

# LAUDERDALE SMALL BOAT CLUB NEWS & VIEWS

March 2017



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**BOARD MEETING: April 4, 2017 –7:30 p.m.**  
**GENERAL MEETING: April 10, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.**  
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Timothy Rounds  
Newsletter Editor  
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February 2017

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Jean Pisut, Roy Pisut, Stretch Brittain, Denny Otten, Tom Mayors, Patty Mayors, Joe Bellows, Dick Reichsfeld, Joe Nobles, Don Nemeth, Judi McFarren, Francesca Reichsfeld, Aixa Bellows Bob Anz, Conrad Taylor, George Bograkos, Theresa Bograkos, Susan LaGrois

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Joe Wine, Paula Treskow, Russell Betz, Jen Britt, Jade Pisut, John Wheeler, Reta Cerda

### Docks & Grounds

Dan Benson, Scott Gilstrap, Doug Fordon, James Perkins, Dean Freeman, Linda Schmal, Kenny Casteel, EJ Schinski, Gary Sessa, Dave LaGrois, Mark Robertson, Mario Chavez, John Merrick, Rob Hague, Alfredo Lorenzo  
(thanks for the donated light Alfredo)

ACME Dock Rebuilding



2017 Water Way Clean-Up



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**FRIDAY March 17TH - JOE NOBLES St.  
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**GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY - PRESENTED  
BY TONY CARRUBA APRIL 14th**



# SECRETARY REPORTS

Tim Rounds

## Minutes of the Board Meeting

March 6, 2017

**Roll Call:** All present.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes as published in the February, 2017 newsletter for the Board Meeting of February 6, 2017.

### REPORTS:

**Treasurer:** There was a loss of \$2,231 over revenue for the month of January. The following members resigned in good standing David Satzman, member since 2015; Juan Sierraalta, member since 2011 and Gerald Radovic member since 2012. 13 members called for late payment. Yolanda Calderon has had her boat removed from the slip and placed on the emergency hard dock for non-payment.

**Docks and Grounds:** Most tree trimming is complete. The air conditioner in the Pilot House is complete special thanks to Jeff Brown and John Lipka with E.H. Whitson Services. John supplied two techs and a truck to complete the installation. We are looking for a proper tile to replace the removed ones. We are actively installing more security cameras.

**Membership:** One to two potential new members for the General Meeting.

**Planning:** We had around a hundred members participate in the Waterway Clean-up. This was Diane Hodges last year - we applaud her for 25 years of putting on this event. Next year, the committee will be Jen Britt, Rosalie Modzelwski, Sharon McCardel and Tim Rounds.

**Social:** Planning and Social are working closer together than has been in the past.

### 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:** We did have ACME on H Dock during the Waterway Clean-up. A big thanks to Dean for taking care of both events. Docks and Grounds will be

supporting the Dock Master in controlling excess boat and trailer storage. If you do not have an assigned trailer spot you cannot long term store a trailer or boat on a trailer at the club per the Club Rules. We are still waiting on word from the Airport Authority to see if

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they will participate in fence repairs. Pilings are on their way. Per the Club Rules, if you have a grievance/complaint you must present it in writing with your name and member number to the Board. Windows for the Club House should be here in a week or so. There have been no volunteers who have stepped forward to Chair or participate in the Patio Area Beautification Project. Elton Cerda and Tim Rounds have volunteered to be on the committee after the announcement. Trash containers are being investigated to reduce access to Raccoons. The Board approved a request from a member for a 42 day consideration due to the Board's late response to a previous request.

**Vice Commodore:** The Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation Fancy Jeans Party is April 1 and Fish to Make a Difference is seeking volunteers to work a beer booth at the Tortuga Music Festival April 7th thru 9th. The Card Game Locks have been changed. Name Tags are in for those who ordered them. The Charity Committee has chosen Honor Flight to be this year's charity.

**Commodore:** Distinguished Member committee will be meeting soon to present to the Board the nominees next month. The Commodore has requested the Board meet on Wednesday to discuss the job opening for the Assistant Dock Master.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Docks and Grounds:** Looking for members to help teardown some finger piers this week on H Dock. The Club is in need of a new golf cart. Docks and Grounds will investigate costs and present solutions to the Membership.

