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DUNEDIN BOAT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Commodore Corner...

**General Membership Meeting
April 18th, 2022, 7:00**

Can words describe how wonderful it is to be out on the water on a Spring Day in Dunedin?

Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!' and that is exactly what we will do at the **DBC Spring Sunset Party** (formally known as the Dock Party) April 23rd from 6pm to 9pm. The Dunedin City Marina is discouraging open alcoholic beverages on the docks, so we are moving the socializing to the DBC Clubhouse. Come and bring a potluck item, enjoy great music, and see your DBC shipmates! You can check out the Calendar in the DBC website for more details. We will be issuing good luck temporary tattoos to Club Members at the party while they last.

We will also support the Peanut Butter and Jelly Food Drive again this year. This event runs from April 1st to May 1st. The food items donated will go to the Dunedin Food Pantry to support families who need some love at this time. Please do not drop off any food donations at the DBC Clubhouse...we want the food to go to families, not to any uninvited furry pests that may be lurking around the Clubhouse. You can drop off food items at The Dunedin Cares Pantry or text DBC Social Chair Renee Rada. For more details check out the PBJ & More 2022 Challenge Flyer in this Newsletter. Please be sure to let the Pantry know your donation is from the DBC as we want to win the "Mr. Peanut" trophy again this year!

What could be better than volunteering for a DBC Clubhouse Work Detail, attending our Spring Sunset Party and helping families in need with our food drive! If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.

Cindy Cole, Commodore

butchandcindy@outlook.com, 727 408-0603



Vice Commodore...

Thank you, Harbormaster!

Thank you to Laurie Ferguson, Harbormaster of the Dunedin Municipal Marina. Laurie was the guest speaker at our March General Membership Meeting and updated everyone on happenings in and around the Dunedin Marina as well as the derelict boat cleanup efforts underway on the ICW. It was an informative session with lots of Q&A.

Upcoming Guest Speakers:

- April: Our guest speaker for the April meeting will be the Dunedin US Coast Guard Auxiliary. They will present a short educational vignette on Boating Safety. There are always great boating safety takeaways from the USCGA educational sessions.
- May: Our guest speaker for the May meeting will be DBC Member Fawn Germer. Fawn will provide a short presentation on “Kayaking Around Florida”. Come and learn about other beautiful areas to explore on the water.

Any suggestions for additional guest speakers for later in the year are welcomed!

Bill Goocher, *Vice Commodore*

Rear Commodore

Hello Dunedin Boat Club Members. Just two quick things for this month.

First, As a reminder, we will be holding our third *"Good for the Club - Clean Up"* on Saturday, April 16th, beginning at 9:30 am. The goal is to clean the outside of the building, rake up around the tree and shrubs, washing the club's windows inside and out, and clean around the grilling area. I will bring a pressure washer and some cleaning supplies. I have 4 volunteers and could use 2 more. If you can help, please email me at rearcommodore@dunedinboatclub.org.

Second, I have had to take the primary grill out of service due to a propane leak that was found. I am in touch with the grill manufacturer and a local company about what can be done to get it repaired and back in service for you all. As soon as everything is fixed and ready to be fired up, I will send out an email to everyone letting you know. Thank you for your understanding.

Doug Moat - Rear Commodore



Kayaking...

Let's go kayaking in the Caladesi mangrove tunnel.

