



THE HARBOR CRIER



DUNEDIN BOAT CLUB NEWSLETTER

Volume 17, Issue 1, January 2023 – *Happy New Year!*



Commodore Corner...

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2023! It has been my pleasure to serve as your Vice Commodore in 2022. I want to thank Cindy Cole for her encouragement when she asked me to consider the Vice Commodore Role in 2022. It was a pleasure to serve under Cindy's leadership. I also want to give a special shout-out and thank you to all of the many volunteers who showed up to help make 2022 a fantastic year for all of the members of DBC.

Looking forward, I am humbled and honored to serve as your Commodore in 2023. There is much history and so many traditions surrounding the Dunedin Boat Club. I plan to carry our traditions forward and continue to lead the club in a direction that aligns with our charter and our values. We have an outstanding group of volunteers who have stepped up as your 2023 Board and Committee Chairs. I anticipate yet another great year for the Dunedin Boat Club.

A new year also brings new opportunities for our members. As you all know, we are a club of volunteers. In 2022 we were fortunate to have an increasing number of enthusiastic volunteers step up to help run our club, help with our events, and do a tremendous amount of behind-the-scenes work that helps our club function and run smoothly. In 2023, my goal (and my ask of you) is to see all of our members actively engage in volunteering for the club in some capacity, be it helping clean up after an event, leading a committee, or managing a special project.

For those looking for a leadership role, we have the following open Committee Chair opportunities we need to be filled as soon as possible. Membership Chair, Website Chair, Cruising Chair are all available now. If interested in moving into one of these leadership roles, please reach out to me directly. I look forward to hearing from you!

I hope to see you at the Change of Watch on Saturday, 1/14, or at our January General Membership Meeting on Monday, 1/16.

May you have fair winds and following seas!

Bill Goocher, *Commodore*, 727-773-1121, bgoocher@gmail.com

Vice Commodore...



It's an honor to have this position and carry the tradition of the club as your Vice Commodore for 2023. I'm really excited to get started.

The January General Membership Meeting Speakers will be the Incoming Bridge Members giving a brief introduction of themselves to the members.

I am searching for our guest speaker for the February General Membership Meeting. If anyone has some suggestions, I would love to hear your feedback.

I also want to thank Cindy for being such an Outstanding Commodore, what a great job she did. I'm sure Bill will carry the torch and be a fantastic Commodore and it's going to be such a pleasure to work with him and the rest of the bridge & board.

Looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Craig Polito, *Incoming Vice Commodore*

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

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| • Sharon Grimshaw | • Stacy Muellers |
| • Carrie Grimwade | • Harold Schomaker |
| • Terry Hopkins | • Gary Shellenberger |
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2023





2023 CHANGE OF WATCH



Saturday January 14th

At The Dunedin Golf Club

6pm Cocktails ★ 6:30pm Dinner

After Dinner Passing of Flags

Awards Ceremony

Drinks and Dancing

www.dunedinboatclub.org/event-5054177

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

- 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**
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

Most of you have already completed your membership renewal. This is your last reminder. You have received a 2023 renewal invoice via email. There is 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

Social Committee...

Social events coming up!

Fun stuff happening at the Boat Club January, and February.

- **January 14th** - Change of Watch Gala - Welcome in our new Commodore...
- **January 27th** - Sip some Whisky's with John and Leslie. \$20 a person. Sign up on our website
- **February 11th** - Blessing of the Fleet. Please sign your boats up on our website.
- **February 11th** - Spaghetti Dinner in the evening, hosted by the Blue Gavel 6:30 p.m. \$20 a person come support our Mardi Gras float. A lot of repairs done this year buy some awesome members. Sign up on our website



Blessing of the Fleet...

Saturday, February 11 beginning promptly at 9:30 AM.

The **Blessing of the Fleet** is a tradition that began centuries ago in Mediterranean fishing communities. The practice began predominantly Catholic, but is now practiced by all Christians as a blessing from the local priest and pastors that is meant to ensure a safe and bountiful season. In most ports, the event was brought by immigrants who held strongly to their Christian religious beliefs. The events that are part of the ritual vary by community and range from a simple ceremony to a multi-day festival including a church service, Parades, Pageantry, Dancing, Feasting, and Contests. This year's Blessing of the Fleet will be with Pastor Whitney Burton-Smith, from the Church of the Good Shepherd, officiating.

