



# ST. PAUL YACHT CLUB

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Tuesday, April 14, 2026

**Time:** 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Location:** SPYC Clubhouse at 375 West Water Street, St. Paul / [Google Meet](#)

**Video call link:** <https://meet.google.com/rec-pvtw-jhp>

**Or dial:** (US) +1 304-981-5485 PIN: 533 011 671#

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### Expected Attendees

#### Board Members:

Bill Tschohl (Commodore), Bob Smekta (Vice-Commodore), Jim Camery (Treasurer), Bonnie Jean MacKay (Secretary), Andy Ristrom, Janeice DeLisle, Brian Backes, Tom Marrone, Mike Gude,

#### Board Members Excused:

Greg Jorgenson (remote), Fran Potvein

#### Staff:

Mike Shimshock (Executive Director)

#### Guests:

Michele Borne, Barbara Haake, Lee Pfeilsticker, Paul Ahmen,

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### INTRODUCTORY RITUAL

7 PM Call to Order: Bill Tschohl, Commodore, to preside

Pledge of Allegiance to the USA Flag

Approval of Agenda

Approval of last month's minutes: [SPYC March 2026 Minutes](#)

One correction made: Operations Committee Chair is Andy Ristrom only. Corrected from listing Bob Smekta as co-Chair.



Status of ACTION ITEMS from March

1. **Secretary:** Contact past Commodores to ask the most recent two to serve on the Nominations Committee. Continue down the list until two are found willing to serve together.  
STATUS: [2nd item in Old Business](#)
  2. **Board:** Recruit SPYC Voting Members to serve on the Grievance Committee (need 2 additional members).  
STATUS: [3rd item in Old Business](#)
  3. **Board:** Recommend a review of the Bylaws with attention to who will be qualified to serve on the Grievance Committee in future. Consider whether it would be valuable to engage Associate Members or even non-member stakeholders.  
STATUS: [3rd item in Old Business](#)
  4. **Board:** Address the tabled motion regarding Past Commodore position and potential Bylaws revision at a future meeting.  
STATUS: On April Board Mtg Agenda, [First Item in Old Business](#)
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## OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

*(Up to 3 minutes per member)*

**Brett:**

1. *Appreciation for the minutes and agenda*
2. *Slip Covers to be rolled out by May 1st; Mike S, said it may be by May 15th. We are dependent upon the vendor. Mike and Bill to set up a meeting with the vendor. Blue Heavyweight vinyl slip cover. Janeice has purchased the cover and wants it on. Marina does not own the covers.*
3. *Dredging question- slip 17 needs more clearance - depth. Intention is to get some dredging done before most of the boats get launched. Intention is to hit the closer slips first because our hose is not long enough to get to the end. We will try doing the slips with the hydraulic dredge. Will help with the discovery phase - maybe a rake shovel. All spoils have been graded properly to drain the right way. We will want to send out an email blast about dredging.*

**Janeice:**

1. *How do we sell our covers?  
Mike S has a database of covers that are unoccupied - and where people are trying to sell their covers.  
The covers are measured individually for each frame.  
Direct people to Mike - Marina Director.*
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## Flag Officers' Reports

See links: Commodore | Vice Commodore (no report) | Secretary | Treasurer

1. Vice Commodore
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer

## Board Member-Led Committee Reports

### Committee Chairs and Meeting Schedules:

#### 1. Operations Committee

Chair: Andy Ristrom

- Met on: \_\_\_\_\_
- Committee members present: see Report
- Report notes: [See Operations Committee Report - April 2026](#)
- Andy read through this at the meeting. All is in the agenda and minutes; only hauling out if you don't schedule the test.
- Suggesting that we link the scheduling form to the launch form. Mike will clarify the fee item - no fee for testing by SPYC, but if boaters want O'Neill to test, they can pay O'Neill to test.
- Fuel dock is going to cost \$8000 to get it up and running - brings us up to \$38,000 for the last 4 years. Fuel pumps: (From Mike S.)

