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# Commodore Corner...

**General Membership Meeting**  
**March 21, 2022, 7:00**

With the coming of Spring, we boaters are making plans to get our boats ready for another boating season. We are all anticipating being out on our beautiful waters and enjoying the sunshine with friends and family.

The natural beauty of our waters and wildlife is truly inspiring. This love and respect of nature is a common bond that all DBC Members share and I'm pretty sure my birthstone is a seashell.

So, this is a great time to showcase some of our DBC Members efforts to protect our seas and wildlife.

Recently, the folks at the SHAMC Art Reach created a recycled mermaid out of the trash that volunteers gathered along the waterways from Edgewater Park to Weaver Park. The completed mermaid stands along the shore of Edgewater Park across from the Fenway.

Three of our Dunedin Boat Club Members are founders of Hope Spot. This great organization encourages practices that preserve and protect local land and waters. Here are three DBC Members that donate their time and energy to that organization:

**Tracy Love Tippin:** Board of Directors, President, and Event Coordinator

**Ray Bouchard:** Hope Spot Pioneer

**Sharon Kemp-Gonzales:** Board of Directors

These folks are among many that are making a huge difference. They are leading the way for us all. What a great Family of Friends we have in our Dunedin Boat Club!

**Cindy Cole,** *Commodore*

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# Vice Commodore...

For our March meeting on Monday, March 21st, Lori Ferguson, Harbormaster at the Dunedin Marina will be our guest speaker. I would appreciate your suggestions on what speakers and/or topics you think would be relevant to our membership. All ideas welcomed.



**Bill Goocher**, *Vice Commodore*

# Rear Commodore

Just a reminder to everyone who uses the club, we have installed security cameras inside the building. There are 2 aimed at each door in the club. They do view quite a wide area of the inside of the club, so please keep this in mind as you inside the club.

There will be a "Good for the Club" event on Saturday, March 19th from 9:30am - 12:30pm. We will be cleaning the main room and back hallway. Just like last months GFTC event where we cleaned the Attic, this month we will be removing everything from the club's main room and washing/wiping down all the furniture and contents, and the walls and floors. I still need some volunteers to help out.

Last month our crew of 8 was able to get everything done in just over 2 hours, and I don't see any reason that this months clean won't be just as easy. If you can spare a couple of hours and want to help please email me at [rearcommodore@dunedinboatclub.org](mailto:rearcommodore@dunedinboatclub.org). Thank you in advance to all those ready to sign up!!!

**Doug Moat** - *Rear Commodore*



# Rear Commodore

## Clubhouse Workday – Clean INSIDE Walls of Clubhouse

**When:** 03/19/2022 9:30 - 12:30 PM

**Where:** DBC Clubhouse



- We are having a workday to clean the INSIDE walls of the clubhouse.
- Please bring a bucket, cleaning rags, and gloves.
- This is a great opportunity for members to help cleanup the clubhouse as well as for potential members to complete their "good of the club" requirement for becoming members.
- To volunteer, please reach out to Doug Moat at: [RearCommodore@dunedinboatclub.org](mailto:RearCommodore@dunedinboatclub.org)

**Doug Moat** - *Rear Commodore*

# Social Committee...

## **COME ONE COME ALL TO OUR FAMOUS DOCK PARTY, APRIL 23rd 4pm**

- After party at the club, 5-9 p,m, bring a dish to share (drop off at club first)
- Own chairs
- Wine and beer will be provided
- Music provided

I'm looking for people whom have boats in the Dunedin Marina and are willing to HOST people on your boats! Lori our dock master has informed the DBC board that Alcoholic beverages are NOT allowed on the DOCKS anymore so HOSTING on a BOAT is a must!!! Please contact Renee at 727 631 6200 if interested in being a BOAT HOST !!!

## **Kentucky Derby, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at the DBC**

Come have some fun with your fellow Club members and watch the sun set!!

televised races

- Hat contest- best one wins a prize
- Bring a dish to share
- Own chairs
- Special drink (possibly a Mint Julep)

## ***We are still looking for HOSTS for the Following events:***

9/23/22      Regatta Dinner (please note date change)  
11/11/22      Chili Cookoff and Auction  
12/27/22      Decorating of lamp pole

**Renee Radalinsky, Social Committee Chairperson, 727 631-6200**

# Sock Hop...



# Membership Committee...

Membership has been busy meeting and greeting 17 prospective members! Many of them have completed some of the requirements for membership so we will soon be growing by leaps and bounds.

