



ST. PAUL YACHT CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, July 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#

Expected Attendees

Board Members:

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

Board Members Excused:

None

Staff:

Mike Shimshock (Executive Director)

Guests:

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 June 2026 Minutes](#)

Status of ACTION ITEMS from Past Mtgs

1. **Board:** Recruit SPYC Voting Members to serve on the Grievance Committee (need 2 additional members).
STATUS: WE STILL NEED 2 additional members. Assign this to 2 board members to recruit before June meeting. WAS THIS DONE AT THE MAY MEETING BEFORE SECRETARY ARRIVED?
2. We still need a 3rd person on the Nominations/Elections Committee; Do we wait for the ByLaws to be revised to engage a 3rd member of this committee?



OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

(Up to 3 minutes per member)

Flag Officer Reports

1. Commodore
2. Vice Commodore
3. Treasurer
4. Secretary

Board Member-Led Committee Reports ([written reports](#))

1. Operations Committee, Chair: Andy Ristrom
 - o Met on:
 - o Oral discussion in Board Mtg:
2. Social Committee, Chair: Janeice DeLisle
 - o Meeting Schedule: 1st Tuesday of the month @ 6:00 PM
 - o Met on:
 - o Report notes: [See Social Committee Report](#) - Sent to Board
3. Finance Committee, Chair: Jim Camery, Club Treasurer
 - o Meeting Schedule: Last Wednesday of the month @ 6:00 PM
 - o Met on:
 - o Report notes:
4. Strategic Planning Committee, Chair: Bill Tschohl
 - o Meeting Schedule: 3rd Thursday of the month @ 6:30 PM
 - o Met on:
 - o [Written Report](#) (see link)
5. Marketing and Membership Committee, Chair: Bonnie Jean MacKay
 - o Meeting Schedule: TBD
 - o Met on: Did not meet.
 - o No report
6. Amenities Committee, Chair: Brian Backes
 - o Meeting Schedule: Last Wednesday of every month
 - o Met on:
 - o Report Notes:
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

- This Committee has not yet been fully populated. No Chair.

Status/Reports from Non-Board Member Committees

Grievance Committee 2026

1. Brenda Richens
2. TBD ??
3. TBD

OLD BUSINESS

1. Upholstered chairs and hassock in Club House

Secretary is reviewing last month's minutes for status of this next item. Item 2 here is preliminary and may have already been resolved –BJM

2. Code of Conduct for Staff and Board Members ([See Document](#))

- a. A proposed Code of Conduct for SPYC staff and Board Members was shared by Mike Gude.
- b. Board members are asked to read through the document provided and be ready to discuss it in the June meeting.
- c. Mike's sample is a [Google Doc here](#). He added some wording about sexual harassment. He sent this to all Board members on Monday and asked members to feel free to add comments directly to the Doc.
- d. Mike Gude also found this [sample code of conduct from the National Council of Nonprofits](#). It is very comprehensive and is intended to apply to board members of non-profit organizations, in case we want to refer to it.

Motion to Accept and Adopt the [Code of Conduct version 2](#) for Board Members and Staff alike that was drafted and shared by Mike Gude.

Moved/proposed by:

Seconded by:

Vote: Yes ____; No ____; Abstain ____



NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposal 1: Clubhouse Flagpole:
Mike Gude moves that the club allocate \$300 and appropriate shop hours to purchase and erect a replacement flagpole.
2. Proposal 2: Facebook Page Policy and Administration.
Mike Gude moves that we adopt a clear policy for acceptable content posted on the "Saint Paul Yacht Club Official" Facebook page.
Examples of acceptable content include:
 - Official notices regarding club events
 - Notices about club-sponsored services
 - Policy changes
 - Event testimonials
 - Congratulations for member accomplishments
 - Renovation and yard work updates
3. Proposal 3: Moving forward, all posts and comments to SPYC Official Facebook page must be approved by page administrators and should comply with the SPYC code of conduct.
4. Proposal 4: I move that all current board members shall have administration status on the Saint Paul Yacht Club Official Facebook page.

Proposal 5: I move that any usernames and passwords for goods and services paid for or necessary for club operations be filed with the main office to ensure club continuity.

CLOSED SESSION

Topic: To be held only if needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To Adjourn

Made by:

Seconded by:

Status: Meeting adjourned at _____ PM



Agenda prepared by: Bonnie Jean MacKay, Secretary

Date Prepared: 7/13/2026

Status: Pending Board approval at meeting

Flag Officers' Reports

Commodore's Report

The Boating Season is in full swing!