**Planning:** Looking into Jungle Cruise, Turtle Watch and other outing events are being looked into. Soliciting for committee members for the Dingy Run - our options are appearing limited for places that can accommodate us with reasonable pricing.

The Board extended to Planning a 30 day postponement for presentation of the Short Term Plan.

**Social:** Tickets are available for the Steak Fry.

**Vice Commodore:** Is requesting for a form of on-line payment be researched so that members can pay for event tickets on-line.

**Commodore:** Requests that if you want events posted on the web site or the newsletter, contact the Secretary and give the information including date and time. Preferably in a written form (i.e. text, e-mail, piece of paper). It is from the web site that the e-mail blast for events is derived from.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.

## SECRETARY REPORTS

Tim Rounds

### Minutes of the General Meeting

March 13 , 2017

**Roll Call:** All present.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as published in the February 2017 newsletter for the General Meeting of February 13, 2017 with the following amendment: The Commodore had an excused absence.

#### Reports:

**Treasurer:** There was a loss of \$2,231 over revenue for the month of January. The following members resigned in good standing David Satzman, member since 2015; Juan Sierraalta, member since 2011 and Gerald Radovic member since 2012. 13 members called for late payment. Yolanda Calderon and Carlos Navarro have been dropped as members not in good standing. Yolanda Calderon has had her boat removed from its slip and is accruing haul out and storage fees.

**Docks and Grounds:** Most tree trimming is complete. The air conditioner in the Pilot House is complete

special thanks to Jeff Brown and John Lipka with E.H. Whitson Services. John supplied two techs and a truck to complete the installation. We have the flooring for the Pilot House and will be installing it soon.

**Membership:** There are 6 water slips available. Membership is at 458. The following members were presented to the membership and inducted into the club: Joseph Herrero, sponsored by Tom Lamoly; Ralph Govin, sponsored by Sean Govin and Gary Cruz, sponsored by Jorge Lang.

**Social:** and Social are working closer together than has been in the past.

**Vice Commodore:** Name tags are in.

#### 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:** Docks and Grounds will be supporting the Dock Master in controlling excess boat and trailer storage. If you do not have an assigned trailer spot you cannot long term store a trailer or boat on a trailer at the club per the Club Rules. Per the Club Rules, if you have a grievance/complaint you must present it in writing with your name and member number to the Board. Docks and Grounds thanks all who helped on H Dock. Their names will be posted in the Newsletter. New digital security cameras are continuing to be installed.

**Planning:** Next year's Waterway Clean-Up will be March 3rd and the committee will be: Jen Britt, Rosalie Modzelwski, Sharon McCardel and Tim Rounds. Looking into outings for the Jungle Queen, Turtle watch, Skating, Bowling, Go-Karts. Dates and costs TBA.

**Social:** This Friday (3/17) is Joe Nobles cooking Corned Beef for St. Patrick's Day. Saturday (3/18) will be the Steak Fry with a live band. Bar opens at 4 and the cooking starts at 6PM. Neil Hodder is soliciting for volunteers for this year's Dads and Dolls Fishing Tournament

**Vice Commodore:** The card game is back and running with half of the proceeds going to the Charity. The Charity Committee has chosen Honor Flight of South Florida to be this year's Charity. The Charity committee will be meeting Wednesday night to determine

upcoming events. Fish to Make a Difference is seeking volunteers to work a beer booth at the Tortuga Music Festival April 7th thru 9th, tentative meeting March 31st. Looking for volunteers to be on the Patio Beautification committee.

The Commodore noted that the next Honor Flight to return to Ft. Lauderdale will be April 8. Contact Tom Terwilliger for more information.

#### **New Business:**

**Docks and Grounds:** We are in need of a new golf cart. Docks and grounds is soliciting the membership for anyone having knowledge of where we can get one at a reasonable price. So far pricing seems to be between \$2,000 to \$4,000. There will be another ACME this Saturday March 18 for H Dock.

