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# Commodore Corner...

Well March is here, and it is coming in like a LION!

Racing just completed their great Pass a Grille race and had a great party at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club at Pass a Grille. We had about 40 people show up and all enjoyed themselves at the club house and handed out the awards and had a wonderful time. Even if you are not a racer, you still can show up and have an enjoyable time. Please read Amy article for more details. Why not plan of showing up at our next event!

The Board is finishing the Boat Club Mission Statement, and it will be presented online on the website and at our March meeting. Also, at the March meeting we will have our orientation presentation following our regular meeting on Monday March 18th. Even if you are a life member you are invited to stay and learn a little more about our club and, more important, you can meet NEW and prospective members of the club.

We added new "No Trespassing" signs on the porch and clubhouse. We have been having an ongoing issue with people using the deck and climbing on the roof, this will help the situation and give the Harbor Master and her crew some tooth in deterring these people.

Padder's (used to be Kayaker's) headed up to the Cotee River March 8<sup>th</sup>, see photos and upcoming details in their section.

Of course, the 2nd annual tradition of The Burning of the Socks was a fun time! Look at your online calendar for details about any Social Events! March 23 is Megan Bosi's Baby Shower, so do plan on welcoming **a new 3rd generation member to our Club**. Details on the website!

Come on out and enjoy the best place in Dunedin and attend our **March meeting, Monday March 18<sup>th</sup>**, see you there!

**Terry Hopkins, Commodore**  
[commodore@dunedinboatclub.org](mailto:commodore@dunedinboatclub.org)



# Vice Commodore...

## FEBRUARY MEETING SPEAKER: NOAH LYONS

Noah was born and raised in Clearwater, Florida and began sailing at the age of 6. He worked his way through the Opti, 420, and junior windsurfing classes before sailing his first Olympic class boat, the 49er. He sailed the 49er competitively all through High School, placing 5th at the Youth Worlds. Noah's crew moved away for college, so he focused his energy into windsurfing which he had done on the side since 2012.

In the spring of 2022, he made the decision to campaign full time in the new Olympic Windsurfing class, the IQFoil. In the fall of 2022, he graduated with a B.S. in microbiology, and from there has been sailing full time with the goal of going to the Olympics. Early in 2024, Noah won the domestic Olympic trials, selecting as the representative for the 2024 Olympic Games.



**Craig Polito**, *Vice Commodore*

**More info at:**

**<https://www.ussailing.org/athletes/noah-lyons/>**

# Social Committee...

Hello Shipmates, The DBC Social is continuing its string of hits!

Our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Burning of the Socks & Sunset Happy Hour** was one of our best parties ever! We had many DBC Members and guests attending this amazing event. One of my staff members created a Jimmy Buffett punch made of natural coconut water, Caribbean rum and freshly squeezed limes and it was well received by the Club. We had a roaring fire and we burned the heck out of some of the most disgusting socks I have ever seen. A fire extinguisher was kept nearby just in case things got a little too wild. Our old buddy Treble Hook was laying down his trademark songs about living in old Florida. The DBC Members got a sneak peak at the new layout of the Clubhouse. We moved the bar to a more ideal spot and rearranged the serving tables. Many Members told me they really liked the new arrangement. You should let the Board and Bridge know what you think of this new layout. They value your opinion.

Next up on the Social Calendar is something new that we are trying. We will have a **Co-ed Baby Shower for Megan Bosi** on Saturday March 23rd. The event will be at the Clubhouse from 1 to 4pm. What is really special about this event is that we will be welcoming a new generation of Bosi's to the DBC Club. Hosts will be Karen Auman & Cindy Cole.

Now, have you noticed that you don't see many pet pot-bellied pigs running around town lately? That's because it will soon be time for the world famous **DBC Annual Pig Roast**. Those pet pot-bellied pigs know it and they are keeping a very low profile! Go ahead and mark your calendar, the date will be April 20<sup>th</sup>. We will have our buddies from the VFW working their smoker magic and I expect we will have some Pig Vampires swoop in.

Then get ready to saddle up for the DBC Kentucky Derby Watch Party May 4th. Come on down to the Clubhouse and watch the race on the Club's jumbotron TV. Can you imagine watching the excitement of the race with a cold mint julep in your hand cheering on your favorite horse. We will have a DBC Member explain how to place bets on the race. Start training for the Stick Horse Race and practice singing "*My Old Kentucky Home*."

WOW! I am getting excited just writing about our coming events! I am so looking forward to hanging out and partying with everyone.

**Butch Cole, Social Chair**





## Social Committee...

We need volunteers to help with decorating making center pieces, plan and help with the games.

The sign-up sheet for food to bring is on the DBC web site volunteer sign up on the items for food. Always need help with the clean up after.

Please text Karen or Cindy if you have any questions.

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Cindy Cole 727-408-0603  
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**Baby registry:** Amazon.com under Megan Bosi

Target.com under Megan and Nichola

# Burn the Socks Party...

*March 9<sup>th</sup> 2024*



# Cruising Corner...

## Recent Cruises

- **Feb. 24-25, 2024. Clearwater Sea-Blues Festival**

We had a great time at The Clearwater Sea-Blues Festival last weekend. The weather was warm and beautiful, the bands were fabulous and the seafood was delicious. Eight DBC members and two prospective members got together over the 2 days for some great camaraderie, food, music and spirits. You won't want to miss out on this event next year.

