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DUNEDIN BOAT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Commodore Corner...

The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We are seeing old friends unite after a long separation. We are seeing people caring about each other like never before. It is a time for the renewal of our beautiful Dunedin Boat Club. As every DBC Member knows...we carry the torch from past Club Members and light the way for all. Many of us have been working behind the scenes to make 2022 a great year for the DBC. We are working on upcoming social events, more activities on the water and greater interaction with our city leaders. Keeping everyone safe is and will continue to be our greatest concern. As your Commodore, I am focusing on you...the Members!

We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails.

Cindy Cole, *Commodore*
727 408 0603



General Membership Meeting
January 17, 2022, 7:30
Hybrid at the Boat Club or on ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://jwmi.zoom.us/j/87160263845?pwd=RTQwL0pLNTVIMHIDd1JYRjl0VFFkUT09>

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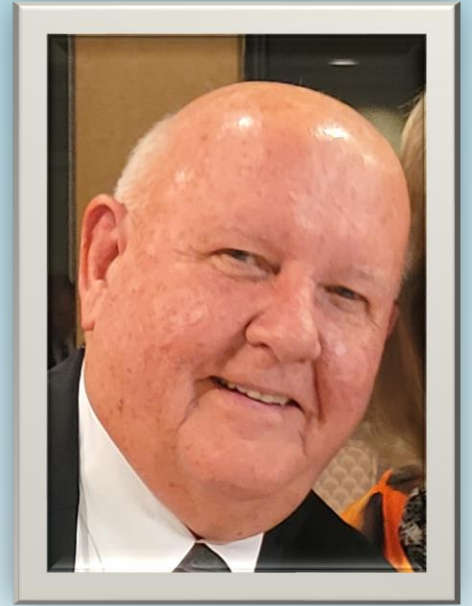
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Vice Commodore...

I am honored and excited to serve as your Vice Commodore for 2022.

One of my roles is to line up a guest speaker for each meeting. For January, we will keep it brief by having the different members of the new Bridge and the Board Members At Large introduce themselves. It will give everyone a chance to meet and become acquainted with the 2022 DBC leadership team.

Here is to a great 2022 at the Dunedin Boat Club!!



Bill Goocher, *Vice Commodore*

THE CHANGE OF WATCH 2022!



Social Committee...

Mission Light Pole - Complete!!!! So, Light Pole is decorated, and I want to thank the following members for all their help!!!

Liza Hopkins
Kerry and Bob Higginbotham (new members)
Sam McVicker
Sal Arena

WE WON 3rd PRIZE - YELLOW RIBBON is displayed on the bulletin board at the club.

The Events for 2022 will be Posted on the WEBSITE calendar. WE are looking for HOSTS for the following events:

Pig Roast
Regatta Dinner
Chili Cookoff & Auction
Decoration of DBC light pole

If you would like to be a Host for any of these events, please contact me.



Renee Radalinsky,
Social Committee
Chairperson, 727 631-6200

SOCK HOP!

Dunedin Boat Club

Friday, March 11, 7pm

*Gals, grab saddle shoes and poodle skirt.
Guys, break out a white T-shirt and roll
up jeans. We're going to dance and sing
along to live music and party like it's
1959*



Blessing of the Fleet...

This year's Blessing of the Fleet will begin promptly at 10:00 A.M Saturday, February 12 with Pastor Whitney Burton-Smith, from the Church of the Good Shepherd, officiating.

Following the blessing of the boats, we will honor members that passed away in 2021, and have a blessing of the clubhouse and DBC members.

All members are invited to participate in this event. Brunch will not be held this year.

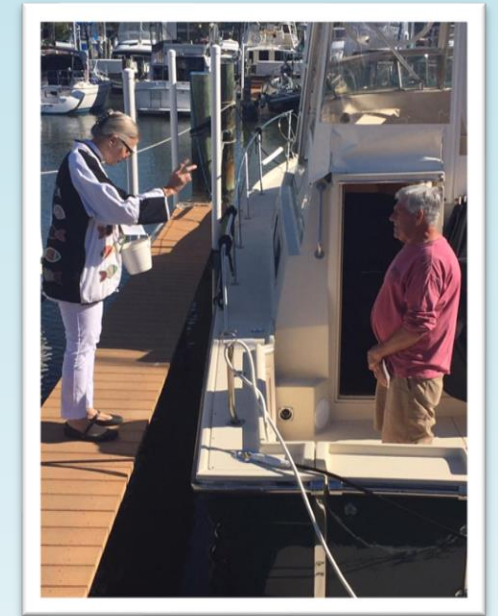
If your boat is docked elsewhere, it is your responsibility to make arrangements with the harbor master for temporary mooring. In the past virtual blessings for those out at sea or moored elsewhere were done. To receive a virtual blessing come to the club with a picture of your boat or if you cannot attend send me a picture. If you would like to have your boat blessed, please send me your name, the name of your boat, and your slip number. chrisbenson2375@gmail.com If you're moored in the Dunedin Marina and are unable to attend, please send me the information listed above and we will make sure your boat is blessed.

