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DUNEDIN BOAT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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# Commodore Corner...

## Ahoy Mates!

Another successful Mardi Gars parade and a beautiful DBC Mardi Gras float are now in the history books. Thank you again to Sharon Grimshaw, Sam McVicker, and the MANY volunteers to helped to make this a wonderful, fun event for our members and the tens of thousands of spectators who came to watch.

I also want to give a big shout-out to the Blue Gavel volunteers who treated us to a delicious spaghetti dinner. It was a fun event and a successful fundraiser to help us cover the cost of restoring, building, and storing our float. For those not familiar, The International Order of Blue Gavel is a distinguished club of past commodores from boat clubs and yacht clubs around the world.

Our local chapter is made up of many former DBC Commodores and one DBC member who is a former Commodore at another club.

Our annual Blessing of the Fleet was yet another success. Thank you to Chris Benson for organizing the Blessing of the Fleet and the waterside tribute to honor DBC members who passed away over the past year.

## OPEN 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.

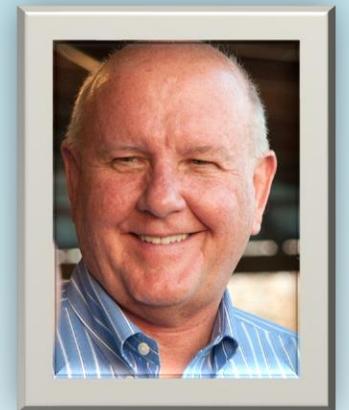
I am excited to announce that Rosemary O'Hara has volunteered to become our new Membership Chair. Thank you for stepping up!

## Put the B back in DBC

Thank you to Gary Shellenberger and Carrie Grimwade for Co-Chairing the Cruising Committee for 2023. They are working to schedule several on-the-water boating events this year, the first being the Caladesi Beach Day on March 11'th (Red Tide permitting). Gary and Carrie will discuss other boating and cruising-related activities in the Cruising section below.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER: "Cruising" now includes both day trips and overnight trips for boaters.**

**General  
Membership  
Meeting  
March 20<sup>th</sup>,  
7:00**



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

## Commodore Corner... (continued)

### **EMV (Every Member Volunteers)**

You have heard me say it before and will likely hear it many more. We are a 100% volunteer run club. There are NO paid employees. We truly depend on you to make our club successful. If you haven't volunteered lately (or even if you have), please reach out to Stacy Muellers and let her know you would like to volunteer to help our club. We have lots of events coming up in March, April, and May and will need your help.



*How do you volunteer?* Simple! Send an email to Stacy at: [Volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org](mailto:Volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org)

***Please volunteer early and often!***

### **Clubhouse Floor**

As many (most?) of you are keenly aware, the flooring of our clubhouse has issues with low spots, sloping floors, etc. We have a meeting with Dunedin's City Manager and her team on March 9th. The purpose of the meeting is to explain the problems we are experiencing with our sinking floor and to ask the City of Dunedin for assistance in making the repairs. Representing DBC at the meeting will be Doug Moat (Vice Commodore), Rob Walker (City Liaison), and me. Slow and steady will likely be the pace but do watch for further updates as the year progresses.

### **Get Involved and Have Fun!**

March is a busy month. Activities include our Caladesi Day Cruise, Quarterly Blood Drive, Gulf Series Spring Regatta, a Kayak outing, as well as other activities. Check our online calendar for the latest events and fun activities.

