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Commodore Corner...



Happy Holidays Shipmates! We have all worked very hard to make our community a better place. Lots of work has been done to benefit the needy as well as highlighting area boating and boating safety.

I am so proud of the volunteerism showed by DBC Members this year. I believe that the DBC creating the position of Volunteer Coordinator Chair has really boosted Member involvement in all Club activities. Volunteerism Chairperson Stacy Muellers' leadership and commitment has been extraordinary.

I cannot say enough about how the DBC Website has benefited the Club. The Calendar of Events, Event Registration, Membership List...everything is there at our fingertips using the DBC Website. All the vision and hard work Bill Goocher has done with the Website has been really paying off. Thank You Bill!!!

A great group of carefully screened DBC Membership Candidates have joined the DBC and I see great things coming from these terrific folks. A fantastic 2023 Board has been selected by the DBC Members and I know they will help carry the spirit of the DBC Club into the future. Plans are being laid for the 2023 St. Joseph Sound Flats Classic Fishing Tournament. This is an example of the DBC making history and leading the way.

The 2022 Holiday Party...it is impossible to describe how much fun this year's Holiday Party was! Awesome job Renee Rada as Social Chair in charge of this event. Wonderful friends, great food, and a SUPER PERFORMANCE BY EVERYONE'S FAVORITE BAND...SOULFISH!!! All of this fun was kicked off by the 2022 Dunedin Lighted Boat Parade in which 36 Skippers and Crews entered their boats in this year's parade. Johnathan Skinner and Rob Cozen organized and directed this year's Holiday Lighted Boat Parade....you guys did an incredible job! Santa looked very dapper hanging onto the Pinellas County Marine Patrol Boat. A very special THANK YOU goes to Marker 1 Marina for providing dock space to stage the parade boats.

Please make your reservations online for the 2023 Change of Watch Tribute Dinner, Awards and Dance. You do not want to miss out on this wonderful event.

This will be my last time I write the Commodore Corner and I am humbled about the fantastic privilege this year has been for me. Every year with you is the best one yet... cheers to many more.

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

Vice Commodore...

Reminder: There is no General Membership Meeting in December.

Guest Speakers for January will be the 2023 Bridge and Board Members introducing themselves.



Bill Goocher, *Vice Commodore*

Rear Commodore...

Happy December Everyone.

I really want to thank everyone who came out this year and supported all the efforts we undertook to improve and clean up the club. We got so much done and I could not have done any of it without all of you who volunteered your time. To that I want to say thank you. I will be serving again in 2023, as your Rear Commodore, and look forward to some of the next phase of projects.

I hope you all have a safe, healthy, and awesome holidays wherever you find yourself moored.



Douglas Moat, *Rear Commodore*, 651-260-3479

2023 Bridge and Board...



2023 Bridge

- Commodore: Bill Goocher
- Vice Commodore: Craig Polito
- Rear Commodore: Doug Moat
- Secretary: Mimi Werner
- Purser: Jack Mallard

2023 The Board: Members At Large

- Sharon Grimshaw
- Carrie Grimwade
- Terry Hopkins
- Happy Jordan
- Linda Lack
- Stacy Muellers
- Harold Schomaker
- Gary Shellenberger



2023

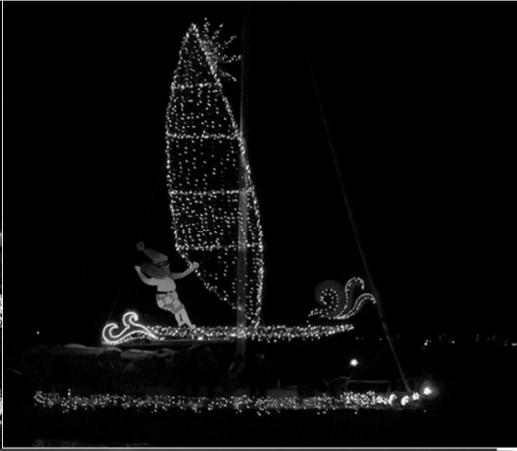
Sheryl Barnes, *Past Commodore*, 203-554-1520, dr.sheryl.barnes@gmail.com

Holiday Decorating...