I'm looking for a volunteer with a golf cart to escort Paster Whitney.

Hope to see you there!

This event will take place rain or shine!

Chris Benson



Race Committee...

Gulf Series 2022: the Notice of Series (NoS) for this year's racing is posted and registration is open for the Winter Regatta whose first race is on January 29th. There is a Skipper's meeting scheduled for Friday evening January 28th at the DBC Clubhouse starting at 18:30 hrs. Awards for the completion of the 2021 Fall Regatta will be awarded. There will be "bites and beverages" preceding the meeting. This Series begins the DBC member, Cruisers Boat of the Year Club competition.

Pass-A-Grille Run: Schedule for March 5th, this WF PHRF Boat of the Year race is co-sponsored by DBC and CYC. CYC will host the Skippers Meeting on Friday March 4th and the race is from Clearwater Pass to St. John's Pass. Awards will be distributed at the SPYC-PAG Club immediately follow the race. The NOR will be published for registration this week.

Race Management Training Available: Open to all members on January 22nd 2022 for the annual Race Committee Management 101 training being offered by David Billing and Fairlie Brinkley, US Sailing National Principal Race Officers, sponsored by CYC and hosted by CYC. Excellent DBC membership training for interested race management volunteers. Any DBC member or community sailboat racing enthusiast should consider attending. Information on our website at [101 Training Class](#). Register with Kelley Lesperance: Klesperance204@gmail.com

US Open Series of Sailing 2022 SIGN UP: February 2 – 6, 2020. This is a volunteer, Good for the Club activity to assist with the Landside management of the competitive racing events on Clearwater Beach. Send any interested ASAP via email to Beach Master, David Kresge, dckoffsu@gmail.com.



Race Committee...



David Kresge, Race Committee Chair,
dckoffsu@gmail.com, 813.833.2285

Race Committee 101 Training

January 22, 2022

9 a.m. - noon in the Dry Dock at Clearwater Yacht Club
830 S. Bayway Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33767

The 2022 regatta season is gearing up and we need your help! Whether you are new to sailboat racing or have some experience, you will find this newly updated class informative.

Why is it important? It takes a minimum of 7 boats and 20 committee members each day to properly staff a race course for the world class regattas in Clearwater that CYC and surrounding clubs are know for and there may be more than 1 course each day. Our region has a reputation for having some of the best conditions in the world for racing, and our collective support of sailboat racing brings much prestige to our individual clubs and organizations.

Why do we need to help? We are continually building our stable of excellent and experienced race committee members who can organize and run good regattas. Every major event we host needs power boats for almost every position on the race course, including safety boats. We need expert power boat drivers with good navigation and radio communication skills and people who enjoy being on the water. Without good powerboat support we simply cannot run a regatta! **And** we need landside volunteers too – up to 10 daily to assist with registration, picking up and distributing food and water, prepping the equipment that will be used on the water each day, and working “beachside” to help launch the competitors.

How good are the sailors? Well, it depends on the event. In the Olympic class regattas (US Open) you will see some of the top sailors in the world. Then, at the Sunfish Masters, you will see sailors in their 80's competing! In our big boat races (Clearwater Challenge, Pass-A-Grille Run, Dundedin Cup, DBC Winter and Fall Series) we typically attract local cruiser/racer designs with families and friends crewing together and who generally have much more modest racing aspirations, but really know how to enjoy the pre and post race parties.

Will I have fun? If you volunteer your boat and come out on the racecourse you can count on a good time. We will always assign experienced crew to be on the racecourse with you and afterwards we all meet up at the bar to relax and trade stories about the day.

Coffee will be available at 8:30 a.m.

A light lunch will be served immediately following the training

The training is complimentary to all

“Join the Race Committee Team” booklet will be available for \$5 (cash only)

RSVP to Kelley Lesperance, CYC Yachting Chair by 1/20/2022
klesperance204@gmail.com or cycyachting@gmail.com
407-920-7545

Membership Committee...

I am looking forward to the role of Membership Chair for your Dunedin Boat Club. Many thanks to Steven Soso for his hours of patience while teaching me about the role and the duties of this important position.

Membership is moving to a more efficient model with **renewals and payments on-line**. I will be here to assist you with that transition as it will be new for all of us. Thank you for your trust in me and can't wait to get started on making 2022 a year of growth at your Dunedin Boat Club!

