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Commodore Corner...

**General Membership Meeting
June 20th, 2022, 7:00**

Hello shipmates, in June, I would like to focus on the importance of volunteerism and what it means to the DBC. Volunteers are the lifeblood and backbone of the Dunedin Boat Club and we simply could not succeed without them.

Why do people volunteer? Humans are hardwired to give to others. The more we give the happier we feel. Volunteering is a terrific way to meet new friends as well as strengthening existing friendships. Self-satisfaction, comfort, happiness, and joy are all inner feelings that motivate people to be helpful to one another.

Our involvement with civic events like the current blood drive and the Dunedin Cares Food Pantry are two great examples of DBC Members jumping in and leading the way.

When we announce DBC social events and parties...more Members are putting their names on the Volunteer List. This is a very healthy sign for our Club.

I want to encourage all Members to think about what type of volunteerism appeals to them...you may want to volunteer to take on low key duties like helping out the crew that is sprucing up the Clubhouse or you may want to take on a more higher profile job like being a volunteer bartender or food line server. The possibilities are endless and matching your interests to the task guarantees you will receive a lot of satisfaction by helping the DBC.

We have created a new position at the DBC called the Volunteer Coordinator and Stacy Muellers is the Chair of the committee that organizes all volunteers. If you would like to talk more about how you can get involved... please reach out to Stacy Muellers or any DBC Bridge and Board Member.

Dunedin Boat Club family of friends.

Cindy Cole, *Commodore*, butchandcindy@outlook.com, 727 408-0603

Vice Commodore...

Upcoming Guest Speakers:

June: Cherisse Pondja will be our guest speaker at the upcoming June General Membership Meeting. Cherisse will be presenting a brief history of the Dunedin Boat Club Clubhouse and surrounding property.

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

Bill Goocher, *Vice Commodore*



Kayaking...

June Kayak Trip - Friday, June 17th at 10AM

Lowry Park Boat Ramp, 1204 W Flora St., Tampa, FL 33604

Parking: There is ample parking. Please don't use the trailer parking spots unless you have one.

Launch: There is a kayak and boat launch ramp, restrooms and the normal park facilities.

Bring: Snacks, drinks, cover up, sunscreen, and bug repellent.

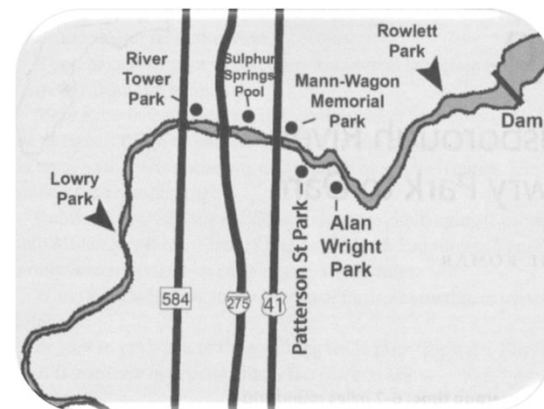
Trip Hosts: Anette & Frank Paul

ADDITIONAL INFO:

We will pass by several other parks on our way to the dam. The round trip is 6-7 miles, and the current is normally very slow due to the dam.

Please sign up so we don't leave anyone behind. If you must cancel, call and tell us so we do not have to wait in vain. Any questions, please call Anette Paul at 513-293-0093.

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



THE CAPTAIN'S LAUNDRY RACE!!



JUNE 18TH 12 NOON

KAYAKS, PADDLEBOARDS AND ANYTHING YOU CAN PADDLE!!!

**IF YOU DON'T WANT TO JOIN IN THE BAWDY FUN,
COME AND WATCH FROM THE SHORELINE.**

Decorate your boat, dress up yourself and your crew in pirate fashion, grab you squirt guns and water cannons and come and join the fun. The tide is about 3' above MLW at 3:30pm. Go around a designated course all the while keeping an eye out for the Captain's Laundry which is "adrift".

Whoever manages to gather the most laundry and finish the course first is the winner and as an honor will have their picture in the toilet seat frame on the clubhouse wall. There will be awards for best decorated vessel, pirates and whatever else award we can create.

A course will be set up to start right off the floating dock for kayaks, paddle boards, dinghies that are paddled etc. **NO MOTORS.** Come out early with your water guns, cannons etc and blast your competitors. Once everyone is sopping wet, the search for the Captain's laundry will begin.

REGISTER AND SIGN WAIVER ONLINE

Carol Elwood, *Captain's Laundry Race Organizer*



Membership Committee...

Please give a warm welcome our newest members of Dunedin Boat Club who were approved for membership at the June 2022 Board Meeting:

Mitch Dunasky and Donna Shelley are boat owners with a 17'7" Scout. They dock their boat at Speckled Trout Marina in Tarpon Springs and enjoy boating on St. Joseph Sound. *Their membership is sponsored by Rick Lawrence.*

Brian and Jeri Elliston have been boat owners for most of their lives until they moved to Dunedin in October 2021. They are looking forward to getting back on the water and no place better than here. *They are sponsored by Irene and George Brandenberger.*

Rachael Page, Membership Committee Chairperson



Mitch Dunasky and Donna Shelley (not shown)



Brian and Jeri Elliston



Race Committee...



