

Caretakers Corner

Welcome all

The Club is open and our members are putting their boats in their slips. Most of the work on the docks is complete, and they are, for the most part, ready for use. Our members who have stopped in to check out the new dock seem to be pretty impressed with it. The dock itself is so solid that walking on it is like walking on a sidewalk, and I'm talking about the slip arms too. So D-dock now has 12' of usable slip arms rather than 14 to 16 feet of unusable, unsafe slip arms.

The Board of directors has decided that no one will be allowed to put any type of attachments on the new docks without prior Board approval. So... be sure and do that first!

While I'm talking about the new dock I would like to say **"thank you"** to everyone who came out and helped with the rebuilding of the Docks. You all did a great job. I would also like to tell you about the people who spent a great deal of their time out here working with me taking the old dock out, cutting it up and hauling it away and then came back to help rebuild the new docks. One of our members was here everyday working hard and helping out. His devotion to this club is unmatched. Any of you who get the chance to **"THANK"** Harry Rackow, please do so. He donates his time and his equipment to this Club, and if not for his help, D-dock would not be ready for service. There are several other members that I would describe as Club benefactors who donate their personal time/property and equipment, that goes way past doing work time, and "I" would like to make sure that they are **"thanked"** for all that they do for us here at the Minnesota City Boat Club. They are: Tom Lozenski owner of Winona Welding, Rocky Volkman, Shank Scharmach owner of Taps Plumbing, Paul Langowski, Leona Poczancz, Tammi Johns, and Jim Hansen.

We have gotten some great news from the Fish and wildlife service. Approval has been granted to restore the Point, so that the public and our members can use it safely for fishing. And the really good news is that they are going to pay for it! They tell us that they are going to try and save the tree. Let's hope that goes well.

Many of you have noticed that we have a lot of dirt in the parking lot. It came from the flood filling in under several boat houses and with any luck and good weather I will have it down and leveled and seeded shortly, please bear with me.

Events

Aug 29th was selected as the date for our **Harbor Days** Celebration. Julie Volkman is the Chairperson for this event and she is looking for your help to make this year's activities the best ever. Over the past several year's we have been having trouble finding anyone who wants to have anything to do with kids games. I think we all got spoiled when Janet Block was running the kids' games, and doing such a great job!!! But now its time for Janet to enjoy some time with her family. **"Thanks"** Janet for all your hard work. This year we are hoping that some of you will come forward and volunteer to help with the games. We are hoping that we can get enough volunteers so that they will only be working one game and then they can return to their own family and someone else can take over, etc. Please do not take this as a threat, but, just as the fact that it is... if we do not get help with the kids' games they will have to be canceled. Hopefully this will not come to pass.

Concerns

Hopefully this will not end up being bad news. However, we are missing one of our new picnic tables. It seems that someone may have borrowed it and has forgotten to return it. If this is the case, please bring the table back. If on the other hand, someone just decided that they wanted a free picnic table and took it, please keep an eye out for it, and let me know if you spot it somewhere. Our tables are pretty unique. I would be more than happy to go after it.

My other concern right now is **BEES'**! Yes, the bees' are back and they are waiting to visit if you are not prepared. Please keep a couple of cans of wasp spray close, because you never know when you may need it. I try to keep several cans in the Club house. If you are one of those people who are sensitive, or allergic to a bee sting, let me know where you think the bees' are and I will spray them. I also have both adult and children's Benadryl in the Club house.

And finally, as always, if you come across something that looks like it is, or could be a safety hazard, let me know. I want our Club to be a safe and enjoyable place for everyone.

Reminders

- The harbor area is a **no wake** area. The no wake area starts out at the "no wake sign". For those of you who are driving pontoons please look behind you to see if you are putting out a wake!
- The speed limit is 5 MPH around the club house and on all roads. The children that are playing are either your children or your friends. Let's keep everyone safe. Slow down!!
- Our rules state that boathouse owners' are responsible for the area in front of their boathouses. Please keep things cleaned up and put things away that may be a safety issue for children or pets.

- While in the Club House please try to reduce some of the bad language. Most of us are aware and careful of our words around our spouses and children, but don't always think about it around others in the Club House.
- All children under the age of 12 must have a life vest on while on our docks and are to be under the direct supervision of a parent or caretaker.
- There is no swimming allowed in the harbor.
- Keep in mind that all boat trailers in our parking lot are required to have the owners name on the trailer tongue.

New members

Please welcome;

Russ Mullen, Bob Gunderson, Mike Johnson, John Frisch, Blake Henderson, Syed Farvque, Doug MacLennan, Wayne Frahm, Dan Drescher, James Rocker, David Penleton, Jeremiah Smith, James Kiekbusch, Steve Gibison, Greg Scattum, Steve Brown, Keith Krousey, Tim Stark, Neil HJlmelam, Lynn Krause, David Herber, James Pompuch, Pat Prodzihski, James Andring, Heidi Lee, Shawn Lee, Kurt Kramer and John Phelps.

Board Members

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The Board holds a meeting on the second Tuesday of every month, (during the boating season) at 7 P.M. They are hoping that you as members will attend, since this is your club and without your input they can only act on their own knowledge and thought's. Please, if you have Club business, come to a meeting and bring it up, as it takes the board as a whole to make a decision on Club business, not just one member of the board.

The Club address is; Minnesota City Boat Club
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Thank You.

Enjoy your summer!

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