



## 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**

With another season wrapping up it would seem like we would have plenty of time, but that does not seem to be the case. You wouldn't believe it with near 80 degree temps but fall is on its way. Some of the boats in the harbor have already been pulled and it's going to be busy preparing for winter. Do it now while it is still nice (I wish I would listen to my own advice)!

In September the sailing club was active. Along with our normal boat races, Jack Boatman was the chairman of the I20 National Regatta. Jack and Sally did a great job along with Scott Baccus as PRO and his helpers. Everyone from the I20 class likes coming to FDL. We are great at helping people and being friendly, and our facilities can't be beat.

I am always impressed by the volunteerism of our club. It was great see so many people working for the I20 nationals. With all your help it really made it flawless.

The annual awards banquet is coming up at the club Nov 7<sup>th</sup>. Marty & Rueben Witt and the wives have taken on the challenge. I know already that we are in good hands.

For anyone that was awarded traveling trophies last year make sure you get them polished up and brought to the club contact Scott Baccus or Dave Kuharski. They will need them ASAP for the banquet.

The Sailor of the Year committee will meet before the Thursday meeting on Oct 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm.

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

**Sailing Club Meeting**  
**October 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00pm**

*\*Fleet Meetings @ 6:30 pm\**

*\*SOTY Committee Meeting @ 6:30pm\**

**SPECIAL NOTE:**

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



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## Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting

### September 10<sup>th</sup> 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Commodore Dave Whealon, 18 members were in attendance with one guest – Erin, introduced by Lorri.

**Secretary's minutes:** There was once correction to the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. It should have been clarified that the \$146.17 expense for the Laser boat repairs for youth sailing is actually a Yacht Club expense and not a sailing club expense. A motion to approve the August 2015 sailing club minutes with the correction was made by Reuben Witt and seconded by Hank Lieurance. The motion was carried and minutes approved with correction.

**Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Dan Thornton reported an updated checking account balance and no new expenses to report. Reuben Witt moved to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Craig Callis. The motion carried and treasurer's report was accepted.

### Committee Reports

**Day Sailors:** No Report

**Cruisers:** Jim Braun provided information on the Frostbite Race. Start of sequence at 10am. Continental breakfast at 8am with skipper's meeting at 9am.

**Youth Sailing:** Kevin Gratton provided an overview of the Youth Sailing Program completed this summer and recommendations and needs for the 2016 season. The classes were well attended and we saw an increase in Youth Wednesday night racing participation with 25-30 kids participating throughout the summer. Even after school was back in session 6 boats went out on the last Wednesday.

The August 2<sup>nd</sup> "Fun regatta" / Unregatta with 5 boats coming from out of town, went very well! Kevin recommended that we also increase our focus on the adults/parents of the youth sailors, because many of them are interested in learning how to sail as well.

There is a serious need for additional Teachers for youth sailing. Dan and Paul teach on

Mondays and Kevin on Tuesdays – but as the classes and number of youth increase, Kevin has requested more members that can teach during the week days – step forward and volunteer. AND, help is needed on Wednesday night races as well.

Dave Lallier recommended that a presentation be made to the Yacht Club membership at their next meeting – to advise them on the progress of Youth Sailing and to report on needed funds for things like repairs needed to the lasers, wear and tear on the Bics, ability/possible storage trailer to store rigged sails for the Open Bics, to reduce wear and tear.

Kevin also reported the need to update the curriculum and youth sailing training guides in the off-season. We will need to put a committee together to get that done this winter. Interested members should contact Kevin, Dan or Lorri.

Parents and grandparents of the kids in youth sailing have been so impressed with the program – that many donated their registration deposits back to the organization as a "thank you". \$1158.00 was contributed.

To increase interest in moving students up to the Laser fleet, Dave Kuharski suggested we have a Laser Regatta for kids next year. Andy Gratton who taught the Laser students asked the membership for help with the afternoon class on Tuesdays – and suggested we pursue a powerboat for use in getting to the Laser students.

In the discussion about Lasers, it was also recommended by (Dave Kuharski?) that the Laser repairs be moved up to the May meeting in 2016 – instead of the June meeting. There was general agreement with this suggestion.