- Captains Laundry Race – Carol Elwood June 18th
- Bay Summer Series – Dan Johnson July 8th, July 22nd, Aug. 5th, Aug 19th
- Fall Regatta – David Kresge September 10th, Oct. 22nd, Nov. 19th
- Dunedin Cup – David Kresge September 24th

Save the date for volunteers for the Olympic Trial – US Open Sailing Series – Clearwater. The dates are set for next year’s 2023 US Open (#3 of 8) here in Clearwater and we will need a large team of volunteers as we hope to have up to 200 boats competing for ILCAs, IQ Foils, Formulas Kites, 49rs and Nacras. Put it on your calendars so you stay in town as we will need the entire “Village”. The dates are January 31st, 2023 (Tuesday set-up) through February 5th (Sunday finals/awards). If you want to be on the Land Side Volunteer Team or know of someone who wants to join the 25 of us that did it this past year, have them send David Kresge their email and phone number to get on the list. dckoffsu@gmail.com. Dunedin Boat Club comes out in force, but other organizations are welcome so help us spread the word.



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

Book Club...

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

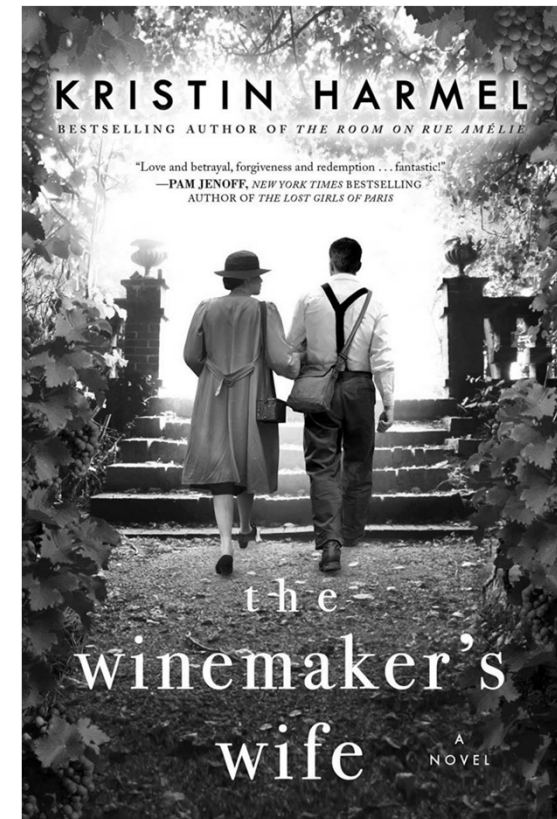
The book selection is "**The Winemaker's Wife: A Novel**," by *Kristen Harmel*.

This moving story begins in Champagne in 1940. Inès has just married Michel, the owner of storied champagne house, Maison Chauveau, when the Germans invade. As the danger mounts, Michel turns his back on his marriage to begin hiding munitions for the Resistance. Inès fears they'll be exposed. But for Céline, the half-Jewish wife of Chauveau's chef de cave, the risk is even greater as rumors abound of Jews being shipped east to an unspeakable fate.

In New York in 2019, Liv Kent has just lost everything when her eccentric French grandmother shows up unannounced, insisting on a trip to France. She has an ulterior motive and a tragic, decades-old story to share. When past and present finally collide, Liv finds herself on a road to salvation that leads right to the caves of the Maison Chauveau.

Sharon Grimshaw

Book Club Chairperson, sgrimshaw983@gmail.com



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

Fishing Report...

Blue crabs are available now and the easiest way to catch them is at night during low tide on the grass flats. All you need is a bright headlamp (I like Princeton Tec), a crab net, and a five gallon bucket. Walk the shallow flats in waist to ankle deep water and scoop them up with your net. Backfin crab meat is \$31 a pound and a few hours at night produces at least a dozen crabs.

Scallop season in Pasco County begins on Friday July and ends on Sunday July 24th. To catch them you will need snorkel gear and a mesh bag to collect them in. The limit is 2 gallons per person or 10 gallons per boat in the shell. It is a 20-30 minute boat ride from Homeport Marina where we keep our boat to the scallop areas north of the Anclote River. The water is very clear which is what the scallops like and the underwater views are great. I have spotted several sea turtles and lots of fish while scalloping and the waters depth ranges from 3 to 6 feet. Make sure you fly a legal dive flag (20 x 24 inches) from the highest point of your boat. Should be a great season barring any red tide this year. If you would like to meet up on opening day, please give me a call. Watch our Epic Adventures video on Scalloping... <https://youtu.be/T7dJTRN2TPw>

Towards the end of October our club will work with the Rotary club to do a benefit flats fishing tournament. We will need volunteers to help, so please let me know if you would like to help. Stay tuned for more info about this.

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



Ship Store...

Ahoy!

Do you want to meet more people? Do you like to throw a party? Do you like shopping?

You should consider becoming the Committee Chair for the Ships Store! Lots of fun and flexibility to promote swag items for the Boat Club! Last scheduled sale is December and then the Ships Store will sale into the Sunset....

