



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

And here it comes, the 2018 Sailing Season. Just 76 Days until the boats need to be off the parking lot. The countdown continues.

We are going to start to refine the plan for the summer social. We are meeting Monday, Feb. 26 at 6 pm at the Yacht Club. Come join us.

Let's help Treasurer Witt out and get your sailing club dues and race fees in. Info will be on the website soon, or renewals available at the meeting.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

- Dave W

NEXT MEETING

***Sailing Club Meeting
March 1st @ 7:00pm***

FDLYC Heads to the Blue Line Family Ice Center

Join the FDLYC as we head to the Blue Line for an evening of ice hockey! Come and cheer on the Fond du Lac Bears as they take on the Mosinee Papermakers.

Saturday, March 10, 2018
Doors open at 7:00pm
Game Time: 8:00pm

Admission is free and a donation of \$5.00 for food and beer.

Sign up by either [CLICKING HERE](#) or visiting the FDLYC website at <http://www.fdyachtclub.com> and click on REGISTRATION & ATTENDING.
A list of everyone going can also be found on the site.

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.

March - Scott Baccus, Brian Carter, Don Cayen

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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Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting February 1, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Commodore Dave Whealon, fourteen members and no guests were present at the meeting.

The January 2018 meeting minutes were approved by the membership after Dan Thornton's motion to approve and seconded by Brian Carter.

The treasurer's report: Treasurer Marty Witt reported one deposit made to the treasury. In discussion, Tom Clausen, webmaster for the sailing club reported an upcoming expense of \$150.00 for the website. Marty reported that to date there were 15 paid members. The treasurer's report was approved by the membership after motions by Sally Boatman and seconded by Scott Baccus.

Committee Reports:

Day Sailors – The day sailors met before the regular meeting. Jack Boatman, fleet captain for the day sailors reported the proposed sailing schedule was posted on line. Members will have the schedule pending for one more month and vote on it at the March meeting.

Cruisers: - Marty Witt has accepted the role of fleet captain for the Cruisers for 2018. Commodore Whealon and members thanked Scott Baccus for his role as fleet captain in the past.

Youth Sailing. - Kevin Gratton provided a status report for the Youth Sailing program. It's that time again to promote the youth sailing program and Kevin reported that it will appear in the FDL Rec Guide again this year. Beginner lessons will be held on Monday mornings, afternoons and Tuesday mornings. Advanced lessons using the lasers will be held on Tuesday afternoons again. There will be 16 spots available for advanced students. 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. Kevin will work with Karin to put together a signup sheet so that help is more scheduled and organized this year.

Kevin is also exploring more "fun ways"/techniques to use to help the children learn, e.g. "follow the leader", etc. He also reported that the youth sailing committee will send out emails to parents letting them know what was covered in the classes to keep them connected to their kid's experience.

Boat repair dates for lasers has not yet been assigned but will be announced at future meetings. Given that the youth sailing program is a Yacht Club program, work hours on the program can be used for the YC requirements. Steve Ollenburg suggested that work dates be placed on the calendar or schedules so that members can plan their volunteer hours.

OLD BUSINESS

Member Dues - A push to start asking for sailing club dues for 2018 will start in February.

Promoting dues collection with reminders in the newsletter was suggested. The application is on the sailing club website. The goal is to have all active member dues collected by the end of April and certainly before the start of the racing season. Also, inactive members will be contacted to see if they want to remain on our email distribution list.

Harbor Outreach - Members with ideas on how to promote participation should submit their ideas to be used in a flyer. For example:

" Sail on – with help from the FDL sailing club" or "Seas the day" join us on June 2 & 3 for some fun and sailing expertise, tips and any help you're looking for to improve your sailing experience.

The dates of June 2 & 3 being open with the elimination of the Lighthouse Regatta, the

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membership is in favor of using the dates for Harbor Outreach -inviting non-members (and newer sailing club members) to an event that would provide a variety of help and expertise that attendees may be looking for. A number of suggestions were discussed: help with rigging and sails, new skipper coaching, navigation, destination sailing, various workshops, boat "tune-ups", handouts such as maps of the lake with GPS coordinates of our racing buoys and possibly partnering with the coast guard. Other possibilities include putting an "Ask the sailing club" column/ tab where members and non-members could submit questions and suggestions for the workshops and outreach events. Additional discussion included possibly combining the instruction, guidance and coaching with a social gathering/event afterwards. More discussion and firming up the structure of the event to take place in future meetings. Seasoned sailors and skippers in the club could each take a category or subject. Volunteers needed.

One definite offering for sailors will be a photo barge for boats to pass in front of to have a photo taken of them and their boat. Andy Gratton volunteered to take the photos.

Ice Party February 17th, 2018 –

Commodore Whealon recapped the plans for the party. This would be the third annual event and has been very successful in the past.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Signup sheets: Commodore Whealon announced that the committee signup sheets have been prepared and will be circulated at the March meeting.

Possible speaker at future meetings:

Treasurer Marty Witt mentioned that he has a contact to address the group on PHRFs if the club is interested. Marty mentioned it in relation to Dave Dochterman's starting info classes after regular membership meetings (last year). Some discussion took place, but no decision to proceed with an invite to speaker.

Boats for sale: Tom Clausen suggested that the sailing club add a page for boats for sale –

instead of just having them in the main sheet. The members agreed and also suggested that "boats and parts wanted be added. Tom will follow up with the suggestions on the website.

Yacht Club parties: Karin Whealon shared a "reminder" of the Valentine's Day and St Patrick 's Day parties at the Yacht Club.

Yacht Club Luncheon: Dan Thornton and Dave Lallier will take the lead on preparing the luncheon for the Yacht club on February 6.

For The Good of the Club

Kevin Gratton provided an overview and invitation to members for the Sturgeon Spectacular and Stampede.

Kevin also mentioned that we will host the World Ice and Snow Sailing Championships next year. They are being held in Finland this year.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Gratton and seconded by Brian Carter. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Mike Mahnke, secretary

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Tom Clausen - Mainsheet Editor

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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.fdiyachtclub.com/>

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RACING

The tentative racing schedule is posted on our website for your perusal. Look under racing and see if any of the dates need to be changed. Contact Jack Boatman for any ideas or suggestions.

SELLING A BOAT?

If you are selling a boat, we will be happy to place your listing on our website. The **For Sale** page is under MORE. Mike Elmergreen will also put it on his website at no-charge: www.elmoandbig Sue.com (navigate to "Boats for Sale"). Just send pictures and a write-up by email to elmo@centurytel.net.



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