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# Commodore Corner...

*Ahoy Mates! Summer is here in full swing. Let's get out on the water!*

## **PUT THE "B" BACK IN DBC**

**Island Party** – We had a fantastic turnout for our annual Island Party at Compact Island. Thank you to VC Craig Polito for reviving this annual DBC tradition and for coordinating all the resources with Renee, and the many volunteers to help to make this such a successful boating event! Thank you to everyone involved in making this such a big success.

**Bay Summer Races** – The 4th and final race in the Bay Summer Series is scheduled for Saturday, June 23rd. Come out and support our racing team!

## **EMV (EVERY MEMBER VOLUNTEERS) – Volunteer Early and Often!!**

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

### **EVERY MEMBER IS EXPECTED TO VOLUNTEER EACH YEAR!**

We have several upcoming volunteer opportunities. How do you volunteer? Simple! Send an email to Stacy at: [volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org](mailto:volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org)

## **OPEN LEADERSHIP POSITION**

**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.

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

**General  
Membership Meeting  
June 19<sup>th</sup>,  
7:00**



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

# Vice Commodore...

There are no summer speakers to keep the meetings short.

Just wanted to thank everybody who helped setup, tear down and help plan this wonderful event. Make sure you check out our photo pages on the website.

*Yours truly  
getting an egg  
smashed on my  
head*



**Craig Polito, Vice Commodore**

# Cruising Corner...

## Cruise to Crystal River

The Best of Times and Island Hopper left Anclote Key at dawn on May 16<sup>th</sup> for a 7 day cruise to King's Bay in Crystal River. We had a glorious 55 Nm sail to Crystal River with favorable winds most of the day. We enjoyed dining at Cracker's and Charlie's Fish House as well as exploring the crystal clear waters and wildlife of the many springs in the area. Additional pictures can be found on the Photo's web page by clicking [here](#). Visit the Cruising Forum for lots of information [here](#).



# Cruising Corner...

## Upcoming Boating Activities:

- **July 4** – We're looking into the possibility of planning an anchor out cruise to watch the fireworks somewhere. If interested contact Gary Shellenberger.
- **August 19** – Palm Pavilion Gathering on Clearwater Beach
- **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**  
Cruising Committee Co-Chair

**Carrie Grimwade**  
Cruising Committee Co-Chair



# Race Committee...

**Fall Regatta** – Sept. 16th, Oct. 21st, and Nov. 11th. The NOR for this Regatta will be available for Competitors to sign up following the completion of the Summer Series which is noted above. A new NOR and SI will be posted when appropriate.

**Dunedin Cup** – Saturday, October 7; Documents are being prepared. The PRO will be Chris Dolan. We will be looking for on the water crew and support boats (center console boats). Please contact Amy Gau, [abgau@sbcglobal.net](mailto:abgau@sbcglobal.net), 262.227.6466 to volunteer. There will be a Social on Saturday evening for crew, competitors and DBC Club members. Awards will be given at that time.

## **For all of you with Sailboats and Interested Sailors!**

Stacy Muellers, Michelle Miller and I have been working on a survey to send out to you to find out what would interest you in the Sailboat Racing scene? Most of you know we conduct races in the Gulf and in the Bay following the US Sailing Rules, but are you interested in participating in other types of racing? The Race Committee would love for you to respond to our survey so we can better serve the Sailboat Racing community, after all, this is what the Dunedin Boat Club was founded on. Thank you for your participation in advance!

**Amy Gau, Race Committee Chair, [abgau@sbcglobal.net](mailto:abgau@sbcglobal.net), 262.227.6466**





# Race Committee...

## **Summer Bay Races**

The summer bay series is almost over with one more race date to go. In May, we added to the ambience for those at Weaver Park as the racers sailed by those listening to music in the park.

Eight boats entered and are having fun sailing at the high tide. In the spinnaker division there are two S2s and two Raven sailboats with the potential of a match race within the race.

It is not too late to enter. You will not qualify for an award but you will qualify for fun. The races are finishing just as the sun is dipping over the horizon. Go to [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) to sign up.

