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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 Ice is gone, well almost. There is some left on the rocks in front of the club but the lake is completely open. Although ice piled up onto the building the YC stood its ground and received almost no damage. That was a close one.

The season is upon us. We had an energetic board meeting and it is going get busy in a hurry. You may have remembered that I previously had an amount of days published that didn't sound real favorable but now hear this IN 45 DAYS THE BOATS NEED TO BE IN THE WATER! I like the sound of that except for all the work that needs to be done between now and then.

- Important cruiser meeting at 6:30 to finalize race schedule then Judge schedule can be completed
- The dry storage application is on the website
- Remember to sign up kids for Sailing Class the sessions are expect to fill up fast.
- Dave Dochterman is going to be holding a short information session directly after the meeting (after getting a beverage).
- In you haven't sent in your membership renewal please get it to Marty asap.

Hope to see many smiling faces at the meeting we will be needing help for upcoming events and if you sign up on your own you won't have Karin hounding you about volunteering. That should be enough motivation. -Dave W

EDITORS NOTE

If you would like anything included in the Mainsheet or posted on our website, please email Hank Lieurance henrilieurance@gmail.com

NEXT MEETING

Sailing Club Meeting
May 4th @ 7:00pm

SPECIAL NOTE:

Please bring snacks or treats to share after the meeting



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Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting

April 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Commodore Dave Whealon, 19 members were present. Two guests attended; Adam Zimpelmann and former Yacht Club Commodore Jim Zitzelberger.

Secretary's minutes

March meeting minutes were approved based on a motion by Dave Kuharski and Steve Ollenburg

Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report was given by Marty Witt. Marty reported that there was one expense in the month of \$149 for website expenses. The report was approved on a motion by Scott Baccus and Jack Boatman.

Committee Reports

Day Sailors: No meeting

Cruisers: Cruisers chairman Scott Baccus reported on the cruisers meeting, including handing in the proposed race schedule to Dave Whealon. The schedule this year includes 2 more Sunday races in July, August and September. The 2nd Nimmer cup will be held on August 27th. Scott also reported that all cruiser skippers will need to fill out a new form this year and submit it to him so that he can update their corrections. The form for corrections and the race schedule will be emailed to members before the May meeting. Scott also reported that there were minor rule changes. The race schedule will also be handed off to Karin Whealon to schedule judges for the races.

Youth Sailing: Dan Thornton reported that the moving of the youth sailing pier will likely happen for next season. The Yacht club is working with the city to gain its approval. That could happen in about 60 days and then plans would be developed for a floating pier on the east side (creek side) of the Yacht club. There will be an orientation meeting for youth sailors and their parents on June 7th (Wednesday) at 6pm. There are some parents that would like to learn how to sail the lasers, so the club is looking for seasoned sailors to help with

that. This year again, Wanda is handling most of the administrative needs for youth sailing (along with some parent volunteers) Thank you Wanda!

Old Business

Lighthouse Regatta: will be held June 3-4. Dave Kuharski reported that after 20+ years this will be the last LH Regatta that He, Scott Baccus and Mike Elmergreen will be organizing and running the race. Discussion will take place later in the season to determine if the sailing club will continue the race. Dave reported that there will be no entrance fee this year. The only costs will be for entrants to pay for the dinner.

TransWinnebago: There was a meeting scheduled for early April, but Commodore Whealon reported that it had to be rescheduled.

Poker Run: Vice Commodore Dave Dochterman reported that this year's Poker Run will be held on Walleye Weekend. He mentioned that we should promote it in the harbor – as an open invitation. He provided a couple of promotional handouts/postings to share and asked for feedback so he could finalize the materials. Dave also said we'll need 4 boats at buoys to hand out the cards.

Yacht Club Meal for April: Thank you to Dave Lallier, Dan Thornton and Marty Witt for taking the lead on the Sailing Clubs prep of the meal.

Dry Storage: prices for non-members is \$200. Members fee is \$150.

New Business:

Contact info for SC members: Commodore Whealon started discussion about contact information for members, so that we can communicate with each other outside of meetings. There was a brief discussion about what information members wanted to share and the consensus was that members would share the same information that used to be printed in the book. A motion was made by Steve Ollenburg to that effect and was seconded by Scott Baccus. The motion carried. This information would be shared via email to

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members. A sheet will be circulated at the May meeting for members to provide and/or update their information.

Racing Flags: Scott Baccus proposed that the sailing club consider purchasing a full set of flags and possibly budget for about \$375.00. There was discussion if we need an entire set, or could we get by with the most commonly used flags? Scott will do some additional research on the Flags.

Progress on Prostart: Scott reported that he and Jim Braun were "being challenged" in reaching the company that we purchased the Prostart from in order to obtain the horn system. With the season rapidly approaching – there was discussion about possibly having to go with another system or company.

For the Good of the Club:

Dave Dochterman and Marty Witt put together a presentation/information sharing and discussion on a Boat prep checklist for the start of the season. They provided some great snacks. There was an excellent exchange of information, advice, Q&A, etc. There were about 10 members that participated after the meeting.

Adjourned: A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Kuharski and seconded by Scott Baccus. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Mahnke

Bringing Back that Loving Feeling

Scuttlebutt Sailing News

Ron Breault has been following the various articles in Scuttlebutt regarding sailboat racing participation, and offers this report to add a bright spot to the discussion.

Last year, when the Camden Classics Cup (CCC) ran its first regatta for a mix of 'classic' wood and fiberglass boats, the timing was perfect. It provided a feeder regatta the week before the first race of the Eggemoggin Reach Regatta,

which after 30 years was a raging success with 100+ beautiful classic boats racing.

The CCC is sailed on Penobscot Bay, where the mountains meet the sea, and is based in the lovely harbor town of Camden, Maine. In its first year, it gave sailors challenging racing conditions (unusually light air) and over the top onshore partying.

