Would recommend that any purchase of \$100 or less be automatically approved by the Clubhouse Committee with any purchases above this amount requiring approval by the SPYC board of directors.

## New Flat Screen TV

Purchase of a new smart TV was made January 2025 for approximately \$450 + \$40 for a new mount. The old TV will be hung up near the entrance to the clubhouse and will show the calendar of events, eagle camera, etc.

Will look at options for putting content on the old TV.

# Marketing Committee

**Tuesday April 1 at 3:30PM, SPYC Club House**

**Attendees:** Troy Janisch , Jon Oulman , Nathan Schumann , Bill Tschohl ,  
Kristina Cummings

1. We reviewed current marketing tactics leveraged by St Paul Yacht Club:
  - a. Minneapolis Boat Show (\$5k)
  - b. Parade Floats (\$500)
2. We identified the number of available slips to be rented in 2025 (~40).
3. We discussed the volume of phone calls from individuals interested in slips at St Paul Yacht Club. (1-6 calls per day) Calls have some seasonality – with the highest volume of calls occurring January-March.
4. We discussed how slip inquiry calls are addressed: conversations, tours, and available marketing materials.
5. We identified a need to update the Website for the St Paul Yacht Club.

At the next meeting, we will outline marketing content needs with the website, boat show, and SPYC slip inquiries in mind. Prior to the next meeting, Nate volunteer to draft some marketing content that can be leveraged on the website.

**MEMBERS OF THE SPYC BOARD were asked to provide a list of 3-5 items they would like the marketing committee to explore during 2025.** Responses will be reviewed during the next Marketing Committee meeting.

**Thank you,**  
Troy Janisch

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday May 6 at 3:30PM, SPYC Club House

## Strategic Planning April report (updated 04/03/2025)

### Agenda for April:

Continue advancing boat dock proposal -

Permitting, etc. is advancing nicely. We believe we may have a final approval in the next couple of months. This will be later than the hoped for June timeline to install the dock, but we're learning good information and making great contacts as we proceed.

Modifications to the dock design were requested by the Corps. Of Engineers and partners.

1)shortening the first section of dock from 20' to 10'. 2) shorten the ramp from 30' to 20'. We are awaiting a revised quote from MinnCor on the dock with these revisions. MinnCor has stated they expect prices to increase due to tariff changes and other market factors.

Submitted a letter of intent (LOI) to 3M Priority 2 grant funding requesting \$50-65,000 to support the establishment of the dock. Received confirmation they received our LOI. (We learned of the 3MP2 grant Thursday 4/3, the deadline for submission is 4/4 at 4:30pm.)

We are also working with DNR contacts to determine the proper route to get new signage for the boat launch.

We would like to continue pursuing other avenues of funding to assist with establishing this dock addition as well.

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DNR Wildlife camera - No changes to the DNR wildlife camera location are expected in the near-term. The DNR will consider options later this summer when the nest is quieter again.

The old TV will be mounted near the entrance of the Clubhouse. The team is working on a system that will be able to rotate through the Eagle Camera, Club Calendar, etc.

