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DUNEDIN BOAT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Commodore Corner...

Hello all, and welcome to Hot August!

After two months of glorious freedom from Covid, it's back thanks to the Delta variant. As you have read, Florida leads the country in cases and hospitalizations. I am personally affected, as my daughter is currently ill with it. As a result, we held our August DBC Board meeting by Zoom. The Board unanimously agreed to also hold the August General Meeting by Zoom as well. It is so darn hot anyway, so we might as well enjoy the comfort of our air-conditioned homes and meet online.



DBC will continue to hold its outdoor events in August. The Parrottdise boat cruisers had a great time this past Tuesday. Check out some more of the pictures on the DBC Facebook page. The Captain's Laundry Race, a longstanding DBC tradition, will take place on Saturday Aug 21. Come support the racers and join in the after race festivities. Masking inside the clubhouse is strongly recommended. See the Racing section for more info.

We have also been plagued this summer with Red Tide, and we had to postpone the Island Party and some fishing events. Fortunately, our waters in North Pinellas have been much better than those to the south of us for the most part. Let's hope it stays that way! The swim along at Three Rooker should be a very nice day on the water. See the social section for more info.



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Commodore Corner...

Topic: DBC August General Meeting

Time: Aug 16, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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August 16th, General Membership Meeting on Zoom - 7:30pm





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The Captain's Laundry Race!!

Back Bigger And Better Than Ever!!

August 21st 10am

We are bringing back this fun event but with a new twist. Previously, it was a sailboat race. It was so popular we decided to add a fleet of kayaks and paddle boards. The paddlers and sailors will be on separate courses for safety.

Decorate your vessel resembling a pirate ship, dress yourself and your crew as pirates, man yourself with water propelling devices and join the fun! Starting at 10am, there will be the bawdy water battle with squirt guns, water cannons and who knows what else to thoroughly wet those on other vessels. Once everyone is thoroughly soaked, the race will begin. While going around the prescribed course, keep your eye out for the captain's laundry floating on the water. Snag it before your competitor does! There will be 4 packages of laundry on each course. Whoever finishes the course first with the most laundry wins. If each vessel only has one piece of laundry, the one finishing first is the winner.



Our current Commodore won best dressed female pirate, 2018.

The winner has the dubious honor of having their photo placed in the frame of the toilet seat hanging on the clubhouse wall.

If you don't want to race, come down to the clubhouse and watch the rowdy event from the porch. All club members welcome for the cook out.

POST RACE COOK OUT AND AWARDS, 4 pm, BRING A DISH TO SHARE



Winners in 2018 – Dave & Chris Kelly on Mar Y Sol

The Captain's Laundry Race!!



Fixation 2018



HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE LAUNDRY RACE

As we are having a virtual meeting in August due to the increase in Covid, registration for this event will be ON LINE.

Go to the club's website.

https://www.dunedinboatclub.org/racing-2/201-racing-schedule/

Click on the RACING tab. Click on the Race Schedule and select the **Registration file** plus the **waiver file** and complete them.

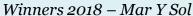
You will see multiple lines for the Laundry Race. The first is the Notice of Race, telling you all about it, the time frame etc. The second is the Sailing Instructions which has one page for the sailboats and one for the paddlers telling you how to go around the course. Then there is a registration form followed by waivers.

Please print out your Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, Registration form and the waiver or waivers pertinent to you. If children are on board, the waiver for a minor must be signed by a guardian.

Sign the registration form and the waiver. You can take a picture of these two forms and attach it in a message or email to our Race Chairman, David Kresge. 813 833 2285 <u>dckoffsu@gmail.com</u>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact David.

We look forward to a safe, rowdy, fun, day on the water!!!





ParrotDise Express Sunset Cruise - Part II

For those of you that missed the Sunset Cruise on the ParrotDise Express, we have another opportunity for you!

A Second Sunset Cruise Will Be Held Thursday, August 26th.

This will also be a fundraising event for Bernie and his family. We recognize that while we had a fundraiser for Bernie earlier, the bills will keep coming in. As he is our family, we want to continue to support his family in their times of trouble.

