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DUNEDIN BOAT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Commodore Corner...

**General Membership Meeting
August 15th, 2022, 7:00
VFW Post, 360 Douglas Ave**



Hello, shipmates!

What a fun year we have had so far with the fabulous Dunedin Boat Club events: The Spaghetti Dinner, Mardi Gras, The Sock Hop, The Kentucky Derby, The Summer Sunset Party, The Pig Roast, and our next event at the DBC will be the Regatta Dinner for the Dunedin Cup in September.

The wonderful DBC volunteers enable the Club to put on these great events... we simply could not do them without our volunteers.

I want to tell you about two very special volunteers that always step up and do their thing for the Club behind the scenes. We are so lucky to have Rob and Luanne Haver as DBC Member volunteers. Although they are busy with their very successful wine business on Mainstreet in Dunedin, they take the time to deliver beer, wine, and ice to the DBC Clubhouse for our events. This is a big job and they have been doing this for many years. The next time you are having fun at a DBC event, take a moment to think about Rob and Luanne and all the other folks who put in the effort to make the DBC such a special place.

DBC Family of Friends,

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

**DBC CLEARWATER BEACH RALLY
FUN-N-SUN SATURDAY
DINNER AT THE PALM PAVILION
AUGUST 20TH 4PM**

Meet your DBC shipmates at the Palm Pavilion
for cocktails and dinner.

Drive over, boat over or take the Clearwater
Water Ferry to North Beach

Meet at the Pavilion at 4pm for cocktails

Dinner at 5pm

Purchase Clearwater Water Ferry
tickets online

Please register on DBC Website so
Renee can arrange reservations

Hula on over!

THE DUNEDIN BOAT CLUB PRESENTS
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Pig Roast...



Kayaking...



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Carol Elwood, *Kayaking Event Chair*



COME OUT AND PLAY IN THE BAY!!!

Summer is halfway over. We still have 2 more races left in the Bay Series. That's the time to bring your boat out for a fun evening of racing in the bay. The races are planned around the tide, giving about 7-8ft of water under our hull (most of the time, lol). The courses are short with frequent maneuvering. For those who also do the Gulf races, this is the perfect time to try out and train new crew members so you will be ready for the challenge of the Dunedin Cup.

The races are open to a Sunfish fleet and a fleet of keel boats with current PHRF ratings.

Next race is August 19th. Warning starts at 6:40pm. Sign up at Yacht Scoring. Brews and bites post race.

Those who don't race may want to come down and watch from the porch as all can be seen from there.



That would be me raising the class flag.



July 22nd, Keel boats



July 22nd, Sunfish prepping for the starting line.

Race Committee...



Bay Summer Series – July 22th was held this past Friday with two classes of competing classes; Sunfish and Cruisers. While all the boats started the race had to be abandoned due to weather; wind, lightning and rain. The next races are set for **Aug. 5th**, Aug 19th. Dan Johnson will be the Race Officer for Friday's race.

Fall Regatta – Sept. 10th, Oct. 22, Nov. 19th. The NOR for this Regatta will be made available at the Yacht Scoring website <https://www.yachtscoring.com/> the weekend of August 6th, 30 days prior to the first race. We ask the Board and Bridge to thank the Harold Shoemaker who will be using their new boat as the Signal for the first two race dates.

Dunedin Cup – Sept 24th; Documents are being prepared. The PRO will be George Pennington of SPYC and the Signal Vessel will be Craig Polito's Vessel: *Gone with the Flo* powerboat. Please thank Rob Cozen and the Freedom Boat Club for volunteering two of their center counsel boats as mark boats for our Race Committee support Boats. We will need crew for the support boats. Please contact David Kresge dckoffsu@gmail.com, 813.833.2285 cell to volunteer. There will be a Skippers Meeting followed by a dinner Social on Friday evening for crew, competitors and DBC Club members.