Friday, April 15 at 10AM

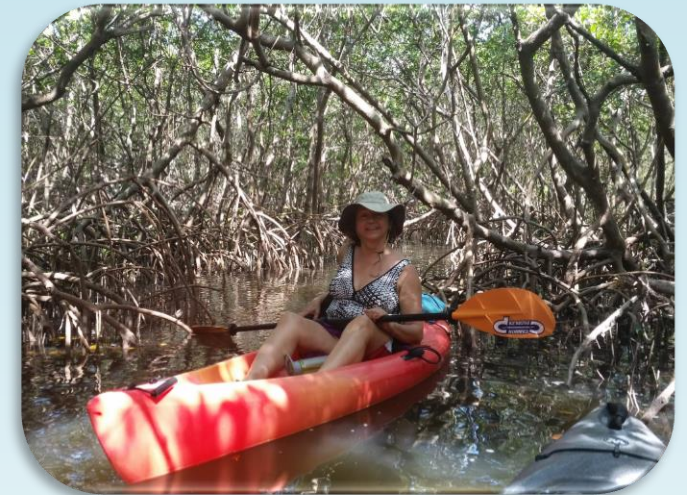
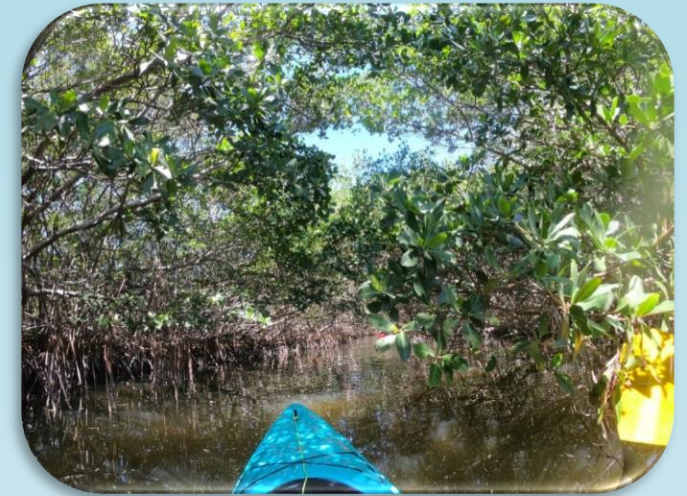
We will meet at the Dunedin Causeway near the kayak rental. The time is important because we need to be at high tide in the tunnel. It is a long trip, so be prepared, but it's beautiful. Bring water, a flashlight and snacks. Make a reservation. The limit is 10. If you have to cancel, please call me so others can come and so we don't wait for you in vain.

If you have questions or comments, give me a call at 727-515-1664

June Connell, *Trip Leader*

May Kayak Trip: Weds, May 13 at 9 AM. At N. Safford Park 508 Live Oak Street, Tarpon Springs.

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



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PBJ & More! 2022 CHALLENGE



APRIL 1
- MAY 1

TO BENEFIT DUNEDIN CARES FOOD PANTRY

Why? We are 100% dependent on incoming donations all year!

Summer vacation increases the financial hardship on families who need to provide a breakfast and lunch for their children. You aren't just giving food, you are providing "Lunches with Love"!

More than just PB&J for 2022!

What's different for 2022?

Summer also represents the slowest donation months at the pantry and our guests visits are up 200% from last year!

This means ALL food donations are needed,
* PB&J is just the beginning *



Food Drop Off: M-Th & Sat 10am - 12pm

\$1 = 1 lbs! Monetary donations can be made on our website - include team name!

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- ★ Any Non-Perishable Lunch Items ★
- PLUS**
- Snack Items
- Pancake Mix / Syrup
- Sugar
- Cooking Oil
- Canned Pasta Sauce
- Condiments
- Paper Towels
- Canned Fruit & Fruit Cups

*No bulk containers, please!
Easy-open packaging / plastic containers always appreciated!

Go to DunedinCares.org
for full wish list

What's Happening at the DBC...

The Dunedin Boat Club is proud to host the Dunedin Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours networking event on Wednesday April 20th, 5PM to 7PM.

Business After Hours is a monthly event conducted to provide networking opportunities for the Business Community and Dunedin Chamber of Commerce. It is a great way to get updates from the Chamber and for Dunedin Business Leaders to learn about what is happening with the City and other things that impact the economics of our town.

The Dunedin Boat Club is a proud member of the Chamber of Commerce and we are very proud of our support for local business. If you are interested in learning more about Dunedin Business and the Chamber of Commerce please come and join us.





