



**2015 OFFICERS**

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**MISSION STATEMENT** - *The mission of the Fond du Lac Sailing Club is to provide sailing events for the recreation, challenge, and pleasure of the membership, while promoting safety, fellowship and an opportunity to improve sailing skills and knowledge.*

**COMMODORE'S COMMENTS**

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July already are you kidding me? Old people have always told me time seems to go faster and faster I must be OLD.

June was busy sailing month. It started with the Lighthouse Regatta which was well attended. Thanks to all the club volunteers that helped. The event went very smooth and with the foresight of the race committee lead by Scott Baccus all the races were sailed on the first day due to inclement weather coming on day 2. The Cruisers and Day sailors have been out on Tuesday and Thursdays and the Youth sailors have also been out on Tuesdays with Bics racing on Wednesday evening

The Trans-Winnebago was just sailed last weekend the weather could not have been better. For the sailors that went Friday it was one tack to Menasha on Saturday the wind was light but from the North and built slightly all day. FdLSC was well represented at the podium Dave Dochterman and crew in their first TW came home with Line Honors and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the spinnaker class. Dave Lallier and crew was the 2<sup>nd</sup> boat to finish and took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the spinnaker class. Dave Kuharski took 1st in DivII and it gets a little fuzzy after that. It must have been the sun (Jitters)

The first Fun race of the month Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup> (yes this week) will be a crew swap that could be rigged. Rules are we our going to meet at the garage at 5:30 pm all skippers and crew. Skipper will be picking crew from the lineup of people that are there and you can't pick your normal people. (Husbands and wives may sail

together with a current marriage certificate) No idea how it will work but thought it would be a fun idea to see how skippers and crew do things differently then we will compare notes after the race at the club. THIS IS OPEN TO ANYONE WHO WANTS TO COME OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A REGULAR We would love to have some first timers.

Upcoming events

July 1<sup>st</sup> Fun race

July 2<sup>nd</sup> floating monthly meeting destination TBD  
If you need a ride be at the club 5:30

July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday series race

That is it for now... And remember SAFETY FIRST when dealing with fireworks

Enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup>

-Dave Whealon

**EDITORS NOTE**

**NEXT MEETING**

**-Sailing Club Meeting July 2<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**  
*\*Fleet Meetings at 6:30 pm\**

**SPECIAL NOTE:**

**\*EVERYONE PLEASE BRING A SNACK TO THE MEETING ~ Thank You!!**



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## Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting June 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by Commodore Dave Whealon. Twenty four (24) members were in attendance (with three youth guests from the Reuben Witt family attending).

The meeting was held at Whealon towing due to maintenance being performed on lasers - for youth sailing - from 5-7pm. Pizza and beverages were provided to members for helping out on the maintenance.

A motion to approve the May 2015 sailing club minutes was made by Dave Kuharski and seconded by Jack Boatman. The motion was carried and minutes approved as written.

**Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Dan Thornton updated the membership on current balances and reported the following expenses since the last meeting; \$200 for ILYA dues, \$77.52 for the yearbook and 28.00 for the sailing club website.

Dan reported 28 paid member dues, six lifetime members and twenty paid race fees for a total of \$1,240.00 Ellen Balthazar moved to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Reuben Witt. The motion carried and treasurer's report was accepted.

## Committee Reports

**Day Sailors:** No Report

**Cruisers:** Mike Elmergreen reported the club had completed 4 races.

**Youth Sailing:** Lorri reported that the kids from last year's youth sailing were in this year's Memorial Day parade. A float comprised of an Open Bic and the Bic trailers and kids from last year will give more exposure and publicity to the Yacht Club's Youth Sailing Program. This was a first ever for the FDL Yacht Club or Sailing club.

Lorri brought up an idea to hold a youth and parents night of sailing to get parents as excited about sailing as their children. Kevin Gratton said some parents are coming out on Wednesday nights with their kids and trying sailing and he said that they will be welcome to continue.

