

2026 Harbor Point Yacht Club Board Of Directors Candidates

Michael Williams -

I have been a member of Harbor Point for over 20 years. I served on the board some years ago and understand how much work being a board member can be. I recently retired and now have more capacity to lean in on some of our current issues. I have a background in technology audit systems and controls as well as cyber-security. I spent 20 years in Financial Services and have both an MBA and MCSM from Washington University. I have attended and completed work at both Harvard and Wharton. More importantly, I recently acquired a captains license and have cruised significant portions of the Inland waterways, Great Lakes and Gulf Intracoastal waterway; my wife and I enjoy cruising our boats, fishing and being out on the water in nature. I am running because I am concerned about the future of our club and the opportunity for future generations to enjoy what we have enjoyed these last 20 or so years.

I am always willing to represent what the membership of this club want and work to execute those wants.

I would appreciate your consideration,

Paula Voorhees -

I have been a member of Harbor Point Yacht Club since 2021. During my time at Harbor Point, I have built on my boating skills both through personal tutorials and attending harbor skill classes. I have attended and contributed to board meetings and helped with different harbor events. I proudly served in the Peace Corps as a teacher of English as a foreign language, where I worked with people from many different cultures to problem- solve different community needs and integrate new systems. I was a Red Cross Volunteer where I worked a shelter for survivors of Hurricane Katrina with the assignment of talking with survivors and troubleshooting how to provide assistance. For 16 years, I have been a special education teacher where I have become very skillful at facilitating meetings (especially ones that can become very emotional). I am trained and certified in non-violent de-escalation techniques. From my training and experience in the Peace Corps, Red Cross, and as a teacher of English as a Foreign Language and Special Education Teacher, I have become very adept at determining needs and finding creative solutions, as well as successfully working with people with very different backgrounds and communication styles. I appreciate the opportunity to contribute these skills to Harbor Point Yacht Club's Board of Directors.

Nancy Thompson -

I have been a member of Harbor Point for over 30 years. I have never served on the board but understand the commitment of a board member. I am still working but can still carve out time for this important need. My background is in IT Management and I have over 35 years of experience with people, processes and procedures. My husband and I have been members of the Harbor Point Yacht Club since 1990. My children and family grew up in this harbor loving boats and developing a true understanding of the water. We have enjoyed everything HPYC was and still needs to be. I am running because I have concerns about the current direction of this harbor and want to maintain its luster for years to come.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Kurt Schulte -

My name is Kurt Schulte

Im nothing spectacular but am honest

I've been at the harbor for I believe 6 years now.

I've met a bunch of people at the harbor and they've treated me kindly.

I believe that the board members are there to serve the community, not to gain a chip on their shoulder.

The harbor is a nice place to be and I'd like to be a part in keeping it that way.
Id like to hear everyone's ideas, instead of just getting no in response.
You all have a nice day.

Dave Nockels -

Hello. My name is Dave Nockels. I have lived on the river here at Harbor Point Yacht Club for 24 years. I live aboard my houseboat and own two slips. When the harbor flooded in the past, I was instrumental and volunteered in helping the harbor staff with securing boats, docks, machinery, etc., during the high waters. I have also given a presentation to the membership on how to read the river reports and gauges. I used to work for Bud's Place for many years, Bass Pro in their Tracker Boats division, and have used my experience to help several boaters with boating instruction and repairs, and winterizing and de-winterizing their boats. This past year presented several challenges between not having a Harbor Master and hiring a new Harbor Master. During this time I stepped up to take on the various duties including maintenance of the grounds and the preparations for the pool opening, which involved repairs. I assisted the new Harbor Master and still do at this point.

As one of the members who has been in this harbor the longest, I am familiar with what it takes to maintain the harbor and to keep it in the condition conducive to the harbor members' expectations. I served on the Board of Directors this year, as your Vice-Commadore, and would like to continue to serve on the Board because I would like to share my knowledge of the harbor, it's workings, and to help our membership in continuing to make this harbor the best on the Mississippi River.
I would greatly appreciate your support. Thank you.

