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I have to say Goodbye!



This is the end of four extraordinary years serving the Burnt Store Isles Boat Club as Secretary. It is time for me to step down and let someone else take over. I hope it has been as much fun reading all my e-mails as it has been for me to do them for you. This is an exciting club and

2012 is quickly coming to a close. Where has the time gone?

I've heard it said, "time flies when you're having fun", and, boy, have we been having fun! My past two years as Commodore has been filled with excitement, mischief, and lots and lots of friends. From being dunked in the Harbor during the Dragon Boat races, to playing with alligators with Bill VanOoyen on an unbelievable Kayak trip, to relaxing in the sun at South Seas, to dancing the night away at a Valentine's Day dance, to being roasted at The Commodore's Ball, to being able to honor our Fleet Captain, Art Koon, to having way too many drinks with our members at our monthly mixers, and to every lunch and get-away in between. I've also had the opportunity to work with community organizations and to have BSIBC be part of our area growth and opportunities. And, most of all, I've met so many new people and have made many dear, dear friends. Time has flown, but I will remember each day fondly. Thanks for the memories!



I'll be stepping down as your Commodore in January, but leave you in the very capable hands of Di Kandis. Also stepping down in January will be our secretary, Sue Bareither. Sue has given so much of herself to our club during the past four years, her efficiency and creative mind will be missed. Fleet Captain, Art Koon, will also be leaving after two years of service. Art, I don't know how we'll find our way without you and your exceptional Cruise Directors! Thank you all for your amazing hard work! Corby LeSiege will also be stepping down after years of service on our board. His dedication and great humor has been a fabulous contribution to our club. We will also miss, Rear Commodore, Pete Worthington, who had to leave to fill a previous obligation. And, last but not least, Past Commodore, Gregg Cameron, will be stepping down from our board. Gregg leaves large shoes to fill and will be dearly missed.

I'd also like to give an extra big thank you to Dotti Vaivoda, our editor and chief of the Up-The-Creeker. Dotti has filled many positions in our club for years. Her tireless efforts and creative ideas has helped make our club what it is today. Dotti, you are incredible!

subdivision of special people. As I move on I also hope to return someday to serve you again. Thank you for all your support and comments.

Sue Bareither, Secretary



Thanks to one and all for an eventful two years!

Please welcome our 2013 officers and Board members:

Commodore: Di Kandis
Vice Commodore: Sue Sleight
Rear Commodore: Eileen Leming
Fleet Captain: Doug Rhees
Secretary: Nancy Svehla
Treasurer: Ophelia Rosen
Social Director: Deborah Luedtke
I.T. Director: Ron Frazier
Past Commodore: Kathy Williamson

Merry Christmas to all, and may God bless you and yours!

Kathy Williamson, Commodore

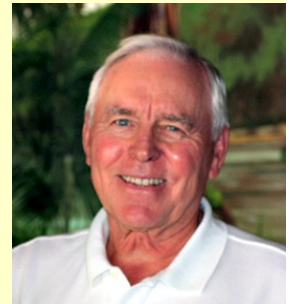


FLEET CAPTAIN'S LOG

Ahoy for the last time from your Fleet Captain. Here's what boating events happened since the last UTC.

The Fishery, Sept. 5 - Ron Levis Cruise Director

There was an excellent turnout for this event with 55 members attending and one boat. The one boat was yours truly the Fleet Captain and three passengers, Fran, Jim & Brenda Townsend. It was a pleasant trip and the water was calm.



RUM BAY, PALM ISLAND, Oct. 12 - Rick Doll, Cruise Director

We had eighteen members attend and it was a ton of fun. If you are missing this trip every year it is your loss. The food was good with a full menu to choose from. The shuttle ride was a delight. On the way back the shuttle Captain took us up the intracoastal and picked up a bevy of dolphins that chased the boat all the way back. Rick got some great pics and a video which was sent out for all to see.

SOUTH SEAS OVERNIGHTER, Oct. 25-27, Eileen Leming, Cruise Director

Six boats were ready to go but due to bad weather it was cancelled. Good call for the Cruise Director.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTED BOAT PARADE, Dec. 3 - Frank Wiechec, Cruise Director

A huge success. Ten boats lighted up the canals as they paraded around

BSI. People were watching from homes, vacant lots and parties were everywhere. After the parade all the boaters and crew were invited to Corby & Terry LeSiege's home for food and nightcaps. If you saw the parade these are the boaters that entertained you:

Frank & Allie Wiechec, Pete & Mae Worthington, Doug & Michelle Rhees, Jack & Eileen Leming, Chuck & Mary Will, Gregg & MaryBeth Cameron, John & Phyllis Camarolo, Paul & Kathy Williamson, Art & Fran Koon and Warren & Karen Renninger.