Donna Whealon handled the youth sailing registrations this year. Thank you!

Classes will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays and there may be some need to even out the class loads over the two days.

## Old Business

**Lighthouse Regatta:** Mike Elmergreen reported that plans are coming along nicely and that everything would be ready for the event. Elmo read a list of volunteers and their availabilities for the event so that everyone was on the same page. Dave Kuharski would handle the results of the races. At that time there were 10 lightnings registered and 6 I-20's. One team from Thunder Bay, Canada was committed to attend.

**Fun Races:** On Thursdays when there is a sailing club meeting, the preceding Wednesday affords members an opportunity to sail in "fun races". These are not scored or tabulated in the season's racing results. Vice Commodore Scott Baccus suggested that one of the Fun races could have skippers pick new crew members in a draft or draw crew members from a hat. It may be fun for crews to get on a new boat and crew on that boat. There were no formal motions made.

**Transwinnebago:** Dave Whealon reported that the race will take place on June 27<sup>th</sup> and will start in Menasha. Post cards were mailed out. There will be a gathering at the Blind Pig in Menasha on Friday and a shrimp boil in Fond du Lac at the club, following the race on Saturday.

## New Business

**Military Appreciation Cruise:** Earl Jewett reported that (what has become an annual event at the Yacht Club) that this year's Military Appreciation will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in August)

**A motion was made** by Earl Jewett to authorize an expenditure of a tank of gas for the pontoon boat that the Whealon's donate for use for race committee's/judges to use on race nights. It was seconded by Larry Kuehl and the motion carried.

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## For the Good of the Club:

Ellen Balthazar reported that the Lake Association was donating some funds for water quality testing of the primary watershed.

## Adjournment

**Adjourned:** Dave Kuharski moved to adjourn, and was seconded by Craig Callas. The Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Mahnke

## 2015 Trans Winnebago

By Jim Braun – Sol Man

The Trans Winnebago can become an interesting 3-day event... some good and some not so good. This was a year when all three days were excellent!



View of channel to marina in Menasha

We were blessed on Friday with a bright, overcast day with a 12 mph breeze out of the NE, and then shifting to the ENE for a fast sail to Menasha. Sol Man arrived at the Menasha Marina and soon the wall was lined with sailboats. We enjoyed some free beverages, snacks and getting together with familiar Skippers and crew, as well as a few new race participants! I won't go into great detail.....but I was the early candidate for the "On The Rocks Award".

We hung out by the Marina until the beer ran out and then headed to the Blind Pig/Attic for hot beef sandwiches, beans, potato salad,

coleslaw, fruit and dessert. Most of us (the smart ones) went back to our boats around 10pm. Some sailors were detoured and didn't return to their boats until the birds started chirping. I heard there were pizza's ordered at 2:30 in the morning.



Matt Krabacher and Dale Anderson enjoying some beverages

We woke up early on Saturday morning to a gorgeous sunny day and enjoyed Starbucks coffee, sweet rolls, fruit, juice, and muffins. It sure looked like Dave Whealon and the Animae crew was up all night.....I will just assume for race preparation and strategy!

The Skipper's Meeting began on time with the NNYC PRO giving the starting instructions and soon we would be on our way.....or not? Doug Hatch (our NNYC contact) approached me and said; "We may have a delay".

Doug noticed the smaller NNYC Camera Boat towing the bigger Committee Boat back to shore. The Committee Boat had broken down, but luckily the Camera Boat would suffice and the race was still a go!

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It was that same Committee Boat, who came to my rescue on Friday afternoon at the channel entrance, and I sure was thankful for their assistance and that the boat didn't have a problem then!!!

Soon, a string of 14 sailboats were leaving the wall and heading for the lake – all hoping to get through the Racine Street Bridge before the bridge tender closed it again because of backed up traffic. We were almost out of the channel, when it looked like we could still have a problem. Now, the Camera/Committee Boat was turning around and heading back! Whew, not a big deal....they were going back for some equipment they left on the disabled boat. The start line was easily set up on time and they did an excellent job getting twenty six boats off to a great start!

