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Commodore Corner...

Ahoy Maties! I hope everyone had a grand time at the Lighted Boat Parade and at the Holiday Party. Thank you to Fairlie Brinkley, David Kresge, and team for leading the parade efforts again this year. Thanks to all of the parade participants and congratulations to the winners! A big shout out to Renee and her merry band of helpers for throwing such a great party! Thank you, Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus, Butch and Cindy Cole, for giving joy to the children of Dunedin. Finally, thank you to all those who were involved in working on the Holiday Light Pole and the Christmas Street Parade float. Happy Holidays everyone!

As I write my final newsletter article as Commodore, I wonder where the time went. As I look back on the year, I am proud of all that we accomplished despite Covid and Red Tide. Here are some highlights:

- We said goodbye to Zoom for General Meetings mid-year. I was so great to be able to meet in person. Membership exploded with pent up demand for boating fellowship.
- The Racing program had a banner year with the Bay and Gulf Races and the Dunedin Cup. The Captain's Laundry Race and Party, a long standing DBC tradition, was brought back this year to the delight of those who participated. Dozens of members donated their time to the US Open Sailing Series Olympic Class Races and to DYSA.
- We held 3 blood drives, won the Peanut Butter and Jelly Challenge at Dunedin Cares, and collected birthday items and toys for those in need, to name just a few examples of how we support our wonderful community.

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



Commodore Corner...

- Our social team knocked it out of the park with the wonderful parties and events. It sure was great to see everyone in person again at our annual events like the Pig Roast, the Chili Cookoff, and the Dunedin Cup party. Partnering with the VFW on the Pig Roast was great! New traditions like the Memorial Day Wing Bash and the World's Shortest Mardi Gras Parade were so much fun!
- Our committees became alive again. The Kayak Club ventured near and far and the Fishing Club held some fun events. The Book Club met in person throughout the year, first outside with masks and social distancing, then as vaccines became more prevalent, meetings and happy hours resumed inside.
- The Ship's Store had a banner year with their innovative Sunset Sales and signature cocktails.
- The Chili Cookoff and Auction raised triple what was budgeted for! Thanks to all who helped make that such a success!
- We upgraded our technology with a beautiful new multi-function website, WiFi in the clubhouse, and a weather station. Thanks to all who made those improvements possible!

As you can see, we really did come back to life this year. As I write this, the first case of the Omicron variant was reported today in Tampa. I hope and pray that you all stay vigilant.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Commodore this year. I know that Cindy Cole and the new leadership team will serve you well! Wishing you fair winds and smooth seas.

Your Commodore,
Dr. Capt'n Sheryl Barnes

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Vice Commodore...

It has been wonderful to see DBC Members at all of our festivities during this holiday season...the Boat Parade, the DBC Holiday Party and the Dunedin City Parade were all awesome! I am wishing all DBC Members very happy holidays and I know that we are all looking forward to a great 2022 year at the Dunedin Boat Club!

Happy Holidays!



Cindy Cole, Vice Commodore

THE CHANGE OF WATCH IS BACK FOR 2022!

This is your ANNUAL OPPORTUNITY to THANK and HONOR the current DBC BRIDGE and BOARD and WELCOME the NEWLY ELECTED members!!

It will be held on Saturday, Jan 8, 2022, at the Dunedin Country Club and hosted by Jack Mallard and Mary Jean Scholl. So, get out your finest evening wear and your dancing shoes for the 2022 CHANGE OF WATCH TRIBUTE DINNER and DANCE.

Hors D'Ouvres and social will begin at 6:00 PM. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 PM. Annual awards including the Member of the Year will also be presented. Enjoy great food, dancing, and a fun time with your fellow Boat Club friends.

Enjoy great food, dancing, and a fun time with your fellow Boat Club friends. The cost per person will be \$ 48.15 (including tax). Bar prices already have tax and 18% gratuity included.