## **Rally to Anclote - June 24th at 10am**

The Clearwater Challenge was canceled last fall due to Hurricane Ian. Several of those who had registered for it decided they would like to get together and sail the course.

So, we have set Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> as the date, meeting at the entrance to Clearwater Pass. Countdown will be done over the radio and we will sail together (maybe race a little) up to the Anclote mark red #2 and back to Clearwater.

Please email Dr. Paul Guidi at [pagdmd@aol.com](mailto:pagdmd@aol.com) to let him know if you plan to participate. No fee, no hassle, just a fun day on the water.

**Carol Elwood**

# Kayaking...

Five members of the boat club kayaked across to the Island party on June 10. We left the Boat Club at 10 am and paddled over to Caladesi. Stewie, my kayak buddy, came along, (even though he's not a boat club member).

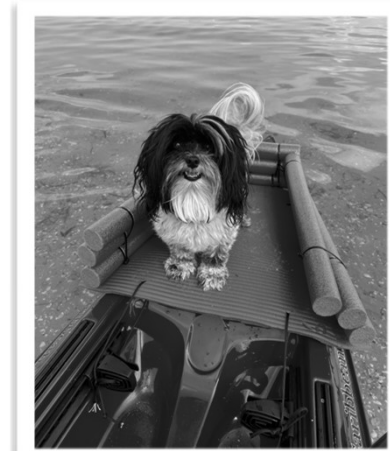
The temperature was beautiful, the water near Caladesi was glass smooth and clear. What a beautiful day for kayaking!

At about 11:30, we turned back and paddled over to the island to enjoy the party.

As everyone who attended knows, it was a lot of fun! Food and drinks were plentiful, and we all enjoyed relaxing by the water. I must say that paddling back home after eating and drinking so much wasn't quite as much fun lol.

The kayak group will paddle upper Tampa Bay in July (tides permitting) so watch for the announcement.

**Terri Bishop, *Kayaking Chairperson***





# Fishing Report...

Get ready for scallop season in nearby Pasco County! 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 1<sup>st</sup> and ending August 6<sup>th</sup>, last year was fantastic for scalloping in Pasco waters! Remember you need to have a fishing license and dive flag flying on your boat while anchored to scallop! You will need a small mesh bag to collect your scallops in as well as snorkel gear. Watch our Epic Adventures video on Scalloping... <https://youtu.be/T7dJTRN2TPw> The waters north of us are crystal clear in the grass beds, making it easy to spot scallops. Also, you will see numerous fish and an occasional sea turtle as you swim in these waters. The limit is 2 gallons per person in the shell or 10 gallons per boat (need to have 5 licensed people minimum on board).

Get out and find some tasty scallops, just keep an eye on the weather for those afternoon thunderstorms.

October 12-13<sup>th</sup> our club will work with the Rotary club once again to do the *St. Joseph Sound Flats Classic Fishing Tournament*. Start contacting potential sponsors, and collecting gifts for the silent auction, see Linda Christle. We will need volunteers, so please contact Stacy Miller if you would like to help.

**Howard Metts**, *Fishing Committee Chair*  
[whmetts@yahoo.com](mailto:whmetts@yahoo.com), 727-631-4191



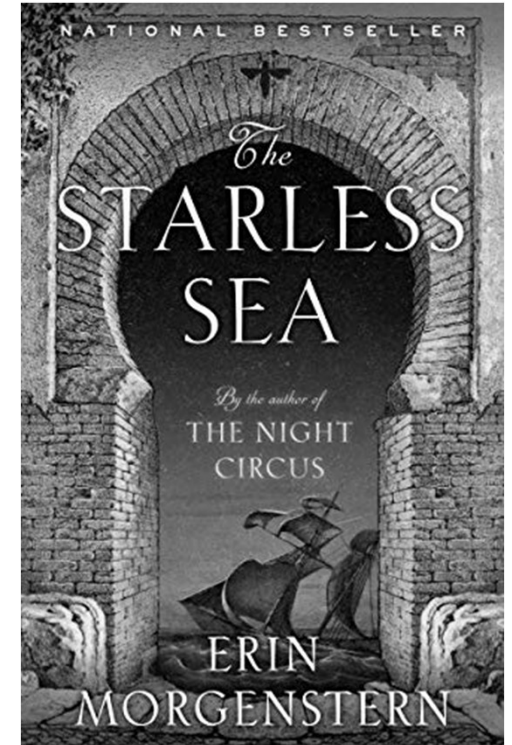
# Book Club...

