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## HELLO from our New Secretary!



I am taking over the secretary's role from Sue Bareither, which was previously held by Ron Levis, as they served the Boat Club wonderfully for the last 7 years.



Welcome to the Spring 2013 Edition of the Up the Creeker! The focus of this Spring UTC is the upcoming activities for this year. Be sure to read the following Officers Reports so you have the tentative schedules.

Fleet Captain Doug Rhee is working hard to find Cruise Directors for our favorite trips and even some new places. Social

Director Deborah Luedtke is always arranging lunches, dinners, and other non-boating events. Rear Commodore Eileen Leming is diligently recruiting new members but remember each of us has the responsibility to "talk up" the club with neighbors and friends. Treasurer Ophelia Rosen is keeping our accounts in great shape. Secretary Nancy Svehla continues Sue Bareither's tradition of emailing us all the news. Information Technology Director Ron Frazier keeps our website up-to-date to make available the details of our news and events.

Special thanks are due to all our 2013 Committee Chairs, many of whom agreed to 're-up' for another year of service.

Eric Muñoz - Audit  
Rose Braatz- By-Laws & Protocol  
Gary Brewster - BSI Canal Advisory Committee  
Harry Heiges - Canal Cleanup  
Dot Minzer - Chaplain  
Len Harris - Charlotte County Marine Advisory Committee  
Ed Minzer - Charlotte County Alligator Creek Advisory Committee  
Mark Vaivoda - Charlotte County Alligator Creek Advisory Committee  
Ron Levis - Directory  
Sue Sleight - Education/Safety  
Ed Sleight - Fleet Surgeon

Sue & Ron have been so helpful in sharing their knowledge about the Boat Club as I have only lived in Punta Gorda for one year, so everything is new to me.

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to serve. Please keep me aware of any events, reminders, neighborhood noteworthy news, and suggestions on ways that I may keep the Boat Club informed and up-to-date.

Please feel free to email me at [nltjsvehlal@bsibc.com](mailto:nltjsvehlal@bsibc.com) or call me at 443-564-2710. I will gladly share the information with the entire club.

*Nancy Svehla, Secretary*

## **GRANDMA'S ATTIC**

*Grandma's Attic is alive and well but could use an "inventory update". To refresh everyone, the Attic serves as a repository for BSIBC and BSIA members where they can "borrow" items which might help them in accommodating the needs of guests who are here visiting. Our current inventory includes a variety of items to include.....high chair, port-a-crib, booster seats, strollers, portable bed rails, car seats (child & youth), life jackets, pool floats, twin-air-mattress, adult walker, wheelchair and shower stool.*

*Should you have something*

Jim & Donna Aveck - Photographers  
Di Kandis - Punta Gorda Boaters' Alliance  
Ron Levis - Membership  
Norm Jones - Resource Officer  
Open - Ship's Store  
Barbara Lakatos - Sunshine  
Dotti Vaivoda- Up-The-Creeker

Our BSIBC Communications include the quarterly UTC, monthly updates to the "Commodore's Corner" on the home page of the website, weekly emails of events and news, immediate emails for time sensitive events and news, and the always available website.

"It takes an Isles to Support a Boat Club"

*Di Kandis, Commodore*



## **Fleet Captain's Log**

We are finally getting the 2013 boating program firmed up. I am still open to ideas and really need help by way of Cruise Directors, thanks to Art Koon for running Rum Runners luncheon We had a great crowd of over 50 BSIBC Mariners and guests.



Some upcoming Cruises are:

Dave Schall will be leading our Howl at the Moon raft out on Monday Feb.25th.

The Leming's will be leading our cruise and breakfast at Burnt Store Marina on March 2-3rd, and Bill Van Ooyen will again be taking our hearty members kayaking on March 14th. That is just the start of what I hope will be a great year for our members.

To round out the first half year, how about if we head to the Navigator for lunch around April 24th as the tides are very favorable. We are also planning a trip to Tween Waters for May 8-10th. Our traditional lunch at the Green Flash will be on Thursday the May 9th.

Now how about some feedback for later May ????. Should we take advantage of Ralph Allen's boat and head back to Cabbage key or would you rather make a day of it and go via his boat to Gasparilla for a 4 hour island stay? You could shop, lunch, beach or just rent a golf cart or bike and buzz around the island. I am planning a trip to South Seas in June, as well as a raft out that month.

Nothing is scheduled in July but keep August 2-5 open as our annual

*suitable which would enhance the Attic's inventory and you are willing to lend it out for these special occasions, please give our "Grandma" Teddy Gudis a call. She can be reached at 941-575-0096. Her email address is [teddy136@embarqmail.com](mailto:teddy136@embarqmail.com)*

South Seas trip will be then. We have some more ideas for the fall and we will talk about them in the next UTC.

