



St. Paul Yacht Club

St Paul Yacht Club
Board Of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 11, 7pm ~ 8pm
Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/aru-rswv-ezk>

Please Join Us: A taco bar will be hosted by the Social Committee from 6pm to 6:45

General Meeting Agenda

- 1. Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Open Comments from the Floor**
 - Please sign in to speak. We ask that comments be limited to 2 minutes.

4. Flag Officer Reports

- Commodore - Bill Tschohl
- Vice-Commodore - Nathan Schumann
- Treasurer - Tom Surprenant
- Secretary - Troy Janisch

1. "Actions to be taken" are being tracked in a spreadsheet. The first draft is available for board member review. Beginning in May, it will be shared at board meetings.

5. Marina Manager Report Kristina Cummings

6. Committee Reports

During the general meeting, committee chairs will discuss priorities and activities of their committees and invite interested members to participate.

- Amenities - Nathan Schumann (Notes attached)
- Finance - Tom Surprenant
- Marketing & Membership - Troy Janisch (Minutes attached)
- Operations - Andy Ristrom
- Social Committee - Andrea Johnson
- Strategic Planning - Bill Tschohl



7. Old Business

- Dredging
- Boat Ramp Dock (Bill Tschohl)

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Seconded by:

Status:

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9. Adjournment



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10. Upcoming Committee Meetings

- 4/17 Strategic Planning, 6:30pm (Google Meet)
- 4/23 Finance Committee, 4:30pm (Clubhouse)
- 5/2 Strategic Planning, 6pm (Clubhouse)
- 5/6 Amenities Committee, 3pm (Google Meet)
- 5/6 Marketing Committee, 3:30pm (Google Meet)
- 5/13, Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm (Clubhouse)

Commodore's Report – 4/8/2025

Ready to go boating? We're Ready When You Are!

As we gear up for another exciting boating season, the St. Paul Yacht Club is primed and ready to serve your boating needs – and yes, we're already launching boats!

While many of us may still be in the early stages of prepping our vessels for the season, the excitement of getting back out on the water is undoubtedly on everyone's mind. Whether you're fine-tuning the engine, touching up the hull with a fresh coat of wax, or adding a few new gadgets to enhance your river adventures, it's that time of year to check off your boating to-do list.

At the St. Paul Yacht Club, we approach our operations with the same level of planning and dedication that many of you apply to your boats. Our team spends the year refining our vision, strategies, and procedures to ensure that we're not just meeting today's needs, but also preparing for the long-term success of our club. Some initiatives, like the single-rate structure introduced for 2025 or the ongoing annual dredging projects, take time to come to fruition, but they're all carefully thought out and aligned with our commitment to providing a premier boating experience.

Because many of our projects take time to come to life, it's crucial for you, our valued members, to engage in the process. The St. Paul Yacht Club thrives on input from our community, and there are countless opportunities for you to get involved. We have seven active committees that guide our club: Amenities, Social, Finance, Marketing & Membership, Operations, Strategic Planning, and HR. These committees, along with our dedicated 11-member board, help shape the direction of our club and bring diverse perspectives to everything we do. If you're looking to make a difference or simply want to learn more, we invite you to attend any committee or board meetings. You can always find the schedule on our club calendar here: [St. Paul Yacht Club Calendar](#).

Our board and staff are already hard at work crafting plans for 2025 and beyond, and I'm truly humbled by the energy and dedication of every committee. With each passing day, we're building toward an even better boating season and a brighter future for our club.

As you prepare your boat for the season, whether you're upgrading your VHF radio or adding a fun new toy to your collection, remember that the SPYC team is equally focused on delivering the best possible experience for you. We're committed to making your time on the water unforgettable, and we look forward to serving you in the months ahead.

