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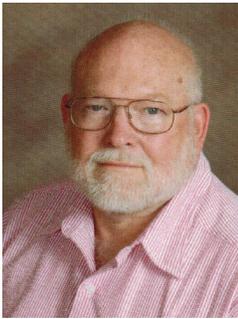
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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Greetings to all Yacht Club members.



First let me thank all of you who attended the Commodore's Ball. It was very gratifying to see you there and to have a chance to say "Hello" and chat.

A number of things are happening now. First, we are in the process of completing the construction of the "Patio" in the lower harbor. We still have a few dock boards to replace, and we will be installing some sort

of railing on the outboard side for safety. When the "Caution" tape goes away, you may use it for informal gatherings, chats, and so on.

We have replaced a number of bad pedestal bulbs and photocell control units, so the walkways should be properly illuminated at night. If you see a bulb out, let Roger know so we can get it fixed as soon as possible. While we were doing the repairs, we noted a number of planters, power cords, and other obstructions on the docks and fingers. Our standing rules require that these things must be on the boat, not on the walkways. I hope you will make an effort to comply with these rules.

We will be sounding the lower harbor soon and we will mark any shoal areas. In the meantime, if you stay close by the end of the Miller dock you should have plenty of water. The log jam on the upstream end of Raspberry Island ends at about 3 feet of depth so, at least for now, there's a pretty good warning that you're about to run

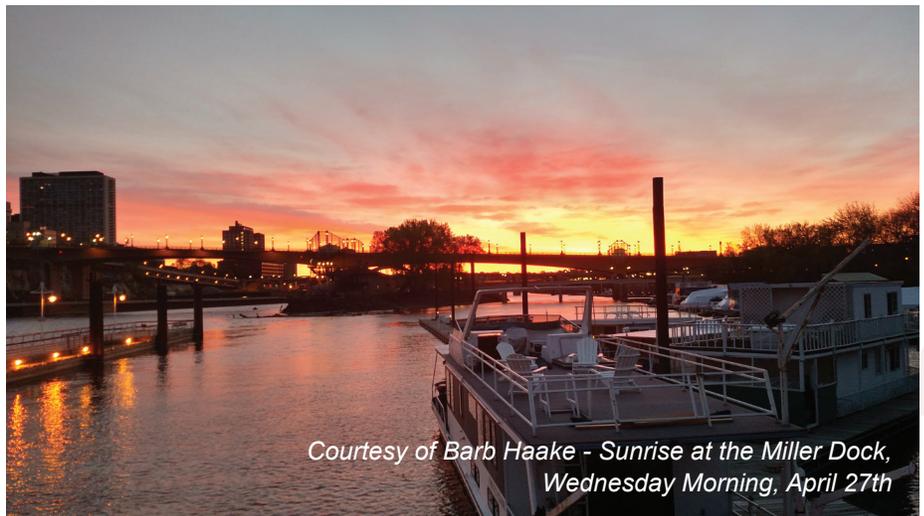
aground! If you are coming into the Dahlgren docks from the downstream end of Raspberry, stay close to the Robert Street rail bridge. We measured 3.5 feet approximately 1/3 of the way up from the bridge to the island, so be wary of the sandbar.

Boat launching is proceeding, although more slowly than we anticipated, so if you're going to be "on the hard" for awhile yet, let Roger know. We need to clear the back section of the boatyard soon (our lease says by June 10), so if you aren't ready, we may have to move your boat.

Roger is making arrangements for some help on the gas dock on weekend days, but there's no firm schedule as of yet. Turns out it really is hard to get good help these days!

In closing, note that there are a number of events coming up. Check the A & L and the SPYC calendar for notices of them. Again, thanks for your involvement and participation. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, feel free to contact me by phone or email (denny24spyc@gmail.com or 612-720-8657).

— Denny Sando



Courtesy of Barb Haake - Sunrise at the Miller Dock, Wednesday Morning, April 27th

ROGER'S ARTICLE

The season is finally in full swing and we've been getting a little warm weather. We've also been getting a little rainy weather lately and that's pushed the water levels up a little bit again – which is good. We're at about 4.5' on the Robert St. gauge which is a real nice level, I wish it would stay that way. We've had a good year so far water level wise. We've had no spring flood to speak of and I have been worried about where we'd be in July and August but it seems like every time we get to the lower levels around 3.6' we get strong rains that pop us back up again. Let's hope that continues!