The Book Club's next meeting is Wed., July 12, at 7pm. Sign up on the Event section of the Boat Club website.

The book selection is "**The Starless Sea: A Novel**," by Erin Morgenstern.

Zachary Ezra Rawlins is a graduate student in Vermont who discovers a mysterious book hidden in the stacks that contains a story from his own childhood. Zachary uncovers a series of clues—a bee, a key, and a sword—that lead him to an ancient library hidden far below the surface of the earth. What Zachary finds is more than a buried home for books and their guardians. He learns of those who have sacrificed to protect this realm, relinquishing their sight and their tongues to preserve the archive, and of those who are intent on its destruction.

**Sharon Grimshaw**, *Book Club Chairperson*, [sgrimshaw983@gmail.com](mailto:sgrimshaw983@gmail.com)



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

# Social Committee...

**Looking for an Individual or Group for the Social Chair position -  
I will be retiring as of December 31, 2023**

**If we want to continue having great events please volunteer to take this  
position - great way to meet the members! Contact me at 727 631 6200.**

**Thank you, Renee Radalinsky, *Social Chair***

*More Island  
Party photos...*





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STORE**

*Dunedin Boat Club*

Stop by to see all the new items we have for sale. We look forward to seeing you there!



**Ship's Store!  
General Meeting  
June 19th  
6 pm – 7 pm**



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

# Volunteers...

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to support the Island Party! It was a beautiful day as well as a fun and successful event!

Our Volunteer Spotlight this month is on Mark Droubie and Dawn Jensen. Mark and Dawn became members in 2022. Mark is active with the cruising group. Mark and Dawn both volunteered at last year's inaugural Flats Classic and at the Holiday Party. Both times, Mark volunteered for clean-up duty! Dawn briefly worked on the newsletter and is now supporting marketing for the St. Joseph Sound Flats Classic this October. Most recently, Mark offered the use of his boat to help with set-up which made it possible to move forward with the Island Party.

We're excited to introduce an online tool to sign up for volunteer opportunities. We're piloting it with a couple upcoming parties.

Please click on the links below to sign up to volunteer for:

- [Pig Roast](#) July 15
- [Oktoberfest Dinner and Dunedin Cup Awards](#) October 7

We also need a volunteers to lead two of our upcoming initiatives:

- Manage "day of" operations for the fishing tournament on October 13, including coordinating golf cart transportation for the anglers.
- Lead our new fundraising event on the day of the Lighted Boat Parade on December 2

If you have any questions about volunteer opportunities, please send an email to [volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org](mailto:volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org).

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



# Insights...



## June Highlight

***Michelle Miller***

*Since 2021*

A native of Fremantle, Western Australia, **Michelle Miller** has a lifelong connection to the water.

She spent many years exploring the grounds of various yacht clubs along the Swan River while her parents competed in sailing races. The Swan estuary spans 11 miles from Fremantle to Perth, Western Australia's capital and hosts an impressive 12 yacht clubs.

Beautiful year-round weather and a reliable southwest sea breeze locals call the "Fremantle Doctor" grace most days. This cooling wind provided Michelle with ample opportunities to sail all year long. While many of her family and friends were champion dinghy racers, she preferred sailing 20-30 foot keel boats, or pocket cruisers, on the Swan and to the Islands and bays along the Indian Ocean Coast.

During summer vacations, Michelle often traveled to yacht clubs dotted along the coast to compete in or crew at one of the many regattas held in the region.



