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# Commodore Corner...

Ahoy Maties! I hope you are enjoying our summer weather and that you are getting out on the water often. The Pinellas County Tide Report is now showing only low levels at Honeymoon Island and medium levels off Clearwater Bay. Let's hope that it is completely gone soon!

We had such a great event in August with the Captain's Laundry Race and Party, a long standing DBC tradition that we brought back this year. If you missed it this year, be sure to come next year. As you can tell from the pictures on our Facebook page, a fun time was had by all who competed in the race and those who attended the party.

September will see the return of the Dunedin Cup, a longstanding annual DBC tradition. Competitors will compete in the Gulf Race for the Dunedin Cup trophy, which has been newly revamped this year. I hope to see most of you at the Dunedin Cup party on Friday evening, Sept 24, which will be a lot of fun.

September is also the month where the Nominating Committee begins identifying a slate of Board and Bridge candidates, which the club will vote on at the November meeting. If you are interesting on serving, please contact one of our three Nominating Committee Members:

See you then!

Sheryl

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# Commodore Corner...

Topic: DBC September General Meeting  
Time: September 20th, 2021 07:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting  
Time: Sep 20, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89295570871?pwd=Rk5mSFBqZTd4Nkpkd3loMzZ3czM4dz09>

Meeting ID: 892 9557 0871  
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*Commodore*, 203-554-1520, Dr.Sheryl.barnes@gmail.com

**September 20<sup>th</sup>,  
General Membership  
Meeting at Clubhouse  
&  
on Zoom - 7:30pm**

**Live at clubhouse**



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DUNEDIN BOAT CLUB PRESENTATION, SEPT.2021

Presenter, Dick Duncan

Summary: a brief look at Sea Scouting in Buffalo, NY, in the 1950s/60s.

Back story: Cindy, while visiting our home, saw me working on a model ship. This evolved into why I was building it, what it represented, etc. The presentation would show a recollection of what Sea Scouting was like during that time, 60 years ago.

1. Brief history
2. S.S. structure, chain of command. Comparison to Boy Scouting.
3. Property, location.
4. Vessels involved: build by ship members, donations.
5. Utilization of available craft.
6. Training program: sailing ,cruising, camping, class work.
7. What we built, how we built it.
8. Need to recall events, procedures.
9. Current model ship: construction details, comparison to actual craft.
10. Conclusion.

**Cindy Cole,**  
*Vice Commodore*





## 37'TH ANNUAL DUNEDIN CUP PRE-REGATTA DINNER AND PARTY

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2021**

Join us for a fun evening as we celebrate our 37th Annual Dunedin Cup with a pre-regatta dinner and party. There will be Dinner, Live Music, and dancing. The event will be at the Dunedin Boat Club Clubhouse.

The Dunedin Cup is an exciting and highly anticipated annual sailboat regatta sponsored by the Dunedin Boat Club.

We hope you will join us for a fun and entertaining evening.

## 37'TH ANNUAL DUNEDIN CUP – REGATTA

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2021**

**Important Documents at [YachtScoring.com](https://www.YachtScoring.com)**

**(NOR, Online Registration, etc.) NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION**

**[37th Annual Dunedin Cup @ Yacht Scoring](https://www.YachtScoring.com)**

### NOTES:

- **This is an amended date.**
- Race events are subject to adequate volunteers and support boats for Race Committee.
- Please direct volunteers to the Race Committee Chairperson.

# Race Committee...



**Gulf Series - Fall Regatta:** Our Fall Regatta began on September 11<sup>th</sup>. As usual, all race documents are at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14763>. Competitors will want to register for race-dates which is \$30 for the Regatta or \$15 per individual race. You can see the NOR at our DBC racing site as well. [37th Annual Dunedin Cup @ Yacht Scoring](#)

COMPETITORS remember to check that your WF PHRF rating is renewed and current in this new year.

**Dunedin Cup:** Scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>; The NOR is posted and announcements have started to the region's sailing competitors. Note that the main social event will be occurring as part of the Skippers Meeting this year on Friday night so save that date and plan to attend. Skippers, bring your crew. This is going to be a fun event and a return to competitive racing.

**Visit your Dunedin Boat Club website** – *Racing tab for more details on your Club's racing activities. It takes a Team to have a successful racing curriculum.* <https://www.dunedinboatclub.org>

**US OPEN Series of Sailing – Clearwater** Is scheduled for the first week in February and will be orchestrated from the Clearwater Community Sailing Center. Mark your calendar to volunteer for February 2 – 6, 2022. Contact David Kresge.