### Old Business

**Our first Poker Run/Fun night August 22nd:** We had 9 boats participate. Commodore Whealon described it as a casual/modest success. Dave Dochterman came up with some creative "vegetable trophies".... Dave will head up the committee for next year's Poker Run. The winning hand was held by Tom Grebe.

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**Labor Day Race:** 5 boats started the race. Mach Schnell won the race.

**I-20 Nationals:** Jack Boatman ran down the schedule for the 9/11-9/13 weekend and identified committee assignments. 18 boats had registered to date.

## New Business

### **Sailing Club Banquet and change of Watch:**

The event will be held November 7<sup>th</sup> and Marty and Reuben Witt have volunteered to be co-chairs for the event. Reuben and Marty will be looking for a few volunteers to assist with things like; Invitations, caterer, emcee will be Brian Carter again this year.

Hank Lieurance will send out a "save the date reminder" to the membership.

Dave Kuharski asked that ALL TRAVELING TROPHIES be returned by the next meeting and asked that Kevin Gratton and Jim Braun send ALL race results to him and Scott Baccus, so they can start on procuring the trophies. Deadline is NLT October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dave Dochterman will put a photo/PowerPoint presentation together (like last year) – so please get all of your racing photos to Dave Dochterman.

**Sailing Club Board Nominations:** Committee Chairman Dave Kuharski conducted the required Open Nominations. Accepted Nominations at the meeting: Commodore: Dave Whealon, Vice Commodore: Dan Thornton, Secretary: Mike Mahnke and Treasurer: Marty Witt.

**For the good of the club:** Lorri and Erin mentioned they are looking to buy a boat. Virtually every member in attendance was willing to sell them at least one boat a piece...

## Adjournment

**Adjourned:** Hank Lieurance moved to adjourn, and was seconded by Reuben Witt. The Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Mahnke

## Frostbite Race 2015

From the mind of Mike Mahnke

It was a cool September 19<sup>th</sup> morning as skippers and crew staggered into the yacht club for an eye opening strong cup of coffee or other traditional "breakfast beverages". Note: Some staggered or stumbled more than others due to preparations for the race(?) from the night before... but I digress.

Eight boats turned out for the last official cruiser race of the season, including one from Oshkosh by the name of "Peace of Mind. The rest of the fleet included Anima, Viajante, Windswept, Vanishing Point (skipped by Mike Elmergreen, who is certainly no stranger to the FDL sailing club, but Vanishing Point is usually moored at the Sheboygan Yacht Club and Mike moved it to FDL for the race). Rounding out the fleet was Mach Schnell, Team Zissou and Osprey.

The wind was strong at 17-24 knot and most skippers were waiting until the final minutes to assess the size of the headsails they would use to start the race and whether or not to reef their mains.

Reuben Witt was the race committee judge for the race (Thanks Reuben!) and he and Jim Braun set a course of (A)GFA for the 15.18 mile race. We all appreciated the effort by Reuben, especially with his motorboat bobbing up and down like a piece of driftwood for the long race. Race chairman Jim Braun established two divisions for the race: spinnaker and non-spinnaker, which had to be declared before the race. Three boats chose to declare spinnaker: Team Zissou, Mach Schnell and Vanishing Point. All three are Olson 25's – the first time this year we had three Olsons in a cruiser race.

It was a clean start for the race at 10:06 am and the wind was strong, blowing about 17 mph. Most boats had downsized their headsails for the start of the race with about half reefing their mains. The winds remained very strong throughout the race at times gusting in excess of 25 mph and waves reaching four feet. One gust and wind shift grabbed hold of Team Z and not only rounded it up, but slammed it on its starboard side with the boat and some crew

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members getting a chance to "wear" that cold Lake Winnebago water for the rest of the race. The recovery was immediate and effective by the skipper and crew – and it was back on track quickly.

The three Olsons, Anima, Viajante and Osprey were the front runners for most of the race – with Vanishing Point taking an early lead followed by Mach Schnell and Team Z – and it remained that way as they approached the finish line.

It is an unconfirmed rumor that Hank Lieurance was lobbying skipper Dave Kuharski of Windswept – to start up the roller-dog machine – about half way through the race – I'm not saying that Hank needed some solids to absorb the late night, early morning beverages, but...I digress.

As it turns out, the wind direction and race course were not conducive to flying spinnakers for the three boats in the division until late in the last leg – with Vanishing Point flying a small chute first – and Mach Schnell did so soon after.