#### 2. Social Committee

Chair: Janeice DeLisle

- Meeting Schedule: 1st Tuesday of the month @ 6:00 PM
- Met on: \_\_\_\_\_
- Report notes:
- Upcoming events:
  - i. April 28th: **Earth Day Clean up**. \$100 donation from KwikTrip; Pool and Yacht Club meet and get a breakfast sandwich BEFORE 10 AM. Meet back at SPYC clubhouse for lunch.
  - ii. May 2nd: **TGIF 1st Friday of the month**. -please come and mingle. Noon and 6 to 10 PM.
  - iii. May 16th: **Commodore's Masquerade Ball**  
6 PM
    1. (RSVP to Mike).
    2. There is a spreadsheet.
    3. Not pay at the door.
    4. Rubber duckie
    5. 2 comp tickets per slip, + \$40 per additional ticket
      - a. Bring family and friends!





- i. Ramsey County has some big plans for the downtown side of the river. This is apparently in addition to the Great River Passage Initiative downtown plans.
- ii. Ramsey County launches \$320 million development plan MPR article published April 14, 2026
- iii. Across the River from the Lower Harbor: “RiversEdge” proposal
- iv. Bill said that the Strategic Planning Committee would be leading the ByLaws review and revisions due this year. Last revisions were in 2019, and are to be done every 5 years. (Bonnie Jean mentioned that she has done a preliminary review of the ByLaws and Standing Rules checked them against the 501(c) 7 parameters to identify any gaps that may need to be addressed.)

## 5. Marketing and Membership Committee

Chair: Bonnie Jean MacKay

- o Meeting Schedule: TBD
- o Met on:
- o Report notes:
  - i. Messages were sent to those who expressed interest, but no response was received. No work has been done yet by the committee.
  - ii. BJM made an inquiry about social media presence and maintaining one going forward. Bill T. and Mike Shimshock contributed thoughts and materials to review. Mike does not wish to be responsible for maintaining the club Social Media face/presence, and making updates.  
**We will need to recruit someone to take on this role. - BJM said looking for a volunteer for ....**
  - iii. The materials offered for review were an example of how another Marina or Boat Club managed their social media presence and public communications. Mike gave Bonnie Jean a printed copy of these materials.

## 6. Amenities Committee

Chair: Brian Backes

- o Meeting Schedule: Last Wednesday of every month @ 6:30 PM (March 25th first meeting); April 29th will be the next meeting.
- o Note: Brian was to have met with Bill this in March to review previous meeting notes.

Report Notes: *(unofficial notes from Board Secretary)*

- i. BJM sent Brian an email to ask about: remote meeting set-up & equipment.
  - ii. Lower Harbor residents are interested in finding a way to beautify the neighborhood, and have asked to meet with Brian in his capacity as Amenities Chairperson.
- o Actionable items: None - beautification.  
There is no club budget for beautification
  - o Needs to be done early.
  - o Jerry Quaal runs a greenhouse - we can look at a way to get money. - get a budget.



- 7. Human Resources Committee
  - o Flag Officers
  - o Meeting Schedule: As needed - no meeting has been held thus far this year.
- 8. Elections Committee 2026
  - o See [Old Business](#)
  - o *I have moved this committee to Board Member-Led Committees because it appears that it SUPPOSED to be led by the Immediate Past Commodore who is supposed to be on the Board. –BJM*

## Status/Reports from Non-Board Member Committees

### Grievance Committee 2026

- 1. Brenda Richens
- 2. TBD
- 3. TBD

## Exec Director Report

\$25,000 to \$30,000 to replace the pumps entirely.

Zoll - is the company who offered the quote:

So Andy will provide 2 additional companies to

**Motion: Mike and Andy will solve the Fuel pump problem: bring a proposal to the board: Authorized to finalize any deal for 25,000; and if more, then they will apprise the board and get approval by email because we don't want to wait until another meeting.**

**Jim Moved**

**Brian Seconded.**

**Approved unanimously.**

## REPORTS INDEX

*Operations: Reports not submitted yet* as of the time of this agenda's posting will be shared with the meeting minutes.