- **Cruising Chat Group**

Don't forget to join in on the DBC Cruising conversations. Instructions on how to join the Cruising Chat Group are posted on the Cruising Group Forum page, [click here](#).

- **Cruising Group Co-Chair**

We are looking for a co-chair for the Cruising Committee willing to help plan and organize day-trip type boating activities for the club. If you are interested contact Gary Shellenberger or Terry Hopkins



# Cruising Corner...

## Upcoming Boating Activities:

**Mar. 19 - Apr. 17, 2024** - Cruising south for 4 to 5 weeks to the Dry Tortugas or the Keys. Join The Best of Times and Sea View Play for all of the cruise or any part of it. Details and registration are available on the club calendar. If interested contact Gary Shellenberger

**May 8 thru May 16, 2024** - Cruising north to Crystal River again this year. More details as they are available. If interested contact Gary Shellenberger

**June 8, 2024** - Island Party. More details as they are available.

**Nov. 29, 2024** - Commodore's Annual Thanksgiving Cruise to Caladesi. More details as they are available.

- Tour of the Anclote Lighthouse? If interested in leading this event, contact Gary Shellenberger
- Day Trip to Caladesi or Three Rooker Bar? If interested in leading this event, contact Gary Shellenberger
- Other? We need volunteers to lead 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 me directly.

**Gary Shellenberger**  
**Cruising Committee Chair**





# Race Committee...

The **Spring Gulf Series** continues with our next race being March 30th.

The **Pass-A-Grille Run**, was March 2nd. This is this WFPHRF Boat of the Year race which is co-sponsored by DBC and CYC. The race is from Clearwater Pass to Pass-A-Grille. The race started out with great sailing winds, but within an hour of the first start, they began to slow down. By the end of the race, we didn't have any wind. The race favored the racers who were able to take advantage of the early winds. It was a great day on the water for all of the racers. Dinner was very well attended at St. Pete's Yacht club in Pass-A-Grille. Thank you to everyone who supported the day!

Clearwater Yacht Club is hosted the Gulf Coast Championships this year. This regatta is a part of the **2024 ILCA North American Grand Prix Series**. Over 120 boats participated and was a spectacular sight to see all of the ILCA's on the water! Thank you to all of the DBC members who volunteered both on the water and onshore.



**Amy Gau**  
*Race Committee Chair*

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# DBC Paddlers...

The Weedon Island paddling event was a perfect day on the water. Ten brave paddlers joined the group for a fun trip through the many mangroves of Weedon Island. This is a favorite paddle of many. The temperature was perfect, the water calm and the wind blew us back to the dock at the end of the trip.

March 8, we paddled the Cotee River in New Port Richey, it was an easy paddle that incorporated the urban with the environment.

The upcoming paddling events are scheduled:

April 10 - Caladesi Mangrove Trail and Stop at Scharrer Homestead, let by Eric Graves.

April 27 - Hammock Park and Curlew Creek, led by Carol Elwood, a local and Saturday paddle

May 11-14 - Crystal River, pick one day or multiple days to play with the manatees and kayak this beautiful area. We'll be paddling each of these days.

*Mangroves of  
Weedon Island*



*Cotee River in New Port Richey*



*Scharrer Homestead  
Caladesi Island*



# Blood Drive...

**March 27th**

Schedule through  
One Blood

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.

During last year's blood drives One Blood received 29 Donations and helped save the lives of 87 patients.

Our dates for 2024 are listed below and are posted on the website. Links to register will be provided closer to the event.

**Next event - May 22, August 14, October 30**



***We are proud to  
announce the DBC  
Volunteer of the  
Month for March***



Liza moved to Dunedin 2008 from Naperville Illinois. Liza has two children boy and girl and three grandchildren 2 grand daughters ages 16 years and 13 years old, one grandson aged 4 years. Liza had a love for horse riding at the age of nine years old. Liza won many ribbons in Equestrian shows. Liza enjoyed the many years riding. Liza now enjoys traveling and her family.

Liza joined the Dunedin Boat Club in 2009. Loves the friends she has meet and all the people are like family to her. Liza stated some of the best people you ever meet are members of the Dunedin Boat Club.

Liza has from 2009 worked on the DBC Floats with her creative art and talent. Every Mardi Gras she has given the club her time and art to make our float fun. Liza went to The Art of Institute of Chicago Illinois. That is when she decided she could make more money in painting signs and pin stripping. Her son was a little baby, and she started a business with signs. Business trucks would drop off their trucks at 8 pm and Liza would be painting signs on the trucks while her baby boy slept the night away. 8 am the business would pick up the vehicles. When Liza moved to Dunedin, started pinstripe boats, and design the boats name. We are proud of Liza Hopkins and thank you for the many hrs. and time you have giving to the Boat Club..

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



**Cindy Cole**  
*Volunteer Committee Chair*

# Membership...

We have five new members this month! Please keep a welcoming eye out for them.

