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DUNEDIN BOAT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Commodore Corner...

Ahoy Mates! 2023 is off to a great start!

We kicked off the year with a fun and well attended Change of Watch dinner event, hosted by Jack Mallard and Mary Jean Scholl. The Change of Watch was followed by an incredibly successful Scotch Whisky Tasting, hosted by John & Leslie Roseman, an exciting U.S. Open 4-day sailing event (with 60+ DBC volunteers), we completely rehabbed our float trailer, and have made substantial progress building our 2023 Mardi Gras Float, thanks to the hard work by Sharon Grimshaw & Sam McVicker Co-Chairs, Doug Moat, Rear Commodore, and countless volunteers. Many more on the water and land-based activities are planned in the coming weeks and months. Be sure to check out our website calendars, as well as in the committee sections below.

With a new year, brings new opportunities. During 2023 you will see and hear about several important initiatives we are undertaking for our club. Below are a couple to get us started.

Put the B back in DBC

As you saw in my earlier email, one of my goals is to “Put the B back in DBC”. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered their time to help us focus on more “On the Water” boating activities in 2023. As a result of our efforts, we have created a new Cruising Committee. The Cruising activities are in addition to our existing “On the Water” activities of Kayaking, Fishing, and Racing.

IMPORTANT NOTE: “Cruising” now includes both day trips and overnight trips for boaters.

Gary Shellenberger and Carrie Grimwade have volunteered to Co-Chair our Cruising Committee. They will be organizing both day trips and overnight trips for our boaters. If you have ideas on boating events, please reach out to Gary and Carrie and share your ideas. More details are provided in the Cruising section below.

EMV (Every Member Volunteers)

Food for thought: Do you know what happens when members don't volunteer? Absolutely nothing!! Without our volunteers, we don't exist.

A Board led initiative for 2023 is to get broader volunteer participation from all DBC members. Stacy Muellers, Board Member and Volunteer Chair is responsible for coordinating all of our volunteer activities.



Bill Goocher,
Commodore,
commodore@dunedinboatclub.org

Commodore Corner...

We are a 100% volunteer run club. As such, every member is expected to volunteer their time to the club each year! DBC operates thanks only to the many volunteers who step-up to help with all the activities and events we do, as well as the members who volunteer to help with the management of the behind-the-scenes functions required to keep our club running efficiently. The good news is the number of members who volunteered in 2022 increased. Thank you to all the volunteers to stepped up to make that happen. But...we can do better!

How do I volunteer you might ask?

To make it easier for members to volunteer, and to make it easier for Committee chairs to request volunteers, we have set-up a new volunteer email address. Please use this email address to volunteer or request volunteers for your committee: volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org

Please volunteer early and often!

Membership Chair Needed

Speaking of volunteering, we are in search of a new Membership Chair. Having performed this role for 3 years, it is absolutely one of the most fun and rewarding roles within our club. Some of the things I thoroughly enjoyed was getting to meet lots of new people, introducing them to the club at membership meetings, and helping them navigate the process of becoming a DBC member. If interested in this fun and important role, please reach out to me or any Board member. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Announcing our Audit Committee for 2023

I am happy to announce that Janet Shellenberger, 2022 Audit Chairperson, and Linda Lack, Board Member, have volunteered to Co-chair our Audit Committee for 2023. Thank you both for volunteering your time to work on this important task.

Announcing our Website Chair for 2023

I am happy to announce that Mark Muellers has volunteered to Chair our website in 2023. Please direct all event set-up, email blasts, and website-related questions to Mark.

I hope to see you at the next DBC Event. Until then, may you have fair winds and following seas.

Bill Gocher, Commodore, commodore@dunedinboatclub.org

Vice Commodore...



Our own Claudia Nable will be Guest Speaker at DBC February General Meeting on the 20th.

Claudia and others started a nonprofit called Sailability Greater Tampa Bay. They are an all-volunteer organization whose mission is to provide affordable, accessible, sailing activities and education to children and adults of all abilities, focusing on community integration to improve the quality of life for all involved.



Craig Polito,
Vice Commodore



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.

