



# SOUTH SHORE NEWS



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The General membership meeting was called to order by Commodore John Fusinetti, John Glynn read the minutes of the last Board meeting and the General Membership meetings; they were put on file. Bill Jones read report and it was read and put on file. Bills were Ok'd for payment

**New Members:** Jon Duff was accepted as a New Probationary Member

**Correspondence:** None

**Committee Reports:**

**Docks – Mark Gress, Dave DeGroot** Two new docks and one spreader was ordered and will replace the docks starting at the west end of the east docks.

**Building – Dave Degroot, Darren Nawa:** No Report

**Social – Dan Croissant :** See attached list of activities.

**Yard / Equipment – Chris Grove:** No report

**Kitchen – Dan Croissant:** Kitchen will open on April 2.

**Bar –Bob Schult, Darren Nawa:** Report was read and put on file.

**Gas Dock – Dave De Groof, Dave Janka:** The Gas Dock committee is looking into getting a new pump and other hardware. Report will follow soon.

**Security: Chris Grove, Dave Janka :** Everything looking good.

**Harbor Master: Mark Gress:** No report

**OLD BUSINESS:** Land purchase—Accountant is looking into how to move forward .

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dan Croissant is looking into the cost of an Ice Maker for bar ice. Report to follow next month. Newsletter is going Green. We will be sending the newsletter out via e-mail and web page. We are trying to reduce the cost of hard copies we send out. Each newsletter costs around .80 to 1.00 ea.

If anyone has ideas for fund raising money for the club give them to Fuzzy for consideration.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB:** Nothing

Newsletter Note: If you have anything for the newsletter you can give it to me at one of the meetings, mail it to me Jim Plunket 5524 Elinor Downers Gove, Il. 60515, or e-mail me at Plunk63 @gmail.com

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# SAFETY SIDES

## PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

- Always look for the Coast Guard approval number on any PFD you purchase.
- Try on your PFD to see if it fits comfortably snug. Then test it in shallow water to see how it handles. To check the buoyancy of your PFD in the water, relax your body and let your head tilt back. Your PFD should keep your chin above water, and you should be able to breathe easily.
- PFD's on athletic builds will rarely "ride up" when in the water. But if your mid-section is bigger than your chest, you may find that your PFD tends to float up under your chin. If this is the case, make sure this condition does not compromise the performance of the PFD, and if it does, look for a model or size that does not.
- Be aware that your PFD may not act the same in swift or rough water as it does in calm water.
- Never alter your PFD. If yours doesn't fit, get one that does.
- Don't put heavy objects on your PFD or use it for a kneeling pad or boat fender. PFD's lose buoyancy when crushed.
- Assign life jackets to each passenger, and make sure they fit, the straps are secure and adjusted properly, and are readily accessible to that person should the need arise. Do this BEFORE you depart. It's too late when you're in the water.
- Coast Guard approved inflatable PFD's are only approved for use by those over 16 years of age, and are not recommended for non-swimmers. They are not approved for PWC operation, either.
- Having CG approved PFD's aboard for each passenger isn't enough. They should be the right size for those passengers, and must be "readily accessible". That means they should be within easy reach of you and your passengers so they can be donned in a hurry should an emergency arise. We've seen too many life jackets still sealed in plastic, tucked nicely out of site in some obscure compartment or locker. Get them out in the open and within reach!
- Check your PFD's frequently for grease or rot. Pull on the straps with force, and if the strap tears off or pulls a seam, consider yourself lucky that it did it in your hands rather than on the torso of your son or daughter. Check your PFD for rips, tears or holes, mildew, shrinkage, or waterlogging.
- Now there's a law that requires that anyone aboard your boat who is age 13 or under must be WEARING a properly-fitted, CG approved PFD. This applies to all Federal waterways, and several states are introducing or have passed legislation to implement a similar regulation for non-Federal waterways. There's no excuse for not having life jackets on small children when boating. They can't make those decisions for themselves, and depend on you for their safety. Little kids can be over the side in a heart beat, so fit them out with a PFD, and remind them that the Coast Guard guys wouldn't THINK of going out on the water without them on. They'll think that's cool.
- Teach your children how to relax their arms and legs in the water, so that if they fall in, the PFD will keep them afloat in a "face up" position. If a child panics when they take a sudden fall into the water, they'll thrash around. In those cases, a PFD may not keep them face up.
- When retrieving someone from the water, tie a length of polypropylene line to your type IV throwable PFD. For one thing, someone in the water who is a little stressed anyway will feel more confident knowing you're at the end of a line with him or her at the other end. Secondly, if you throw it to someone and MISS, you can quickly retrieve the device and try again.
- Choose life jackets with bright colors, preferably orange or red. If your child wants a black one with Barney on it and promises to wear it, that's still better than having none. But if you boat in conditions where someone may need to see you in the water, you'll want to be as visible as possible.
- PFD's that are labelled as "type V" must be worn to be counted toward the minimum PFD on board requirements.
- Some states require that PFD's be worn while aboard the vessel, and those laws are usually age-specific. Be sure and check with YOUR local agencies to make sure you're operating your boat within those regulations.

# THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

## ARTICLE III

### A. Dues

1. The monetary amount of dues, fees and prices shall be determined by the Board of Directors at the annual November Board meeting for the following calendar year.
2. The first half (1/2) of dues must be paid by midnight January 1<sup>st</sup>. Those failing to do so will automatically lose their membership effective 12:01 a.m. January 2<sup>nd</sup>. A grace period of ten (10) days will be allowed, with a penalty charge to be determined by the Board of Directors, starting at 12:01 a.m., January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The second half of dues must be paid by midnight March 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. Money must be in the hands of the Treasurer, Commodore, or Secretary to be deemed paid.

### B. Work Hour Program

1. All members must have completed nine (9) hours of work by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season. Those failing to do so will automatically lose their membership effective July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The remaining nine (9) hours must be worked by December 31<sup>st</sup>. After the probationary period, members can pay for all or part of their work hours at a rate determined by the Board of Directors. One half a member's required work hours may be paid to another member to fulfill at the Club's rate.
2. Additional work hours may be assessed at the discretion of the Commodore. Additional hours assessed by the Commodore must be fulfilled by all members, from the Commodore on down.
3. Members who serve as Dock Masters, Building Master, Yard Master, and Bar Chairmen shall be exempt of Club work hours beyond their area of duty, but not social obligations. In addition the Bar Chairman responsible for the supply of the bar and payments of invoices shall be exempt of all Club dues, and work hours assignments other than those which fall within the responsibilities of his office.
4. The Commodore shall have the authority to extend the work program closing date for members whose work assignments consist of maintenance or cleaning, which must continue past the normal work program period.
5. Any social or dock social member who is sixty-five (65) years old, and has a minimum of ten years in the Club, will be excused from the standard work hours required.
6. An active member may become an Honorary Member of the SSBC by serving a minimum of ten consecutive years of active membership, and whose combined age and years of membership total seventy. Honorary Members would not pay dues, serve on social committees or put in work hours or vote. They would be entitled to clubhouse privileges (use of key), and could attend Club socials with their spouse or guest. Honorary Members cannot own a dock.
7. Up to five (5) work hours max per year will be allowed on a Sunday Football or NASCAR race party or fish fry or something that would help benefit the SSBC, excluding any event that the SSBC deems a social event.

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8. Work hours will not be credited for the putting in and taking out of docks. This should be a team project.
9. Every member is required to work one social each year. Since the club has added socials, due to the increase in business, the Commodore has the option of increasing this requirement as needed.

## MARK YOUR CALANDARS

### S.S.B.C. 2010 PARTY LIST

MARCH 19 <sup>TH</sup>	ST. PATRICKS CELEBRATION
APRIL 2 <sup>ND</sup>	KITCHEN OPENS
MAY 29 <sup>TH</sup>	GET DOWN ON THE DECK W/ BAND
JUNE 19 <sup>TH</sup>	75 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND – STEAK FRY – MUSIC – MORE TO COME
JULY 3 <sup>RD</sup>	FIREWORKS W/ BAND
JULY 17 <sup>TH</sup>	S.S.B.C. BEACH PARTY
AUGUST 20 <sup>TH</sup>	PRE – BIKINI PARTY W/ D.J.
AUGUST 21 <sup>ST</sup>	BIKINI PARTY W/ BANDS –\$1000 1 <sup>ST</sup>
AUGUST 22 <sup>ND</sup>	EMERGENCY BREAKFAST W/ BLOODY M.
SEPT. 11 <sup>TH</sup>	LOBSTER BOIL – MORE TO COME
OCT. 30 <sup>TH</sup>	HALLOWEEN PARTY W/ BAND
DEC. 4 <sup>TH</sup>	PEARL HARBOUR PARADE
DEC. 18 <sup>TH</sup>	X-MAS PARTY W/ BAND
DEC. 31 <sup>ST</sup>	NEW YEARS EVE PARTY