



News from around the club:

SPIDERS on your boat! By John Myers

Bugs and spiders seemed to be worse this year than any year I can remember. The first time I washed the boat and the spider poop did not come off I almost cried: Here are some things I learned this summer that will help:

Washing: Start with soapy water poured or mopped on. Let stand. Pressure wash or scrub. Rinse off. To eliminate the black spots I use bleach water ~ 5:1 concentration mopped on. Leave on, either permanently or at least for an hour or more. The black spots will be gone.

Steven Nudge allowed me to use some of his "Home Defense by Ortho" (available at Wal-Mart and Rural King) in a sprayer. When I returned to the boat in two weeks there were very few spiders. Earlier I had purchased a small aerosol can of spider spray. The instructions specifically said it would only work if sprayed directly on the spider and that proved to be true so I do not recommend.

Wind and Waves

EXTRA!! EXTRA!!

October 19th was a beautiful fall day. Several members were at SMBC, preparing their boat for winter storage. Joe Magoteaux and Mark Shoemaker instead went sailing single handed on their boats. Which group had the most fun?

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Up Coming Events for SMBC

- Lake Cleanup Day usually in late April
- May 1st, First Membership Meeting of the Year
- May 7th, Saturday Racing Series Begins
- May 28-30th, Memorial Weekend Regatta



Jim Hepp was the winner of the 2021 Tagethoff Award.



Commodore's Message

The Club had a very successful year and I hope that it was also for you individually. I am already looking forward to being on the water next season. Projects this year included the boat lot extension, the new children's playset, a new swing for the adults recycling some of the old set timbers, a kayak launch arm, improvements and maintenance of the shrubbery and more things than you'd want to read here. Well maybe some new lighting, leveled pits out on the south wall, new shed electrical box, improved small boat rack and just a lot of stuff. Thanks to all that helped either plan or do these things. I don't foresee a lot of projects for 2022 since my back hurts. Big things may be limited to the Club pontoon rebuild and possibly a new shed.

For his role in many of these projects and help to so many members, I selected Jim Hepp as this year's Tegetoff award winner at the Holiday Party. When you have a chance, congratulate him. Speaking of the Holiday party, lots of thanks to Diane & Don Haller, Joan Hepp, Jen and John Bachle, Trevor Wurth, Marly and Bill Wilson, Jonathon & Anora's grandparents, my wife Sue's sidekick Lisa Benson, We had nearly 60 people at the Hall. We rearranged to make it work and give a new look to seating.

Racing went very well and take time out to congratulate Bruce Allen as Club Champion, as well as the individual series champions Brian Retterbush and Doug Drury. We are looking for a new Fleet Captain for 2022. If you are interested let me know, and if I approach you, please consider it.

Lastly we chose to leave the heat and water on all winter this year. This is then less "work" but also allows for the Hall to be used by members. Uses might be a Super Bowl or March Madness party, baby showers, indoor camping... Normally the hall has all the stuff from outside, but this year we've arranged it so everything is easily accessible. (see photo) The heat is turned down, but can be moved up for your event, but please don't do so just to watch TV – bring a blanket....we have sensors on the heat, the propane level, water leaks and the cameras to help keep an eye on the building.

See you soonest!

Commodore Phil Fuerst

p.s. The Lake Improvement Association has an end of year report on the Lake at <https://lakeimprovement.com/2021-in-review/> It talks about the very positive outlook for the lake and projects underway.

2021 St. Mary's Boat Club Season Racing Results

Club Champion

Bruce Allen, IFIDA

Rock Pile Series

1st Brian Retterbush, Mariah

2nd Jim Benson, Escape Pod

3rd Bruce Allen IFIDA

Regatta Series

1st Brian Retterbush, Mariah

2nd Doug Drury, Wrinkled Sheets

3rd Bruce Allen, IFIDA

Saturday Series

1st Douglas Drury, Wrinkled Sheets

2nd Bruce Allen, IFIDA

3rd Bill Bauman, ZIJI

Boat Preparation for Winter Storage by John Myers Editor

While at the dock: I find it easier to remove items from the boat at the dock rather than hand them down from the deck of the boat when it is on the trailer. This does not work for everything. Somethings like batteries are needed until the boat is out of the water.

Remove clothes, bedding, food, and personal items from the cabin and put in vehicle.

Remove VHF radio, GPS, Portable VHF, and any other electronics (remove all batteries from devices before storing) and put in vehicle. Dead batteries leak corrosive fluid which ruins electronics.

We store above two categories of items in a closet of the house for the winter.

