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COMMODORE'S REPORT

I hope you all are having a happy boating summer!

What a wonderful stretch of weather we have been having in July. Ruby and I have spent some great times with some of you at the 826 raft off, Watergate Fun Fest, Treasure Island sail away and, of course, impromptu beach and dock gatherings. I hope you all can participate in our various SPYC activities we have planned. Socializing is the fabric that binds our club together. I want to say a very special thank you to everyone who attended the Commodore's Ball last month! It was a truly magical celebration, and all of you were very happy to be there and supportive of our board and myself. I can't express my gratitude to our members enough. **You all ROCK!**

I want to also thank Roger and Denny for the ton of work they have put into rebuilding our WiFi system. Unfortunately, some of you are still experiencing issues. The simple fact is our system was never designed or intended for the streaming demands that are expected today when we installed it 7 years ago. We have upgraded it three times and we could upgrade again and never achieve the broadband capability that our technology and use demands today and in the future.

The jury is still out on the bugs to work out and how much we can expect out of our system. What I think will happen is we will need

to limit each device to light usage so everyone will have the minimum capability to check emails and such. Streaming movies will need to be done with a cable Internet connection. We have some ideas on how we might be able to do modem sharing to reduce costs.

Please keep in mind that this free service was designed back when members didn't have multiple devices and before Netflix and Internet TV became the norm. Roger spends a disproportionate amount of time fielding calls about the WiFi, and if we can't throttle back usage it will need to go away.

On another topic, we need to get serious about safety checks. I know you have heard this before. Denny has worked hard the last 10 years trying to get compliance. Some of you are very good at getting inspections every year or at least every other. Some of you have never had a safety check. These are for your benefit and everyone in the club. What I am proposing is a yearly fee of \$100 on your bill if you haven't had a check. At that point you have a choice, get Denny to do the free inspection and you will get the fee waived. If not, the \$100 will pay for staff to do the inspection. If you do not cooperate with having staff do the inspection you will pay the \$100 annual fee anyway.

WiFi usage considerations and safety checks are just part of the responsibility we have in our co-op to each other. We are a big family and we need to get along with each other. Most of getting along in such a tight community has to do with compromise, selflessness and cooperation. Please help do your part by understanding that those attributes are the cornerstone of our club, and if applied can keep this place exceptional for all of us! — Dave McKusick



Photo by Daniel DeLude

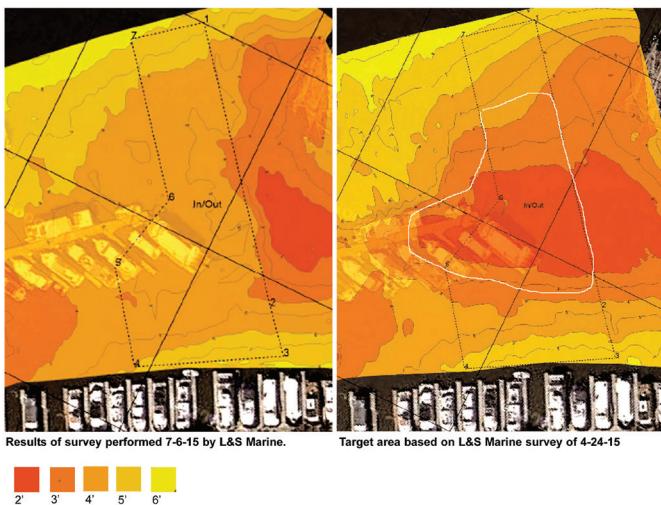
ROGER'S ARTICLE

I hope everyone's summer is going well; we've had a lot of nice weather and activity here so far. We have two ongoing projects around here that I'd like to review and comment on.

The dredging project is, of course, completed (for now) but as the water levels have changed we've uncovered some "humps" and unexpected shallow areas in the lower harbor. We spent \$90,000 on this process over the last year and a half with all the surveys, permits, digging, and disposal; the costs were split about evenly between the two harbors.

