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# Commodore Corner...

## Ahoy Mates!

As 2023 comes to a close, I wanted to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Commodore for 2023. It has been an honor and a privilege. As I stated at the 2023 Change of Watch in January, we have a fantastic club with great members, and the role of the Bridge and Board in 2023 was to “Adjust the Sails”.

Our key focus areas in 2023 were:

- Putting the “B” Back in DBC
- Every Member Volunteers
- Putting the wheels in motion to get the clubhouse foundation and floor leveled.

My belief is the adjustments we made kept our club sailing in the right direction. I hope you feel the same.

While the role of the Bridge and Board is to set the sails, the heavy lifting of operating our club on a day-to-day basis is accomplished by our many Committee Chairs and Volunteers. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to our club in 2023, whether in a leadership position or helping with one of our events and/or projects.

Thank you to all the Board members and Committee Chairs who served with me this year, and to those who are continuing to serve in leadership positions in 2024. Your commitment to our club is sincerely appreciated. I would also like to give a shout out to those who are retiring from their leadership positions at the end of 2023.



**Bill Goocher,**  
*Commodore,*  
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## **Commodore Corner... (continued)**

### **Board Members Retiring:**

Doug Moat – 2 years as Rear Commodore  
Mimi Werner – 1 year as Secretary  
Linda Lack, PC – 2 years as a Board Member  
Stacy Muellers – 1 year as a Board Member  
Harold Schomaker, PC – 1 year as a Board Member

### **Committee Chairs Retiring:**

Terri Bishop – 1 year as Kayaking Chair  
Sharon Grimshaw and Sam McVicker – 1 year as Mardi Gras Float Co-Chairs  
Mark Muellers – 1 year as Website Chair  
Stacy Muellers – 1.5+ years as Volunteer Coordinator Chair  
Renee Radalinsky – 3 Years as Social Chair  
Debra Tronvig – 3 years as Sunshine Chair  
Rob Walker – 1 year as City Liaison Chair

Our website will be updated shortly after the Change of Watch with a complete list of our 2024 Bridge, Board, and Committee Chairs.

I hope to see you all at the Change of Watch on Saturday, January 13th . Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your Commodore in 2023.

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

# Change of Watch...



Change of Watch 2024

Saturday, January 13, 2024



To Register Visit our Website or [Click Here](#)

**Hosted by The Blue Gavel**, our annual Change of Watch is an opportunity to thank and honor the current DBC Bridge and Board, and welcome the newly elected officers for 2024. Annual awards including the "**Member of the Year**" will also be presented. Enjoy great food, dancing, and a fun time with your fellow Dunedin Boat Club friends.

## SCHEDULE FOR THE EVENING

- ❖ Happy Hour begins at 6:00 PM
- ❖ Hors d'Oeuvres served at 6:15 PM
- ❖ Salad served at 6:45 PM
- ❖ Dinner served at 7:00 PM
- ❖ Awards, Change of Watch, Live Music, and Dancing will follow the dinner
- ❖ A cash bar will be available throughout the evening

## Dinner Entree Options *(choose when registering)*

- Chicken Piccata
- Bronzed Mahi
- Prime Rib Au Jus
- Stuffed Portobello Mushroom
- All dinners include Appetizers, Salad, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts w/Bacon, and Cheesecake w/Strawberry Topping

# Social Committee...

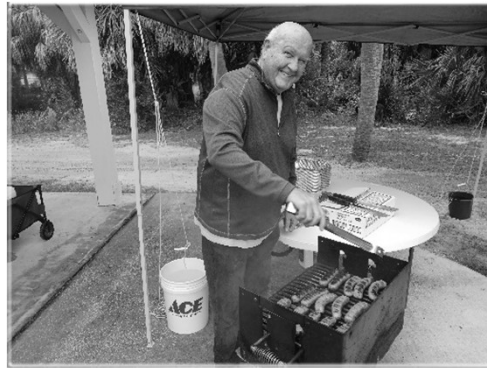
Fun Holiday Party on December 8th!



# Cruising Corner...

## Commodore's Caladesi Thanksgiving Weekend Cruise

The weather was not very cooperative for this cruise with cool temperatures and intermittent light rain. However, 18 courageous boaters braved the conditions for a great weekend. Commodore Goocher became Chef Gooch grilling brats and burgers for the group. Past Commodore Brinkley gathered kindling to start the firepit helping to keep everyone warmer. Everyone who was able to attend had a great time with great friends.