For my 1960 S&S designed Dolphin 24, the 2016 event was a great opportunity to kick off a summer of cruising in Maine. Racing in the CCC, with other classics tuning up for the ERR, was a really special way to start the following several weeks of cruising.

This winter I got the word out that after 'sleeping' for many years, here was a chance for Dolphin 24 owners to get together with our siblings at the 2017 event. With the offer from the CCC organizers to have a separate 'one design' class if four or more competitors entered, the competitive juices rose, and the Dolphin 24 New England Championships was (re)born.

At this early date we have 6 'committed' entries, 2 to 3 more thinkin', and two beautiful, classic trophies designed and built, ready for claiming. The Camden Harbormaster has even set aside some space at his dock for a pod of Dolphins, so it sounds like party time.

So, the moral of the story is it's never too late – regatta organizers need to plan and execute interesting and fun events, get the word out, and we will come out of our hiding places and race, once again.

The Environmental Impact of Events

Scuttlebutt Sailing News

Environmental awareness is trending, but changing habits takes time. Convenience tends to create waste and regattas can adversely impact our waters, but helping to turn the tide has been the Sailors for the Sea's Clean Regattas program.

Seeking to be an example in Chicago will be the Skyway Yacht Works COLORS Regatta on June

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3-4 which has embraced this initiative for the first-time in its 27-year history.

"We are thrilled that Columbia Yacht Club has dedicated their efforts to reducing the environmental impact," said Robyn Albritton, Sustainability Director at Sailors for the Sea. "As a season-opening event, we are excited to see that Columbia is one of the leaders in sustainability for Lake Michigan."

Sailors for the Sea's Clean Regattas program is a certification system that enables sailors to protect their local waters with 25 best practices that make sustainability approachable and easy. The more practices followed, the higher the certification. The COLORS Regatta will be hosting the first gold-certified clean regatta in their city.

"We believe that as a community leader of a lakefront-oriented business, it is our responsibility to take initiative toward protecting the environment with a large focus on the Great Lakes," said Nick Philp, Columbia's General Manager.

Sustainability is more than a statement to the Club. They have made the move to 100% biodegradable to-go containers, eliminating disposable plastic cups and plates, and installing a filtered water station next to the dock. And this past February, the Club announced the end of using plastic straws (except by request) and promoted that their drink picks would now be made of biodegradable, toxin-free wood.

The Sailing School teaches sustainability from a young age by partnering with STEM programs to reinforce the ideas of being environmentally responsible. The school starts their day by collecting trash found floating in and around their home port, Monroe Harbor. They collected more than 600 pounds of trash over the course of the summer in 2016. Columbia has also been in the process of applying for grants to install Sea Bins for collecting trash out of the harbor.

So what does it take to host a Clean Regatta? The program has five tiers, with each of the certifications based on how many of the 25 Best Practices are followed. For specific details... [click here](#).

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<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!
(4-8pm every Wednesday) & (4-8pm every Friday)



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Buy a Boat – Sell a Boat
Get a Boat for FREE ~

For Sale: 1978 Catalina 25 with swing keel and trailer



We have had the pleasure of sailing our Catalina 25 for the past 11 years but it is now time to move on. The Catalina is just the right size and price for someone interested in sailing a keelboat. It is reasonably priced and solidly built. The swing keel allows the boat to get in and out of shallow waters inaccessible to boats with a fixed keel. The 4 stroke 9.9 Mercury with electric start and remote controls simplifies motoring when the wind dies down.



Hull specifications:

- Manufacturer: Catalina Yachts
- Year built: 1978
- Length overall: 25'
- Waterline length: 22' 2"
- Beam: 8 feet
- Draft: Keel up 2' 8", down 5'
- Steering type: tiller
- Hull construction: fiberglass

Sails:

- Sail area: 294 square feet
- Main: Loose footed
- Head sail: 155% on roller furler
- Spinnaker

Motor:

- 2005 9.9 Mercury 4 stroke
- Electric start
- Remote controls in cockpit
- Removable gas container

Miscellaneous:

- Cockpit cushions
- VHF Marine radio
- Depth gauge
- GPS mount
- Radio
- Automatic bilge pump
- Deep discharge battery and charger
- Shore power cable
- Docking lines
- Fenders
- Life jackets

Trailer:

- EZ Loader dual axle

Location: Fond du Lac, WI

More info?

Call Pat at (920)923-5982

FOR SALE: Miscellaneous Sailboat parts. Some are specific to Lightning's. Pictures and more information at:

http://www.elmoandbig Sue.com/For_Sale/For_Sale.htm

or call Mike Elmergreen at 920.872.5079 or

email at elmo@centurytel.net

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FOR SALE: Columbia 29 MK II

Into the Wind is a classic sloop that is a treat to sail. The beautiful hand laid teak deck receives admiring looks in any harbor. The rigging makes single-handed a breeze. The Universal Kubota diesel engine is a great upgrade with only 249 hours.



Includes:

Universal (Kubota) diesel engine M3-20B (249 hours). Schaffer Roller Fuller. Boom kicker with boom vang. Hoyt jib boom. 3 Roller blocks. Harken jib tracks. All lines led aft. Spinlock cam cleats. Lazy Jacks. Garhauser 2-speed 6/1 3/1 on main sheet. Three blade feathering prop. Lightning arrestor. ICom VHS radio. Auto Helm. Dripless shaft seal. Fuel polishing system. Leather wrapped Edison wheel w/ engine controls. Depth and speed gauges. Pedestal compass. Jabsco head. Permanently mounted boarding ladder. Danforth anchor. Four berths. Draft 4'. Microwave. Located in Fond du Lac, WI. Asking \$8,900
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