HURRY – Reservations limited to 125 persons. Please mark January 8th on your 2022 calendar. Thanks again for supporting this event in the past and we both look forward to seeing you in January.

Jack and Mary Jean



THE CHANGE OF WATCH

REGISTER ONLINE:

You can register yourself and your guest(s) for the event, select entrees, and pay via credit card on our website at the following link:
<https://www.dunedinboatclub.org/event-4392884>

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Your entrée choice must accompany your registration and payment.

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Race Committee...

Fall Regatta – Our 2021 Racing Curriculum came to a close on November 20th with the final race date of the Fall Regatta. Due to weather resulting from a “super moon” and heavy winds from the NE, the competitors were unable to get out of their home slips and the winds, averaging 18-25 knots, resulted in the race date being cancelled. The winner of the Fall Regatta are First Place – **Island Hopper/Carol Elwood**, Second Place – **Fixation/Paul Auman** and Third Place – **18 Degrees North/Steve Baumann**. Results are posted at Yacht Scoring: https://www.yachtscoring.com/administration/event_results_cumulative.cfm. Awards will be given out at the Skipper’s Meeting on January 28th, preceding Race Date #1 of the Winter Regatta set for Saturday January 29th.

The Gulf Series comes to a close with the completion of the Fall Regatta and the Dunedin Boat Club member, **Boat of the Year Award** will be announced at the Change of Watch on January 8th. The 2022 Gulf Series Notice of Series of Regatta’s will be posted shortly. The 2022 racing schedule is available at the DBC Website via this link: <https://dunedinboatclub.org/racingoverview>.

Training Session: Save the date **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. This is excellent DBC membership training for interested race management volunteers. Last year we had 11 DBC members attend.

US Open Sailing Series – Clearwater Dates: Save the date – **February 2 – 6, 2020**. This is a volunteer project that enables our Dunedin Boat Club to demonstrate what we do for the Sailing Community. All are invited to sign up. We will be assisting with the Landside Beach Logistics for the competitive racing events off Clearwater Beach. Send any interested via email to RC Chair, dckoffsu@gmail.com This event is the annual competition for the US Olympic Team to the next Olympics. This is stop number three of their six stop competitive venue. The best of the best come to this event and we are their helping them get on off the water. Feed your curiosity by checking out the site: <https://raceoffice.usopen.ussailing.org/en/default/toa/race/text/2022-us-open-sailing-series-clearwater-en>

Crew looking for a boat to race on: Please see the guidance in the racing resources page on the website or talk to your Race Committee.

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

Membership Committee...

November/December been a busy time for Membership.
New Members voted into the Club:



Kerry & Bob
Higginbotham



Suzy & Chris
Ballantyne



Amy Gau



Jim Ashbaugh &
Begner Schwarz
Not Shown



JoAnne &
Barry Fell



Carrie Grimwade
& Jack Myers



June Connell



George & Irene
Brandenberger



Tim Kelly



David & Pamela
Dawson



Trevor & Sandi
Townsend
Reinstated Members

As the Club transitions to new leadership in January, we will also have a new Membership Chairperson, Rachael Page, and Membership Committee Member Kelly O'Connell, I want to thank everyone for their support and help during the last two years. My time as Chairperson has been incredibly rewarding. Join me in welcoming Rachael and Kelly in their new roles in 2022.

Steven Soso,
Membership Committee Chairperson

From the Purser...

IT IS RENEWAL TIME FOR YOUR 2022 DUNEDIN BOAT CLUB MEMBERSHIP.

The rates are as follows: Family Membership - \$123.05 Single Membership - \$101.65

PAY DUES ONLINE via Credit/Debit Card: Please pay via credit card or debit card on our website (www.dunedinboatclub.org) or by check (See side bar). To pay online, go to your “profile page” on our website and select the “Renew” button.

The KEY EXCHANGE and the final date for payment of your 2022 membership dues will be Feb 21, 2022. Any renewal received AFTER the Feb 22, 2022 General Meeting will require the approved by the DBC Board.