At that level of investment, people's expectations are that the entire area should be clear and when that wasn't the case questions naturally arise....did L&S Marine dig in the wrong place? Were the surveys we used to map out the project accurate? Did we give them the wrong instructions? Did they not remove the amount of material they claimed to? I can't blame anyone for considering those notions, however we also can't jump to premature conclusions.

Part of this process is to do a bottom survey right BEFORE the dredging and right AFTER and compare them – and the results of that are now available.



If you compare the areas in the first survey on the right with the later after - project survey on the left you will see that they coincide very closely. In simple terms, they dug where we wanted them to dig.

You'll see the area we specified shows as a minimum of 4'. We've verified with our own soundings that the surveys are accurate.

It would have been nice to have 5' or 6' but with the limited amount we had to spend that probably isn't possible. There is also a tendency for newly dredged areas to fill back in to certain extent so it would not be unusual to dig to 5' or more and survey later and show a loss of several inches of depth.

The other very important reason to do the after survey is that now we have a baseline to see where – and how fast – everything will start filling in again. The value of the project lies both in getting what we want short term and spreading the investment over a 2-3-4 year useful lifespan. Time will tell that of course, and it will be impacted by any high water events we may have in the future.

I think it's important to keep in perspective as well just how little material we actually removed. Despite what I think anyone would consider to be a major investment for us, we dug out less than 4,000 cubic yards of material spread across BOTH harbors. We have records going back to 1970 and through 2000 (when the COE lost funding for us) we AVERAGED 9,922 cubic yards each year we dredged just in the lower harbor – about 4 times what we removed this year. Some notable exception years were 1971 for 12,841, 1984 for 26,000, 1992 for 11,817, and 1997 for 14,000 yards. To expect equivalent results with a fraction of the amount of material removed is not realistic.

The other item I want to touch on is the WiFi system. We have been through various iterations of this system since it was first installed in 2008 and while I think it's an appreciated amenity, it has been a nightmare of support and maintenance to keep running. We've invested well over \$30,000 in hardware and support not to mention a tremendous amount of time troubleshooting, rewiring, etc. I am at the point where I think we've reached a practical limit on how much longer we can do this.

When we envisioned and installed this system 7 years ago, there was no such thing as smartphones, tablets, streaming services, Netflix, etc. A handful of people had laptop computers and e-mail and light Internet access was all anybody required. That is what the system was designed and scaled for, that was within our budget, and that was the intent. Today, it is not unusual for any given boat to have two, three, four or more WiFi enabled devices all logging in automatically and being apportioned a chunk of bandwidth whether or not they're even being used. Add to that streaming video and music, and people working from their boats moving large files around and you can see we run out of bandwidth very quickly and the entire system either freezes or operates so slow as to be useless. We recently counted 84 users on the lower harbor system alone as an example. I don't predict the situation will improve; files keep getting bigger, there are more and more streaming opportunities, more and more devices searching for WiFi resources.

And, it's an aging system. So far this year we've replaced 3 access points, a router, had Comcast install a new modem and

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DOCKSIDE GRILL - *Tangy Meatloaf Burgers*

4 servings - Total Time: 30 mins

Ingredients:

- 1 small onion (1/2 sliced into rings, 1/2 diced)
- 1 pound meatloaf mix (ground pork, beef and veal) or ground turkey
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped
- 1/2 cup breadcrumbs (preferably panko)
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon sweet or smoked paprika
- 1/3 cup ketchup
- 1/3 cup duck sauce
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 potato buns or other rolls, split
- Lettuce, sliced tomato and pickle slices, for topping
- Sweet potato chips, for serving (optional)

Directions:

1. Preheat a grill to medium high. Soak the onion rings in a bowl of cold water. Meanwhile, combine the meatloaf mix with the diced onion, parsley, breadcrumbs, egg, paprika, 1 tablespoon each ketchup and duck sauce, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Gently form into four 1-inch-thick patties; make an indentation in the center of each.
2. Brush the patties with the olive oil and grill until marked on the bottom, about 6 minutes. Meanwhile, mix the remaining ketchup and duck sauce in a small bowl for brushing; set aside a few tablespoons. Turn the patties, brush with the ketchup mixture and continue grilling until cooked through, about 5 more minutes. Toast the buns, if desired.
3. Spread the buns with the reserved ketchup mixture. Drain the onion rings. Serve the patties on the buns; top with the onion, lettuce, tomato and pickles. Serve with sweet potato chips, if desired.

