

# THE HARBOR CRIER

### **DUNEDIN BOAT CLUB NEWSLETTER**

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# **Commodore Corner...**

#### **Ahoy Mates!**

I hope you all are taking advantage of the cooler weather and getting out on the water! It is also a great time of year for Chili. Hope you all enjoyed the Chili Cook-off and Nautical Auction on Friday, 11/10/23. We had a great turnout and 14 piping hot chili delights to taste. Congratulations to Karen Auman winning across the board, tying with Cindy Coles for afterburn.

#### PUT THE "B" BACK IN DBC

- **Fall 2023 Kickoff Cruise and Dinner** This was a joint cruise with DBC, the Dolphin Cruising Group of Tampa Bay, and the St. Pete Sail & Power Squadron. There were approximately 20 boats attending the event from the multiple clubs. Additionally, there was a group dinner in Gulf Port attended by 12 DBC members and several members from the other clubs. Thank you Gary and Janet Shellenberger for organizing this trip!
- **Fall Regatta Gulf Series** There is one more scheduled regatta on the calendar for the Fall. The date is Saturday, November 11th. If you are interested in participating as a crew or volunteer, contact Amy Gau, Racing Chair, for details.
- **Commodore's Annual Caladesi Thanksgiving Weekend Trip** Forget "Black Friday" and hold the date for Friday, November 24. This is an annual DBC tradition we are reinstating this year. Harold and Lucindy Schomaker have volunteered to host the event and plan to stay overnight on Friday night. All members are welcome to attend for either a day trip or an overnight stay for those with cabin cruisers. If staying overnight, it is highly recommended you book your reservation via the "Caladesi Island State Park" website. It is always a fun day on Caladesi and a fun evening around the campfire on Friday night. I hope to see you there! Please note that the attendance is limited to 40 attendees. If you plan to attend, please register soon.



Bill Goocher, Commodore, commodore@dunedinboat club.org

### Commodore Corner... (continued)

#### EMV (EVERY MEMBER VOLUNTEERS) - Volunteer Early and Often!!

We are a 100% volunteer organization. EVERY MEMBER IS EXPECTED TO VOLUNTEER EACH YEAR! When was the last time you volunteered to help with an event at DBC, Chair a committee, work on a committee, help with a clubhouse cleanup, etc.?

We have several upcoming volunteer opportunities.

- How do you volunteer? Two ways, and both are simple!
  - Send an email to Stacy Mullers at: <u>Volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org</u>
  - Check out the available volunteer needs and self-register to volunteer via our NEW online volunteer registration and tracking system. The following is a link to our webpage where you can select from various event and self-register for specific volunteer positions. I have used the new system a few times and it works great! <u>https://www.dunedinboatclub.org/volunteering</u>

### **OPEN COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS FOR 2024**

Continuing the spirit of EMV, we are actively looking for volunteers to Chair the following committees starting in 2024. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please reach out to me for more details. I hope to hear from you!

- Public Relations & Marketing Chair
- Sunshine Chair
- Website Chair

### Commodore Corner... (continued)

#### **DUNEDIN CARES FOOD DRIVE - WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT:**

As the holidays are fast approaching, DBC is sponsoring a food drive to support our local Dunedin Cares food pantry. Thank you to Happy Jordan, PC, for volunteering to coordinate DBC's participation in the food drive. Please support this important effort that helps so many in our local community. Additional details on how you can donate are in the this newsletter.

#### IMPORTANT NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF /LEAVE FOOD ITEMS UNATTENDED AT THE CLUBHOUSE.

I hope to see you at the next DBC Event.

Until then, may you have fair winds and following seas.

Bill Goocher, Commodore, commodore@dunedinboatclub.org



# Vice Commodore...

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones, Travel safe and eat well.

There will be no guest speaker's the rest of the year. Planning for next years speakers, I'm open for suggestions. If you have anyone in mind, please let me know. Some of you have come forward and I will be reaching to you.