SPRING SUNSET PARTY

(formerly known as the Dock Party)

Music by Treble Hook

Bring an Item For Pot Luck

Free Good Luck Temporary Tattoos

Saturday April 23rd

6pm to 9pm

**At the DBC Clubhouse
Cannon at Sunset**

Social Committee...

COME ONE COME ALL TO OUR SPRING SUNSET (DOCK) PARTY, APRIL 23rd 4pm

If you are a HOST with a boat at the Marina, let me know! 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 !!!

- 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

Kentucky Derby, May 7th, 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
- Own chairs
- Bring a dish to share
- Special drink (possibly a Mint Julep)

We are still looking for HOSTS for the Following events:

7/16/22 Pig Roast
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



Membership Committee...

Please welcome our newest Dunedin Boat Club Members:

Dave and Brenda Beck: Dave and Brenda are from the northern Virginia area and have recently made Dunedin their home. They have cruised on the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay in their 30 ft Regal Cruiser and look forward to being on the water in the Gulf of Mexico.

Eric and Ruth Graves: Eric and Ruth live in Dunedin and have been boating for their entire lives. They like to kayak and are interested in kayaking and boating the beautiful waters of our area.

Daniel and MJ Whalen: Daniel and MJ live in Dunedin and have over 30 years' experience in power boats up to 40 ft and have sailed boats up to 50 ft. They are interested in cruising and youth sailing.



Dave and Brenda Beck



Eric and Ruth Graves



Daniel and MJ Whalen

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

Historian Committee...

After a long path, big news is coming very soon. The Dunedin Boat Club House's Historical Designation will be voted on this month. Our Address is now 49 Marina Plaza as historically has been and historic paperwork for our designation is coming along. So, then the City Council reviews it twice at their meeting and then we are in the books as a Historical Site for the City!



Terry Hopkins, *Historian*

Race Committee...

DBC Winter Regatta: We completed the Winter Regatta with the March 19th race in the gulf. The results were posted to the DBC Race Website and the DBC Race Committee held an Awards Ceremony on Friday April 1st hosted by Carol and Harold Elwood. Awards, pictures and recognition to all that make these races was noted. Pictures of the event were posted to the DBC Facebook site the following day. Awards were handed to: Spinnaker Tie: 1st Place – You Know Who – Paul Guidi, 1st Place – Mar Y Sol – Dave Kelly, Cruiser: 1st Place – 18 Degrees North – Steve Baumann, 2nd Place – Island Hopper – Carol Elwood, 3rd Place – Chances R – Tim Roberts and 4th Place - L Esperance – Robert Lesperance.

The Next Regatta is the Bay Summer Series starting July 8th in St. Joseph Sound.

Thank you to our DBC Advisory Committee, our RC Crew, our competitors, there Crew, our DBC Members and our CYC Teammates for a nice Race Committee celebration and recognition of our Winter Regatta Results. Carol and Howard hosted a wonderful evening at the Clubhouse where we congratulated winners from the Regatta. The story telling is always the best part.

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



Boat Buddies...

Go Boating with Your Friends - Make Some New Ones!

Knowing that you have an excursion with others will get you on the water more often. Ask a club member to join you and they, in turn, will show appreciation by bringing beverages, appetizers, paying for gas, offering to uncover the boat and clean up after.

There's a new opportunity to connect with boat club members by linking owners with those who would like to be passengers. Volunteer boat owners and passengers would email the information requested below to who will compile a spreadsheet and post it on the website under FORUM. When a captain plans an outing, he or she could look at the list to check who might be available to join and then phone or text. Boat owners can be included in both categories because it could be someone wanting to learn to sail, or someone wanting a fishing buddy, or a kayaker who can't make it the day Peggy has planned.

If You Plan It, They Will Come...

Boat Owners Name(s) email text phone boat type

Passenger(s) email text phone availability and interests

Lynn Olson, LYNN.OLSON8@GMAIL.COM



Shared Joy is Double Joy...
Swedish Proverb

Book Club...