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## OLD BUSINESS



**1. Motions to address Greg Jorgenson’s resignation request.**

**This was tabled in March. ([see Tabled motion from March Minutes](#))**

Summary:

1. Greg wants to resign from Board service as Immediate Past Commodore (IPC).
2. Barbara Haake and Lee Pheilsticker have expressed interest in serving as Acting *Immediate Past Commodore* (IPC) for 2026.
3. No other past commodores have been contacted to inquire about their interest in serving.
4. Neither the bylaws nor the standing rules address the circumstance of a Past Commodore resignation or inability to serve.
5. Lee has been recommended by Bill and Greg. Lee is willing to serve. Lee has attended the Board orientation. Lee is the most recent (most “immediate”) past commodore who has expressed willingness to serve. I.e. he has served as commodore more recently than Barbara.
6. Objections to Lee’s serving in place of Greg were raised by several club members who have stated that they deliberately refrained from voting for Lee to serve on the board in the February election based on their observations of Lee’s character and strongly-held biases as exhibited by assertions Lee has publicly made and actions they have witnessed. Members expressed a distinct lack of confidence that Lee P would represent, in good faith, the interests of the entire club.
7. Objections were voiced to Bill’s taking the liberty to appoint a replacement IPC without consulting the Board.

**Here are the 4 relevant motions to address Greg’s resignation request:**

**Motion 1A:**

**That Greg’s resignation from service as *Immediate Past Commodore* be free of any contingency regarding next steps toward the filling of the vacated position.**

Moved by Bonnie Jean

Seconded by: not seconded

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_; No \_\_\_\_; Abstain \_\_\_\_

[Result: Died in committee. No 2nd.](#)

**Motion 1B:**

**That the Board accepts Greg Jorgenson’s resignation outright, permitting him to step down immediately.**

*And*



**That the Board allows the position to remain vacant until next steps are agreed upon and implemented.**

Moved by: Bonnie Jean  
Seconded by: Mike Gude

Vote: Yes \_\_2\_\_; No \_\_8\_\_; Abstain \_\_\_\_  
Result: Not Approved

**Motion 1C:**

**That an ad hoc committee of 3 current board members be appointed to review and propose revisions to the SPYC Bylaws relevant to the position of *Immediate Past Commodore* to address the absence of a protocol for release from service and filling the position with a replacement.**

*And*

**That this ad hoc committee address all relevant passages in the Bylaws and the Standing Rules pertaining to the office and duties of the *Immediate Past Commodore*. (including committee service, and who is eligible to serve on affected committees.)**

Moved by: Bonnie Jean  
Seconded by: Janeice DeLisle

Vote: Yes \_\_1\_\_; No \_\_9\_\_; Abstain \_\_\_\_  
Result: Not approved.

Discussion surrounding this proposal centered on the notion that individual topics should not be addressed separately. Instead, the entire ByLaws document should be reviewed and evaluated by one dedicated group...presumably a section of the Board. Bill T. wants the Strategic Planning Committee to take this on.

**Motion 1D:**

**That Lee Pheilsticker be appointed as interim/acting Past Commodore for 2026, or until such time as ByLaw revisions regarding this topic have been approved by the SPYC membership.**

Moved by: Bonnie Jean  
Seconded by: no second - died in committee

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_; No \_\_\_\_; Abstain \_\_\_\_  
Result: Result: Died in committee. No 2nd.

Reasoning: Unwilling to deviate from ByLaws to permit this.



## 2. Motion 2: to appoint any two (2) willing past commodores to the Elections Committee / [Nominating Committee](#)

Background:

- **SPYC Bylaws state:** the Elections Committee is to be comprised of the TWO immediate past Commodores and one at-large Voting Member in good standing.
- The two most Immediate past Commodores are Greg J (not interested in serving) and Steve Nelson (also not interested in serving).
- The secretary was to have contacted the most recent past commodores to solicit interest in serving on the elections committee, but has not yet done so. Mike S. has contact information for for only the highlighted past commodores on the list in [Appendix 5](#)

**Motion 2: That the Board deviates from the relevant bylaw stated above, and appoints the 2 most recent and willing to serve past commodores to the Elections/Nominating committee to serve for the remainder of 2026 term.**

Moved by: Bonnie Jean

Seconded by: no second - died

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_; No \_\_\_\_; Abstain \_\_\_\_

Result: Died - no second

## 3. Solicit Interest in Grievance Committee Service

- Secretary recommends a review of the Bylaws with attention to who will be qualified to serve on the Grievance Committee in future. Consider whether it would be valuable to engage Associate Members or even non-member stakeholders.
- Can we move to proceed with a ByLaws review of this topic?
- Can we form an adhoc committee to address this and bring back a recommendation and, potentially a proposal for revision?

No one offered.

