



## 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**

With a busy August behind us we look ahead to a just as busy September. To recap one of the events in August, the Sailing Club held its first ever Poker Run. The purpose of the event was to get other sailors from the harbor involved with the club. The day was beautiful, except the wind was blowing 30 knots. We had 12 boats sign at the start then some people with smaller boats went with people on bigger boats. Overall the event was a success and much was learned from our first time. We already have a new chairman for next year (Dave Dochterman). I would like to thank Brian Carter and Steve Ollenburg for handling promotions, Dave Dochterman for awards, Karin Whealon for snacks, Dan Thornton and Matt Krabacher for on the water activities.

Looking ahead to this month:

September 3<sup>rd</sup> will be our last Thursday Night race

September 7<sup>th</sup> Labor Day race with picnic to follow

September 10<sup>th</sup> Monthly meeting (**One week late**)

September 11 -13<sup>th</sup> : Inland 20 Nationals at FDL (much help needed and Jack B will be calling)

September 19<sup>th</sup> Frostbite Race

Please try to attend the September meeting we are going to have a discussion about the SC banquet November 7<sup>th</sup>

The monthly meeting got moved back one week this month to give us an equal amount of cruiser races for the series, and who wanted to stop racing? Schedule will be back to normal after this month.

Thanks for all the hard work, more to follow in October.

- Dave W

**EDITORS NOTE****NEXT MEETING**

***Sailing Club Meeting***  
***September 10<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

**August 6, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Commodore Dave Whealon, 15 members were in attendance with no guests.

**Secretary's minutes:** A motion to approve the June 2015 sailing club minutes was made by Hank Lieurance and seconded by Craig Callas.

The motion was carried and minutes approved as written.

**Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Dan Thornton reported an updated checking account balance and reported receipt of \$75.00 for dues and one additional race fee. There are 30 paid members and 6 lifetime members. Expenses reported of \$146.17 for laser repairs. Sally Boatman moved to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Hank Lieurance. The motion carried and treasurer's report was accepted.

## Committee Reports

**Day Sailors:** No Report

**Cruisers:** We had good participation in the Thursday night races and good weather for the most part.

**Youth Sailing:** The Youth sailing classes are now finished and there were 35 youths and 26 boats participating in the August 2<sup>nd</sup> "Fun regatta" with 5 boats coming from out of town. The FDL Yacht Club is attempting to get a second motor for the 2<sup>nd</sup> inflatable boat used during youth sailing. Nothing finalized yet. 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

**Monday night August 17<sup>th</sup> Military appreciation night:** 100 guests were signed up and a few more boats and skippers needed.

**Fun night:** In August – on the first Wednesday Six or seven and one highlander went out on Wednesday "fun night sailing". It was recommended that the fun nights be put on next year's calendar to encourage more participation.

## New Business

**I-20 Nationals:** Sally Boatman reported for Jack Boatman, spearheading the upcoming I-20 Nationals being held September 12-14<sup>th</sup>. There will be volunteers needed for meals, T-shirts, trophies and judging as well as support boats. There were 20 boats who participated last year. Races will start 12:30 on Friday afternoon, all day on Saturday and One race on Sunday. Friday night will be a dinner and rum party. Considering a tailgate theme.

**Labor Day Race:** After the race there will be a picnic. Bring your own "stuff" and a dish to pass and there will be grills available.

**Sailor's Poker Run Social August 22<sup>nd</sup>:** The event could start in the early afternoon, with registration at the garage from 1-2PM. Prizes awarded to the boat with the best hand. Flyers posted at the entrance of each dock.

**Frostbite Race:** The last race of the season is the Frostbite held September 19<sup>th</sup>. Jim Braun is in charge of the race.

**Sailing Club Banquet and change of Watch:** The event will be held November 7<sup>th</sup> and we are in need of a chairperson for the event.

## For the Good of the Club:

Matt mentioned he is working with someone from Mercury to get a boat motor for the inflatable. Will keep us posted.

**Woodstock update:** For members who had not heard the details of the lost rig - Scott Baccus gave an accounting of what happened, the retrieval and plans for the future.