# Cruising Corner...

## Cruising Group Chat Group

Join in on the DBC Cruising conversations. Members are posting their upcoming boating plans that you can join in on, or spur of the moment openings for a boat ride. But, you have to join the chat group in order to find out what is going on. To join the messaging group, you will need to download an app to your phone, create an account, then ask to join the DBC Cruising Group. Instructions on how to download the app, and join the Cruising Group are posted on the Cruising Group Form page, click [here](#).

## Upcoming Boating Activities:

- **St. Pete Power and Sailboat Show Jan. 18 – 21, 2024** Some members have expressed an interest in getting a slip at St. Pete Municipal Marina and attending the St. Pete Boat Show. If you are interested contact Harold Schomaker
- **Feb. 2024.** We need volunteers to host a boating event for this month. We will help you organize it, get it on the calendar and promote it.
- **Mar./Apr. 2024.** We are planning a 4 to 5 week long range cruise to the Dry Tortugas or the Keys next spring. More details as they are available. If interested contact Gary Shellenberger
- **May. 2024.** We are planning a return to Crystal River again this spring. Likely dates are May 8 to 16 so that we could arrive and leave near a high tide. More details as they are available. If interested contact Gary Shellenberger
- **Other?** We need volunteers to host whatever boating event you want to have. Day trip to the beach or overnight to a marina. Whatever you want to do on your boat is always more fun with friends. We will help you organize it, get it on the calendar and promote it. Let us know what you want to do and when you want to do it.

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

**Gary Shellenberger Carrie Grimwade**  
*Cruising Committee Co-Chair Cruising Committee Co-Chair*



# Race Committee...

## The 2023 Fall Gulf Series Results

### 3rd and Final Race:

**Spinnaker Class:** Paul Guidi on “You Know Who”

**In the Cruising Class:**

1st place - Charles Mixon of Red Sky  
2nd place - Steve Baumann of 18 Degrees North  
3rd place - Paul Auman of Fixation

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# Race Committee...

## 2024 Spring Gulf Series and BOTY Pass-A-Grille

### 2024 Gulf Series

Race #1 - February 3rd

Race #2 - March 2nd

Race #3 - April 13th

**Pass-A-Grille** (co-hosted with CYC), March 2nd

**Clearwater Yacht Club** is hosting **Gulf Coast Championships**, Part of the 2024 ILLCA North American Grand Prix Series. Check in is the evening of March 8th at the Sailing Center. Race days are March 9 – 10. They are expecting over 100 boats and are looking for volunteers on and off the water (including beach support as many from DBC volunteered for in the US Open in previous years). It is very exciting to participate in these large regattas and I encourage anyone that is interested to volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering please send your name, cell and email address to or Susie Nolan (CYC) 203-843-4250.



**Amy Gau**

*Race Committee Chair*

# Membership...

Before I introduce the new members who've joined us in the last couple months, I'd like to publicly thank Stacy Muellers for covering for me while I was off on a big adventure. It's fun to be the club's membership chair because you get to meet such interesting people. But it also means a great deal to be able to step away and know another member will have your back.

I'd like to report that membership interest in the Dunedin Boat Club remains high. But today, please help me celebrate the arrival of our most recent members. And please keep a welcoming eye out for them at our upcoming events. We all remember what it feels like to be the new kid.



**Rosemary O'Hara**  
*Membership Committee Chairperson*



*Paul Tater and  
Karen Sharkey*



*Amy and Stan Connally*



*Lisa Newkirk-  
Svarczkopf*



*Angie Marino &  
Kevin Bennett*



*David & Catherine  
Prince*

# Volunteers...

**Upcoming volunteer opportunities include:**

Holiday Decoration Removal    January 6

To sign up, go to the link below and click on the event for which you're interested in volunteering. There are also sign-ups for open Committee Chair positions.

<https://dunedinboatclub.org/volunteering>

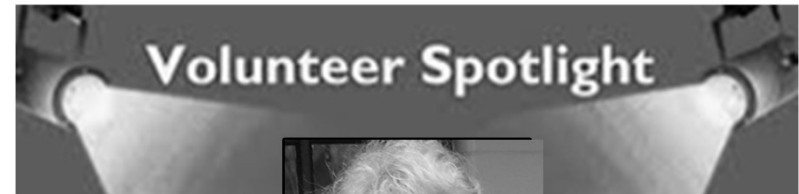
Please send any inquiries about volunteering to [volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org](mailto:volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org)



**Stacey Muellers**

*Volunteer Committee Chair*

941-448-3423



**Our Volunteer Spotlight this month is on:**

**Lynn Frasz**

Our Volunteer Spotlight this month is on Lynn Frasz. Lynn has been a member since 2013. She volunteers early and often for many of our events, making planning much easier! Most recently she has helped with decorating the DBC lamp post downtown, the Chili Cook-Off, the St. Joseph Sound Flats Classic Captain's Dinner and Tournament, Dunedin Cup Regatta Dinner and the Kentucky Derby Party. Thank you Lynn for your enthusiasm for supporting the Dunedin Boat Club!