Per serving: Calories 444; Fat 19 g (Saturated 6 g); Cholesterol 123 mg; Sodium 1,079 mg; Carbohydrate 43 g; Fiber 2 g; Protein 26 g

Photograph by Antonis Achilleos - Recipe courtesy of Food Network Magazine



WET YOUR "BOAT" WHISTLE - *White Sangria*

Nothing says summer like pool parties, grilling, and pitchers of sangria, of course! Sangria, a Spanish wine punch often served in summer, is great for entertaining because you can make large batches in advance and alter the recipe according to the type of wine or fruit you have. Cool down on a warm afternoon with a glass of cold, white sangria filled with your favorite fruits. The best part about this drink is that the longer it sits, the sweeter it gets.

Makes 6 Servings

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| • 6 cups Chardonnay or Sauvignon Blanc | • 1 tangerine, thinly sliced |
| • 1 cup seedless white grapes, halved | • 1 cup club soda |
| • 1 cup white grape juice | • 1/4 cup superfine sugar |
| • 1 ripe nectarine, pitted and cut into thin wedges | |

Preparation:

In a large pitcher or other container, combine the wine and sugar and stir until the sugar dissolves. Add the remaining ingredients, excluding the club soda, and mix well. Place the pitcher in the refrigerator and let the sangria sit for at least 1 hour (and up to 4 hours). The sangria will sweeten with time, so the longer it sits, the better. Just before serving, stir in the club soda and ice cubes.



NEW CANOE LANDING COMING TO HARRIETT ISLAND

Kelly's Landing, just upstream from the Padelford, is getting a facelift this summer, thanks to some financial matchmaking by members of the Mississippi River Fund and SPYC. The Minnesota DNR has awarded a grant to the City of St. Paul to upgrade the footing at the river's edge and expand the steps leading to the park and parking lots.

Tour leaders from Wilderness Inquiry talked about wearing waders when landing canoes on Harriett Island and providing stepping stools for guests from canoe to shoreline to avoid ruining sandals and water shoes in the caustic muddy silt at the landing. Kelly's Landing will be an experiment for the DNR, with us monitoring the condition and stability of the new river-rock graded landing.

St. Paul's Great River Passage Plan published in 2012 includes promoting river access for boaters of all kinds, with marinas, boat landings and walk-in sites for non-motorized boat access. Kelly's Landing was the designated, although unimproved, access to the river for canoes and kayaks. The SPYC Board gave approval in 2013 to support the canoe landing project.

SPYC's rich legacy has been one of supporting and promoting development of Harriett Island for public use, which helps us to build relationships with our government and public interest partners. Our contribution was advocacy and financial matchmaking. No SPYC funds were used in this effort. — Teresa Muckala

JUNE MISSISSIPPI RIVER CLEAN-UP

Kudo's to the Padelford Packet Boat Company, Conservation Corps Minnesota and Upper River Services for working with the Minnesota DNR Adopt-a-River program to clean up nearly 13,000 pounds of trash from the Mississippi river on June 17th near the Wakota Bridge in Newport and South St. Paul.

This is the 26th year of the Adopt-a-River Program. For more info about the program, go to www.mndnr.gov/adoptariver.

Every time we clean up the beach where we are camping or capture a plastic bottle floating downriver, we're taking steps to keep the river banks clean and fit for outdoor recreation.

Keep up the good work! — Teresa Muckala

ROGER'S ARTICLE CONT.