Bob Larson -

My name is Bob Larson and I request your consideration to be reelected to the Harbor Point Yacht Club Board of Directors. My wife Sharon and I joined the Harbor in 2016 when we purchased Kieth Wagner's sailboat. We continue to enjoy the lovely harbor and the many new dear friends we have made.

I have served on the board for a few years now and, as a retired lawyer, I feel I can devote the time board membership requires. I have participated in the preparation and execution of our Strategic Plan, and want to help see it to completion with more dock refloats, improved spud poles and new blacktop. I know that each year there are unexpected expenses and repairs. I hope to be able to continue contributing time and effort and experience to maintain and improve our harbor without increasing the financial burden on the members. We have the best harbor on the Mississippi and I believe that together we can make it even better. Thank You, Bob Larson

Scott Hawkins -

I have been a member of the harbor since 1988. I have served on the board for the past eight years in various roles. I have owned several successful companies. I have sold everything a few years ago so I have time to devote to the running of the harbor. I would like your vote to be able to see our vision of the harbor come to reality.

Chris Egan –

Dear Harbor Members,

My name is Chris Egan, and I reside in Alton, IL, with my wife, Jenn Courtney. We are the proud owners of a 1985 Hatteras MY named Slow'd Down, located at slip 109 Promenade. We have been honored to be members of HPYC since 2021.

Having served on the board since 2023, I am eager to continue contributing to our community in 2026.

Over the past three years, I have:

Organized and hosted the USCG Captain's Course at the marina.

Led efforts in maintenance and beautification, including tree trimming and dock upkeep.

Established committees and dock steward programs to ensure sustainable growth and continuity.

Professionally, I bring 17 years of experience as a Maintenance Superintendent at a major oil refinery, overseeing maintenance for five operating areas. As a third-generation ironworker with a USCG 100T Master's License and tow endorsement, I am deeply passionate about the marine industry. I believe my background positions me well to help keep our beautiful harbor moving in the right direction.

My vision is to maintain HPYC as the best harbor on the river, and I would be honored to serve our members again in 2026.

Thanks, Chris Egan

Todd Burford -

Good Day Members,

I am a lifelong boating enthusiast and longtime Harbor Point Yacht Club member with over 50 years of experience. Previously serving as Rear Commodore, I bring integrity, teamwork, and a commitment to helping the harbor thrive. Born and raised in St. Louis, I studied Public Relations and Urban Planning at Morehouse College and built a career in IT, real estate, and photography before returning home to work in commercial real estate and financial brokering.

With the passing of my mother Dr. Mary Ellen Burford in 2012 and the loss of my father, Lawson/Butch Burford in March 2024, I made the decision to leave Atlanta to return to St. Louis. While professionally, life has had many interesting, challenging and successful twists and turns, one thing has remained constant throughout my entire personal life – and that is my love for boating. My parents' passion for boating and Harbor Point was unmatched, and I feel called to step up and do my part to continue to honor the privilege of my family tradition. I currently own a 41ft Chris Craft Commander and a 17ft Boston Whaler center console. My passion for boating and our family tradition at Harbor Point inspire me to serve and contribute to our boating community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards, Todd Burford

Kurt Bentrup -

My name is Kurt Bentrup. I have been a member and owner at HYPYC since 2015 at Center Point South, slip 99.

I am running for Reelection for the Harbor Point BOD.

I have been on the river for 50 plus years and held a Captains License for 30 of the 50 years.

I have worked in the Automotive and Truck Industry for the past 42 years and a supervisor for the last 20 years.

I have a Bachelor's degree in Human Resources, My current position is Accounting, Audits and Day to Day Operations Supervisor for a Multi Billion Dollar Corporation.

I'm looking forward to serving all the members in the Harbor for another term.

I would appreciate your vote for a second term,

Thank you for your consideration.

Kurt Bentrup