The start for Divisions I & II was Trans Winnebago style at its best! The straight line course proved to be a typical Trans Winnebago race back to Fond du Lac.....check the weather and pick your course! Predictions were winds 5-10 out of the NE and that is exactly how it started out with 5 knots out of the NE. It was slow for the first 2 hours, but it picked up to 10 knots and we were finally on our way, what a relief!



Sailboats awaiting the start of the race.

Some boats sailed directly down the rhumb line, others jibed down the rhumb line, and some went on a broad reach to the SE. Once committed to your course, you hoped the wind predictions would hold. I tried to sail the rhumb line wing and wing, with an occasional broad reach to keep wing and wing. Spinnaker boats that ran directly on the rhumb line did better than those that jibed the line, but the Non-

Spinnaker boats on a broad reach to the SE did better than the rhumb line Non Spinnaker boats. They had the benefit of the wind going to the NW later in the day..... who would have guessed!! So goes the Trans Winnebago and that's why we now refer the event as the Trans Winnebago Race/Cruise.

After the race, we enjoyed a fantastic shrimp boil at the FDL Yacht Club. Over the three days, I would have to say this was one of the best TW's. Wind conditions on Sunday were perfect for the north end sailors who stayed over on Saturday night. They had a nice southerly breeze early in the day on Sunday for their sail back to home port.

Several FDLSC members took home trophies! Spinnaker Division 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Team Zissou and they also won Line Honors (first boat to finish). Spinnaker Division 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Anima. Division II 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Windswept. Division II 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Viajante.

By the way, I now estimate wind direction and speed by the feel of the wind on my shirtless back! Gotta love that bimini – it was a bright, sunny day and my crew was comfortable for the entire race!

Did I mention that Dave Kuharski won both raffle prizes of \$100 each! Hey Dave, we will see you at the bar after the race on Wednesday!!

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## 5 Ways to Keep Your Crew Happy and Loyal

By Julie Davidson  
Scuttlebutt Sailing News  
June 15, 2015

*You've used the great tips on How to Find a Few Good Crew from our post earlier this season and now that you've found a few competent people that you like sailing with—how do you make sure they keep coming back?*



Organizing a trip to a signature regatta keeps your crew feeling challenged, says Bill Woodruff. From left, Sergey Lubarsky, Bill Woodruff, Michael Weinman, Taras Titarenko, William Levin, Tin Majula receiving their second place trophy in last year's Croatia Cup.

Loyalty among the crew is prized above all say many boat owners, but loyalty among crew doesn't come without a little effort on the part of the boat owner. With a few hundred races on the Bay per year (we dare you to try to count them!), even a beginning sailor has plenty of opportunity to boat hop if they're not having fun.

Bill Woodruff sails his Catalina 30 *Huge* out of South Beach Yacht Club in San Francisco, CA. He says his boat is a great training ground for new sailors, and over the years, he's had maybe 20 or 30 come through his program. "We'll take anybody out who's enthusiastic and we'll teach them as much as they want to learn," says Woodruff. "We try to have a very supportive environment, we let people make mistakes, and we try not to get upset."

While some sailors will move on to other more challenging boats, Woodruff has about 10 core crew that keep coming back, year after year. One of the ways he keeps his crew happy, is to get them together each year to pick one signature regatta to charter a boat and race in. "Last year we sailed in the Croatia Cup, starting in Split and heading northeast up the coast." It was a weeklong one-design race—the group chartered one of 20 Beneteau First 35s—and Woodruff's crew finished second.

"We did very well, because one of the things you find out is that if you're okay sailors in the Bay, you're pretty much going to kill it everywhere else," he says. The trips keep people interested because they have a new challenge each year, but what Woodruff's secret really comes down to, is allowing people to make mistakes, to learn and grow as sailors.