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

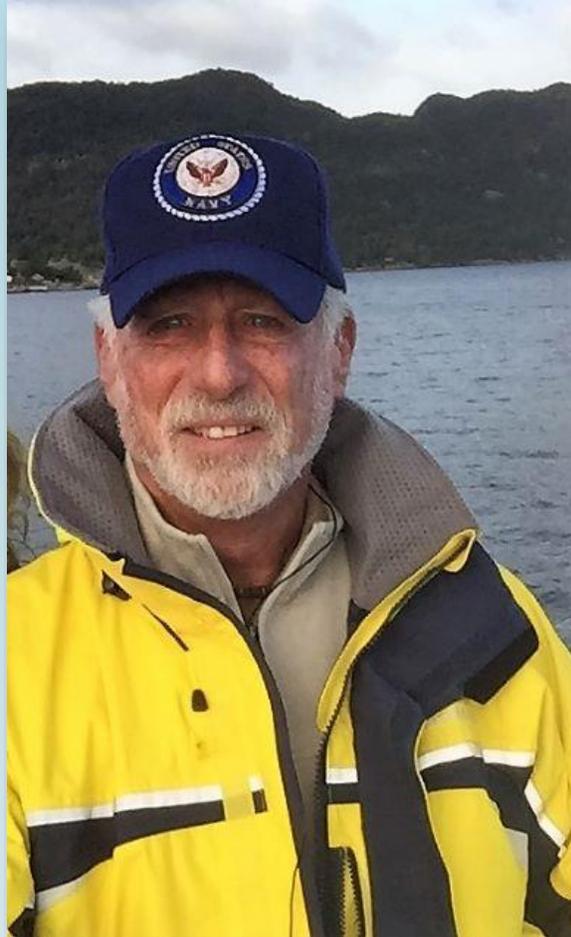
**Bill Goocher**, Commodore, [commodore@dunedinboatclub.org](mailto:commodore@dunedinboatclub.org)

# Vice Commodore...

This month Rob Cozen will be speaking at the general meeting this month.

He will be speaking about tips on buying a boat and general maintenance to get ready for the boating season if you have a boat.

**Craig Polito**, *Vice Commodore*



**Rob Cozen**

## Captain Rob Cozen Bio

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Certified Marine Surveyor 1988 - Present

Captain on Caladesi Ferry

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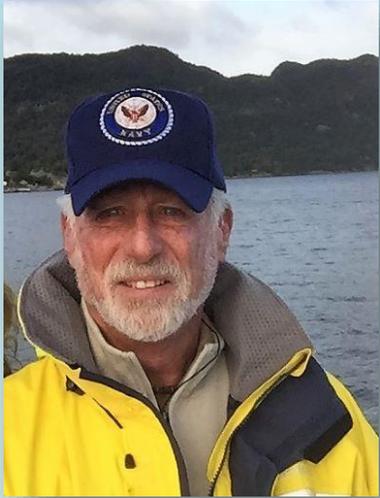
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# Guest Speaker: Rob Cozen



**Rob Cozen**

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Spring  
Maintenance  
List**

## **HERE COMES SPRING!**

So Spring is just around the corner. You find your mind wondering while sitting at your desk. Every new warm breeze transports you to the helm of your boat. You experience an uncontrollable facial twitch every time you pass the marine store.

Well, there might just be several other minor things to think about before setting out on that first shakedown cruise.

So, I have again brought back the **Annual Spring Maintenance Checklist**. Download and/or print it, put it on a clipboard and use it as a guideline for getting your vessel ready to rumble. Remember, the most effective (and cheapest) maintenance is preventative maintenance. A comprehensive spring maintenance program could prevent time consuming and expensive repairs in the summer.

**BE PREPARED - BE SAFE - HAVE FUN!**



**Use QR code or link below**  
[Spring Preventative Maintenance List, by Rob Cozen](#)

# Social Committee...



**Sunset Happy Hour**  
April 14th with  
"Burning of the Socks"  
So, bring your socks to burn

**Kentucky Derby** May 6th  
Start decorating your Hat !!



Seeking an individual or group to take over Social Chair for 2024 - This is a wonderful and exciting opportunity to meet and interact with Club members while organizing and setting up events. I would like to guide this person or group on a few events before depart this committee in December 2023.

# Blood Drive...

**March 15th**

8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

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.

*Twenty seven pints of blood were collected during our blood drives in 2022 and eighty one lives were saved. Thank you all!*

Our dates for 2023 are listed below and are posted on the website. Links to register will be provided closer to the event.