Commodore's Report – July 13, 2026

Summer is in full swing, and it's been wonderful to see our marina alive with activity once again. Whether you've already logged a few trips on the river or have simply been preparing your boat at the dock, you've probably noticed one of the things that makes our home so special. Bald eagles soaring overhead, great blue herons along the shoreline, turtles sunning on logs, beavers working the banks, and fish breaking the surface are all reminders that we enjoy one of the most unique boating environments anywhere. It's easy to forget that all of this exists just minutes from downtown St. Paul.

For well over a century, the St. Paul Yacht Club has been more than a marina - it has been a community built around boating, friendship, and a shared appreciation for life on the water. Every season brings new adventures, whether it's a short cruise to a favorite local destination, an extended river trip, or simply an evening spent enjoying the sunset from your slip. Those experiences are what make our club special and they all begin with one common foundation: safe boating.

As we move through July, I'd like to make safety our focus for the month. We've learned that the best boating seasons are the ones where everyone returns safely to the dock. Nearly every incident we've encountered could have been prevented through preparation, education, or a simple conversation before leaving the harbor.

Although the St. Paul Yacht Club has retired the refundable Vessel Safety Check incentive in 2024, we continue to strongly encourage every member to schedule a complimentary Vessel Safety Check through the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. These inspections are educational, voluntary, and designed to help identify issues before they become significant problems on the water. Even experienced boaters often pick up valuable information during the process.

You can schedule a free Vessel Safety Check here:

<https://cgaux.org/vsc/>

Members should also remember Minnesota's Sophia's Law, enacted to help prevent carbon monoxide tragedies aboard recreational boats. Boats equipped with enclosed cabins are required to have properly functioning carbon monoxide detectors and the appropriate warning decals installed. Carbon monoxide is invisible, odorless, and potentially deadly, making this one of the most important safety requirements for cabin boats.



More information about Sophia's Law can be found here:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/boatwater/sophias-law.html>

Another important change affecting many boaters has been Minnesota's Watercraft Operator Permit requirement. The phased implementation began in 2025 and continues over the coming years, eventually requiring operators of many motorized watercraft to complete a certified boating safety course based on age and other qualifications.

Even if the law doesn't currently require you to obtain a permit, I strongly encourage every member to consider completing the course. The material is comprehensive, practical, and serves as an excellent refresher for experienced captains while providing invaluable knowledge for newer boaters. No matter how long we've been on the water, there is always something new to learn.

You can review the current requirements and educational opportunities here:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/boatwater/education.html>

Safe boating has always been part of the culture of the St. Paul Yacht Club. Looking out for one another is just as important as maintaining our own boats. If you have questions about regulations, equipment, or preparing for a trip, don't hesitate to reach out to a Board member, one of our committee chairs, or simply a fellow member on your dock. We may not always have every answer, but together we can usually find the right one.

I'll close this month's report with the same message that has guided us throughout the year because it reflects the spirit of our club:

"We Can Do It!"

That attitude is what has sustained the St. Paul Yacht Club for generations. Whether you're volunteering on a committee, helping a fellow member with a docking line, participating in a work party, or simply welcoming someone new to the docks, you're helping strengthen the traditions that make this club exceptional.

Every boat that leaves the marina represents an opportunity to create lasting memories. Let's make this season one remembered not only for great cruises and good times, but because every member, every family, and every guest returned safely home.

Have a safe and enjoyable July, and I'll see you on the docks.

Here's to our shared success,

Bill Tschohl, Commodore
St. Paul Yacht Club
651-335-1719

You can always email the entire board at: board@stpaulyachtclub.org



Treasurer's Report:

Secretary's Report:

No progress on Member roster.

I procrastinated long and hard this past month, and succeeded in my procrastinatory efforts until July 13 - and here is your agenda!