- Kelly Snow & Mike Morris
- Matt & Sara Evans
- Janet Freudenrich

Also, a number of you have yet to pick up your name tags. If you can't make a meeting, I'm happy to meet you offline to make the handoff. And if you know someone whose name is listed below, please let them know their name tag is ready! I would appreciate your help in lightening the load of my bulging bag. Here's my email: [rosemaryohara14@gmail.com](mailto:rosemaryohara14@gmail.com)



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



Kelly Snow &  
Mike Morris



Matt & Sara  
Evans



Janet  
Freudenrich

# Membership...

## Name Badges waiting to be picked up:

Sal Arena  
James Ashbaugh

Mike Balint  
Lorna Balint  
Debbie Beaty  
Kim Beaty  
Kevin Bennett (2)

Rod Collman  
Stan Connally  
Amy Connally

Doug Delashmutt  
Karen Kelashmutt  
Jeff Depew  
Patrick Donoghue (2)  
Mitch Dunasky

Erich Glanz

Luanne Haver  
Rob Haver  
Mike Hennessy  
Blair Heppe  
Dana Heppe

Luli Kellin

Brian Lydon  
Daisy Mae Lyon

Angie Marino (2)  
Cameron McKeever  
James McKeever  
David Meadows  
Doug Moat

Jorge Otero

Beth Peterson  
David Prince  
Catherine Prince

Linda Rasor

Anne Sanders  
Glenn Sanders  
Karen Sharkey  
Donna Shelley  
Joe Smith  
Tom Stabler

Paul Tater  
Jim Turner  
Moira Turner

Cameron Vale  
Suzanne Vale  
Christine Vargas



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

# Book Club...

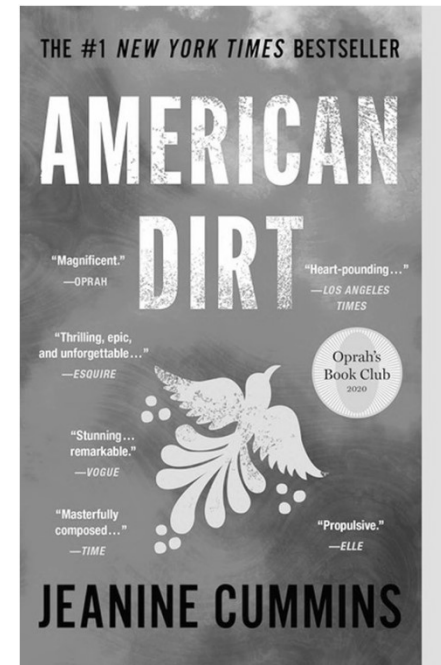
The Book Club's next meeting is Wednesday, April 10, at 7pm. Sign up on the Event section of the Boat Club website.

The book selection is **"American Dirt: A Novel,"** by **Jeanine Cummins.**

Lydia lives in Acapulco with her son, Luca, and her journalist husband. While cracks are beginning to show in Acapulco because of the cartels, her life is comfortable. After her husband's tell-all profile of the newest drug lord is published, Lydia and Luca are forced to flee. They find themselves joining the countless people trying to reach the United States. Lydia soon sees that everyone is running from something. But what exactly are they running to?



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



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

# Fishing Report...

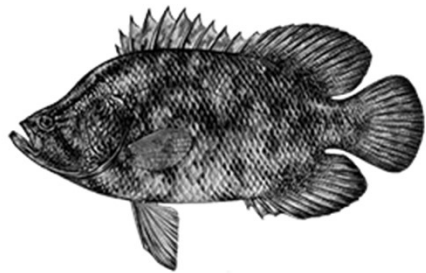


As the water starts to warm kingfish and spanish mackerel will follow the baitfish schools along our beaches. Anchoring with a chum slick and drifting live green backs will help bring the fish to your boat. You can also drift with a ladyfish, blue runner, or large pinfish attached to a stinger rig to find the kingfish.

Triple tail can be found on the crab trap buoys a mile or two offshore, use live shrimp, greenbacks, or a small jig to catch them. Be careful when handling these fish as their gill plates are razor sharp. They must be 18 inches total length to keep and are great to eat.

Pompano are now in the passes, drift using a banana jig with a teaser to find these hard fighting tasty fish. Remember to fish the moving tides and that pompano need to measure 11 inches at the fork minimum to keep.

Get out there and fish!



**Don't forget to tell  
your tails on the  
fishing forum.**

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







***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!***

With great regret, DBC Sunshine reports the lost a member this past week. Steve Donovan passed away from complications after a surgery. Please keep Lori and family in your prayers. They are life time members.

***Our thoughts and prayers go out to:***

John Zucker (Dan's dad). John has been in and out of the hospital with complications from a previous surgery. Please keep Patty, Dan and the rest of the family in your prayers. John & Patty have been members since 2017.

George Schott's continuation of healing from his neck surgery.

David Germaine is recovering from a surgery.



**Kelly O'Connell, Sunshine committee chair,  
312-576-2500 [Jocpiper@me.com](mailto:Jocpiper@me.com)**

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