I'd like to welcome two new members who were approved by the Board and Bridge at the most recent Board meeting. Please welcome Susan Grome and Margie Kennedy as our latest DBC members. They both assisted David Kresge at the US Open racing event last month and reported back that it was a great experience.

There has been some chatter about revamping our name tags so stay tuned for updates on that topic.

DBC will be printing up "information cards" – fancy term for business cards – to be used as an informational tool to increase interest in the club. More on that when we get some printed up.

Key exchange is under the leadership of Jack Mallard (Purser) or Carrie Grimwade (Secretary). If you need to exchange your old key for a new one, see one of them

**Rachael Page, Membership Committee Chairperson & Kelly O'Connell**



**Margie Kennedy:** *Enjoyed many years on the water either sailing or powerboating. She is a Canadian from New Brunswick, retired, and lived on the Saint John river, which is about 300 miles of a beautiful inland waterway.*  
**Watch Insights for her Bio coming soon...**



**Susan Grome:** *Being a member for me means I will be meeting like-minded people with a passion for boating and investing in the community. She is a boat owner and has many years experience on the water.*  
**Watch Insights for her Bio coming soon...**



# Race Committee...

**DBC Winter Regatta:** We completed the second race date on Feb 26th, getting in two races that date. The next race date is March 19th to complete the Winter Regatta. We want to thank John Fondrk of DYSA who volunteers his boat Knot Sure as the Signal Vessel. This past Feb 26th we also had the following DBC Club Members and applicants assist: Dan Johnson, Stacy Mueller, Rusty Anderson, and Majid Amari. The race competitors were: 18 Degrees North, Chances R, Island Hopper, L'Esperance, You Know Who and Mar Y Sol. We look forward to them and others joining us again on March 19th to finish the Regatta.

**2022 Pass A Grille Run** – Pursuit Race sponsored by Clearwater Yacht Club and Dunedin Boat Club had a successful Pursuit Race in the Gulf from Clearwater Inlet to Pass-A-Grille inlet on Saturday March 5th. We had 9 boats participate with 6 from CYC, 2 from DBC and 1 from SPYC. The event started with a Friday night Skippers Meeting held at CYC where the Skippers and Crew picked up their packets of information to include our Butch Cole's produced event poster, their t-shirts, Sailing Instructions, Scratch Sheets and Captain Morgan gifts. On Saturday morning the Race was started at 10 AM with Water landing Signal Vessel owned by Reinhard Opitz and RC Team David Billings, Dan Johnson, Selga Sakss and Barbara Goodman ensuring that all the boats started on time. They completed their race between the 10 AM and 3 PM time slot and all 9 competitors, crew and spouses shared in the awards at Pass-A-Grille Club House. The top 3 winners were: You Know Who (Paul Guidi) Red Sky (Charles Mixon) Cayennita III (Antonio Sanpere). Carol Elwood again surprised the winners with amazing trophy awards. Everyone had a good time and the competitors are now ready to continue on to the Pennington Cup race the following weekend



# Did You Know? – Dunedin Youth Sailing Association

## THE BEGINNING

DYSA formed in Nov 2008....

We could not have done it without the help of these organizations;

- The Dunedin Boat Club
- The Kiwanis Club of Dunedin
- The City of Dunedin
- The Windlasses
- The People and Businesses of Dunedin

The first year of existence the DYSA hoped to have 25 kids for our first sailing session in 2009.

To our surprise we had 40 sailors learning to sail in Aug 2009

We have had a waiting list ever since!



Kiwanis



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# Safety...



**HOW OLD IS YOUR FIRE EXTINGUISHER?** Like so many boat club members, I am a member of Boat U.S. Besides their monthly magazine, they email a monthly newsletter. In the March newsletter was new regulations regarding fire extinguishers. They are going to require fire extinguishers to be no more than twelve years old regardless of whether the pressure gauge is still in the green zone. How do you know how old your fire extinguisher is? The date is imbedded on the bottom. Have you ever used a fire extinguisher?? Several years ago I was cruising with friends when we had a fire aboard. For years I had been using a small propane stove that you screw a small propane cannister into. At least once a year I cleaned and checked it thoroughly and made sure my cannisters were not rusty. I had just turned it on and put the coffee pot on top when fire started spewing from immediately above the connection for the propane, shooting out at least 3 ft. (turns out pin hole leaks had developed in the fitting and the flames were escaping there) Without saying anything, I immediately grabbed the fire extinguisher and put out the flames, turned off the valve and once things cooled down, disconnected the propane. The two people that were with me stated that they had never used a fire extinguisher and asked me to go over it with them. For the many years that I worked at Morton Plant Hospital, during Safety Week we would have the opportunity to use fire extinguishers and put out actual fires. (Thanks to our member Ed Smolik who was head of safety at that time). Most people do not have that opportunity. I put the pin back into the extinguisher and decided to see if it had any more chemical in it. They each took a turn removing the extinguisher from the bracket, removing the pin and squirting it into the trash bag, finding that it did indeed have a lot more left in it. So, if you find your extinguisher is outdated, grab a trash bag and practice using it. Certainly can avoid panic in a real situation! Just think of the acronym PASS.