**David Kresge, Race Committee Chair, [dckoffsu@gmail.com](mailto:dckoffsu@gmail.com), 813.833.2285**



# The Captain's Laundry Race!!





# 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.

So 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





# Candlelight Memorial



# Membership Committee...

Please welcome Rachael Page to the Membership Committee. Once we return to in-person meetings, stop by the membership desk and say hello to Rachael.

It's time to update your personal profile photo in our new on-line directory! Our new website makes it amazingly easy to add/change a photo. Plus, each family member gets their own photo.

Forgot your password? No problem! Just follow the simple instructions and you are in. Give it a try!



**Rachael Page**  
*Membership  
Committee*

**Steven Soso,**  
*Membership Committee Chairperson*

# Public Relations & Marketing Committee...

The DBC Website 2.0 went LIVE on Saturday, August 28th. Yeah!!!

A shout out and a big thank you to the team who help with the requirements and tool selection, and to all the beta testers who provided some great feedback!

Everyone should have received an email from me on Monday, August 30'th with login instructions and a "How To" document to get you started.

I hope the new website provides you with easy access to the information you need regarding DBC.

If you encounter any problems logging in or using the website, or you did not receive your email from me on August 30th, please send me an email with details. Also, let me know if you have any suggestions on how to improve the website.

You can reach me at the following email address: [webmaster@dunedinboatclub.org](mailto:webmaster@dunedinboatclub.org)

Cheers,

**Bill Goocher**, *Public Relations and Marketing Chairman*



# Book Club...

The Book Club next meeting is Wednesday, October 13th, at 7pm. Sign up on the Event section of the new Boat Club website.

## Here is our book selection

Our book selection is “**The Pull of the Stars,**” by *Emma Donoghue*.

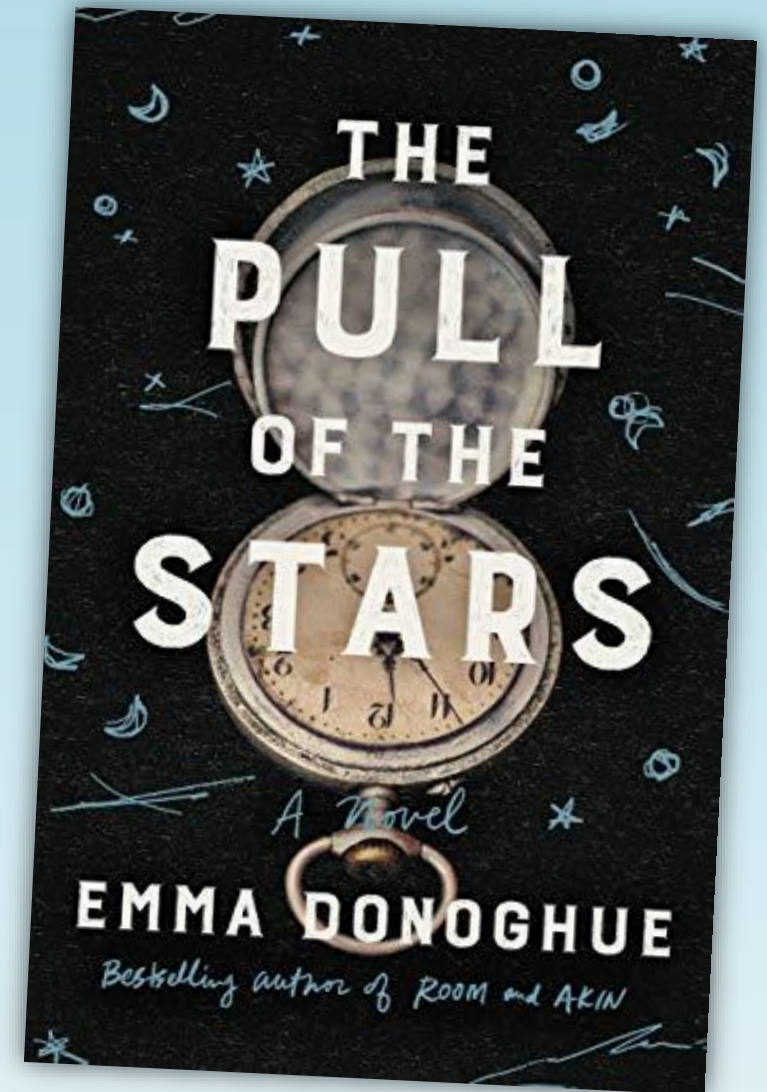
The story is set in 1918 in a Dublin hospital's closet-sized ward for expectant mothers who have the Spanish flu. Over three days, Nurse Julia Power cares for expectant mothers with the help of Bridie Sweeney, a volunteer sent by a local convent. The pace is frenetic with nonstop action and heartbreak.