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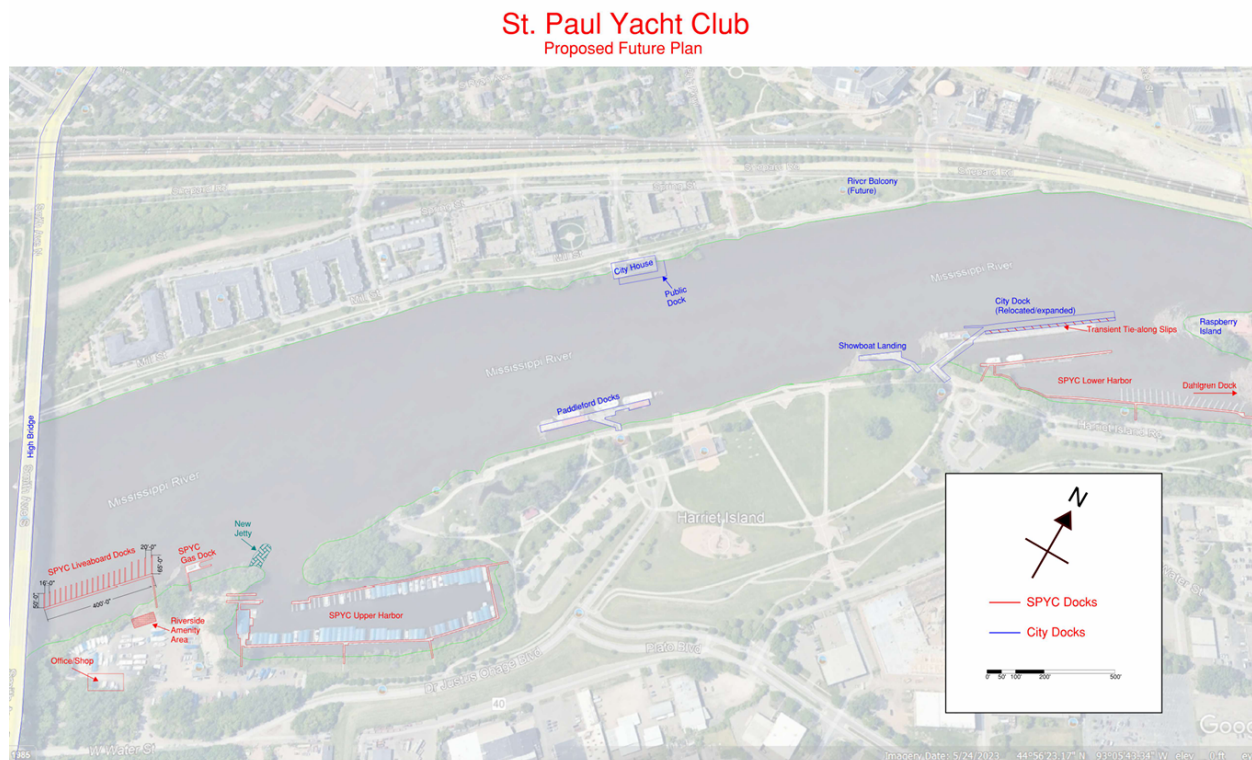
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Other items in progress for strategic planning:

Continue sharing aerial views that have all or a lot of any structural changes we think of put together on it for a visual to share with members. Essential as a visual to engage our membership and partners in conversations.

This map has been posted in the clubhouse along with a QR code linked to the SPYC ideas submission form.

## Future opportunities map



For those new to the club or long-term members not yet engaged. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month Spring through Fall. One is zoom only and one is in-person only. The schedule can be found on the club calendar page. <https://www.stpaulyachtclub.org/calendar>

FYI -

Strategic Planning's purpose, mission and timelines.

Committee Members: Bill Tschohl (Chair), Brett Cummings (Co-chair), Troy Janish, Lee Pfeilsticker, Dave Nelson, Kit Richardson

**Purpose:** Gather and develop projects from ideation to deliverables with input from stakeholders.

**Mission:** The Strategic Planning committee will serve to benefit the St. Paul Yacht Club, St. Paul Parks & Recreation along with enhancing our outreach to the community. The committee will deliver detailed plans with expected benefits, costs and ongoing maintenance analysis for club and board review and approval.

**Timeline:**

**Spring meetings :** gather ideas and concepts

All ideas are good ideas. That said, the ideas and concepts phase is not to revisit board decisions, but to gather ideas and generate ways to gather more ideas via surveys, visits with area stakeholders, etc.

**Summer meetings:** refine list to 2-3 ideas for further project planning /development. From the ideas gathered in the Spring along with input from our St Paul Parks contract representative, determine which are meaningful projects to further evaluate and plan, budget, estimate further.

**Fall meetings:** Finish project planning and development, create presentations, verify costs and funding.

Projects should be as thoroughly designed as possible. Wherever possible they should have full design, benefits anticipated, cost analysis, anticipated timelines and agreement from any necessary committees such as amenities, operations, etc.

**Budget:** The committee has no fixed budget. That said, projects that partner with the City of St. Paul's Parks and are approved by the city can potentially lessen our lease payment if Parks agrees the item is mutually beneficial. The group will also work to leverage any available grants or other sources of project funding where appropriate.

Note:

Projects should be fully developed before the November Board meeting to be included in the following year's budget, if approved.