# Fishing Report...

Sheepshead are available around bridges, jetties, and dock pilings. You will need a piece of shrimp, fiddler crabs, or mud crabs for bait. Use a sharp stout #1 or 2 hook with just enough wait to get it to the bottom. These fish have a mouthful of teeth to crush crabs to eat and require a sharp hook to penetrate. They are nick named convict fish due to their black and white bands and because they can steal a bait without notice. When you feel the first tap lift your rod and set the hook. They are great fighters and very good to eat!

Silver trout should be in the channel at the last Dunedin Causeway Bridge. Drift the channel with any 3 inch jig and you can catch enough for a tasty meal. Remember they have a soft mouth so loosen the drag to get them in the boat.

Stone crabs were plentiful before we left for our cruise, we got 4 pounds of claws!

Get out there and catch some fresh seafood!



**Howard Metts,**  
*Fishing Committee Chair*  
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*727-631-4191*

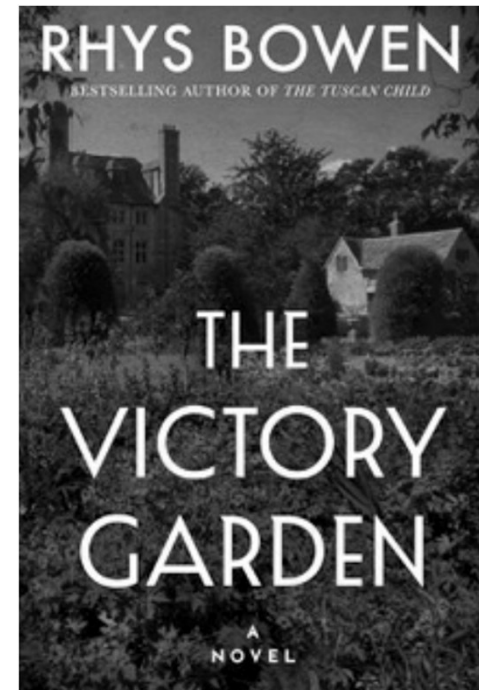


# Book Club...

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

The book selection is **“The Victory Garden: A Novel,”** by **Rhys Bowen**.

As WW I takes its toll in England, young Emily Bryce is persuaded by a handsome Australian pilot that she can contribute. Before long she falls in love with him and accepts his proposal of marriage. When he is sent back to the front, she volunteers as a “land girl,” tending to the neglected grounds of a Devonshire estate. There she discovers the long-forgotten journals of a medicine woman who devoted her life to her herbal garden. As Emily learns more about the volatile power of healing with herbs, the journals bring her to the brink of disaster, but open a path to her destiny.



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

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

# Book Club...



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



**Sam McVickers** had knee surgery and is recovering successfully at home.

This will be my last submission for Sunshine, Kelly O'Connell is taking over.

Happy Holidays!

*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,  
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# SHIP'S STORE

*Dunedin Boat Club*

The Ship's Store has been a wonderful experience for the three of us to chair together as it has given us the opportunity to get to know so many new members of our great Club. As well as so many existing DBC members.

Our goal has been to shop for, embroider, or screenprint many fun, new items to help promote our great club! Offering monthly sales events at general meetings of club events has been supported by so many members which has generated a small surplus for the club after all expenses have been paid.

We thank everyone for their support this past year, and the three of us look forward to another great year of building friendships and creating fun merchandise to promote our club throughout the community.

Thank you!



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





# From the Editor...

Hope you all had a fantastic and relaxing Christmas and wishing you all a Happy New Year!

So sorry for the delay. I was away on a cruise & Michelle had work conflicts... then we both were sick.

This is the time of the year when we renew our business ads. If you have been thinking of adding your business ad, please call me at 727-418-5224. We will get you started. If you plan to renew, your bill should have been sent out. If you are no longer interested and want to remove your ad, send me an email please.

Hope you have been enjoying another year of the Harbor Crier.

Jeanine Metts, *Harbor Crier Editor*



Jeanine Metts, *Harbor Crier Editor*  
Michelle Miller, *Co-editor*

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