I'm sure all of you are aware of the changes we've made in the lower harbor in terms of removing a couple slips and the end 75' of the Miller dock. It's the biggest change we've made in the harbor structure for some time and I want to thank everyone for adjusting to it. It appears we made it just in time as the tree accumulation at the upriver end of Raspberry Island would be just about touching our old docks.

Speaking of all that wood, I've been asked if the changes we've made have created or made that problem worse by modifying the flow down there; after all we wouldn't gain much if we've traded a silt accumulation problem for a tree accumulation problem. My answer is no, I don't believe so because the logs were already accumulating there BEFORE we pulled the pilings and docks. I alerted the City to the growing problem via e-mail on April 6th and we didn't even pull the pilings out until April 12th. The docks themselves came off before that but not by much. It was already happening in February and March. I think it's really caused by the somewhat unusual water levels we had this spring; we had a bump in levels up to about 6.5' and that along with some windy storms was enough to knock a lot of debris off the shore (mostly of the Minnesota) and wash it down but it's still low enough water for that debris to get caught in the shallows right where it turns that corner.

In previous years the water was too high – and the current too strong - for it to dig into the bottom so it washed through and caught on the bridge instead. We were in kind of a "sweet spot" where it was just high enough to wash it down but low enough to allow it to settle there. I don't see the changes we made as having any meaningful effect on it. That being said, the accumulation of that stuff is an undesirable and potentially dangerous situation that I am trying to get the City Parks Department to deal with.

That part of the Island is City Park property; the marina permit is under the City of St. Paul; a pile like that tends to attract kids and

if someone is killed or injured as a result you can imagine the liability and terrible publicity it would create. Frankly I've been very surprised at the lack of concern thus far.

Back to the harbor changes. The project freed up a good amount of dock sections and part of the plan was to employ them in a shallow area to get some dock space back. We also had enough extra material to make a nice sized patio down there which is an idea that's been



discussed for some time now. You can see the included photos and the diagram (not to scale by the way) for an idea of how it lays out if you haven't seen the area recently. The project is pretty much done and ready for use. There will be some safety railings installed and we may need to address some lighting requirements as well. I'm sure this is an area that will evolve as people use it and we find out what is needed.



I think it's appropriate to lay out some ground rules on the use of this area now so we get started with good, sustainable habits:

1. Please remember that there are boats all around this patio and to keep noise at a courteous level; our marina rules state that quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and midnight to 8 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. Those same rules will of course apply to the patio as well.
2. Please keep the area clean and free of trash, bottles, cans, coolers, etc. If you bring something over to the patio, take it back with you when you're done. Please don't leave chairs, grills, tables, or other furniture. As the use of this area evolves we may have to look at some dedicated furniture and other accessories that can stay there. I'd like to see that done in an organized fashion rather than have a hodge podge of items that just get left there.
3. Please remember that this area will also have smaller boats and pontoons tied up around it like any other dock in the marina, please see that anyone assigned to the area can pass through and reach their boat freely.

If we use common sense and courtesy, there will be no problems. At some point I'd like to have a dedication/grand opening of some type, give me your ideas. — Roger Anderson

DOCKSIDE GRILL -

The Best Hot Dog You Will Ever Eat! *(JDawgs Special Sauce Copycat)*

Three things make this The Best Hot Dog You Will Ever Eat: A quality bun, diagonal cuts before grilling, and the Special Sauce. It's so easy, you will be making this all summer! Invite me to your barbecue please!

For the sauce: Makes about 1 and 1/2 cups sauce

- 3/4 cup ketchup
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon BBQ sauce (I used Sweet Baby Rays)
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 teaspoon cider vinegar
- 1 and 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- Dash black pepper

To assemble:

- Large all-beef or Polish hot dogs (Costco has the best!)
- Large buns (Costco fit perfectly)
- Butter
- White onions
- Sauerkraut
- Pickles
- Banana peppers

Instructions:

To make the sauce, combine all ingredients in a small saucepan and set over high heat. Stir occasionally until the mixture barely starts to bubble, then remove from heat. Let cool completely. I like it to be room temperature, but you can chill it if you want. When you are ready to cook the hot dogs, set your grill to medium heat. Use a sharp serrated knife to make diagonal cuts in the hot dog a little more than halfway through. You want the cuts to make large W's all the way down the dog. See photos. Grill the dogs until they are as black as you want them. Should take about 3-5 minutes per side. Don't forget to flip them halfway. The dogs will curl into a smiley face because of the cuts. It's because they're so happy that you get to eat them. Butter the inside of the buns and place on the grill. Leave them for just a minute or so, until they get slightly crispy on the edges. Don't overdo it or the bun will turn stale. Place the hot dog in the bun and top with tons of special sauce and any other desired toppings.



