

# ANCHOR & LINE

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## November Calendar

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General Meeting  
 Winter Storage Due  
 All Boats Out  
 Halloween TGIF  
 Winter Season Starts

Tuesday, October 14th, 7:00 pm  
 Wednesday, October 15th  
 Friday, October 24th  
 Friday, October 31st, 7:00 pm  
 Saturday, November 1st

The General  
 SPYC Office  
 SPYC Boatyard  
 The General

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S.P.Y.C.

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Saint Paul MN 55107

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 etc. to the Editor, S.P.Y.C., 100 Yacht  
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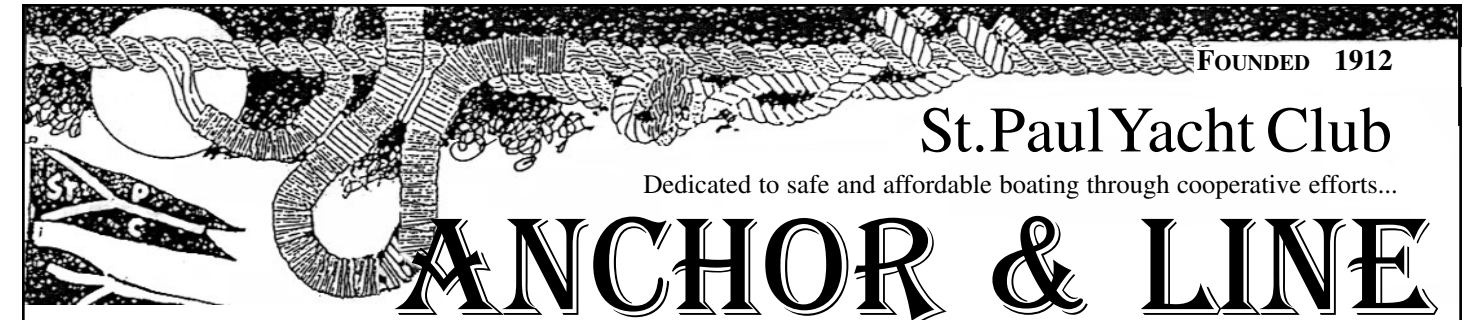
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#### Deadline

Articles must be submitted by the  
 25th of the month for publication the  
 following month.

Roger Anderson, Editor



Dedicated to safe and affordable boating through cooperative efforts...

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The Saint Paul Yacht Club was founded in 1912 as the Saint Paul Motor Boat Club for the purpose of fostering a greater interest in motor boating and the Mississippi River. In 1934 the club adopted its present name, S.P.Y.C., and continues more than 90 years of service to its members and the community.

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100 Yacht Club Rd. B-1, St. Paul, MN 55107

## - U69 Scuttlebutt -

Welcome to fall boating. September has been above average. The leaves are starting to change. October is the end for the seasonal boaters. It's been an interesting season to say the least.

Pullout – You need to call the office and schedule your pull. Don't wait until the very end to schedule; the weather could get bad the next few weeks.

New Standing Rule!!! – In an effort to improve our image with the city and our neighbors, the following rule was approved by the board this month.

Slip covers installation and condition:

No slip cover shall be installed without approval. Slip covers and frames shall be of the approved design and construction and must be kept in serviceable condition. Any frame with damaged, rusted, or bent pipes must be repaired as soon as possible. Covers are to be kept in good serviceable condition without holes and tears, and may not be delaminated or severely discolored. Covers must be tied down in such a manner that they cannot blow free. Any cover that has holes larger than a golf ball or tears longer than six inches must be replaced as soon as possible. If the owner does not remove a damaged cover in a reasonable time, or within 30 days of a verbal or written notice from the office, the SPYC will remove the damaged cover, dispose of it, and bill the owner accordingly. Tie down bars less than 6 feet above the dock must be moved to at least 6 feet above the dock when replacing the cover. All frames must be covered from June 1 to September 1.

Dredging – The hydrological study is being worked on as we speak and should be completed shortly.

Security – The board has approved the installation of an automatic gate in the boat yard and fence to finish enclosing the boat yard. This should be in place in the next few weeks. Meanwhile keep valuables out of sight in your locked car. Keep the gates locked and be sure of whom you let in the gate to keep strangers off the dock.