US Open Sailing Series – Clearwater – February 1-5, 2023 Dunedin Boat Club will be taking a significant role in the US Open Sailing Series again in 2023. We are looking for volunteers to help with support of the land-based activities to include the competitor and their boat in/out of water activity. Get your name on the mailing list by sending your name, cell and email address to David Kresge as noted below.

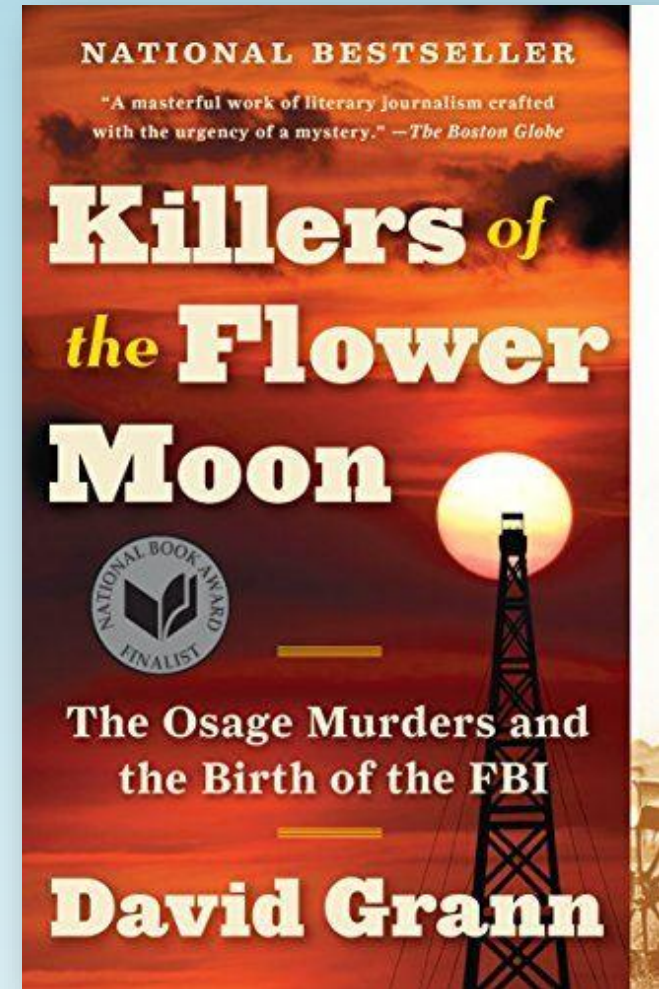
David Kresge, Race Committee Chair, dckoffsu@gmail.com, 813.833.2285

Book Club...

The Book Club's next meeting is Wed., Sept 14, at 7pm. Sign up on the Event section of the Boat Club website.

The book selection is "**Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI**," by *David Grann*.

In the 1920s, after oil was discovered beneath their land, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. As more and more Osage were dying under mysterious circumstances, and many of those who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered, the newly created FBI took up the case. An FBI agent who was a former Texas Ranger began to unravel the mystery and exposed one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.



Sharon Grimshaw

Book Club Chairperson, sgrimshaw983@gmail.com

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

St. Joseph Sound Flats Classic...

Dunedin Boat Club *and* Rotary Club of Dunedin
2022 St. Joseph Sound Flats Classic

Thursday, October 27, 2022 from 6 pm, 10 pm – Dinner/Auction
Friday, October 28, 2022 from 8 am, 2 pm – Tournament

On Thursday evening, October 27th the Inaugural Dinner for tournament sponsors and guests will be held at The Dunedin Golf Club, 1050 Palm Blvd, Dunedin, Florida 34698. Friday morning, October 28th the Fishing Tournament will be a fun morning of fishing to be held at The Dunedin Boat Club, as professional guides take Anglers on an exciting fishing “catch and release” expedition.

The Inaugural Fish Tournament will help provide support for the not-for-profits. Poverty levels have reached an alarming high. Not-for-profits are stressed to provide the bare necessities for people. The funds will be able to help these not-for-profits the ability to host programs and services.

