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DUNEDIN BOAT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Commodore Corner...

Ahoy Mates!

Spring has finally arrived in Dunedin, and it is time to get out and go boating!

Putting the We had a successful day cruise to Caladesi. Thank you, Craig Polito, VC, for hosting the event, being the anchor boat, and cooking hotdogs for all the attendees. 15 people were treated to a beautiful day on the island. Our Cruising Group also had a fun social event at Eddie's and was well attended (~20 participants). Thank you to Gary and Janet Shellenberger for coordinating the event.

Thank you to all the donors who helped us to have another successful DBC Blood Drive. A shout-out also goes to Chris Benson for coordinating the event.

Our Gulf Series Regattas continued in March and will wrap-up in April. Be sure to come out and support our Race Team and all the participants. Dates and times can be found in our online Racing Calendar.

OPEN POSITION

We are currently seeking Committee Chairs for the following leadership positions:

- **Social Chair** – Renee Radalinsky has given us advance notice that she plans to retire from the Social Chair position at the end of this year. If you are interested, please reach out to Renee or any Board member to get more details. Again, If you would like to share the responsibility with someone, team up with a buddy as Co-Chairs.

Put the “B” back in DBC

In addition to those mentioned above, the Cruising Group have scheduled several on-the-water boating events for the coming months. Check out the “On the Water” calendar for more details.

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

**General
Membership
Meeting
April 17th,
7:00**



Bill Goocher,
Commodore,
[commodore@dunedinboat
club.org](mailto:commodore@dunedinboatclub.org)

Commodore Corner... (continued)

EMV (Every Member Volunteers)

Please volunteer early and often!

As a reminder, we are a 100% volunteer organization!!

We have several upcoming volunteer opportunities. We have immediate needs for the following events in April:

- “Kentucky Derby” watch party. We need help with set-up, member check-in, and clean-up.
- Clubhouse Spring Cleaning Workday on April 15th. Come out and help us get our Clubhouse clean and ready for another season.

How do you volunteer? Simple! Send an email to Stacy at: Volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org

Clubhouse Floor Update

We had a successful meeting with the Dunedin City Manager and Deputy Manager regarding getting budget funding for leveling the clubhouse floor. Representing DBC at the meeting were Doug Moat (Vice Commodore), Rob Walker (City Liaison), and me. The City Manager agreed to add the funding request to her budget. That said, it is not a guarantee we will receive funding as we are competing with budget dollars from many groups across the City. Slow and steady will likely be the pace but do watch for further updates as the year progresses.

Get Involved and Have Fun!

April will be another busy month at DBC. Activities include a Cruiser’s Day Trip to tour the lighthouse at Anclote Island, our 1’st Annual “Burning of the Socks” & Sunset Happy Hour, a Cruiser’s Group Meeting, and a Kayaking event for Coffee Pot Bayou.

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

Bill Goocher, Commodore, commodore@dunedinboatclub.org



Vice Commodore...

This month Chantale Bégin will be speaking at the general meeting this month.

She will speak about Salty Science. Primary purpose is to support charities focused on marine life preservation education.



Rowing across an Ocean to save the Oceans

Craig Polito, Vice Commodore



Chantale Bégin

MARINE SCIENTIST, EDUCATOR, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

Chantale grew up in Québec, Canada. When she was 16 years old, after a random chance at going down to 800ft deep in the St. Lawrence Estuary in the submersible Clelia, she decided she wanted to be a marine biologist. This idea took her to Dalhousie University where she studied invasive seaweeds on the Nova Scotia coast, Université Laval where she studied invertebrate communities associated with kelp beds in the northern Gulf of Saint Lawrence, and eventually Simon Fraser University where she researched the impact of changing land use and sedimentation rates on the coral reefs of the Eastern Caribbean.



The World's Toughest Row

Starting December 2023, we will row 3,000 miles (5,000 km) completely unassisted across the Atlantic Ocean.

40-60 Days At Sea

We will be on our own from the day we depart La Gomera until the day we reach Antigua's shores, facing open-ocean conditions. We will be challenged by waves that are likely to be large enough to capsize our boat!

100% Female Powered

Our team of 4 adventurous women will take over 1.5 million oar strokes to cross the ocean, burning over 5,000 calories a day.

Rear Commodore...



The club will be doing our annual spring cleaning. This year we will work both inside and out. Inside work will include: a quick clean of the attic and kitchen; wiping down walls and furniture, mopping the floors, and cleaning windows in the meeting room. Outside we will be cleaning up leaves and debris and hosing down the outside walls, porches and railings.

We are looking for 15 - 20 volunteers. This is a great opportunity to get your 'Good of the Club' activity completed or just to volunteer "early and often".

