



Burnt Store Isles Boat Club

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Spring/Summer Newsletter



Commodore Greetings

Welcome to the Spring/Summer 2014 Edition of the Up-the-Creeker

This Spring/Summer 2014 Up the Creeker has so much information that if printed it covers about seven or eight pages!!! And that is without advertisements!!! You will notice as you read the Officer Reports that the Board Members have written about what will be happening. That is exactly how this team works together. They are reluctant to take credit for what they have done and



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want only to do more. I want to take a bit of space right here and now to tell you about the wonderful things your Board has done for the Club. Pete conducted our annual boat safety inspections with the help of our United States Coast Guard Auxiliary members The Bareither's. If you have a boat it is to your benefit to have it inspected - you will at least know what you could do for safety improvement. Contact Pete if you missed this opportunity.

Eileen, with the help of a fantastic team, has implemented a new membership database using current technology. Perhaps you noticed the additional phone numbers and emails in the 2014 Directory or the new look of the Errata Sheet. And best of all is that the information is now safely stored "in the cloud" rather than on a local PC.

Joann and Robert have changed up our schedule of events. Perhaps you've attended a monthly Lunch Out and About either by car or boat. Or maybe you went to the Commodore's Ball. If you've not dropped in at the Monthly Mixer for a beverage then you have missed an excellent opportunity to mingle with some of your BSI neighbors. Ophelia keeps an eagle eye on our Treasury and has put our Ship's Store in shape. See "O" to display your BSIBC membership with a burgee or a license plate!

Nancy and Ron have renovated our communications by using software which we already owned. Our website bsibc.com is always fresh with up-to-date information from the Commodore's Corner to the calendar to the bylaws. The weekly update now has a professional look and feel to it and contains all the information and links to details that you need to stay involved in the club.

Most importantly though is that each Board Member would say all these activities have been possible only through team efforts.

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BSIBC Officers

Commodore - Di Kandis

Vice Commodore- Pete Worthington

Rear Commodore - Eileen Leming

Fleet Captain - Robert Moore

Past Commodore - Kathy Williamson

Treasurer - Ophelia Rosen

Secretary and Editor-in-Chief UTC - Nancy Svehla

Social Director JoAnn Houston

IT Director - Ron Frazier

Working together with Club members has empowered so much completion. Thank you Everyone!

"It takes an Isles to Support a Boat Club"

Di Kandis, Commodore



Guest Article -JET SKI



Much to the chagrin of my bride, I often like to say "it's the most exciting thing I've put between my legs in

four years!" Of course I'm speaking about my 255 horsepower SEA DOO jet ski, aka a personal watercraft (PWC). Having never ridden a jet ski in my life, I went into the local dealer here in Punta Gorda in August 2009 and left with a top-of-the-line jet ski. WOW, what an injection of fun this has introduced to my boating hobby. While Judy and I still love to cruise, this PWC is like a motorcycle on the water. Faster than a Ferrari from 0-50 mph, this thing will make your cheeks flutter in the 70 mph wind and take you to places not even imaginable in a regular boat. It is absolutely phenomenal to be going at a speed equal to your age as you skim across glass-flat water.

I joined the Jetski Junkies, a group of mostly young riders (at my age, most everyone is younger!) who promote safe riding and fun in group rides. I've ridden many Florida rivers, bays, chain-of-lakes, harbors, and just about anywhere in Florida where there is a puddle of water. The Peace River is one of my favorites because of its natural beauty, bird



BSIBC Weekly Update for May 4, 2014

- May's Commodore's Corner is "Flags, Flags, Flags" in anticipation of Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Fourth of July. Read a bit of US flag history, an interesting International Maritime Flag-factoid, and Frequently Asked Questions regarding US flag protocols. [Commodore Corner](#)
- We had 84 reservations for the Commodore's Ball held at the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club last Sunday. Ask Di about the "Memory Book" presented to her! In addition to dining and dancing Commodore Di presented Ron Levis with an award for his years of dedication and devotion to our Club. [Commodore Ball Photos](#)
- **Please note a DATE CORRECTION -** May 13, 2014, Tuesday - BSIBC Fishing Club - at CHEC -see link
[FISHING CLUB](#) -Open to all BSIBC member. Contact Captain Doug Rhees at dougrhees@gmail.com 916-9285 or Captain Nevin Colver at ncover@comcast.net 941-661-6092



BSIBC Communications

sanctuaries, twist and turns above Arcadia, and closeness to Punta Gorda. Another favorite is the restored section of the Kissimmee River with twist and turns that would challenge race car drivers; it also has the added challenge of avoiding alligators which adds to excitement around every bend in the river. These rivers provide some of the most beautiful unspoiled views of Florida's abundant fauna and flora that can be seen only while on the water.