Sunday, November 27th



Holiday Boat Parade...



Holiday Party...



Blood Drive...



As part of our ongoing commitment to our local community the Dunedin Boat Club is sponsoring a Blood Drive.

The holidays can be a critical time for blood supplies due to people being so busy with holiday activities and not taking the time to donate. Please help by participating in this much needed event.

DBC Blood Drive with OneBlood

When: 12/14/2022 8:30 AM, EST

Where: Marina Parking Lot, Across from Olde Bay Café

Follow the link below to schedule an appointment at the OneBlood website. [Schedule an Appointment at OneBlood](#)

Click on this link to read the stories of people who have been helped by OneBlood blood donors. [OneBlood Testimonials](#)

The Change of Watch...

SCHEDULE FOR THE EVENING

- Happy Hour with Hors D'oeuvres begins at 6:00 PM
- Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM
- Awards, Change of Watch, and Dancing will follow the dinner
- A cash bar will be available throughout the evening

RESERVATIONS

- The cost is \$50.00 per person (including tax)
- Advanced reservations required.
- You must be a DBC Member or invited guest to attend this event.
- Reservations will be limited to 125 people.

DINNER ENTREE OPTIONS (to be selected during your online registration):

- Prime Rib Au Jus with Potatoes Au Gratin
- Salmon with Citrus Glaze and Wild Rice
- Duet of Chicken Marsala and Beef Tenderloin with Bernadine Sauce and Potatoes Au Gratin
- All dinners include Appetizers, Berry Salad, Asparagus, and Apple Pie A La Mode

TO REGISTER,

- Click [HERE](#) then the **REGISTER** button on the left side of the page.
- You will have the option to pay for the event via credit card once you complete your online reservation.

Jack and Mary Jean



FROM THE PURSER...

IT IS RENEWAL TIME FOR YOUR 2023 - DUNEDIN BOAT CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The annual membership dues for this year are:

Family Membership - \$ 125.00

Single Membership - \$ 105.00

You will be receiving a 2023 renewal invoice shortly via email. The email will contain a link where you can pay your renewal on our website. The preferred method of payment is to pay your 2023 annual membership dues online via our website. You can use a credit card or debit card when paying on our website.

If for some reason you are unable to pay online, please mail a check to the following address. NO CASH PLEASE! Dunedin Boat Club, P.O. Box 201, Dunedin, FL 34697

KEY EXCHANGE: The key exchange for 2023 will begin prior to the February 20, 2023 General Meeting. Bring your old key and get your 2023 key. Lost keys can be purchased for \$ 5.00. The new key will operate ONLY the east (marina side) door. When you lock the building, lock the west door from the INSIDE and lock the east door with the KEY.

VERIFY YOUR ONLINE DIRECTORY INFORMATION: Please verify your name, address, phone number, email address, and boat information is correct on the website (dunedinboatclub.org). Should you have any questions regarding the verification process, please contact Bill Goocher.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS: Once your renewal invoice is marked as paid, you can view and print your 2023 DBC Membership Card via our website.

NOTE: Your membership card is also available for display via our mobile app.

RECOPRICITY CARDS: Once your renewal invoice is paid, you will be given a 2023 Reciprocal Courtesy Card from the Yachting Club of America. This reciprocity card gives you access to over 600 other yacht and boat clubs across the U.S. and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

LATE RENEWALS: Don't delay your renewal. Any renewal request received AFTER the Feb 20th General Meeting requires approved by the DBC Board for your membership to be reinstated and creates additional administrative and paperwork by our volunteers.

Thanks in advance for your support of the Club for another year.

Jack, the "KEY" man, Mallard, Purser

Volunteer Coordinator



This month we're spotlighting Chris Benson for her volunteer commitment to Dunedin Boat Club.

Chris was the founder of the very successful Book Club she currently leads our blood drive efforts.

