

LAUDERDALE SMALL BOAT CLUB NEWS & VIEWS

February 2017



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GENERAL MEETING: March 13, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.
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Timothy Rounds
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THANK YOU ACME VOLUNTEERS

January & February 2017

Nelson Texeira, John Bonby, John (Jethro) Brown, E.J. Schinski, Mario Cuevas, Doug Fordon, Elton Cerda, Shawn Mc Sweeny, Nick Dellapenna, John Wheeler, Dick Reichfeld, Patty Mayor, Chuck McIntyre, Christopher Hobstable, Jerry Olans and Mark Robertson

ACME SIGN - IN SHEET REMINDER

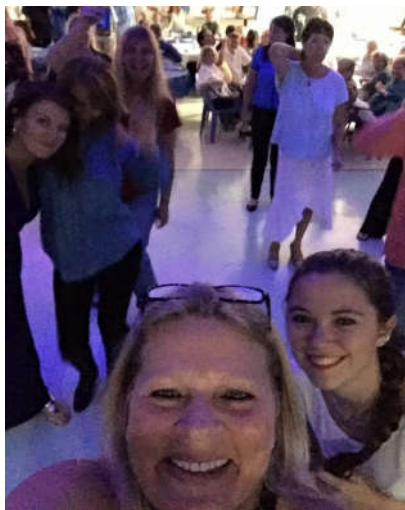
The ACME SIGN-IN sheet is not only used to track ACME hours for those members who must meet their 12 hours. It is also used to track ACME hours for the ACME Recognition Event for all members with 25 hours or more. And just as important, recognition in the newsletter of your hard work and devotion during any recent ACME.

ACME SIGN-IN sheets are not limited to Docks and Grounds ACME days - you get ACME time credit for any volunteer event you do. Just ensure the Board Member or the Chair Person you are volunteering for has a ACME SIGN-IN sheet for that event.

Please help Sandra and I recognize all members by signing the ACME SIGN-IN sheet every time!

Thanks, Tim Rounds, LSBC Secretary

The Girls on the dance floor ACME
2016 Party



Wolf & Paula Treskow getting a
head start on Valentines Day at
the ACME party



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(5722) to help out.

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WEDNESDAYS FOR HAPPY HOUR AND
FRIDAY NIGHT HAPPY HOUR AND
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**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17TH - JOE NOBLES
EVERY THIRD FRIDAY**

**FRIDAY MARCH 3rd BOB ANZ FRESH
NEVER FROZEN CHICKEN WINGS
EVERY 1ST FRIDAY**



SECRETARY REPORTS

Tim Rounds

Minutes of the Board Meeting

February 6, 2017

Roll Call: All present.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes as published in the January 2017 newsletter for the Board Meeting of January 9, 2017.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: There was a gain of \$10,619 over revenue for the month of January. The following members resigned in good standing: John Hopkins, member since 1994; Jonathan Neuwirth, member since 2014 and Eric Simons, member since 2003. Certified Letters: 5 mailed - 1 paid. 23 members called for late payment.

Docks and Grounds: ACME was held throughout various days in January and February 4th. There were two thefts on property. No fences were compromised. Members are requested to be vigilant for persons not club members on-site.

Planning: The Bowling party had a great turnout.

Social: The Super Bowl party was a great success.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Secretary: Bill Hackett is working on updating the web site and we are still soliciting for members to switch from paper newsletters and billing to electronic.

Docks and Grounds: Planning ACME this weekend to finish tree trimming.

Vice Commodore: The first Charity Committee meeting was a success - the next meeting is February 15 at 7 PM. If anyone has a charity they wish to have considered please present this to the committee with an info package on the charity. Vetting of potential charities will occur between February 15 and March 15.

Commodore: Presented a three point resolution from the Wildlife Committee. The following motion was made, seconded, discussed and passed:

1. There will be a 90 day allowance to stop feeding the cats. After 90 days there will be no

allowance purposely feeding any cats or wildlife.

2. Docks and Grounds is tasked with looking into better waste receptacles which can be wildlife

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3. The Wildlife Committee is tasked with finalizing a plan to use an airport approved trapper to relocate as many Raccoons as possible.

The intent of these projects is to allow the natural wildlife population to co-exist with the club and not have the wildlife become a nuisance.

A club member presented a letter to the board that was previously tabled, requesting restitution for damages to their boat.