Stand all the interior cushions on edge and remove the covers to all the compartments under the seats and V berth. I place the wood covers between the cushions to make air spaces. Prop open any cabinet doors which are not ventilated. All this is to reduce the chances of mold. Inspect each of these storage spaces for soft items that need to be removed for the winter. Also remove any items that might rust and leave a stain.

Remove sails, fold, put in bag and put bag in vehicle. We store sails under a bed or a high shelf in the garage.

Remove the boom and store below deck.

Lower the mast and secure to the boat using your normal method, everyone seems to have their own system. We prefer to lower the mast while boat is still in the water because a fall from the boat on the trailer would be so much worse than falling off the boat in the water.

Wash the boat at SMBC or you home. Getting the slime off at the water line can be difficult. I recommend using toilet bowl cleaner applied sparingly. Any cleaner that drips on the antifouling paint will cause it to not work so you must be very careful in how you do this!! Wash off with lots of water!!

Preparation for storage:

Batteries: Lead acid type batteries loose about 1% of their charge per day. A battery needs to be kept fully charged or it dramatically shortens its life. Two methods are commonly used. The easiest method is to have a small solar trickle charger that will maintain your batteries charge. The solar panel will have to be on the outside of any tarp cover and you boat will have to be in direct sunlight. The other harder but more reliable approach is to remove the batteries and put them on a shelf in your garage. Hook a trickle charger to them and check them once or twice during the winter to make sure the water level is above the plates unless they are sealed batteries.

Water Systems: If you used the freshwater system, porta-potty or marine head, they need to be cleaned and "RV anti-freeze" put in the tanks. The boat club has a sewage pump for waste tanks.

Boat Preparation for Winter Storage— continued

Outboard Motor: Typically, at the ramp, before a boat is pulled out the gas line is removed, and the motor is allowed to run out of gas. You may add a stabilizer to the fuel tank, or I recommend just using a funnel and put the extra fuel in a vehicle. I then put a few ounces of kerosine or WD40 into the empty tank and slosh it around to keep the tank from rusting over the winter. This is not necessary if you have a plastic tank. Four Cycle outboards are supposed to have their oil changed yearly. Since mine gets so little use on a sailboat I do it every other year. I do check my lower unit and either top off or replace the oil. Note: Note the lower unit uses a very heavy oil that is different than the engine oil. This winter I plan to replace the water impeller. When the impellers get old, pieces can come off and clog the engine.

Inboard Motors: Once the boat is on the trailer and out of the water, the freshwater through hull is closed off and a “Y” line is used to suck antifreeze from a bucket. This can take 2 or more gallons of antifreeze before the antifreeze is seen coming out the exhaust. Oil change is also recommended. I check the impeller on the inboard yearly.

Outdoor Boat Storage: If you plan to store the boat outdoors, it should be covered if possible. Over time all boats develop minor leaks, so covering reduces these problems. There are a few problems with covers. Cheap ones, like the blue plastic tarps will often not make it through a single winter. Better tarps cost successively more money. Old fashioned canvas tarps are crazy expensive, but they hold up for many years. Another problem is that your boat is covered with sharp objects. Your mast may have lights or other protrusions which can poke holes in the tarp. I remove my spreaders because I am afraid of damage due to heavy snow load or just poking a hole in the tarp. Sharp objects need to be covered with rags or foam and taped over. Stanchions stick up and need to be covered with something. I have used a 2x4 attached between stanchions to keep the tarp from being damaged. Securing the tarp can be a hassle. Do not use “Bungie Cords” They can scratch the boat, and poke holes in the tarp if they come loose in a strong wind. I use ¼ nylon line, cut to length as needed. It is important to secure the tarp well and use every hole in the tarp if possible but do not tie it too tight, leave it loose. I recommend using a tarp that is longer than the boat but shorter than the mast, that way you can tie the ends closed to keep out rain and wind. In years past I have used milk jugs half full of water hanging from the tarp to maintain tension but also allowing things to move. I have heard of folks using bricks or blocks but in a bad storm, they could do a lot of damage.

Indoor Boat Storage: This is the easiest way. Just a longer drive and more expensive.

Final Check: When the boat is in its final position for the winter, I chock the wheels on both sides. I unhook the boat from the vehicle and move the vehicle a few feet away. I then lower the tongue down and put a jack stand on either side of the trailer near the very back. I then jack the tongue back up. The goal is to take almost all the weight off the trailer tires. This is important because if a tire were to slowly lose air over the winter, the tire would be ruined if left with all the weight on it. Also, it prevents the tires from developing flat spots.

This is what I have done over the years. You may have other methods which are just as good or better.

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