The Board voted in a new member and a returning member at the first Board Meeting of 2022. Please welcome new member Linda Christle and returning member John Guarino.

At the last membership meeting of 2021, we had a large number of prospective members who will need to complete their "Good of the Club" membership requirement. There will be a lot of opportunities in the coming weeks for sure!

Rachel Page, *Membership Committee Chairperson*



Linda Christle



John Guarino

Book Club...

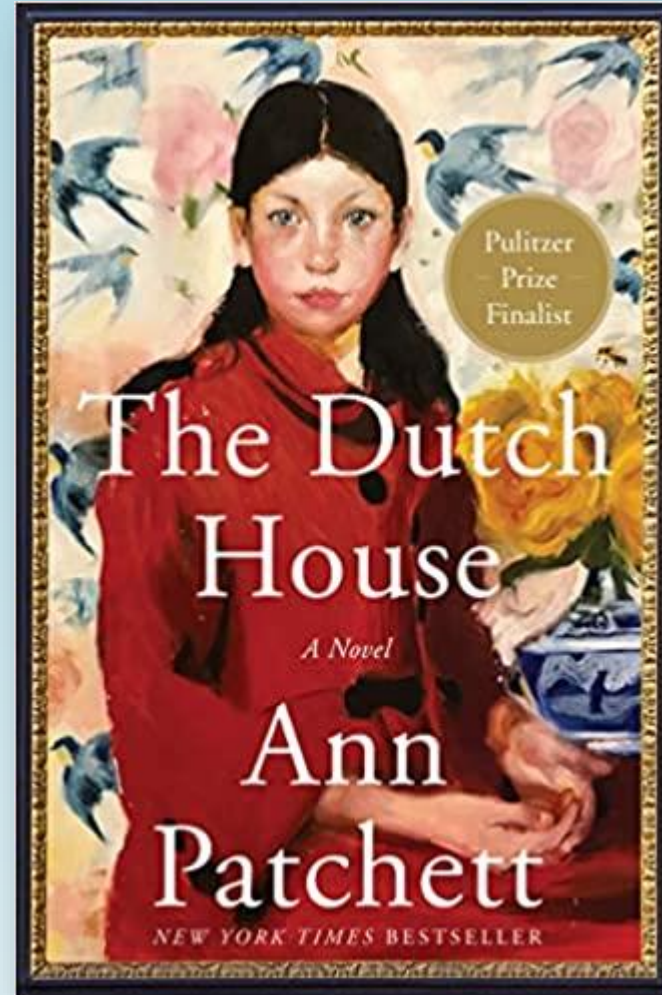
The Book Club's next meeting is Wed. February 9, at 7pm. Sign up on the Event section of the Boat Club website.

Due to the cancelation of the January meeting, The book for January is "*The Dutch House: A Novel*," by Ann Patchett.

At the end of WWII, Cyril Conroy combines luck and a canny investment to begin an enormous real estate empire, propelling his family from poverty to enormous wealth. His first order of business is to buy the Dutch House, a lavish estate in the suburbs of Philadelphia. Meant as a surprise for his wife, the house sets in motion the undoing of everyone he loves.

Sharon Grimshaw

Book Club Chairperson, sgrimshaw983@gmail.com



For more reading inspiration checkout our book list:

<https://dunedinboatclub.org/bookclub>

Fishing Report...

The cold fronts come and go this time of the year, changing fishing conditions almost daily. Sheephead are easy to find around any structure such as bridges, docks, and rocky areas. Mud and fiddler crabs on a very sharp #1 hook with splitshot work great! They are great to eat and must be at least 12 inches to keep. Pieces of shrimp and sand fleas also work. We pulled our ten stone crab traps and came up with only 3 keeper claws. If the next round doesn't produce more we will move our traps. Triple tail can be found on the trap buoys and will take a live shrimp or whitebait, we saw two small ones on one of our buoys. Triple tail must be 18 inches to keep! Watch the weather, pick your days, and be careful when fishing cold waters. February we will do a silver and spotted sea trout event. Watch our website for more details. Forum has been set up for fishing enthusiasts.

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



**COMING SOON
FISHING FORUM!**
Tell your tales...



Insights...