Please go to your profile on our website and verify that your names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses are correct. Should you have any questions regarding your verification process, please contact Bill Goocher.

DBC Membership Cards for 2022 will be available in electronic and printable format on our website, and in electronic format on the DBC/Wild Apricot mobile app once your renewal is paid. (Available today for 2021 Membership Cards). To print your Membership Card, go to your online profile and click on the “Printable PDF” link.

YCA Cards for 2022: A 2022 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, will be available during the key exchange to all paid members. The YCA information, including login information to their website, is also available in the Member Area of our website: <https://www.dunedinboatclub.org/reciprocalclubsinfo>

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

Jack, the “KEY” man, Mallard, *Purser*



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Book Club...

The Book Club's next meeting is Wed. January 12, at 7pm. Sign up on the Event section of the Boat Club website.

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 weather has been great for fishing! Offshore gag grouper can be found in 40-65 ft depths using live pinfish or frozen sardines. Take some shrimp and light tackle to catch mangrove snapper and hogfish along with seabass and white grunts. Don't forget to check the stone crab trap buoys for triple tail on the way out, they will eat a live shrimp.

This is a great time of year to catch sheepshead on fiddler crabs, shrimp, or oysters. Check the dock pilings to find them along with some small black drum. Silver trout will be in the channel on the north side of the bridge heading to Honeymoon Island. Just drift the area with small soft jigs to find them. Be safe and go catch some fish!

Howard Metts, *Fishing Committee Chair*
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**COMING SOON
FISHING FORUM!**
Tell your tales...

Insights...



**December
Highlight
Rusty & Susan
Anderson**
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I was born in Dunedin and raised on the mean streets of Dunedin Isles. As was the custom back then we were free range kids amidst the backdrop of lakes, orange groves, farmland, hammocks and swamps. It was a paradise to grow up in and I mourn its loss.

Ironically, I had no experience with the bay coast and the Gulf beyond. My father had serious sun damage to his skin and my mother was terrified of water. Thus, water activities were not on the agenda. I grew up completely unaware of the stories of Captain Kate, Clark Mills, and the pram fleet, among other things. However, I must say that when we drove down Edgewater Drive to shop in Clearwater, or went to the beach with visiting friends and relatives, the waterfront had an unusual appeal to me.

That all changed in my freshman year of high school when our band went to the Bahamas for a weekend spring trip. A nearby storm caused nearly everyone to become miserably seasick on the way over. Therefore, on the return trip I spent most of my time in the bow of the ship. There I watched as swells the size of city blocks rose and fell in the distance. And...I fell in love.

Having returned home I began reading everything I could about the ocean, boats, and seamanship. I stumbled across the concept of sailing and became obsessed. In a short time, I had mowed enough yards to purchase a Snark, and with this simple boat I taught myself how to sail off the Dunedin Causeway.



Insights...



I was satisfied for the time with the Snark but eventually high school graduation directed my attention to other things. While attending USF, I began a “summer job” at the Postal Service to help pay tuition. At graduation Susan and I were married and we found ourselves in Texas where I attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft Worth. With two masters degrees, a pilots license, a newborn baby, a parakeet, and a truck (it was Texas after all), we were ready to return home.

Finding myself back where there was water, I began thinking about “messing about in boats” again. While looking for plans for a small boat to build that we and the kids could use, I discovered the Optimist Pram. Several months later we had a sailing dinghy based on the Opti. Finally, we purchased a Compac 19 that we enjoyed for many years, only recently selling her.

What is it about various concepts or activities that can capture the imaginations and hearts of certain people. For me they were amateur radio (a lifelong passion) and sailing small boats. I like to think that it is in one's DNA. I have two dear cousins who independently, in different parts of the country, discovered sailing just like I did. We have that in common now, besides our Norse heritage.

After nearly 40 years with the USPS, at various offices, I retired in 2014. Susan also has now recently retired, and we will be celebrating 40 years of marriage this spring. We have a daughter and a son and 4.5 grandchildren. Point five is expected in March.