It takes a village... DBC volunteers, we need auction items donated. Ask your hairdresser, favorite restaurant, any local businesses to donate an auction item for our Silent auction. The committee will be making baskets combining gifts to auction off. See the flyers on the bulletin board at DBC or contact Cindy, Linda Christle, Stacey Miller, Rene or myself to email you forms for auction items. Sponsorships are also needed. If you have any contacts to a corporation or business who would donate \$500-\$7500 to Sponsor the event. They will get professional guides, fishing gear, shirts, dinner and more. See the bulletin board at the clubhouse for details.

Jeanine Metts, *Silent Auction Committee Volunteer*

Jeanine@mettsgroup.com 727-418-5224



Fishing Report...

Pasco County scalloping was great this year! I was out six different days and all on board our boat returned with a limit of scallops each day. Last day of the Pasco season I had my limit by 10am.

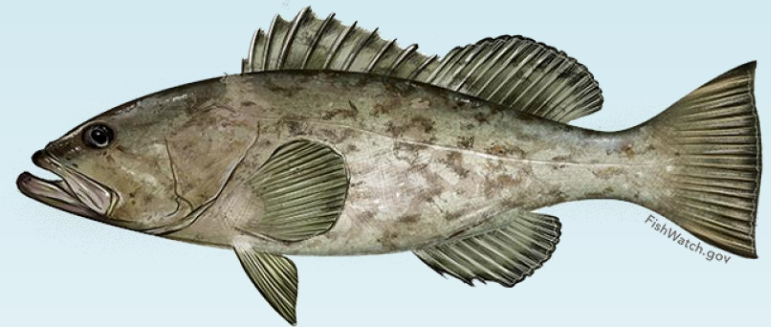
Now we are catching blue crabs at night during a low tide walking the grass beds. A buddy who I introduced to crabbing this year caught 19 in an hour. All you need are water shoes, five gallon bucket, headlamp, and a crab net. This year has been a great one for blue crabs!

Redfish can be catch on the oyster bars and along the mangroves using cut bait such as pinfish, mullet, or ladyfish for bait. Put a large chunk on a 4/0 circle hook and get ready for the pull. One redfish 18-27 inches can be kept, however I would not keep one under 20 inches.

Again, be advised that new boating regulations took effect on July 1st stating all motorboats under 26 ft must have a kill/engine cut off switch with lanyard attached to the driver when the boat is under way. The purpose is to ensure that the boat engine will shut down if the driver is thrown from the boat.

Keep an eye out for thunderstorms and be safe out there!

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



Ship Store...

**NEXT SUNSET SALE
Prior to Septembers
Meeting, 5:30pm**

Ahoy Ship Mates!

Rob and I have enjoyed the last 2 years being the Proprietors of the Ships Store, however, our time is quickly coming to an end. To prevent the DBC Ships Store from closing indefinitely this year, we need a member to take over the helm asap.

Talents that can be helpful:

- Overall desire to have fun, meet fellow Shipmates and an ability to pick out fun logo items for members.
- Willingness to host a monthly sales party; you are free to choose however you like to present the merchandise! Prefer something prior to the monthly membership meetings or continue to social Sunset Sales? Completely up to you to put your creative spin on it.
- Ability to track sales: Complete a Sales Report after each sale and submit to the Ship's Purser.
- Savvy Shopping Skills needed: do you wander about the malls or prefer to get online? A lot of fun to buy exciting and clever items to have our fellow Boat Club members always looking their best and proudly displaying the DBC swag around town.
- Looking to meet everyone with the Club? Rob and I have made lasting friendships and have gotten , meet fellow Shipmates and an ability to pick out fun to know everyone!

Please feel free to reach out to Claudia: 619.370.6185 if you want more info.

#SAVE the DBC Ships Store!!