Your Commodore,
Bill Tschohl
651-335-1719

You can email the entire board at this single address: board@stpaulyachtclub.org

Marina Manager Report:

Kristina Cummings

March 2025

Slip Covers – Roll out will happen April 14th and 15th

- We will invoice the slip holders after

Dredging

- Start date to be determined – water levels are getting to a better place

Lower Harbor Water

Each unit is 748 Gallons

100 Yacht Club Rd –

- October 2024 – 21 units – (October 2023 – 43 units) = \$296.96
- November 2024 - 19 units – (November 2023 - 23 units) - \$277.38
- December 2024 - 75 units – (December 2023 - 33 units) - \$905.14
- January 2025 - 112 units – (January 2024 - 20 units) - \$1,302.83
- February 2025 - 130 units – (February 2024 - 32 units) - \$1,496.29
- March 2025 – 38 units – (March 2024 - 28 units) - \$507.46
- Winter thus far – 295,460 gallons / \$4,786.06

Water invoice were received – 4/3/25

Electric invoice not yet received – 4/4/25

Amenities Committee

Meeting Minutes - April 1, 2025

Attendees

- Nathan Schumann (chair)
- Bill Tschol
- Kristina Cummings
- Troy Janisch
- Jon Oulman

Summary

The SPYC clubhouse remains in good condition and currently does not require any major maintenance/repair projects. All equipment (kitchen appliances, audio/visual equipment, HVAC, pumps, etc...) are all in good working order.

FY2025 Budget

Total budget for FY2025 is \$TBD.

Item	Description	Cost	Approval Status
Cleaning	Regular cleaning of the clubhouse	\$425/month applied to member slip fees	Required ▾
Tile Flooring	Tile floor repair/maintenance	Unknown	TBD ▾
Drywall Crack	Potential fix for crack(s) in drywall	Unknown	TBD ▾
Power Washing	Power washing for exterior of building	Extra \$425 applied to member slip fees	Approved ▾
Good Chairs	Sturdy Adirondack chairs for the exterior of the clubhouse to replace the lightweight red chairs	TBD (Maybe donated by Nate)	TBD ▾

Minisplit	Minisplit system to augment existing A/C capacity	\$18,500	Approved ▾
Can Crushers and Recycling Bins	Look at getting recycle bins and can crushers		TBD ▾

