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BSIBC Directory Update

"The 3-ring binders for the NEW directory have been ordered. We hope to have the 2011 directory avail-able by the beginning of March."

Ron Levis

Future Updates



I will be sending out timely updates in

Dear Dotti,

Welcome to our 2nd edition of the new E edition of Up-The-Creeker! Once again, kudos to our Managing Editor, Dotti Vaivoda.

Our Club has been busy the past few months. Ted Johnson successfully arranged for us to meet for lunch at RumRunners. Bill Van Ooyen regaled us with a taste of Florida's beauty during a kayak trip. Richard Coates had us weaving back and forth through our many canals while solving clues for a Poker Run. Bob Gurreri safely navigated us to the Nav-A-Gator for a fun lunch, and we all got to mingle during mixers at Twin Isles Country Club. Oops! Almost forgot! And, Dot Minzer arranged for our Club to join in the Dragon Boat races on April 23rd. Because our Dragon boat tipped over during practice a few weeks ago, Donna and Jim Aveck have suggested we change our team name from the 'Paddle Pushers' to the 'Dunkin' Oars'. What do you think?

But all is not fun and games! Our webmaster, Jeff Nilsson, has been working diligently updating our website. Gary Brewster set up free Coast Guard Inspections for our members' vessels. Charles Longenbarger arranged for a canal cleanup. Eileen Leming held a CPR class. Safety Officer Gary Brewster, along with Frank Wiechec have spoken with the state about our canal water quality, as well as to why white stakes had been temporarily placed in Alligator Creek. Paul Williamson has been attending Boater Alliance meetings. Board Members Sue Bareither and Pete Worthington, are also volunteers with the Coast Guard Auxillary and the Civil Air Patrol respectively. They've been attending meetings and keeping us up to date with what's happening in our area.

Be sure to check out the updated calendar in this *UTC* edition, and see what's happening in the next few months.

Kathy Williamson, Commodore

conjunction with our E-
version of the UTC.
Stay tuned..... "
Sue Bareither,
Secretary



→ FLEET CAPTAIN'S LOG

Ahoy again from your Fleet Captain. In the interest of brevity I will not dwell in any length on the past boat events so far this year. Sixty people enjoyed lunch at the RumRunners, thanks to Cruise Director Ted Johnson. I wish I could print all the great pictures from the kayak trip up Telegraph Creek that thirteen paddlers enjoyed. It was a very scenic and tranquil route picked by Cruise Director, Bill Van Ooyen. Thirteen boaters vied for trophies in the poker run. It took more than my full house to beat Gregg Cameron's straight flush. Thanks to Richard Coates. By the time you see this. The Nav-A-Gator and Pelican Bay will be history. At this time I know the Nav-A-Gator has seven boats and forty-four people signed on. The following events are:



**Art Koon, Fleet
Captain**

May 5 Fishery Luncheon - Cruise Director: Paul Hillebrand. A familiar destination. Good food. Go by boat or car. Driving directions will come out in a separate bulletin. Call Paul at 505-2828 or e-mail hillebrand@embarqmail.com. Skipper's meeting is Thursday, May 4. 10 AM, at 622 Brindisi Ct.

May 27 Stump Pass Grille & Marina Luncheon - Cruise Director: TBD. This day cruise used to be called Marker 17 on the ICW. It's about two miles by boat up from the Palm Island Marina. (Leverocks). New management has built a huge new cabana that gives good shade and nice picnic tables. Boat or drive. We need a Cruise Director or it's a no/go. Anyone?

June 3-6 'Tween Waters Marina & Resort Overnight. Cruise Director: Ed Minzer. Sign up and cruise to paradise. Limited docking but always can accommodate all size boats. Sit by the pool or on the beach. Maybe Ed can get a deal for those who want to drive and stay over. Call Ed at 637-7742 or [e-mail](mailto:eminzer@comcast.net) eminzer@comcast.net. Skipper's meeting: June 2, 10 AM, 3432 Tripoli Blvd.

