



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

First let me say I have been very impressed and enthused by the amount of participation we have had at the past meetings- including all thru the winter. The committee signup sheet went out at the last meeting (thanks Scott) and it mostly filled in one meeting. That makes my job much easier. Thank You. For those of you that don't know Lore Shaver (that use to work for George) no longer works for him. She did the Mainsheet and compiled our book for us. She also did much for the YC youth sailing program. We are looking for replacements for both Jobs. Kevin Gratton and friends are going to handle the Youth sailing Program again for the YC. A parent group has gotten together already to get the year started. One of the programs they would like to expand is the Wednesday Night Youth Sailing Races. We are hoping at least one volunteer from the SC could help each week. I attended the meeting and even some of the parents might like to race. They talked about joining the SC. More to follow... Not to put any pressure on the cruisers but there is talk of new sails, new bottom paint, new ideas, new crew, and new boats. We should all be excited. We have expanded the cruiser schedule a little. I would suggest being ready for a few more boats on the line with some new faces. What a great problem to have. As we speak the lake is breaking up. Although the water is low it always comes up in time. See you in the Yard! - Dave Whealon

NEXT MEETING

-Sailing Club Meeting April 2nd - 7:00pm
Fleet Meetings at 6:30 pm

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



MINUTES OF THE FOND DU LAC SAILING CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING 3-5-15

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Vice Commodore Scott Baccus. (Commodore Whealon was enroute from Florida and joined the meeting in progress). Eighteen members were in attendance. There were no guests. A motion to approve the February 2015 sailing club minutes (with one correction: Steve Butson-not Dave Butson- provided music for the Yacht Club's Winter Party) was made by Dave Kuharski and seconded by Brian Carter. The motion was carried and minutes approved (with correction). Secretary Mike Mahnke read a Thank You note from WISSA to the FDLSC membership. They expressed their appreciation for the support and volunteer work done by members in support of the WISSA event held on Lake Winnebago this year. Treasurer Dan Thornton reported on current financials with balance in the black. Dan reported 18 paid members as of the meeting start time. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Bill Freund and seconded

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by Marty Witt. For members who haven't yet paid for 2015 - REMEMBER to bring your checks for membership dues and racing fees to the April meeting.

Committee Reports

Day Sailors: The Lighthouse Regatta will be held on June 6 & 7. The I-20 Nationals will be held Sep 11-13.

Cruisers: The Transwinnebago will be June 27 and the Frostbite will be held Sep 19.

Karin Whealon will be finding "volunteers" for the Race Committees needed for judging races for the race schedule.

Membership Committee: No report

Old Business

- Vice Commodore Scott Baccus surfaced the topic to members regarding the "Lake Winnebago Water Quality Association" – since it had been brought up in past meetings. The discussion centered on that members are concerned and support water quality in Lake Winnebago – but members did not know of any compelling reason nor did they think the FDLSC should sign up as a member of the Association. There were no motions made.
- Buoy: Mike Elmergreen and Scott Baccus will meet to find the inflatable buoys for use as F&G Buoys this year.
- Race Schedule for 2015: Dave Kuharski reported on the new race schedule for 2015, including some additional races. The Schedule was circulated at the meeting. Discussion was positive about the schedule and the number of people who stayed after last month's

meeting for input and participation in the proposed race schedule.

Wednesday races are intended to be "fun races" and will be scored differently than regular Thursday races. Also, new Sunday races will be considered a "separate series".

Dave Lallier made a motion to accept the proposed 2015 race schedule as presented. The motion was seconded by Dave Kuharski. The motion was carried and race schedule approved by SC members.

- Sailing Club to prepare food for April 7th FDL Yacht Club meeting. Karin Whealon made a list of volunteers for the event. Menu TBD.
- Winter Party was Huge Success: Dave Lallier reported that the FDL Yacht Club's party (hosted and staffed by SC members) was a huge success and a really great family event. Attendance was estimated at 150 and after expenses, the YC made about \$175.00

New Business

- Sailing Club History: Long time sailing club member Tom Grebe reported that he has updated the Sailing Club history going back to 1860. He indicated that it runs about six pages. Tom will send it to Mike Elmergreen and the documents could be added to the website.