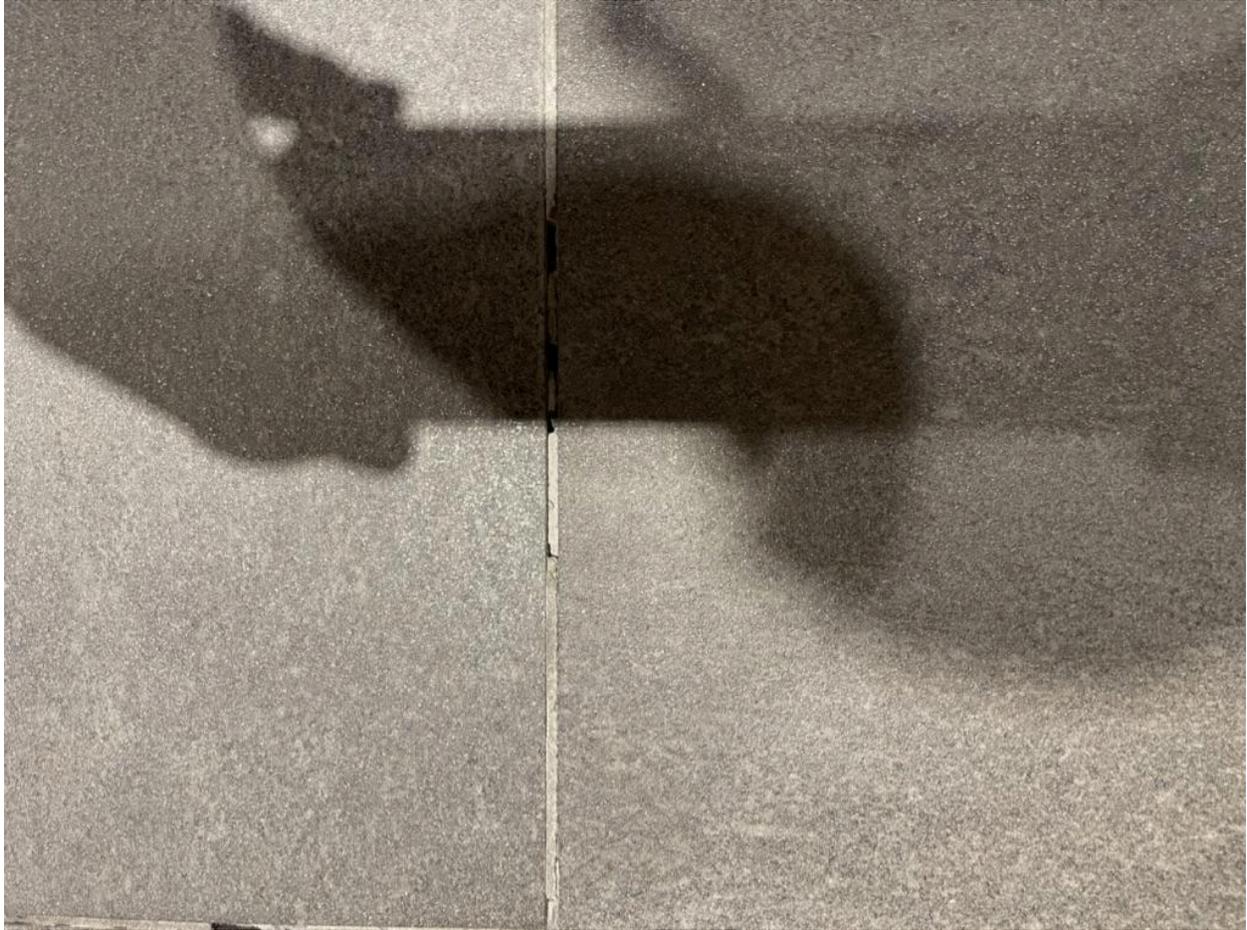
Maintenance

These are the maintenance projects that were discussed during the meeting:

Building Interior

Tile Flooring

The tile flooring in the rear of the clubhouse needs some maintenance to address missing grout and loose tiles. The tile flooring was installed directly on the base floor structure rather than a floating subfloor which causes shifting of the floor as the building shifts with the conditions of the harbor.



The committee recommends that maintenance of the grout (regROUT and seal) be done as soon as reasonable. There is powdered grout in the workshop that can be used for this purpose. Also recommended that the tile be polished. Tom has agreed to attempt this work, but may need assistance. We will look for others in the marina that have tile experience to assist as needed.

Additionally any floor kickboards that are loose should be reglued and potentially sealed with caulk.

Cost Estimate - TBD

Drywall Crack

There is a drywall crack above the picture of downtown St. Paul near the A/V equipment that needs to be monitored.



Building Exterior

Power Washing

The exterior of the clubhouse needs to be power washed to remove spider webs and other debris. This is estimated to be a single day job that Tom Maronne has volunteered for when the weather cooperates.

Cost Estimate - TBD

Purchases

List of purchases that have been requested. The purchase approval and method needs to be discussed in the next SPYC board meeting. Would recommend that any purchase of \$100 or less be automatically approved by the Clubhouse Committee with any purchases above this amount requiring approval by the SPYC board of directors.

New Flat Screen TV

Purchase of a new smart TV was made January 2025 for approximately \$450 + \$40 for a new mount. The old TV will be hung up near the entrance to the clubhouse and will show the calendar of events, eagle camera, etc.

Will look at options for putting content on the old TV.



Marketing Committee

Tuesday April 1 at 3:30PM, SPYC Club House

Attendees: Troy Janisch , Jon Oulman , Nathan Schumann , Bill Tschohl ,
Kristina Cummings

1. We reviewed current marketing tactics leveraged by St Paul Yacht Club:
 - a. Minneapolis Boat Show (\$5k)
 - b. Parade Floats (\$500)
2. We identified the number of available slips to be rented in 2025 (~40).
3. We discussed the volume of phone calls from individuals interested in slips at St Paul Yacht Club. (1-6 calls per day) Calls have some seasonality – with the highest volume of calls occurring January-March.
4. We discussed how slip inquiry calls are addressed: conversations, tours, and available marketing materials.
5. We identified a need to update the Website for the St Paul Yacht Club.

At the next meeting, we will outline marketing content needs with the website, boat show, and SPYC slip inquiries in mind. Prior to the next meeting, Nate volunteer to draft some marketing content that can be leveraged on the website.