**March 15, June 7, September 12, December 13**



# Cruising Corner...

## Create your own “Impromptu” Boating Event!

The presentation at last month’s Cruising Group demonstrated how any member can create their own spur of the moment cruising or boating event using the Membership Discussion Forums area on our website. Simply post whatever your plans are on the Impromptu Cruising Page, then all members who have subscribed to that Forum will receive an email of your plans and have the opportunity to join in on the fun. It’s a great way to meet new members and friends. A copy of the presentation can be found on the Club Membership Discussion Forums via this [link](#).

## Come Climb the Anclote Key Lighthouse!

**SAVE THE DATE - April 8, 2023** - The DBC Cruising Committee is hosting a day-trip to the Anclote Key Lighthouse April 8, 2023. You can register for the event on the website calendar by clicking on this [link](#).



# Cruising Corner...

## Upcoming Boating Activities:

- April 8 – Anclote Key Lighthouse – Day Cruise and Tour – Carrie Grimwade
- Annual Island Party on Compac Island – TBD
- Crystal River 5 to 7 day Cruise – late May
- Palm Pavilion Gathering and Cruise – Aug. 19
- 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**

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Cruising Committee Co-Chair

**Carrie Grimwade**

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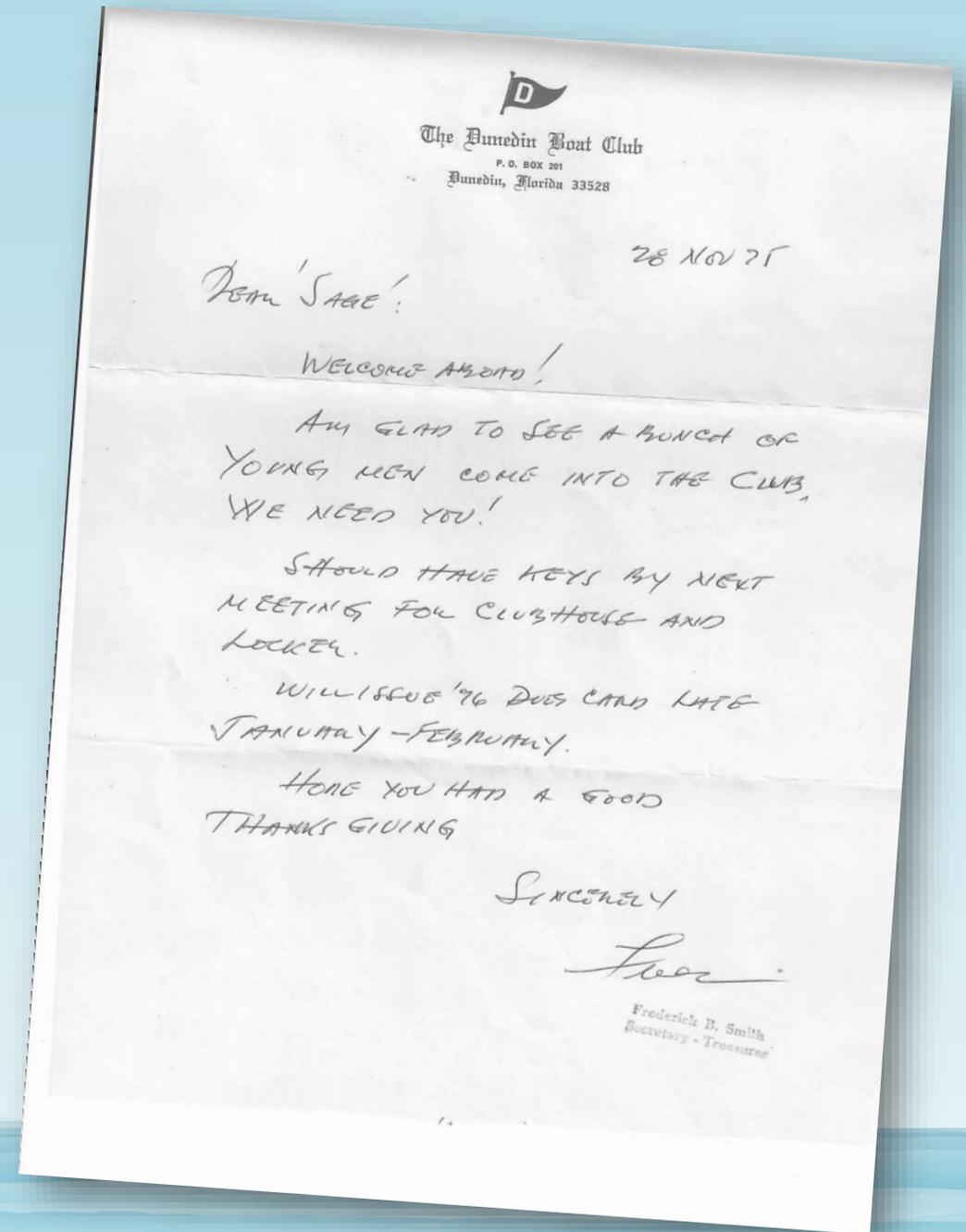
# Historian Tales...

