

LAUDERDALE SMALL BOAT CLUB NEWS & VIEWS

SEPTEMBER 2016



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BOARD MEETING: October 3, 2016 – 7:30 p.m.
GENERAL MEETING: October 10, 2016 – 7:30 p.m.
Dock Master services available 7:30 am to 4:30 pm (lunch excepted)
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THANK YOU AUGUST ACME VOLUNTEERS

August 6

George Lewis, Rob Hage, Angelo Marino Sr., Doug Fordon, Ken Casteel, Jorge Lang, Tony Thackham, Dan Benson, EJ.

August 20

Docks & Grounds

Chris Barnes, Dick Reichsfeld, Ken Casteel, Ron Albert, Brent Wickum, Dennis Wickum, EJ Schinski, Joe Wine, Mark Robertson

Charity Painting Event

Sue Freeman, Jade Pisut, Wolfgang Treskow, John Wheeler, Danielle Landi, Scott Wargo

August 27

John Wheeler, Wolfgang Treskow, Joe Wine, Ken Casteel, Mark Robertson, Chris Barnes, Mike Tucker, Tony Thacham, George Lewis

DANIA CUT-OFF CANAL CLOSURES

From now through early 2018 there will be intermittent closures of the canal at Ravenswood road bridge Monday through Friday. A flier was presented to the club but projected project milestones are already behind. You can call the project on VHF-FM Channel 9 for daily coordination efforts. You can also call Casey Lienen Public Information Officer at 954-940-7585 or e-mail cliening@corradino.com. There is a web site that may have updated information from time to time: www.dot.state.fl.us you have to navigate the site to Ravenswood Road Bridge Replacement Project.

Monday October 10th 7:30 at the General Meeting Membership will be voting for the Election Chairperson for the 2017 Board Elections.

Electronic Delivery including color newsletter

If you would like or even be willing to let us deliver your statement and newsletter via email, please email your Name, member number and cell phone number to secretary@l-s-b-c.com.

If, for whatever reason, you change your mind, you can revert back to US postal delivery.

The next ACME work day will be September 24th Contact EJ at 954-552-0580 to help out.

The Pit is open for breakfast and lunch every ACME weekend workday 7:30 am to 2:00 pm for ACME workers only. Serving a limited menu.

THE PIT WILL REOPEN FOR FRIDAY EVENINGS STARTING SEPTEMBER 23

Friday October 7th Bob Anz fresh never frozen chicken wings



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

SECRETARY REPORTS

Tim Rounds

Minutes of the Board Meeting

September 12, 2016

Roll Call: All present.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes as published in the August, 2016 newsletter for the Board Meeting of August 1, 2016.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: There was a gain of \$5,126.00 over expenditures for the month of August. The following members resigned in good standing, Richard Price, member since 2014, Jose Arribas, member since 2007, Howard Yester, member since 3002 and Marc Sessa member since 2102. Chris Hobstable was sworn in on 8-8-16 and has not paid and contrary to the August newsletter is not a member. 7 Certified Letters were mailed 5 paid to date. The Dock Master called 10 members for late payment who paid.

THIS YEARS MANATEE FEE IS \$27.37. BILLING WILL BE ON 9-15-16. IF YOU DO ANY KIND OF AUTOMATIC PAYMENT YOU MUST SEND IN A SEPARATE PAYMENT TO AVOID LATE FEES.

All Board Members must have their budgets turned in by the next board meeting 10-3-2016. There will be a Finance Committee meeting announced for later in October to finalize the 2017 Budget.

Docks and Grounds: Will present the report in the General Meeting for the Acme's held in August.

Membership: There are 9 water slips available, that's 1 down from last month. Membership is at 468. There will be 5 perspective members.

Social: Gave a briefing on the Poker Charity Event held on August 20th. Scott Wargo and Danielle Landi were thanked for the great job they did. A total of \$1,232.00 was raised for the Charity.

Vice Commodore: \$1,088.00 for lighting credits went back into the account.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Treasurer: Final numbers for Dad's and Doll's Dolphin Fishing Daze Tournament are in. The Tournament made \$3,684.00

Secretary: Reminder that the campaign still exists to sign up current members to electronic billing and news letter.

Docks and Grounds: The project for the Pilot House has yet to start. There is some concern that three days is not enough time to get the investigative work accomplished.

The member who was requested by the Board to get his boat ship-shape still has his boat out of the water and is working on it.

Social: The annual Charity event is coming up November 12th. We are looking for donations for the auction.

NEW BUSINESS:

Secretary: There is a need to renumber the Club By-Laws and Rules & Regulations. This will be accomplished with the By-Laws Committee to ensure no content will have changed. Each member of the Board will receive a copy for final review and approval.