The Tampa Bay Jet Ski Club holds an annual weekend event for charity in Clearwater Beach which draws upwards of 100 PWCs. A poker run on the water and tours of local ski areas plus making new friends make that weekend a must-attend event each summer.

One not-so-memorable ride for me occurred in August this year when I rode with a group from Fort Myers on the Peace River. While horsing around, I lost my hat to the river and then ran right over it while searching for it. The hat got sucked into the jet drive and I wound up dead in the water. Too far upriver for Sea Tow to rescue me, I was fortunate enough to get towed to the Navigator restaurant where Judy met me with my trailer.

Jetskiers sometimes get a bad rap for their ill-mannered behavior on the water; fortunately there is only a small number that misbehave much like any other activity. The great majority of riders put safety first and there are no strangers; a friendlier group you will never meet. My only regret is that we don't have more organized jet ski riding here in Charlotte County. The Harbor and local rivers provide some of the best and safest riding in all of Florida. Won't you come join me on the water and try to keep up?

Dave Schall

- bsibc.com is always available and has a wealth of information. There's the monthly Commodore's Corner, the Water Testing Results, a Calendar, Bylaws, Officers, event photos, for sale, and more!
- Immediate Releases are emailed only as needed to inform you of time sensitive events such as navigation hazards, boat burglaries, and the passing of members.
- Weekly Update is delivered to your email inbox each Sunday with reminders of upcoming events and news of what has happened the past week. Be sure to scroll to the end to see all the information!
- Up the Creeker is published Spring and Fall with guest articles and Officer reports presenting information not included in the Weekly Updates.



Secretary Update



Welcome to our new format for the "Up The Creeker" (UTC). The Board has decided that our weekly email brings you the latest news, events, and announcement and it would be appropriate to use the same communication opportunities for the UTC. Our new schedule will be two UTC issues, one now for the Spring, and one in the Fall. We will be providing a lot of interesting articles



Safety by Rear Commodore



Know your target audience. Who are your most important customers, clients or prospects, and why? Know what is important to them and address their needs in your newslett

er each month. Include a photo to make your newsletter even more appealing.

Insert a "read on" link at the bottom of your article to drive traffic to your website. Links are tracked, allowing you to see which articles create the most interest for your readers.

With the tides rising and weather getting even warmer, as boaters we look to taking to the seas. This is always a fun time to be on the water. There are so many safety issues I could bring up that it would fill a book. So, I'll zone in on the "on board safety issues" of all passengers. None of us go out looking to have an incident or accident, but sometimes it happens. We can reduce the chances of an incident, when we have guests aboard by doing what we normally do when boating alone, and with good communication. My experience is that guests always want to help you with leaving the dock and when we arrive at a dock. If you and your first mate have a system that works, decline offers to assist in what the two of you do as a routine. Have them board, thank them for offer, but that you have a system. It is important that you give them a safety briefing that should include, but not limited to the location of the life vests and other safety items, remain seated while cruising or use extreme caution, and when nearing the docks, stay within the boat and don't lean out when there are dolphin poles

from guest writers and reports from our Board of Directors in each issue.

Do you have any suggestions or comments for the Fall/Winter edition of the UTC? If so, please email me at nltjsvehla@bsibc.com with your suggestions or comments. Your feedback is always welcome! Enjoy your summer!

Nancy Svehla, Secretary & Editor-in-Chief
UTC



Treasurer Report



Here's a quick view of our financial status as of April 15, 2014. Last year we collected \$2,225 in membership dues & fees

for 2014. To-date we've added another \$2,777 which means we've met our \$5,000 budget in 2014 Membership Dues & Fees. Help support your club by donating to the 50/50 raffle at the "funtastic" Lunch & About events and cruises so we may meet our \$400 challenge. Remember, burgees and license plates are always available, so feel free to call me to make your purchases. Lastly, many of our upcoming events are already reserved so mark your calenders to enjoy friends and good times. Happy cruising!

[BSIBC Income Expense Report 2014](#)

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Ophelia Rosen, Treasurer



Social Events

alongside. It is very easy to get pinned between the boat and the poles. Included in that message should be discussion about helping the Captain to watch out for hazards. While the Captain is the final authority, he or she may not see something that you do. Any good Captain will appreciate the extra eyes, even though he may see the hazard. Have a wonderful and safe boating summer.