Slips – It's a little late to get a boat to slip here for the 2008 season but not the 2009 season. The \$100 finder fee is still paid to anyone who recruits a boater to slip at the SPYC. It would be great to get a boat in for winter storage so they would be ready to go next spring.

Vessel Safety Checks – Not complying with this rule WILL impede your launch or lease renewal next year. Time is running out. It is time to get your vessel checked in 2008. Please get the report into the office to be recorded. If you have not had a check performed on you boat, you need to get this done. This is now a standing rule that operations is enforcing. The club is requiring that each boat have a current survey, or a safety inspection performed by either the coastguard auxiliary (free) or staff (charge) and proof that the boat meets minimum requirements of Fire Extinguishers, Ventilation, Backfire Flame Control (if applicable), Marine Sanitation Devices (No discharge of untreated waste possible), Overall Vessel condition: Clean bilge, electrical system, fuel system, No automotive parts. Every boat needs to get this done NOW!

With that said...Lets go boating!  
Gordon Mergens

## - COMMODORE'S REPORT -

Behold, the sea itself,  
And on its limitless, heaving breast, the ships;  
See, where their white sails, bellying in the wind,  
speckle the green and blue.  
See, the steamers coming and going, steaming in  
or out of port,  
See, dusky and undulating, the long pennants of  
smoke.  
Behold, the sea itself,  
And on its limitless, heaving breast, the ships.  
*Walt Whitman*

You have to love this imagery.... as we take our last of the season's rides on her heaving breasts... but all good things must have an end, or new beginning.

Soon the yard will begin to fill up with winters sleeping boats and we will take to the land for a brief respite of only thinking or reading about ships and boating. I recommend "Men's Lives" by Matthison or "The bottom of the Harbor" by John Mitchel...or better yet "Mostly Mississippi" by Harold Speakman, a true tale of floating down the river in 1927. The description of our harbor is well worth the read.

The state of Minnesota recently celebrated 'Howard Dahlgren' day...what a great stroke of cosmic luck that Howard is ours, a teacher, a friend, a boating mentor, and an example for all of us on how to live our lives. Thanks Howard.

In the meanwhile, gear up for our end of season General Meeting on October 14th, I expect we will have an update on Club House planning and a presentation from the "Upper Mississippi River History Center"...and their exciting work on the SPYC history to be published in 2012, our 100th year, do not miss this meeting.

If you haven't seen it yet, take a trip to the Lower Harbor 178, to see the restoration of Dirk and Emily's wonderful old "Onan" lake boat, she is a credit to our harbors.

And please get your picture taken for the 2009 directory.

As you were,

Peter Kramer, Commodore, SPYC



## GATE GATE GATE

We are doing our best to increase security this year, and I'm pleased to announce that construction is progressing on our automated entrance gate. The gate will be operable by the end of October. Entrance is by a keypad code or your standard SPYC gate key, there will also be remote units available for your purchase. We have also fenced in the remaining portion of the boatyard (west end) that was open last year. As the gate becomes functional I will forward code information, remote costs, etc. - Roger

## SPYC Directory Update

I am requesting interesting photos from SPYC Members for the activity pages of the new directory, such as the Corn Feed, TGIF events, Steak Fry, Christmas Party, Commodore's Ball, etc. **Please place up to 10 photos in an envelope marked "DIRECTORY" and leave in the office for me.** Photos must be identified on the back with your name, phone number, and event description. If you are submitting digital photos please identify the file names and submit on a labeled CD or disk. Every attempt will be made to return submissions intact. We also have additional makes up dates for those of you who missed earlier opportunities:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contact person</u>
Arlington Hills Lutheran Church 1115 Greenbrier St. St. Paul, MN 55106	Oct. 8, 9, 10, 11	Pam at 651-777-5501
Cherokee Park United Church 371 Baker St. St. Paul, MN 55107	Oct. 27, 28	Bret at 651-260-6064

Please call me if you have submissions or need further info. **If you do take advantage of any of the above listed make up dates, you need to make an appointment with the listed contact person, AND make sure you give them our project #375783 so they know what directory your pictures go with.**

*Bonnie Kramer*

*651-228-1068*

### Thompson, James E. Lieutenant Colonel Retired U.S. Army



Age 88, passed away peacefully August 26, 2008. Survived and will be missed by loving wife, Jean; sons, James L. (Mary) of St. Louis and John R. (Ruith) of Mantorville; 9 grandchildren; 7 great-granddaughters; siblings, Bob, Jerry (June), Kay Busch, Mary Meier (Hugh) and Danny (Elaine); as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Preceded in death by parents, Samuel and Marie; and sister, Lorraine. Private services being held at a later date with Interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery.