Tickets will be \$35 per person. All proceeds will be going to Bernie's family, to help pay the bills. Captain Jeff has also agreed to support our cause.





Please join us on Thursday evening, August 26th, in support of a great cause! There will be free beer, wine, sangria and rum punch, as well as music and friends.

As Renee is out of town, please contact Sean Murphy, to reserve your spot at Sean.Murphy@pmc-bac.com, or text at 727-947-2229.

If you cannot make it, and would like to make a donation, please reach out to Sean Murphy.

Fishing Report...

Scallop season in Pasco County was a bust this year as the scallops moved further north after the storm two weeks prior to the start. We went out 3 times getting 36 the first day, 40 the second, then the boat overheat alarm went off on day three ending the Pasco scallop season for us. Hernando county scalloping has been good and is open thru September 24th. We are thinking about renting a pontoon boat for the day and giving it a try.

Due to red tide, redfish, speckled trout, and snook are again closed to harvest again so we may need to reschedule our fall redfish event or change to a different species. Inshore dock fishing is producing black drum, snook, redfish, and sheepshead. Contact me if you have a boat and want to fish! **SEA TOW**





Howard Metts, Fishing Committee Chair <u>whmetts@yahoo.com</u>, 727-631-4191

Membership Committee...

Join me in welcoming one returning and three new members:

Joan Marzi - Returning member and past Commodore of the Safety Harbor Boat Club.

Terri Bishop - Kayaker who lives in Dunedin.

Rachel Page - Ably managed the Pig Roast bar!!

Are you excited about bringing new members into the Club? I am recruiting for a new Membership Chairperson starting in January. I am looking for someone to join me now as Vice-Chairperson to learn the tasks for the Membership Chairperson role. Contact me at ssoso983@gmail.com.





Terri Bishop



Joan Marzi



Rachel Page

Steven Soso,

Membership Committee Chairperson



The Captain's Laundry Race is back! Thanks to the creative drive of Carol Elwood, we are bringing back the Captain's Laundry Race this August 21st, (Saturday) with a start time of 10 AM. The NOR & Sis are posted on the DBC website. https://www.dunedinboatclub.org/racing-2/201-racing-schedule/. This is a Club event and it is open to all members. This is designed for sailing, held on the north course and paddlers, held on the south course. Fun for all. See the details on the registration / waivers and day of fun on the brochure below.

Gulf Series - Fall Regatta: This continues the DBC race for Club Boat of the Year. With our Fall Regatta in the books, we begin the Fall Regattas on September11th. All race documents are at www.Yachtscoring.com. Competitors will want to register for these 3 race-date events which is \$30 for the Regatta or \$15 per individual race. You can see the NOR at our DBC racing site as well. https://www.dunedinboatclub.org/racing-2/201-racing-schedule/ COMPETITORS remember to check that your WF PHRF rating is renewed and current in this new year.

Dunedin Cup: Scheduled for <u>September 25th</u>; The <u>NOR is posted</u> and announcements have started to the region's sailing competitors. Note that the main social event will be occurring as part of the Skippers Meeting this year on Friday night so save that date and plan to attend. Skippers, bring your crew. The is going to be a fun event and a return to competitive racing.

Visit your Dunedin Boat Club website – Racing tab for more details on your Club's racing activities. It takes a Team to have a successful racing curriculum. https://www.dunedinboatclub.org

US OPEN Series of Sailing − **Clearwater** Is scheduled for the first week in February and will be orchestrated from the Clearwater Community Sailing Center. Mark you calendar to volunteer for February 2 − 6, 2022. Contact David Kresge.

David Kresge, Race Committee Chair, dckoffsu@gmail.com, 813.833.2285

Public Relations & Marketing Committee...

