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DUNEDIN BOAT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Commodores Corner...

Happy Holidays Everyone!

All I can say is it has been a hell of a year....Haha. I would recap the year in a short snapshot but let's just say we are all grateful to be safe and healthy.

We did have quite a few challenges this year as a club and in all our personal lives. The club managed to stay financially solid and adapted to a lot of new ideas. We still grew our club membership and managed to raise some money for our future in some creative ways and through hard work of our Ships Store and many others. Thank you!

It has been an honor to be your Commodore for 2020 and nobody will ever forget **MY** year in charge nor will I! I thoroughly enjoyed it despite all the madness and hope to lead again one day in a non-pandemic world. Despite all the restrictions this year we have managed to build new bonds as we met unforeseen challenges and have come out stronger in my opinion. A true testament to our DBC!

A huge thank you to all the Bridge, Board and Committee Chairs and helpers. I know I zoomed you all to the maximum and never heard a complaint. At least it did not come back to me... A huge thank you to all our members standing strong with us through this very tough year. For the newer members, you will love a normal year full of boating, racing, meetings, parties, laughter and close friendship that is to come. Get ready!!!!

A very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and happy holiday season to you and your families...

Your Covid Commodore 2020,



Dan Zucker, Commodore Dunedin Boat Club, 727-251-3292, dan@zuckerandzucker.com

Vice Commadore...

As I look back on 2020, lyrics from the Grateful Dead song come to mind:

Truckin, like the doo-dah man, Once told me you got to play your hand,
Sometimes your cards ain't worth a dime, if you don't lay them down.

Sometimes the lights all shinin' on me;
Other times I can barely see;
Lately it occurs to me what a long, strange trip it's been

2020 had indeed been a long, strange trip for all of us at the Dunedin Boat Club. We were not able to have meetings at our clubhouse or enjoy our many social activities. We missed seeing our good friends and having our fun parties. But, like the doo-dah man, we just kept truckin' on with Zoom meetings.

Let's keep the Boat Club truckin' in 2021 when hopefully, we will all be dealt better cards and the light will be shining on us all!

Captain Sheryl Barnes, USCG Captain, USCG Auxiliary
Vice Commadore, 203-554-1520, Dr.Sheryl.barnes@gmail.com



The Change of the Watch 2021...



Due to COVID-19 concerns, the in person 2021 Change of Watch Dinner/Dance and has been moved to zoom. We will be installing the new Bridge and Board on Jan 18 at 7:30 pm via Zoom.

Jack will MC the event which will be followed immediately by the regular General Membership meeting. Mary Jean and I will be formally dressed for this event and invite Board and Bridge to do the same if you choose. Have your champagne or wine glass ready to toast to the 2021 Board and Bridge.

We plan on having the usual Change of Watch Dinner, program and dancing gala in January 2022 as we have done all these years.

Thank you all for your interest in this event. Stay safe and healthy in 2021.

January 18th
7:30 pm



Jack & Mary Jean
Change of Watch Coordinators

Nomination Committee...



Officers for 2021 Bridge and Board

The election for 2021 Board and Bridge was made at the November regular meeting with paper ballot or online voting.

Commodore	Sheryl Barnes
Vice Commodore	Cindy Cole
Rear Commodore	Chris Crawford
Secretary	Sean Murphy
Purser	Jack Mallard

This was our first electronic election and over 90 people voted via our new system. We also added 4 votes at our meeting using the paper ballot system. This was probably the largest turnout of voters ever, and we all thank of you for your participation and your help during these times.

Election Committee: Terry Hopkins, Randy Morgan, Mark Jordan

If you have questions please email or message:
Terry Hopkins 727-303-4703 alohaterry@tampabay.rr.com

Board of Directors Vote for eight (8)

- 1. Sharon Grimshaw**
- 2. Carol Elwood**
- 3. Dean McClelland**
- 4. Lynn Olson**
- 5. Robin Wright**
- 6. David Vose**
- 7. Bill Goocher**
- 8. Bill Allen**

Race Committee...



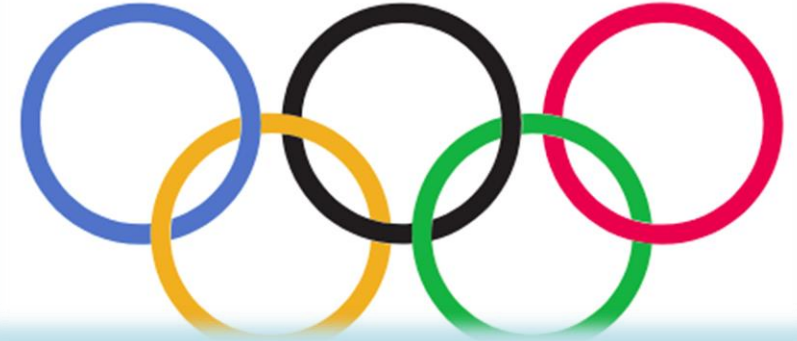
- Like most things this “Pandemic Year”, the racing was strange. Between early social distancing scares, hurricanes, race dates with no wind and low turnout, the season came to a close. The 2021 Race Schedule is posted on the DBC Website’s racing page and we will have the Gulf Series again with the two regattas (Winter & Fall), the Bay Series, The Pass-A-Grille Run and the Dunedin Cup.
- The racing season came to a close on November 21 with the final race date of the Fall Regatta. The overall winner of the our DBC Fall Regatta were there following.

