

# LAUDERDALE SMALL BOAT CLUB NEWS & VIEWS

November 2016



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**BOARD MEETING: December 5, 2016 –7:30 p.m.**  
**GENERAL MEETING: December 12, 2016 – 7:30 p.m.**  
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Timothy Rounds  
Newsletter Editor  
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October 22

Tony Carruba, Frank Barresi, Scott Gilstrap, Joe Wine, Frank Yanocha, Ken Casteel, Vern McFarren, Roy Pisut, EJ Schinski, Dan Benson, Judi McFarren, Francesca Reichsfield.

**Monday December 12th 7:30 at the General Meeting, elections will be held for the 2017 Board Of Directors positions of Director of Docks and Grounds and the Director of Planning. See Page 8 for nominees comments. The nominees are:**

### DOCKS AND GROUNDS



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DAVE PLOTNIK

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TONY CARRUBA

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# SECRETARY REPORTS

Tim Rounds

## Minutes of the Board Meeting

November 8, 2016

**Roll Call:** Treasurer had an excused absence, all others present.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes as published in the October, 2016 newsletter for the Board Meeting of October 3, 2016.

### REPORTS:

**Treasurer:** Sad to report the death of member; Ronald Lee Bell, member since 1993. There was a gain of \$4,196.00 over revenue for the month of October. The following members resigned in good standing, Richard Adakian, member since 2014, Michael Gamage, member since 2012 and David Weirich, member since 2006. 5 Certified Letters were mailed 0 paid to date. The Dock Master called 13 members for late payment who paid.

**Docks and Grounds:** Acme was held October 22. The next ACME will be November 12th to put in the remaining acoustical tiles

**Membership:** There are 1 new perspective members for the General Meeting.

**Social:** Reminder that the Pit is back open. The Charity Event for this year has been canceled due to unforeseen circumstances. It should be noted that we did assist the Charity at the Tortuga Music Fest which was a success for them, held the Poker Tournament on their behalf and have collected donations throughout the year. Tickets will be refunded.

**Vice-Commodore:** We are at the end of the clubhouse project. The acoustical tiles need to be installed, gutters installed and outside lighting re-installed.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Treasurer: As presented by the Commodore;** The proposed operating budget was presented to the board from the finance committee. The board discussed the budget, recommended that funding for the Pilot House water damage project be removed from next year's Capital Improvement Project. The Pilot House Project will be addressed with membership to complete on this

year's (2016) budget. A motion was made to accept the budget, motion was seconded and passed.

**Secretary:** Reminder that the campaign still exists to sign up current members to electronic billing and news letter. We are getting people to sign up

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**Docks and Grounds:** EJ requested that funds to be approved for the gutters, the board approved the funds.

**Commodore:** Thanked Doug Fordon for determining the problem with the gate and fixing it.

**Social:** We still have a continual problem of members brining in guests and not being responsible for them. Members are reminded that they are responsible for their guests. If you bring a non-member in do not leave them when you leave.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Social:** Social is planning to have a re-opening party of the Clubhouse with the date to be announced later.

**Commodore:** A motion was made and passed to give the employees a Thanksgiving bonus.

There have been increasing complaints about the excessive wildlife we are experiencing due to feeding of the feral felines. Humane options are being looked into to remedy the problem. As a reminder to all members, please ensure you clean up after yourself and dispose of garbage properly. Reminder that the next General Meeting will be the nominations for the Board for 2017.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.

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Tim Rounds

## Minutes of the General Meeting

November 14, 2016

After the pledge a salute to the U.S. Military veterans in honor of Veterans Day was presented By Dan Benson who presented all of the five branches of services marching songs on the bagpipes.

A moment of silence was observed for Lee Bell, member since 1993 and Jim Magnasco, member since 2005 who recently passed away

**Roll Call:** All present.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes as published in the September 2016 newsletter for the General Meeting of October 11, 2016.

### Reports:

**Treasurer:** Sad to report the death of member; Lee Bell, member since 1993 Jim Magnasco, member since 2005. There was a gain of \$4,196.00 over revenue for the month of October. The following members resigned in good standing, Richard Adakian, member since 2014, Michael Gamage, member since 2012 and David Weirich, member since 2006. 5 Certified Letters were mailed 4 paid. The Dock Master called 13 members for late payment who paid. Jeff Jaeger has been dropped as a member and not in good standing.

The Treasurer presented that since Patrick Devine has been the Membership Director for the past 42 months and we went from having 35 slips vacant to today where we are full. Additionally Patrick has recruited 176 members.