Web 2.0 Initiative – Bill Goocher, Project Manager

Phase 1 Assemble Team and Create & Review Project Plan with Team – COMPLETED
Chris Benson, Terry Hopkins and Sean Murphy will support Bill

Phase 2 Identify & Document Requirements – COMPLETED

Phase 3 Identify Potential Solutions and Estimated Costs of Each – COMPLETED

Phase 4 Present Findings and Recommendations to DBC Leadership – COMPLETED
(recommendation was approved by the Board)

Phase 5 Present Findings and Recommendations to DBC Membership – COMPLETED
(recommendation and funding was approved by the Membership)

Phase 6 Select and Contract with Selected Provider(s) – COMPLETED

Phase 7 Implementation and Testing – IN PROCESS

Expect beta testing by trial group the week of August 2'nd and initial rollout within the following 2 weeks. The initial rollout may or may not include the eCommerce component, depending on when our eCommerce application is approved and the time needed for testing.

Bill Goocher, Public Relations and Marketing Chairman

Book Club...

The Book Club next meeting is Wednesday, September 8th, at 7pm. Sign up is required. Contact Sharon Grimshaw.

Here is our book selection

Our book selection is "The Pull of the Stars," by Emma Donoghue.

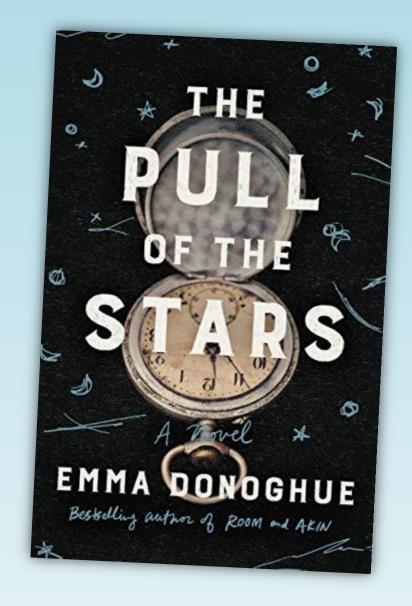
The story is set in 1918 in a Dublin hospital's closet-sized ward for expectant mothers who have the Spanish flu. Over three days, Nurse Julia Power cares for expectant mothers with the help of Bridie Sweeney, a volunteer sent by a local convent. The pace is frenetic with nonstop action and heartbreak.

For more reading inspiration checkout our book list: https://dunedinboatclub.org/book-list

Cheers,

Sharon Grimshaw

Book Club Chairperson, sgrimshaw983@gmail.com



Ship Store...

Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped make the "Christmas in July" sale a huge success! Not only did we launch a Commemorative 2021 DBC ornament, but it turned into quite a social event as well!

The *NEW* Vintage logo is very popular and we are adding many new items as fast as we can. Latest additions to check out: Insulated stainless steel beverage containers, and tote bags.

Be sure to get your 90th Anniversary wine glasses and burgees before they are gone forever.

If you are interested in meeting new members or reconnecting with old; have a creative flair and good with merchandising; consider joining the Ships Store Committee!











THE CHANGE OF WATCH IS BACK FOR 2022!

This is your ANNUAL OPPORTUNITY to THANK and HONOR the current DBC BRIDGE and BOARD and WELCOME the NEWLY ELECTED members!!

It will be held on Saturday, Jan 8, 2022, at the Dunedin Country Club and hosted by Jack Mallard and Mary Jean Scholl. So, get out your finest evening wear and your dancing shoes for the 2022 CHANGE OF WATCH TRIBUTE DINNER and DANCE.

Hors D'Ouvres and social will begin at 6:00 PM. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 PM. Annual awards including the Member of the Year will also be presented. Enjoy great food, dancing, and a fun time with your fellow Boat Club friends.

So please mark January 8th on your 2022 calendar.

Thanks again for supporting this event in the past and we both look forward to seeing you in January.

Jack and Mary Jean



Insights...