On another note, Bill and Sue Bareither, members of our club and members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, performed 16 boat inspections last month. All but one passed, and the one that failed was reinspected the next day and passed. Thanks to Bill and Sue for their efforts.

Pete Worthington, Vice Commodore



Membership by Rear Commodore



We have great news!!! After several years of declining membership we have turned the corner and are on the rise again. In 2013 we had a slight increase in membership with 22 new members. Already in 2014 we have added an additional 14 new members.

Great job everyone!! Thank you to all of those who have helped with this recruiting effort. Our Welcome Packets are available for anyone who wants to deliver one to a new neighbor. During the summer while I am in New Jersey, Di Kandis will have the packets. You can also contact Di or me if you see a new neighbor moving in and you aren't comfortable approaching them. We will be happy to have someone contact



As Your New Social Director For The Boat Club, I am happy to say our events so far have been well attended. The Social Committee has been working closely with the BSIA in keeping our events spaced and sometimes combined.

The Following Events Coming Up Include:

June 14th--Lunch Out And About, Come By Boat Or Car to Porto Bello's in Burnt Store Marina. Next, on the Agenda is the;

July 4th, Buffet at Hurricane Charley's, with Fireworks, and this Event includes BSIA;

October 4th--Fleet Captain's Dance, at Kingsway Country Club;

Also, on October 18th--Join The BSIBC Boaters For Lunch Out and About, at Leverock's;

Our Annual BSIBC Membership Meeting is on November 5th, to include a Luncheon at the Isles Yacht Club;

On December 13th is our Christmas Party at Twin Isles Country Club;

And followed By Annual Peace River Lighted Boat Parade, on the 14th of December on the King Fisher at Fisherman's Village.

Its A Challenge To Have Events That Might Interest Our Boat Club Members, So The Committee Would Like Your Input And We Need Volunteers, Especially New Members To Get Involved. Lets Have Fun And Good Times Together.

Your BSIBC Social Director, Joann Houston

them.

The Welcome Packets that we use are exactly the same as the packets that BSIA delivers. Working together with them has been very successful. There is information in the packet about both organizations along with applications. There is also an information letter from the Twin Isles Country Club. Also included is an invitation to our monthly mixer, a list of Punta Gorda restaurants, information from the Chamber of Commerce, web sites of interest, and a map of Burnt Store Isles.

Our goal is to approach every single new resident in our community to welcome them and give them an opportunity to join in the fun.

Have a wonderful summer.

Eileen Leming, Rear Commodore



Fleet Captain Log



Here we are living in Paradise and the weather has caused the Nav-A-Gator lunch to become a four-wheeled land cruiser trip and the Pelican Bay Day to become a party at the Lemings. Both lots of fun; just not boating! But never fear we are planning more boating events: kayak trips, lunches, raft-ups, and overnights. We do need Cruise Director volunteers to set up our trips. It's not difficult!



A Friend Came to Visit Today



I was sitting at the computer today playing with e-mails when I

received a call from my neighbor, Commodore Di Kandis. "Dolphin out front!" she exclaimed and quickly hung up. We frequently call each other for things like alligators, manatees, eagles, occasionally snakes and dolphins, so a quick statement is all that is needed to send me running out with my camera.

I took 14 photos in a point and shoot mode. Isn't digital photography wonderful? The problem was, when he or she surfaced, I would push the button, but the response time was such that the Dolphin was already on the way back down. Of all the photos only one came out reasonably well so I thought I would share it with you. Just another day in paradise.

Gregg Cameron April 22, 2014



Nominating Committee by Past Commodore



Even though each and every BSIBC Board member loves serving there are some whose tenure will come to an end this December 31. We decided to get an early start this year with the appointment of Eileen Leming and

- Pick a location for the type of event (kayak trip, lunch, raft-up, or overnight)
- Pick a date and time
- Talk with Fleet Captain Robert Moore to publicize the event
- Organize the attendees and coordinate with the location if needed

Here are some examples:

- Kayak trip to explore (South Fork of) Alligator Creek. Everyone meet at the pilings demarcating the "border" between our canal and the Creek at 10:00AM. Depending on the tide strength and winds either paddle to the junction with Alligator Creek or out to the Harbor. Everyone to bring their own drinks and snacks.
- Try another lunch at the Nav-A-Gator
- Lunch or Sunday Brunch at Burnt Store Marina - June's Lunch Out and About is being held there so why not organize a boat trip there!
- A breakfast potluck raft-up in the Harbor
- A sunset raft-up in a basin of our canals
- An overnight at the always popular South Seas Resort (The hotel rooms are nice for those without overnight boats.)