## Ask yourself what is your reason to be member?

I thought this was very interesting letter and shows a little of the history of the club and why being a member is important. When you see a life member, maybe ask for their story, it is probably a pretty good story! There must be something to being a member for this organization for people to stay as members for years and years.

In 1975 Sage Piotrowski was young recruit to the Dunedin Boat Club and presto in 2023 he is a more mature, life member of the club. So, when you see a new member to the club remember that they might just be the next Sage. Explain that to others and maybe we can get new members who will contribute to the club and be the next young lad or lassie to be a 48-year member of the club.

**Terry Hopkins, Historian**



# Mardi Gras 2023 Recap...



The Boat Club's sparkly Mardi Gras Float sailed down Douglas Avenue in Dunedin's Mardi Gras Parade on Feb. 18. Following the parade, the float was stripped of its finery and put back in the storage lot. 35 Boat Club volunteers worked on the trailer refurbishment and/or helped build the float. Over 35 Boat Club members in beautiful costumes walked with or rode on the float during the parade.

## **Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen!**

We want to highlight three volunteers who saved the day... and parade. With less than 30 minutes to "roll time" for the parade we discovered that the west wall lights and the lights on both sides of the curvy top of the wall would not light even though we had tested the entire float two days earlier. Bill Bibbens, Bob Arnold and Steven Soso, all in full costume, immediately jumped in,

diagnosed the issue (a blown plug on the wall string) and using a new set of lights and staple gun from our "go kit" restrung the entire west side of the wall, plugged in the top-of-wall string and voila!...we were good to go with minutes to spare. We are very fortunate to have such capable and dedicated volunteers!

Looking for ideas for next year's float, having a game plan and ready for the budget in January. Money left over from this year.

**Sharon Grimshaw, *Mardi Gras team***

# Mardi Gras 2023...



# Race Committee...

The Pass-a-Grille Run is behind us. A Gulf Region Boat-of-the-Year race, it drew competitors from Hernando County and Tarpon Springs as well as Clearwater Yacht Club and DBC. Starting off in a moderate breeze, the slowest boats started first and the chase began. Two competitors, Gerard Kane and Harrison Midkiff had boats that were new to them. For Harrison, a potential new member, this was his very first race. With wind from the north, it looked like a sleigh ride to Pass-a-Grille until the fog came in, enveloping these two. As the boats further ahead continued onward with light fog, these two ended up in dense fog and no wind causing them to drop out of the race.

Post race, an awards dinner took place at SPYC at Pass-a-Grille. Harrison, for whom this was his first race, was surprised to get called up before the trophies were presented. As someone who is just beginning racing and competing against those who have been racing for over 30 years, he was presented with a trophy labeled “Every winner was once a beginner” We hope to see more of him in our future races!

## Overall winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Guidi from You Know Who
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Charles Mixson from Red Sky
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tim Roberts from Chances R

The next race is the our Spring Series Gulf race on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to our vice Commodore Craig Polito for volunteering his boat for the Signal boat for this race.