- All members are invited to participate in this event.
- We are offering both in-person blessings as well as virtual blessings.
- This event will take place rain or shine!
- Following the blessing of the boats, we will honor members that passed away in the past year, and have a blessing of the Clubhouse and DBC members.

REGISTRATION:

If you would like to have your boat blessed, please signup via the blue "Register" button on this page.

NOTE: Online signup is requested for both in person and virtual blessings.

- **In-Person Blessings:** For in-person blessings, please meet at the Clubhouse at the designated time. If your boat is not located in the Dunedin Marina, please bring a picture of your boat with you to the Clubhouse or make arrangements with the harbor master for temporary mooring.
- **Virtual Blessing:** For those unable to attend in person, please email a picture of your boat to Chris Benson and she will have your boat blessed during the virtual blessings. Be sure to include your name and boat name in the email so Chris can match you to the online registration.

HELP NEEDED:

I'm looking for a volunteer with a golf cart to escort Paster Whitney. We hope to see you there!!

Chris Benson, Coordinator

Dunedin Boat Club Presents

MARDI GRAS

**2023 Float and Parade
Saturday February 18th**

This Year's Theme

We Are The Sparkle !

**Costumes With Glitter
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Mardi Gras 2023...

The Dunedin Mardi Gras parade is Sat. Feb. 18 at 7pm.

Grab your glitter and feathers! It's time to get your costume ready!

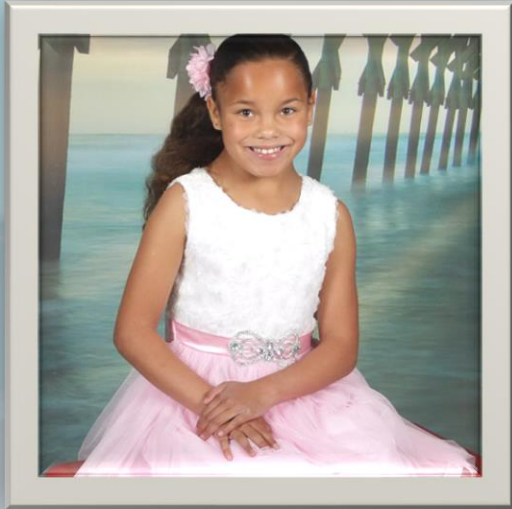
Come walk with the Boat Club float in the parade.

Stay tuned for info about helping to build the float.



Sharon Grimshaw, *Mardi Gras team*

Blood Drive...



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

Twenty seven pints of blood were collected during our blood drives in 2022 and eighty one lives were saved. Thank you all!

Our dates for 2023 are listed below and are posted on the website. Links to register will be provided closer to the event.

March 15, June 7, September 12, December 13



Race Committee...

RACING EXCITEMENT IS IN THE AIR!!! COME JOIN IN THE FUN!

Hats off to David Kresge for his work heading this committee for the last 3 years. During his tenure he aligned our club with Yacht Scoring, a national regatta management web site. Through this site, one can look for upcoming races all over the nation, register to race and get documents for the races. As the race gets closer, one can check to see who else has signed up. After the race, the race chair gives the elapsed time for each competitor and the site automatically compiles the results. They take Pay Pal which simplifies payments. They even have a record of your finishes in any of the races you have competed that were managed by Yacht Scoring.

This year's race committee consists of Dan Johnson, Stacey Muellers, Majid Abrari with Amy Gau and Carol Elwood co-chairing. All have been very enthusiastically meeting to plan and organize the racing for the year. We have planned on-the-water training as well as attending together the US Sailing seminar on Basic Race Management held in Bradenton at the end of the month.

It truly takes a village to make racing events happen and volunteers are always needed. Many hands make light work. Not only is there a lot of computer work compiling all the paperwork for the races, but equipment needs to be cared for and organized. Three to four people are needed to help run the race and they can't do it without someone volunteering their boat to carry them out in the Gulf, help drop the marks for the race and spend the day anchored watching the races. Anyone interested in being on the race committee helping to run the races or in volunteering their boat for a race, please contact Amy Gau at 262-227-6466. If a person volunteered their boat for just one or two races, we would have the year covered. There are seven opportunities for this.





