

SPEUTIE ISLAND BOAT CLUB

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AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Well this month we'll begin by welcoming aboard a new member, General Andrews who resides in the Big House at #1 Plumb Point Loop, we look forward to working with him.

NOTE: Fall work party dates have been set, Pre-work party October 18th. from 0800 till around noon: Major work party October 25th, from 0800 until we've completed all work. This notice will be put into each newsletter until completion of the parties.

FROM: Don Baurle: This is just a short note on some operational and facility changes that will be forthcoming if not already underway within the next few months and an update on the parking lot security problems. As most of you know we have been plagued by a series of thefts from boats in the parking lot. The thief was indentified thru the diligent observations of the SIBO night watch. An identification of his truck and license number were given to an agent of the Investigative Services Division. This individual does not live or work on post. He comes into the parking lot just after dark and takes what he wants. It is believed this is the same person removing items from the storage area behind the old PMO. At the present time, the investigation is continuing.

Throughout this whole investigation, we have been informed that security on the SIBO parking lot is for the most part our responsibility. Locks on your outdrives, and props if possible, and locks on outboards should be considered. Also removing any electronics that can be easily taken will certainly help deter this guy. This may take time, and may be an added expense that really should not be needed, but it may be the cheapest way to protect your property.

SIBO will be making some changes in the parking lot security that will also make your property a little safer hopefully. Most of you on watch have seen cars or trucks drive thru or park between the boats. This goes on all night. In order to facilitate a more secure parking area, gates and a small fence will be installed so that vehicles cannot enter the parking lot at night. Your club key will open either gate. Motion detection lights will be installed to cover the full lot, especially behind the boats along the marsh. These gates will be secured by the night watch prior to leaving for the evening, and can be opened by the first person thru in the morning. The Provost Marshall will be informed that police should check anyone in the parking area after dark. These changes should make the parking area more secure for boats and equipment.

The 1998 budget for the boat club included two CPMC (Capital Improvements) request. We have been informed that both of these request could be approved in FY98. The first request was for funds to replace the old (40 +) year old dock that has been continually damaged by flooding and ice. The second request is to replace all the wooden floating docks with new fiberglass commercial docks. If these requests are granted there will be some more work to build the new permanent dock, put the new fiberglass docks together, and to cut up the old wooden docks for disposal. More information concerning these two projects will be forthcoming. Don.

Now back to me: there is apparently some controversy regarding the watches. If your name has appeared on the watch list 3 - 4 - 5 times or more **YOU ARE STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT WATCH**. Those individuals listed more often than other individuals had not met their required watch for last season. Therefore the secretary was instructed to place these individuals on the first list, and then put them in the normal rotation by the Advisory Board. So I hope that clears that up, and if that doesn't work, other measures will have to be looked at.

Many odd jobs still need to be done, so if you need hours, or have some spare time, call Rick Bruno, Don Baurle, or Tom Haug. Numbers are in the clubhouse.

Page three is the next set of scheduled watches. It was prepared on a separate sheet for your convenience.

Thanks: Wade