This is my last UTC as my term as Fleet Captain is up. It has been my pleasure to serve you these past two years/ Thank you for your support. I am sure you will give the same support to Doug Rhees as he assumes the reins as Fleet Captain in 2013.

All the best to you and yours for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Art Koon, Fleet Captain



→ Vice Commodore



The No-Jive Five

As I write this article - in long pants and a sweater - I realize it is the last week of November! Where did the year go? We've had lots of fun and there is plenty of time to have some more fun; December is filled with activities so sign up and enjoy. I can't shirk my duty as "Safety Officer" so I offer the following for winter boating in Punta Gorda.

The No-Jive Five for Fabulous Florida Floating

1. Check the tide charts for your departure and return. Last week my handsome hazel-eyed husband and I nearly ran aground with our kayaks in the south fork of Alligator Creek.
2. Provision appropriate beverages. When it comes to bringing beverages on board you want to be like Goldilocks: not too little, not too much, but just right!
3. Check your navigation lights. There just isn't as much daylight in the winter so be prepared to use your lights. On December 25 sunrise is 7.15 and sunset is 5.42.
4. Ensure that the Personal Flotation Devices for each passenger are in working condition. If you squeeze a PFD and it crackles you might consider replacing it.
5. Check that your horn works. Not only is it handy to "tootle" your friends you need to sound it when navigating the BSI lock.

Safe Boating to all!

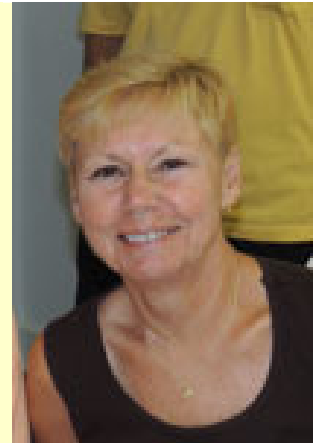
Di Kandis, Vice Commodore



→ Rear Commodore

I wish everyone a wonderful, healthy Christmas and holiday season. The holiday lights around our community always make our paradise look even more beautiful. Thanks to all of you who decorate your homes. We all enjoy looking at them.

We have had several new couples join the boat club in the last few months. Welcome to our "family". If there is any way we can help you enjoy our boat club more please don't hesitate to tell us. We are always looking for new ideas and "fresh blood". As our snowbirds continue to come back and our new people get moved in, we hope to encourage even more new people to join us. Remember to let me know if you see someone new moving in. I'll make sure they get welcomed and invited to participate.



I'm very much looking forward to meeting and working with the new Membership Director for BSIA. I'm sure that by working together and coordinating our efforts we can reach more new people with less redundancy.

Many thanks to the ladies who volunteered to take flyers and go "door knocking" after the General Meeting. Your response was truly overwhelming. There are still a few streets left that could use a volunteer or two. Please let me know if you think you might have a little free time after the holidays to help out.

Our winters are such busy and fun times here in Punta Gorda. I'm looking forward to meeting and spending some time with our new members. I'm also looking forward to spending time with our "old" members too!

Eileen Leming, Rear Commodore



→ Treasurer



Here's another quick view of our Boat Club's financial status as of November 30, 2012. We've had a wonderful year and there are still a couple of upcoming events before the year ends and, as expected, we'll be over our budget by then. It means that we're utilizing our reserve funds and that our club is quite active and putting our dues to work for us.

Since my last Fall Report we've added at least seven new members to our club gaining a total of about fourteen thus far. Also, at a very reasonable price, we've upgraded our accounting software making it easier to send reports to our members when necessary. The Renewal Membership Dues are pouring in and that's a good sign. I'm in the process of preparing next years budget, so keep in mind that, according to our By-Laws, just a fraction of your dues always go to good use in supporting and assisting governmental authorities and marine-related organizations and for safe boating practices.

