



2018 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

We had the March BOD meeting on the 19th. It was decided at that time if the weather didn't improve by April 1st, I would take one for the team and run down to Key West and see what the problem is. That is one way of telling you that I won't be at this month's meeting. But, it is still important that you be there to support each other through this interesting spring weather. At least you can talk about all the work that needs to be done after the covers come off.

Update on the June Meet the Fleet - The invite is being put together and will be ready for preview after April 9th. We set a save the date send out for April 24th, so we will need to have a meeting of the group before that. Let's shoot for Thursday, April 19th. I will send out a reminder.

Trans-Winnebago meeting at the Club April 9th 7:00 pm for anyone interested.

The completed design of the Youth Sailing Dock will be at brought to the membership for Tuesday night's YC meeting. Rob Ritchie has done a lot of work on this project. More to follow...

Summer Storage forms are on the YC website.

That is all for now. You have my personal guarantee that when I return the weather will be better. If not, I will go back again and again until I get it right.

- Dave W

NEXT MEETING

Sailing Club Meeting April 5th @ 7:00pm

After the April Sailing Club meeting, Andy Gratton and Steve Ollenburg are planning to give a short PowerPoint presentation on the Lake of the Woods International Sailing Association Regatta they attended last August.

MEETING SNACKS

Listed below is the initial list for meeting snacks. Add your date to your calendar. You will also get a reminder phone call from our snack committee. If you can't make your date, let Karin Whealon know so she can alter the schedule.

April - Jack/Sally Boatman, Craig Callis

May - Kevin Daleiden, Jim Braun, George Winter

June - Kevin Gratton, Ellen Balthazor, Connie Jordan

July - Tom Boerner, Larry Kuehl, Tom Grebe

August - Joseph Wooley, Paul Kaestner, Dave Kuharski

September - Mike Mahnke, Steve Ollenburg, Rob Ritchie

October - Dan Thornton, Bill Freund, Andy Gratton

November - Jeanne Wesby, Dave Lallier, Karin Whealon

December - Holiday Gathering - everyone

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YOUTH SAILING

The sign-up form for this summer's youth sailing program will be published shortly after the April meeting, but it should be the same as last year's form with only the days moved one less to accommodate the new year. Priority sign up is taking place right now so members can have first choice in getting their child enrolled. The form is on our website.

RACING

A newer racing schedule is posted on our website for your perusal. The dates are posted on the website calendar or look under the racing menu to get a copy of the schedule that can be printed out. See if any of the dates need to be changed. Contact Jack Boatman for any ideas or suggestions.

TRANS WINNEBAGO MEETING

A planning meeting with the Neenah club is scheduled at the FDLYC on Monday April 9 at 7 p.m.

BOAT SAFETY TRAINING

The Fond du Lac Coast Guard Auxiliary will present the DNR 10 hour Safe Boating Course from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday evenings, April 26, 30, May 3, 7, 10 at the yacht club. The course is for adults and youth age 12 and older. A \$10 book fee is charged. Sign up online at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/boat/>

Minutes of the FDL Sailing Club meeting March 1, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commodore Dave Whealon, sixteen members and two guests were present (Rebecca and Casey Mathews). The Mathews will be sailing a 25 foot Catalina.

The February 2018 meeting minutes were approved by the membership after motions by Tom Clausen and Andy Gratton respectively.

The treasurer's report: Treasurer Marty Witt updated the group on the Club's finances.

Marty reported that to date there were 22 paid members. The treasurer's report was approved by the membership after motions by Steve Ollenburg and John George respectively.

Committee Reports:

Day Sailors - No report

Cruisers - No report

Youth Sailing - Rob Ritchie provided a status report for the Youth Sailing program. Rob reported that it will appear in the FDL Rec Guide again this year. The Dock project for Youth Sailing will get approval from the DNR.

Rob will ensure that Tom Clausen will be copied in on the Youth Sailing committee meeting notes so that he can share dates and other minutes via the email distribution list for all sailing club members.

There will be an orientation for Youth Sailors on June 6 at 6PM. Classes will start on June 11. Yacht club members will have first choice of having their kids signed up for classes until April 1. After that time it will be first come first served.