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- Recognizing Tom Grebe for his contributions: SC Member Dave Lallier wanted to be sure that the Fond du Lac Sailing Club recognized Tom Grebe for his work for over 20 years in keeping the history of the organization and the history of sailing on Lake Winnebago alive, documented and part of our perspective. The membership gave Tom Grebe a rousing round of applause in appreciation of his commitment and work.

For the Good of the Club: Andy Gratton reiterated his and Kevin's appreciation for FDLSC assistance with the WISSA event. He also recommended checking out some great video on YouTube of the event. There were 60 participants from 11 countries and about 20% of them did not speak English. Top speeds at the event were 54mph. Andy reported that this event was described by many WISSA participants as one of the best World events! Also for the good of the club, SC member Connie donated a book to the club. It is a marine guide providing information on chartering a sailboat and sailing in the Virgin Islands.

Adjourned: Dave Kuharski moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Brian Carter. The Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by Vice Commodore Baccus at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted by ~Mike Mahnke

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.

MAINSHEET EDITOR

Mike Elmergreen - Mainsheet Editor. Please send items for publication to elmo@centurytel.net or call 920.872.5079.

FOND DU LAC YACHT CLUB WEBSITE

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

SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER:

CLUB REMINDERS:

F.Y.I.

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



2015 Youth Sailing Brainstorming - Mount Gay Pirates – Kevin Gratton

Mar.25- 2015 FDL Yacht Club 6 pm

GOAL: Promote Sailing in the Fond du Lac Community especially with and through the Youth. Build a self-sustaining youth Sailing Program with practice and regattas. Involve and teach the parents.

Registration: Set the first day of class and following class dates. (First Tuesday after school ends) excel file population. \$20 refundable fee if student attends 4 classes. Put students in the right program and day. Send reply e-mails for Orientation time and date, first day of class, 1st week hand out. NOTES:

- Jessy will be handling registration for the 2015 class
- Kevin will contact George to have all e-mail re-directed to Jessy
- Kevin will get contact info on the website and form need to be changed

Each class limit is 30.

Andy will be teach lasers, class limit is 16.

Would like to see more kids join lasers.

First Day of class will be June 9

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NOTES: Orientation will be held June 3, 6pm, under the shelter or sailing classroom area. Instructors need to be informed of date.

Weekly Information E-mails:

Summary of the topics covered that week.

What the kids need to study and practice.

Send the weekly handout. (1st 4 weeks)

Promote Wed night racing and regional regattas. Attach pictures of class.

Photographer: Take pictures weekly of class and races

Send pictures to E-mail processor. Send pictures to web site operators. (Sailing & Yacht Club)

NOTES:

- Charlene & Bonnie will be the lead photographers.

Mainsheet Reporter: Provide a monthly update for the Sailing Club Main Sheet and the Yacht Club Hotline

Include pictures.

NOTES:

- Bonnie will be taking on the Mainsheet and weekly reports for class. Mainsheet goes out Mon, March 30.

Promotion & Advertising: Provide information to update the FDL Yacht Club and Sailing Club web sites.

Put ads in publications (FDL Recreational Guide - done) Papers

Awareness Events:

Parades ?????

Wednesday night races, regional races.

NOTES:

- Federman's will create a Face Book page
- Lorri will organize the group to be in the Memorial Day parade.

Race Team: Organize Wed. night and regional races. Process scoring of races. Set the course and judge the races.

NOTES:

- Kevin will get info re: Regatta's with other Yacht Clubs (Lake Geneva, Racine, Kenosha)

End of the Season Party: Food & T-shirts

NOTES: Will recruit new volunteers throughout the class to help out.

Sailing Club Banquet:

Trophies & Invitations

NOTES: Will recruit new volunteers throughout the class.