So, remember to renew your membership and expect another fun and exciting year in 2013. My family and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

BURNT STORE ISLES BOAT CLUB
Balance Sheet
As of November 30, 2012

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Bank Accounts	
Checking Charlotte State Bank	2,211.76
Savings - Money Market	<u>9,025.24</u>
Total Bank Accounts	<u>11,237.00</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>11,237.00</u>
Total Current Assets	11,237.00
Other Assets	
Ship Store Inventories	
Ship's Store Inventory	<u>1,642.45</u>
Total Ship's Store Inventories	<u>1,642.25</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>1,642.25</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>12,879.45</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Future Year's Dues	<u>1,175.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,175.00</u>

Equity	
Retained Earnings	5,179.05
Opening Bal Equity	6,971.62
Net Income	<u>-446.22</u>
Total Equity	<u>11,704.45</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **12,879.45**

Always a pleasure!

Ophelia Rosen, Treasurer



→ Social Director



Hi Everyone!

It's been several months since I have last visited with you through the UTC! A lot has been going on, as it should be in BSIBC!!

August 2nd - 5th was the ever popular trip to South Seas Resort. I did a joint venture this year - Doug and Michelle Rhees doing the navigation side and I did the land based operations! We had a great turn out! A couple of our grown children provided entertainment poolside (Michelle and Dotti) on the "log rolling" apparatus. Thanks to my helpers who cooked the steaks to perfection and the wonderful dishes provided by everyone the next evening. Rumor has it that next year South Seas will be charging for the use of that air-conditioned room so look to kick in a few dollars for that luxury!

Saturday, October 20th was our Fleet Captain's Dinner Dance at Twin Isles CC featuring Soundsational DJ's. The games played provided us all with some laughs and winners enjoyed a bottle of wine, compliments of the DJ's! Thanks were in order to Art for his services. He was given a gift certificate to Trabue restaurant and Fran received flowers.

Thursday, November 8th was our annual meeting at TICC. What a GREAT turnout - close to 100 people attended! Thanks to the boat club for providing the appetizers following the meeting. Welcome to our new officers for 2013!

Lots going on in December. By the time this has been published, we will have already had our own boat parade around the canals. Thanks to Frank Wiechec for organizing the event and the boat captains who decorated their boats and invited guests along. Wednesday, December 12th we kicked off our annual get together at Harpoon Harry's. Saturday, December 15th was our Christmas party at Twin Isles with entertainment provided by "The Invinceables". They were awesome!! Sunday, December

16th was the Lighted Boat Parade out of Fisherman's Village, which was a nice evening on the water. Monday, December 31st brings in the New Year at Twin Isles! A joint venture with the Country Club, BSIA and BSIBC should make for quite an evening. Once again, Soundsational DJ's will provide us with music and, oh yes! Games!!

If you haven't been to a Mixer the 1st Friday of the month at TICC, you are missing the boat!! Turnout for this is always good. We are always looking to improve the experience so look for a separate area to get beer and wine to alleviate congestion at the bar. It would also help after getting your drinks to move into the room to chat so that others may get their drinks. Another thing we have done is to have the "menu" be the Pasta Station and a buffet. This makes it easier for everyone to be served at basically the same time instead of the kitchen getting 100+ orders to put out. Better organization makes for better service and happier, well fed attendees!!

Thank you all for participating in these events. This is what makes us such a great club!!

Deborah Luedtke, Social Director



WEBSITE NEWS

Time flies and I find it is time to write some meaningful words for the UTC. (So Soon) Since I am not such a wordy guy I struggle to put together a worthwhile contribution. When this comes out the holidays will be over, we will be a couple of pounds heavier, (at least for me) and we will be anxiously awaiting some warmer weather and good fishing. A side note about that, I will be trying to generate some renewed interest in the now defunct fishing club. More about that later in the year.


I hope many of you are using and enjoying the website. I have compiled some interesting statistics with reference to the number of visits and views on the various web pages. Since we began the new site in March, there have been a total of 12,000+ page views. Now that is a total of times someone clicked on the pages. In other words if I went to the home page www.bsibc.com, then clicked on three pages within the site, that would count as 4 page views. Clearly the most popular three pages are EVENT PHOTOS, CALENDAR, and EVENT FLYERS. Those account for about 25% of the total visits to the site. A close 4th in number of visits was the FOR SALE page which surprised me because not many of you placed ads. Apparently there are more people looking for things than getting rid of things.

You can reach me at (239) 293-6042 my cell, or at rkfrazier@bsibc.com. I am open to comments, suggestions, criticisms and or questions.

Ron Frazier, Webmaster



Do you have any suggestions or comments for the Spring edition of the



UTC? If so, please email me dotti@vaivodas.com your suggestions or comments. Your feedback is always welcome! Enjoy your holidays!

Sincerely,

Dotti Vaivoda
Managing Editor, Up-The-Creeker
Burnt Store Isles Boat Club