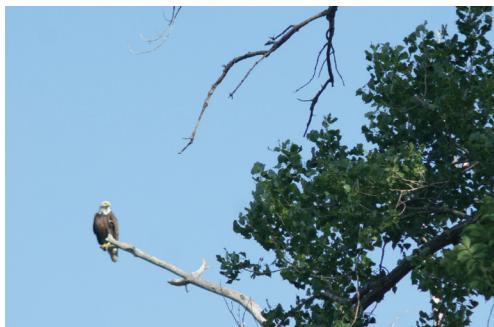
subscription to a 3x faster service, and hard wired 90% of the system with premium shielded outdoor rated cat 6 Ethernet cable. Even with all that it's been a constant battle to keep it working or operating fast enough to even be useful. We've gone from something that used to be an amenity to something that just makes people angry.

As I write this, we finally have the Dahlgren dock system up and running and I believe lower harbor has been functioning as well. We have taken the steps above to maximize the system we have but I am going to recommend no further expansion or investment in it as it's a race that we just can't keep up with anymore.

As I've said, we have 3x faster Internet line from Comcast now and we are going to set the maximum speed for any user at 7mb which is too slow for streaming movies but is fast enough to do what the system was intended for. For those users who desire higher speeds and guaranteed reliability for work use, streaming video and music, or multiple platforms, I would recommend the option of a Comcast direct cable Internet connection or one of the many hot spot services available. — Roger Anderson



2015 RIVER RAFT OFF



Board Members Present At General Membership Meeting										
Commodore	Vice Cmdre.	Secretary	Treasurer	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Past Cmdre.
Dave McKusick	MJ Babcock	Roni Brunner	Greg Jorgensen	Lynn Adler	Dave Nelson	Bill Gibbs	Terri Meredith	Lynn Gunstrum	Bill Tschohl	Pat Boulay
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES - JUNE

Attest: Roni Brunner, Secretary

Present: Roger Anderson

1) Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.

Committee reports:

Staff Report & Dredging Report: Dredging project completed May 2015 with approx. 5,200 cubic yards taken out. Total cost for the project is approximately \$90K with final billing being sent. The dredging project helped us get some slips back and the Miller dock is full again and with upper harbor having material removed in some areas just outside the clubhouse, we are down 6 slips on shore-side. The yard will need some cleaning for some up-coming events for the city now that our sheriff sale has been completed and boats are in the water.

Request from the group for sounding of the upper harbor and placement of the buoys in the entrance to assist boaters from drifting too far to the island side where it is shallow.

River City Revenue and the Artist Boat Overnight: Pat Boulay is the contact for all events; please let him know if you are interested in helping. The July 1st event will have approximately 80 guests.

SPYC will have 20 tickets available for members who may want to attend. Pat Boulay is looking for volunteers from the harbor to assist the Mississippi River Fund group with tours of our harbor. Each tour will take approx. 30 minutes.

Art Boat Overnight: professional artists would like to stay overnight on our boats on June 26th - 27th. Expectations would be to serve them dinner, take them around the docks and followed by a trip on the river the next day. There are 12 artists that are looking for a place to hang their hat for the night. Please contact Pat Boulay if you are interested in helping. Pat Boulay will also be providing name tags for the groups touring our docks during both events.

Operations & Quartermaster Report (Dave McKusick): All boats have been launched that were ready for the season. Our Quartermaster(s) have started doing walk-throughs and are looking for maintenance and/or safety concerns that may need to be addressed. The yard staff will take care of the maintenance issues while safety concerns will need to be address individually with boaters. To address some of the hose concerns on the dock; the harbor has purchased 30 hose wheels and the staff will be putting them on docks and moving hoses for boaters.

There is a fairly large water leak somewhere in our system that the staff will be doing shut down and restarts of various areas over the course of the next week to identify. Reminder, let the marina manager or your Quartermaster(s) know if you see something wrong.

Old wires, power cords, & hoses will be taken out of the lower harbor by the Quartermaster with the upper harbor being done next. The WiFi network will also be having some maintenance over the course of the next two weeks and may need to be taken down for installation.

Reminder: get your Coast Guard certification done.

Finance Committee (Greg Jorgenson): A full report can be viewed by contacting the Marina Manager.

Social / Marketing / Membership (Lynn Adler): The Steak fry was a huge success. The new boater orientation was informative and 6 new members came to the event. We have 12 new members in total this year. The Commodore's Ball will be this coming Saturday and approximately 80 people have registered. The Newsletter will be a May/June edition after the Ball. Discussions with some new members are going on currently but may not turn into members until this fall.