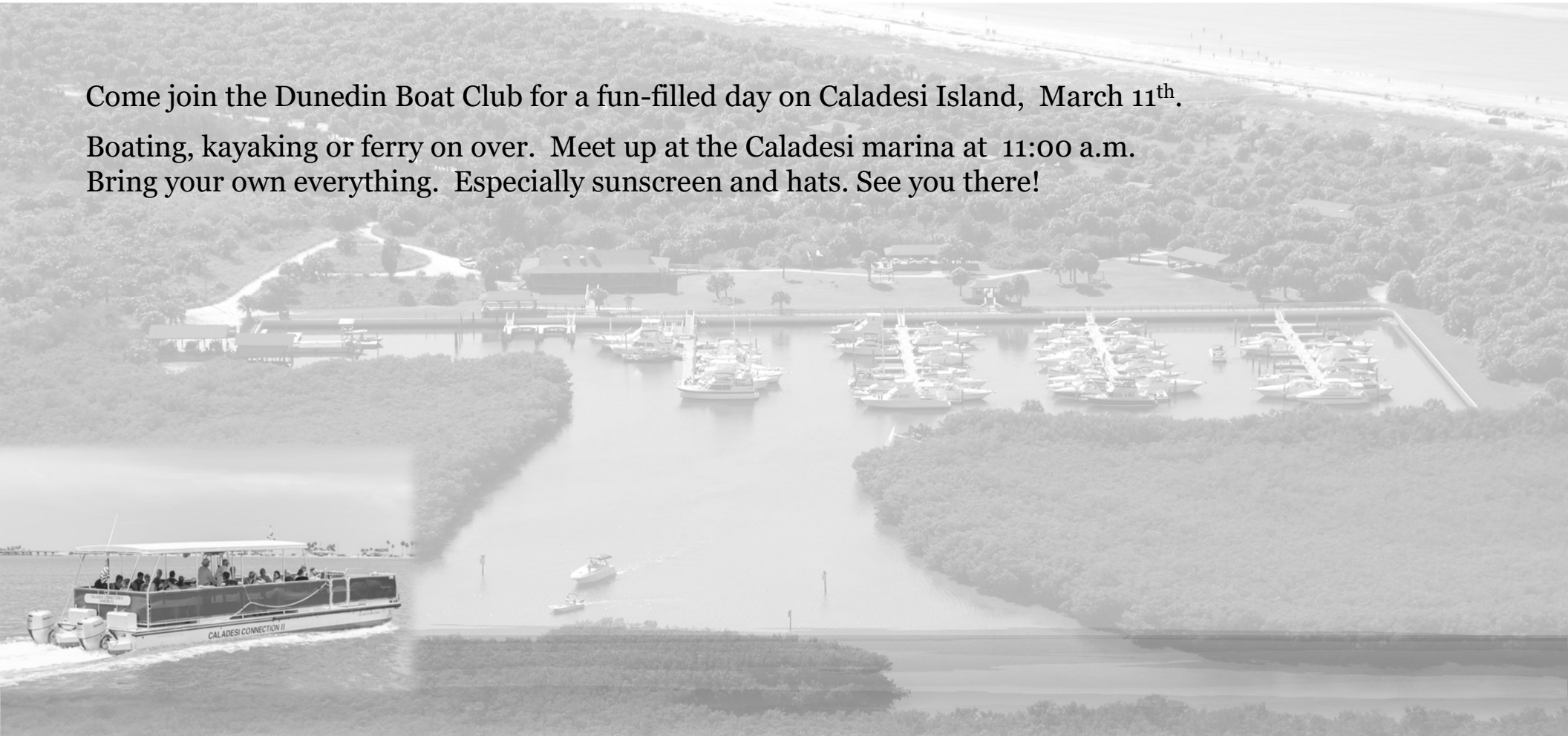
Jack, the "KEY" man, Mallard, Purser

Social Committee...

Come join the Dunedin Boat Club for a fun-filled day on Caladesi Island, March 11th.

Boating, kayaking or ferry on over. Meet up at the Caladesi marina at 11:00 a.m.

Bring your own everything. Especially sunscreen and hats. See you there!



Cruising Corner...

News Flash: The Cruising Group is Expanding!

The Cruising Group is expanding to include both day cruises to nearby destinations and overnight cruises to distant shores.

Cruising Group Monthly Meeting:

Our first effort to hasten that expansion is the Cruising Group meeting scheduled for Feb. 27 at the clubhouse. We would like to encourage all DBC members that have a boat of any kind, or are planning on getting a boat soon, to come to this meeting and share their thoughts on what type of boating activities they are interested in. You can register for this event on the website calendar by clicking [here](#). Discussion topics will include:

- Review the currently planned boating events for the upcoming year.
- Discuss what type of boating events members are interested in
- A short presentation on the tools available on our website to allow any member to schedule an “Impromptu” cruise or boating event to invite other DBC members.
- Discuss topics of interest for future presentations

Cruising Corner...