MEMBERS OF THE SPYC BOARD were asked to provide a list of 3-5 items they would like the marketing committee to explore during 2025. Responses will be reviewed during the next Marketing Committee meeting.

Thank you,
Troy Janisch

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 6 at 3:30PM, SPYC Club House

Strategic Planning April report (updated 04/03/2025)

Agenda for April:

Continue advancing boat dock proposal -

Permitting, etc. is advancing nicely. We believe we may have a final approval in the next couple of months. This will be later than the hoped for June timeline to install the dock, but we're learning good information and making great contacts as we proceed.

Modifications to the dock design were requested by the Corps. Of Engineers and partners.

1)shortening the first section of dock from 20' to 10'. 2) shorten the ramp from 30' to 20'. We are awaiting a revised quote from MinnCor on the dock with these revisions. MinnCor has stated they expect prices to increase due to tariff changes and other market factors.

Submitted a letter of intent (LOI) to 3M Priority 2 grant funding requesting \$50-65,000 to support the establishment of the dock. Received confirmation they received our LOI. (We learned of the 3MP2 grant Thursday 4/3, the deadline for submission is 4/4 at 4:30pm.)

We are also working with DNR contacts to determine the proper route to get new signage for the boat launch.

We would like to continue pursuing other avenues of funding to assist with establishing this dock addition as well.

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DNR Wildlife camera - No changes to the DNR wildlife camera location are expected in the near-term. The DNR will consider options later this summer when the nest is quieter again.

The old TV will be mounted near the entrance of the Clubhouse. The team is working on a system that will be able to rotate through the Eagle Camera, Club Calendar, etc.

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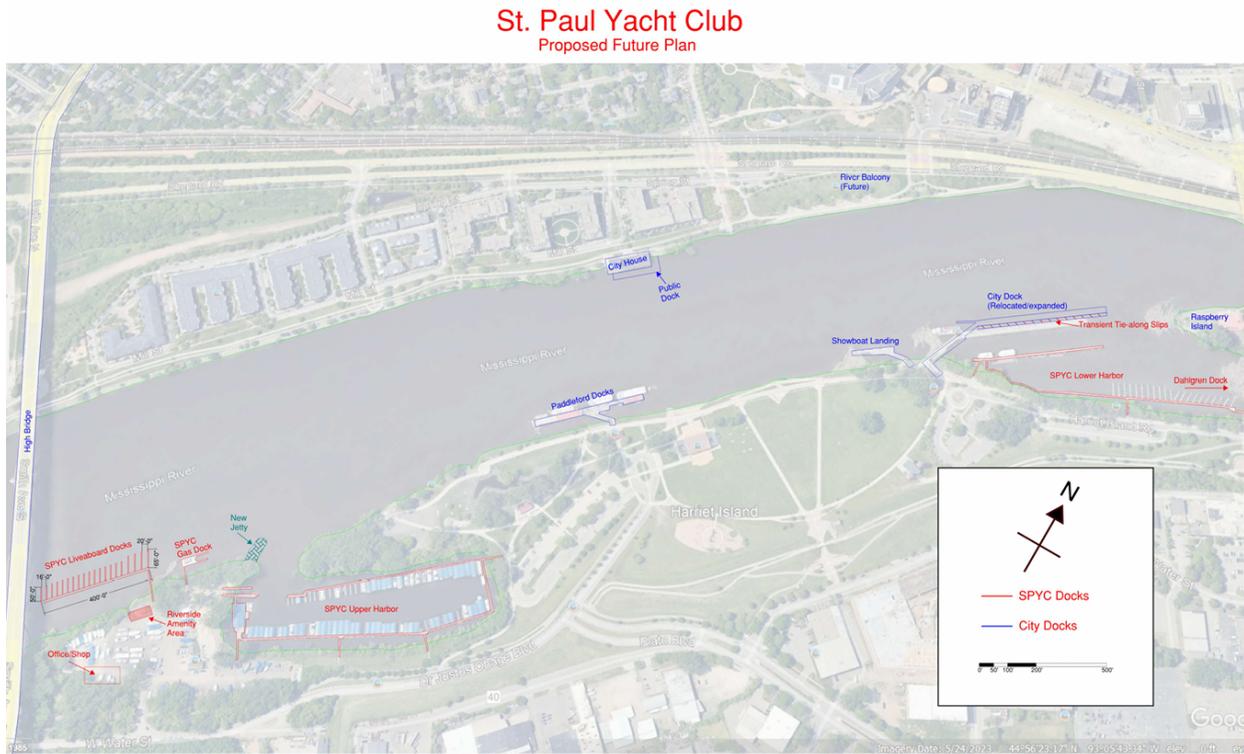
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Other items in progress for strategic planning:

