



2017 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

Spring is rapidly approaching, which means talking boats speak again. Scraping, painting, buffing, polishing, waxing, finding the wish list from last year and making it happen.

I'm not sure what to make out of the warm weather but it is what we have to deal with.

Thanks to all the people who helped with the Ice Party even with warm temperature it was a huge success.

Signing out for now sorry. I won't be at the meeting but we continue to have good energy headed into the upcoming season.

-Dave W

EDITORS NOTE

If you would like anything included in the Mainsheet or posted on our website, please email Hank Lieurance henrilieurance@gmail.com

NEXT MEETING

***Sailing Club Meeting
March 2th @ 7:00pm***

Please feel free to bring a snack to share after the meeting!

Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting

February 2nd, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Commodore Dave Whealon. Nineteen club members were in attendance, with two guests; Paul Vanderscheuren and John George.

Secretary's minutes

A motion to accept the Minutes of the January Sailing club meeting was made by Dave Kuharski and seconded by Dan Thornton. The motion carried and the minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Marty Witt provided an overview of the Sailing club finances. The balance was provided to members with one expense reported: \$10.00 paid to The Wisconsin dept. of financial institutions. Marty and Dave provided a preliminary look at the 2017 sailing club budget. Commodore Whealon suggested that if members had any additional items that they thought needed to be added, should share that with the board at the board meeting on February 20th. A final budget will be presented at the March meeting. Scott Baccus moved to accept the treasurer's report and Dave Kuharski seconded the motion. The motion carried and treasurer's report was accepted.

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Committee Reports

Day Sailors: No Report

Cruisers: Scott Baccus reported on the cruiser committee progress. A new form for club corrections was approved by the committee. The group also discussed a fluctuating correction. The committee is finalizing the race schedule including more Sunday races. Cruisers hope to have a Sunday race every other week. Plans also include a Nimmer Cup in July and August.

Youth Sailing: Kevin Gratton reported that the youth sailing committee met prior to the general membership meeting. Youth Sailing lessons will start on June 12th and run for seven weeks. The eighth week will be a regatta. Plans include advertising the youth sailing lessons in the Fond du Lac Rec guide and flyers to schools. Yacht Club members have a deadline of March 31st to sign up their kids. Afterward the slots will open up to non YC members. Work continues with the Yacht Club moving the pier to the East side of the club. The Youth Sailing program will promote having members and their kids using the Open Bics more. Wanda has agreed to collect the youth registrations again this year.

Old Business

Chicago Boat Show: The show was recapped by a few members that attended.

Transwinnebago: The Transwinnebago race will be held on June 24th this year. Commodore Whealon reported that he attended a meeting with the Neenah contingent for the Transwinnebago and reported that they are off to a good start. If any FDLSC members want to stay after the Transwinnebago and keep their boat there, they have been invited to sail with the Neenah club later that week.

Winter Party: Commodore Whealon provided an update on progress for the Winter Party to be held on February 18. Set up scheduled for Friday at 11am. Start time 1PM.

Yacht Club meal: The sailing club will prepare and serve the meal for the April Yacht Club meeting.

Poker Run: Vice Commodore Dave Dochterman reported that this year's Sailing Club Poker Run will be held on Walleye Weekend on Saturday. Members should promote the event to non-SC members on their docks.

New Business

Recruiting efforts for 2017: Vice Commodore Dave Dochterman led discussion on ideas to attract more non SC members to the club. He circulated a preliminary list of topics for presentations/workshops that members of the club (and non-member subject matter experts) could give at our meetings (and possibly other dates). Examples of workshops or presentations include, but are not limited to: Racing, electrical, sewing, rigging, HVACs, sailing experiences, sailing expertise, Tom Pease from North Sails could talk about sails, etc. Karin Whealon "volunteered to do a flyer for such events when the club decides.

For the Good of the Club:

Kevin Gratton shared information about the Sturgeon Spectacular, e.g. bands, bonfire, plowed skating rink, kite racing, etc. He suggested members and other interested persons check out the particulars on the convention website.

Adjourned: A motion to adjourn was made by Scott Baccus and seconded by Dave Kuharski. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Mahnke

NOAA seeking public comment

NOAA invites public comment on the recently released National Charting Plan. Comments are due by midnight, June 1, 2017.