Please text Rear Commodore Doug Moat at (651) 260-3479 if you can help out.

Doug Moat, *Rear Commodore*



DUNEDIN BOAT CLUB BURNING OF THE SOCKS 2023

BEER WINE
MUSIC

14
APRIL

DBC MEMBERS FREE GUESTS \$10 PER PERSON
6 TO 9 PM

REGISTRATION AND INFO AT DBC WEBSITE

WWW.DUNEDINBOATCLUBORG/EVENT-5107751

Social Committee...

Let's Face It.... We are all lookin' for great socks!
Commodore Goocher has an awesome writeup about this amazing event in DBC Website.

- Members Free
- Guests \$10 Per Person
- 3 Drink Tickets (Beer or Wine)
- Potluck Bring a Dish to Share

Music by Treble Hook

For More Info and to Register
For Event: Go to DBC website or
click on the link

www.dunedinboatclub.org/event-5107751

Kentucky Derby

There will be a limit of one guest per member. Guest fee is \$10 per person
The event is a potluck so people are asked to bring a dish to share.
Contests will be for members only (e.g., hat contest, stick horse race).

Beer, wine, soft drinks will be provided.

Mint julips or mojitos will be served as a special treat.

The event starts at 4:30pm. Post time is 6:45pm.

Race will be broadcast on the Clubhouse TV.

The Pig Roast is being arrangement for July.



**SHIP'S
STORE**

Dunedin Boat Club

SUNSET, T SHIRTS AND SHOTS!

Ship Store will be open on Friday, April 14th for the Sunset Happy Hour at the Dunedin Boat Club from 6-7pm.

We have some new items available for purchase and will have some items from past events on clearance.

Stop by before the sock party... say hi and check out our good stuff! Let's toast the sunset and the end to another beautiful day in paradise together!

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

Ship Store!
Sunset Happy Hour
April 14th
6 pm – 7 pm



Cruising Corner...

Check out the Cruising Forum Page!

Check out the Cruising Forum page on our website under the Member Area menu. Some recent additions include a discussion of restaurants on the water. Be sure to add your own thoughts and SUBSCRIBE to the forums if you would like email notification of new discussions. The Member Discussion Forums can be reached via this [link](#). You must be logged into the website to view discussions. Some sub cruising forums are [Anchorages](#), [Marinas](#), [Impromptu Cruises](#). Some great information has been shared. Sharing ideas and experiences, we all learn from each other.



A meeting of the Club's Cruising Group is planned for April 24 at the clubhouse. The topic for this meeting will be Anchoring followed by a social event. Please register for the event on the Club

Calendar via this link

<https://www.dunedinboatclub.org/event-5234479>

Cruising Corner...

May Cruise to King's Bay in Crystal River

Join us for an extended cruise to King's Bay in Crystal River on May 15th through 25th.

The plan would be to anchor overnight in King's Bay for several days and explore the area via kayak or dinghy.



King's Bay offers some of the most beautiful kayaking around numerous springs on the west coast of Florida. It is populated year-round with manatees and other wildlife. There are also several restaurants on the water in the area. Kayaks may be rented on shore, however a tender or dinghy would be needed to get to shore.

Details and registration for the event are available on the Club Calendar via [this link](#).

Cruising Corner...

Upcoming Boating Activities:

- Crystal River 5 to 10 day Cruise – May 10 – 25th
- Annual Island Party on Compac Island – June 10
- 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

*Anclote Island
Cruising
April 8th.*



*Watermelon
Race, Island
Party 2021*



Boat Buddies...

There's been lots of activity with the members and others going out on a deck or pontoon boat in the last few months. I try to mix up the groups with the Boat Club members and other friends so that there's always new ideas to share. On one occasion Terry Hopkins had to be a nurse mate to a friend of mine who cut her leg badly, so he kept compression and ice until we returned. At other times we've seen pods of dolphins who entertained or got out to swim. The most recent serendipity was when Neil Callahan and his wife Susan were on a pontoon sitting across from my friend, Linda during the ride to Palm Pavillion. When sunglasses came off at arrival, they said they recognized each other as best friends in college at University of Vermont many years ago and the ensuing chatter about old boyfriends and frat parties lit up the table.



You just never know when you get good people together. So far, the Boat Club members have been: TERRY and LIZA HOPKINS, LINDA LACK, DOUG and CINDY MOAT, CINDY and HARRY HALL, JOANIE and JEFF FALK, TERRI BISHOP, SANDY and DENNIS PANARS, MARTY and RICK WILLIAMSON, SHARON GRIMSHAW and STEVE SOSO, NEIL and SUSAN CALLAHAN, JEANINE METTS, SHERYL BARNES, LINDA FAGAN, TOM and PENNY KELLY, TERRY LUACES. There's also many friends who want to get out on the water as well if they don't have access to a power boat. We share food and drinks and stories and some cash contributions to make a memorable day for everyone. Check out the Boat Buddies forum and contact me for the next date.