August Highlight Blair Kooi

Member since 2011,
Past Commodore

My dad, Ray C. Kooi, who passed away in 2007 at the age of 93, had two great passions in life: music and recreational sailing. He played a major role in establishing in 1947 the Ford Yacht Club in Grosse Ile, Michigan (also a member of the Yacht Clubs of America). At the suggestion of his good friend, Leo Beebe, who, like my dad, was a teacher in Dearborn, Michigan at the outbreak of World War II, my dad joined the Ford Motor Company in 1946 as head of the Employee Recreation Department after completing his service in the Army (he attained the rank of Captain). My dad eventually became the Executive Director of the Ford Motor Company Fund (the philanthropic arm of the company) and, following his passion for music, was the director of the Ford Chorus from 1946 to 1978 (the year he retired from Ford), writing several original musicals for the chorus to perform. Mr. Beebe had served in the Navy under Henry Ford II, training machinists and pipe fitters in Dearborn, and was recruited by Mr. Ford in 1943. Mr. Beebe, described as a confidant of Mr. Ford, eventually became a Senior Executive Vice President, head of Ford's European operations, head of Ford's racing program (including the 1-2-3 finish at Lemans in 1966), and head of the Philco Corporation after its acquisition by the company in 1963.



The Ford Yacht Club's website states that "the Ford Yacht Club was begun by a small group of Ford Engineering employees and presented to the Ford Recreation Department early in 1947. . . . Vacant land at the southern tip of Grosse Ile was selected. Many days of planning followed before clearing of the land and shoreline development took place." It, also, states that, in 1949, "the foundation for the first Clubhouse (18x24 foot in size) was started. The small building was completed and a social program began. Annual dues were \$15.00!" Within several years after the club was established, my dad, along with my godfather, Edward H. Sieber, M.D., purchased a 38-foot cypress-hull yawl from a previous owner. While searching for one of my favorite photos of my dad standing joyfully on the bowsprit of their boat (I was unable to locate the photo), I found a framed photo of their boat heeling over. (See photo.) Removing the frame to see the entire photo revealed the inscriptions "Shari" and "July 1949." My dad and godfather renamed the boat the "Stork" in reference to the fact that my godfather was an obstetrician/gynecologist (he delivered me in 1951). An artist named Bob Frahm, whom I recall my dad saying was an illustrator for the Ford Times, gave my dad a watercolor of the "Stork." (See photo on the next page)

Insights... Continued



Although my dad loved sailing and was very passionate about the "Stork," working endless hours maintaining it and looking forward every year to his week-long sailing voyages on Lake Erie with his friends, my mom did not share his passion. I remember several times when she was aboard, and the boat was really heeling over with the rails under the water, that she would exclaim "Stop it, Ray!" She even wore nose clips thinking that the boat might capsize. Unfortunately, this difference in passion ultimately led to the sale of the "Stork" when I was just 10 or 11 years old, thus ending my regular visits to this truly interesting and memorable place.

My parents purchased two condominium units on Honeymoon Island while they were under construction in 1968, utilizing one of them as their winter residence and, later, their full-time residence. My first Florida residence was in Orlando when I became an associate at Swann, Swann & Haddock following my graduation from Washington & Lee School of Law in 1976. I moved back to Michigan when I earned my M.B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1980, and then resided in the Chicago area for over thirty years, engaged for ten years in corporate finance at The Northern Trust Company and Continental Illinois Bank, and then beginning my solo law practice in 1990. My passion was coaching girls lacrosse at Hinsdale Central High School from 2004 to 2013, and then at Palm Harbor University in 2014 and 2015. I was reinstated into The Florida Bar in 2008 and have maintained an active membership status since then.

I first met Terry and Liza Hopkins at an event on Honeymoon Island when they were guests of Allan and Barb Powell, and they suggested that I consider joining the club. Needless to say, I am very glad that I took their suggestion. I joined in 2011. In 2015, while visiting Tim Ponta, my childhood friend from my elementary school, Greenfield Village, who lives with his wife, Sue, on Grosse Ile, and had restored a 35-foot Magnum Sport Fisherman which we took from FYC to Leland, Michigan, stopping at Mackinac Island, I revisited the club and exchanged burgees. The Ford Yacht Club burgee is one of the most recent additions to be displayed in our club, and our burgee is displayed in FYC's beautiful clubhouse that was built in 1990. I was elected as Commodore of the Dunedin Boat Club in 2017.

"Insights" will highlight a member in our club or a new member of our club. Please contact Jeanine if you have someone in mind. Let's share our experiences and get to know one another.

Jeanine Metts, Newsletter Committee Chair, <u>Jeanine@mettsgroup.com</u>, 727-418-5224



Ford Yacht Club flying Dunedin Boat Clubs flag.