Docks and Grounds: A motion was made to the Board and approved by the Board to spend \$900.00 for a used Skag mower to replace the current one.

Planning: Presented that there is no long term plan this year. Discussion was held on why the previously approved Capital Improvement to extend the Courtesy Dock has not been included in any Long Term Plans. The Treasurer pointed out that any Capital Improvement not initiated during that year does not roll over into future budgets. A motion was made and passed to accept that there is no long term plan and to continue with this year's short term plan as the long term plan.

Social: The Pit will re-open September 23rd. October 7th Bob Anz will be doing his fresh never frozen chicken wing night.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.

SECRETARY REPORTS

Tim Rounds

Minutes of the General Meeting

August 12 , 2016

Roll Call: All Board Members present.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes as published in the August 2016 newsletter for the General Meeting of August 8, 2016.

Reports: Treasurer: There was a gain of \$5,126.00 over expenditures for the month of August. The following members resigned in good standing, Richard Price, member since 2014, Jose Arribas, member since 2007, Howard Yester, member since 2002 and Marc Sessa member since 2012. Chris Hobstable was sworn in on 8-8-2016 and has not paid and contrary to the August newsletter is not a member. 7 Certified Letters were mailed 5 paid to date. The Dock Master called 10 members for late payment who paid.

THIS YEARS MANATEE FEE IS \$27.37. BILLING WILL BE ON 9-15-16. IF YOU DO ANY KIND OF AUTOMATIC PAYMENT YOU MUST SEND IN A SEPARATE PAYMENT TO AVOID LATE FEES.

Docks and Grounds: ACME's were held on August 20th and a finger pier on I dock was completely rebuilt, August 27th the acoustic panel installation was started and September 9th the fabric covering was completed over the Bar.

Membership: There are 9 water slips available, that's 1 down from last month. Membership is at 468. The following five new members were presented to the membership and inducted into the club: Ron Arneson sponsored by George Militech, Ryan Tonks Sponsored by Brian Tonks, Ronald Diaz sponsored by Alfredo Lorenzo, George Bograkos sponsored by Ben DeCook and Thomas Mayors as a member re-instatement.

Social: Scott Wargo and Danielle Landi were recognized for starting the 1st Annual Charity Poker Tournament which was a success, raising \$1,232.00 for the Charity.

Vice Commodore: \$1,088.00 for lighting credits went back into the account. There is still completion work to

be done for the Clubhouse renovation: finish acoustical tiles, gutters and outside lighting.

Unfinished Business:

Treasurer: Final numbers for Dad's and Doll's Dolphin Fishing Daze Tournament are in. The Tournament made \$3,684.00 after the \$1,428.00 raised for the Charity.

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Secretary: We continue to solicit the membership to change from paper delivery of the LSBC newsletter and monthly invoice. Please complete a Electronic Delivery Consent Option form from the Pilot House or follow the instructions from the first page of the newsletter for the electronic option.

FDOT has posted potential Dania Cut-Off canal closings for the Ravenswood Road Bridge Replacement Project. The link and dates will be posted on the web site and in the newsletter.

Social: The annual Charity event is coming up November 12th. We are looking for donations for the auction. See Danielle Landi if you have donations.

Commodore: Scott Wargo, a member of the By Laws and Rules committee, performed the second reading of the proposed by-law changed as posted in the August newsletter. A motion was made to accept the revision, seconded and passed by membership changing the month for selection of an Election Committee Chairperson from the November General Meeting to the October General Meeting.

New Business:

Docks and Grounds: Next ACME work day Saturday September 24th. Breakfast 7:30AM, start 8:00AM and go to about 1:00PM

Planning: Presented that there was a meet your Dock Neighbor Party held in the parking lot of the Pilot House. Good time had by those who came. Planning would like to see more new members participating in events, this is your club also.

The Long Term Plan was presented to the membership as follows: There is no long term plan and to continue with this year's short term plan as the long term plan.

Social: The Pit will re-open September 23rd. On October 7th, Bob Anz will be doing his fresh never frozen chicken wing night.

Commodore: The Commodore presented there was a failure to follow By-Law rules for purchases. Planning, Vice Commodore and Docks and Grounds commented that they saw no harm as they felt the "ends justified the means". Membership, Treasurer, Secretary and Social disagreed as the By-Laws clearly state the process and procedures for purchase approval by the Board and that the By-Laws allow for three members of the Board to call a Board meeting at any time. The afore mentioned Board members all agree that they did not want precedent set for any Board member to be allowed to make purchases above the allowances of the By-Laws. After much discussion, Docks and Grounds apologized for not following procedure. Docks and Grounds commented it will take \$5,800.00 to complete the acoustical tile project and requested a motion to approve. The Commodore tabled the motion until the Board could meet properly to discuss the expenditure.