Craig Polito, Vice Commodore

Happy Thanksgiving!

### **Nomination Committee...**

### 2024 Slate of Candidates

Vice Commodore

**Rear Commodore** 

Commodore

Purser

Secretary

### BRIDGE

Terry Hopkins Craig Polito Rob Cozen Jack Mallard Gina Truslow

### BOARD

Carrie Grimwade David Kresge Jude Zentmeyer Sharon Grimshaw Cindy Cole Gary Schellenberger Michelle Miller Unopposed Unopposed Unopposed Unopposed

Claudia Walker Happy Jordon Renee Radalinsky Online voting will start next week before November General Membership Meeting, which is when the voting ends and the new Board will be announced.

The bridge is unopposed, however, the board, we will be voting for 8 out of the 10 listed.



Cindy Cole, Nomination Committee Chair

### Dunedin Boat Club is collecting food items for Dunedin Cares Food Pantry October 30 through December 22.

PLEASE NOTE: Dunedin Cares cannot accept any used or opened food items. All packages must be within expiration and factory-sealed. Please no clothing or household goods.

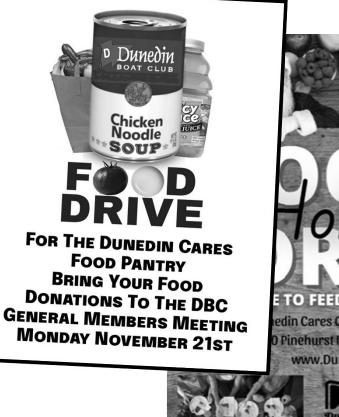
Here is a link to their current wish list! <u>https://www.dunedincares.org/wish-list/</u>

PLEASE BRING FOOD TO DBC EVENTS (we don't want our 4 legged furry friends to partake)

OR DROP OFF AT DUNEDIN CARES at 1630 Pinehurst Road and mention it's a donation from DBC so we get credit!



Happy Jordan, Board Member, Food Drive Chair







# **Social Committee...**

### DBC ANNUAL SANTA PARTY 2023 FRIDAY DECEMBER 8TH

This event is typically our largest event of the year and is always a fun evening!

**Soulfish will be playing for your listening and dancing enjoyment.** If you have not heard Soulfish play, they are EXCELLENT and play a wide variety of tunes including Rock, R&B, and Blues.

Put on your favorite holiday duds and join us for a fun evening of food, music, dancing, and **BEST SANTA COSTUME PRIZE** 

BRING A DISH TO SHARE. We will provide beer, wine and cocktails

**BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS:** While we have a lot of chairs at DBC, this is our biggest event of the year. If you have folding/collapsible chairs, we suggest you bring them.



# **Social Committee...**

#### **DECORATING THE CLUBHOUSE** Come one, come all, to decorate the clubhouse for the holidays. November 26th, 2:00 p.m. see you there!





Renee Radalinsky, Social Chair





### LIGHTED LAMP POLE

Cindy Cole is organizing our Annual Lighted Lamp Pole. This year will feature painted buoys and crab traps. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun! The first work crew will meet at the DBC Clubhouse on Tuesday November 14th at 7pm.



## Mardi Gras Float Committee...

We have a planning crew for the Mardi Gras float consisting of: Lynn Olson, Terry and Liza Hopkins, Sam McVicker, Doug Moat, Bob Darby, Sharon Grimshaw, Bill Bibbens.

Our theme will be WIZARD OF ODD and will include the Land of the East where the Munchins and Lollipop kids live plus the amazing Emerald Castle.

Construction will begin Saturday, January 6 at 10am and continue every Saturday morning until the parade on February 10. As we do every year, we'll need lots of volunteers to make this an amazing float. We'll also need Munchins, Lollipop kids, flying monkees and such in your costumes. Stay tuned for more details about volunteering, planning your costume and the parade!