Call Claudia for info about taking over at 619.370.6185.

Ships store will open June 24th for the Sunset Sale. We will be on a 2 month hiatus... next shopping opportunity will be in September. Be sure to get your club swag or redeem your “welcome gift” certificate this month!!! I won't be available until September.

Claudia & Rob Walker, *Ship Store Committee Chair*

NEXT SUNSET SALE
Friday, June 24th



Insights...



June Highlight

Carol Elwood

Life Member

1990

I was born in Cleveland and lived in the Pittsburg and Chicago areas before moving to Florida with my three sons in 1979. Critical care nursing was my profession for nearly 50 years. I now volunteer for Hospice, giving respite care.

A year and a half after putting my feet in the sand, I met Howard, my husband of 40 years who gave me the biggest gift I have ever received by introducing me to sailing. "With the sun on my face and wind in my hair, I glide through the water, powered by nothing but air!" I had been athletic my entire life, and always attracted to water. During middle school, I was on the swim team and did synchronized swimming, picturing my eleven-year-old self with the grace of Esther Williams. Sailing had always held an interest for me and living near Lake Michigan one would think I would have experimented with it there. I simply did not know how to go about it and having 3 boys in 5 years changed my priorities.

When I first started working at Morton Plant in February, one of my coworkers in ICU had a catamaran. I was trying to figure out how to ask for a sail. A few weekends later his catamaran capsized in the Gulf in one of our 42-degree cold fronts. It took a while to rescue him, and he ended up in his own ICU with severe hypothermia. So, scratch that idea.

Then I met Howard who had friends with sailboats. One of them owned a 16' Com-Pac and we went out sailing in it. He was telling us about the Com-Pac Yacht Association which met at the Dunedin clubhouse and had races, day sails, island picnics and anything to do with water. Every member had a Com-Pac of some size: 16, 19, or 23'. There were other young families with kids. They had educational speakers every month. Within 6 months we had a 16' Com-Pac in our garage and joined the club.



The boat was perfect as it was so solid that the kids could take the helm with no worry of capsizing. If we didn't use it for 2 months due to Scouts and soccer activities, it was tucked into the garage with no added expense. Many weekends our sons would race against us in another member's boat. As they got older, we would set them on Com-Pac Island with a cooler and let them explore while we raced, picking them up afterwards to join us for the potluck dinner to come. I have always loved spending the night on the boat.



When we moved up to a 23' Com-Pac, we began to do more of that and cruising the coastline. As the boys turned into teens, they were reluctant to give up their weekend time with their friends to go sailing with us. We solved that by inviting as many friends as we could squeeze into the boat. Picking up a pizza around 10pm, we'd go down to the boat, go out in the bay and anchor off for the night. Board games were pulled out and we would play games until 1 or 2am. As everyone knows, teens sleep late. This gave Howard and I time to quietly pull up anchor and get a full morning of sailing in before they even stirred.

During the time with the Com-Pac, I bought a Sunfish and sailed with Windlasses for what amounted to 25 years. We bought a 27' Starwind which we raced and cruised up and down the west coast, followed by our present boat Island Hopper, a Hooks Custom 34'. There is not one aspect of sailing that I do not enjoy.

Through the years sailing has been the balance I needed to counter my nursing careers stress. Anchoring out and watching the world go by, cruising with buddy boats, day sailing or racing all restore my soul. There is nothing like the teamwork during a race to get your adrenaline running and your friendships growing. I even enjoy the messy projects and boat maintenance. I have worked on the boat side by side with Howard so that we both know its quirks, how to change alternators, starters, impellers etc.

So, to anyone who is thinking of taking the step into sailing, what are you waiting for? When life's got you down and things seem kind of grey... get in a boat and sail away!!!

Editor's Note: Carol ran a sailing school for many years on the Dunedin Causeway. She shared some of her experiences last year as a speaker at a DBC meeting.





This year, Dunedin Boat Club has partnered with Random Acts of Flowers providing beautiful flower arrangements to some of our members.

Please keep these DBC members in your prayers for speedy recoveries.

Robin Story had hip surgery and is successfully recovering at home.

Sheryl Barnes had shoulder surgery again.... and is successfully recovering at home. She is looking forward to seeing everyone as soon as she can drive.

Yours truly, **Jeanine Metts** has had 2 breast surgeries removing a large cancerous tumor, margins & lymph nodes. (nodes are free of cancer, yeah!). I thank Deb & the DBC for the beautiful flowers that she delivered today. (On the right) It means so much to know DBC member's care. I am awaiting the upcoming plans for future treatments.



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

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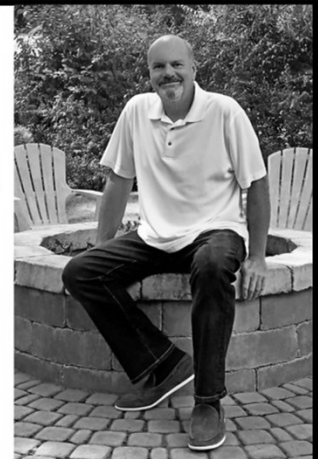
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