We joined the boat club in 2016 to meet others who share the same interest in boating. As Susan reads about the new kayaking events we find ourselves thinking about that. I still have an unfulfilled bucket list item of following the fleet around the course in the summer races in the bay. In the meantime, I am thoroughly enjoying helping out with the race committee.

Sunshine...



Walt Weber recently passed away in Dunedin, December 7, 2021. Walt was 98 years old. Walt joined the Boat Club in 1950 and was active until the early 2000's. If you were around the boat club during those years, you met Walt, and his wife Miriam. around the club house. They were the keepers of the club.

We collected a couple of words and remembrances from members and if you would like to add yours, please so!

No memorial services are planned at his time but if the family would like to visit the club house and see others, we will notify all via an email blast.

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

The Ghost of Walt Weber: Ny Kim Beaty

Walt and Marion Weber were Life Members of the DBC for as long as anyone could remember. He and Marion knew more about the origin and history of the club than anyone! As historian, Marion created scrapbooks of pictures from year to year and Walt was always correcting and editing her documentation. Walt and Marion both treated the Clubhouse like it was their own home, daily venturing down to sit on the porch and watch the sunsets. He was an accomplished sailor, boater, his marlinspike seamanship unmatched. Whenever any of us bought new lines, we would take them along with our shackles for Walt to perform his splicing magic.

Truly a "gate keeper" of the clubhouse, he always wanted to make sure that it was closed correctly, and sometimes early, following events. As a team, both Walt and Marion served as Social Chairs for many years, buying only the cheapest beer for parties insuring we stayed on our beer budget for the year. Whenever there was work to be done, Walt always made sure he was there, and the club was open for the workmen. He knew where every rat was in the building. He was one of the first to arrive at the club following the "no name" storm and was always quick to point out the high-water line that he marked on the east interior wall. Most of the furniture at one time in the club was a result of his scouring the shore after heavy storms.

Walt Weber's love of the Dunedin Boat Club was deeply personal. Although he never served as a Commodore, his contributions to what DBC is today he was very influential as the club ebbed and flowed over the years.

Walt, you will be missed! Hope your ghost hangs around a long time!

Kim and Deb Beaty
Commodore 2004

Sunshine...



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Mr. Weber By Terry Hopkins

My history with Mr. Weber as I always called him goes back to around 1990 or 1992, long before I moved to Florida and long before it became a boat club member. I was on vacation in what I thought was Clearwater Beach Florida when on a walk downtown in Dunedin I walked over the marina and walked along the driveway on the south end of the marina. My thought was at the time was to go to the hotel on the water. As I walked by The Boat Club on the east side I looked in and saw two guys in there working. One was Walt Weber and the other was Carl Young. I nodded at him and kept walking to the hotel. When arriving at the point where the water that separated me from the hotel I had to turn around and go back. As I walked by front door on the east side which was wide open and the two guys in there nodded and said "hi." Mr. Weber said, "Hey kid you want to come in and see the place"? I accepted and he and Carl Young gave me the nickel tour. After being totally amazed at the place and liking it a lot I asked delicately how much the dues are to be a member of such a fine organization. I still use the same line and when I give people the nickel tour. They said, "The cost is \$50 a year, which keeps the riffraff out"! They summed it up by saying "not only that, but they give every member a key! With your own key you can come in here anytime you want to and enjoy the place, watch the sunset, sunrise or just escape and come here at midnight who cares"! From that point I knew I wanted to be a member of the Dunedin Boat Club. When I moved down here in 2008 one of the first things, I went straight to the boat club talked to people Ron Kinkaid and Mark Veldhuis and got my membership going. These are my memories of Mr. Weber and him being in the boat club working around on stuff and keeping the place shipshape all the time. A real fixture here at the Dunedin Boat Club and we all will miss him dearly

Terry Hopkins

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