The Board:

1. Having had time to review the issue,
2. Having the By-Laws and Rules presented by Eric Knuth, the By-Laws and Rules Committee Chairman, in regard to Member and Club responsibilities and liabilities,
3. Having the Membership Director present that all members sign and agree to abide by the By-Laws and rules as a tenant of membership.

Passed the following motion that was made, seconded and discussed; The request of the member is denied.

The Treasurer was directed to send a letter to the member informing them of the Board's decision.

Nominations for Distinguished Member(s) are being solicited at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Docks and Grounds: Bids are being accepted for pest control for the areas presented.

A bid was presented for impact windows that was previously approved by membership for the Clubhouse. The Board agreed to the bid.

Bids were presented for pilings for dockage that was previously approved by membership. The Board discussed the bids and agreed to go forward with the only contractor who put the bid in writing.

Fencing along the west perimeter is in rough shape. Bids were presented to the Board. Discussion led to investigating to see if the Airport Authority would repair the fencing as a security measure for the airport and as part of the lease.

The travel lift needs repairs. The Board discussed and approved the needed repairs for new cables and straps for around \$800.00. The welding repairs required will be investigated to see if a member can do the welding.

Social: The ACME party is this Saturday and Dean is looking forward to the event.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.

SECRETARY REPORTS

Tim Rounds

Minutes of the General Meeting

February 13 , 2017

Roll Call: All present.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as published in the January 2017 newsletter for the General Meeting of January 9, 2017.

Reports:

Treasurer: There was a gain of \$10,619 over revenue for the month of January. The following members resigned in good standing: John Hopkins, member since 1994; Jonathan Neuwirth, member since 2014 and Eric Simons member since 2003. Certified Letters: 5 mailed - 3 paid. 23 members called for late payment.

Social: The ACME party was a big success. Thanks to all that helped make it work. If you want to come to the party next year you have plenty of time to get in your 25 ACME hours for 2017.

Planning: We had a great turnout for the Bowling Social. Elton Cerda and Carl Pasiak take the honors for the top two bowlers.

Membership: There are 3 water slips available. Membership is at 459. The following member was presented to the membership and inducted into the club: Chet Gay, sponsored by Chuck Guarino.

Docks and Grounds: Impact windows are being purchased for the Clubhouse. We have identified a vendor who is going to install much needed pilings so we can move forward with various dock repairs that have needed pilings first. We have identified a fence issue on the western perimeter, we are working on bids and investigating if the Airport Authority would make repairs as part of our lease. Looking for any club member who has welding skills to make some weld repairs on the travel lift. We got some great pricing from Florida Golf Cart Connection in Pompano Beach. There have been a few thefts against the boats on trailers. Everyone is requested to be vigilant when coming in and out of the gate. If you do not know the person behind you let the gate close before you proceed or ask them if they are a member. Steps are being taken to ensure for more security. We are looking for Committee and Chairperson for the Patio / Courtesy Dock Beautification Project.

Unfinished Business:

Commodore as presented by the Vice Commodore: Presented a three point resolution from the Wildlife Committee. The following motion was made seconded, discussed and passed:

1. There will be a 90 day allowance to stop feeding the cats. After 90 days there will be no allowance purposely feeding any cats or wildlife.
2. Docks and Grounds is tasked with looking into better waste receptacles which can be wildlife proof.
3. The Wildlife Committee is tasked with finalizing a plan to use an airport approved trapper to relocate as many raccoons as possible.

The intent of these projects is to allow the natural wildlife population to co-exist with the club and not have the wildlife become a nuisance.

Please note that the swords presented to the Club from Wounded Warriors have been placed above the stage.

Vice Commodore: We had our first Charity Committee meeting last month. There will be another this Wednesday, February 15th at 7PM. We are still looking for members to join the Charity Committee.

Social: Neil Hodder has volunteered to be the Dads & Dolls Dolphins Daze Fishing Chairman for this year. He is looking for one of the women members or spouse to Co-Chair and run the Dolls Fishing Tournament. Of course, Neil is looking for volunteers and sponsors for this year's event.

Secretary: Bill Hackett is working on updating the web site and we are still soliciting for members to switch from paper newsletters and billing to electronic.