For more reading inspiration checkout our book list:  
<https://dunedinboatclub.org/bookclub>

Cheers,

**Sharon Grimshaw**

*Book Club Chairperson, sgrimshaw983@gmail.com*



# Fishing Report...

The weather is starting to cool and the Spanish mackerel have arrived! Anchor offshore in 18-20 feet of water and have plenty of greenbacks in the livewell to start. Use long shank 3/0 hooks to help prevent breakoffs and let out your line with a live greenback or shrimp to catch them. Bluefish and kings may also join the party. Ice your fish right away and filet taking the blood line out, the taste will surprise you. My son thought the Spanish mackerel was grouper! Offshore in 40 feet+ you will find grouper, grunts, seabass, and snapper. Always free line a pinfish behind the boat while bottom fishing and you may catch a cobia or kingfish. Get out there and fish!



**Howard Metts**, *Fishing Committee Chair*  
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# Ship Store...

Ahoy Shipmates!

The next Ships Store opening for a “**Sunset Sale**” is **Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30pm.**

New shipment arrived!

1. Mens & Ladies shirts with the **\*NEW\*** Vintage logo embroidery in popular sizes and new Fall colors.
2. VERY limited quantities remain of the Commemorative 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary DBC: Burgees and Belgian Wine. Glasses, when they are gone, they are GONE!
3. 2021 Commemorative Holiday Ornament available, along with other Coastal & Nautical themed ornaments for home or boat.
4. Great gift ideas featuring the DBC logos.

**\*\*If you haven't come to a Sunset Sale yet, you can't miss this one!** Ships Store will only be open 2 additional months of 2021. Ships Store is **CLOSED** in December!! Don't miss out on your chance to purchase Holiday gifts for yourself, friends and family.

Thank you for supporting the Dunedin Boat Club,

***Claudia & Rob Walker***, Ship Store Chairman, 619.370.6185, @originalglamazon





# Insights...



## September Highlight Dan Johnson Member since 2019

I grew up in suburbs of Philadelphia but spent many a summer day at my grandparents' cottage on the Chesapeake Bay below Annapolis. At the age of 13 I bought my own boat and motor with snow shoveling and grass cutting money. My grandpa facilitated the purchase. It was a world of wooden power boats back then.

My grandpa was a part-time waterman, taking fishing parties out on weekends on his 36 foot Deadrise while working as a Navy Yard foreman in Washington during WWII. By the time I came along, he had retired and sold the Deadrise. Once I bought my boat though, he became my fountain of knowledge for all things nautical, accompanying me on fishing and crabbing expeditions. It was a class room on the water and a summer school I enjoyed.

Skip forward a dozen years found me a college dropout, in the Army and married when he passed away. After my service obligation expired, I sold my boat, pursued a college degree, and started a career, first with Proctor-Silex then 3M. Living in Annapolis, a friend of my wife persuaded me to take her two kids sailing on their Sunfish in the back bay of Spa Creek. Such a simple boat, once I figured it out I was hooked. Later that year I crossed paths with another ex-Philadelphian with who I shared a number of acquaintances. Glenn had recently purchased a Columbia 26 and was looking for crew for weekend sailing. I began my lessons on keel boat sailing, going sailing on nights, weekends, anytime at the drop of a dock line.

Sailing into Baltimore harbor at night was both relaxing and challenging: big ships travel silently at close to 20 knots in the approach channels—lessons in situational awareness and navigational lighting of stationary and moving objects began. Our most memorable experience was to have sailed out of Annapolis to greet some of the tall ships arriving for their Bicentennial visit.

Alas, life intervened with raising a family, employment changes with a move to central Pennsylvania. My great friend and sailing mentor, Glenn Craul, contracted colon cancer which his hard-fought battle did not overcome. My late wife came to my emotional rescue, finding a 15 foot Designer's Choice trailer sailor for sale. With it I traveled to many of the Pennsylvania state park lakes and regularly down to Havre de Grace at the head of the Chesapeake Bay on weekends.

An opportunity to manage a boat dealership that sold Chaparrals, Pro-Lines, and Hunter trailer sailboats opened a door to return to the water and sailing. When the business closed, I began maintaining a customer's Seward and going sailing with him or my wife on weekends. I joined the North East Yacht Club and started sailing as crew on other peoples' boats. The urge to own my own boat began to grow.