A great big thanks to **Lucindy and Harold Shomaker** for volunteering their beautiful **Grand Banks trawler “AT LAST”** for our first race!!! You are very much appreciated! *(Did you know that last year when they went to look at this boat they were delighted to see that its name was the same as the song that was played at their wedding? Meant to be!!)*

After the holiday hiatus we are starting off hitting the ground running!! Mark your calendar for the events coming up in February alone.

February 11th - The first DBC Gulf race of the year. This is part of a 3-race day Spring Regatta series. Registration for racing in the area is through Yacht Scoring.

February 16th-19th - Helley Hanson Regatta *(formerly the NOODS)* held in St. Petersburg. Four days of racing for one designs, two days for PHRF Class. Over 100 boats from all over the United States have signed up. Every type boat from small dinghies to 45' foiling catamarans. If you aren't sailing, a great day can be spent watching them from the Pier. The logistics of accommodating so many different boats on different courses in Tampa Bay is mind blowing! Island Hopper has joined in over the past 10 years and it is one of the crew's favorites. Complimentary dockage available for keelboats at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club from Friday through Monday morning. Great racing! Great parties complete with live bands and radio controlled sailboat racing contests in the pool at the yacht club.

February 25th - Pass-a-Grille Run, a Gulf Region Boat of the Year race hosted by Dunedin Boat Club and Clearwater Yacht Club with gracious reception from St. Petersburg Yacht Club. This is a PURSUIT race where the slowest rated boat starts first and the remaining start in accordance with their rating, the idea being that since the handicap is given at the start, the boats should end up finishing around the same time.

It is a great format for anyone newer to racing who is intimidated by competitive starts as each boat starts alone at their own time. The first boat over the finish line is the winner, followed by the rest in sequence. The race goes from Clearwater to the Pass-a-Grille MOA, finishing with rafting up at the Pass-a-Grille St. Pete Yacht Club location. This is a feeder race to help boats get down there in order to race in another



combined region Boat of the Year race which is held the following week. Dinner and awards at the Yacht Club after the race. Those who are racing the following weekend have complimentary dockage through that weekend.

March 4th The Pennington Cup, another Boat of the Year race, hosted by St. Petersburg Yacht Club, racing between Pass-a-Grille and John's Pass area. This race was deservedly renamed last year for George and Beth Pennington, Principal Race Officers, who have been running races in the area for over 40 years.

Just what is a Boat of the Year race? Each club in the area gets together and plan a series of races, alternating the organizing host club. In order to encourage participation, there are not only awards for each of these races, but Boat of the Year award for those with the best cumulative score for the year. As such, each Boat of the Year race is a cut above regular club racing with a Principal Race Officer (PRO) running the race committee and dinners, bands etc. following the race.

Go to **www.yachtscoring.com** for full details and registration. When opening, just write the event you want to connect with in the box at the front page and it will open to it. For anything hosted by DBC, for instance, just write Dunedin in the box and all our races both past and future will pop up. Registration is open there for the Spring Regatta as well as Pass-a-Grille Run. Look up Helly Hanson to reach that one and St. Petersburg Yacht Club to reach the Pennington Cup.

Get involved! Learn to sail better! Compare boats! Meet new friends! Hope to see you on the water!