We regret to announce the recent passing of SPYC member and Past Commodore (1980-81) Jim Thompson.

# GREETINGS BOATERS !!

HELLO BOATERS, THIS IS THE OLE YARD DOG HERE WITH A FEW IMPORTANT MESSAGES FOR YOU IN REGARD TO THIS YEARS' PULL OUT. 1ST, IF YOU HAVEN'T SET UP YOUR PULL WITH THE OFFICE DO SO YESTERDAY!! IF YOU ARE GOING AWAY FOR THE WINTER LET US KNOW AS WELL.

THIS YEAR'S PULL CAN GO SMOOTH AS SILK BUT ONLY IF EVERYBODY HELPS THE YARD TO ACCOMPLISH THIS . MAKE SURE YOUR BOAT IS READY!!! REMOVE ALL ITEMS OF VALUE, PARTICULARLY OFF THE DECKS SO WE CAN BOARD YOUR BOAT. THERE IS NOTHING MORE MADDENING THAN HAVING TO TRIP OVER THINGS ON A NARROW DECK!! IF YOU WANT YOUR POWER CORD COME DOWN AND GET IT AFTER OR BEFORE PULL, WE JUST UNPLUG AND GO.

LAST SPRING I WROTE ABOUT LINES. I'M SURE EVERYONE HAS UPGRADED TO THE APPROPRIATE SIZE FOR YOUR BOAT, IF YOU HAVE NOT WE MAY JUST THROW OUT UNSAFE LINES THIS YEAR. NO MORE THIRD WORLD ROPE (REVIEW PAST ANCHOR LINES FOR INFO ). ALSO UNWIND THE NEST AROUND DOCK CLEATS YOU ONLY NEED A FEW HALF HITCHES TO SECURE A LINE ALL THE REST JUST TAKES US LONGER TO MOVE THE BOAT AND IS REDUNDANT ANY WAY!!!

YOUR BOAT SHOULD BE BOW FORWARD IN YOUR SLIP. WE TAKE ALL BOATS FROM THE STERN (SOME FROM THE HIP). LOWER HARBOR MOVE YOUR BOAT TO UPPER ON A TIME, SCHEDULE THIS WITH ROGER , HE IS THE MAN!!! MAKE SURE YOU PUMP OUT THE HEAD!!!!!! IF YOU NEED FUEL DO IT NOW

THE GAS DOCK IS STILL OPEN. BE SURE TO WINTERIZE YOUR SHIP AND COVER IT AS SOON AS YOU CAN , THE FROST IS COMING AND IT DON'T CARE WHO IT HURTS, IF YOU DON'T DO IT YOUR SELF ARRANGE FOR IT NOW, WE DON'T DO THAT STUFF.

YOU SHOULD ALSO BE THINKING ABOUT NEXT YEAR, THE WORK YOU NEED TO DO, ANY REPAIRS, OR SPECIAL SITUATIONS YOU MAY BE ENCOUNTERING, WE HAD BOATS WE MOVED IN THE DIRT 3 TO 4 TIMES THIS SUMMER AND THEY NEVER GOT WET (OUR LEASE WITH THE CITY PROHIBITS THE STORAGE OF BOATS IN THE SUMMER), WHAT A PAIN IN THE THE TAIL SIDE. ALSO, IF YOUR IN THE YARD WATCH WHERE YOU PARK WE ARE MOVING BIG STUFF, STAY OUT OF THE WAY!!! AND THE YARD IS ONLY HERE FOR BOAT STORAGE NO GARDEN TILLERS, OLD CARS, AND YOUR BROTHER'S LOADED TRAILER OF CRAP!! (WE ARE NOT A JUNK YARD OR RECYCLING STATION TAKE YOUR JUNK ELSEWHERE). WITH THAT SAID BE PROUD OF YOUR BOAT BY TAKING CARE OF IT! WE WANT YOUR SHIP TO BE SAFE AND WILL TRY OUR DARNDDEST TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN ,YOUR INVESTMENT IN YOUR BOAT AND OUR CLUB IS IMPORTANT TO US ALL.