Organizing custom gear that looks sharp and clearly identifies a crew to a boat is a great way to build crew pride.  
Photo by Chris Odom.

To go along with Woodruff's advice, here are our top 5 simple ways to keep your crew happy on and off the water:

1. **Keep them fed and watered:** Of all the expenses an owner can incur with boat ownership, skimping on lunch is not the place to save a dime. Bring enough food to the boat to keep them (and yourself) going all day, including quick snacks like cookies, nuts, or chips. But you don't have to spend \$150 per regatta on gourmet sandwiches either—talk to your crew to find out what

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they like. They may prefer simple homemade turkey sandwiches on a loaf of good bread to store bought ones smothered in mayo, pickles, and onions. Whether or not you carry beer on the boat is your prerogative, but at the end of the day, a cold bottle of beer or springing for a pitcher at the bar goes a long way to letting your crew know you appreciate their hard work.

- 2. Order team gear:** Nothing says team like a uniform! It's important to have crew that gets along together and is enthusiastic about going sailing. Custom crew gear that looks sharp and clearly identifies a crew to a boat is a great way to build pride. And a proud crew is a crew that will prioritize going sailing with you. The best part is, you don't even have to pay for it all. If you have a smaller budget, offer your crew baseball caps, and let them know that technical shirts are also available—don't be surprised if they all want to order one, even if they have to pay for it themselves.
- 3. Don't micromanage:** We all make mistakes, but nobody likes to feel like they're under a microscope all the time. One of the most common complaints made among the crew about their boat owner and helmsman is, "He's a great driver, if only he'd focus on that." If your crew is new and needs some extra training, schedule a practice session. Once you're out on the race course, let your crew do their jobs. If mistakes are made, address them constructively between races or back at the dock in a de-brief session, preferably with a round of cold beer.
- 4. Draw from your crew's talents:** Corinthian sailing crews come from all walks of life and bring all kinds of experience to your boat. Talk to your crew and find out what they're good at! Do you have a graphic designer in your midst? Ask them to design a new team t-shirt! Maybe your bowman is particularly good at splicing lines, or you've got a trimmer who spends their weekdays working as a nutritionist. Getting your crew more involved in boat

management and maintenance off the water, gives them a greater stake in the success of the boat on the water.

- 5. Organize onshore events:** The onshore social element is a huge part of why many sailors join Corinthian crews. Taking your crew out for a team dinner at the end of Rolex Big Boat or any other big regatta is a great way to say thanks. Or, host an off-season event like a Super Bowl party. Another benefit to onshore events: They help your crew get to know each other better, which often leads to less chatter on the rail and more focus on the race!

Hey crews! This isn't a one-way street! There are a lot things you can do to let your boat owner know you appreciate the opportunity to go sailing and show them you're an invaluable member of the team. Doing a boat delivery, bringing homemade cookies to a regatta, or offering to provide the sandwiches or beer for a race is always appreciated. And at the end of the season when your skipper takes you out for a nice dinner? Make sure you've organized a nice year-end gift in return.

At the end of the day, racing together is a huge commitment for the owner, crew, and their family and friends. Making everyone feel like a valued member of the team goes a long way to creating a successful program.

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## FOND DU LAC SAIL CLUB WEBSITE

See all the new pictures that Craig has been putting on the site: <http://www.fdsail.com>.  
See the calendar, past mainsheets, race results, and more.