There is a growing need for sailing club members to help teach adults sailing (who have kids in the youth sailing program) on Wednesday nights for Fun sailing. Rob and Kevin will work with Karin to put together a signup sheet so that help is more scheduled and organized this year.

Boat repair dates for lasers has not yet been assigned but will be announced at the April meeting. Given that the youth sailing program is a Yacht Club program, work hours on the program can be used for the YC requirements.

Social event committee - Dave Whealon reported that the committee met on February 26th. The committee selected the weekend of June 2 & 3 to get more sailors from the harbor to get involved with the Sailing Club. The "event will be called "Meet the Fleet" so the event will be more inclusive of all sailors in the marina - not just the sailing club. To promote

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the event there will be two mailings to sailboats in the marina. The first mailing will be on or about April 28th – as a “save the date” approach with the second mailing scheduled for May 21. The mailers/flyers are in development with the following being shared: Registration on line, no fees, lists of things they may want to cover or learn about at the 2 day event –e.g. points of sail, knots, maintenance, etc. sailing club members to go out with attendees (if they want) on their sailboats.

The event would start at 10a.m. at the Yacht club garage. From 12 noon until 2PM would be set aside for on the water assistance - with the opportunity to have their boat and crew’s picture taken on the water. 4PM return to the Yacht Club for an informal cookout and conversation. Sunday event would start at Noon with a “cruise around the Buoy’s”. An estimated 2 hour cruise with a return to the Yacht Club for “fun” awards, sailing handouts that would include; Youth Sailing class handouts (to be used as “basic sailing reminders”) A map of Lake Winnebago showing GPS coordinates for all of our racing Buoys – AND to pick up their boat photos.

OLD BUSINESS

Radio for races - Cruiser committee chairperson Marty Witt will follow up on the radio purchase to be ready in time for cruiser races. Funding approval was made by the club last year.

Ice Party February 2018 – Commodore Whealon recapped the event and thanked the Sailing club volunteers who helped with set up and teardown. This was the third annual event. The weather cooperated and this year added a new feature – the Ice Carousel.

Committee Signup sheets - Commodore Whealon circulated the committee signup sheets and encouraged members to sign up.

NEW BUSINESS

Racing schedules - Vice Commodore Jack Boatman distributed and submitted the 2018

race schedule for day sailors and cruisers. The schedule also includes some open dates for the season – which the club could choose to insert events if they want to. The schedule was approved after motions by Brian Carter and Steve Ollenburg respectively.

For The Good of the Club

Dave Whealon invited members to the Blue Line Family Ice Center at the fairgrounds for an event on March 10. Reminders from Karin Whealon include the Yacht Club’s St. Patrick’s Day party, Yacht Club Palm Sunday Brunch and the Kid’s Easter Egg Hunt.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Carter and seconded by Bill Freund. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Mike Mahnke, secretary

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FOND DU LAC SAIL CLUB WEBSITE

See all the new pictures that have been put on the site: <http://www.fdlsail.com> . See the calendar, past Mainsheets, race results, upcoming events 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/>

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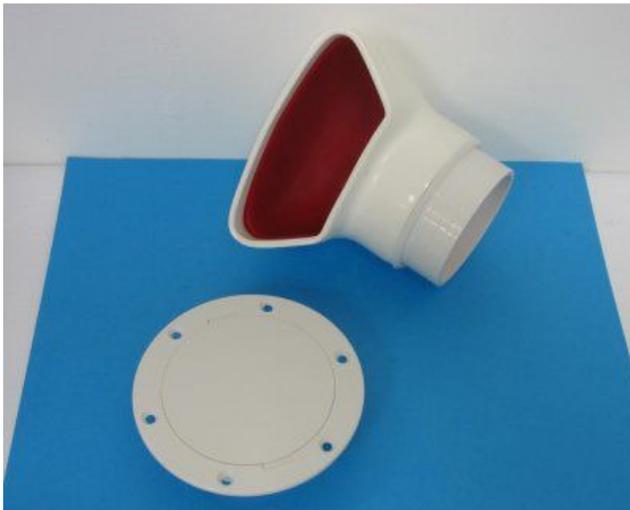
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