Committee Reports Submitted in advance of the meeting:

Operations Committee meeting report

Social Committee Meeting Report

- Chair: Janeice DeLisle
- Meeting Schedule: 1st Tuesday of the month @ 6:00 PM, clubhouse and virtually
- Met on: July 7, 2026
- Report notes:
 - We need help!! Volunteers are always welcome!!
 - Minors are not to volunteer unless they are with an attending adult
 - Minors are not to post on behalf of the St Paul Yacht Club without the approval of the social committee chair
- Upcoming events:
 - August 7, 6p - TGIF (Thank God Its Floating!) HH
 - BOAT-In Movie Nite at the LH
 - Bring family and friends!
 - Every 1st Friday of the month
 - Potluck and BYOB!
 - September 4, 6p - TGIF hoe down corn feed
 - September 19 6p - steak fry, \$10
 - October 2 6p - TGIF Halloween party

Mike S - can you please add a link to our internal fb page in the next marina wide communication? and include it in the new boater orientation?
good way to stay connected!

Mike G - can you take a lil look-see at the firestick in the clubhouse
we should put together a lil slide deck to run all the time with marina info, clubhouse wifi password, upcoming events, etc etc

Mike S and Bonnie Jean - do you guys want to work on a directory for this season?
it could be cheaply printed and stapled together, almost yearbook-like, could hand out at the xmas party for gifts for the upcoming season??? idk idk lol could be a cute thing to do every year!!

Strategic Planning Committee Report

Strategic Planning *January* report (updated 6/18/2026)

Attendees: Bill Tschohl, Lee Pfeilsticker

Agenda for June:



Awaiting response for 3M Priority 2 grant proposal - boat dock proposal and add fishing pier at

Pickerel Lake for 3M Priority 2 Grant funding.

The 3M Grant proposal for the fishing pier and boat dock for the boat launch was completed and

submitted on Tuesday, October 7th ahead of the submission deadline.

DNR Wildlife camera - Small changes to the DNR wildlife camera location have been made so

the camera can see both the old and new bald eagle nest. The DNR banded the eagles in May.

Earlier this season the DNR repositioned the existing camera a bit so it has a line of sight to the new nest.

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/features/webcams/eaglecam/index.html>

The crew has mounted the old TV near the entrance of the Clubhouse. An Amazon control stick

has been purchased for about \$100 that will enable us to rotate images and websites once set

up.

Based on the Sunde Land Survey, some preliminary cut and fill thoughts for various sized

structures were put together. The larger the building is sized the more fill would be needed so

still in the discussion stage of what, where, when, etc.

- Yard grading files are stored in the Strategic Planning Folder.

Notes:

Next year's project thought, quick hit that can be completed in a year or so.

Build a single room with a sink, toilet, shower that is ADA compliant with proper entrance, ramp,

etc. as necessary. 36" door, Grab bars, 5' circle of clear space for wheelchair turn.

Bill will work on pricing for construction of 'shed' and get overall dimensions. Rough pricing for a

10'x10' steel sided structure with bath facilities would run about \$5,500 plus cost of whatever it floats.

Studs

2"x6" 36 8' @ \$5.19ea (\$186.84)

12 10' @ \$5.77ea (\$69.24)

Trusses 10' span w 1' overhang (2' on center)

6 @ \$40.39ea (\$242.34)



Wallboard - walls and ceiling

Mold and moisture resistant 14 @ \$16.98ea (\$237.72)

Housewrap 1 @ (\$99.99)

Roofing Previous

36" Premium Pro-Rib® Ocean Blue Steel Panel 8 @ \$27 (\$216)

10" Ocean Blue Universal Ridge Cap 2 @ \$49 (\$98)

14" Ocean Blue Steel Corner & Gable Trim 4 @ \$34 (\$136)

Tar paper (\$32)

Ice and water barrier (\$60)

Siding

36" Premium Pro-Rib® Brite White Steel Panel 12 @ \$33 (\$396)

10" Brite White Steel J-Trim 6 @ \$11 (\$66)

12" 3" Brite White Steel Bottom Trim 5 @ \$17 (\$85)

14" Brite White Steel Corner & Gable Trim 4 @ \$34 (\$136)

Door - basic steel slab door 36" x 80" pre-hung

1 @ (\$199.00)

Vanity Designer's Image™ Winston 36-1/2"W x 18-11/16"D Phantom

Vanity and White Cultured

Marble Vanity Top with Oval Integrated Bowl

1 @ (\$239.99)

Toilet - OVE Decors Willow 2-Piece White Tall Elongated Toilet

1 @ (\$279.99)

Shower

Shower surround - Lyons® Linear™ 60"W x 32"D x 76-1/2"H White

Shower with Right Drain (4-

Piece) 1 @ (\$769.98)

