



Spesutie Island Boat Operations



Newsletter

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Boat fees for 1998 are to be raised by \$0.50 per foot. These fees should have been raised at least every other year to keep up with inflation and SIBO expenses. However, Mooring, Parking Lot, and Ramp- only fees have been unchanged since 1995; while Winter Indoor Storage fees have been unchanged since 1992. The new fees for the 1998 boating season are to be:

Mooring [\$9.50 per foot]

Parking in Lot [\$6.50 per foot - 15 foot minimum]

Use of Ramp Only [\$6.00 per foot - no parking]

Indoor Storage [\$6.50 per foot per 1/2 year *]

Parking: The advisory Board has tentatively established a new boat parking option for the convenience of the patrons. SIBO has been assigned a new warehouse for indoor boat parking. Bldg.#2338 is located on Rock Island Ave (behind Burger King) off of Frankford St (next to firehouse), in the Aberdeen Area. In addition to regular indoor storage, a small number of reserve spaces will be designated "*park-and-go*" ** for the boating season. Those who get these spaces will be accorded the same SIBO privileges and responsibilities as those in the outdoor parking lot; except their boat will be inside a locked area. The assignments will be made to those who request it in order of completed work hours for the previous year. The fee is expected to be about \$10.00 per foot for the boating season. Since the details on this opportunity are still being worked out, the applications for 1998 will contain a request that you indicate if you would be interested in this option. When you send in your application, however, you would only include the fee for outdoor parking (ie, \$6.50 per foot); then in the spring when details are ironed out, if you qualify, you will be contacted to provide the additional fee if you still desire this option. Needless to say, if you are deficient in work hours for 1997, and are interested in this "*park-and-go*" option, you had better contact Don Bauerle or Dean Hansen to get in some work hours.

** "*Park-and-Go*" means that the parking spots will be wider than the storage spots; additionally, they will be arranged for easy access to the door so that you may just come in, hook-up, and pull your boat to the SIBO ramp or anywhere else.

Parking Lot Numbers have been changed. They were numbered by section ie, 100 series, 200 series, etc. Now they are numbered sequentially, 1 thru 69. Those of you who will want to specify a favored parking lot number or area when sending in their application form in the spring, should go to the parking lot and note the new numbers for their favored spots.

Club Opening: The tentative schedules for the 1998 work parties are:

Preparatory Work: 4 April & 11 April

Open the facility: 18 April (all Saturdays)

Advisory Board for 1998 is as follows:

Vice Commodore: Rick Bruno, H-410-272-2154 W-410-278-5924

Rear Commodore: Don Baurele, 410-272-3189

Secretary: Jeff Lukas, H-410-272-0586

- Custodian: William Gault 410 278 9955

- Winter Storage: Wade Schneider & Bob McCormack

Harbor Master: Dean Hansen, H-410-676-2095 W-410-671-3605

Fleet Captain: Tom Haug, H-272-6832 W-410-278-6518

- Advisor: Ed Soly, 410 676-4636

- Associate: Mike Williamson, H-410 838-1071 W-410 671-1191

If you are interested in lending support to the activity, there are still vacancies available on the board., such as Activities director and watch facilitator.

Relief: As a result of mixups in providing up to date watch lists, no penalties will be assessed for 1998. However, those patrons who turn out to be deficient in work hours for 1997 will be advised by Rick Bruno that their application will be held until they make up the work hours. And if the deficiencies are not made up by mid April 1998, their application will be rejected due to failure to commit to SIBO regulations. Watch performance will be factored into account for application acceptance in future years

New Docks: Outdoor Recreation will not order the new main dock floats until mid Summer, delivery in the Fall. Therefore, some minor repairs would be made to the old floats, which would be used for one more season.

SIBO Online: SIBO has initiated a World Wide Web page and joined the electronic information age. The page can be accessed from the home, office or library by pointing your browser at [HTTP://131.92.225.5](http://131.92.225.5). All of the information found in the newsletters will be located and archived here for future reference including SOP's, membership application and float plan forms. Also included is history, membership, tides and charts, activities and watch schedules as well as a club classified. Our site is linked from the APG and Morale welfare WWW pages facilitating increased visibility. We have links to your favorite marine supply centers and boating clubs.

Rats have been found in the dumpster. it has been emptied and chained shut to prevent further use until Spring.

Applications should have been received by now and are to be returned to the Secretary (Jeff Lukas [NOT THE P.O. BOX]) by 1 April 1998.

Boating Safety & Seamanship Courses

Maryland requires boat operators under the age of 26 to have a valid certificate of boating safety education (born on or after 1 July 1972.) The US Power Squadrons(USPS), US Coast Guard Auxiliary(USCGA), Red Cross, Community Colleges, & Maryland Department of Natural Resources(DNR) offer various courses which meet the requirements of this law. To find a course that is being offered in your locality, call 1-800-336-BOAT. Some courses are as follows:

USPS

Bel Air High School
(2/16/98 at 1930)

Joppa High School
(2/17/98 at 1930)

Havre De Grace High School
(2/19/98 at 1930)

Contact Charles Trott at 410-272-6323
Obtained by calling 1-800-336-BOAT

Boating Skills and Seamanship

Edgewood Area of APG, building E-4733
1900 -2100

Beginning Tuesday 13 January 1998

Call 410-838-2265 or 410-679-2266
for reservations

Free Instruction plus a a \$20 book fee
Taught by Trained Coast Guard Auxiliary officers
From APG News dated 1/7/98.

On Line Safety Course

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

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