

LAUDERDALE SMALL BOAT CLUB NEWS & VIEWS

January 2017



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

December 17, 2017

EJ Schinski, Joe Wine, Ken Casteel, Jorge Lang, Howard Johnson, Jerry Orlan, Angelo Marino Sr., Wolf Treskow, Dan Benson, Carlo Postell, Mark Robertson, George Lewis, Rafael Otera, Jen Britt, Kevin O'Riordan, Jeff Brown, Rob Hage.

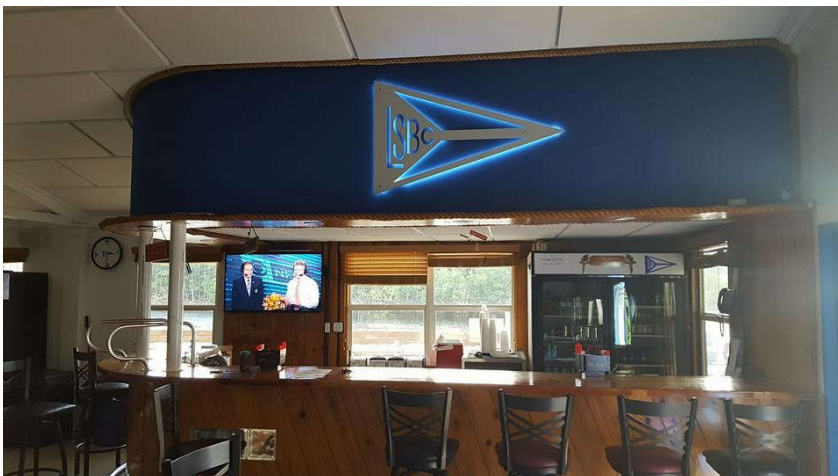
ACME SIGN - IN SHEET REMINDER

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. 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



2016 ACME accomplishment. Thanks to all who contributed

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The next ACME TBA Contact
Dave Plotnik @ 754-800-LSBC
(5722) to help out.

**THE PIT IS OPEN FOR FRIDAY
EVENINGS! COME OUT AND SUPPORT
THE CLUB!**

**FRIDAY JANUARY 20TH - JOE
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Check out the web site for more info
on the menu

**HEY THE WHOLE PISUT GANG
IS IN THE PIT ON JANUARY
27TH!**
Jean will be featuring a Meatloaf
dinner

Please come join us every Wednesday
and Friday night for Happy Hour

SECRETARY REPORTS

Tim Rounds

Minutes of the Board Meeting

January 9, 2017

Roll Call: Membership had an excused absence. All others present.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes as published in the December, 2016 newsletter for the Board Meeting of December 5, 2016.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: There was a loss of \$29,470.00 over revenue for the month of December. This is attributed to our end of the year insurance payment due and the posting of the costs for the clubhouse renovation. The following members resigned in good standing Jeffrey Macnier, member since 2004, Larry Gamage, member since 2014 and John Miller, member since 2012. No certified letters were mailed. 18 members were called

Secretary: Bill Hackett and I will be working on the face of the LSBC web site to make it more "Club Member" friendly.

Docks and Grounds: EJ thanked everyone who helped during his two years as Docks and Grounds for ACME. EJ especially wanted to thank the following members: Dan Benson, Jeff Brown, Ken Casteel, Dean Freeman, Scott Gilstrap, Rob Hage, George Lewis, Angelo Marino Sr., Chuck McIntyre, Denny Otten, Bob Pisut, Roy Pisut, Dave Plotnik, Dennis Short, Mark Robertson, Nelson Teixeira, Tony Thackham, Wolfgang Treskow, John Wheeler, Joe Wine, Dave Lagrois and Vern McFarren Last but not least, Del, Mike and Sandra for all their help.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Treasurer: Reported that the salvaged boat that was abandoned by a former member has been financially resolved for all club expenses with the bank holding the loan. Many thanks to Juan Carreras for interceding with the bank.

Secretary: We are still soliciting for members to switch from paper newsletters and billing to electronic.

Docks and Grounds: A member has submitted a letter to the Board with claims of damage from electrolysis

and is seeking restitution. Docks and Grounds gave a short synopsis that he was aware of an issue, however that to date there has been no determination at this point to any cause, if any, and further investigation will be required.

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The Commodore made a motion to table the issue until the Board could fully investigate the issue. The motion was seconded and passed.

Vice Commodore: Presented a report on the vending machine issue that was bought up at the last Board meeting. Discussion was held. Outcome of the discussion was: the margin of profit received was insignificant and the machines are more of a convenience to the members. A motion was made to keep the machines in place with no percentage back to the club to serve as a convenience to the members. The motion was seconded and passed.

Social: Has received several complaints that the middle stall in the ladies room is leaking and requested Docks and Grounds look into it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commodore: Thanked outgoing Board members: Planning Director Joe Wine, Docks and Grounds EJ Schinski and Vice Commodore George Lewis for their time and efforts while on the Board.

