



Spesutie Island Boat Operations



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With the spring work party behind us, the boating season is in full swing. Thanks to all who participated in the spring work party which was a great success. Since the weather was great, the work progressed rapidly and lunch was superb!

Ramp Use. The ramp is for SIBO patrons only. To discourage unauthorized use, please lock it after use, unless there is another patron's boat in line to use it. Open the ramp gate SLOWLY - don't let it go; the impact may damage the support post. Check your boat & trailer before proceeding to the ramp to minimize the time to launch. Don't hog the float - if you are not leaving immediately, move the boat to the off side of the float.

Dock Use. The main dock is for loading, unloading, and brief maintenance. Never leave a boat unattended without a note attached. Dinghies are for access to moored boats, not for recreational or other uses. Do not keep them at the mooring where they cannot be used by others. Learn to use them safely & watch out for passing boats. They are old and have been repaired many times, and need to be treated gently. Operate your boat slowly & with caution in the mooring areas and near the ramp and main dock. Even 5 to 6-knots will generate a large wake which may unexpectedly rock floats or boats with someone working in them.

Parking Lot Use. There are a considerable number of boats in the lot with expired club decals. The board is in the process of moving these boats to the unsecured trailer storage area pending removal. If yours is one of them, please affix a current decal to your boat and trailer and contact a board member immediately! Lock the gate to the parking lot during workhours, or after hours, unless someone else is in there. Remember, if the watch doesn't show up, whatever isn't locked remains open all night.

Club House. The parking strip in front of the clubhouse is for brief visits, and to load or unload. Pull all the way forward so others may use it also. Keep the clubhouse clean. Do not leave the scoop inside the ice machine, and pick up spilled ice [& discard]. Always close & lock the door during workdays and after workhours, unless someone else is also using it.

Dingy Rack. Several of the dingies on the dingy rack next to the main dock do not have current SIBO decals. If you are storing a dingy on the rack please affix your allotted decal ASAP.

Lockers. All lockers must be updated by June 15 with name, address, Phone number, etc.

Watch Lists. Enclosed is the Watch list for the next period beginning 12 June 1998. Please take note and record your slot in a safe place for remembrance. This watch list will also be posted to the web site for those who misplace their originals. We need to have a presence every evening to discourage casual vandalism or worse, and to make sure the club is secured. Even if you goof and don't make it there on time, come down later & make sure the dinghies are secured, and the clubhouse & parking lot & ramp gate is locked. And sign the log.

Boating Safety Courses. Tuesday, June 16 1998, Anchors Away: "The Bush River Power Squadron will hold a Boating Course at 7:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 102 North Rodgers Street, Aberdeen. For more information, call 410-272-6323 or 410-679-3951." As you know, 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.) To find other courses that might be more convenient, call 1-800-336-BOAT.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Inspections. SIBO is negotiating with the USCGAux to inspect boats at the club, but specific dates are not yet available. Watch the bulletin board in the clubhouse for more details and dates. Anyone wishing to arrange for their own Courtesy Marine Inspection (CME) may try calling 1-800-336-2628 (in Virginia, 1-800-245-2628). Note: this is the same BOAT/US number quoted for Boat Safety Course information. Note: the CME is for standard powerboats and sailboats. There is a different Safety Checks for Personal Water Craft. For those of you On-Line, you may access the check-list for the CME by going to the USCGAux homepage at [<http://www.cgaux.org/>].

Jobs = Work Hours. There are still plenty of jobs to be done, such as cutting brush and painting. Contact a board member to insure the hours are credited appropriately.

**HAVE FUN
BE SAFE AND COURTEOUS**

This club is a community of boat owners. Let us look out for each other, because no one else will do it for us.