- **Dave Lettington**, a member since 2005, has recently been released from the hospital after a lengthy stay for a bone marrow transplant. The members send their support and prayers for a successful recovery.
- **Bernie Buird**, a member since 2009, had a stroke. Please hold him in healing light & Prayers once again. The Club held a 50/50 raffle at the Pig Roast, to raise funds, to help pay for Bernie's medical bills. The Club raised \$500. Thank you to Mark from the VFW, who won the raffle and donated his money back to the fund for Bernie. We are holding a 2nd fund raiser on August 26, a portion of the fee on the Parrotdise boat is going to the family.
- **Chris Benson**, a member since 2006, her granddaughter underwent a bone marrow transplant UPDATE: She is doing well considering everything she's been through. She is receiving small doses of chemo to prevent the cells from running wild. Her hair is beginning to thin and she's talking about shaving her head. I've very impressed with the program at the hospital. She has a checklist of tasks to accomplish each day, music her apt, physical therapy, and visits with a psychologist. Your support and that of the club is very much appreciated.
- Rebecca Morgan, a member since 2010, her sister died recently. The members sent their condolences.
- Ellen Duncan, a member since 2013, is doing OK (Pancreatic Cancer) Our very own Cindy Cole helps her once a week.
- **Dorothy Connor**, a member since 2003, recently had rotator cuff surgery. She lives here as well as Alabama at her new husbands home. She had the surgery up there. She is now in Florida. The members sent their wishes for a speedy recovery.
- Mary Kolb, a member since 2003, had successful hip replacement and returned to home. Pray for complete recovery and successful physical therapy with no complications.

Linda Fagan, Sunshine committee chair, <u>lfagan51@icloud.com</u>, 727-415-2131

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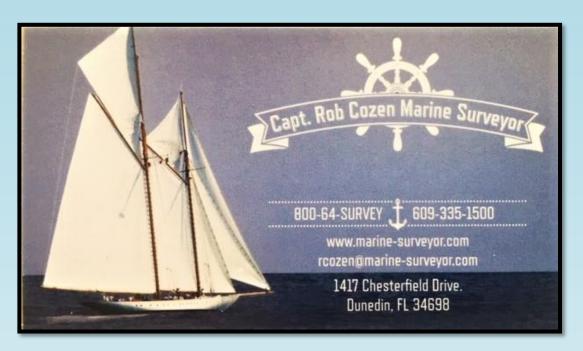




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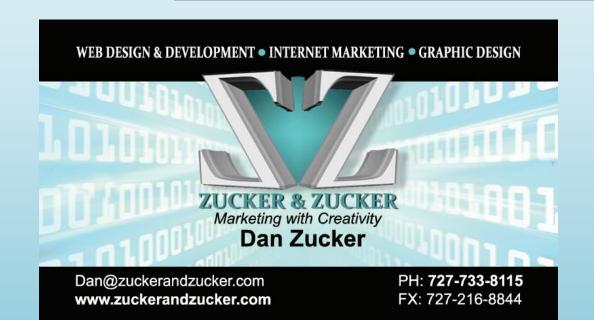
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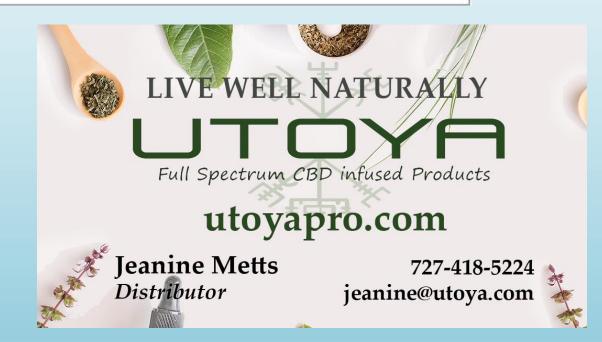


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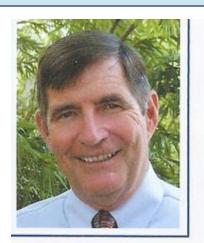
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