# Mid-Winters...



# Fishing Report...

The fishing has been great these last two weeks, catching many fish inshore on soft jigs. Many trout were caught with some Spanish mackerel, and ladyfish. Best method was drifting the flats with potholes to locate the fish! Stone crabbing has been okay with us getting 2-3 pounds of claws with our ten traps. Make that nine traps as one was either stolen or run over not to be found.

The big news is the red tide that is entering our area! This past Sunday while pulling our stone crabs traps in St Joseph Sound, the three of us in the boat were coughing due to red tide. Also many dead mullet, catfish, spadefish, and pinfish were seen floating in the water. These were brought in from the gulf with the tide. Red tide needs fertilizer to make it bloom in such a mass and kill fish. This started down south and most likely the runoff from the last hurricane fed it. Also the west winds are blowing it toward our beaches and inlets. Let's pray for a strong east wind to blow this red tide far out in to the gulf. Remember two years ago the red tide killed many fish including gamefish we love to catch. It also chased the scallops further north causing few scallops to be caught during the Pasco County 10 day season. Hopefully, our Governor will make it a priority to combat the red tides, we cannot afford another Piney Point type incident again.

Remember, we have a fishing forum on our website. Start talking and sharing ideas, questions, tips with our club members. Call me and give me ideas on what you would like to see from DBC Fishing Committee. Better yet, join the fishing committee and help run an event.

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



# Kayaking...



You can rent kayaks. Call (352) 382-2200

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**Terri Bishop**, *Kayaking Chairperson*

**Chassahowitzka River**  
**March 30, 2023**  
**10:00 AM**



Due to high demand, this and future kayak trips will be limited to boat club members.

This will be an easy 3 - 3.5 hour paddle. Please bring lunch as we may be able to eat at a lovely spring that we'll paddle to (sometimes it's too crowded). I've seen manatees several times here.

Park at the Chassahowitzka River Campground. The parking fee is \$5. The launch spot is right there.

# Caladisi Kayaking...



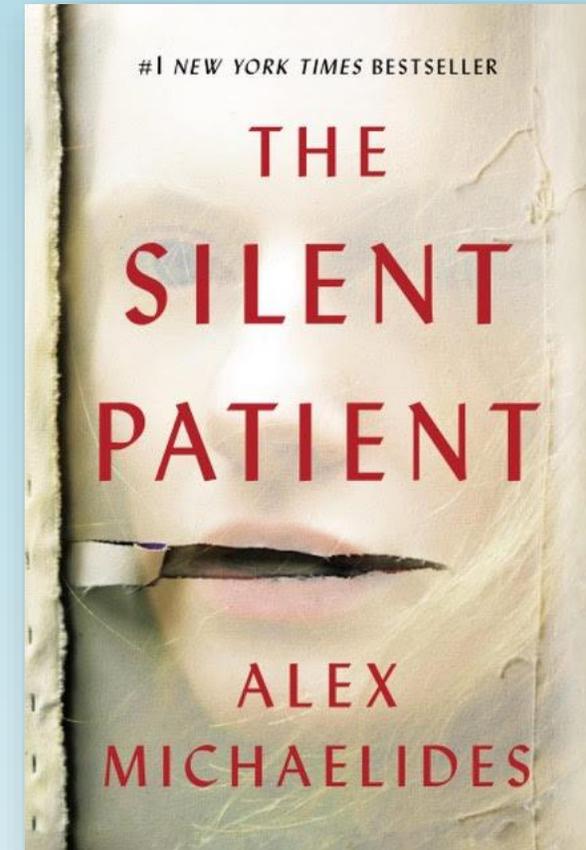
**Terri Bishop, Kayaking Chairperson**

# Book Club...

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

The book selection is "**The Silent Patient**," by *Alex Michaelides*.