Upcoming Boating Activities:

- Caladesi Day Cruise - Mar. 11
- Annual Island Party on Compac Island – TBD
- Crystal River 5 to 7 day Cruise – late May
- Palm Pavilion Gathering and Cruise – Aug. 19
- Commodore's Caladesi Thanksgiving Weekend Trip – Day Cruise with Overnight Option – Nov. 24

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact Carrie or me directly.

Gary Shellenberger

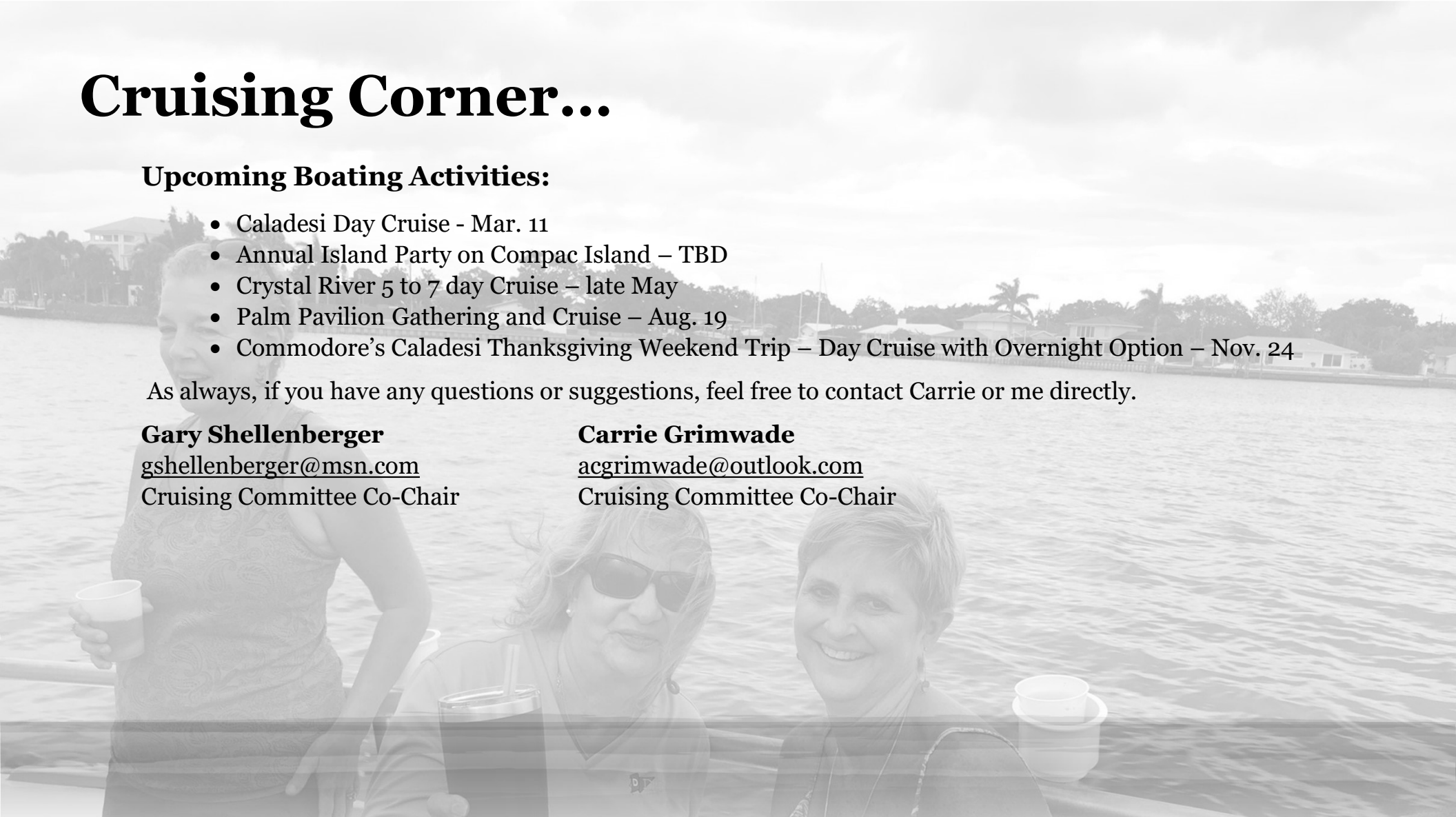
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Cruising Committee Co-Chair

Carrie Grimwade

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Cruising Committee Co-Chair



Dunedin Boat Club Presents

MARDI GRAS

**2023 Float and Parade
Saturday February 18th
This Year's Theme
We Are The Sparkle!
Costumes With Glitter
Glitz & Fairy Lights**



Mardi Gras 2023...



Our theme this year is "We Are The Sparkle!"