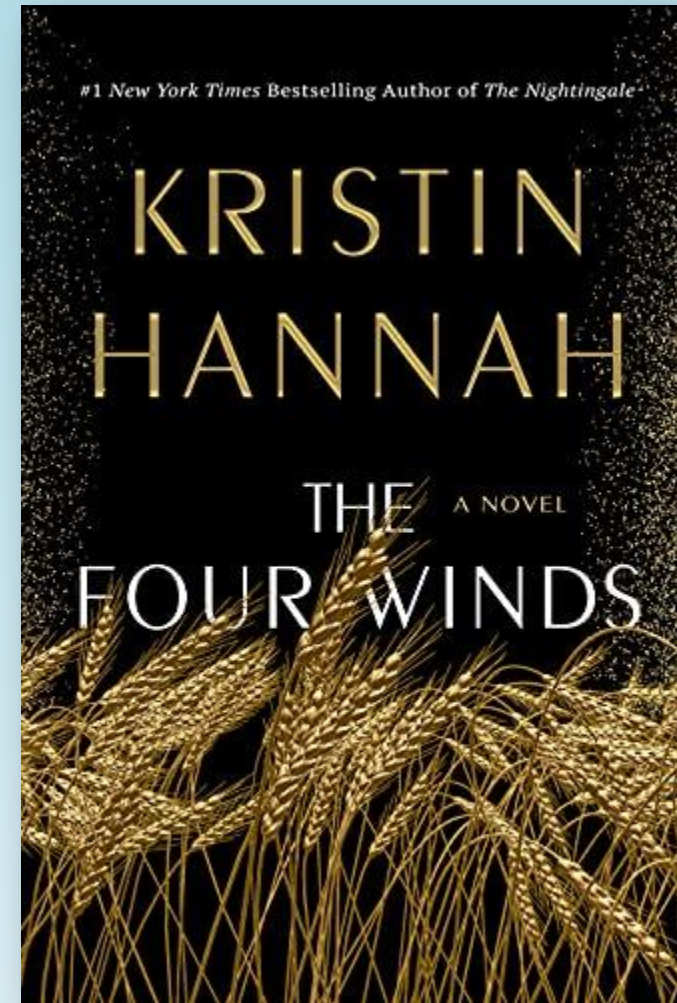
The Book Club's next meeting is Wed., May 11, at 7pm. Sign up on the Event section of the Boat Club website.

The book selection is "**The Four Winds: A Novel**," *by Kristin Hannah.*

This is a story about love, heroism and hope, set in Texas and California during the Great Depression, a time when the country was in crisis and at war with itself, when millions were out of work and even the land seemed to have turned against them.

Sharon Grimshaw

Book Club Chairperson, sgrimshaw983@gmail.com



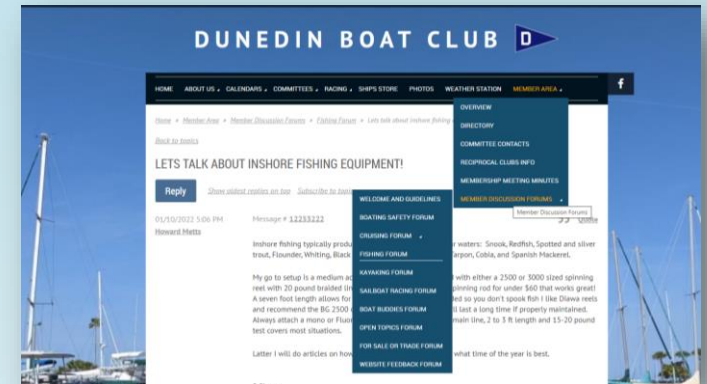
For more reading inspiration checkout our book list:
<https://dunedinboatclub.org/bookclub>

Fishing Report...