June 4 Green Flash Luncheon - Day Cruise coordinated with the 'Tween Waters trip. Ed Minzer Cruise Director. Green Flash is a short trip up from T.W. by car or boat and a favorite place to dine by T.W boaters. Same Skipper's meeting.

June 24 Eagles, Boca Grande Marina Luncheon - Cruise Director: Ron Levis. BSIBC used to go there when it was Miller's Marina. Miller went to jail for "poaching" alligators. I like mine deep fried. The Eagles Restaurant is all new after "Charlie" and very well appointed with a nautical theme. An elegant lunch served on the veranda. Got time? Tour the island by car or rent a golf cart. Call Ron at 637-9596 or email ronlevis@comcast.net. Skipper's meeting is 10 AM, June 23 at 3907 San Pietro Ct.

RADIO CHECK:

As Fleet Captain I would be remiss if I didn't squeeze in a boating tip. Are you aware that Sea Tow now has designated channel #24 for radio checks? It's a nationwide program called "Automated Radio Check Service" (ARCS). The channels range from 24 to 28 depending on the location. Ours is 24. This frees up the traffic on channel 16 which is monitored 24x7 by the Coast Guard for mariners who have an emergency. When you call it, you will get back a recording of your call. Try it!

More on radio procedures in next *UTC*.....



→ Rear Commodore's Report

The welcome mat is alive and well at BSIBC. We have **four new member families** joining our ranks, although, one is not so new.

I'll begin with our friends **Howard Elkin and Belle Samuels**, who had taken a short hiatus from the club. Howard and Belle, we are pleased you have come back to us.

Ron and Karla Frazier, who came to BSI via a roundabout way: originally from Southern California, to Naples, to Tennessee, and finally settling in BSI. Ron is a retired Police Captain, and Karla retired from R. J. Reynolds.



Pete Worthington, Rear Commodore

Jim and Tricia Gunn have also joined, arriving in SW FL about Christmas time, by February becoming homeowners in BSI. They are originally from Chicago. Both are now retired from American Airlines.

Sal and Mary Lummino have been homeowners in BSI for 6 years, but only as a vacation home. They hail from Southern New Jersey where Sal owned a plumbing business, and Mary was employed by the Manhawkin, NJ school system. They have now retired and moved to BSI year-round.

Please introduce yourselves to these new members at functions and make them feel welcome.



Vice Commodore's Report

BSIBC continues to be a Club that practices safe boating habits. In the recent Vessel Inspection blitz, we had 30 boats inspected by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Only one didn't pass on first inspection because of registration paperwork not being transferred to the new owner. That is quite an accomplishment. In addition we know of several boats that were inspected before and after our blitz. It helps having three USCGA inspectors in our Club.



Gary Brewster, Vice Commodore

As mentioned many times before, it is the intention of your Boat Club's officers to have all operators of boats to be issued a Boater Safety Education card by the State of Florida. We know of several people who have taken the course in the last couple of months. There are numerous ways to take the class: (1) regularly offered by Peace River Power and Sail Squadron and local Coast Guard Auxiliary, (2) take the course at home, and mail in the test or (3) take the class and test online at www.boat-ed.com/fl. There is a nominal fee. If you would like to take the class at home, I have copies of the Study Guide and test. There is no charge, and you will get your card in 2-3 weeks. Please let me know if you would like a course book.

Water Quality Testing Update:

At the March BSI Canal Advisory Committee meeting, Mr. Jim Thompson, Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC), and Dr. Jon Hubertz, Environmental Consultant presented results of water quality testing done in PGI and BSI since 2009. This program is sponsored and funded by the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The testing is supported by the City as well as both Canal Advisory Committees. Six sampling locations are used, four in PGI and two in BSI. The locations used in BSI are the City lot at the end of Candia near the "lock" and at the end of Monaco Blvd.

Several graphs showing data for nitrogen, phosphorus, and chlorophyll as well as some data on fecal coliform bacteria. Although data varied by sampling date, overall results were consistent with water quality of Charlotte Harbor. This is not surprising since our canals "exchange" water with Charlotte Harbor more than we get it from upstream (Alligator Creek). Overall, the water quality in our canals is rated as good or fair according to the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. This is consistent with the ratings of Charlotte Harbor.

