

St. Paul Yacht Club

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To: All SPYC Slipholders:

I'm sure that most of you have heard the news that we have a commitment from the Corps of Engineers to fund a hydrological study and dredge our lower harbor this spring. As you can imagine, this is going to be a big project which will include removing fingers, walkways, and temporary relocation of boats that are in the lower harbor. This is a tremendous opportunity that we have been working on for over two years; it will take the cooperation of everyone involved to receive the greatest possible benefit.

We are still working out details, here is what we know right now:

The dredging would typically start around the end of April, however there may a delay into May as they are still working on the contracting process with the company that will actually do our harbors. The Corps subcontracts the work as their equipment is not suited to a small harbor such as ours. We anticipate removing at least some of fingers from the Miller Dock and possibly a section of the fingers and walkway on the shore side of the harbor. It is our hope that we will be able to do the job in stages so we don't have to disassemble everything and have it all out of the way all at once, however that will be largely dictated by the schedule of the contractor, and since they are not in place yet those details have yet to be determined.

I anticipate that we will start launching boats around April 15th depending on the weather and the condition of the boatyard. I would urge that if you are not in a hurry this spring, or possibly plan to do some maintenance on your boat, delay your launch date until after the dredging is completed. We will need all the open space we can find in both harbors, and the smaller the number of boats that we have to move and relocate, the easier the task will be. The deadline to remove shrink wrap or tarps will be pushed back until after the dredging is completed to help keep your boat clean if it is on land.

It is important to note that if you do launch - or are presently in the water - you will be responsible for moving your boat as needs dictate. Our rules are specific in that all boats are to be fully operational and safe to navigate under their own power. There will be a cost for any vessel that we need to move with our workboat.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns, and I will continue to pass along information as our plans become more set. I'm sure I can count on everyone's patience and cooperation. I feel this is a great opportunity to solve a serious problem both in the short term, and for the future. I will be working diligently to see that we have the best possible plan to make it happen.

Sincerely,



Roger Anderson,
Business Manager