



## 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**

Happy New Year!

-Dave

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

**Sailing Club Meeting  
January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**

**Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 6:55p.m. by Commodore Dave Whealon, 34 members were in attendance with numerous guests. The meeting was hosted at the Whealon's home, with a holiday party/Packer game following the meeting.

**Secretary's minutes**

A motion to approve the October 2015 sailing club minutes was made by Sally Boatman and seconded by Jim Buch. The motion carried and the minutes approved (Note: no minutes for November as the Change of watch ceremony was held in place of a regular meeting).

**Treasurer's report**

New Vice Commodore and former Treasurer Dan Thornton joined new Treasurer Marty Witt in

presenting an updated checking account balance with one expense of \$1095 for the 2015 Change of Watch/Banquet. We expect ticket sales will cover the expense of the event, minus the free dinners for youth sailors in attendance. The proposed budget for 2016 was presented and a motion to accept the budget was made by Scott Baccus and seconded by Steve Ollenburg. The motion carried and the budget for 2016 was approved. Bill Nimmer moved to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Tom Boerner. The motion carried and treasurer's report was accepted.

**Committee Reports**

**Day Sailors:** No Report.

**Cruisers:** No Report.

**Youth Sailing:** Kevin Gratton reported that parent interest and participation is growing in youth sailing and the Youth Sailing committee leadership has decided to have meetings at the yacht club at 6 p.m. prior to the sailing club meetings. They feel they can double the number of youth sailing families.

**Old Business**

None covered.

**New Business:**

**Change in Web Master:** Commodore Dave Whealon publicly thanked Craig Callas on behalf of the entire membership for his many years of work and dedication as the Web master for the Sailing Club. Member Hank Lieurance was introduced as the new Webmaster. Thank you Craig and thank you Hank!

## Mainsheet

**Winter Ice Party:** The 2016 Yacht Club Ice Party will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The Sailing Club will work the event again this year building on the continuing success of the party over the last couple of years. More details, committee sign ups and discussion to follow at the January meeting.

**Sailing Expo:** Commodore Dave Whealon reported that the "Sailing Only" Expo (not only sailing this time – but with a separate venue) is being held at McCormick Place in Chicago again this year around the 18th of January. There was some discussion about how many members might be interested in going – and possibly riding together. More discussion and possible volunteers may offer rides to other members wanting to attend at the January meeting.

**State of Buoys:** The club will take a look at possible replacement – if necessary later in the year

**Invoices for membership dues and race fees:** In an effort to get paid dues and race fees prior to the race season start, it was suggested by the Sailing Club Board members to provide invoices to members – to serve as a reminder (via email and/or regular mail). The thought process is that members would pay earlier if they had something in hand – or email inbox to act on.

**ICE SAILING:** ATTN Members - If you are a current ice sailor, curious about ice sailing, or think you might be interested in watching it, learning more about it and going for a ride in an ice sailboat (with an experienced ice sailor) and possibly learning to ice sail yourself, here's a great opportunity!!

Get your name on the list – contact Dave Lallier at 1-920-948-9465 or at his email at [dnfd1@gmail.com](mailto:dnfd1@gmail.com)

Dave is putting a list together of interested people to include in notifications about ice sailing opportunities and events.

Under its own category.... It should be noted that with 45 seconds left in the Packer game... Hank Lieurance departed having accepted the inevitable.... But wait! The Packers have a

chance – all it would take is a miracle! I guess that's why they call it a Hail Mary pass...

But I digress... (Sorry Hank!)

### Adjournment

**Adjourned:** Brian Carter moved to adjourn, and was seconded by Herb Bankstall. The Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned in time to see the Kick off.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Mahnke

### Lessons That Can Make You Better



North Sails' Chris Snow had done plenty of crewing on the J/70, but the 2015 North Americans was his first time on the helm. Here are some of the things he learned that will help in almost any boat...

- Have clear consistent marks on your jibs sheets. You must have marks on the deck and clear marks on the sheets as reference points to duplicate fast trim setting on both tacks.
- Do not steer the boat—rather steer as little as possible. Any small boat slows when the tiller is moved. I purposely held the tiller extension on my thigh upwind to minimize movement. Do your best to steer with crew weight-this applies to any boat.

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- The spinnaker trimmer steers the boat downwind. Be sure the spinnaker trimmer is constantly talking about pressure in the sheet downwind and telling you when to come up and down to optimize your angle downwind. She/he can feel that 100% better than you, the helmsman, can.
- Have a tuning matrix and follow it. Check your sail makers tuning guide for rig tensions at different wind speeds. Make a chart of turns needed on your boat to get from one to the other. Follow it and set the rig back to base each time you return to the dock. This eliminates variables and second guessing and lets you concentrate on the race.
- Sail the boat at a constant angle of heel upwind. Very important to keep the boat at a constant angle of heel upwind. Use the head stay against the horizon as a guide. If you cannot hold the boat on a constant angle of heel the boat is either underpowered or overpowered. Decide which and adjust.
- As helmsman downwind, help the crew with what is happening with the shifts downwind. It is hard for the crew to know whether or not you are getting lifted or headed downwind (upwind it is easy) helmsman should keep an eye on the compass downwind and communicate to the crew what he/she is seeing.
- On the J/70 learn to sail wing and wing easily. Practice how much you need to turn the boat downwind to go to wing and wing and what conditions is works in (flat water, moderate winds). This is a tool that can come in very handy if you have it available but it takes some practice so as not to be too disruptive.
- Trust your Velociteck! This little wonder tells you how far from the line you are. Get good "pings" on both ends (be sure the line is set first) and trust it. I found it very helpful to have one of the crew calling time and another calling distance to the line converted to boat lengths (the unit displays in meters). You can use it to help you know when to accelerate for the line.
- Sail the boat like a dinghy. All smaller one designs benefit from being sailed like an even smaller boat. Use your crew weight always to steer, move forward and aft depending on wind and sea state. Get good at roll tacking and jibing in lighter air. Heel the boat to leeward to round the leeward mark, etc... All boats will benefit from this.

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### ***FOND DU LAC SAIL CLUB WEBSITE***

<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)



### ***DID YOU KNOW?***

As of November of 2012, the fastest sailing speed on record was 65.45 knots, or over 75 miles per hour! Paul Larsen of Australia set this record with the specially-designed Sailrocket 2, in breezy conditions in the waters of Namibia. Sailrocket 2 is an unconventional design, intended for sailing on one tack in a straight line on flat water.

### ***QUOTE OF THE MONTH:***

"I cannot not sail."  
- E.B. White

## Mainsheet

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

**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 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: [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).