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## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Fuel Dock/ Fuel Tanks:

A motion was made and approved during the Operation Committee Oral Report to authorize Mike Shimshock to get a quote for fuel tank replacements or upgrades and proceed with necessary contract work to get fuel dock up and running this spring. See [Executive Director Report](#)



## 2. **Electrical Systems Testing of all Boats.** ([see Appendix 2](#))

- Review letter drafted by Mike Shimshock , SPYC Exec. Director to send to membership outlining New Electrical Systems testing requirements.
- The board approved the letter.

## 3. **Approval of New Yard Rates/Price Sheet** ([see Appendix 3](#))

**Supporting argument:** Among things that Mike noted while working through the transition to Sharper and proper billing is there has been a variety of instances where boats, boats with trailers haven't been treated similarly in the yard. Our policies and processes should be concise and clear enough to avoid that.

To that end, Bill proposes

### **Motion 3A**

To update the [SPYC Yard Price Sheet](#) as provided in the Appendix 3. The existing price sheet is also in Appendix 3 for background.

Proposed by: Bill Tschohl

Seconded by: Andy Ristrom

Vote: Yes 7; No 1; Abstain 0

Result: Approved.

Note: This approval was followed by further discussion:

Mike will work out a new proposal to share with the board for approval. The proposal will directly address the varying situations with regard to boats and trailers stored in the yard during the summer boating season and how fees will be applied to each categorized situation.

Discussion: If a boat on a trailer remains on a trailer for the whole summer, the rate of 35\$/foot for summer boat storage should be charged.

### **Motion 3B:**

Footage for summer storage shall be figured thus:

1. Boat on trailer shall be charged for length of Trailer + boat; i.e. the tip of the trailer tongue to the aft point of the propeller or whatever part of the boat is furthest from the bow.
2. Boat on blocks LOA shall be charged \$35/foot LOA

Boats remaining in the yard for the summer season for a 14 day stretch will be charged \$35/foot for the season.

Amendment: remove the "14-day stretch"

Motion to amend by: Bonnie Jean; Seconded by Mike Gude.



Vote: Majority approved  
Result: stripped the 14 day stretch

Note: Trailer (without a boat on it) is charged \$125 for the summer for yard storage.

**Motion to Amend 3B:**

Add stipulation: If your boat lives on a trailer in the yard during the summer boating season for greater than 40 days, charge is 35/foot LOA + trailer.

Vote:

Yes 4 ; No 3 ; Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Approved.

**Motion 3B with Amendment:**

BOATS IN YARD FOR GREATER THAN 40 DAYS WILL BE CHARGED \$35 / FOOT

Vote:

Yes: 0; No: 8; Abstained: 0

Result OPPOSED UNANIMOUS. Did not pass with amendment.

Final decision was to refer the issue to Mike S and Andy R to resolve and to write up a rate plan with clear stipulations based on consensus of what is fair and reasonable as understood from the discussion surrounding this at this meeting.

**4. Motion 4: Re: Code of Conduct for Staff and Board Members ([Appendix 4](#))**

- a. A proposed Code of Conduct document for Staff was forwarded to all Board Members. This needs to be carefully reviewed and discussed.
- b. The drafters of this Code of Conduct document intended for it to apply to all board members as well, but the wording needs to be tweaked a little to apply to Board Members.
- c. Board members are asked to read through the document provided and be ready to discuss it in the April 14 meeting.
- d. A motion to approve the Staff version is here-in proposed.
- e. A motion to edit the document to apply it to Board Members is here-in proposed.

**4A. Motion to adopt the Code of Conduct for Staff as drafted**

*Or*

**Motion to edit the Code of Conduct for Staff per recommendation made in discussion and present in May for approval:**

Moved by: Bonnie Jean

Seconded by:

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_; No \_\_\_\_\_; Abstain \_\_\_\_\_



Result:

**4B. Motion to draft a Code of Conduct for Board Members based on the Code of Conduct proposed for Staff and to include any agreed upon recommendations made in discussion and present in May 2026 for approval:**

Moved by: Bonnie Jean

Seconded by:

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_; No \_\_\_\_; Abstain \_\_\_\_

MOTION TO TABLE Motions 4A and 4B: made by BONNIE JEAN

Seconded by: MIKE GUDE:

Vote: Yes \_\_7\_\_; No \_\_0\_\_; Abstain \_2\_\_

TOM & JIM ABSTAINED

Motion 4B is tabled until May Board Meeting.