New Business:

Docks and Grounds: A work order system has been created so that any member who has notes a problem can go to the Pilot House and fill one out so that work scopes for ACME work can be better managed. ACME workers were recognized for the work for the last month. Their names will be published in the newsletter. The next ACME day will be announced soon. We are looking to rebuild H dock.

Vice Commodore: A three month calendar is also posted on the bulletin board in the patio area for upcoming events. We are still taking orders for name tags for \$6.00 see Sue Freeman if you want one. The Vice-Commodore asked Social if the Card Game proceeds can go to help fund the Charity, Social agreed.

Social: Oops - forgot to bring the key for the card game for tonight.

Friday night the 17th Joe Nobles will be back in the Pit with a Chicken Parmesan and a Meat Ball and Sausage Special.

Saturday, March 18 will be Steak BBQ night. You cook your own steak on the provided BBQ pit and side dishes are provided. We are going to have a band performing this night.

Friday night, April 21st will be the first annual Jerry Estep Crawfish Boil put on by Tom McNabb who helped Jerry put on this event in the past.

The annual Waterway Clean-Up is March 4th sponsored by the Marine Industries Association. Diane Hodges is looking for volunteers to use their boats and for helping off load the participating boats at the courtesy dock. Diane has been doing this event for 25 years and this will be her last. She is looking for a club member to take over the event and train them during this year's cleanup. Diane thanked the club for always being the number one organization for 25 years. Breakfast is served that morning and work starts at 8AM. Lunch is also served at the end. More info for the Trash Bash will be coming.

Planning: We are planning an evening Jungle Cruise trip in March, watch the web site and the patio calendar for the date.

Monthly Fishing Tournament:

No winners

50/50: Won by Vern McFarren

Card Game: Roy Pisut - I'm sure Roy will let us know if he pulled the Joker once Deano finds the key.

Good of the Order:

Vice Commodore reminded everyone that the Marine Industries Association (MIA) is a big supporter of the club so please show your support and help clean up our waterway. Also a reminder to ensure the gate closes behind you.

Charlie Kresge (991), is requesting the feasibility of member cards with picture be issued to club members for multiple reasons, including the recent closing of the airport property and members were "locked out". The Director of Membership noted it is being currently looked into.

John Wheeler (1356), is going to put up a large projector screen for the Daytona 500 Sunday, February 26 and requests that all who come bring a covered dish. Race starts at 2:30. John will also be providing music and taking pictures for the Waterway Clean Up.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.

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Welcome Aboard New Member!



Chet Gay

What To Do If Your Outboard Won't Start

By John Tiger

Step-by-step troubleshooting will help you pinpoint problems.

While outboards have become more and more complex, they still operate on much the same principles as they did before the current wave of EFI/DFI and four-stroke technology.

Troubleshooting with most newer outboards has become more complicated because of technological advances such as kill switches, start-in-gear protection, electronic ignition and fuel injection, and computer-controlled ignition timing. But this flow chart will help you isolate the problem, so that you may be able to solve it at the dock or ramp with minimal tools in a short amount of time.

If not, at least, you'll be able to speak intelligently about the problem to a mechanic.

This is by no means a complete troubleshooting guide for starting problems. Purchase a factory service

manual for your year/make/model engine. These are designed for technicians so the information may be hard to understand, but they can be a great aid in helping you diagnose and fix problems, if you're mechanically inclined and have the temperament to do so.

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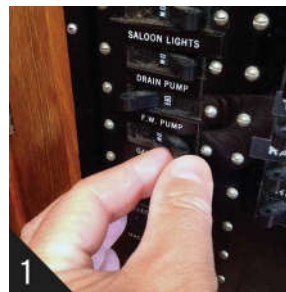
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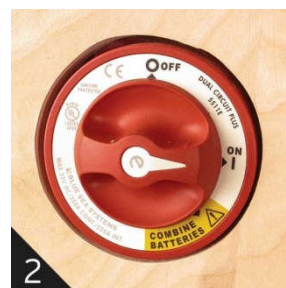
1. Lights And Gauges

If you turn the key to crank the engine and nothing happens, keep the key in the "on" (not all the way over to start) position and check to see if other components (such as lights and gauges) operate.



2. Battery Switch

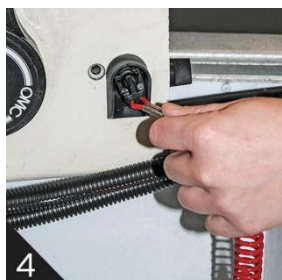
If your boat has a battery switch, ensure that it's switched to "on" or "both."