**Docks and Grounds:** A big thanks to Doug Fordon for fixing the entrance gate so all transponders work, Frank Yanocha and Jamie Perkins for loaning the club a Dolphin and Sailfish mount and Jorge Lang for the Burgee above the bar. ACME will be held this Saturday the 19th to install the remaining acoustical tiles. As a reminder, all members are required to secure their boats properly. EJ suggests you go on-line to Chapman's to see a demonstration on how to tie up your boat using a 5 line system.

**Membership:** There are 0 water slips available. Membership is at 465. The following Two new members were presented to the membership and inducted into

the club: Rafael Otero, sponsored by Juan Carreras and Nicholas Hourly, sponsored by Brian McCarraher.

**Social:** Dean thanked Bob Anz, Vern, Judy, Dick and Francesca .for running the pit last Friday. Dean announced that this year's Charity Event was canceled due to lack of participation.

**Vice Commodore:** Club house coming to a conclusion with a final report at the next General Meeting..

### Unfinished Business:

**Commodore:** The Commodore presented a previously Board approved motion to allocate \$12,000.00 to repair the Pilot House from water damage from the air conditioner. The motion seconded, discussed and passed by membership.

### New Business:

**Treasurer:** Reminder that next month the membership will be voting on the Board approved proposed 2017 Budget. A copy of the proposed budget is in the Pilot House.

**Planning:** Announced that the Winter Fest Boat Parade is seeking Control Boats. You can volunteer on-line through the Winter Fest web site.

**Commodore:** The Distinguished Member Committee was nominated and approved by membership. Congratulations to Dell Dickerhoof, Bill Hackett and Ben DeCook.

The floor was turned over to Bill Hackett on behalf of Mike Stellabotte who was un able to attend to conduct the nominations for the 2017 Board.

The results are as follows:

**Commodore:** Elton Cerda, 1604: nominated by Juan Carreras, 1346; Unopposed.

**Vice Commodore:** Sue Freeman, 1403: nominated by Dean Freeman, 1019; Unopposed.

**Secretary:** Tim Rounds, 1654: nominated by Dean Freeman, 1019; Unopposed.

**Treasurer:** Chuck Guarino, 632: nominated by Dell Dickerhoof, 71; Unopposed.

**Director of Membership:** Patrick Devine, 1365: nominated by Sue Freeman, 1403; Unopposed

**Director of Docks and Grounds: Two Nominees;**

George Lewis, 1577: nominated by Kenny Castel, 454.

Dave Plotnik, 1634: nominated by Bruce Honig, 1491.

**Director of Planning: Two Nominees;**

Jennifer Brit, 1591: nominated by Dean Freeman, 1019.

Tony Carruba, 1717: nominated by Chris Barns, 1640.

**Director of Entertainment (Social):** Dean Freeman, 1019: nominated by Bob Pisut, 1003; Unopposed. Elections for Director of Docks and Grounds and Director of Planning will be held at the next General Meeting on December 12th.

**Social:** There will be a covered dish Open House in December at a date to be announced later. A reminder that the Club House is open Sunday's for the Football games.

**Monthly Fishing Tournament:**

First Place: Tom Mayors 7 1/2 Lb Kingfish

**50/50:** Won by Brianne Dibella

**Good of the Order:**

**Commodore:** With the increasing complaints of the wildlife intrusion on the boats the Board is looking for solutions equitable to all.

Tim Domes member 1135, opposed to getting rid of the cats as they help control the rat population.

Doug Fordon member 1670 reiterates the problem is mostly with the Raccoons and the Iguanas as both do eat from the cat food that is left and the trash that is not properly disposed of.

Fred Romanowicz member 273 would like to see the Wounded Warriors swords re-installed. EJ promised to have them back up after the Club House work is complete.

Bill Hackett member 1273 reminded the membership that the by-laws do contain procedures for absentee

balloting.if you are not going to be here on December 12th.

(5) Absentee Ballots:

In instances where a member will not be attending the general election, arrangements may be made to receive the member's vote in absentia.

- (a) The members seeking to vote in absentia must meet the qualifications for casting a ballot, as set forth in Article II, Sections 3 and 4(C), herein.
- (b) Members must apply to the Director of Membership, in writing, for an absentee ballot. The Director of Membership will forward all qualified requests to the Chairperson of the Election Committee and the Election Committee must make the absentee ballots available to the members no later than two (2) weeks prior to the general election.
- (c) The absentee ballot must be received by the Chairperson of the Election Committee, in a plain white envelope marked absentee ballot inside an envelope with the members name on it, no later than the beginning of the meeting of the general election. At the beginning of the meeting of the general election, the Chairperson of the Election Committee will verify that all absentee ballots received are valid. He will then remove and discard the outer envelopes and give the inner envelopes to the Election Committee to be opened and added to the general election ballots

John Wheeler member 1356 asked if the upcoming Open House was in-lieu of the Christmas Party. Dean Freeman assured him it was not and that the Christmas Party would be December 17th.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.