A year later I came across a deal I couldn't pass up. A Coronado 27 (a Columbia 26 with a full flat top cabin) came on the market. The owner acquired a bigger boat and could no longer continue the refurbishment of the 27. The original owner commissioned it in Sausalito California and brought it to the Chesapeake on its own bottom, through the Panama Canal and up the inland waterway. With such a pedigree and hours of knowledge gained from my friend Glenn's boat, I grabbed it without hesitation..



## Insights... *Continued*



Over the next two years the Coronado was stripped out inside, cleaned, scrubbed, painted, and rebuilt. I honed my skills at fiberglassing, refinishing teak, creating an electric system, rigging restoration, and boat maintenance. My Seward friend and I launched it on the hottest day that July, motored it around the Susquehanna Flats with the mast on deck, docked in an unfamiliar marina after dark, and collapsed below into a sound sleep only the motion of a boat in the water can give.

Through the next five years the Coronado proved to be a great boat to begin with, serving my wife and I well as weekend dwellers and short distance venturers. We began considering the advantages of a bigger boat (don't we all contemplate this!)—30 to 32 feet started to sound right. It was not to be. Instead, I was offered the acquisition of a Hunter 34 by my former club commodore. The 27 went onto the hard, up for sale, and we enjoyed the last month of summer sailing with our new acquisition. For the next dozen years we sailed the Hunter all over the northern Chesapeake Bay. Weekend marina hopping, summer week vacation cruises, or just enjoying our "condo on the water" in-slip at the club—a great way of life! I never raced the Hunter. Instead, from the day I joined NERYC, I began crewing in club races. Starting on a 27 as a jib sheet trimmer, I became proficient at sailboat racing: mainsheet trimmer, foredeck crew, spinnaker pit man, relief helmsman. It was on the helm I came into my own. Crewing for dockmates, I gained a reputation for line honors at race starts, course holding and tactical positioning, and boat handling. With one captain, we didn't finish lower than third-in-fleet for several seasons, taking home the first place silver each time.

My late wife's health began to deteriorate and I needed to devote all my time to her. The Hunter was sold and we moved here to Florida to escape the cold for a better life. For my wife it was to no avail as she ultimately suffered a massive stroke and passed on. That was the impetus to return to the sailing world. I began evaluating the club situation on here on the Gulf coast. Having been the NERYC club manager for my last two years there, I didn't want the white tablecloth and coat/tie dinner dress code environment again. That's how I happened across the Dunedin Boat Club web site and decided to explore what appeared to be an active club with a casual, laid-back approach. Boy was I right!

Now a member since the fall of 2019, I serve on the club's race committee and am the club liaison to our sponsored Sea Scout Ship 956. I've met some great folks and enjoyed the club's activities. Remarried (to a Canadian former sailor no less) and settled into our new home together, I'm enjoying life and looking forward to participating in more activities on the water. Dunedin Boat Club is a great place to do just that!

Dan Johnson

*"Insights" will highlight a member in our club or a new member of our club. Please contact Jeanine if you have someone in mind. Let's share our experiences and get to know one another.*

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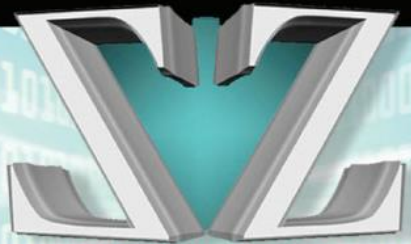
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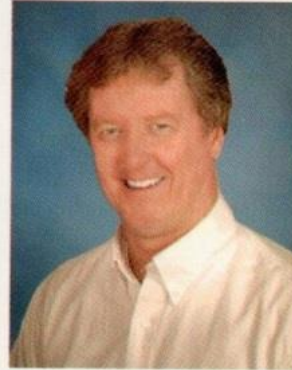
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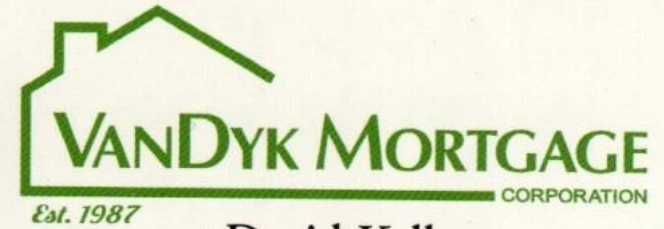
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