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### NEWS FLASH!!!!

Make sure you visit  
our new website for  
the latest details.

[www.bsibc.com](http://www.bsibc.com)

Many thanks to Ron  
Frazier for stepping  
up and creating our  
new site!

### Future Updates

Dear Dotti,

Welcome to our first issue of UTC for 2012. It's just the beginning of March but so much has been happening! Rear Commodore Pete Worthington along with Directory Chairman Ron Levis, have been working hard and soon you'll be receiving your 2012 member directory in the mail. This will replace the 'member only' section of your directory binder.

Thank you Pete and Ron for once again doing an amazing job! And speaking of amazing job.....our new web site is up! BSIBC Webmaster Ron Frazier and Vice Commodore Di Kandis, have toiled away for weeks creating a spectacular interactive site. You're now just a click away from our monthly and yearly calendars, tide charts, upcoming events, photos, registration forms and much much more! Be sure to check it out!

[BSIBC.com](http://BSIBC.com).

Also, be sure to give Dotti Vaivoda a 'high five' for her amazing job as editor of UTC. We couldn't do this without you Dotti!

*Kathy Williamson, Commodore*





*I will be sending out timely updates in conjunction with our E-version of the UTC and website updates. Stay tuned..... "*  
**Sue Bareither,**  
**Secretary**

## → FLEET CAPTAIN'S LOG

Ahoy from your Fleet Captain. I will recap past and future boating events. Refer to the BSIBC website for further details.

**LIGHTED BOAT PARADE**, December: Eleven boats lighted up the canals for a very successful Parade. Thanks go to Frank Wiechec, Cruise Director.

**RUM RUNNERS**, Feb. 17: Fifty eight members had a great lunch. Thanks to Ted Johnson, Cruise Director.

WHAT IS COMING UP? CHECK WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

**POKER RUN**, March 13: Seven Boaters signed up and cruised the canals and solved clues to create a winning poker hand. Great job by Richard Coates, Cruise Director.

**KAYAK TRIP**, March 15: Great trip planned by Bill Van Ooyen, this year up Shell Creek.

**BURNT STORE DAY CRUISE**, March 28: Nice easy day cruise. Get that boat off the lift and join us for a day on the water. Paul Hillebrand, Cruise Director

**NAVIGATOR**, April 25: Bob Guerarri will take us all up the Peace River for a Grouper sandwich. There may be a surprise addition to this trip. Wait and see.

**TWEEN WATERS**, May 8-10. Overnighter. Make your plans now. They have room deals for those who want to drive and stay. Call Tween Waters. Ed Minzer, Cruise Director.

**CABBAGE KEY**, May 22: Something new this year. We will take the shuttle from Fisherman's Village. This is a regularly scheduled day trip. It is up to you to get your ticket and have a leisurely cruise to Cabbage Key. Or, take your own boat and meet others there. More details will to come. Corby LeSiege, Cruise Director.

**STUMP PASS GRILLE**, June 20: (was Marker 17) Take your boat or drive. Outside covered cabana picnic atmosphere. Need a volunteer Cruise Director. Will train.

**SOME THINGS BEAR REPEATING:**

### **RADIO PROCEDURE AT THE LOCK**

BSIBC established a procedure a few years back where we would announce ourselves when we went in or out of the BSI Lock to avoid collisions. When approaching the Lock about a few hundred yards tune to channel 72 and say: "THIS IS (your boat name) GOING OUT OF THE LOCK FROM BURNT STORE ISLES" Or, coming in say: THIS IS (your boat name)" COMING INTO THE LOCK FROM

ALLIGATOR CREEK". Of course as you near the Lock sound your horn. Not all boaters are in our Club but there are enough where this procedure can help avoid meeting a boat coming the other way. It has happened to me and fortunately the other boat announced themselves too.

See you on the water.

*Art Koon, Fleet Captain*



## → TREASURER'S REPORT

On January 17, 2012 I was sworn in as Treasurer of our club. The Change of Watch Ceremony turned out to be a delightful evening as I'm sure it always has been. It was also a memorable event for me as I stood next to veterans who have volunteered years of their time serving this community and their fellow club members. Here's a brief summary of our Finances thus far:



### **Income:**

**Member Dues:** \$4,350 collected. Encourage your neighbors to join the club, even those without boats.

**Ship's Store: Target** - \$500 in sales. \$58 collected. I'm happy to announce that I've made the first purchase from the Ship's Store this year. Items are available for sale with the club's logo including T-Shirts, bags, umbrellas, totes and hats in stock in a variety of colors and sizes. Please purchase these items in support of the club and be proud to wear and show off at all boating events and elsewhere. Remember, the sales generated from the Ship's Store bring in revenue at a very, very low interest rate so you're paying almost cost for these items. It is a way of promoting our club so buy something today!