WET YOUR "BOAT" WHISTLE - Watermelon Breezer

The best thing about the scorching Mr. Sun? Guilt free gorging on coolers. Drink, guzzle, sip! These super refreshing Watermelon Breezers are made healthier with a splash of coconut water, soda, mint and lime juice. Make these with or without alcohol!

Makes 6 Glasses or a Pitcher

Time: 10 mins

Ingredients:

- Watermelon juice - 2 cups (500ml)
- Coconut water - 1 cup (250ml)
- Sparkling water or soda - 2 cups
- Lime juice of 2 lemons (adjust as per taste)
- 4 tbsp of honey (adjust as per taste)
- Mint leaves - muddle with some lime juice and sugar in a mortar and pestle
- Watermelon wedges for garnish
- Sugar and margarita salt mix to rim the glasses
- Ice cubes
- For Cocktail: Add 1 cup of White Rum

Directions:

Start by making the watermelon juice, strain it through a sieve and pour the juice into a pitcher. Add the muddled mint to it, then pour in the rest of the ingredients except the soda. Taste and adjust for the balance of sweetness and tang from the lime juice. When you're ready to serve, rub a lime around the rim of the glass then dip the top of the glass into the sugar-salt mix. Add ice to the glass and then add the soda just before pouring or you will lose out on the sparkling fizz, and that's not a good thing! Lastly pour your juice mixture into the glasses and serve with the watermelon wedges on the rim of each glass.



2016 COMMODORES BALL



Board Members Present At General Membership Meeting

Commodore	Vice Cmdr.	Secretary	Treasurer	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Past Cmdr.
Dennis Sando	MJ Babcock	Bill Tschohl	Greg Jorgensen	Lynn Adler	Bill Gibbs	Charles Hart	Terri Meredith	Fran Potvein	Sue Walters	Dave McKusick
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES - APRIL

Call to Order: 6:40 p.m.

Attest: Bill Tschohl, Secretary

Guest: Thomas Marrone

Minute Approval: 3/28/2016 meeting minutes: Motion to approve by Greg Jorgensen, seconded by Terri Meredith. Motion passed.

Staff Report: Staff report submitted by Roger.

Hobo camp has been removed from Northwest of SPYC yard by the river by St Paul Parks. We did not recover any of the items that were stolen from SPYC which included at least the red fiberglass ladder we used during the winter parade.

Miller Dock end removal is complete. Operations will be moving and rearranging docks as possible with launch schedule. Work activity to include; Tightening up oversized slips, moving docks to harbor side, etc. There was a lengthy discussion of a potential new boater that failed our new policy for background and credit checks. What to do when possible boaters are outside parameters and have both bad credit and criminal records. After discussion and review of process it was left to Roger's judgment as these are objective facts that will help us to maintain quality relationships with existing and new boaters.

One new boater background check came through today and was clean. Background checks are doing well and providing good information, results range from bad credit and criminal record combinations to borderline credit / criminal records and on to excellent credit and background. Some borderline background record boaters may need to do some sort of deposit, but this will be left to Roger's discretion. New website mentioned again: The beta version is at <http://spyc60.wix.com/spyc>

Operations: The yard crew has been launching boats at an increasing pace with the nicer weather. So far there have only been a couple of minor issues with equipment that have been relatively inexpensive to repair e.g. starters on machines. 18-20 boats have been launched to this point with more launching every day. Four more boats are scheduled to be launched Tuesday.

Hardware for Wi-Fi in lower harbor is starting to get put together. Its setup will depend on the launch schedule which is the current priority.

Various miscellaneous items are showing up on the docks and fingers. We need to reinforce the rules more consistently without hit or miss actions. Transgressions of rules continue to be a challenge and range from chronic offenders to random items.