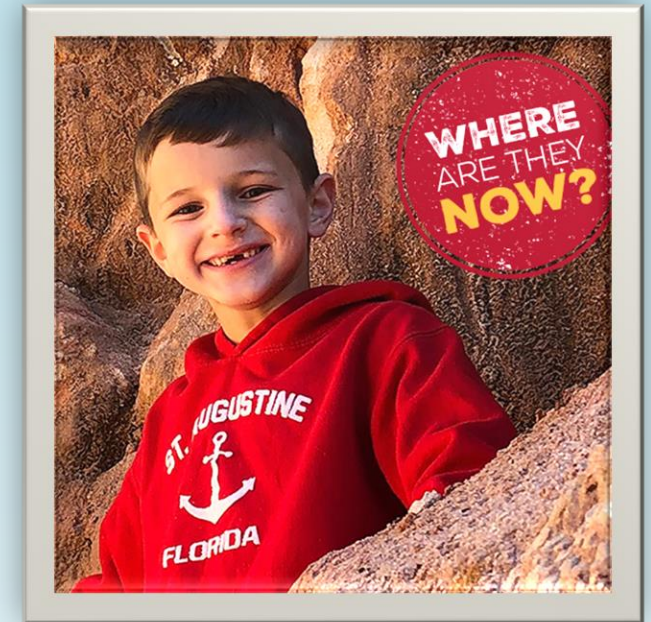
Claudia & Rob Walker, *Ship Store Committee Chair*

Blood Drive...



Dunedin Boat Club's next blood drive is September 14th. Same place in the parking lot by Old Bay Café.

A link to sign up coming soon. Save the date and your blood. ;-)



Insights...



Jim and Jeanne Davis are Lifetime members of the DBC, Circa 1986. We have been happily married for almost 26 years and have raised two beautiful daughters, Morgan and Anna, now 25 and 23 years of age. Jim was Commodore of DBC way back in 92'. Lots of water under the bow since then!

Jeanne was a graduate of DHS class of 79' and grew up boating with her mom and dad. She planted roots firmly in Dunedin, before Dunedin was cool... and retired after a 33 successful years in high-end marketing.

We have been a sailing family from the get go. I met Jeanne at the Bikini Cup "after race" party in 1995 and the rest is history. This was around the same time that the Clearwater to Key West Race was kicking off and I said my goodbyes to her and shoved off on a J 40 with skipper TJ Frayne of "Fraynes" Fashions, for those of us who've been around long enough to remember them. With a crew of 5, we ran the course in 27 hours and only 5 tacks, to take a 1st place trophy for our efforts. We grilled steaks for dinner the 1st night.

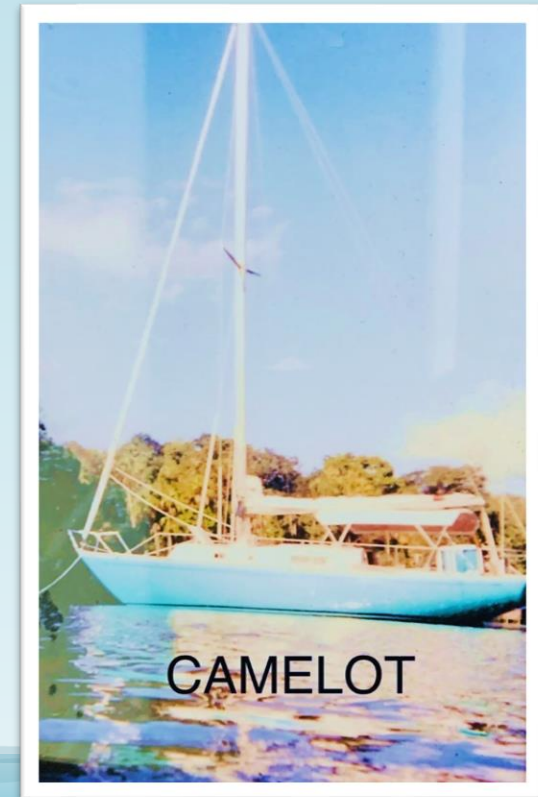
At home aboard our families 1st Morgan 34', a teal colored sloop named "Camelot", which we had already owned for some 20 years, a new business was taking off and more importantly, we were halfway through our 2nd pregnancy. We sold Camelot but hung the special Stainless Steel Danforth anchor that our good friend Ben Skinner had made for us in the garage, with a sign on it that read "*Keep the Faith*".

