



Spesutie Island Boat Operations



Newsletter

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Dock Progress. Thanks to Don Baurele, the new fixed dock is functionally complete. COME ON OUT AND SEE IT! However, the old dock structure needs to be removed, and the steel supports need to be painted. Also, Dean says that some repairs must be made to the floats before they may be launched this Spring. Therefore, the last two Saturdays in March will be organized-work days to accomplish these tasks. In order to encourage participation, work hours on these two days will either count towards last years' work requirements, if you are going into this year with a deficit; or, otherwise, towards this years work requirements.

A long-time member and son are working with Dean to design & fabricate Aluminum & Steel walk ramps to replace the ones at the fixed dock, and the boat ramp. These will be a light-weight design that, hopefully, will be more durable than the wooden ones.

Don will use material on hand to fabricate steel gates for the end of the new fixed dock.

1998 Schedule. (Mark Your Calendars)

| Date | Time | Task |
|-------------------------|------|--|
| 21 March 1998, Saturday | 0800 | - Work on Fixed Dock & |
| 28 March 1998, Saturday | 0800 | Repair Floats. |
| 04 April 1998, Saturday | 0800 | - Preliminary Preparations & |
| 11 April 1998, Saturday | 0800 | Repair Moorings. |
| 18 April 1998, Saturday | 0800 | - Open Club - Install Floats & Moorings. |

- dress warmly & bring gloves.

For more information, contact Don Baurele [H-410-272-3189] or Dean Hansen [H-410-676-2095 W-410-671-3605]. P.S., Don says that, time permitting, two floats will be installed at the ramp, the last week in March, for the use of our fishermen.

Rates The Advisory Board has set rates and policy for use of the boat-storage warehouse [Bldg. #2338]. A member may elect to get an inside, reserved boat-parking space for \$6.50 per foot for the period, April/May thru September/October. This includes unlimited access, use of the ramp, use of the clubhouse, etc, and the same work-hour & watch requirements as other members. However, at the end of the boating season [Sept/Oct], the member must either remove the boat to the outdoor lot at no additional cost, or pay an additional \$6.50 per foot for indoor winter storage for the period, October/November thru March/April. Contact Bob McCormack [H-410-734-7476] or Jeff Lukas [H-410-272-0586].

Latrines A new club member is remodelling the latrines. To date, floors, fittings, and some walls have been removed. New fittings, floors, and trim will be installed. Don is to check if the electrical circuit breakers will handle the installation of hot-air hand dryers.

Questions: Any ideas or comments to the following should be communicated to a board member at your convenience or send email to Mike Williamson at mlwillia@apega.army.mil. Ideas will be consolidated and brought forth at a monthly meeting.

- (1) Should we re-install flag staff to fly the SIBO burgee, and maybe the National flag on holidays?
- (2) Should we re-install the large metal box on dock to hold emergency supplies, such as bailing buckets, shackles, pieces of rope & chain, etc.?
- (3) Should we post signs indicating NO FISHING, NO DIVING, NO SWIMMING, DON'T RUN, NO CHILDREN WITHOUT ADULTS, PATRONS ONLY, etc? Do you have any suggestions concerning the finishing details for the new dock?

SIBO BURGEE

Throughout our recent history, the symbol of our club, as represented on our burgee, an exploding bomb. In our more boating-oriented days, burgees were given to new members to fly on their boats to indicate their club affiliation. The idea of discontinuing official use of our current burgee since we are no longer affiliated with the Ordance school has been a heated topic at recent meetings. If you have comments about this or suggestions for a possible alternative burgee/ symbol, voice or send concerns to a board member or send email (mike williamson at [mlwillia@apega.army.mil]). Similarly if you are interested in getting involved in future burgee distribution and ideas thereof.

Boating Skills and Seamanship Course

Sponsored by U.S. Coast Guard Auxillary, Flotilla 13-04, is the last one for this season.

7 lessons with option to expand to 13 lessons.

Qualifies for DNR Certificate for all born after 1 July 1972

Qualifies for insurance discount with most insurance companies.

WHERE: Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground

WHEN: Starts 17 March 1998 Tue & Thur Nites

FOR MORE INFO. Contact: Charles Shadle 1-410-838-2265 or see the SIBO Web Page at [HTTP://131.92.225.5](http://131.92.225.5) for a form to mail or email.

On Line Safety Course

Point you browser to <http://www.boatus.com> and select the **On Line Safety Course** button.

SIBO WWW Page. Our club web page at

[HTTP://131.92.225.5](http://131.92.225.5) has seen a significant increase in traffic since it was linked to the APG home and garrison activities home pages. The good news might be increased revenue due to additional membership. The bad news, get your applications and work hours upto date so you are assured your preferred parking or mooring location.

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