Lynn Olson, Mardi Gras Float Committee

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# **Cruising Corner...**

### **Recent Cruises**

### Gulfport Cruise and Dinner – Nov. 1

We had one boat cruise to Gulfport. Fourteen other members from the DBC and the Dolphin Cruising Club arrived at O'Maddy's Bar and Grill via iron dinghies for dinner. It was a great evening of talking about boating and enjoying good food and the camaraderie of fellow boaters.

### 2023 Fall Kickoff Cruise – Nov. 3-5

We had one boat cruise to Emerson Point on the Manatee River for the 2023 Fall Kickoff Cruise and join over 20 other sailboats and a couple of power boats from The Dolphin Cruising Club of Tampa Bay, St. Pete Sail and Power Squadron, Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa Sailing Squadron and Women Who Sail Tampa Bay. It was a fabulous weekend with great sailing south to Bradenton followed by a cookout, games, and socializing at a pavilion in Emerson Point Preserve.





# **Cruising Corner...**

### **Cruising Group News**

• We have added a new means for DBC members to quickly reach each other for spur of the moment "Impromptu Cruises" via group text messaging. To join the messaging group, you will need to download an app to your phone, create an account, then ask to join the DBC Cruising Group. Instructions on how to download the app, and join the Cruising Group are posted on the Cruising Group Form page, click <u>here</u>.

### **Upcoming Boating Activities**

- Nov. 24 Commodore's Caladesi Thanksgiving Weekend Trip Day Cruise with Overnight Option. Open to everyone whether you have a boat or not. Be sure to join in on the fun. Registration is limited to the first 40 registrants. Register on the website Contact Harold Schomaker
- **Dec. 16?** There is an open date on the club calendar. We need a volunteer to host a boating event this weekend. A day at the beach, a cruise to a marina, or whatever you want. We will help you organize it, get it on the calendar and promote it. As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact Carrie or me directly.
- Jan. Feb. 2024. We need volunteers to host a boating event for both of these months. We will help you organize it, get it on the calendar and promote it.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact Carrie or me directly.

Gary Shellenberger Carrie Grimwade Cruising Committee Co-Chair Cruising Committee Co-Chair





**2023** Fall Gulf Series – We had our final race of 2023 on November 11th. Winds were light and the race was postponed for a half hour, fortunately we got enough wind to start and finish the race. Our Signal Boat, who is new to DBC racing, was Captain Jim Turner! He has lots of experience with supporting racing and what a great captain! We certainly appreciate his experience as we needed to move the entire race course because of all the crab traps and a fishing tournament gong on in the same vicinity. Also supporting this enormous effort was Captain John Roseman (also new to DBC racing) and First Mate Eric Graves as our Mark Boat. They were put to work with moving marks and then they were needed to be one of the race marks on the course. I don't know what we would have done without them. So many thank you's for all the successful efforts.

As always, thank you to the Race Committee, Michell Miller, Larry O'Conner and Majid Abrari. We are becoming more experienced as wiser with each race, I could not do it without all of you!





Amy Gau Race Committee Chair, <u>abgau@sbcglobal.net</u>, 262.227.6466

# Membership...

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**Rosemary O'Hara** *Membership Committee Chairperson* 

# Volunteers...

### Upcoming volunteer opportunities include:

Holiday Party - December 8 - Registration, Serve Food, Tend Bar, Clean-Up

Holiday Decoration Removal - January 6

To sign up, go to the link below and click on the event for which you're interested in volunteering. There are also sign-ups for open Committee Chair positions.

#### https://dunedinboatclub.org/volunteering

Finally, it is with bittersweet feelings that I share that I will be stepping down as Volunteer Coordinator at the end of January. It's been a great opportunity to get to know our active and prospective members better and to create a process to better organize our volunteer efforts. While I laid the groundwork with input and support from many others, there is still plenty of opportunity for the next person(s) to make their own mark!