**Pull the Pin**

**Aim at the base of the fire**

**Squeeze the trigger and**

**Sweep the chemicals over the fire.**

Best fire extinguisher for a boat? A marine Coast Guard approved A,B,C one that attacks most fires, including electrical fires. More at <https://bit.ly/3Bs5IYf>

# Book Club...

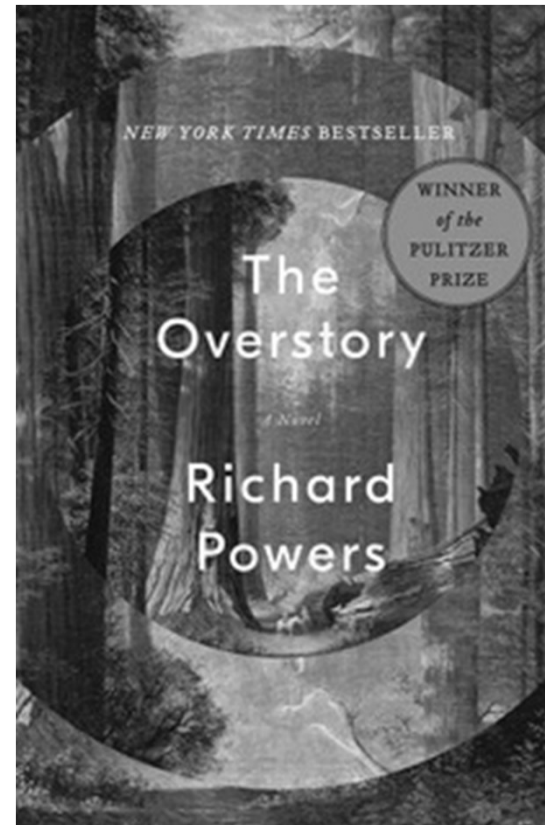
The Book Club's next meeting is Wednesday, April 13, at 7pm. Sign up on the Event section of the Boat Club website.

The book selection is "**The Overstory: A Novel,**" by *Richard Powers*.

This is a sweeping, impassioned story of activism and resistance that is also a paean to trees. From the roots to the crown and back to the seeds, the story unfolds in concentric rings of interlocking stories that range from antebellum New York to the late twentieth-century Timber Wars of the Pacific Northwest.

**Sharon Grimshaw**

*Book Club Chairperson, sgrimshaw983@gmail.com*



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

# Fishing Report...

The Spanish Mackerel and Kingfish have arrived! They can be caught trolling spoons or with live bait such as greenbacks. Anchor in 18-20 ft of water with live bait throwing out some chummers (stunned green backs) to get them started. You can use a chum bag if you want but be prepared for sharks to show up. As the wave action calms down you will find more triple tail on the crab trap buoys. Cast a small jig, live shrimp or greenback to entice a strike.

Inshore you can find snook at the docks with redfish and sheepshead. Snook will take a live greenback while reds and sheepshead will take a shrimp. Trout will be on the flats with the larger ones in shallow water and around the spoil island edges. Use a jig or ant baitfish imitation such as a mirror lure. Pick your days before or several days after the fronts and you will catch fish!

Go to the website and check out our new fishing forum. I started a discussion on equipment. Start your own or add your comments. I would like to hear what the DBC fishing enthusiast would like to see next. Go to the members section, member discussion forums, then fishing. See you there!

**Howard Metts**, *Fishing Committee Chair*  
[whmetts@yahoo.com](mailto:whmetts@yahoo.com), 727-631-4191



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Tell your tales...

# Kayaking...

## **Kayaking at Cooper's Bayou**

709 N. Bayshore Blvd, Safety Harbor  
Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 1 PM

This is a varied area for kayaking. It can be very sheltered or you can kayak out into Tampa Bay. We saw different birds and many jumping fish. There is even a well-hidden mangrove trail that we discovered by accident. (although it may be well known.)

We will meet at the park at 1 PM. Bring a snacks and drink. Cover up or bring sunscreen and bug repellent.