We bought and ran a Coachmen 35 C class RV, aptly named The "Land Sloop" and took our kids and family everywhere, sometimes pulling our Searay 18 behind. Many miles were covered and we enjoyed our retirement dreams a little early, with our kids with us. Almost 15 years of RV adventures. We had a blast.

Fast forward to 2016! With our good friends Bob and Katie Ackley, we had been talking for years about the time we might find, and buy another Morgan 34. Bob and I thought we should partner on it and we found Geronimo, in Atlantic Highlands New Jersey, a harbor just across New York City's downtown financial district. Jeanne had made me promise I wouldn't find a "fixer upper" and that is just what we did.

August Highlight

Jim & Jeanne Davis
Lifetime Members
1986



Insights...



Geronimo is a classic 1966 vintage. They just don't make em' like that anymore. She'll sail her handicap and then some, although we haven't found all that much time for racing her. With a 3' 3" draft and an 800 lb. bronze centerboard, she'll go to weather like a champ and will "run" in excess of her hull speed.

I first fell in love with the Morgan 34 when as a 21 year old, I had stopped at the city marina one night after work (I was the store manager at Lueken's Food Villa at 975 Broadway Ave., where the Holiday Inn Express is now) around 9:30 pm to soak up the night air and enjoy the strong breeze. Out of the dark, a light blue hulled M34 sailed into the marina with a hanked on jib flying. He sailed solo, up to the wall where I was standing, tacked with only a few feet to spare and sailed off into the night again. It was Ben Skinner, on Mexicana. I knew I had to have one of those boats someday! We became fast friends and sailed and raced together for oh so many years. We would raft up at Three Rooker with all the other Morgans we knew and enjoyed the Morgan camaraderie. What do they call it when two or more Morgans raft up? A Morgasm.

Ben was known to hail us on the VHF... Camelot, Camelot, where for art thou Camelot? A favorite song onboard stated - "don't let it be forgot, that once there was a spot, for happily ever aftering, that was know as, CAMELOT". Words and music we still live by today.

I've had boats, starting with a Kool™ Cigarette sailboat that mom bought me at age 13 to Hobies, to a Hermann 19' Bay Sailor, and two M34's. Our current M34 Geronimo, is named honoring our brother Keith. We are blessed to live in this area we call home, Dunedin. We are thankful for our friends and family, and for the many friends we have made through all the years as DBC Boat Club Members. Jeanne and I encourage all the members, active, and wanna' be active, to jump in, with both feet. The camaraderie I speak to above exists here as well. Volunteer often and be a part of the joy of boating that we all share. Jeanne and I are trying to slow down some (haha) and look forward to those days ahead, and the chance to meet and get to know more of our DBC fellow members.

Fair winds to All, Jim and Jeanne Davis





Sending
Sunshine
Your Way

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



Please keep Norm, DBC member in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Norm Whitten is in Bay Pines VA Hospital with a large cyst on his liver. We are hoping that the Dr's will have an action plan on Monday. DBC friends are praying for you Norm.



Random Acts of Flowers could use your vases or baskets to pass on the fellow DBC members when they need a little Sunshine. Bring them to a meeting. Deb

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



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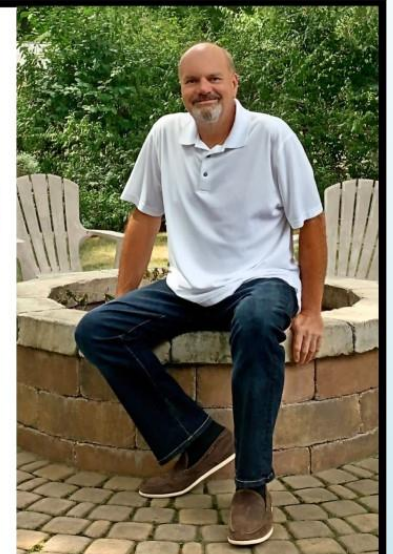
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