**5. Discussion regarding Vacation Pay-out request resolution for Kristina Cummings**

This was moved to Closed Session per motion made by Jim Camery , seconded by Bonnie Jean MacKay;

Vote: Yes: 8; No: 1

Approved

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## Return to Open Session:

Motion: Waive the Summer 2026 Slip fee for one slip for Kristina Cummings in recognition of vacation pay-out claimed at time of resignation, but which exceeded the amount authorized by the SPYC Employee Rules. This will apply to the primary slip she occupied last summer.

Moved by Andy:

Seconded by Jim Camery

Vote:

Yes: 7

No: 1

Commodore instructed Executive Director to proceed with above action.



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## ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** To Adjourn

**Made by:**andy

**Seconded by:**bjm

**Status:** Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM

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**Minutes prepared by:** Bonnie Jean MacKay, Secretary

**Date Prepared:** 4/13/2026

**Status:** Pending Board approval at May meeting

## Flag Officers' Reports:

**Commodore:**

### **Commodore's Report – 4/14/2025**

#### *The River is Calling!*

As we prepare for the upcoming boating season, the St. Paul Yacht Club is active year-round. Our yard activity started in March and boats are launching, signaling the start of what promises to be another great season on the water.

For many members, this is the time to finalize commissioning: dialing in engines, completing spring detailing, and making those upgrades that enhance both performance and enjoyment. Whether it's routine maintenance or adding new equipment, these early weeks set the tone for a safe, reliable, and enjoyable season ahead.

At the St. Paul Yacht Club, we approach our operation with that same disciplined mindset. Successful marinas don't operate season-to-season—they operate on long-term strategy, consistency, and continuous improvement. Throughout the



year, our team and board remain focused on refining our operational standards, enhancing member value, and investing in the infrastructure that supports your boating experience.

Initiatives such as the single-rate pricing structure introduced for 2025 with no rate change for 2026 and our ongoing dredging program are examples of that long-term commitment. These are not quick-turn decisions—they are carefully evaluated, strategically timed, and executed with the goal of maintaining SPYC as a premier destination on the river.

**Important to that success is member engagement.** A strong club is built on participation, and the SPYC benefits from an active and invested membership. Our seven committees—Amenities, Social, Finance, Marketing & Membership, Operations, Strategic Planning, and HR—work alongside an 11-member board to guide decisions and ensure a well-rounded perspective. If you're interested in contributing or simply staying informed, I encourage you to attend a meeting and be part of the process. Meeting schedules are always available on the [SPYC club calendar](#).

Planning is already well underway for 2026 and beyond, and I continue to be impressed by the level of professionalism and commitment demonstrated by both our volunteers and staff. That alignment between leadership and operations is what allows us to consistently raise the bar.

As you finalize your own preparations for launch, know that our team is equally focused on delivering a seamless, high-quality experience from the yard to the dock. We take pride in the role we play in your time on the water, and we're committed to making this season one of the best yet.

Your Commodore,  
Bill Tschohl  
651-335-1719

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

**Secretary:**

I have done a preliminary AI assisted review of the Bylaws and Standing Rules searching for gaps in regulatory reference and for gaps in how the club officially complies with our 507(c)7 Social Club tax status. ByLaws were due for 5-year review last year.

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## **Committee Reports Submitted in advance of the meeting:**

### **Operations Committee meeting report 4/7/26, held from 11am – 12:30pm at the SPYC clubhouse**

Operations committee members present: Andy Ristrom, Bob Smetka, Bill Tschohl, Mike Shimshock, Brian Koskie

Extensive discussion on the new electrical code regarding vessel current leakage.

New SPYC rules regarding vessel Current leakage testing:

Electric current leakage testing: Current leakage Tests must be administered by SPYC Staff within 7 days of vessel launch. If testing is not scheduled within 7 days a warning will be issued by staff (Phone call, email and note left on the boat). If staff does not receive a response from the boater with an immediate plan to test, the boat will be pulled from the water and re-blocked in the yard. The boater will pay for the additional blocking and launch prior to relaunch, at which time electrical testing must be performed in the well once relaunched. ([official letter to be sent boaters by Exec. Director Mike Shimshock](#) )

Spring launch issues/ concerns: None

Dock/ Infrastructure concerns: none, other than more replacement dock boards have been ordered, expecting delivery next week.