The final results were in Division one (Spinnaker) First Place – Vanishing Point, Second Place – Mach Schnell and Third Place – Team Zissou. On a personal note – I was just glad we (Team Z) did not finish fourth out of three boats – THAT would have been embarrassing. But... I (well you know)... In Division 2 (non-spinnaker) results: First Place was Anima, Second Place was Viajante and Third Place was Osprey. Windswept finished fourth followed by Peace of Mind. Please see the official times and PHRF Corrections tabulated by Jim Braun. (Thanks Jim).

Karin Whealon supplied some nice snacks for skippers and crew members and other Sailing Club members who turned out to celebrate the final race of the season. Great camaraderie and conversations about the race, the wind and fun lasted for hours after the race.

It was a great day for sailing! Good to see you there and see you next season!

- Mike Mahnke

### **Laser Class: Disruption and Confusion**

Scuttlebutt Sailing News  
Published on September 29, 2015

It would seem unfathomable that the Laser class could be headed toward hard times. Few classes attract the kind of activity seen at Laser events, but disruption and confusion on the supply-side is taking its toll.

At the 2015 Laser Worlds in Canada, all the new boats delivered had "Made in USA" stickers on them, despite Lasers not being produced in the USA. Hmm! As for getting class legal Laser parts in North America, forget about it. The availability of blades has been more soap opera than symphony.

There is also questions about whether the class legal Lasers are legal, which a protest at the Pan Am Games this summer sought to determine. Ari Barshi, founder of the popular Laser training facility in the Dominican Republic, tells the story...

Laser decks and bottoms are built in two separate molds. Due to the nature of fiberglass and resin, finished decks and bottoms fluctuate in weight. To assure each boat leaves the factory at the correct weight, the builder matches light decks with heavy bottoms and vice versa.

But is it possible that a Laser builder knowingly and intentionally matched light decks with light bottoms for a preferred customer base? Laser champ Julio Alsogaray from Argentina certainly believes so. On July 15th 2015, during the Pan Am Games held in Toronto, Julio protested nine of the class elite sailors for racing on Lasers that don't comply with class rules.

As you can see in the Jury Decision, the protest was denied. Julio had no proof of the legal weight of the Laser, and normal procedure and protocol were followed by the organizers to admit the boats in to the race. But with the growing pressure on sailors to win, looking for advantageous construction "tolerances", and even altering boats and spars, is an issue that is on the mind of sailors of other Olympic classes as well.

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Julio Alsogaray's protest was denied also because all the boats in question had the ISAF Plaque.

It is time for ISAF to implement new and thorough boat and spars inspections before, and during its World Cups, and World Championships. These inspections should go beyond size and weight, to include stiffness, and weight distributions. In events of randomly allocated boats, re-allocation should be done daily to avoid any doubt of "controlled randomization" prior to the event. ISAF must also have a way to implement heavy fines and punishments for builders, sailors, and governing bodies that turn a blind eye or take part in the construction of custom-made gear. Measurement tolerances should be reduced to fit today's precise building technologies and market needs.

According to the Laser Class rules, the Laser is a strict one-design dinghy where the true test, when raced, is between helmspersons and not boats and equipment. ILCA must maintain the spirit of this rule, by making relevant portions of the 'construction manual' public, to remove any unfair advantage due to non-compliance with the Construction Manual.

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## **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.

## **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:**

F.Y.I.

**\*Happy Hour @ the Club 1/2 price drinks!**  
(4-7pm every Wednesday) & (4-8pm every Friday)



## **October is considered:**

*National Breast Cancer Awareness Month*  
*National Fire Prevention Month*

## **SPECIAL OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER:**

~ **1<sup>st</sup> Sailor of the Year Committee Meeting @ 6:30PM**  
**Sailing Club Meeting @ 7PM**

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

The water we drink is already 3 billion years old.

## **A FEW INTERESTING FACTS?**

- Two-thirds of the people on earth have never seen snow.
- Coca-Cola would be green if coloring wasn't added to it.
- The United States, Burma, and Liberia are the only countries in the world that have not officially adopted the metric system as the standard of measurement.

## **QUOTE OF THE MONTH:**

"If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month."  
- Theodore Roosevelt

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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).