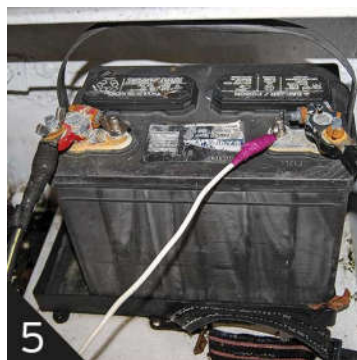
3. Gear-Shift Position

If you turn the key and the engine won't start but other components are working, check the gear shift to ensure it's solidly in neutral, as most outboards will not crank with the engine in gear.



4. Emergency Shutoff

Check to see that the - emergency shutoff switch cap is in place. (Depending on your setup, the engine might not even crank if the kill switch is out.)



5. Battery Cables

If your battery's reasonably charged, check the battery cables from the battery to the engine. Often the positive and negative connections loosen over time and/or become corroded.



6. Low Battery

If the starter engages and cranks slowly or not at all, your battery may be low. Check it using a voltmeter. A minimum of 12 volts is needed.



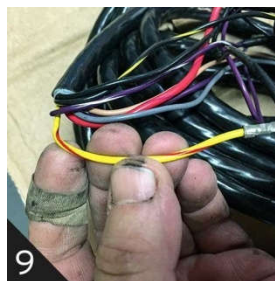
7. Main Fuse

Check the outboard's main fuse. Typically located in a large red holder on the engine wiring harness, it's usually a 20-amp fuse that's easily replaced.



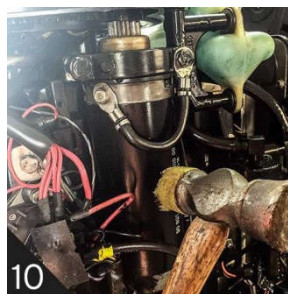
8. Connections

If the fuse is OK, check the main power plug that connects the engine wiring to the boat



9. Neutral Switch

If it still won't crank, check the neutral switch. It's typically inside the control box connected to yellow and yellow/red striped wires.



10. Starter Solenoid

If you hear a clicking sound or a low whine but the starter won't engage the flywheel when you turn the key, the starter solenoid may be bad. Some advise against this, but often I'll tap it lightly with a small hammer as a helper turns the key.



11. Primer Bulb

Check to see that fuel is getting to the engine. Pump the primer bulb (if equipped) and ensure it gets firm after several squeezes. If it doesn't, check for leaks in the line, the tank or filter, the engine, and a bad valve within the bulb.



12. Filters

Check filter(s) for water and sediment. One is on the engine. Another may be in line outside of the engine.



13. Fuel-Line Couplings

Check that fuel line couplings are securely seated and locked.



14. O-Rings

Check fuel system O-rings. A torn O-ring could introduce air into fuel.



15. Electric Primer

If the engine has an electric primer, you can usually remove one of the small fuel hoses that goes from it to the engine's intake or carburetor, and have a helper operate the primer (usually pushing the key in) while you watch to see if fuel squirts out. Avoid letting fuel spill.



16. Spark Plugs

Try replacing your spark plugs. If that doesn't help, consider calling a qualified mechanic. The engine may need new coils.



17. Exhaust

Check the exhaust outlets for blockage. If an engine can't exhaust the burnt fuel/air mixture, it won't start. We've seen outboards stored for winter that fail to start in spring because large rodent nests caused exhaust blockage that kept the engine from starting.

Up Coming Events

Friday February 17, Joe Nobles in the Pit.

Sunday February 26, Daytona 500 Covered Dish Party Starts 2PM.

Friday March 3, Bob Anz Fresh Never Frozen Wings.

Saturday March 4, Waterway Clean Up. Breakfast and lunch served for all volunteers.

Saturday March 18 BBQ Your Own Steak Night. There will be a band for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Friday April 21, First Annual Jerry Estep Crawfish Boil.

Saturday June 10, Dolls Dolphins Daze Fishing Tournament.

Saturday June 17, Dad's Dolphins Daze Fishing Tournament.

Sunday June 18, Dad's and Dolls Dolphins Daze Fishing Tournament Awards Ceremony.

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