



2020 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

Hello Sailors,

The summer sailing season has started. I would like to hold a meeting next month. To be safe, we will probably hold it outside, so bring a lawn chair.

Marty

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 2, 7:00 p.m.



Saint Martin and Saint Ruben spend an afternoon helping this editor to install a wind instrument. This is what makes our club great.

Dan Thornton 1945 – 2020



Dan was a member of the Fond du Lac Yacht Club and the Fond du Lac Sailing Club, where he made many new friends and spent his summers teaching youth sailing with his good friend Kevin Gratton. Kevin and his mother, Joan, taught Dan to windsurf, a sport which he loved, and later to sail. He also served as a mate on Sea Scout Ship 5792 and helped his friend Paul Kaestner teach sailing to Scouts from Troop 792.

“Our great friend and shipmate, Dan, passed Saturday morning, May 16. He had open heart surgery which he did very well with but in the process, doctors found fibrosis or scarring on his lungs. He was having difficulty breathing and was placed on a ventilator but not responding well with treatments. He had multiple tests for Covid-19 and they were all negative.

Dan loved boating especially sailing. He was an avid windsurfer. He also was very dedicated to helping others learn, especially Youth. He helped teach youth windsurfing and

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was a key person in growing the Youth Sailing Program at the FDL Yacht Club.

The last time I saw Dan was at the Yacht Club for a Youth Sailing meeting. He told me he was going in for heart surgery, but it was not a big deal. He made it sound like the other surgeries he had had on his heart, which he tolerated well.

Dan had a very kind heart and was always upbeat, he loved to have a good laugh. He will be greatly missed in the community with the volunteer work he enjoyed doing.

My deepest sympathy to his wife Mary, his family, and loved ones."

Kevin Gratton

"We are writing to express our sadness upon the death of [our friend]...and our thanks for what he unflinchingly gave us as Scouts.

He served as a Mate on Sea Scout Ship 5792 and many of us now know how to sail, thanks to Dan Thornton. He helped us earn the difficult Small-Boat Sailing merit badge and graduate from the Youth Sailing classes sponsored by the Fond du Lac Yacht Club. He was always there with good advice...and, often, was standing by in a rescue boat in case we got in trouble.

The fact that he was a U.S. Navy veteran and a retired engineer meant his knowledge of boats and the sea was over the top! Thanks to Dan, some of us won local races. And others went on to sail in the coveted William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup Race competition in Galveston, Texas, where we came in 10th in the world in Sea Scouting. It would not have happened without the help of [Dan].

Please know that [he]...remains in our thoughts....and our prayers.

"Fair winds and calm seas," dear friend . . ."

Paul D. Kaestner
Skipper - Sea Scout Ship 5792
Scoutmaster - BSA Troop 792

Dues for 2020

Brian Carter is collecting dues and racing fees for 2020. You can either go to our website and print out a form that you can fill in or just bring your money and fill out a paper form that he has with him.

You can find the form by clicking the About Us tab on the menu and clicking Membership Form. Or, click [here](#).

Photos for 2020

Betty and I spent some time watching the races recently and taken some great shots. They are posted on our website. Take a look. If you manage to capture some shots worth sharing, email them to the address below.

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FOND DU LAC SAILING CLUB WEBSITE

See all the new improvements that have been made to the site: <http://www.fdsail.com>.

SELLING A BOAT or PARTS?

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

Someone in the Janesville area is in the middle of building a boat, but has to quit. Information to contact him is on our website.