

Caretakers Corner

Welcome all

The season has gone by very rapidly and everything has gone well. I need to apologize for not keeping up with the newsletter, with my only excuse being that I have been very busy around the club with cleanup and repairs. Anyway enough of my excuse's.

Events

Harbor day went very well. We served 850 meals and the kids had a great time at the fishing contest and games. The only problem during the event was two bee attacks. I will be speaking to this again in this letter.

We all owe our Thanks to Julie and Rocky Volkman, if not for them there would not be a Harbor Day, They have been organizing this event for us for the past several years, and have personally donated time and money towards the our event.

I would also like to thank all of you who volunteered your time and helped out.

Concerns

As I'm sure you already know keeping our boating channel marked this year has been a real problem with the high water and the weeds the markers get moved or disappear altogether if you see a marker where it does not belong, pick it up and bring it in, (I will reset it). If you see one of our markers covered in weeds please clear it as the weeds will pull the markers over and or sink them. **I need your help with this in order to maintain a safe travel corridor.**

For those of you who have always wondered why the markers are not out yet, this year should have helped you understand that if the flow is above 18,000 it moves the marks and if the water is high it floats the markers away. This coming year (2011) I am planning on using more poles and less floaters. "If I'm still here that is".

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. The problem seems to be only on A & B dock, so please be aware of your surrounds on the docks. **Please, never place your young children on the dock while you load and unload your boat, you could be placing them right over the top of a bee nest and making them vulnerable to a bee attack. Please, Please, keep the children on the boat or on shore until you are done.**

I have found that the design of the old docks is the culprit that allows the bee's access to you, your children and your guests. The only docks that haven't been replaced are A and B. It is my hope that our board of directors will decide to continue to replace the docks. They not only need to be replaced them because of the bee's, the slip arms are unsafe to walk on and the docks themselves are in need of some extensive repair.

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

We have been trying over the past few years to re-cycle pop and beer cans, George Gable has been kind enough to supply barrels around the club for these cans. Please only put the cans into these containers, your trash should go into the dumpsters. I know I should not have to say this but for some reason person or persons unknown have decided to throw clothes, beer and pop cans, diapers and whole rolls of T.P. down the outhouse holes. This type of behavior has lead the club being charged more for our pump out services. All of these items plug the hose and prevent the pump out without stopping and clearing the line. Use of the outhouses should be only for what they were designed for not as a place for your trash. For those who may think your being funny. Your not.

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 under adult supervise.**
- 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.
- Please keep in mind that all repairs and updates that you are planning for your boathouse needs to come before the board before you begin.

New members

Please welcome; Hollis Donehower, Tim Drier, Dan Miller, Bob Elam, Tom Leahy, Bob Oevering.

Board Members

Doug Block	President
Travis Buxengard	V- President
Tom Lozenski	
Mark Walters	
Ron Schneider	
Dave Schultz	
Harry Rackow	

Jim Hansen	Secretary/Treasure
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Please keep in mind that our board members come to the club to enjoy themselves just as you do, so if you have concerns please, please bring them to the club meeting, if the problem is in regards to safety or club repairs please contact the caretaker.

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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