Call me if you have questions.

**Peggy Schott**, *Kayaking Chair*  
*peggyas@imbedded.com, 727-644-0828*



# Ship Store...

Ahoy Shipmates! Spring has Sprung, skies are blue, water is warming up and Ships Store is will be launching a variety of \*NEW\* items at the Sunset Sale.

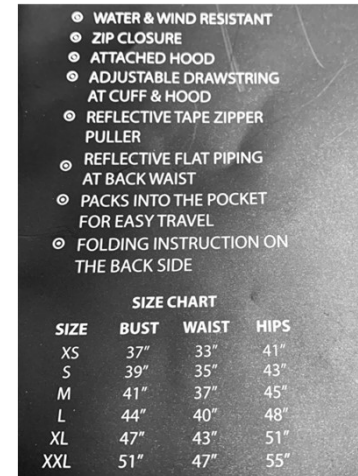
**Friday, March 25 5:30-7:30 pm**

*Members spoke and Ships Store listened:*

- Ladies Rain poncho's
- Organic Turkish Beach Towels
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- 5x7 zippered catch all pouches
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- Spring/ Summer collared UPF shirts for men
- Spring/ Summer UPF short sleeve v-neck shirts for women
- HATS!!!

Don't miss out! Supplies are limited. Hate to admit it but Covid continues to impact quantities, sizes and price.

**Claudia & Rob Walker, Ship Store Committee Chair**



# Sunshine...



Last month, Dave Kresge suffered an injury at his home and was in the hospital for treatment. He is at home recovering successfully. He and his wife Theresa would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

Maggie McLaughlin passed away peacefully on the morning of March 8th at Hospice Woodside with her husband Paul at her side. There will be a celebration of life at a later date.

On February 28th Mary Ann Fisher passed away; she lived with the David's. She had a kind heart, generous soul and a sense of humor. She will be dearly missed.



**Deb Tronvig**, *Sunshine committee chair*, [datronvig@gmail.com](mailto:datronvig@gmail.com), 727-748-3743



# Insights...



I moved to Clearwater from Cincinnati at the age of 10. Going through the local public schools, I was the first class to graduate from the present building of Clearwater High School. I served in the Coast Guard Reserves. After retiring from supervisor of receiving at JC Penney warehouse, I spent another 22 years at West Marine before retiring during the Covid 19 pandemic.

My first introduction to sailing was when a friend and I bought a double ended sailboat when I was 18. The boat had previously been a life boat that had been converted into a gaff rigged sailboat with an inboard gasoline engine. We taught ourselves how to sail. The boat's sails were so worn that we would spend an hour or two patching them up before setting out on the water. We sailed from the Seminole St. marina area, a place that at that time held the workshop of the legendary Clark Mills.

From that boat, I purchased a Columbia Challenger 23 with a flush deck which I kept at Dunedin Marina, owned about 2yrs and day sailed frequently. After selling that boat, I sailed with friends on their boats for about 20 years until I met my wife Carol. I introduced her to sailing through a friend who owned a Com-Pac 16. This boat was designed by Clark Mills who designed the pram and the Windmill. At the time, there was a very active Com-Pac Yacht Association which met at the boat club. There were probably 72 Com-Pacs at the marina at the time as the boat was made and still is being made in Clearwater. The club was very active with racing, cruising and anything to do with boats. Within 6 months of my wife's first sail, we had a Com-Pac 16 in our garage and sailing became my wife's obsession. We owned that boat for 8 years, trailering it all over the place for new adventures on the water. We then moved up to a Com-Pac 23 so we could do some coastal cruising.

Having really enjoyed the coastal cruising, we began hankering for a boat in which we could stand up. We purchased a Starwind 27, designed by Jim Taylor and produced by Wellcraft in a venture into sailboats at a time in the 80's when the power boat market was in a huge slump. We sailed that boat for 17 years, from Dunedin to Key West and everywhere in between until it eventually became part of the fleet of boats used in my wife Carol's sailing school, Smooth Sailing.

When the school opened, we purchased Island Hopper, a 34' custom built boat designed by Bruce Kelly and Charlie Hooks. We were the second owner. This boat has been raced and sailed all over the state. It is 40 years old and the Yanmar engine still purrs like a sewing machine. I have always preferred coastal cruising rather than racing which I find stressful while my wife Carol enjoys it all, so the boat gets a lot of use. She lies at the Dunedin Marina on dock A and is a great place to sit back and watch the sunset.

## March Highlight

## Howard Elwood

*Lifetime Member*

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