The Secretary swore in the incoming Board members: Planning Director Jennifer Britt, Docks and Grounds Dave Plotnik and Vice Commodore Sue Freeman.

Roll Call: Membership had an excused absence. All others present.

Planning: Upcoming Events; This Friday, January 13, 2017,

there will be a Friday the 13th themed night with Mark Robertson's Scary Ribs and Jen's Bloody Drink Special. In January, a bowling event is being planned. February 11, 2017 is the ACME Party for those who received invitations. February 24, 2017, an outing at the Bergeron Rodeo is being planned. Possible future outings are a Jungle Queen cruise in March, a Saturday Night Social and locations are being scouted out for this year's Dingy Run.

Social: The Pit is up and running every Friday. Joe Nobles is back in the Pit on January 20th . Jean Pisut will be doing a Meatloaf night on January 27th. A reminder that the Super Bowl Party will be February 5th.

Vice Commodore: Is looking for volunteers to be on the Charity Committee this year.

Commodore: Carl Pasciak requested of the Board that Canine Assisted Therapy, a past charity, be allowed to borrow the Duck Race equipment. No objections from the Board.

Bill Hackett as a Rules and By Laws Committee Member presented a petition to the Board to amend the rules as follows:

Current Rule Reads:

2- MEMBERSHIP L.; Smoking in the Clubhouse is not permitted three hours before a Club event.

Proposed Rule Change to Read:

2- MEMBERSHIP L.; No smoking of any tobacco product is permitted within any building on LSBC grounds. Members who violate this rule will be subjected to disciplinary action from the Board of Directors including fines levied or termination of membership for repeated violations.

A motion was made, motion was opened for discussion, the motion was seconded and passed to present the proposed rule change to the membership.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.

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Minutes of the General Meeting

January 9 , 2017

Roll Call: All present.

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Reports:

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Secretary: Bill Hackett and I will be working on the face of the LSBC web site to make it more "Club Member" friendly.

Membership: There are 3 water slips available. Membership is at 462. The following two new members were presented to the membership and inducted into the club: Andrew Davis, sponsored by Doug Fordon and Chris Shea, sponsored by Kevin Oliveira.

Social: Dean thanked the outgoing board members for their participation on the Board for the last year and all the members who helped make Social a good year.

Unfinished Business:

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Secretary: We are still soliciting for members to switch from paper newsletters and billing to electronic.

Docks and Grounds: The Pilot House project came in under budget for the demolition and repair phase. With the finish work to be completed soon. The duct work for the HVAC should be around \$700.00.

Planning: Reminder of the Friday the 13th night this Friday, January 13th, January 28th, we are planning a bowling night and February 24th, a Rodeo night at the Bergeron Rodeo grounds.

Social: The Pit is up and running every Friday. Joe Nobles is back in the Pit on January 20th . Jean Pisut will be doing a Meatloaf night on January 27th. A reminder that the covered dish Super Bowl Party will be February 5th.

New Business:

Docks and Grounds: Thanked the outgoing Board members and the current Board members for the work he sees that it takes to make the club work for the "love of the club. Dave outlined a few of the outstanding projects that need to be completed, such as pilings that need installation to make improvements on several docks. Dave discussed how it is the ACME hours put in by the members that make the club function as it does with their talents and skills. Dave requested that members ensure that the Pilot house has current contact information so he or the Dockmaster can contact you if your boat has a problem. Dave also made it easier for you to contact him with his new number as Docks and Grounds it is 754-800-LSBC (5722). Please keep your boat registered, seaworthy and secured properly if it is in the water to keep it legal.

Social: Dean is soliciting for a Dads and Dolls Dolphins Daze Tournament Chairman.

Vice Commodore: Thanked everyone for allowing her to sit on the Board this year. Sue is going to take orders for LSBC magnetic name tags for those who wish for between \$4.00 and \$6.00. There will be a sign up sheet at the next General Meeting. A former charity we sponsored, Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation, will be hosting their 6th annual Fancy Jeans charity event at Revolution on April 1st. Sue is looking for committed volunteers (ACME HOURS!) to be on the Charity Committee to choose this year's charity and to choose the events and work them. The first meeting will be on January 25, 2017. Meetings throughout the year are planned to be held on Wednesdays.

Commodore: Introduced Doug Fordon as the new Sergeant at Arms and Eric Knuth as the new By Laws and Committee Chairman. Next month Doug Fordon as the Chairman for the "Raccoon Committee" will be addressing the Board with solutions the committee devised.