One boat in derelict row was donated to charity by the owner and has been removed from the yard.

We did the harbor maintenance this past Saturday with excellent attendance by new and existing members. We had at least 60 JCB buckets worth of leaves and debris removed. Work in upper and lower harbor was appreciated by all with good comradery as well as the cleanup it provided.

Our yard, main marina entrance may be down to one lane in late July due to street rebuilding being planned by the city. Parts of Lilydale Road may be closed at various times for phase three of the park project. *No follow-up since last meeting* A friend of Brian and Cynthia from the Lower Harbor had some comments about our system. Brian and Cynthia will gather information and forward to us or route through MJ Babcock.

Finance: We are making progress on the year with rentals. 152 slips are rented, 26 slips are currently open. We have room to rent more slips. 1 new boater background check came through today and was good. Background checks are doing well and providing good information, ranging from bad credit and criminal record combinations to borderline credit to excellent credit and background. Some borderline background record boaters may need to do some sort of deposit.

Standing Rules: Carry-forward comment: We will revisit the Standing rules at our July or August meeting for any potential adjustments.

Social, Membership, Marketing: Social put together a well attended harbor maintenance weekend with 60-70 boaters working in the Lower and upper harbors through-out the day. Lots of new and old boaters invigorated each other and did a fantastic job across the marina! The parks registration beforehand was a hit and Parks staff relayed their thanks to us via MJ Babcock.

The Commodore's Ball planning is going well and responses are coming in already. The first Captain's breakfast is planned for May, but not many people are down here yet so we'll see how we go with that.

Hats, t-shirts, half-zip sweatshirts are still being explored for SPYC merchandise. Need to get the word out to membership that we will have merchandise and what will be available.

Discussion: We would like to send a gift to Francine Anderson as a thank you for the wonderful work she did putting together the new website. Roger will put some thought into it and get back to us with a recommendation.

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PROPOSAL AT SPYC

Some of you may remember an event we did last summer in the Clubhouse with the National Parks Service and some local arts organizations featuring the “shantyboat” storyteller, music, and a nice reception party. I was contacted recently by one of the attendees...I’ll let him tell you the story in his own words below:

“Ana and I started dating last May. We decided to have dinner and a date night on July 1st, and came to the River City Revue event that you all hosted. Aside from having a great time on the river, that night, I told Ana for the first time that I loved her. The St. Paul Yacht Club became a very special place for us that evening.

Fast-forward to February this year, and I knew I wanted to propose to Ana. The only problem was how to do it. I like to do big, bombastically romantic things, but she is a more private person, so this brainstorming took quite a bit of time.

I wanted to propose to her with her whole family there - family is very important to us - and I wanted it to be somewhere special to us.

So, when I contacted him with my idea, Mr. Anderson graciously allowed us to use your space for the event. I concocted a secret surprise “birthday party” for her (it was just a few days after her birthday). As part of the gift, I popped the question. I told Mr. Anderson that I would have half a cake to share with him if the answer came back negative, but unfortunately for him, she said yes!

Thank you so much for allowing us to use your space for our event, and for having events like the River City Revue. You have made a personal difference in our lives, and Ana and I are so humbled by your generosity and grateful for letting us be there.

It was a day to remember!”

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*Joseph D. Redemann
Teaching Artist, Neighborhood Bridges Children’s Theatre
Company Minneapolis, MN*



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES - APRIL CONTINUED

Social will discuss at their next meeting - Mark Mosby: Wanda Pichelman's 80th birthday was this past week. The group has provided significant value to the club over the years. We should have a Lady's Auxiliary recognition day. Thoughts were given regarding a potential Sunday afternoon brunch.

Work to be reviewed now that Dave is back from travels - we would like a proposal from David M. for Lower Harbor signage discussed in February. Sign for spud pole that displays SPYC Lower Harbor to build recognition, etc.

Harbor Maintenance: See staff report.

Clubhouse: Nothing new to report.

Strategic Planning Committee: Strategic planning committee has scheduled Tuesday, May 17th 6:30PM- 9PM for a working meeting of the board to review the strategic plan.