Monthly Fishing Tournament:

First Place: Joe Samar, 22Lb Dolphin

Second Place: Paul Bergeron, 17 1/2Lb King

Third Place: Jorge Lang, 14Lb Dolphin

50/50: Won by Scott Wargo

Good of the Order:

Commodore: Commented on the proceedings to the new members as an assurance that disagreements happen in an organization and we have the structure as an organization to work through them.

Tom Terwilliger - 1362: Reminded the membership that similar incidents happened in the past and Docks and Grounds and the Vice Commodore were on the other side of the debate on purchases being made outside the rules of the By-Laws. Tom thanked all the board for their work especially EJ.

Sue Freeman - 1403: Reminded everyone that during the upcoming Charity event there is a bake sale. You can contact Sue Freeman at 954-260-3385 or Danielle Landi at 954-558-2233. Please help Dean in the Pit this year, if you have a special recipe we can feature it. Also as a reminder, ensure the gate closes behind you to keep our club safe and secure.

John Wheeler - 1356: Questioned if all documented conversations in regards to this evening's subject of purchases according to the By-Laws would be available for view and not just extractions. It was stated they would be available if requested.

Don Nemeth - 360: Commented that if the By-Laws have been violated, then the disciplinary actions provided for in the By-Laws should be followed.

Kevin O'Riordan - 899: Commented that when he was on the board communication between members was better.

Keith Pisut - 1736: Was in long term discussions on the noise problems and enlisted help of a sound specialist. Keith is personally happy with the results and state if the purchase was made improperly it is between the Board members. Requests the project be completed for the acoustical tiles.

Jorge Lang - 1636: Commented that there are other options still available to assist in further quieting of the club house if needed after the acoustical tile project is completed.

Eric Kunth - 1762: Commented that as a new member he sees that the majority of the Board did not want to exercise a recall as allowed in the By-Laws. By-Laws exist for a reason to keep good order. He also sees that all members including all on the Board feel the acoustical

tiles work and looked good. The point was made that the Commodore had to bring this breach of the By-Laws to memberships attention to preclude further disregards to the By-Laws. Noted that while not according to the rules Docks and Grounds and the Vice Commodore acted for the benefit of the club. This was a failure to communicate issue and the Board needs to work on it.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.

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Over the years, we've talked a lot about the importance of taking care of your boat's trailer; your boat depends on it to safely get around while ashore. This accident though, wasn't due to the trailer. The owner of this boat was going around a curve when the boat came off the trailer — the sound of crunching, scraping fiberglass must have been pretty unpleasant to hear. It wasn't hard to figure out what happened, as you can see in the inset. The owner had strapped the stern down, but unfortunately had led the straps over the sharp edges of the trim tabs. It didn't take long before the straps lost the battle to chafe, allowing the boat to slide off the rollers and drag along the road. Fortunately, the damage was superficial, and the boat was soon back on its trailer — with new straps crossed to keep them away from the trim tabs.

Even if your straps aren't in danger of chafing over a sharp surface like trim tabs, inspect them carefully every time you put them on. If they look frayed or if the ratchet is a rusty mess, replace them. It's cheap insurance to keep your boat from ending up with road rash.



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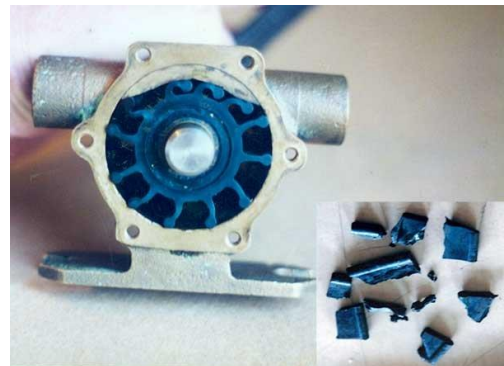
Annual Charity Auction November 12th

Impeller Fails

Ever wonder what goes on inside your raw-water pump? We didn't either. At least not until a surveyor

sent us these pictures. The first shows a brand-new impeller. One thing you might notice is how squished the vanes are. When your boat's not used much, say over winter, these poor things stay folded over for months. After a while, they take a "set," which means they stay a little bent over like most of us would if we'd been hunched over for a whole season. This makes the pump a little less efficient, and every year, it pumps less water.

The other picture shows what happens when you ignore your impeller too long. Those poor vanes finally gave up and broke off. Actually, you'd be fortunate if they just broke off; what usually happens is that they get carried downstream in the cooling system, where they can clog your heat exchanger, or if you don't have one, clog the cooling passages in your engine. Either way, it can be a big job to retrieve them, and retrieve them you will — otherwise you'll be fighting overheating problems forever. This spring, replace your impeller(s) if they're over a couple of years old. It's one less thing you'll have to worry about.



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