Volunteer a little to get a big return from your club!

Robert Moore, Fleet Captain



At the Super Boat Grand Prix

Nancy Svehla to kick off the nominating committee. Per our By-Laws, Past Commodore, Kathy Williamson will Chair the committee. We will have positions for Board members, committee chairs and members, and two more spots on the nominating committee. To volunteer contact Commodore Di, Kathy, Eileen, or Nancy.



IT Director



Wow, This has been a great year for the boat club. We can tell from the activity sent to us in Nancy's weekly e-mail update. So much to read, so many links. You would think this a city wide club, not just little

old Burnt Store Isles. Speaking of those links, did you know that most of those links Nancy provides takes you right to the boat club's web

site? <http://bsibc.com/4sale.html> for instance takes you to the "for sale" page of the website. So, while you are there, why not just click around and explore some of the other stuff the club has for you. We have added a "Fishing Club" page with information about the next meeting and what happened at the last meeting. There is a list of boat club officers, safety news, by-laws, and even a copy of past and current UTC's. You can get the tide tables, membership renewal and so on. I can tell how much traffic visits the site and notice that the numbers spike on those days you receive the weekly update. I will look for more activity during the other days of the week to see if you have read this.

Remember, you can still get the current calendar (with links) and flyers, even after you have deleted the weekly e-mail.



Several BSIBC members assisted as volunteers in the recent Charlotte Harbor Super Boat Grand Prix. Owners Captain Doug

Rhees and First Mate Michelle with crew members Rick and Michelle Doll cruised on "LunaSea" to provide a Media Vessel for race coverage. Captain Ron Dressler and First Mate Sandy on their boat "Sweet Freedom" enhanced safety at the races by being a Patrol Boat. Skipper Gary Morrison and First Mate Terry attended the event on their boat "Mysterry". These three overnight boats had a fantastic time spending the weekend at Palm Island Marina. Additionally, Skipper Merrill Bales and First Mate Judy on their boat "Hay Bales" were at the north end of the race course as a Patrol Boat. Everyone enjoyed their participation and "ring-side" seating!

Reported by Capt. Doug Rhees



Happy surfing

Ron Frazier, IT Director



BSIBC Event Schedule 2014

- May 13, 2014, Tuesday 9:00am Fishing Club at CHEC [FISHING CLUB](#)
- June 6, 2014 BSIBC/BSIA Friday Mixer at TICC [BSIBC/BSIA Mixer](#)
- June 10, 2014- Fishing Club at CHEC [FISHING CLUB](#)
- June 14, 2014, Saturday, 12:30pm, Lunch Out and About -Porto Bello At Burnt Store Marina, JoAnn Houston, Come by boat or car Pay on your own. Order from MENU [Porto Bello's Lunch Out & About](#)
- July 4th, 2014, 5:30pm Cocktails, 6:30pm Dinner Buffet, July 4th Dinner & Fireworks, Jo Ann Houston, Dinner at Hurricane Charlie's on the River- watch Fireworks [Fourth of July Celebration](#)
- Oct 4, 2014, 5:00pm Cocktails, 6:00pm Dinner, Fleet Captain's Dance At Kingsway Country Club, JoAnn Houston, See Flyer [Fleet Captain's Dinner](#)
- Oct 17-20, 2014, TBD, Palm Island Cruise and, Eileen & Jack Leming, See Flyer [Palm Island Cruise](#)
- Oct 18, 2014, 11:30am, Lunch at Leverock's Restaurant, Jack Leming, See Flyer [Leverock's Luncheon](#)



- Nov 5, 2014, 11:30am, BSIBC Annual Meeting and Luncheon - Isles Yacht Club, JoAnn Houston, Flyer & Registration form coming soon
- Dec 13, 2014, TBD, BSIBC Christmas Party- Twin Isles Country Club, JoAnn Houston, Flyer & Registration form coming soon
- Dec 14, 2014, 5:00pm, CHRISTMAS Peace River Lighted Boat Parade , JoAnn Houston, Registration form and Flyer coming

See link

[Event Checklist Schedule 2014](#)



Do you have any suggestions or comments for the Fall edition of the UTC? If so, please email Nancy Svehla nltjsvehla@bsibc.com your suggestions or comments. Your feedback is always welcome!

Sincerely,

Nancy Svehla,
Secretary & UTC Editor-in-Chief
Burnt Store Isles Boat Club

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