New business: The work boat had some leaks before launch this year and it's been out of the water a couple of times since launch for more leak repairs. It was old in 1997 and the steel is becoming difficult to find to weld to it without creating larger issues due to corrosion. We need to seriously look at replacing the workboat. Preliminary research of similar boats made of 9 gauge aluminum run 12-16k. Current thinking is the existing motors would be re-used to save on costs. A concern with aluminum is that we don't have skills readily available in the crew on welding aluminum. A steel boat option needs to be researched so the pros and cons of each option can be evaluated further. High-level projected timeline would have a replacement by late summer or early fall depending on finances, sourcing, etc...

Motion to adjourn: Motion by MJ Babcock, seconded by Sue Walters. Motion passed

Adjourned: 7:45PM



AHOY SPYC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!

The Season is underway, check the social calendar below, in the Clubhouse or on the website for any added events.

Looking forward to seeing everyone this summer!

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Lynn Adler – Slip UH63
Board member and Social chair.
Skipper of the good ship *Livin' La Vida Loca*

SOCIAL CALENDAR

SAT, JUNE 18TH 5:00pm *At the Clubhouse*
• STEAK FRY - \$10

FRI, JUNE 24TH
• SAIL AWAY TO 826 - Ron Hilson

SAT, JUNE 25TH 3:00pm - 8:00pm *At the Clubhouse*
• PIRATE FEST

MON, JUNE 27TH 6:30pm *At the Clubhouse*
• BOARD MEETING

SAT, JULY 2ND
• DOCK HOP

SUN, JULY 10TH 10:00am *At the Clubhouse*
• CAPTAIN'S BREAKFAST

SUN, JULY 17TH 11:00am *At the Clubhouse*
• JAZZ BRUNCH

FRI, JULY 22ND *At the Clubhouse*
• TGIF - THE HIGH 48^{°S}

MON, JULY 25TH 6:30pm *At the Clubhouse*
• BOARD MEETING

SAT, AUG 13TH
• BOAT LIGHT PARADE - Ron Hilson

SAT, AUG 20TH *At the Clubhouse*
• HAMBURGER COOK-OFF

MON, AUG 22ND 6:30pm *At the Clubhouse*
• BOARD MEETING

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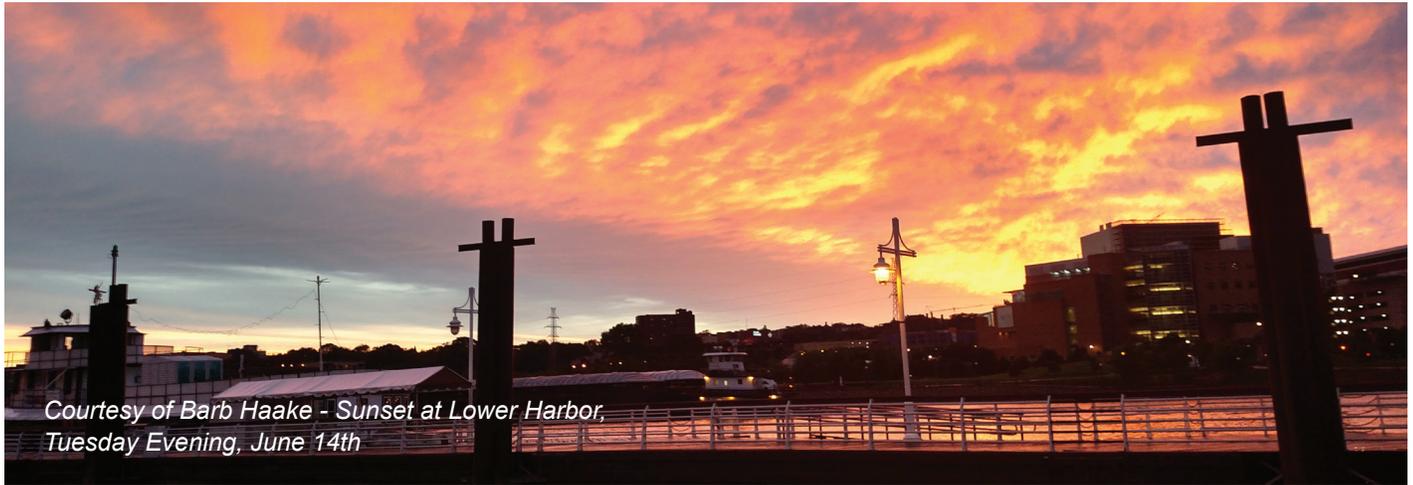
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