1 st Place – Riva	CYC	Tish Wold
2 nd Place – Fixation	DBC	Paul Auman
3 rd Place – Kanaloa	DBC	David Austin

- The Pass-A-Grille run this year will be co-sponsored by DBC and CYC and we have some good things planned for that on March 6th. Also, the Dunedin Cup is moved back two weeks into October 9th to increase the probability of better weather and winds to have the race. That day is finished with a social at the Clubhouse and an auction.
- We want to thank the Race Committee for their hard work. Thank you to **Carol Elwood, Sheryl Barnes, Dan Johnson and Fairlie Brinkley** for your support. We also want to thank the Signal vessel volunteers who volunteered their boats: Know Sure – **John Fondrk**, Aqua Pazzo – **Mike Ressa**, Geronimo – **Jim Davis**, Maxine – **Harold Shoemaker** and Reboot **George Schott** for support boat mark management.

Race Committee... *continued*

Olympic Class Racing Here in 2021... Volunteers needed!



2021 Olympic Class Races come to Clearwater in February.

The US Olympic Sailing will be conducting Six qualifying racing venues in the USA. Three of those qualifying events will be held in the US on the West Coast and three will be held on the East Coast. Those three on the East Coast are going to be held in January and February 2021 in Fort Lauderdale on the Atlantic, In Miami on Biscayne Bay and in Clearwater on the Gulf. Our Clearwater event will take a lot of volunteers and is the beginning of a multi-year campaign to occur for the next seven years. We are building tradition.

WE ARE SO PROUD OF **FAIRLIE BRINKLEY** and his Team of Sponsors for making this possible.

I am managing the competing boat class traffic going out to the course and returning. It is important that the skippers check in and check out for safety reasons. If you would like to join the team and work a few hours on the dates of February 4– 8th please send me an email and I will contact you about 4-hour beach work shifts. Please send David Kresge, DBC Race Committee, an email demonstrating your interest and he will contact you. dckoffsu@gmail.com. If you snooze, you lose!

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

Fishing Report...



Winter is almost upon us and the water temperature is in the 60s. This changes our tactics for fishing as the fish migrate to follow their food.

Sheepshead and black drum are legal to keep and can be found around docks and bridges, use shrimp or fiddler crabs to get them. Red fish and trout are schooled up and can be caught as catch and release only, so carefully release them.

Offshore gag grouper are legal to keep until the end of December, grunts, snapper, and black seabass will be found in the same spots. Use live pinfish for the grouper and squid or cut baits for the other fish, all are great to eat.

Go out on the water, be safe and have fun!



Howard Metts, *Fishing Committee Chair*
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Book Club...

Happy holidays to all from the Book Club!

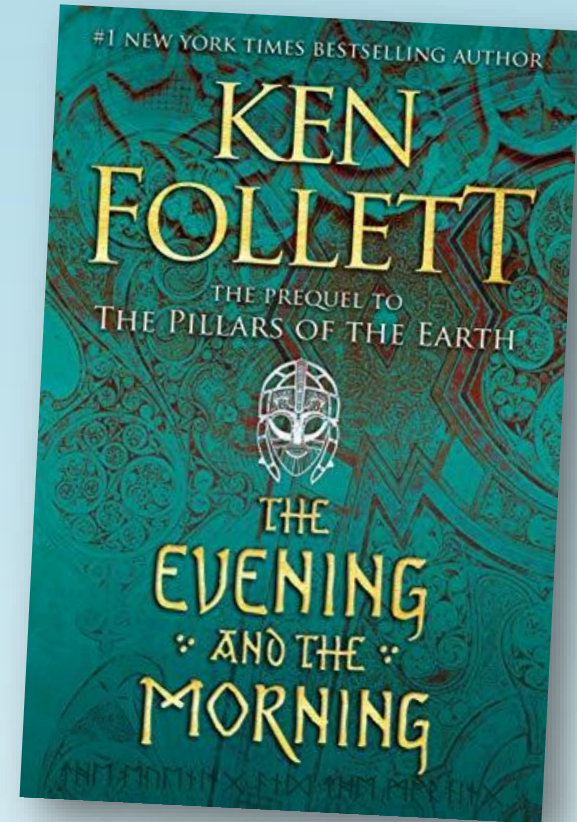
To help you pass the time during the holidays here is a recommendation from one of our Book Club members.

