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Pig Roast  
July 16th

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## Commodore's Corner

by Dorothy Connor

Potpourri

Life is unpredictable and chances are all of us will need a bit of sunshine from time to time. We have a Sunshine chairman, Maureen Kanetski, who dispenses sunshine to let members with difficulties know that we are thinking of them. The system works 100% of the time when Maureen gets the word. Most of us have benefited from that warm feeling that comes with the sunshine in our dark moments. Please don't forget that the system works only if you let her know that one of our group is in need. Please call Maureen rather than email her; her number is 501-6053.

On Wednesday night races this summer, races start at 6:30. I served as the substitute race committee for the last race and learned a lot. First, there is little equal to sitting on the floating dock and watching friends race in the bay. If you have never done this, come down as a spectator or volunteer and enjoy the race, followed by the sunset. Then I learned the importance of volunteers. Sharon Williams turned up and helped finish the race. I had been wondering how I would record the times, sound the signal and keep everything straight. We both enjoyed the evening! Don't forget to RSVP to events coming up. The Pig Roast is always a blast in July as is the FuFu party in August. It is so much easier to know how many will be attending than to make an educated guess.

As for the July meeting, how many of you would be willing to bring ice cream to serve before the meeting to ease the hot weather? Let me know if you would be willing to either make or bring ice cream for us to  
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## Upcoming Events At A Glance...

### July 16

Annual Pig Roast

### July 18

General Membership Mtg.

### August 1

Board Meeting

### August 15

General Membership Mtg.

### August 20

Fu Fu Party

### September 5

Board Meeting

# Mog Wild

AT THE **DUNEDIN  
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*Dunedin Boat Club  
Annual Pig Roast*

*Saturday  
July 16th  
6:30 PM  
until the  
pig is gone!*



## Get Your Pig On!

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RSVP is NICE but NOT Necessary they will FEED you!**

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enjoy! Email or phone is fine. I am old enough to remember delicious home churned ice cream where the children got to lick the dasher! Doesn't ice cream on a summer evening make for a special event? Let's make it happen!

Democracy in action was demonstrated at the meeting held at the Senior Center to discuss the planned campground at Honeymoon Island. As local residents and citizens, you do need to let your voice be heard about this issue. People who neglect to participate in the process should not complain if things occur that you do not like. While you may not get your choice, if you ignore the process you let others decide for you. So keep an eye open to what is occurring in your community and be a participant!

Remember, it is not the place we live or the things we have but the friends that we make along the way that give us joy.

### 2011 Committees

Book Club .....Carol Allen	Membership.....Robin Wright & Sharon Williams
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# 27th Annual Dunedin Cup October 28-30, 2011

## Saturday September 17

The 5th Annual Regatta Ball

Dunedin Golf Club

Dinner & Dancing, Silent Auction and much more!

## Friday October 28th

Skippers Meeting and Party

Dunedin Boat Club

Race Registration, Raffle of Various Nautical Items, Beer and Pizza

## Saturday October 29

All Day Regatta Events

We kick off the races with the Dunedin Pipe Band and a Note from our City Officials.

Races take place in both the Gulf and St Joseph Sound. Festivities include the Kiwanis Rib-Fest and Antique Car Show along with various vendors and activities in Edgewater Park. A Genuine Low Country Boil rounds out the Saturday Night Awards

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are in need of volunteers to help throughout the weekend of the Dunedin Cup. Committee Boats for the Races, Low Country Boil Cooking and Clean-up, Parking, Beer and Wine Sales and many others. Please give some of your time for the kids. Contact Happy at [happytoes@verizon.net](mailto:happytoes@verizon.net) to volunteer.

## **SPONSORS & AUCTION ITEMS**

We are also looking for Event Sponsors and items for the Silent Auction contact Terry Hopkins at [aloha@anet.com](mailto:aloha@anet.com) or Dorothy Connor at [dorothyh-connor@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:dorothyh-connor@tampabay.rr.com)

# It's That Time Again!

## FU FU Party

### Saturday, August 20



**Sponsored by Kim & Debbie Beaty**

Okay, there are land lubber parties and island parties...and then there is this true Classics... **THE FU FU PARTY!**

And this **IS** a true classic in the Dunedin Boat Club Pantheon of Parties. The idea is this, members of the boat club make their favorite FU FU drink, (a FU FU is an umbrella or feather in the drink), build your own themed booth or table to serve the drink and then **ALL OF US DRINK** what ever they make until it is all gone! Simple and easy to do and simple for club members to follow the instructions!

If you need help on ideas or help in know what to do then call us for ideas.!

**To Sign up to have a Table or Booth or for more information contact .....**  
**Kim or Debbie Beaty at [debbeaty2@aol.com](mailto:debbeaty2@aol.com) or call 735-0739**

# What Were Bird Racks?

by Wallace Erickson

Brought to us by Sage Piotrowski



Not many people today know about the bird racks that were built in the Gulf of Mexico from Clearwater to St. Marks in the 1930's, or what their purpose was. In fact there is a lot of misinformation being circulated about their use and only a few of us old timers who are left know the facts. Over 100 racks were in use and my dad, Fred Ericson built and maintained 25 of them. He was glad to have my help when I got old enough.

He built one of them off the south end of Hog Island (now called Caladesi Island) on the north side of Big Pass which does not exist anymore. Another was built off Honeymoon Island. Both of these islands were just west of Dunedin where our home was.

