



2016 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

I took my first boat ride of the year March 30th. The water is up to the mid-June levels already.

Our monthly meeting is this Thursday. There will be a Day Sailor/Lighthouse meeting before at 6:30, and the Cruisers will meet after the membership meeting to finalize the schedule. Also at this meeting we talked about a nautical swap table. If you have items that you think other people might be interested in, please bring them. If you don't swap or sell your items and they are left behind, we can put them in Karin's basement for next year.

Looking ahead: Later in May we will have a few Laser work days at the shop. I will check on Summer Storage forms for storing at the club. Lighthouse Regatta is June 4th.

Only about 6 weeks until the boats need to be off the lot at the YC. Get out the paint and buffers, sailing is right around the corner.

Dave W.

EDITORS NOTE

NEXT MEETING

***Sailing Club Meeting
April 6th @ 7:00pm***

Fleet Meeting to follow after

SPECIAL NOTE:

Please bring snacks or treats to share after the meeting



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Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting

March 3rd, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vice Commodore Dan Thornton. Fourteen members were in attendance with no guests.

Secretary's Report

A motion to approve the February 3, 2016 meeting minutes was made by Scott Baccus and seconded by Brian Carter. The motioned carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Marty Witt provided the latest checking account balance with no expenses reported for February. There are expected expenses for the Sailing Club website and the March Chili dump beverages – which will be reported at the April meeting. Sally Boatman moved to accept the treasurer's report, with Hank Lieurance seconding the motion. The motion carried and treasurer's report was accepted.

Committee Reports

Day Sailors: Jack Boatman reported that the day sailors had no report to give

Cruisers: Scott Baccus reported that the Cruisers had no report, but would discuss the upcoming season after the regular meeting.

Youth Sailing: Kevin Gratton provided an overview of the expanded plans for youth sailing. Presently there are plans for youth sailing classes on Monday mornings, Monday afternoons and Tuesday mornings for beginners. Tuesday afternoon classes are earmarked for "Advanced Open Bic / Lazer youth sailors.

Kevin reported that there is the potential for 70 youngsters to be trained this year, with up to 16 children to move into advanced – and possibly sail on Tuesday nights along with the Day sailors. Kevin is hoping that Andy Gratton will train students in the Lazars again on Tuesday afternoons. In order to prepare those advanced youth for Tuesday night races, their training will be out in the lake near the "A" Buoy (rather than in the harbor).

Once again this year, Youth sailing students will be able to sail on Wednesday nights in competition with one another. In addition, Kevin is looking for Sailing Club and Yacht Club members to help with students AND their parents (those parents who want to get out in an Open Bic or Lazer. Volunteers are also needed to help set up and rig boats starting at 5:30pm. Karin Whealon has "volunteered" to put a "volunteer" list so that a schedule of assignments can be created.

The youth sailing registration process is being updated by Kevin and Wanda (and Hank Lieurance for the website) to make it easier. Classes will start on June 13 and run for 7 weeks (taking the July 4th week off). There is another UnRegatta planned again this year.

Instruction booklets are being updated. Other plans for the upcoming season include a new launch point pier and attempts to secure a storage building or trailer to hang rigged sails by their clew – in order to preserve the integrity and extend life to the sails and rigging.

Old Business

Ice Party: Dan Thornton and other members recapped the February Ice Party. Suffice it to say a "good time was had by all" albeit a somewhat slushy event. Specific notable items "the couch burned well" – and prompts to inquire of Commodore Dave Whealon, exactly how a ranger got stuck in another members front yard... Karin Whealon reported "I lived!"

Chili dump: Great tasting chili from sailing club members and proper "fixins" provided as well. Chef's note: If you haven't tried Frito corn chips in/on your chili – give it a try. It received the Scott Baccus endorsement.

Website: Hank Lieurance reported he's always looking for feedback and input to make our website even better.

New Business

No new business

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Adjournment

Scott Baccus moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jack Boatman. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:31p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Mahnke

Education Improves Boating Safety

Published on April 5th, 2016

by Rich Jepsen

A recent study from Rhode Island Hospital researchers based on data from the U.S. Coast Guard has reported that sailing in the U.S. has a higher fatality rate than football and downhill skiing. While the information appears accurate, to the extent the study goes, it requires clarification and perspective.

After a lifetime in sail training and boating safety, here are three issues to consider:

1. While alcohol can be a factor in skiing, it is much more a factor in boating – virtually not a factor in football. Both skiing and football are virtually impossible to enjoy while inebriated. Unfortunately, it's different with sailing.

2. The culture of the U.S. (the attitudes of the majority of boaters and would be boaters), even in sailing, is that obtaining education or training is unnecessary, except where state mandated. The statistics conflate 'unskilled/ignorant' with 'inexperienced'. Sail training professionals will tell you those are two different things.

When you measure only sailors who were professionally trained on the water, the death rates plummet. Unfortunately, the national statistics, generally derived from the USCG database, fail to distinguish between a new sailor who is trained and competent, from a new sailor who is ignorant of seamanship or incompetent in basic boat handling.

3. Lifejacket use is on the upswing after years of spotty use thanks to modern, more comfortable lifejackets and a huge, decades long public relations push by boating safety experts and

state and federal officials. But, we are just beginning to see the results of those in death statistics.

Also, a brand new rating system, long in use elsewhere in the world, is being considered by the USCG that will result in a whole new lifejacket design paradigm where lifejackets that are comfortable and streamlined will also be eligible for 'Coast Guard' approval to meet the equipment requirements on boats. There will be an uptick in lifejacket use and we will see death rates continue to fall.

I do accept the thrust of the study, which is how sailing is more difficult and dangerous than it looks. But, there's something all sailors can do right now, which is to promote education. Whenever you have the chance, tell your friend or family member considering jumping in to buy a boat that they will have so much more fun and will be so much more safe (as well as their guests) if they learn from a professional at a yacht club, community sailing center, or commercial sailing school.

By the way, with grant funding, over the past five years, well over 100 subject matter expert volunteers have developed national standards, including sailing, for the knowledge and skills a recreational boater would need to have in entry level conditions, where the majority of accidents occur.

These standards will help new sailors recognize what skills and knowledge they need to keep themselves, their crews and their boats safe while enjoying our sport. These standards will also help new training programs more quickly and cheaply develop their curriculums and use their compliance with the standard to promote their schools. Stay Tuned!

To view these standards: [water standards](#) – [knowledge standards](#).

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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
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