The National Charting Plan is a strategy to improve NOAA nautical chart coverage, products, and distribution. It describes the evolving state of marine navigation and nautical chart production, and outlines actions that will provide the customer with a suite of products

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that are more useful, up-to-date, and safer to navigate with. It is not a plan for the maintenance of individual charts, but a strategy to improve all charts.

Since the introduction of electronic navigational charts (ENCs) thirty years ago, the size of commercial vessels has increased four-fold and navigation systems have become more sophisticated. Additionally, there are now over 15 million recreational boat users in the U.S. and many have joined professional mariners in using electronic chart displays and NOAA digital chart products when navigating. User groups of all types are increasingly expecting more precise, higher resolution charts, and greater timeliness and ease-of-access to chart updates. This plan presents strategies to meet the growing demand.

The National Charting Plan outlines several improvements to chart content, such as:

- Reducing unwarranted alarms in the electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS) used by large commercial vessels and Improving the differentiation between dangerous and non-dangerous wrecks.
- Resolving uncertainties about 'reported,' 'existence doubtful,' and 'position approximate' dangers.
- Creating an orderly layout for ENC charts that will replace the current set of 1,182 irregularly shaped ENC cells compiled at 131 different scales with a regular gridded framework of cells compiled at a few dozen standard scale.
- Strengthening partnerships with the U.S. Coast Guard by developing methods to ingest changes to the database of USCG maintained aids to navigation directly into Coast Survey's chart production system. This will save time and avoid any chance of data being entered incorrectly by hand.

For information on how to provide written comments about this plan, see the [Federal Register Notice](#).

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<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!**
(4-8pm every Wednesday) & (4-8pm every Friday)



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

For Sale: 1978 Catalina 25 with swing keel and trailer



We have had the pleasure of sailing our Catalina 25 for the past 11 years but it is now time to move on. The Catalina is just the right size and price for someone interested in sailing a keelboat. It is reasonably priced and solidly built. The swing keel allows the boat to get in and out of shallow waters inaccessible to boats with a fixed keel. The 4 stroke 9.9 Mercury with electric start and remote controls simplifies motoring when the wind dies down.



Hull specifications:

- Manufacturer: Catalina Yachts
- Year built: 1978
- Length overall: 25'
- Waterline length: 22' 2"
- Beam: 8 feet
- Draft: Keel up 2' 8", down 5'
- Steering type: tiller
- Hull construction: fiberglass

Sails:

- Sail area: 294 square feet
- Main: Loose footed
- Head sail: 155% on roller furler
- Spinnaker

Motor:

- 2005 9.9 Mercury 4 stroke
- Electric start
- Remote controls in cockpit
- Removable gas container

Miscellaneous:

- Cockpit cushions
- VHF Marine radio
- Depth gauge
- GPS mount
- Radio
- Automatic bilge pump
- Deep discharge battery and charger
- Shore power cable
- Docking lines
- Fenders
- Life jackets

Trailer:

- EZ Loader dual axle

Location: Fond du Lac, WI

More info?

Call Pat at (920)923-5982

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

or call Mike Elmergreen at 920.872.5079 or

email at elmo@centurytel.net

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FOR SALE: Columbia 29 MK II

Into the Wind is a classic sloop that is a treat to sail. The beautiful hand laid teak deck receives admiring looks in any harbor. The rigging makes single-handed a breeze. The Universal Kubota diesel engine is a great upgrade with only 249 hours.



Includes:

Universal (Kubota) diesel engine M3-20B (249 hours). Schaffer Roller Fuller. Boom kicker with boom vang. Hoyt jib boom. 3 Roller blocks. Harken jib tracks. All lines led aft. Spinlock cam cleats. Lazy Jacks. Garhauser 2-speed 6/1 3/1 on main sheet. Three blade feathering prop. Lightning arrestor. ICom VHS radio. Auto Helm. Dripless shaft seal. Fuel polishing system. Leather wrapped Edison wheel w/ engine controls. Depth and speed gauges. Pedestal compass. Jabsco head. Permanently mounted boarding ladder. Danforth anchor. Four berths. Draft 4'. Microwave. Located in Fond du Lac, WI. Asking \$8,900
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