At that time there were no sandbars below or above the water, just beautiful grass banks covered with three to four feet of crystal clear water. One large bank north of Honeymoon Island, approximately two miles long by three quarters of a mile wide, was called the Three Rookery Bank. I often hear it mistakenly called the Three Rooker Bank, but its name comes from the racks that were used as bird rookeries. The three racks on that bank were owned by Lovett Ferguson, one on the southeast corner of the bank and two on the north end. Fishermen were able to run all over the grass bank looking for mackerel and bluefish, because sandbars didn't start forming there until the 1950's. Ferguson also had about four racks between Wall Springs and the mouth of the Anclote River.

The racks were built to collect the guano, or dung, deposited by the Cormorants that roosted on them, to be used for fertilizer. The birds needed the grassy banks to feed on the fish that lived in the grass, resulting in large amounts of guano for the fertilizer business when the racks were placed there. We cleaned them during the winter months because that is when 100,000 or more Cormorants would migrate south. On a good cleaning there might be as much as six inches of guano on a single rack.

A 20 X 20 foot rack (small size) erected in about 4 to 10 feet of water, would have 9 pilings in rows of three, ten to twelve feet tall above the water, with a piling jutting out at an angle from each corner to brace the platform. Each rack had a name given to it by the local people. One rack just west of Hernando Beach was the White Rack; one was the Northwest Rack because it was Northwest of Port Richey, and another was called the Tile Rack because it had red tile pipe around the pilings to keep the worms from eating them. Most of the Ferguson racks had cabbage palm pilings which the worms did not eat, but the cypress pilings were subject to being eaten away. The Tile Rack stood 150 feet Southeast of Johnson Rock west of Bayport. Most of the racks belonged to Lovett Ferguson, but others were owned by my dad and fellows named Brown, Brag and Phillips.



I have been told some people think the racks were built by the government for the purpose of making explosives from the nitrate in the guano. This is not true. The guano was collected and sold to the Lyons Fertilizer Co. in Tampa or to local grove owners by the bird rack owners. Unfortunately, during World War II the Army Air Corps used the racks for target practice, destroying a big portion of them. After complaints resulting in an investigation, mainly by Claud Pepper, the Air Corps agreed to stop strafing and bombing. However, before my father could rebuild his racks, they did it again. The only one whose business survived the war was Lovett Ferguson because he owned so many racks. John Palmer bought the business from him after the war, but he didn't like it and went fishing instead.

And that was the end of the bird rack fertilizer business.

# Dunedin Boat Club Member Checklist

An informal gathering shall consist of no more than 8 persons per membership (single or family) including the member. Any type of gathering formal or informal with more than 10 attendees must have approval from the Board/Bridge.

**Member must leave the clubhouse and grounds cleaner than it was found.**

1. Kitchen –The kitchen must be left clean – dishes washed and put away, counter tops and stove wiped, refrigerator cleaned out, floors swept and spills wiped up. Leftovers must be removed from the building.
2. Bathrooms – Counter tops must be wiped down, sinks wiped out, floor swept, and trash taken out. Do not clean your feet in the sinks – there is a shower on the north side of the building.
3. Furniture may be moved around but must be put back where it belongs. Artwork may not be moved. All folding tables and chairs must be wiped down and put away.
4. Main Room – must be swept out, furniture put back in place, and all trash removed to the bins on the north side of the building. Fans and lights must be turned off and blinds lowered.
5. Doors and windows must be closed and locked and lights and ceiling fans tuned off.
6. SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE BUILDING.
7. Small decorations such as rice, confetti, sequins, and glitter are not permitted. Freestanding decorations only are allowed: no tape, string, tacks, glue, or staples may be used to attach to walls.
8. Alcohol may be served; however, Dunedin Boat Club is not responsible for any injury or property damage caused by intoxication. Alcohol may not be sold. You must be of legal age to consume alcohol on the premises.

## SAILING ON SOMEONE ELSE'S BOAT

Still working to find other DBC Members/Friends who might be interested in chartering boats in the Abacos or British Virgin Islands. In 2012. Several folks from the DBC have enjoyed this in the past. I would like to schedule a planning meeting, but need others who might be interested. So far have heard from the Collman's, Connor's, and Victor & Chris. Setting up a planning meeting for July 18 at 6:30pm, prior to our monthly DBC meeting at the club. Please come and see where or what the group decides to do. If you have questions or cannot attend that meeting, please contact Mary Kolb at 727-733-3498 or [mkolb@gotravelorlando.com](mailto:mkolb@gotravelorlando.com)

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## TAMPA GULF COAST FISHING-REPORT

Recent guests from Georgia, Capt. Ken and family stayed with us at [www.FloridaVactionWithBoat.com](http://www.FloridaVactionWithBoat.com). Ken is an avid fly fisherman, well experienced with Georgia's backwoods streams. I asked for a report on his time spent here.

"The fishing was great all week. I was fishing with Berkley Gulp 3-inch shrimp and some mullet, colored pink and green. I had the best luck using the Gulp shrimp. The "new penny" was the best color. I also rigged them with love lure's double jig rig. Love lure trout bait is a tandem rigged jig made and sold locally here in Florida (See Capt. Alex for info). One of the best spots I found for the larger trout was off the second barrier and Spoil Island drifting East towards shore, north of Dunedin Causeway. I caught a lot of flounder, one of which was 23 inches and way too many trout to count (see picture)."

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