## Adjournment

**Adjourned:** Steve Ollenbug moved to adjourn, and was seconded by Hank Lieurance. The Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Mahnke

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## **Be a Good Sport**

By David Dellenbaugh, Scuttlebutt Sailing News

When it comes to the subject of sportsmanship, I have two favorite quotes that I recommend to anyone looking for guidance. The first is from one of Stuart Walker's many books. He wrote: "Winning is the object of the game, but it is not the object of playing the game." The second quote is from Paul Elvstrom, the Great Dane, who once said, "You haven't won the race if in winning the race you have lost the respect of your competitors."

It's amazing how often these statements ring true for me. In fact, whenever I start to get too obsessed with winning, I take a deep breath and try to remember them. I also think about sportsmanlike role models and examples of fair play.

When I was a member of US Sailing's Sportsmanship Committee, it was refreshing to read dozens of letters each year about people who were nominated for sailing's national sportsmanship award. A few years ago the trophy went to Scott Steele, one of America's top boardsailors. At the Goodwill Games, Scott had helped his closest competitor, Grzegorz Myszkowski of Poland, get reinstated after being incorrectly scored OCS. As a result, Myszkowski won the gold medal and Steele got the silver.

"The number one rule in my book is honor," said Steele. "What's most important to me in sailboat racing is that the competition is fair – that everyone is given an equal chance to win. I hope everyone sails with this feeling." Steele is one of the vast majority of racing sailors who, like Elvstrom, do not believe in "winning at any cost." They try their hardest to win each race because that's the goal (as Walker points out), but they participate in the sport for many additional reasons besides coming in first.

To me, sportsmanship includes fairness, courtesy, friendliness and many more qualities that are just as important on shore as on the water. The bottom line on good sportsmanship in sailing, as in most other parts of life, is the

Golden Rule. In other words, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." If you always treat your teammates, your competitors and everyone else involved with the sport as you would like to be treated yourself, then you won't have to worry about sportsmanship. Here are some practical ideas on how you and your friends can be good sports and encourage a more positive atmosphere in your fleet and club.

Compliment your competitors when they make a good move or sail a good race. Nothing feels better than acknowledgement and appreciation from your fellow competitors. Don't just say "Good going" to the first couple of boats, because they'll hear that a lot. You'll make a much bigger impact if you notice what someone in the middle or back of the fleet did well, and appreciate that. "Hey Joan," you might say, "You played the shifts almost perfectly on that first beat." I know I'd feel pretty good if someone said that to me.

Abide by and enforce the rules. It's clear that winning is a major objective of sailboat racing. Unfortunately, some sailors are tempted to overstep the boundaries of the rules to attain this end. That's why it's important to commit ourselves to sailing within the rules. When you play fair and square, you will win just as many races, and I guarantee the respect you get from your competitors will be much greater.

Another part of being a good sport is taking responsibility for enforcing the rules. We all want to be nice guys who don't make waves. But our sport is a self-policing one. If we don't enforce the rules out there, no one will. I'm not suggesting you become a sea lawyer – but encouraging rule compliance will make the game better for everyone.

Offer a prize for sportsmanship at your regattas. If possible, have the competitors vote for the winner of this prize, and give this award as much importance as you do the first-place trophy. Of course, we don't want people acting sportsmanlike simply to win a prize (it would be nicer if the motivation was internal, not external). But in the short run a sportsmanship

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prize will get everyone thinking about the subject.

While we're on this subject, don't forget crew prizes, and consider alternative prizes such as "Most improved" and "Top family team."

Say thanks to the race committee and regatta organizers. This may seem like a very obvious thing to do, but if we took a survey of all the race officers around the world, I bet a majority would say they don't get much appreciation from the sailors. Volunteer race committees, regatta organizers, and juries are the backbone of racing, and it's almost impossible to give these hard-working people too much credit. I recommend something more than a token thanks at the awards ceremony. Talk to them personally during the regatta and offer words of support and appreciation. You may not agree with every action of a race committee or every decision of the jury, but you can always thank the members for volunteering their time and working hard.

Another good idea is writing a letter of thanks to the membership of the club where you've just sailed a regatta. Thank them for a good time and for all the sacrifices they made to help insure that your regatta was a success. Send your letter to the regatta chairperson (with a note of thanks to him or her as well), and say you wouldn't mind if your letter was posted on their bulletin board or reprinted in their newsletter.