*Michelle's Mother and Grandparents on the boat Grandfather built in his backyard*



*Aerial Photo of Fremantle & Swan River*

# Insights...

Sailing excitement in Fremantle peaked in 1983 when a local syndicate won the America's Cup, ending a 132-year American winning streak. Fremantle's defense of the Cup in 1987 was a proud moment for Michelle's hometown.

She explored sailing elsewhere in Australia, particularly breathtaking Sydney Harbor and participated in the lead-up to the famous Sydney to Hobart Race, one memorable time as a guest on the magnificent VO60 *Nokia*, one of the fastest ocean-racing yachts in the world.



*America's Cup Fleet in Fremantle*



*VO60 Nokia  
Michelle cruised Sydney Harbor on her...  
a memorable experience!*



*Sydney to Hobart Start*

## Career and Travel

Michelle's career began in Perth and, after a brief period working in a gold mining town in the Outback, she joined the Australian Hotels Association, as an advocate for the hospitality industry and developed an interest in politics and public policy. This opened the door to a political career, working on election campaigns and advising elected officials and Cabinet Members, while indulging in her love for travel.

Election campaigns are cyclical. This allowed her to enjoy a hiatus between cycles to explore the world. After an exhilarating 12 years in politics, she chose to emigrate to the United States. Her mother had remarried and moved to Atlanta several years prior.

# Insights...

While awaiting immigration approval, Michelle embarked on a year-long, round-the-world travel adventure, visiting New Zealand, the South Pacific, the U.S., Europe, the U.K., Southeast Asia, and Africa, including an unforgettable safari.

In 1999, Michelle arrived in the U.S. as a Permanent Resident Alien, a term which prompted chuckles from friends and family.

After two years in Atlanta, she relocated to Washington, D.C. where she spent 11 years working with political non-profits. She helped train political candidates and campaign staffers and was a contractor for high-ranking Federal officials. In 2008, she fulfilled a long-held ambition by working on a U.S. Presidential Election Campaign, assisting Sen. John McCain's Campaign, working both at headquarters and in the field.



*Kayaking, Rarotonga, Cook Islands*



*Aitutaki Sailing Club, Cook Islands*



*Sailing, Mayreau, The Grenadines*



# Insights...

Following her Washington stint, Michelle returned to Atlanta to care for her ailing mother until her passing. However, she continued to pursue her love of travel, frequently visiting Europe and the Caribbean, ultimately achieving her goal of visiting 50 countries by the time she turned 50.

In 2021, Michelle settled in Dunedin. With excellent boating opportunities, gulf views for breathtaking sunsets, airport proximity for continued travel, and a friendly village atmosphere, Dunedin met all her criteria as an ideal place to live.

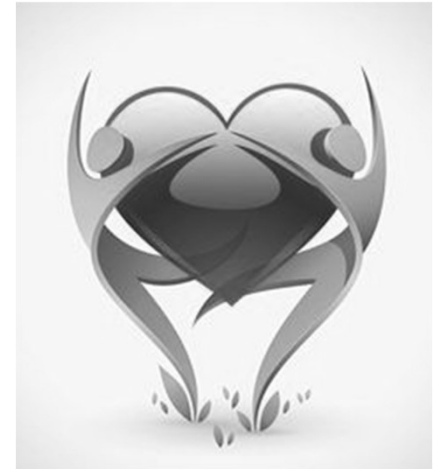
Delighted to be near the water again, she wasted no time joining the Dunedin Boat Club. She worked at the Ship's Store with Claudia and Rob Walker, and now serves on the Race Committee. She also helps with the newsletter, social events and volunteers at the U.S. Open Sailing Series at Clearwater.

While planning to one day get a small sailing boat, Michelle currently enjoys sailing at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center and exploring the waters through kayaking and boating with friends.

Michelle operates a small business management consultancy from her home, where she enjoys the glorious sunsets each evening.



*East Fremantle Yacht Club, Michelle's Home Club for many years*



***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](mailto:datronvig@gmail.com), 727-748-3743**

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