**January
Highlight**

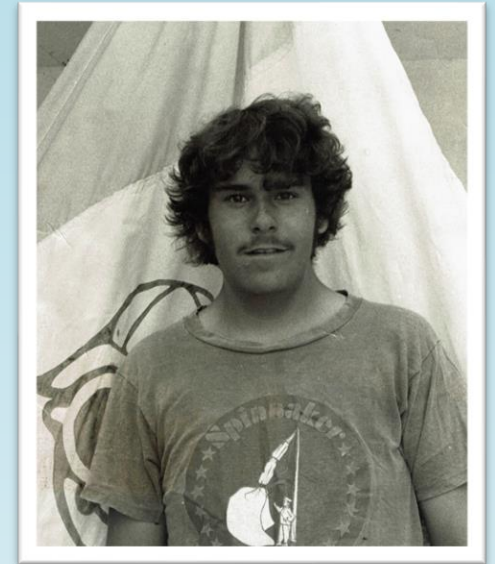
Chris Gattas

Member Since 2001

Hello fellow boat club members, I was asked by Jeanine to write a few paragraphs for the insight article in the Harbor Crier so here goes. I am one of those rare folks who was born and raised here in Florida, Morton Plant Hospital to be exact. My childhood home was at 2229 Donato Drive in Belleair Beach, I attended mostly public schools starting with Anona Elementary and ending with my graduation from Largo High, with a brief stop at Belleair Montosori in fourth grade because Mildred Helms elementary failed to teach me to read.

My love of the water began at 2 years old when my mother told me I learned to swim rather accidentally on a routine outing to the 19th street beach access on Belleair Beach. My older sister forgot she was supposed to be watching me while my mother went to the car to get our cooler for lunch. When my mother returned in what she said was less than 5 minutes my sister was hard at work on a sandcastle, and I was swimming out to sea. My love of sailing began at 8 years old, my mom and dad were divorced by then and I was introduced to the Big Brothers organization, which we know now as Big Brothers Big Sisters. I was paired with a 23 year old named Larry who became my big brother, Larry worked for sailmakers Ratsey & Lapthorn, he taught me to sail in a Dyer Dhow, which is very similar to the Optimist Pram. Larry moved to California, and then Thailand after 5 years of being my big brother but I kept sailing. I moved up to larger more responsive boat called a Laser in high school and began to race, I loved it and when one of my friends father asked me to crew on their 22' Morgan (Zephyr) and race in a local club called Windjammers I was hooked.

I met my next love about that same time at Ponderosa Steak House on Missouri Ave in Largo. Tracie my high school sweetheart and wife of 35 years started dating September 3rd 1982 and took me away from sailing for awhile. Tracie and I married May 17th 1986 and as a young couple just getting started there was not much time or money for sailing. Our son Phillip was born Jan. 6th 1991 and raising a child left even less time and money for sailing. Then low and behold in 1996 Tracie asked me what I thought about buying a small sailboat for the family and teaching Phillip to sail, that is when 3G's was born! For those that don't know the Gattas family, 3G's was our first sailboat an S2 7.3 meter. Tracie,





Phillip and I had quite an adventure bringing her home from the Gandy Marina in St. Pete. In 2001 we were invited to join the DBC by a fellow S2 owner named Jim Tilges, Jim and Carl Young got me racing again, and in 2004 Tracie and I won the boat of the year award with 3G's, she was a fast boat and with a 4' draft for her 23' length she pointed like an arrow!

Fast forward to 2006 I became commodore of the club, as you may know the incoming commodore is Santa Claus at the Christmas Boat Parade. I have to say being Santa was one of my favorite parts of being commodore. I was also our lead Pig Vampire for the DBC pig roast for 10+ years? Jack Mallard can tell you the exact number. My journey to commodore started as membership chair, and at that time I remember writing an article about the benefits to membership. We may not have the amenities of a yacht club, but the friendships we forge with fellow members, the sailing, fishing, social events, community outreach, etc. make the DBC a value like no other!

I think I can start bringing this article to an end. The definition of insight is to gain a deep understanding of a person or thing. As I am writing this I realize it is both. It has given you some insight into past commodore Chris Gattas, and it has given me some insight on the DBC and how it has shaped my life and Tracie's life for the past 20 years. Tracie and I have both become captains as a result of our love of the water and the friends in the DBC that supported us, went through captains training with us, and introduced us to opportunities to use those captains licenses. I hope that this might inspire those reading to embrace the many facets of the DBC, I am sure that there are future boat of the year winners, commodores, captains, etc. among you!

Fair Winds and Following Seas! Chris Gattas



Ship Store...

Ahoy Shipmates!

Please join us for our Holiday Clearance sale **January 21st**, starting at 5:00pm until 7:00pm. Come watch and listen to the Piper on the Pier from the Clubhouse Porch, Sunset is at 6:03.

ALL Holiday and Home décor will be 50% off.

The full inventory Ships Store will not reopen until **March 25th**.

February 21st we will be conducting a “Porch Sale” prior to the General Meeting/ Key Exchange with only DBC Logo clothing available.



Claudia & Rob Walker, *Ship Store Committee Chair*

DBC Business Marketplace...

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Double Business 4x7 or 7x4 \$50

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