**50/50 Club: Target** - \$300. So far, \$72 at the Rum Runners Luncheon. What a great way to generate revenue! At every event we plan to do the 50/50. That's exciting!

**Note:** BSIBC does not solicit businesses in the area to advertise in our annual directory and editions of the UTC in order to bring us very important information necessary to keep us all safe on the water. Since we do not get that kind of support anymore, we need your purchases and 50/50 donations. So plan to attend as many events as possible and show your support.

### **Expenses:**

Valentine's Dinner & Dance was a great success in that it paid for itself.

Annual Donations totaling \$800 to four non-profit organizations that serve the Charlotte County Chapter throughout the year with education, research and conservation in our environment and waters, hurricane and/or devastation response volunteers, and boat inspections at our docks.

Our web site at [bsibc.com](http://bsibc.com) is looking better than ever and the extra cost under \$375 to install and implement the software will certainly be well worth it.

My family and I are happy to be part of this great community and wonderful club. We appreciate the warm welcomes by our neighbors and members. We look forward to seeing you at the many events scheduled this year. Always a pleasure...

*Ophelia Rosen, Treasurer*



## → Vice Commodore

### Check your Boating Safety Knowledge

Select the best response.

1. In addition to federal regulations you must also be familiar with:

1. the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1764.
2. state and local regulations.
3. laws of the Underwriter's Laboratories, Inc.
4. regulations of the AARP.



2. Your boat has a yellow hull. After registering the boat with the state and receiving a boat number you should purchase:

1. a black plastic plate with 2" script letters and numbers to hang over the side.
2. 3" black vertical block letters and numerals for both sides of the forward hull.
3. lighter yellow letters and numbers for both sides of the forward hull.
4. light gray 2.5" italic letters and numbers for the starboard upper transom.

3. A dry chemical fire extinguisher:

1. never needs refilling or servicing - it keeps its pressure indefinitely.
2. is not very effective for fires in the cabin, galley, or cockpit.

3. must be directed at the base of the fire to cut off the oxygen that fuels the flames.
  4. may be replaced by water on fires involving flammable liquids.
4. Visual distress signals:
1. are required on all boats.
  2. are not needed if you have a VHF radio.
  3. help you attract attention and get help when needed.
  4. make attractive displays on national holidays.
5. Vessel equipment required by law:
1. is only part of that needed for safe and comfortable operation.
  2. covers all of your needs for the safe operation of your vessel.
  3. includes charts and other navigational equipment.
  4. does not include visual distress signals and fire extinguishers.

And just for fun: Mayday is an emergency **procedure word** used internationally as a **distress signal** in **voice procedure** radio communications. It derives from:

1. Russian river boat captains.
2. Polynesian Rites of Spring.
3. the French venez m'aider, meaning "come help me".
4. Martinique pirate captains.

Answers:

1 - b. 2 - b. 3 - c. 4 - a. 5 - a. fun - c

How did you do?

5 - 6 correct: My grandchildren can ride with you.

4 correct: My spouse can ride with you.

3 correct: I'll ride with you.

2 correct: No one should ride with you.

1 correct: Take the safety class right away.

0 correct: Tie up the boat until you pass the safety class.

*Questions taken from US Power Squadron Boating Course*

*Di Kandis, Vice Commodore*



## → Social Director

Hello to all of our members!! My name is Deborah Luedtke and I am your new social director! If I haven't met you, please come up and introduce yourself at one of our functions. Dates and



times for our social activities are coming together.

We had a great turnout for the Valentines Dinner/Dance last month. Saturday, April 28th has been set aside for the Commodore's Ball at Twin Isles Country Club. The BSIA/BSIBC Golf Outing and Luncheon will be Thursday, May 31st. Watch for information on these events!!



A quick reminder too, that the 1st Friday of every month is the Mixer at Twin Isles Country Club for BSIA and BSIBC members. Credit cards are accepted if you are not a member of the country club. So make your reservations and come out and join us!

*Deborah Luedtke, Social Director*



If you have any comments or suggestions on this UTC or future editions, please feel free to email me at [dotti@vaivodas.com](mailto:dotti@vaivodas.com).

Sincerely,

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Burnt Store Isles Boat Club

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