While continuing to be an active member of the Book Club, Chris volunteers to help almost every DBC event in some way. Over the past year, she has contributed to the US Open Sailing Championships, the Mardi Gras float decoration, the Dunedin Cup Skippers' Dinner, the St. Joseph Sound Flats Classic Dinner and Auction and the Holiday Party, to name a few. Without volunteers like Chris, DBC wouldn't be able to provide the level of fun events for our membership and the level of charitable giving in our community that we do!

Dunedin Boat Club is a 100% volunteer organization. Thank you to all of the members who volunteered during 2022, you're helping to make our club great!

All members, please consider allocating time in 2023 to volunteer.

Thank you!

Stacy



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE UNTIL 12/19

This year Dunedin Cares Food Pantry will hold an expanded Holiday Food Drive ending on December 19, 2022.

We need your help to feed the hungry in our communities over the upcoming holidays (Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and others).

Imagine how many families could be blessed with delicious holiday meals if each of us chips in and bought a few items each time we shop.

So next time you shop, take along our simple “wish lists” and purchase what you can to help us feed our neighbors this holiday season.

Donations can be dropped off Monday-Saturday from 9AM-Noon at Dunedin Cares. A Dunedin Cares representative will be there to graciously accept your donations.

If you can't shop, monetary donations are always appreciated. [Donate online](#) or checks/cash can be received at 1630 Pinehurst Road, Dunedin, FL 34698.



Holiday Meal Wish List:

- Boxed stuffing mix (like Stovetop)
- Instant mashed potatoes in boxes or packets
- Jars of turkey gravy or dried gravy packets
- Canned vegetables
- Canned yams
- Canned cranberry sauce/applesauce
- Shelf-Stable Milk
- Cooking Oil
- Cake/cookie/brownie/bread/muffin mixes
- Pie crust mix/canned pie fillings

Everyday Basics Wish List:

- Dry Pasta/Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter/Jelly
- Canned Chicken/Tuna/Meats
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Soups
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Beans
- Boxes Mac N Cheese
- Rice/Rice Sides/Mixes
- Ketchup/Mustard/Mayo/Salad Dressings
- Sugar
- Flour
- Salt and pepper
- Coffee/tea
- Breakfast Cereals
- Personal Care Items (Shampoo, Bar Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste)

Thank you so much!

Fishing Report...



If you would like to read about some of their finds check out [Suncoast Research and Recovery Club's website](#) or our [Metal Detecting Finds video](#).

Since the fishing report has not changed since last month, I thought I would talk about another type of fishing I do, dirt fishing. Dirt fishing is done using a metal detector either in the water or on land. Instead of hunting for fish, I search for artifacts, coins, and jewelry. Research is done to find old areas or homesites and after getting permission to scan a property the hunt begins. Dunedin has quite a few older homes that I have hunted. Items found have been an old Tootsie Toy battleship, police whistle, gold wedding band, and coins over a hundred years old. Many homeowners are excited and surprised to see what lies underground on their property. Most items are found between 2 and 8 inches under the soil.

Hunting in the water at public beaches has produced jewelry, coins, watches, keys, and phones, amazing what people bring in the water to swim.

If you would like to learn more about metal detecting, have an old property you would like to have hunted, or need to find a lost metal item, please contact me. I have 6 soon to be 7 detectors and would be glad to take you along on a hunt. In my 32 years of dirt fishing, I have found and returned hundreds of items that people thought were lost forever.

Now, get out there and fish!



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

Kayaking...

WEEDON ISLAND PRESERVE MANGROVE TUNNELS, DEC 2ND



Terri Bishop, *Kayaking Chairperson*

Book Club...

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

The book selection is "**The Last Flight: A Novel**", by *Julie Clark*.

Claire Cook has a perfect life married to the scion of a political dynasty. But behind closed doors, nothing is as good as it seems. She has a plan to vanish that takes her to the airport, poised to run from it all. But a chance meeting in the airport bar brings her together with a woman whose situation seems equally dire. They make a last-minute decision to switch tickets.

Sharon Grimshaw, *Book Club Chairperson*, sgrimshaw983@gmail.com



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



Dunedin Boat Club

SHIP'S STORE

It's Official!! Rob and Claudia will be retiring from their Ship's Store Post; January 1, 2023.

Taking over will be members: Jean Blaine, Irene Brandenberger and Jeri Ellison.