Continue sharing aerial views that have all or a lot of any structural changes we think of put together on it for a visual to share with members. Essential as a visual to engage our membership and partners in conversations.

This map has been posted in the clubhouse along with a QR code linked to the SPYC ideas submission form.

Future opportunities map



For those new to the club or long-term members not yet engaged. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month Spring through Fall. One is zoom only and one is in-person only. The schedule can be found on the club calendar page. <https://www.stpaulyachtclub.org/calendar>

FYI -
Strategic Planning's purpose, mission and timelines.

Committee Members: Bill Tschohl (Chair), Brett Cummings (Co-chair), Troy Janish, Lee Pfeilsticker, Dave Nelson, Kit Richardson

Purpose: Gather and develop projects from ideation to deliverables with input from stakeholders.

Mission: The Strategic Planning committee will serve to benefit the St. Paul Yacht Club, St. Paul Parks & Recreation along with enhancing our outreach to the community. The committee will deliver detailed plans with expected benefits, costs and ongoing maintenance analysis for club and board review and approval.

Timeline:

Spring meetings : gather ideas and concepts

All ideas are good ideas. That said, the ideas and concepts phase is not to revisit board decisions, but to gather ideas and generate ways to gather more ideas via surveys, visits with area stakeholders, etc.

Summer meetings: refine list to 2-3 ideas for further project planning /development. From the ideas gathered in the Spring along with input from our St Paul Parks contract representative, determine which are meaningful projects to further evaluate and plan, budget, estimate further.

Fall meetings: Finish project planning and development, create presentations, verify costs and funding.

Projects should be as thoroughly designed as possible. Wherever possible they should have full design, benefits anticipated, cost analysis, anticipated timelines and agreement from any necessary committees such as amenities, operations, etc.

Budget: The committee has no fixed budget. That said, projects that partner with the City of St. Paul's Parks and are approved by the city can potentially lessen our lease payment if Parks agrees the item is mutually beneficial. The group will also work to leverage any available grants or other sources of project funding where appropriate.

Note:

Projects should be fully developed before the November Board meeting to be included in the following year's budget, if approved.

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/SyLQm2X5vY2LxKov9>

Marina strategic opportunity inputs gathered so far:

Essentials:

Boat slips and docks

Boat and trailer storage

Fuel dock

Wants:

Boat ramps for visitors
Boat rentals
Business center
Clubhouse
Complimentary WiFi
Fitness center and sauna
Grills
Kayaks and paddle board rentals
Laundry
Marina store
Media equipment
Picnic area
Poolside bar
Private beach access
RV parking
Shower facilities
Tennis court
Transient slippage
Water skiing
Waterfront pool
Improved boat dock access
Reopen Gate F in the Lower harbor
 There needs to be a Wheelchair Accessible Ramp and clear the debris

Non-Boating or Programming activities that correlate well in the park

Biking
Bird watching
Guided history tours
Photography
Scooters
Wildlife and wilderness exploration - Wildlife camera?
Run or race with canoes/ kayaks? Hidden Falls to here? Food trucks and music in the yard, stop at pool & yacht
Large boat moored for rental, living activities, programming on the river
Balcony / patio area with roof, food trucks, music area accompanying
Movies at night
Music programming opportunities, etc. with local artists
Food Truck Connections
 Let's Create Locked Food Truck Hookups inside our gates at each parking lot that can be managed by us with Food truck vendors.
Ferris wheel -Betty Danger style add a fun destination
Carousel
Bumper Boats

Conservation planting - intentional, milkweed, etc.
Garden area - High Bridge direction, similar to garden area above High Bridge

Bat and bird houses