Amy Gau and Carol Elwood
Race Co-Chairs, 262-227-6466



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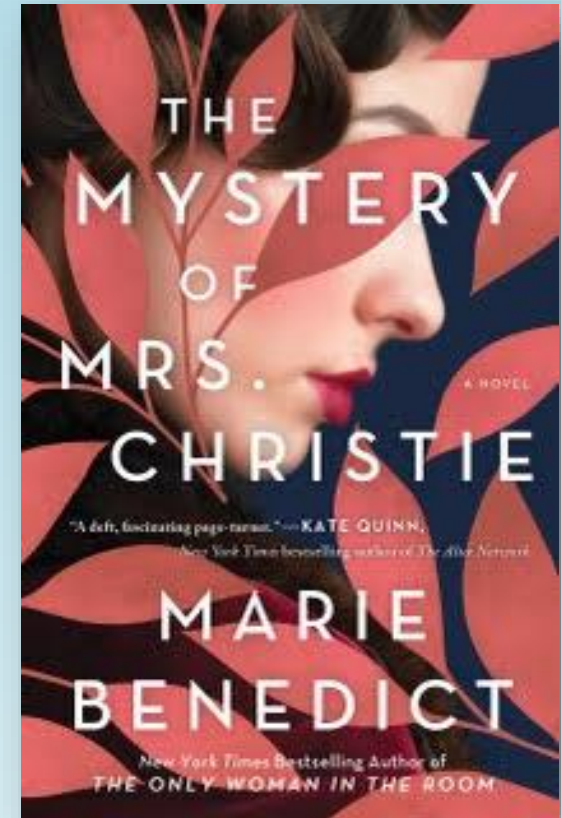
Book Club...

The Book Club's next meeting is **Wednesday, February 12, at 7pm**. Sign up on the event section of the Boat Club website.

The book selection is "**The Mystery of Mrs. Christie: A Novel**," by *Marie Benedict*.

In December 1926, Agatha Christie goes missing. Investigators find her empty car on the edge of a pond. Her husband and daughter have no clue to her whereabouts. England unleashes an unprecedented manhunt to find the up-and-coming mystery author. Eleven days later she reappears, claiming amnesia and offering no explanations for her time away. What is real, and what is mystery?

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



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

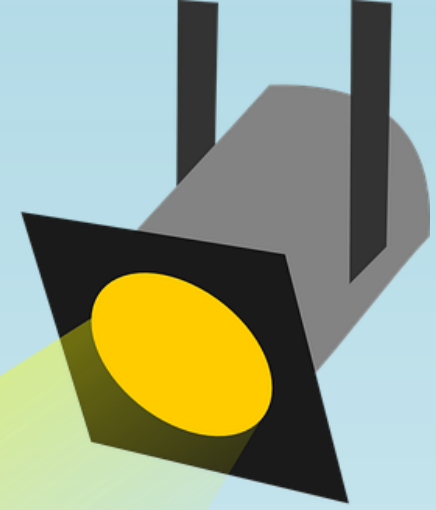
Volunteer Spotlight...

This month we're spotlighting Gail Hulsen for her volunteer commitment to Dunedin Boat Club.

Gail can always be counted on to help with serving food during the annual Holiday Party – no small task! She has sponsored new members and recently transported anglers with her golf cart during the Flats Classic.

Dunedin Boat Club is a 100% volunteer organization. Most of our events for 2023 have now been posted on the Calendar. Please choose one or two events to plan to volunteer for.

Stacey Muellers, *Volunteer Committee Chair*, 941-448-3423





Dunedin Boat Club

SHIP'S STORE



SALE!
February 20,
6 pm-7pm

Happy New Year everyone!

We, Jeri Elliston, Jeanne Blain and Irene Brandenberger are taking over the helm of the Dunedin Boat Club Ship Store from Claudia Walker.

We have been busy planning and buying new merchandise and we are excited to share our new things with everyone.

We are taking off the month of January to get organized but will have our first Ship Store sale on February 20 from 6 pm-7pm, right before the Key Exchange and regular monthly meeting.

Be sure to stop by and see what we have!

Jeri Elliston, Jeanne Blain and Irene Brandenberger, *Ship Store Committee*

Insights...



January Highlight

Terry & Liza Hopkins
Since 2009

In the last century while I was a young lad growing up in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, I was first introduced to boating. All of us young lads in the neighborhood used to explore and walk all the ditches looking for crawdads. As you know, water flows downhill and the ditches soon ran into a creek, Sloan Creek. Sloan Creek after several miles runs into the Mississippi River. I must give you a little background first, in the summer the Mississippi River floods and of course the creeks backup. Even though we were miles from the river. Sloan Creek was deep and wide, perfect for young lads who wanted to explore the Creek first with our rafts and then on to mighty Mississippi River. Our first, and my first boat was made from Styrofoam Royal Typewriter cases. All framed with 2 x 4's about 4 feet by 8 feet in total size which me and friends sailed or rafted down the creek to the Mighty Mississippi.