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*Mark Twain*



## Welcome Aboard New Members!



**NICHOLAS KHOURLY**



**RAFAEL OTERO**

### Docking Your Boat

When you have to tie your boat up to a dock, you want to know what you're doing. Not only can you damage your boat if it hits the dock, but you also want to look cool as you expertly tie those knots. To keep your boat from crashing into the dock, you'll need to know how to

use dock lines and fenders, which are the cushions you put between your boat and the dock.

### Lines

You should have at least six dock lines: two for the bow, two for the stern, and two spring lines, which are pivot lines that keep the boat from moving forward or astern. The dock lines should be at least 2/3 the length of your boat, and the spring lines should be at least the same length as your boat.

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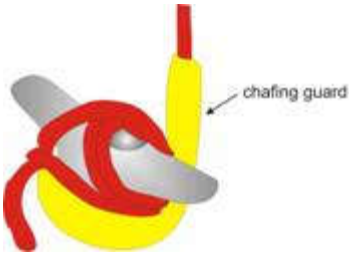
The diameter of the lines depends on the size and

weight of your boat. If your boat is under 20 feet, use lines that are 3/8-inch in diameter. For every 10 feet of additional boat length, add another 1/8 inch to the diameter. Your boat won't be damaged by having its dock lines too large, so when in doubt, choose the next larger size.

Nylon rope makes the best dock lines. Nylon line comes in two types. Three-strand twisted rope, also called laid line, is strong and stretches to help absorb shock. Unfortunately, it kinks easily and is hard on the hands. If you coil a laid line clockwise, it will kink less.

The other type of nylon rope is braided. Although it rarely kinks and is much easier on the hands, it wears out faster and costs more.

Once you buy your lines, you need to take care of them. Whenever you put your line through a chock, use a chafing guard around it. You can buy chafing guards or use a piece of old garden hose.



Inspect the lines for wear and replace when necessary. Also check for knots in the lines. A knot can reduce the breaking strength of the line by as much as 50%. If you find a knot in the line, untie it before you use it.

If you don't already know how to tie a proper hitch knot, ask someone to teach you how. You can also find websites with animated directions for tying all kinds of knots.

### Preparing to Dock

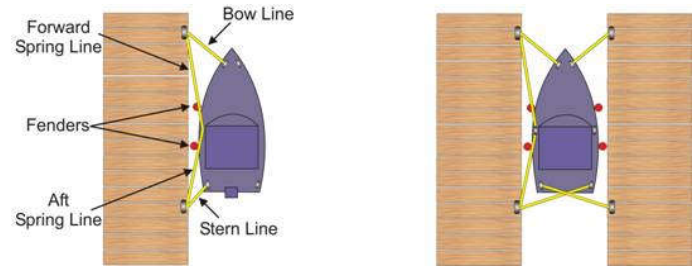
1. Be sure at least one of the bow lines is attached to the boat, and the fenders are out in position.
2. Slow down.
3. Whenever docking or undocking, strict attention should be paid to conditions at hand. Your safety and the safety of your passengers depends upon attention to boating traffic, water current and depth along with the strength and direction of the wind.

If the wind is blowing toward the dock, stop your boat parallel to the dock about two feet away. The wind will blow you in. Throw the bow line onto the dock and secure it.

If the wind is blowing away from the dock, head for the dock at a 20° to 30° angle. When you get near enough to the dock, throw the bow line onto the dock and secure it.

- If you have an outboard motor, turn the engine toward the dock and put it in reverse to bring the stern into the dock.
- If you have an inboard motor, you will use the rudder to bring the stern in. First attach a forward spring line to keep the boat from moving forward. Then with the engine idling forward, turn the wheel away from the dock. The rudder will push the stern in.

4. Secure the rest of the lines as shown below. Be sure the lines run cleanly from the cleat or chock to the dock.



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Dave Plotnik

Greetings fellow LSBC members,  
My name is Dave Plotnik member 1634. I am seeking the position of Docks & Grounds. I speak for all of us how greatful we are for E.J. to pror fulfilling this position. I know with my skill-set and knowledge of docks and grounds as I have worked closely with recent directors. I have more time with Acme than on the hour meter on my boat cockpit.

I will continue with the same great Acme crew to achieve the progress of recent years. Boating has always been my first love as I've had more boats than cars. In real time I worked for a large G.M franchise in Orange County California for 30 years during the time we operated a NASCAR and Baja racing. This team spirit motivated me to where I am today. I ask for your vote to continue making L.S.B.C an awesome place to be.

# Up Coming Events

**December 3rd Open House  
Covered Dish Pot Luck Dinner**

**December 17th Annual  
Christmas Party Covered Dish  
Pot Luck Diner**

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