Other Events: Raft-off is June 19th - 21st at 826 please contact Ron Hilson and Captain's Breakfast on the 28th of June \$5.00 per plate.

Harbor Maintenance (Dave Nelson): Dredging committee is putting plans together for our future.

Clubhouse (Bob Hill not present - Dave McKusak presented): New fee schedule has been developed and is posted in the clubhouse on the wall.

Bylaws (Ruby): The Board will be reviewing the bylaws at the next meeting and then will be presented to the general membership in September 2015. The Standing Rules were also reviewed and will be going to the board at the July meeting. The bylaws will need to be out to the membership 30 days prior to the meeting.

Strategic Planning (MJ Babcock): The committee received great feedback at the focus groups and committee is reviewing the major themes and will present to the board.

Adjourned: 8:30p.m.

Next Board meeting: September 8th, 2015

GREY CLOUD SLOUGH

It has been a number of years, but it finally has come to fruition – the Grey Cloud “Slough” (cut) located at MM827 will be restored and opened to limited boat traffic by the building of a bridge connecting St. Paul Park with Grey Cloud Island. Currently, the water going into the Grey Cloud Slough passes through small culverts that are not allowing the water to flow freely into the backwater in the area. (The location of Grey Cloud Slough can be found at:

<http://www.swwdmn.org/pdf/GreyCloudReport5812.pdf>



The proposed bridge project was the best solution of the four or five options proposed to open up this passage. It appears all funding has been secured.

With the river passing through the slough it will scour the area, attract fish/wildlife with the "better" flowing water, and will allow some recreational boating to enter the slough. The bridge will have room for the passage of a boat that has a two to three foot draft and not higher than nine feet.

This restoration project has been in the planning stage since 2009 starting with a feasibility study that included suggested options for designs and for funding. Washington County, Clean Water Funds and the South Washington Watershed District will participate in funding the restoration project which should be undertaken in 2017.

Restoration of the slough will greatly enhance the river's flow through the backwater by reconnecting it to the Mississippi River's main channel. The bridge will also provide many secondary benefits including restoring two miles of shoreline and about 120 acres of aquatic habitat. — Barbara Haake

AHOY SPYC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!

Check calendar in Clubhouse or Online for any added events.

Thanks to all the volunteers for their help!

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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, AUG 22ND At the Clubhouse

- SHRIMP BOIL

MON, AUG 24TH 7:00pm At the Clubhouse

- BOARD MEETING

TUE, SEPT 8TH 7:30pm At the Clubhouse

- GENERAL MEETING

SAT, SEPT 12TH At the Clubhouse

- CHICKEN FEED

SUN, SEPT 27TH 10:00am - 6:00pm At the Clubhouse

- BOOYA

MON, SEPT 28TH 7:00pm At the Clubhouse

- BOARD MEETING

SAT, OCT 10TH At the Clubhouse

- HALLOWEEN PARTY

MON, OCT 26TH 7:00pm At the Clubhouse

- BOARD MEETING

MON, NOV 23RD 7:00pm At the Clubhouse

- BOARD MEETING

THUR, NOV 19TH - 21TH

- CLUBHOUSE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY PARTY

TUE, NOV 24TH - 30TH

- CLUBHOUSE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY PARTY

TUE, DEC 1ST - 4TH

- CLUBHOUSE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY PARTY

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NEED A LIFE JACKET?

**LIFE JACKET
LOANER STATION**

Borrow a life jacket for FREE and return it at the end of the day.

Life jackets have been provided by:



Greetings fellow members of the SPYC. There will be a new addition to the Gas Dock this summer. It is going to be a Life Jacket Loamer Station. It can be used by any river boater that is short of a Life Jacket. If you need a loaner Life Jacket just take one your size, use it for the day and return. The Life Jackets are donated by a grant from Friends of Pool #2 and the dock box is donated by the St. Paul Yacht Club. There are also locations at the public boat landing under the 494 bridge and River Heights Marina. — John (The Animal House)

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