**Per the Club Rules no chains are to be used in lieu of proper dock lines. Chains found will be cut and replaced with dock lines and the member charged in their monthly bill.**

Docks and Grounds is reminding the membership that this is a club and not a marina. Acme hours are expected to be worked in lieu of paying marina prices.

**Planning:** Eight different places have been contacted for rooms and facilities for the Dingy Run. At the moment our best option still remains the Pelican in Key Largo for pricing and being able to accommodate all of our boats. If anyone knows of a different location that can handle our group and keep pricing within reason please contact me ASAP.

**Social:** This Friday March 17th Joe Nobles is presenting St. Patrick's Day dinner. On Friday night May 5th we are having a Cinco De Mayo night hosted by George Lewis.

**Vice Commodore:** Is looking for a way to make credit card payments through our web site. If there is enough interest more name tags can be ordered. Please see Sue Freeman or Kathy Ray.

#### **Monthly Fishing Tournament:**

First Place: Paul Bergeron 7 1/2 Tuna

**50/50:** Won by David Rogers

**Card Game:** Jody Ray - no winner

#### **Good of the Order:**

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Barbara Estep reminded everyone that on April 21st there is the Crawfish Boil. Tom McNabb is taking this tradition on started by Jerry Estep.

Sue Freeman requested the Dock Master make calls immediately to those members having chains on their boats as it presents a danger to surrounding boats and to our facilities.

Jorge Lang as a Charity committee member wanted membership to be aware that the Honor Flight hosts WWII veterans. There are only about 1 million left and we are losing them at a rate of 800 to 1,000 a day.

Chuck McIntyre requests that if there are no winners for the monthly fishing tournament that the monies roll over to make it more competitive.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.


## Using Spring Lines

By Mark Corke

Wind blowing against a dock or pier can help you get into a tight berth to leeward, but getting out again with wind pinning your boat against the dock can be a challenge. Bow and stern thrusters can be a godsend here, but what if you don't have thrusters or the wind is too strong? Using spring lines, combined with the thrust of the engine and the position of the rudder, you may be able to get yourself out if you know the tactics and are familiar with your boat.

The technique described here is for boats with a single engine, but should you have twins, it may help to put one astern and the other ahead to help spin the boat. Different boats perform differently; it's important to be familiar with yours.

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## Welcome Aboard New Member!



**Gary Cruz**



**Joseph Herrero**



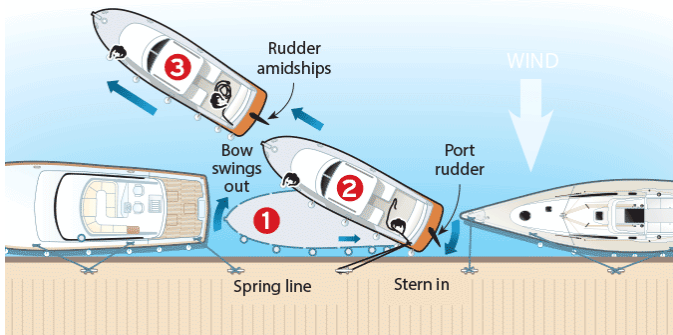
**Ralph Govin**

If the wind is too strong or you don't think you have a reasonable chance of success, it may be best to wait it out until the wind dies down. Also, always beware of current. For example, current running against the slant of your rudder may add to or negate the flow from the prop.

Suppose that your boat is between two others with only a few feet of clearance at the bow and stern. If you merely cast off the lines and try to motor out as you normally would, there's a good chance you'll hit the boat in front, the one behind, or both. However, using a line from the bow or stern of your boat doubled around a cleat or piling on the dock, then back to the boat, you can then motor against the line tension to swing out the bow or stern. As the tension is taken up and the rudder turned, the boat should pivot and swing clear; then you can safely motor out, clearing the boats around you.

It does take practice and familiarity with the characteristics of your boat. Communication is key, and you should brief your crew before starting the maneuver so each person knows his or her roles. Always use fenders to avoid hitting other boats and the dock, and watch out for overhanging dinghy davits, bow pulpits, or swim platforms, both on your boat and others. Keep hands, feet, and other body parts clear to avoid injury; tell your crew not to try to be heroes and risk injury if something goes awry. Now then, here's how to do it.