Equipment: Travel lift to be inspected next week, JCB tires are getting worn, should be replaced this summer. Work boat to be sand blasted and sealed/ painted, plus order additional spare props.

Dredging: Add HDPE Shoreside piping for mudcat dredging (to extend the reach of the mudcat dredging ability). Andy R to price up the additional pieces (Roughly 400') and see if we want two 200' runs or one 400' run.

Crew will begin dredging operations with mudcat in the near future as time allows and the geo-bag/ spoils area is cleared out.

Mike to determine costs if we were to purchase a SPYC work truck so staff doesn't need to use personal vehicles to pick up supplies. (Insurance, tabs, maintenance, purchase price, etc.)

Meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Ristrom

[Committee Reports](#) index & in-meeting discussion notes



## APPENDIX 1: PAST COMMODORE POSITION ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS [\(↑\)](#)

### Resolution of Past Commodore Resignation and Replacement

*FROM MARCH MEETING:*

**MOTION:** To make Lee Pfeilsticker the acting Immediate Past Commodore, replacing Greg Jorgenson who has requested to be released from Board service.

**Context/Background:** Greg Jorgenson moved out of state years ago and is no longer around for social or regular activities. As noted in the Bylaws and the Secretary's report, this is a distinct position described in the Bylaws in a way that doesn't readily allow for resolution. This would leave the Board with 10 members, when the Bylaws stipulate there are to be 11 members on the Board, creating a conflict.

**Made by:** Greg Jorgenson

**Seconded by:** [Not recorded]

**Status:** TABLED

**Motion to Table made by:** Jim Camery

**Seconded by:** Bonnie Jean MacKay

**Vote:** 6 in favor

**Note:** This matter requires further discussion and potential Bylaws revision. Four related proposals were presented in the agenda materials for consideration at a future meeting:

- **Proposal 1:** Release of Greg Jorgenson from Board Service as a stand-alone decision, independent of any decision on filling the vacancy.
- **Proposal 2:** Apprise all potentially suitable past commodores of pending vacancy and pending Bylaws revision. Evaluate first the potential for willingness to serve in order of service most recent to least recent. We need 2 former commodores to agree to serve on the Elections Committee at the very least.
- **Proposal 3:** Ad Hoc Committee to review and make revisions to the Bylaws to address the current gap in protocol for resignation or unavailability-to-serve of Immediate Past Commodore
- **Proposal 4:** Selection of Lee Pfeilsticker as Acting Immediate Past Commodore for 2026 [\(↑\)](#)

### BOARD MEMBERSHIP

**Bylaw Reference:** Article III, Section 4

At the expiration of the Commodore's term of office, the retiring Commodore shall remain a member of the Board, replacing the previous past Commodore. As long as the Commodore serves, the immediate past Commodore continues to serve on the Board.



**Summary:**

The Past Commodore serves as a voting member of the Board of Directors. This position ensures continuity of leadership and institutional knowledge within the club's governance. The Past Commodore remains on the Board throughout the tenure of the current Commodore, at which point they are replaced by the newly retiring Commodore. This creates a structured succession of leadership on the Board, with the most recent past Commodore always serving alongside the current leadership. [\(↑\)](#)

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE SERVICE**

**Bylaw Reference:** Article III, Section 1

The Nominating Committee oversees the election of officers. The Nominating Committee is comprised of two immediate past Commodores and one other Voting Member in good standing who is elected by the Voting Members through nominations from the floor at the Annual meeting in February.

**Summary:**

A primary duty of the Past Commodore is service on the Nominating Committee. The committee is composed of two immediate past Commodores and one additional voting member in good standing. The Nominating Committee holds significant responsibility for overseeing the election of club officers. The additional voting member is elected by the general membership through floor nominations at the Annual Meeting held in February. This structure ensures that experienced former leadership guides the selection of future officers while maintaining member input in the process.

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## **APPENDIX 2: Letter from Director & Operations Committee to All Boat-owners who will be docked at SPYC Harbors in 2026: [\(↑\)](#)**

Dear SPYC Members,

I am writing with an important update about shore power access at the marina this season. Please read this carefully as it affects every member who uses shore power at their slip.