Pompano, one of the tastiest fish that swims in our area, are now available in our inlets! To find these great tasting hard fighting fish, cast from the jetty or beach on a moving tide using a banana jig and teaser. You can also use a boat and drift the passes to catch these fish. Brand names for the jigs are Silly Willy and Docs Goofy Jigs, remember to add the teaser hook with bucktail. Tie them on a 20 pound leader using a loop knot to provide better action. Cast out and after the jig hits the bottom, give it a steady sharp jerk and slow retrieve. Pompano are looking for small sand fleas (mole crabs), shrimp, or anything else that the current pulls out of the sand. Pompano must be 11 inches at the fork to keep, with a bag limit of 6 fish. You can also catch them off the beach using sand fleas or shrimp if you prefer to use bait. Pompano are schooling fish so if you catch one more are there. Moving tide either incoming or outgoing is a must, they will not feed on a slack tide. Get out there and fish! I would like to hear what the DBC fishing enthusiast would like to see next. Give me a call 727-631-4191.

Go to the website and check out our new fishing forum. Start your own or add your comments. Go to the members section, member discussion forums, then fishing. See you there!

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



**WE HAVE A
FISHING FORUM!
Tell your tales...**

Ship Store...

NEXT SUNSET SALE
April 22nd

Ahoy Shipmates!

I have very much enjoyed my time as the Committee Chair for Ships Store and greatly appreciate the member support. I have formally announced that this will be my 2nd and final year as Ships Store Committee Chair. I would greatly encourage any and all members to consider this opportunity.

What I enjoyed most about the Ships Store? Meeting all the members who have come to the Sunset Sales! I loved the freedom to create the “Pop-Up” Sunset Sales and be the first Committee to start events back up after the shut down. I’ve streamlined current inventory to reflect what members asked for and feel that the new incoming Chair can just run with it from here. Sky is the limit.

Ideally would like to have a member in the seat no later than August to start transitioning books over. Questions about the operations? Feel free to reach out to me at 619.370.6185.

Huge “Thank you to all the members who shopped at our March Sunset Sale!!! Members loved hanging out in the Ships Store Lounge and we ran out of the March Libation “Sex with the Captain” within an hour!

Next “Pop-Up” opening is set **for April 22nd**.

What nautical inspired libation can I come up with for April you ask????

.....can you imagine taking out the sailboat or yacht without a “Little Dingy”??? No! What would the April Sunset Sale be without a “Little Dingy”??? You will just have to join us 4/22 to sample a “Little Dingy”.

Claudia & Rob Walker, *Ship Store Committee Chair*

Insights...



April Highlight Bill Goocher 2015

I grew up on a small farm in the extreme southwest corner of Georgia, near Lake Seminole. On our farm, we raised cattle, peanuts, corn, cotton, and a variety of other animals and crops over the years. To locate Lake Seminole on a map, follow the Apalachicola River north to the Georgia/Florida state line. At the state line is the Jim Woodruff Lock and Dam. On the other side of the dam is Lake Seminole. The dam forms Lake Seminole by backing up the Chattahoochee River flowing from the North and the Flint River flowing from the Northeast.

My love of boating started at an early age. I was fortunate that my Dad enjoyed boating, especially fishing. We had a small plywood fishing boat (similar to the one in the picture, but hunter green in color) with a whopping 7 HP Evinrude engine. To go in reverse, you manually turned the engine around backward. When we had free time from our chores on the farm, my Dad would take my brother and me fishing on Lake Seminole. Fishing with my Dad and brother on Lake Seminole, and later with my buddies in high school, will forever be fond memories from my childhood.



When I was about 10 years old, Dad purchased a used Chris Craft ski boat (again, similar to the one in the picture and was painted white). The Chris Craft had a 35 HP Evinrude engine. It doesn't sound like a very big engine by today's standards, but a 35 HP outboard engine in those days was about the size of a washing machine and would pull up 2 skiers at once! Needless to say, we were either fishing or skiing on Lake Seminole whenever we could get away from farm work.