## Leaving Bow First



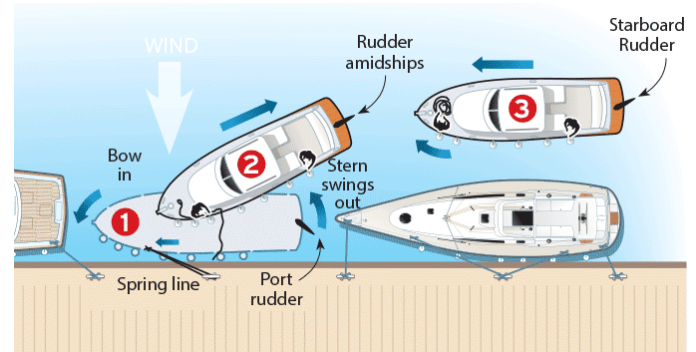
Let's assume you want to leave the dock bow first in the situation described above. Tie off the forward spring line to the aft cleat, then double it up around a very strong cleat or piling on the dock that's aft of the bow of the boat. How far aft will depend on your boat's characteristics and circumstances, such as wind strength and the proximity of other boats.

Cleats on docks and boats can be lethal weapons if they come loose. Check them carefully before creating this extra stress. It's sometimes safer and easier to wrap the line around a piling on the dock, not around a dock cleat. Take one turn only around the cleat on the boat with the bitter (free) end so it can be released quickly.

- 1. Get one crew member to cast off the forward docklines and be ready with a fender in case you get too close to the boat in front.** Get another crew member to cast off the stern line, leaving just the forward spring in position. The aft crew should also have a fender to protect the rear corner of the boat.
- 2. Slowly put the engine in reverse with the rudder centered until tension is taken up on the forward spring line.** Turn the wheel or move the tiller until the rudder is pointed toward the dock. Get your crew to put a fender between the dock and the boat. Apply a little more reverse throttle, and the bow should start to swing out, away from the dock. With the bitter end of the line around the cleat, the aft crew will be able to keep tension on the spring line and monitor the position of the fender and boat so the boat is protected.
- 3. When the boat is pointing so that it will well clear the boat ahead, shift to forward and move the rudder to turn the boat away from the dock and the boat that's on the dock forward of you.** As the tension comes off the spring line, have your crew drop the bitter end and bring the line back on board quickly so the propeller doesn't catch it.

As you steer away from the dock, you may need to increase speed slightly to get well clear. As you turn out, make sure that your stern doesn't turn in, clipping the boat ahead. Have the crew ready with the fender until you're certain that you won't bump into any other boats.

## Leaving Stern First



There are times when it is advantageous to leave the dock stern first, and with some boats, this may be easier than going out bow first.

- 1. Release all the lines with the exception of the stern spring.** Put the engine in gear and slowly motor forward until the tension comes up on the spring line. Have the bow crew position a fender between bow and dock. Carefully steer the boat toward the dock.
- 2. Increase the throttle a little, and the stern should start to move away from the dock, angling well out from any boat behind you.** Reposition the bow fender as needed while keeping tension on the spring line.
- 3. Bring the rudder back the other way, steering away from the dock as you put the engine in reverse.** As the spring line goes slack, the crew on the bow drops the bitter end and swiftly brings the line back on board.

The crew should be ready with fenders until you're well clear of the dock and other boats.

In either maneuver, if the wind is strong, it's possible that you may find yourself sliding back toward the dock and boats, particularly if you don't angle out enough. Depending on your boat's characteristics (such as its profile above and below the waterline, which affects windage and resistance), you may find your bow or stern first moving back into the dock and other boats. It helps to practice and be familiar with your boat.

# Up Coming Events

Friday March 17, Joe Nobles in the Pit for Saint Paddy's Day

Saturday March 18 BBQ Your Own Steak Night. Bar opens at 4PM. 5PM to 8PM food service. There will be a band for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Friday April 21, First Annual Jerry Estep Crawfish Boil.

Cinco De Mayo Mexican Night Friday May 5th.

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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