Lynn Olsen, *Boat Buddy Captain*

Race Committee...

Race Committee successfully conducted the 2nd race of the 2023 Gulf Series on March 25th. Sailors had a great day for sailing with winds around 15 knots. 1st place was “You Know Who” with Skipper Paul Guidi.

The race competitors were: You Know Who, 18 Degrees North, Mar Y Sol, Island Hopper and Offline. We look forward to them and others joining us again on April 22nd to finish the Spring Gulf Series.

Committee members on the signal boat were Stacy Muellers, Michelle Miller, Majid Abrari and Amy Gau. Paula Shur supported the team for our first race, many thanks to Paula. Last but not least, Craig Polito volunteered his boat as the Signal Boat with 1st mate Mike, Thank you Craig and Mike!!

Race Committee is gearing up for the 2023 DBC Bay Summer Series, Race 1 of 4 is in the St. Joseph Sound on Friday May 12th.

Amy Gau, *Race Committee Co-Chair*

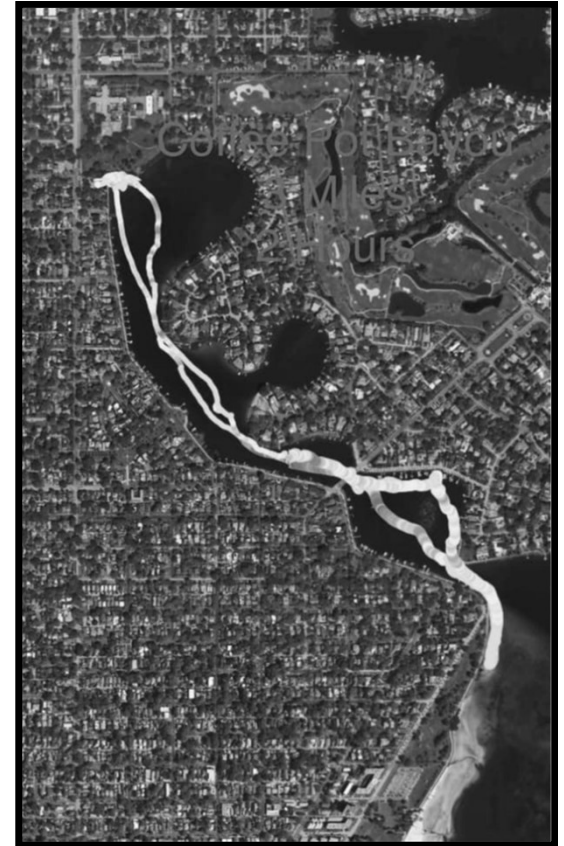


Kayaking...

Coffee Pot Bayou Park

April 27, 2023, 5:15 pm

Corner of 1st St N and 31st Ave N
St. Petersburg, 33704



We'll launch from Coffee Pot Park in St. Petersburg. We'll paddle the Bayou out and back, then watch the sunset. This is an easy 2 hour, 3 mile paddle. I haven't been here myself, but it is highly recommended and I'm told we stand a good chance of seeing manatees and lots of birds.

Parking in the lot is limited, but there is street parking. There are no kayak rentals available. Trip leader: Terri Bishop.

Terri Bishop, *Kayaking Chairperson*

Fishing Report...

Well stone crab season ends May 1st so remember to pull your traps by this date, I will be pulling ours out this week.

Pasco County scallop season has been only 10 days for the past three years they allowed harvesting of these tasty shellfish. This year the season is 37 days starting on July 1st and ending August 6th, last year was fantastic for scalloping in Pasco waters!

Red tide has subsided for now and the inshore and near shore fishing has been great! Spanish and King mackerel can be found a half mile off our beaches using live bait or trolling. Get out and catch your share!

Remember, we have a fishing forum on our website. Start talking and sharing ideas, questions, tips with our club members. Call me and give me ideas on what you would like to see from DBC Fishing Committee. Better yet, join the fishing committee and help run an event.