Please send any inquiries about volunteering to volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org



**Stacey Muellers** Volunteer Committee Chair, 941-448-3423



#### Our Volunteer Spotlight this month is on: Linda Christie

Our Volunteer Spotlight this month is on Linda Christle. Linda became a member in 2021. She can often be seen as a volunteer bartender at many of our parties. But more importantly, she is the founder and chair for our annual St. Joseph Sound Flats Classic Fishing Tournament. This is growing to be a premier event. In its inaugural year it raised \$13,000 for local charities, donated in equal

amounts by DBC and Downtown Dunedin Rotary.



### Kayaking...

**Sunday, December 3rd** we'll paddle Rainbow River, which is an incredibly beautiful place. The water is crystal clear and changes color as you go along. This is a very easy paddle, you can basically drift all the way if you want to.

We'll take a shuttle to KP Hole Park and from there you can enjoy the easy paddle/float downriver to the end of the river. Those who want a little more will paddle upstream to the headwaters, then paddle/drift back to the end of the river. This is a two hour drive from Dunedin, but worth it!

# Please see the Boat Club website for more information.



Rainbow River Canoe and Kayak 12121 River View, Dunnellon Located behind the Bingo Hall.

**Terri Bishop** Kayaking Chairperson



# **Fishing Report...**

The kingfish are in according to reports. Best bet is to drift with a blue runner or ladyfish attached to a stinger rig you can purchase at your local tackle shop. You can also troll for them using large spoons! Watch for birds working the baitfish to find both King and Spanish Mackerel.

The grouper season has been cut short, so both gag and red grouper cannot be harvested until next year!

Snook are in season and can be caught off the beaches using live pinfish, mullet, or greenbacks freelined in the surf. We also saw many snook around Three Rooker!

As the water cools the fishing will only get better, feel free to call me with any questions. Or start a discussion on our fishing forum.

I would like to schedule a fishing event in the near future. Please reach out to me and let me know what you would like to fish for!

Get out there and catch some fresh seafood!



Howard Metts, Fishing Committee Chair whmetts@yahoo.com, 727-631-4191



# **Book Club...**

Our December meeting is our holiday party. Book Club members gather together to share fellowship and the joy of the season.

There is no book selected.







**Sharon Grimshaw,** Book Club Chairperson, sgrimshaw983@gmail.com For more reading inspiration checkout our book list: <u>https://dunedinboatclub.org/bookclub</u>







- Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sam and Marlene and family for their loss of their son **Sammie McVicker**. There will be a church service November 18th at 2:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church (455 Scotland St). Celebration of Life immediately follows at Sam and Marlene's home across the street (512 Scotland St).
- Mary Jean Scholl's mother, **Jean Hutchenson**, peacefully passed away last week. She was a lovely lady that had a long and happy life, she lived to be 101 year young. She was a strong woman in spirit and in her faith.
- Unfortunately, we have sad news to share as we have lost another DBC Member, **Victor Brunst**. He suffered a fall and brain bleed on Sunday. Not sure which came first. Chris Benson and Victor have been members of DBC for several years. While Chris is still very active and volunteers frequently, Victor has had several medical issues over the past few years and became less active as a result. Chris and Victor organized cruises with our Cruising Group several years ago. Please keep Chris in your thoughts and prays.
- George Schott fell a couple of weeks ago and fractured the C2 vertebra in his neck. Peggy & George are still waiting on what the next step is. He has been wearing a neck brace 24/7. Please pray for healing and best results for George.

**Deb Tronvig**, Sunshine committee chair, datronvig@gmail.com, 727-748-3743





PILLOWS





Stop by 6-7pm to see all the new items we have for sale.

### SHIP'S STORE IS OPEN - BLACK FRIDAY PORCH SALE, Dec 1st, 5:30-7:30 pm

Gather and watch the sunset from our porch.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SUNSET SALE, Friday, Dec 8th, 4:30-6:30 pm

We look forward to seeing you there!