THANKS FOR LISTENING

**WOOF WOOF - THE YARD DOG**



## St. Paul Yacht Club Board Meeting 08-25-08

### Board Members present:

Commodore	Vice Comm	Secretary	Treasurer	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Past Comm
Peter	MJ	Dennis	Jerry	Ralph	Dave	Jim	Gordy	Mark	Tom	
Kramer	Babcock	Sando	Quaal	DeLong	McCusik	Johnson	Mergens	Mosby	Marrone	
PK	MJ	DS	JQ	RD	DM	JJ	GM	MM	TM	
x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	

Guests Present: Ron Hilson, Lee Greene, Roger Anderson, Bob Smekta later in the meeting.

Call to order at 7:06 PM.

Open forum – a member reviewed his membership application and condition of his boat. He says the boat is operational and should pass the Vessel Safety Check.

The July minutes were approved as presented.

Financial – report accepted as presented. At the finance committee meeting, the club will use the 3% increase to pay down on the long-term debt. They are considering what to do with the excess cash on hand, and issue we've not had to deal with for some time. They discussed the clubhouse, considering starting construction. We have 17 open slips. They will review slip rates toward reducing some of the inequities between similarly-sized slip charges.

Operations – the August meeting was postponed, and should be rescheduled for this week. The dredging is finished, with 14.700 cubic yards of material removed. The COE should be taking soundings shortly. The dredging seems to have gone quite well. Most boats are back in their slips. The COE should be starting the hydrological study sometime in September. The parking during the RNC should be the same as Irish Fest, that is, controlled parking, so keep your hanging tags handy.

Membership – no new applications.

Long Range Planning – MJ *still* needs input from the board.

Green Marina – Ralph not present, so no report.

Social – The Commodore praised the committee for a great job on the corn feed, a great event. “Free food really draws a crowd!”

Marketing – it was a great party last Friday, the steak fry will be the week after Labor Day.

Bob Smekta gave us an update on the RNC. Approximately 270 Coast Guard personnel have been brought in for 24-hour patrols to enforce the safety zone, basically the no-wake zone by the island. There should be little or no affect on commercial or recreational traffic, unless an incident occurs.

Clubhouse – there will be a meeting next Wednesday for final planning. They should have a final proposal, including financing and a timeline schedule.

Executive session – started at 7:59. Regarding a member application, a motion was made, seconded, and passed: To check that all necessary work is complete, including a Vessel Safety Check, heating system, sanitation, and external appearance. If everything is complete, the boater will be given a probationary period until April 1, at which time he must reapply for membership.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM, respectfully submitted, Dennis Sando, Secretary