*Doug Rhees, Fleet Captain*



## → Rear Commodore

Welcome back Snowbirds. We're glad to see you back in our Paradise. Have you noticed all of the new construction? Finally things are slowly getting back to normal. Jeff Zeimer tells me the local real estate market has improved. Prices are slowly creeping up, houses are selling in less time and the availability of nice waterfront homes has decreased dramatically. Good news for all of us! As usual for this time of year there are a lot of activities. Make sure you check our website for event flyers and the calendar.



I have met with the BSIA membership committee and we have our coordinated recruitment efforts worked out. Our efforts appear to be working! Since November we have had 14 couples join the Boat Club! Thank you to the volunteers who went door knocking to welcome new residents in the community. The new members have green dots on their name tags to identify them as new. Please make them feel welcome.

We can always use help in our recruitment efforts. If you see someone new in your neighborhood, please let me know so we can welcome them. If you would like to do it yourself contact me and I will give you a packet of information to give them.

Stay well and enjoy this beautiful weather. Hope to see you at a Boat Club event soon.

*Eileen Leming, Rear Commodore*



## → Treasurer



Here's a view of our Boat Club's financial status as of February 15, 2013. At the end of January, our Audit Committee conducted the review of our financial records for the fiscal year 2012 and reported to be in order. On January 8, at our first board meeting, we reviewed the budget draft for 2013. The goals are to increase our membership to reach

within budget of \$5000.00, sell as many items from the Ship's Store as possible and receive at least \$400.00 in revenue from our 50/50 donations. Your continued support and participation will keep our boat club alive!

BURNT STORE ISLES BOAT CLUB  
Balance Sheet  
As of February 15, 2013

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Bank Accounts	
Checking Charlotte State Bank	4,666.85
Savings - Money Market	<u>9,026.12</u>
Total Bank Accounts	13,692.97
Total Checking/Savings	<u>13,692.97</u>
Total Current Assets	13,692.97
Other Assets	
Ship Store Inventories	
Ship's Store Inventory	<u>1,349.92</u>
Total Ship's Store Inventories	<u>1,349.92</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>1,349.92</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>15042.89</u></b>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Future Year's Dues	<u>50.00</u>
Total Liabilities	50.00
Equity	
Retained Earnings	3,816.52
Opening Bal Equity	6,971.62
Net Income	<u>4,204.75</u>
Total Equity	4,992.89
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>15,042.89</u></b>

*Ophelia Rosen, Treasurer*



→ **Social Director**

Hi Everyone,

Not much to report since my last article. Christmas and New Years events were wonderful! Could it have been any busier??



March 19th we will have a guest speaker coming to Twin Isles Country Club. His name is Jim Eastman and he will have copies of his book "The Book for Senior Boaters". He will speak at 11 am, noon will be social time with 50/50 drawing and 1 pm lunch will be served. You can attend any part or all three of these segments! Lunch is payable on your TICC Membership or by credit card.

April 20th will be our Commodores Ball at Twin Isles Country Club. Watch for details!

I will once again run the BSIA/BSIBC Golf Outing in May. The date will be Thursday, May 23rd. Start thinking about your teams and let's have a great turnout!!

The date for the Lighted Boat parade will be Sunday, December 15, 2013. We have had this to ourselves for many years and would like to continue the tradition. Please mark your calendars now because we all know how hectic that time of year becomes!!

Your continued participation is essential to have these events, so please sign up!!

*Deborah Luedtke, Social Director*



**WEBSITE NEWS**

Seems like more of you are looking at the website. There have been over 13,000 page views so far. Not too bad for a group of about 125 or so members. Thank you for using your BSIBC website.

There are 50+ members with passwords to access the members only page and only a handful have forgotten them and asked for a reminder. Anyone wanting access to the members only page should send me their choice of a username and a password. It takes me just a couple of minutes to program it. Also, if you notice any mistakes (spelling, phone

numbers, email addresses, etc) in the online directory, please let me know.

Commodore Di is planning monthly updates to the "Commodore's Corner" on the home page. Secretary Nancy is sending out weekly event updates that includes a one click link to flyers and events. Seems like there is a lot happening with the club these days so hopefully you will use the calendar and notices to keep up.

A big thanks to Jeff Nilsson, the previous webmaster, for the donation of his "Tides and Currents" program to the club. I will be able to continue to provide the tide charts in the format that is most popular and useful. THANKS JEFF.

Happy Surfing

*Ron Frazier, Information Technology Director*



Do you have any suggestions or comments for the Summer edition of the UTC? If so, please email me ([dotti@vaivodas.com](mailto:dotti@vaivodas.com)) your suggestions or comments. Your feedback is always welcome!

Sincerely,

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