After high school, I moved to Atlanta, attended Georgia State University, and started a career in a relatively new field called computer software. Over the next 40 years or so I worked in the Enterprise Software industry in a wide variety of marketing, sales, and executive leadership positions and traveled extensively with work. One job promotion required a move from Atlanta to Hermosa Beach, California (LA area). While in Southern California I was missing boating and being on the water. To get back on the water I did two things:

1. I completed a program with the American Cetacean Society (ACS) and became a volunteer docent on the whale watch boats in the LA area. It was a blast to be on the water, educating people about whales, dolphins, and the local waters. What was even more rewarding was to see the kids' (and adult) faces on the boats when they saw their first whale. If you are interested in learning more about whales, buy me a beer at the next DBC event and I will fill your ear. Whales are incredible animals!!

2. I took up a sport I had wanted to try for many years, SCUBA diving. In addition to many warm water dive vacations, I also dove year-round in the chilly waters off Southern CA, where water temps average 58-60 degrees year-round. My favorite SCUBA vacation ever was a 10-day liveaboard trip to Cocos Island. Cocos is a 36 hour steam into the Pacific off the coast of Costa Rica. The diving was incredible with literally 100's of hammerhead and white tip sharks on every dive, not to mention the other big animals. The attached pics are a few I took on that trip.



In 2002, after living in the LA area for 14 years and going through a divorce, I decided to move back East and choose Tampa. After being in Tampa for ~1 year, I met a beautiful Greek gal on Match.com. Her name was Cathy Konstantatos. During the following year, we bought our first home in Dunedin and got married in Clearwater Beach. 2022 will be our 17th wedding anniversary.

While I continued to enjoy dive trips to South Florida, the Keys, and dive vacations in the Caribbean, I longed to be on the water on my own boat. For our first Florida boat, Cathy and I purchased a Rinker 23' bowrider. It was a great boat and we enjoyed it for ~10 years exploring the local waters as well as trailering it to the Keys on a few occasions.

In 2015 we were fortunate to join the Dunedin Boat. We immediately fell in love with the comradery, activities, and people. Since joining DBC, I served as Membership Chair for 3 years, Board Member for 3 Years, and currently serve as Vice Commodore. In addition to many volunteer activities, Cathy has been in the Book Club since we joined the club (hosting on several occasions) and served as the DBC Secretary in 2020. Needless to say, we thoroughly enjoy the Dunedin Boat Club and the great friends we have made over the past few years.



After joining DBC, we met several members who were into Cruising. After becoming involved with the Cruiser group, we decided to purchase a 34' Cruisers Yacht. We kept that boat for just over 2 years, did a few cruises, and spent several weekends at Caladesi.

Ultimately, we decided we liked the flexibility of a smaller boat to enjoy the local waters, diving, and fishing. As a result, we sold the cruiser and are currently looking for a center console in the 27' range.

I will wrap this article with a brief message to the newer members and some of the other members who are not as active in the club. Cathy and I found that the more involved we became in DBC activities and volunteer opportunities, the more we fell in love with the club. I hope you will become actively involved in the events, volunteer every chance you get, and have the same great Dunedin Boat Club experience!!

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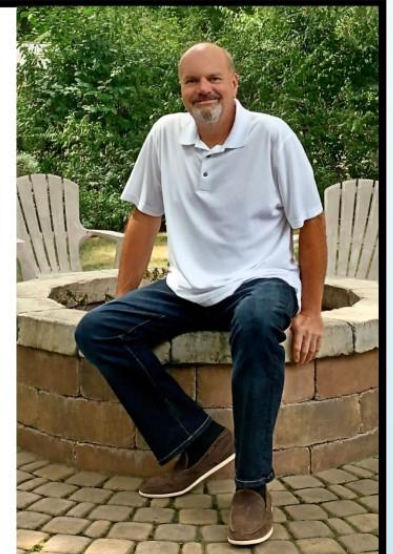
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