Rob and I will conduct our last 3 Sunset Sales for the year!!

October 21

November 18

December 9

Please join us for *NEW* Holiday items while supplies last!

- New shipment of Ballcaps & Bucket hats
- Back by popular demand: Organic Turkish Beach Towels w/ DBC longitude and latitude coordinates
- Stainless steel koozies for beverages
- Neoprene and canvas totes



2022 Dunedin Cup t-shirts will be available for purchase at the Ship's Store while supplies last.

The white, long-sleeved boating t-shirts are \$25.00.

Claudia & Rob Walker, Ship Store Committee Chair

Insights...

Chris and I (Tracie) are life members. Jeanine asked me to do an Insight for the newsletter. Chris did one on himself last year so I'm going to try to make mine a little different. My view of the Boat Club from a mother's perspective. So here it goes..

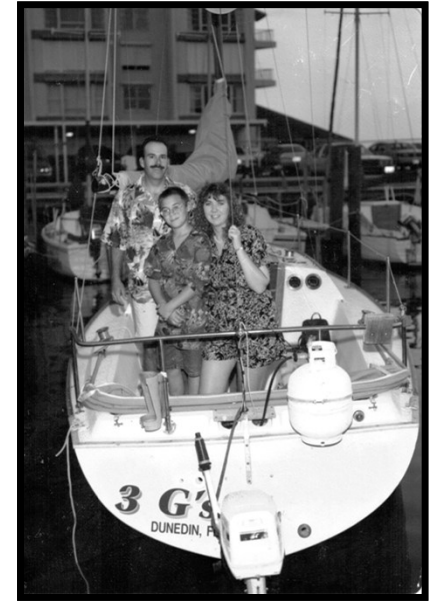
I'm a local girl. Born and raised right here in Largo. In fact, I was born at Morton Plant Hospital, as was Chris and our son Phillip. Pretty rare! Would you believe that we were high school sweethearts? Yep, beating the odds, at least so far, married for 36 years now.

Chris and I have always owned sailboats. It was new to me. Chris was the sailor. I grew up water skiing. My family had a Wellcraft that we took to Lake Tarpon every weekend. I was pretty good too! It was our family activity. I always associated boating with family fun for everyone. As Phillip got older, I suggested we get a boat. I'm sure it's no surprise Chris jumped all over that. So, we got our first boat. Cost us 3 grand and we were 3 Gattas's, so we named her 3G's.

Phillip was a little nervous at first on 3G's. He was unsure of the way the boat heeled under sail. Fortunately, he was young enough that when the boat was pulled out for a bottom paint job, we told him special anti-tipping paint was used. It worked for a while.

Soon after we joined the Boat Club. You know that old saying "It takes a village"? I believe the Boat Club was part of that village for Phillip. I'd like to share some of my favorite stories and some of Phil's life lessons at the Boat Club.

Phillip met John Lowe at a church carnival. John had seen Phillip at the Boat Club and stopped to talk with him at the carnival. He asked where Chris and I were. Phillip told him we were out of town, and he was staying with a friend. Phillip told John he was hungry, so John got him a hot dog. A week or so later when Chris and I saw John he asked how could you go out of town and not leave any spending money with your son? We told him he had \$20. Well, if you knew John, you'd know he loved it! He was hustled and thought that was funny. From that point on Phillip's nickname was 2 Buck. And he took every opportunity to remind Phillip, he owed him \$2. LOL



November Highlight

Tracie Gattas
Life Member



If you hear of anyone from our Dunedin Boat Club family that needs a little sunshine, please call Deb to reach out and brighten their day!

Have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!



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

Newsletter Editor...

I hope the Harbor Crier has helped keep you in tune with what is all happening at the Dunedin Boat Club. There is a lot going on! It has been my pleasure to bring the news to you for the last 5 years. I am looking for an apprentice. Someone in the club that knows Powerpoint thoroughly. We can work together and provide a quality Newsletter. Give me a call if you are interested. 727-418-5224

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Jeanine Metts, Newsletter Editor, mettsgroup@gmail.com, 727-418-5224



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