Plumbing faucet Moen® Zyla™ One-Handle High Arc Chrome Bathroom Faucet

1 @ (\$109.99)

Plumbing shower Moen® Zyla™ Posi-Temp® Chrome Bathtub Shower Faucet

1 @ (\$219.99)

Plumbing - bathroom accessories

Moen® Zyla™ Chrome Towel Ring 1 @ (\$24.99)

Moen® Zyla™ Chrome Nickel Pivoting Paper Holder 1 @ (\$27.99)

Moen® Zyla™ Chrome 24" Towel Bar 1 @ (\$31.99)

OR

Moen® Zyla™ Chrome 3-Piece Kit 1 @ (\$67.99)

Plumbing supplies (\$200 estimate)

Frp fiberglass reinforced plastic panels

NRP® 4 x 8 Pebbled White Plastic Interior Wall Panel

10 @ \$28.99ea (\$289.90)

Trim strips join flat 8 @ \$4.49 (\$35.92)



Trim strips inside corner 4 @ \$4.49 (\$17.96)

Trim strips edge 3+6 9 @ \$4.49ea (\$40.41)

Electric outlets and wiring, junction (\$200)

Vent (\$120)

Outlets (gfc) (\$18)

Switches (\$23)

Lights (\$175)

Misc. nails, screw and adhesives (\$300)

Total: \$5,410.22 (Does not include flooring or baseboard trim - too many options)

Additional parts not covered in first round of estimate:

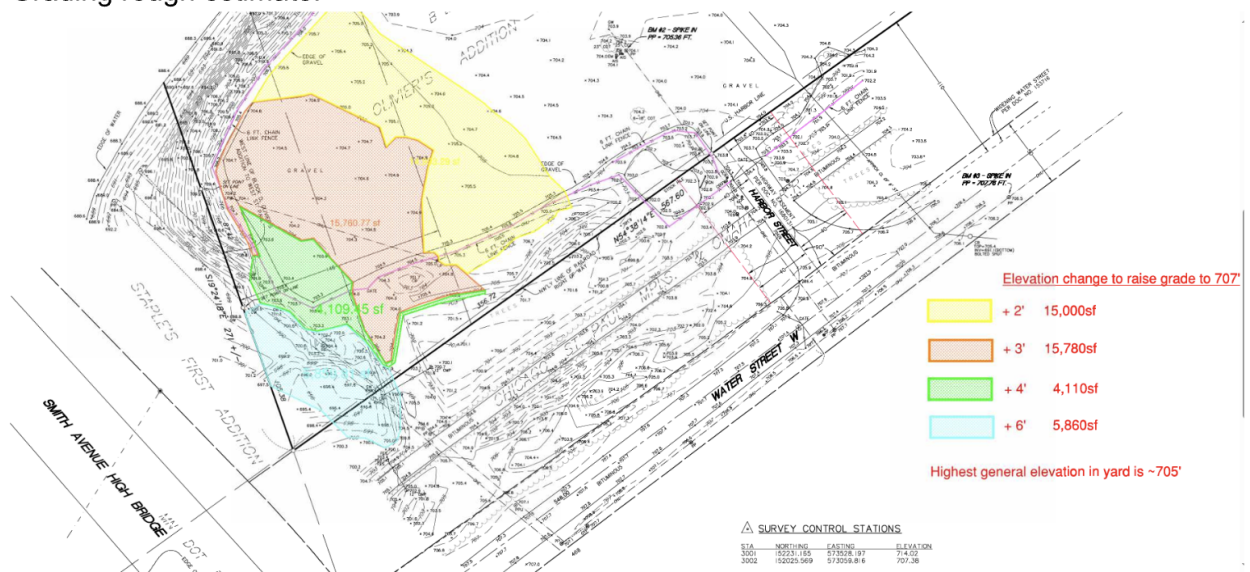
Holding tank - 50 Gallon Plastic Marine and RV Water or Waste Holding Tank

[https://www.plastic-mart.com/trionic-58-inch-long-50-gallon-plastic-marine-and-rv-water-or-](https://www.plastic-mart.com/trionic-58-inch-long-50-gallon-plastic-marine-and-rv-water-or-waste-holding-tank-tri-2050-1#1361=8420)

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(\$496.97)

Need to consider a suitable platform for this bathroom structure, repurpose, build or other Options.

Grading rough estimate:



10,000 sq/ft office shop space