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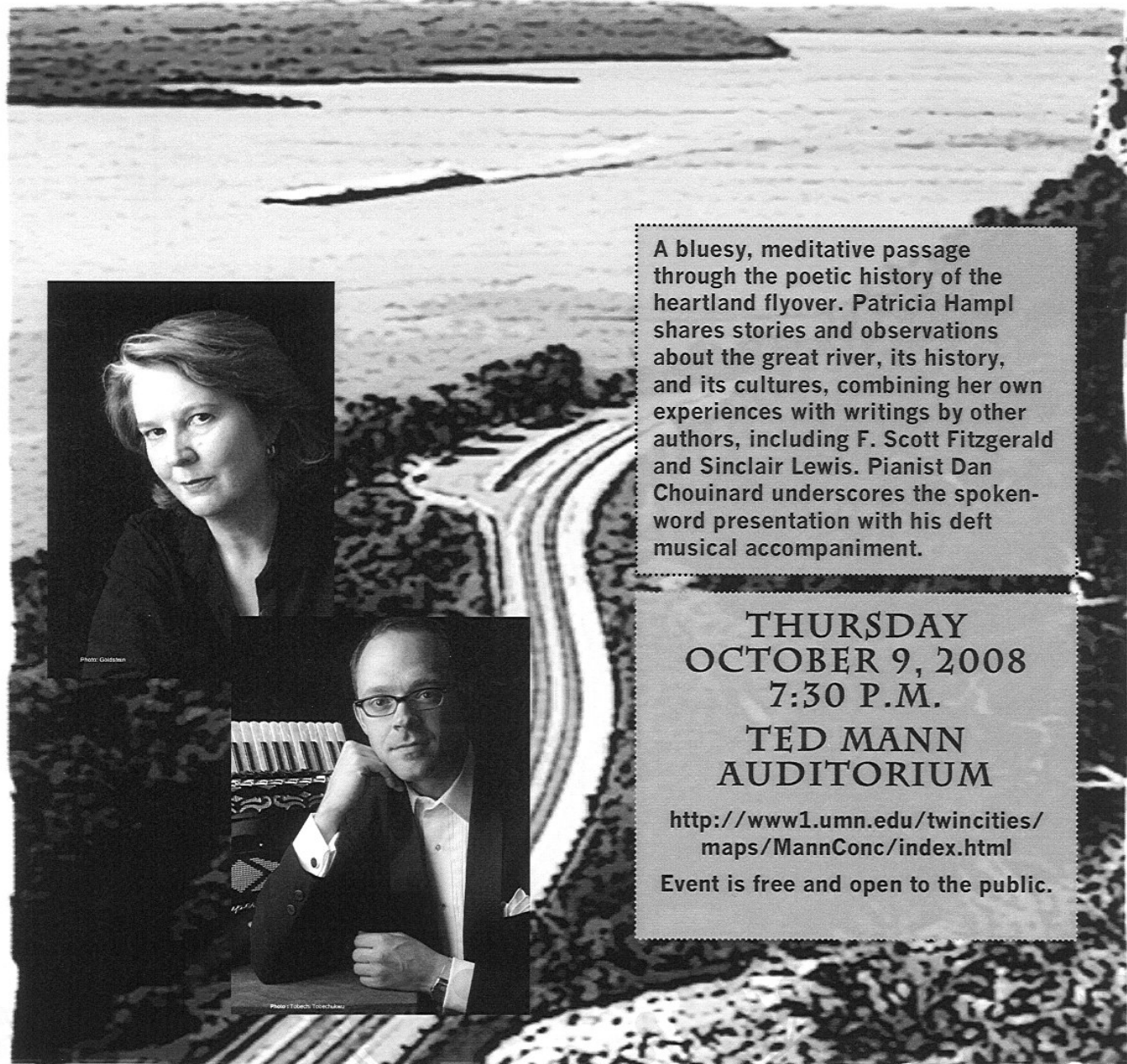
*No mechanical work*



The City, The River, The Bridge

# LIFE ON THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI

Performance by  
**PATRICIA HAMPL** and **DAN CHOUINARD**



A bluesy, meditative passage through the poetic history of the heartland flyover. Patricia Hampl shares stories and observations about the great river, its history, and its cultures, combining her own experiences with writings by other authors, including F. Scott Fitzgerald and Sinclair Lewis. Pianist Dan Chouinard underscores the spoken-word presentation with his deft musical accompaniment.

**THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 9, 2008  
7:30 P.M.**

**TED MANN  
AUDITORIUM**

<http://www1.umn.edu/twincities/maps/MannConc/index.html>

Event is free and open to the public.

Thanks to everyone for a wonderful social year, the best I can remember in many seasons! Winter kind of cuts into the fun, but we have a few last activities planed before the snow flakes fall:

General meeting Tuesday, October 14th. at 7:30. Coney dogs, beer & wine. Last meeting of the 2008 season, come for a review of the clubhouse project.

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST. THANK GOD IT'S FRIGHTNING ON THE GHOST SHIP GENERAL. 7:00 P.M.**

Christmas Party Sunday, December 14th at the Pool & Yacht Club. Invitations will be mailed mid November.



## Winter Storage

**Thank you for a safe and successful summer!** Billing for 2008 winter storage was sent the week of September 1st, invoices are due October 15th, 2008. Pullout and blocking will commence September 3rd and run through October 24th. **ALL BOATS TO BE PULLED MUST BE OUT BY OCTOBER 24TH.** You must call to schedule your pullout date, we don't schedule boats to be pulled without your authorization. Please call us as soon as possible. We greatly appreciate (and need) your winter storage business, however if you don't intend to winter store with us please call 651-292-8964 and let us know.



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