Two items were of concern. First an extremely high level of nitrogen was reported at one sample point, data taken at the end of Monaco for one sampling time. This could be the result of erroneous data or significant runoff of fertilizer. Since this collection point is at the end of our waterways and basically

"stagnant" and also adjacent to the golf course, which must fertilize the course, it was suggested perhaps a better collection point should be considered. Secondly, although fecal coliform is not an item tracked because septic tanks are not considered an issue in BSI, the fact that measurements show the presence is a concern. There are basically three reasons: 1) inflow to BSI from Alligator Creek, 2) pet waste thrown into the canals or 3) boat holding tank discharge. We certainly hope the last two are not an issue, but also know we can control those.



→ 3-Month Calendar

May	Event Director
5 Fishery Restaurant Luncheon	Hillebrand
10 BSI CAC Meeting 1:30pm City Council Chambers	Brewster
19 Golf Outing	LeSiege
27 Stump Pass Grille & Marina Luncheon	TBD

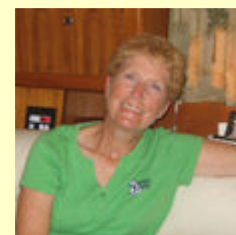
June	Event Director
3-6 Tween Waters Overnight	Minzer
4 Green Flash Luncheon	Minzer
7 Canal Cleanup	Longenbarger
14 BSI CAC Meeting 1:30 pm City Council Chambers	Brewster
24 Eagles Boca Grande Marina Luncheon	Levis

July	Event Director
2-5 Burnt Store Marina Overnight	Destination Cruise
4 Burnt Store Marina Luncheon	
12 BSI CAC Meeting 1:30 pm City Council Chambers	Brewster



→ Social Update

Your BSIBC Social Committee is a bevy of activity. The Commodore's Ball was a grand success because of the hard work and tremendous organization of Nancy Brewster, Terry LeSiege, Mickey O'Donnell, and Michelle Rhees. Thank you, Ladies!



Dot Minzer,
Social Director

Upcoming is the Dragon Boat Festival to be held at Lashley Park on April 23 at 9 am. Your stalwart team of paddlers will attempt to make you proud as they compete in three separate heats in the "War on the Peace". Come on down to cheer them on and share either a celebratory lunch on their

victory or console them on their loss. Either way it promises to be a good time. (Pray for calm water. They've already dunked once!)

Elsewhere in the *UTC* are the details on the Fourth of July Picnic at Burnt Store Marina. Check them out and plan on joining us with or without your boat for our Country's birthday party.



→ **Golf Outing**



**BSIBC & BSIA ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011
TWIN ISLES COUNTRY CLUB
8am Shotgun - Start at 8:30am**

Format: Four person teams in a Best Ball Scramble

Cost: \$26.75 (non-members) + \$10 entry fee. *(Make check payable to TICC for \$26.75 and a separate check made payable to Corby LeSiege for \$10 for entry fees)*

Lunch: Following the game. TICC will offer a limited menu, and non-members may pay by credit card.

Look for more details in email updates.



→ **4th of JULY CELEBRATION**



Celebrate the Fourth of July with BSIBC at nearby Burnt Store Marina. There are three ways to join in the fun: You can bring your boat for the entire week-end and enjoy all the amenities of the marina; you can bring your boat for the day; or you can drive to the marina that afternoon. Details on all three options will be forthcoming.

No matter how you go, you will enjoy an All American Buffet at 3:00 pm on the 4th on the deck at Latitudes Restaurant.

Menu will include:

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Fried Chicken
Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Salad Bar
Iced Tea, Soda
Apple Pie

Cost of buffet will be \$17. (Tax and gratuity included.)

Watch for details on the overnight and the day boating event to follow.

Many thanks to Dave and Marie Geggis for their expert proofreading and editorial skills. If you have any comments or suggestions on this *UTC* or future editions, please feel free to email me at dotti@vaivodas.com.

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