Bill Hackett as a Rules and By Laws Committee Member presented an amendment to the rules passed by the Board and presented to the members as follows:

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Monthly Fishing Tournament:

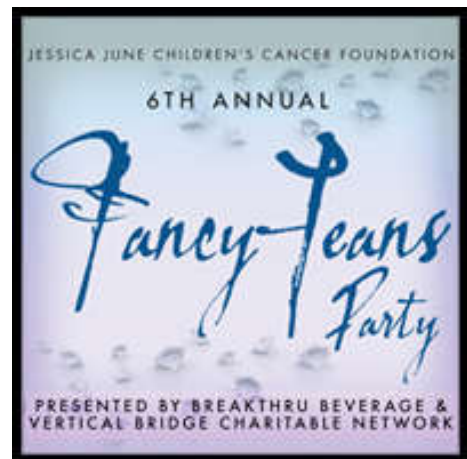
First Place: Sean McCrae - 15 lb Mahi
Second Place: Erich Domitrovitis - 9 1/2 lb Tuna

50/50: Won by Mike Sims

Good of the Order:

Commodore: Fred Romanowicz 273 thanked the Secretary for the editorial in last month's newsletter regarding the low membership involvement with club business and activities. Fred encourages everyone to read it.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.



Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation is holding their annual charity event April 1st at Revolution Live. For information and tickets go to www.jjccf.org or call 954.712.6322

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Welcome Aboard New Members!



ANDREW DAVIS



CHRIS SHEA

Safety Warnings And Alerts

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MMSI Woes

Buying a used VHF radio or an automatic identification system, or AIS, unit? Beware. If you buy used equipment with a maritime mobile service identity (MMSI) number already logged into it, you may not be able to track down the previous owner in charge of the MMSI to get it reassigned to you. The MMSI goes with the boat. In an emergency, your equipment may be

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sending out a distress call with someone else's information. Rescuers will be looking for a different boat and will be calling the previous owner of the equipment to verify an emergency.

The process of clearing the old MMSI and having it reassigned to your control may even require shipping the equipment to the manufacturer to be reset. Before you buy a flea market VHF, make sure you can contact the previous owner. Visit

BoatUS.com/MMSI/MMSI/FAQ for more on MMSI and resetting.



Extension-Cord Danger

You might scoff at the notion of an instruction manual for an extension cord. There aren't a lot of moving parts, and most people usually don't get injured from using one. But around the water, there are some important safeguards that, if not followed, can cause a fire or even electrocution. Here's what you need to know:

- **Don't use a cord outside if it's marked "For indoor use only."**
- **Inspect your extension cords regularly**, and don't use one if it's damaged.
- **Don't overload a cord.** Determine the total number of watts the cord will be subject to (watts can be found listed on the equipment being used). A cord will specify its maximum watt load on a label. If you exceed that, the cord can melt or catch fire.
- **Turn off the load before plugging in or unplugging the cord;** otherwise, the prongs can be damaged over time and overheat.
- **Don't remove the grounding prong.** If the outlet can't accept three prongs, it's not grounded and could be dangerous to use, especially outside or near water.
- **Avoid multiple extension cords.** Never plug a two-prong cord into a three-prong cord; it will defeat the ground.
- **Don't get the cord wet or allow it to dangle in water.** If you're working around water, use a cord with a built-in ground fault circuit interrupter, or GFCI.
- **If the extension cord gets hot, stop using it immediately.** It's either overloaded or damaged.
- **Don't coil or cover a cord while in use.** It can overheat under heavy loads.

Can You See Me Now?

Marine surveyor David Kacprowitz sent us the photo at right of a bow navigation light that's been rendered useless with the installation of a trolling motor. The U.S. Coast Guard has specific requirements for how navigation lights must be shown, necessitating "a green light on the starboard side and a red light on the port side each showing an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of 112.5 degrees and so fixed as to show the light from right ahead to 22.5 degrees abaft the beam on its respective side."

A fast-moving bass boat with a blocked navigation light might not be visible at all at night, let alone show which direction it's moving. The bass boat could be held responsible for an accident.



How Strong Are Your Cleats?

Winter storms can generate a lot of wind. While docklines keep your boat in place at the dock, if the cleats aren't up to snuff, the lines are pretty useless. The cleat on the boat in the photo below was fastened through the deck with only small washers backing it. During a blow, the cleat was pulled out, and the boat suffered serious boat rash against the dock. Boat cleats should have solid backing plates under the deck. Upgrading yours is an easy do-it-yourself project. Visit BoatUS.com/Fittings for step-by-step instructions.

The other half of the cleat equation is at the dock. A cleat that gives up during a winter storm, just when it is needed most, allows the boat to bang against the dock. Marinas often have hundreds of cleats, and it's a fair bet a few of them are loose or have rusted fasteners. If you spot a loose cleat, one that's obviously damaged or rusted, or one that's fastened to a rotting or weak section of the dock, let marina management know.

— Published: December 2016



Up Coming Events

January 20 - Joe Nobles BACK in the Pit

SPECIAL OF THE NIGHT

Roasted Loin of Pork with Baked Potato, Yellow Rice,
Salad \$8.00

1. 1/2 Lb Fresh Ground Burgers \$7.00
2. Steak, Onion & Pepper Sub \$7.00
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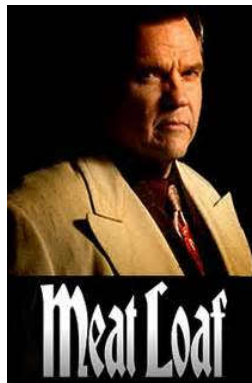
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