Grab your beads, feathers and fairy lights and get your costume ready!

Members may register now to walk with our float in the parade. [Register here.](#)
Note: Walking in the parade with our float is a DBC "Member Only" event. Guest registrations are not permitted for this event.

Parade begins at 7:00 PM. Come early to the VFW for a drink and some hamburgers, check out everyone's costume and the view the other floats.

REGISTRATION INFO FOR PARADE WALKERS:

- Members only are invited to walk in the parade alongside our fantastic float!
- For members walking in the parade, there will be a \$10 fee to help cover the cost of the beads. You will also need to review and electronically sign the waiver form located on the registration page.
- Each registrant will receive a wrist band on the day of the event.
- Wristbands will be available at the back of our float prior to the start of the parade.
- Please arrive at the DBC float at least 30 minutes before the start of the parade to get your wristband.
- Your wristband is your "ticket" to walk with our float



Sharon Grimshaw, *Mardi Gras team*

Blood Drive...

March 15th

8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Marina Parking Lot,
Across from
Olde Bay Cafe

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...

The Race Committee has been practicing running races, making process improvements and training in Basic Race Management. We were ready to go for our first race, but unfortunately it was cancelled due to weather last weekend.

February 25th - Pass-a-Grille Run, a Gulf Region Boat of the Year race hosted by Dunedin Boat Club and Clearwater Yacht Club with the reception at 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

PASS-A-GRILLE 2023 RUN

**February 25th
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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.

This year we are offering to reduce fees or waive fees for boats crewed with Junior Sailors!

The more Juniors on your boat, the more we reduce the fee!!

The Pennington Cup

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 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

Go to www.yachtscoring.com for full details and registration.

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



US Open Sailing Series...



**Thank you to all the volunteers from the
Dunedin Boat Club. We were well
represented.**



US Open Sailing Series...



Fishing Report...

In between the cold fronts, inshore fishing has been good for both speckled and silver trout. Silver trout (sand trout) can be found on the north side of the last bridge before heading to Honeymoon State Park. Just drift the channel from the bridge to the dock located on Royal Stewart Arms Condos and watch your fish finder for clouds of fish near the bottom. Any soft tail jig will produce these silver trout which have soft mouths so loosen your drag to prevent losing fish.

We are finding the larger speckled trout on the north side of the spoil islands on the north side of the causeway. Also, the grassflats in 4-5 foot of water are producing some nice trout using DOA shrimp, Mirro Lures (mirrodine is great), and paddle tail jigs. Bycatches have been bluefish, Spanish mackerel, pompano, and ladyfish using artificials.

Make sure you fish before a front arrives to dirty the water or 2 days after when the winds are gone and the water temperature is rising. Limit is 3 speckled trout per person 15-19 inches, one is allowed per boat over 19 inches. Silver trout (sand trout) have no size limit and a bag limit of 100 pounds, but only keep what you need for a good meal.

Start a forum chat on our own DunedinBoatClub.org website.

Get out there and fish!

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



Kayaking...



Caladesi Island, February 21, 11am

Launch from Dunedin Causeway, next to Sail Honeymoon Kayak Rentals at 61 Causeway Blvd.

We'll paddle across the bay and through the Caladesi mangroves. Afterwards, depending on weather, time and how much information I can find, we may paddle south to the remains of the Scharrer homestead, an additional 3 mile loop. The other option will be to paddle along the island and stop at one of the small Caladesi beaches. Either way, it will be a pleasant day of paddling!

This paddle will take 2 - 4 hours. Please bring any snacks and drinks you may need.

Rentals are available

Kayaks can be rented from Sail Honeymoon (727) 734-0392

Terri Bishop, *Kayaking Chairperson*

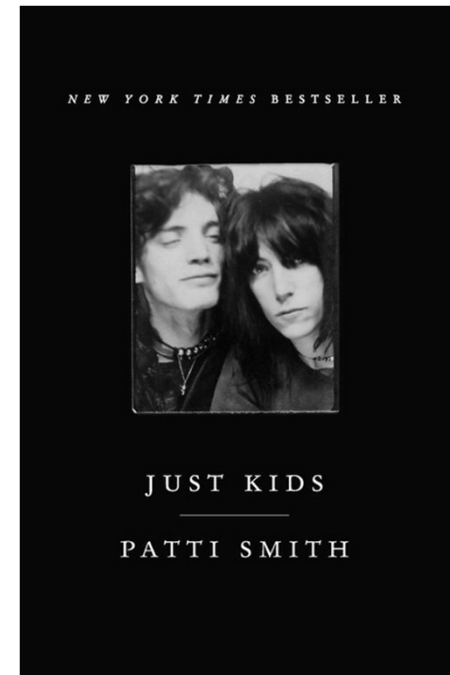


Book Club...