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### WHAT IS CHANGING AND WHY

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Effective January 1, 2026, the National Electrical Code (NEC) Article 555.35 requires that all vessels connecting to shore power at marinas with more than three shore power receptacles — which includes SPYC — be tested for electrical leakage current. Any vessel with leakage current exceeding 30 milliamps (30mA) may not connect to shore power until the issue is resolved.

This requirement exists because stray electrical current in marina water is a serious and potentially fatal hazard known as Electric Shock Drowning (ESD). ESD occurs when leakage current enters the water and creates an invisible electrical field that can affect anyone in contact with the water nearby. This is not a theoretical risk — it has caused fatalities at marinas across the country.

Our docks were recently inspected and tested by O'Neill Electric, and we are pleased to confirm that there is no leakage current originating from SPYC's electrical infrastructure. Any leakage current that exists is on the vessels themselves — which is exactly what the testing process is designed to identify and resolve.

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### HOW TESTING WORKS THIS SEASON

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We have designed the process to be as convenient as possible while still meeting our obligations under the new code. Here is how it works:

- All boats will launch as normal — no changes to your launch process
- You may plug into shore power immediately after launch to get your boat summerized
- You must schedule your leakage current test within 7 days of your launch date
- Your boat must be fully summerized up and ready to go before the test



- You must be present at your slip for the duration of the test (approximately 30 minutes)
- If your vessel passes (leakage current below 30mA) you are all set — shore power continues uninterrupted
- If your vessel does not pass, you will be responsible for having your electrical system inspected and repaired by a qualified marine electrician.

**⚠ Important:** If a test is not scheduled within 7 days of launch, or if your vessel fails and is not repaired, the boat will be hauled out and blocked in the yard at the owner's expense.

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## LIVEBOARDS

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All liveboard members must have their vessel tested before Memorial Day regardless of launch date. Please schedule accordingly using the link below.

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## SCHEDULE YOUR TEST

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Use the link below to book the time that works best for you. Please schedule as soon as you know your launch date so we can plan accordingly.

[SCHEDULING LINK HERE]

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## QUESTIONS?

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If you have questions about the testing process or your vessel's electrical system, please do not hesitate to reach out. We want to get everyone through this smoothly and with as little disruption to your season as possible.

You can contact me at - [mike@stpaulyachtclub.org](mailto:mike@stpaulyachtclub.org) o (651) 292-8964

On a lighter note — Please stay tuned for some social announcements coming soon. Hope to see you all at the marina!

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep SPYC a safe place for everyone on the water.



# APPENDIX 3: Proposed Yard Price List / Rate Sheet: (↑)

## 2026 Yard Price List

	Voting Member	Associate Member	Non-Member
Launch and Haul Out	\$125	\$175	\$500
Loading on trailer or Blocking	\$150	\$200	\$400
Hulls will be washed only in the fall when the SPYC has washer (employee) available.			
Move Boat from Lower Harbor to Upper Harbor			
	\$300	\$400	\$500
Pumpout (by SPYC staff)	\$300	\$300	\$300
Yard Staff Hourly rate, per person	\$75	\$100	\$200
Dock Box – Cost of Box plus one hour of Yard guy			
If you are paying \$85/ft for a main boat, a second smaller boat storage would be charged the trailer rate of:			
	\$125	\$150	n/a



# St. Paul Yacht Club

## SPYC 2026 Yard Price List

Service	Voting Member	Associate Member	Non-Member
Launch or Haul Out	\$125	\$175	\$500
Load on Trailer or Blocking	\$150	\$200	\$400
Move Boat (Lower Harbor to Upper Harbor)	\$300	\$400	\$500
Pumpout (by SPYC Staff)	\$300	\$300	\$300
Yard Staff Hourly Rate (per person)	\$75	\$100	\$200

### Additional Services & Notes

- Hulls are washed in the fall only when staff and equipment are available.
- Dock Box Installation: Cost of box plus one (1) hour of yard labor.