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/SyLQm2X5vY2LxKov9>

Marina strategic opportunity inputs gathered so far:

**Essentials:**

Boat slips and docks

Boat and trailer storage

Fuel dock



**Wants:**

Boat ramps for visitors  
Boat rentals  
Business center  
Clubhouse  
Complimentary WiFi  
Fitness center and sauna  
Grills  
Kayaks and paddle board rentals  
Laundry  
Marina store  
Media equipment  
Picnic area  
Poolside bar  
Private beach access  
RV parking  
Shower facilities  
Tennis court  
Transient slippage  
Water skiing  
Waterfront pool  
Improved boat dock access  
Reopen Gate F in the Lower harbor  
There needs to be a Wheelchair Accessible Ramp and clear the debris

**Non-Boating or Programming activities that correlate well in the park**

Biking  
Bird watching  
Guided history tours  
Photography  
Scooters  
Wildlife and wilderness exploration - Wildlife camera?  
Run or race with canoes/ kayaks? Hidden Falls to here? Food trucks and music in the yard, stop at pool & yacht  
Large boat moored for rental, living activities, programming on the river  
Balcony / patio area with roof, food trucks, music area accompanying  
Movies at night  
Music programming opportunities, etc. with local artists  
Food Truck Connections  
Let's Create Locked Food Truck Hookups inside our gates at each parking lot that can be managed by us with Food truck vendors.  
Ferris wheel -Betty Danger style add a fun destination  
Carousel  
Bumper Boats  
  
Conservation planting - intentional, milkweed, etc.  
Garden area - High Bridge direction, similar to garden area above High Bridge

Bat and bird houses

# Operations committee report

meeting held on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 11:30am

Attendees: Andy Ristrom, Kristina Cummings, Brian Koskie, Bob Smetka, Bonnie Jean MacKay, Daniel O'Neill

Discussed the following items:

- Polymer flocculant purchase: Do we buy two totes to save \$230 on shipping or just buy one? We will for sure use one tote plus what we have on hand. I would vote to buy two totes...)
- LSM Dredging updates (Kristina to update in Marina Manager report)
- Review the Marina electrical code and met with O'Neill at this meeting
- O'Neill took our meter and went to the lower harbor to test one of our members boats at their request.
- Pricing from O'Neil Electric for updating the oldest and most overloaded services (Shore side lower harbor slips upstream of Gate G)
- Dock grounding solutions (do the problems really exist?)
- Look at some of the "electrocution risk signs" and their posting locations (These look great!)
- Discuss and perhaps walk the new piping route for UH dredging. Discuss costs. Cost of \$15,000 - \$18,000 (depending on the time to install)
- Gas dock ramp and stairs (discuss the aluminum ramp that Kristina requested pricing on)
- Review progress with Comcast internet for clubhouse and gas dock. (Kristina can report on costs)
- Gate codes change around May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Potential to buy a "new style" GFCI electric pedestal for testing boats. Pedestal could be plugged into the normal pedestals and then boats could plug into the GFCI type and see if they have any issues tripping breakers.

New business –

Work order for extension of slip so Paul Weifenbach has equal dock on both sides of his boat.

Old Business –

Boat owners' general liability Insurance coverage

This concludes the Operations committee meeting

Next Meeting, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am



# St. Paul Yacht Club

## Social Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tue, April 8	6pm	General Meeting with Meal
Sat, April 26	10 am	Community Clean Up (Pool & Yacht)
Sat, May 17	10 am	Captain's Breakfast
Tue, June 10	6 pm	General Meeting w/ Sundae Bar
Sat, June 28	6 pm	COMMODORE'S BALL
Sat, July 12	10 am	Captain's Breakfast
Fri-Sun July 19	ALL DAY	Minnesota Yacht Club Festival
Sat, Aug 2	5 pm	Steak Fry
Sat, Aug 16	10 am	Pirate Sail Away
Sat, Aug 23	6 pm	Lower Harbor Luau
Tue, Sep 9	6 pm	General Meeting w/ Potato Bar
Sat, Sep 13	5 pm	Chicken/Corn Feed
Sat, Oct 11	6 pm	Halloween/Pull Out Party
Sat, Dec 6	5 pm	Year End HOLIDAY PARTY

All events are at the clubhouse unless otherwise specified. See the SPYC calendar and facebook for updates and details. WATCH FOR NEW AND EXCITING POP UP EVENTS.

<http://www.stpaulyachtclub.org/calendar>