The Book Club's next meeting is Wed., March 8, at 7pm. Sign up on the Event section of the Boat Club website.

The book selection is "**Just Kids**," by *Patti Smith*.

In the summer of 1967, a chance encounter in Brooklyn led two young people on a path of art, devotion, and initiation. Patti Smith would evolve as a poet and performer, and Robert Mapplethorpe would direct his highly provocative style toward photography. This is a salute to New York City during the late sixties and seventies. It is a portrait of two young artists' ascent and a prelude to their fame.



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

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

Volunteers...

Upcoming volunteer opportunities include the Sunset Happy Hour on April 14 and Kentucky Derby Party on May 6.

Please email volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org with questions or to volunteer.

This month's volunteer spotlight is on John and Lesley Roseman.

John & Lesley joined DBC in 2017. Despite being part-time residents of Dunedin, they actively participate in the Club when they're here. They organize and host our popular annual Scotch Whisky Tasting where they donate whisky curated from their native Scotland. In addition, they have contributed to decorating our Mardi Gras Float.

Thank you John & Lesley!



*See their
Insight on the
next page!*

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





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.

Our first Ship Store sale is 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...



We have been Dunedin Boat Club members since 2017, we are natives of Scotland and have been travelling annually from Dunblane, Scotland to our Florida home since 1998. I, (John) was introduced to the Dunedin Boat Club through Mark & Arlene Veldhuis, they had encountered my friend, Joel McCluskey, resting on a bench seat near to the clubhouse one morning. Joel who talks for Ireland, had an interesting time chatting with Mark and Arlene that ended with an invite for Joel and I to attend the Chilli Cook Off and Auction at Dunedin Boat Club.

Lesley and I are both Glasgow born, I was introduced to boating at a young age being sent to stay with relatives at the Coastal Village of Fairlie in Ayrshire most school holidays. Marriage, and two children later, we bought a powerboat, used most weekends BBQing and water skiing with friends on Loch Lomond, the largest inland fresh water Loch in Scotland, some waterski weekends actually took place with snow still on “Ben Lomond” feeding icy water into the loch calling for wetsuits and a warm fire to return to after ‘your’ turn on the water.



Our first USA boat was purchased, an 17-6” Wellcraft I/O, just fitting into the garage with a modified trailer, good enough for teaching skiing on Lake Tarpon with Gulf trips to the island beaches superb for family and friends to experience the Florida lifestyle totally. After 18 years, it was time for change, so we upgraded to a 19’-0” Keywest Centre Console that is stored at Port Tarpon Marina on the Anclote River. “Olli-R” named after the girls in the family Olivia, Lois, Laura, Lesley, Imogen and Rocio.

February Highlight

*John & Lesley Roseman
Since 2017*

John fishing on Olli-R

Insights...



Lesley in Kefalonia, Greece

Early on, I studied for my Captain's Ticket at Glasgow Nautical College with the practical part undertaken at Sunseeker Yachts in Poole in Dorset England. During the experience and in command of the 64'-0" Sunseeker a Coastguard helicopter Commander contacted the yacht to take command of the vessel while it was cruising the Solent towards the Isle of White. The command to keep the current heading and reduce speed to 15 knots was acknowledged by me. The helicopter settled above the yacht then lowered two officers one by one onto the deck of the yacht. After hello's and thanks they strapped together and rose back to the helicopter. Once onboard safely the helicopter Commander stated "You are in Command" and the chopper veered away from the yacht. The U.K. Coastguard practice on suitable vessels when the need arises, what an experience.

The experience of studying pays off, we have been to Malta and Greece on vacation and rented boats to see other islands with no questions asked. One guy in Malta actually threw me the keys and pointed me to the boat. No talk through or even show me where the life jackets were.

Going back to the family, Bryan our son lives in Thailand on the Island of Koh Tao with his wife Rocio and our granddaughter Olivia (5), Bryan and Rocio own a Dive School on the Island "La Bombona".

Laura our daughter lives in McLean, Virginia, USA at present with her husband Owen and our granddaughter's Imogen (11) and Lois (8). Owen is a Commander in the British Royal Navy and is seconded to the USA Navy.



Above: Olli-R. Below: In Thailand





Thank you, Random Acts of Flowers for the beautiful arrangements.

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!



*A sincere thank you to the Dunedin Boat Club Board and membership for the lovely floral basket arrangement. It made my day and brightened my week.
- Linda Christle*



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

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