Jeri Elliston Jeanne Blain and Irene Brandenberger, Ship Store Committee



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# **Blood Drive...**

December 13<sup>th</sup>, 9am

Marina Parking Lot, Across from Olde Bay Cafe As part of our ongoing commitment to our local community the Dunedin Boat Club is sponsoring a Blood Drive.

Twenty seven pints of blood were collected during our blood drives in 2022 and eighty one lives were saved. Thank you all!

Our dates for 2023 are listed below and are posted on the website. Links to register will be have been emailed.

Next event - December 13









### Insights...





Jude with her twins.

Chocoholic by birth! Born in Hershey PA, two of my brothers still live there. Beautiful small town with the largest chocolate factory, smells so good. My brother, Rick, and I took many "tours". Chocolate milk at the start, chocolate bars at the end. Great childhood.

Might as well start off big...had twin sons at age 18! 58 years later still so much fun. Happily, a few years later added my sweet daughter.

My intro to sailing was with 19 foot Lightnings in Quantico VA. Then in Tampa we had a 24 foot trailerable sailboat and enjoyed Tampa Bay.



Alaska catching salmon

November Highlight Jude Zentmeyer New Member 2023 Throughout my married life we had sail and power boats. It's scary now to think that our kids learned to ski on the Hillsborough River. We were still Yankees, didn't know about gators!

It took a boring job and a nice date to Key West to start my Bluewater sailing years. I quit the boring job, gave away everything and hopped aboard a 37 Tayana in Marathon. We sailed to Key West, Ft Jefferson, Cuba, Grand Cayman, Isla Mujures. So many adventures, no tan lines, I was a sailor!

### Insights



In Cuba with my speargun. Is that lobster I see? (Editors' comment)

I was almost hired as a dive instructor in Grand Cayman. But the local law came in and told the dive shop owner, "You must hire a Caymanian". Oh well!

While I was in Isla Mujures I called home and was told my daughter-in-law was in premature labor with my 2nd grandson. Of course, I flew straight home to Orlando to take care of 3 year old Kevin and take him to visit his mom in the hospital. I was able to be right there with my son in the delivery room and welcome healthy Kyle, so special!

All was well so I searched for my next sailing adventure. Bahia Mar in Ft Lauderdale had the most and the biggest sailboats so I started interviewing. A fabulous 53 ft.Swan, "Screet Love" hired me as cook/mate. Then the captain and I hired 2 sailors from Australia for the trip up north. We sailed in the Gulf stream, 5 days later sailed around the Statue of Liberty.



Caught on a 5 day sail from Fort Lauderdale to New York City



Captain Jude



## Insights

We met up with the owners in Nantucket, sailed to many interesting ports, then I switched and started working on power yachts. Very different, took one all the way down the ditch, ICW.

When back in Ft Lauderdale I decided I wanted to drive a water taxi, so I had to get a real Captain's license. Very hard but after the 3rd try, I passed my 100 Ton license.

Now to the present, I am so happy to be retired and own a home in Delightful Dunedin. I'm looking forward to many more adventures. And I just became a Great Grammie.



Fun in Key West with Jimmie

Fun in Key West with Marilyn

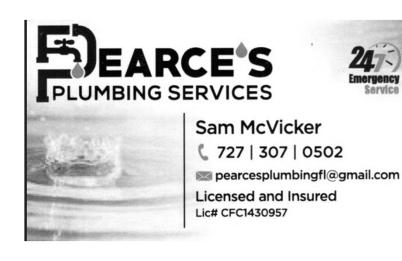
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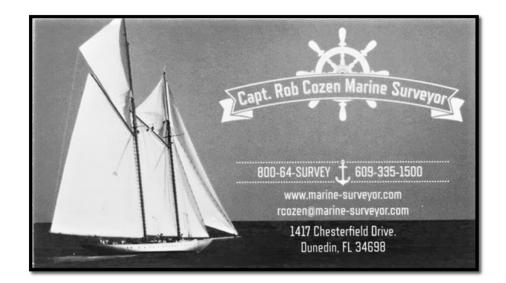
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