The older guys in town looked at our raft and decided to see if rocks would damage our fine vessel and sink it... short answer is, it did. No lives lost, but a new craft was needed. We built several large rafts from logs and saw several that were sailing down the river. At this same time, one of my friend's dad bought a runabout with 35 horse Mercury on it and we all enjoyed water skiing and playing around the river in my teen years. You have not lived until you run a 16ft runabout behind a river towboat that makes 8-foot waves that come every 8 feet!

Then came a long drought when college, work, family, and being not in one place long enough to do anything fun, so no boating.



Not Terry's, but close enough.

Insights...



Not Terry, but it looks like Chicago.

After years of no boats, living in Chicago and being single at the time, I was just minding my own business when an apartment became available on Grass Lake in Lake Villa, IL. I took it because it was on a lake and relatively cheap. The next day I drove by a yard sale with a sailboat in the front yard. I looked at it and said why not, it was only \$50.00. I also used the boat in the wintertime as my coffee table in the living room. *(Remember, I was single)*. After I moved down to Florida, I found out it was an Optimist Pram. I sailed this on Grass Lake for a couple of years and enjoyed the heck out of it.

Then the lust for a large boat overcame me and sold the Pram for \$150.00 or three times what I paid for it and got a Sea Witch!

Ah the coolness, it even had a jib, and it was plastic-coated Styrofoam.

While in Chicago, I did have an experience with a large vessel that was owned by friends of mine, but that is, my dad used to say, “A two beer story”. “I only want to have a boat that I own, not one that owns me! If I cannot hang it off my garage, I don’t want it.”

I still had the Sea Witch, when I met Liza. In fact, one of our very first dates was on this boat, sailing on a lake near her house in Naperville, Illinois. I won’t tell you about me pulling my back out and having one of her friends help load me and the boat into my van. Liza can tell you the unvarnished story if you like, but boating was a part of us falling in love. We finally gave the boat to a friend who used it for fishing before we moved to Dunedin.



The Sea Witch...

Insights...



Terry's Snark... Way Kool...

When I came down to Florida 15 years ago was going to build wooden boats in my garage, (*No kidding!*) but insurance work, computer work, motorcycles, movies, and TV stuff seemed to get in the way. I did get one more boat after we moved here. Again a styrofoam boat called the "Cooler". Named because it was made from the same fine material as a beer cooler. I sailed it in my pool many times, Liza sold it at a yard sale. So, we have been between boats for a several years it seems.



Liza joined the Windlasses in 2009 and sailed with the group on Thursday and now still helps with the safety boat. She was member of Carol Elwood's crew on "Island Hopper" she raced for 7 years until hurting her rotator cuff and retiring only a year or two ago so .

We both still enjoy boating, the water, and friendships we have made over of the years on the water and because of boats and boating.

Terry and Liza Hopkins



The Crew of the "Island Hopper"



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!

Happy New Year!



Please send healing prayers out to two boat club members who have undergone surgeries this week.

Chris Benson broke her heal in a fall. She had it reconstructed earlier this week and is recovering.

Bill Allen is in surgery today for a new hip.



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

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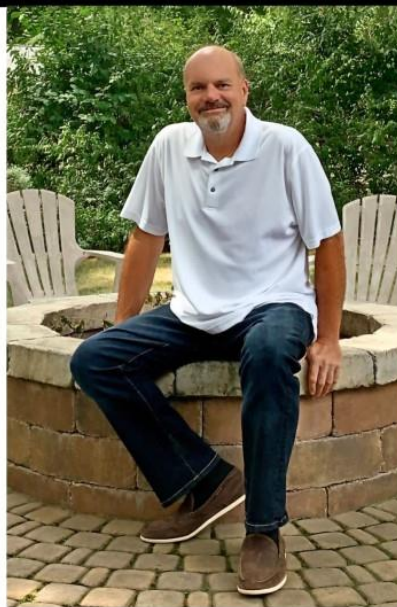
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