Nominate someone from your club or fleet for US SAILING's Sportsmanship Trophy. If you don't already have one, create a local prize that is given annually to a club or fleet member who has displayed high standards of sportsmanship during the previous year. Then make the winner of your trophy an automatic nomination for US SAILING's award. This is a great added incentive for recognizing good sportsmen and women in your local area.

Share your knowledge by being a teacher. Learning and improving are a large part of what our sport is all about, and these happen much more quickly when we work together. If

you can help someone understand how to sail his or her boat even a little better, then you'll both "win." You don't have to be a "rock star" in order to help other people become better sailors. No matter what your skill level, there are always some sailors who can learn from you. In fact, you may do a better job if you're not the class champion, because you'll be more accessible and less intimidating.

Give other boats the benefit of the doubt. One of the best things you can do while racing is to treat your competitors as you would like to have them treat you. For example, let's say you're approaching the jibe mark and a boat that's overtaking you from behind is pressing for an inside overlap. You may not even be sure yourself if they have gotten an overlap or not. So instead of automatically yelling "No room," give the other boat a break by saying "Go ahead." This may cost you a boat or two in the short run, but remember, in the long run you will "reap what you sow."

Give praise to the other people in your boat. It's not uncommon for skippers to be critical of their crew while racing. Unfortunately, negative motivation is not nearly as good as positive reinforcement. So think positively. If you're a skipper, look for ways to compliment your crew: "Hey, that was a great roll tack." "Nice job on the pole." "Good call on the layline." If you're a crew, try to find ways to appreciate your skipper like: "Great start" "Good job steering the waves." "Way to get inside at the mark." This type of encouragement will help everyone feel more confident and better about themselves. It also makes it easier to handle a little constructive criticism once in a while. This will improve not only your performance on the race course, but your relationship after the race as well.

Be a good role model. The primary way for junior sailors and new sailors to learn about what's sportsmanlike in sailboat racing is from people like you. You can make a difference, so set a good example

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Sailing is a great sport because it puts the question of sportsmanship squarely in our own hands. In most cases, we don't have referees who force us to follow the rules and penalize or fine us when we don't. That's why we must continue doing things like those mentioned above. If you treat other people with respect on the race course, they'll treat you with respect, too. That not only increases your chances of getting a few breaks in the race, but it will make you more successful in the rest of your life too.

## **I-20 Nationals – HELP STILL NEEDED!!!**

Jack Boatman is still in search of a few goods men\women who are willing to give their time and efforts to the I-20 Nationals September 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. For more information on what help is needed when please contact Jack Boatman @ 920.539.5313 or [jboatmani20@gmail.com](mailto:jboatmani20@gmail.com).

## **MAINSHEET EDITOR**

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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/>

## **CLUB REMINDERS:**

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



## **September is considered:**

*National Preparedness Month  
National Wilderness Month  
National Prostate Awareness Month*

## **SPECIAL SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:**

~ 3<sup>rd</sup> **Cruiser Race @ 6:20PM**  
**Last Race of the Season**  
**Pizza Party after race**

~7<sup>th</sup> **Cruiser Labor Day Holiday Race @ 2PM**

~10<sup>th</sup> **Sailing Club Meeting @ 7PM**

~11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> **I-20 Nationals**

~19<sup>th</sup> **Frostbite @ 10AM**

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

85% of plant life is found in the ocean

## **A FEW INTERESTING FACTS?**

- The cruise liner, Queen Elizabeth II, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.
- Recycling one glass jar saves enough energy to watch TV for 3 hours.
- It's estimated that at any one time around 0.7% of the world's population is drunk

## **QUOTE OF THE MONTH:**

"Keep your hand on the helm."  
- Matthew Goldman



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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:** 1989 23ft Hunter Sailboat in Good Condition located in Fond du Lac. 4hp Yamaha 4 stroke motor manufactured in 10/05, OEM Trailer, main and jib sails, winged keel, wind vane, portable toilet, dorm sized refrigerator, CD player, anchor. Newly recovered cushions Has not been cleaned up or bottom painted from last season.



Contact Keith - (920) 948-8529 - Evenings only

**FOR SALE:** Class C-Scow Sail Boat 20' long fiberglass, 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: [www.elmoandbigsue.com](http://www.elmoandbigsue.com) (navigate to "Boats for Sale"). Just send pictures and a write-up by email to [elmo@centurytel.net](mailto:elmo@centurytel.net).