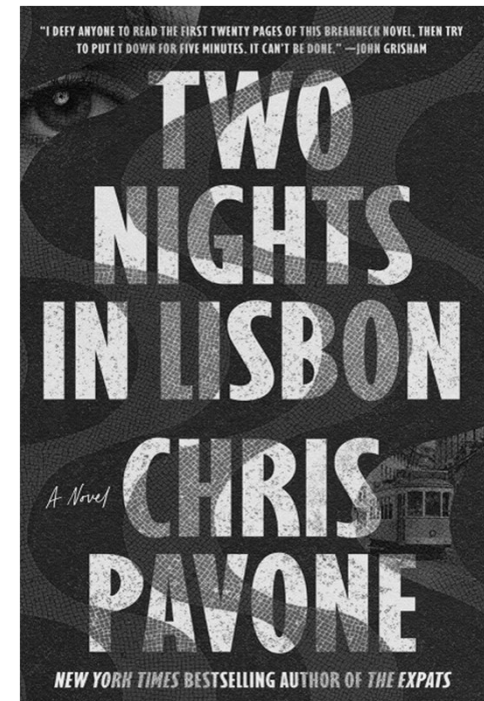
Howard Metts, Fishing Committee Chair
whmetts@yahoo.com, 727-631-4191

Book Club...

The Book Club's next meeting is Wed., May, 10th at 7pm. Sign up on the Event section of the Boat Club website.

The book selection is "**Two Nights in Lisbon: A Novel,**" by *Chris Pavone*.

Ariel Pryce wakes up in Lisbon, alone. Her husband is gone with no warning, no note, not answering his phone. She starts with hotel security, then the police, then the American embassy, at each asked questions she can't fully answer: What exactly is John doing in Lisbon? Who would want to harm him? And why does she know so little about her new husband? Expertly crafted, this is a riveting thriller about a woman under pressure, and how far she will go when everything is on the line.



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

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

Community Efforts...



PBJ & MORE CHALLENGE

APRIL 1 - MAY 1, 2023



Calling all Schools, Businesses, Civic & Religious Organizations

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Contact Terri Scully for more information terri.dunedincares@gmail.com

Dunedin Cares, Food Pantry Drive...

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.

Next event - June 7, September 12, December 13



Volunteers...

New Volunteer Opportunities

Kentucky Derby Party on May 6, all roles open.

One person to manage a 50/50 raffle at the next Membership Meeting on April 17

Volunteers to solicit auction items for the St. Joseph Sound Flats Classic.

This month's volunteer spotlight is on Rosemary O'Hara.

Rosemary and her husband Tom joined DBC in 2021.

Most recently, Rosemary has assumed the role of Membership Chair. Rosemary is active in the Book Club and often raises her hand to volunteer for events such as the Whisky and Tasting Holiday Party.

Thank you!



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



Insights...



April Highlight

Patty Siemer

Since 2019

My love of the ocean I owe to my father. He was a Lieutenant Commander and on the seas throughout WWII and the Korean War. He stayed in the reserves and many a summer he took the family from landlocked Indiana to Norfolk, Virginia. I loved going to Chesapeake Bay.

When I was twenty, I headed to California to meet the Pacific Ocean. I ended up staying almost fifty years. Luck was with me, and I got a job and a bunk on a forty-two foot wooden Dutch built yawl. Originally moored in Marina del Rey, it was eventually moved to Oxnard, CA where I helped do charters to the Channel Islands. The islands were beautiful in the seventies and home to many different species of animals.

I continued to move north in California and settled on the Central Coast near San Luis Obispo. After graduating from Cal Poly, I got a job teaching elementary school for twenty-five years at a small one school district in the small beach town of Cayucos. Gray whales and humpbacks made yearly migrations close to shore and I began kayaking to get close to them.



Insights...



Before moving to Florida, I trained with a Dragonboat team of twenty women. We paddled Morro Bay, and I loved it because you never knew what you were going to see in the water. One of my favorite memories was one day when the bay was crystal clear and covering the sea floor were baby skates.

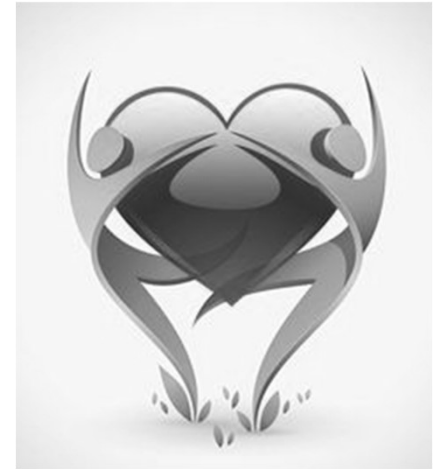


Moving to Florida was an easy decision. I wanted warmer water. Let's face it, the Pacific is always cold, and Hawaii wasn't a consideration. The wild fires and the droughts were also factors. The Gulf is

beautiful, as well as all of the rivers and the opportunities to go boating. My life is simple now, and I am enjoying kayaking Florida.

I am grateful to the Dunedin Boat Club for all of the opportunities and comradery that it offers. I belong to the Book Club and enjoy going on the club's kayaking adventures. My advice is to volunteer to meet people and partake in the activities. Also, get out on the water, you will relax and you never know what you might see.





***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!***

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

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