## FOND DU LAC YACHT CLUB WEBSITE

To see the YC calendar and other things going on at FDLYC, go to:  
<http://www.fdyachtclub.com/>

## June is considered:

*National Ice Cream Month  
National Anti-Boredom Month  
National Hot Dog Month  
National Picnic Month*

## CLUB REMINDERS:

\*Happy Hour @ the Club ½ price drinks!  
(4-7pm every Wednesday) & (4-8pm every Friday)



## SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ~July 1<sup>st</sup> Cruiser Fun Race @ 6:20PM
- ~July 4<sup>th</sup> Cruiser Holiday Series Race @ 2:00PM  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- ~July 7<sup>th</sup> Dan Entringer Memorial Cup Race @ 6:20PM
- ~July 14<sup>th</sup> Day Sailor Race @ 6:20PM
- ~July 16<sup>th</sup> Cruiser Race @ 6:20PM
- ~July 18<sup>th</sup> Single Hander Race @ 10:00AM  
Skippers Meeting @ 9:00AM
- ~July 19<sup>th</sup> Cruiser Sunday Series Nimmer Cup @ 11:00AM  
National Ice Cream Day
- ~July 21<sup>st</sup> Day Sailor Race @ 6:20PM
- ~July 23<sup>rd</sup> Cruiser Race @ 6:20PM  
National Hot Dog Day
- ~July 28<sup>th</sup> Day Sailor Race @ 6:20PM
- ~July 30<sup>th</sup> Cruiser Race @ 6:20PM

## DID YOU KNOW?

Sun light can penetrate clean ocean water up to a depth of 240 feet.

## A FEW INTERESTING FACTS?

- Coconut water is believed to aid in hangover recovery and because of the good amount of fiber may help to reduce acid reflux.
- Without drinking water, an individual can stay alive for only about a week.
- Many years ago sailors would tattoo one foot with a pig and the other with a rooster in an effort to avoid drowning.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

There is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.

-Kenneth Grahame

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**FOR RENT:** Door County 2 bedroom condo for rent, by the day or week. It's a fully furnished lower unit near Sister Bay, with outside pool & tennis court. (Very quiet location) Call Connie at 921-2873 or email [corrinejordan@att.net](mailto:corrinejordan@att.net)



**FOR SALE:** Miscellaneous Sailboat parts. Some are specific to Lightning's. Pictures and more information at:  
[http://www.elmoandbigsue.com/For\\_Sale/For\\_Sale.htm](http://www.elmoandbigsue.com/For_Sale/For_Sale.htm)  
or call Mike Elmergreen at 920.872.5079 or email at [elmo@centurytel.net](mailto:elmo@centurytel.net)

**FOR SALE:** Class C-Scow Sail Boat 20' long fiber glass, se 'STAMM FIBER JET' with white fiberglass hull, wooden mast and boom. Boat has received limited use over the years and has been stored indoors - it is EXTREMELY CLEAN



and SOLID.  
Incl: Main & Jib Sails; a metal rudder, wooden tiller handle; a sail storage bag is also included.

This scow wants to go fast (mast weighs less than 100 lbs.) and is equipped with dual (two 45 degree) off-set steel center-boards. Needs new ropes as well as a fresh coat of varnish on both the mast and boom but the WHITE FIBERGLASS HULL will polish up quite nicely!!! This project is neither too big nor too expensive to be a GREAT family project and requires only TLC and a couple of quarts of polyurethane varnish and ropes. \$850.00 (or TRADE for????) If interested call Karl Ziebert 920-922-1325 or 920-238-1325 [kjz\\_enterprises@hotmail.com](mailto:kjz_enterprises@hotmail.com)

**FOR SALE:** Lightning - Nickels hull 15332 - Grey hull, Very lightly used, has only been in the water 12 times and only in fresh water. Has been garage kept its entire life. The boat comes ready to sail with Nickels trailer and full covers including a rudder cover. The boat also includes a tactic compass, 2 mains, 3 jibs and 2 spinnakers. Contact: Andrew Camarda at [andrewcamarda@gmail.com](mailto:andrewcamarda@gmail.com) or Pat Considine at [patrick@uksailmkaers.com](mailto:patrick@uksailmkaers.com)

## SELLING A BOAT?

If you are selling a boat, Mike Elmergreen will put it on his website at no-charge: <http://home.centurytel.net/elmo> (navigate to "Boats for Sale"). Just send pictures and a write-up by email to [elmo@centurytel.net](mailto:elmo@centurytel.net).