Wednesday Night: Check In & Out Make sure equipment is put away properly and they have everything they came with.

Parent sailing

Food and beverage

NOTES:

- Lorri will be in charge of scoring on Wed nite. We will recruit from Orientation for new volunteers to help out Wed night.
- Dave L will contact Sailing Club members and ask for a more volunteers to commit to helping out with classes and Wed nights.
- Parents will be learning how to sail on Wed nights!!!!

OTHER NOTES:

Sailing Club meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 7pm.

NEXT MEETING - April 29, 6:00pm, Yacht Club

NEW AGENDA ITEMS:

Bring a Friend Day & Family Day

FDL Regatta (1st Tues after the last class)

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Some Ideas to Grow the Understanding of Sailing

(From August of last season)

Last night I was fortunate to be able to judge the day sailor Tuesday night race. It looked like I was going to be alone until Brian Carter hooked me up with our new member Steve. (Sorry I don't know your last name, okay I forgot). We had a great time setting up the course and starting the race. (I guess we need work on our flag raising techniques).

While the race was going on I took pictures with the club's new camera and Steve and I talked about our sailing paths. Steve mentioned that sometimes he does not have the confidence he would like to have. Later that night while we were having our fun pizza party, I was thinking of that and looking at the Wind Clock on the dry erase board and a few thoughts came to mind.

Why don't we make some fixtures to teach the basics of sailing to anyone that looks and plays with them? Following are a few of my ideas and I am sure many of you can add to them. Now I don't have time at this part of my life to make them but I hope we can come up with a team to get'r done.

Wind Clock: Make a wind clock like a cross between a sun dial and weather vane. It will always show the No Go Zone. It will also show correct sail trim and what tack, as well as name the direction such a beam reach.

Knot Tying Stations: There also could be knot tying stations mounted to the wall of the classroom area. There would be a rope attached with pictures and description of the knot. Maybe even a proper knot that is glued together so it is always there to copy. Three knots come to mind: Figure 8, Bowline and Cleat for starters.

Proper Sailing Position: Diagrams or pictures of how to sit in the boat properly. The body movements of how to Tack or Jibe.

Right of Way Rules: Diagrams of the basic Right of Way rules.

Parts of the Boat and Rig: Again diagrams.

So the list can go on. My vision is to see these in our sailing class room and anybody can learn from them. I feel the kids will learn from them while they are waiting for class. It may allow more time on the water instead of classroom. Parents will use them also.

Just some thoughts I have. Thanks Elmo for enlightening me.

-Kevin



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Get a Boat for FREE ~

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

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FOR SALE: 25 Ft. Hunter 25
(1982) GREAT CONDITION: Very clean & dry, Interior recently recondition. Easy to sail with wheel steering; Hull



Material: Fiberglass;
Engine: 9.9 Johnson with electric start.
OTHER: Furling jib; Anchor and Rode cradle winter cover, sink, stove, porta-potti; Extra



line, bumpers, etc. Also have two batteries. Great for day sailing or week long cruises Sleeps family of five or four adults,

Asking price
\$ 2,800. Located in
Fond du Lac harbor



If interested call Tom

Will at 920-960-5741

FOR SALE: Classic 1971 Tartan 34 ("Great Debate") Enjoy the classic design of one of Winnebago's most beautiful boats. \$21,900 (or half ownership \$10,500). If interested, call: Earl Jewett 204-1299 and Dave Stetter 872-2204.



FOR SALE: 1981 Oday 22ft / 9.9 long shaft Merc. *Maria III* is the name of the boat, here in FDL harbor. Asking \$4000 Contact Steve Millen at (920) 921-6280

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 or Pat Considine at patrick@uksailmkaers.com

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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.

FOR SALE: Miscellaneous Sailboat parts. Some are specific to Lightning's. Pictures and more information at: http://home.centurytel.net/elmo/For_Sale/For_Sale.htm. Or call Mike Elmergreen at 920.872.5079 or email at elmo@centurytel.net