### Secondary Boat / Trailer Storage Policy

If you are paying \$85/ft. for a main boat, a second smaller boat trailer storage will be charged the trailer rate of:

- Voting Member: \$125
- Associate Member: \$150
- Non-Member: n/a

**Note: All boats, regardless of size or trailer situation, are charged the published rate for seasonal land storage.**



## APPENDIX 4: Proposed Code of Conduct [\(↑\)](#)

### St. Paul Yacht Club – Employee Code of Conduct

As representatives of the St. Paul Yacht Club, employees are entrusted with upholding the values, reputation, and welcoming spirit of our community. This Code of Conduct establishes standards of professionalism, respect, and integrity that apply to all employees in all interactions—with members, guests, fellow staff, and the public.

#### 1. Professionalism and Integrity

- Employees must conduct themselves in a courteous, honest, and professional manner at all times.
- Personal behavior—on duty or representing the Yacht Club—should reflect positively on the organization.

#### 2. Respect for Members

- Members are the foundation of the St. Paul Yacht Club. Employees must treat all members with dignity, courtesy, and fairness, regardless of personal opinions.
- Employees are strictly prohibited from insulting, undermining, gossiping about, or speaking negatively of any member in conversations with:
  - - Other employees
  - - Other members
  - - Prospective members
  - - Guests or the public

#### 3. Workplace Conduct

- Employees are expected to work cooperatively with colleagues, fostering a culture of teamwork and mutual respect.
- Gossip, rumors, or disparaging remarks about members, employees, or the Yacht Club itself are unacceptable and considered unprofessional conduct.
- Concerns about members or colleagues must be reported directly to a supervisor or the Executive Director—never shared informally with others.

#### 4. Confidentiality

- Information about members, staff, or Yacht Club operations is confidential. Employees must not share private details outside of professional necessity.

#### 5. Public Representation

- Employees represent the Yacht Club whenever interacting with the public, whether on-site, by phone, online, or at events.
- Communication must always be respectful, accurate, and aligned with the Yacht Club's mission and values.



## 6. Accountability

- Violations of this Code—including gossip, negative remarks, or disrespect toward members—will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.
- Employees are encouraged to raise concerns about violations of this Code with management promptly.

## Acknowledgment

All employees are required to read, understand, and sign this Code of Conduct as a condition of their employment.

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Employee Name (Print)

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Employee Signature

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Date



## APPENDIX 5: COMPLETE LIST OF PAST COMMODORES (1913-2026) [\(↑\)](#)

The following is a comprehensive list of Saint Paul Yacht Club Commodores from the club's founding through the current year:

Name	Begin	End
John D . O'Brien	1912	1913
Edwin M. Parish	1913	1922
George E. Taylor	1923	1926
Merle Potter	1927	1929
Frank A Marko	1930	1935
Arnold R. Holmen	1936	1937
Paul Peterson	1937	1939
Charles L. Govern	1940	1941
John W. Kessler	1942	1943
Homer Hill	1944	1945
Vincent R. O'Brien	1945	1946
Lucien D. Sinclair		1948
Homer K. Kaupp	1948	1951
Authur	1952	1953
Rutherford G. Reiter	1954	1955
Edward A. Keyes	1955	1956
Phillip F. Cormican	1956	1958
John D. Spencer	1959	1960
Nels Lundell	1960	1961
Alvin M. DeYoung	1961	1962
Joseph A. Walthall	1962	1963
William Wolf	1963	1964
Ned Sternal	1964	1965
Thomas Nihil	1966	1967
Phil Pfeilsticker	1967	1968
Philip E. Cormican	1968	1969

Name	Begin	End
Marvin L Grow	1968	1969
Charles Stanley	1969	1970
Marcel Vax	1971	1972
Thomas Zastrow	1972	1973
Patrick Crowe	1974	1975
Frank Kline	1976	1979
James Thompson	1980	1981
Howard Dahlgren	1982	1985
Robert AP Jones	1986	1989
Fred Nimtzt	1990	1993
David Engfer	1994	1995
Neil Den Bleyker	1996	1998
Truman Howell	1999	
Peter Kramer	2000	2001
Barbara Haake	2001	2002
Greg Den Bleyker	2003	2004
Lee Pfeilsticker	2005	2006
Peter Cramer	2007	2009
Gordy Mergens	2010	2012
Patrick Boulay	2013	2014
David McKusick	2015	2016
Denny Sando	2017	2019
Steve Nelson	2020	2021
Greg Jorgenson	2021	2022
Bill Tschohl	2022	Current