The Evening and the Morning, Ken Follett

This is a prequel to "The Pillars of the Earth." The year is 997 CE,. England faces attacks from the Welsh in the west and the Vikings in the east. Those in power bend justice according to their will, regardless of ordinary people and often in conflict with the king. Follett takes us on an epic journey into a historical past rich with ambition and rivalry, death and birth, love and hate, that will end where "The Pillars of the Earth" begins in Knightsbridge.

Sharon Grimshaw

Book Club Chairperson, sgrimshaw983@gmail.com



For more reading inspiration checkout our book list:

<https://dunedinboatclub.org/book-list>

Membership Committee...



Hello Members,

Let's congratulate our final new members of 2020!

Tom Stabler & Heather Steighner

They live in Dunedin and helped Cindy with the very successful auction on November 19th.

The Membership Committee needs help!

There are more prospective members waiting for "Good of the Club" activities.

Thank you for your help!

Get out on the water!



Steven Soso, *Membership Committee Chairperson*

From the Purser...

IT IS RENEWAL TIME FOR YOUR 2021 DUNEDIN BOAT CLUB MEMBERSHIP.

The rates are the same as they were last year:

Family Membership - \$101.65

Single Membership - \$80.25

The KEY EXCHANGE for 2021 will begin at the February 15, 2021 General Meeting. Bring your old key and get the 2021 key. Lost keys can be purchased for \$3.

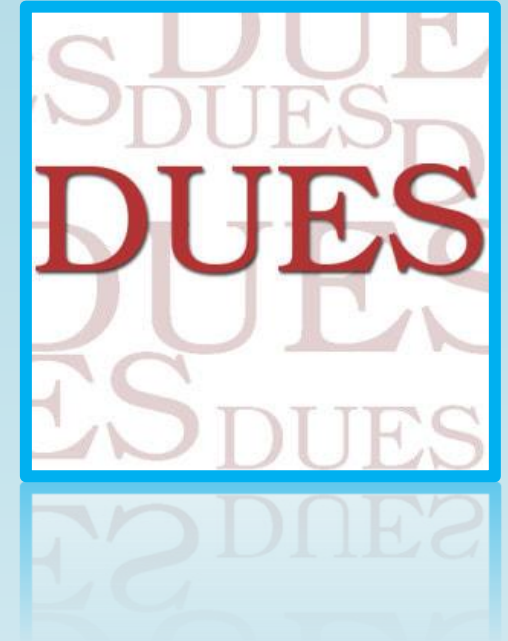
The new key will operate ONLY the east (marina side) door. When you lock the building, lock the west door from the INSIDE and lock the east door with the KEY.

Please verify that all of your names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses are correct on the website (dunedinboatclub.org). Should you have any questions regarding the verification process, please contact George Schott (george@imbedded.com).

Also, at the February General Meeting, members who have renewed their memberships at, or prior to, the meeting will be given a new DBC membership card and a 2021 Reciprocal Courtesy Card from the Yachting Club of America, giving the holder access to over 600 other yacht and boat clubs nationwide and in the Virgin Islands.

Any renewal request received AFTER the Feb 15 General Meeting requires approved by the DBC Board. If you have not successfully renewed prior to the April 1 Board Meeting, your name WILL NOT appear in the printed version of the 2021 Membership Roster.

Thanks in advance for your support of the Club for another year.



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Jack “key man” Mallard,
Purser

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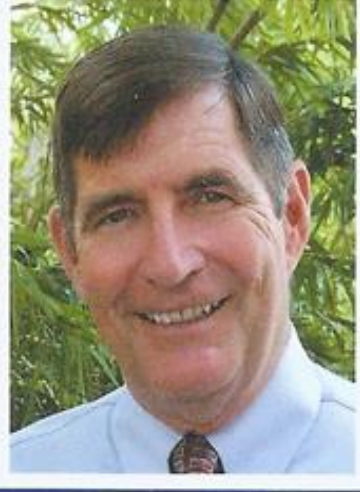
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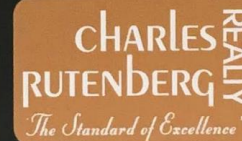
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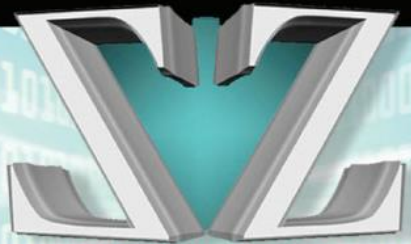
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