

## BSI Canal Committee

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This newsletter is a new endeavor for me and although, I am starting my second year on the Canal Committee, I have just been elected to serve as the Canal Committee Chairman. Therefore, A little background may be in order, my wife (Wanda) says I can get “windy’, so I have orders to keep this short.

Upon retirement a little over 2 years ago, we moved from Waverly Tennessee, living on Kentucky Lake/ Tennessee River. To say we enjoy boating, fishing would be an understatement, so naturally we would only consider moving to where we could park a boat in our backyard. My background is primarily in designing, building, heavy industrial, mining, mineral processing, such as cement, lime, gypsum, my early career included iron ore, and copper industrial installations and expansions as well.

So why am I writing this column? As member of the BSI community, you are directly involved in the actions, decision and directions this committee takes. We are after all, a community and It behooves us to act like a community, which means we all have a responsibility to not only ourselves, but everyone else in the BSI community. It is my hope and intent to help you understand those issues specific to our canals and sea walls, those that impact and affect not only you but everyone else within BSI

To try and keep this to a reasonable level, It is my intent to focus on one issue per publication. Also, moving forward, I would like to hear from you, both positive and negative as to your thoughts, concern, etc. I am not sure the best way to facilitate this, so I’ll let you know how best to accomplish this as soon as details are finalized.

OK—I have an assignment for you-----specifically, for those of you that haven’t read it, I would suggest you go the Punta Gorda site, Government, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6 – Vessels, Docks, and Waterways. It is this document that is the basis for our deliberations and decisions, and if you want to understand why we approve/decline anything pertaining to special permits, this code is the basis for the decision-making precedence.

Teaser Alert: issues to be discussed in the near future--

- Assessment fees
- Lock widening
- Identified problems, (needing to be resolved, but remain unfunded)
- Mayors Cut
- Rim Canal width

Until next time---

Rick Daugherty, Chairman, BSI Canal Committee