Alicia Berenson is a famous painter married to an in-demand fashion photographer. One evening her husband, Gabriel, returns home and she shoots him five times in the face, and then never speaks another word. The price of her art skyrockets, and she, the silent patient, is hidden in a secure forensic unit in North London. Theo Faber is a criminal psychotherapist seeking to unravel the mystery of why she shot her husband—a search for the truth that threatens to consume him.



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

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

# Volunteers...

Upcoming volunteer opportunities include the Sunset Happy Hour on April 14 and Kentucky Derby Party on May 6.

Please email [volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org](mailto:volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org) with questions or to volunteer.

## **This month's volunteer spotlight is on Sandi Townend.**

Sandi and her husband Trevor joined DBC in 2019. Sandi often raises her hand to volunteer for events and also has recruited Trevor and other friends to help out as well. She volunteered at the Captain's Dinner for the St. Joseph Sound Flats Classic and also provided golf cart support during the tournament. Recently she helped out with the Mardi Gras float.



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



*Dunedin Boat Club*

# SHIP'S STORE

DBC Ship Store had a good start for 2023 in the month of February. We held a Sweatshirts & Sweethearts sale at the Spaghetti Dinner and opened for the February Membership Meeting and Key Exchange. We were excited to offer some new items and meet so many members of the club.

We will be linking the store with more social events this year. So, as you are enjoying the fun of the event, be sure to stop out on the porch, say hi and look at our good stuff!

The Ship's Store will be open before the March 20th Membership Meeting from 6-7 pm.

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

**SALE!**  
**Before our**  
**Membership Meeting**  
**March 20th**  
**6 pm – 7 pm**

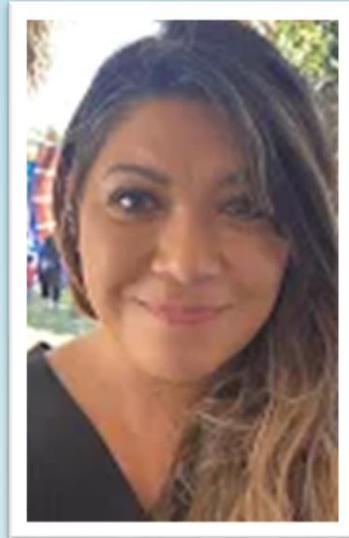


# From the Editor...

The Harbor Crier has a new co-chair. Dawn Jensen stepped up and has joined the Newsletter Committee.

She has done a great job putting together this issue of the Crier.

All articles should be sent to Dawn with a cc: to Jeanine. Our emails [dawnrjensen@gmail.com](mailto:dawnrjensen@gmail.com) [mettsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:mettsgroup@gmail.com)



**Pleased to Welcome  
Dawn Jensen to the  
Newsletter Committee**



**Jeanine Metts and Dawn Jensen, Newsletter Co-Chairmen**

# Insights...



## March Highlight

*Terri Bishop*

*Since 2021*

Hi, I'm Terri Bishop, the current Kayak Chair. I grew up near Vancouver, BC. I've lived in the USA for a long time, but my family is still on the west coast of Canada and I visit them regularly.

I've had two careers. I left Vancouver in 1982 to attend New York University where I earned a Bachelors degree in film production. I then moved to LA and worked as an assistant editor for a few years. People regularly ask if my name is in the credits of any film they might know and yes, it's in 'Nightmare on Elm Street, part 4'. Later, I moved on to computer programming (a long story). Eventually, my on and off boyfriend persuaded me to move back to New York City to get married. I went back to NYU and earned a Masters in computer science because I really enjoy learning. I never used the degree as my husband sold his business and I was able to retire along with him. We lived in Manhattan until moving to Dunedin in February of 2014 because my husband's dementia made it difficult to navigate the city. He passed away early in 2021.



We chose Dunedin by chance, and I feel so lucky. I love it here! There are so many fun activities and events that I rarely spend time at home. I've taken up the ukulele and I play with two different groups. I'm a member of the charitable group, 'Witches of Dunedin'. We perform a short dance at Dunedin businesses during October and raise money for a different charity each year. In 2022, we raised over \$10,000 for 'A Mother's Arms'. Some other hobbies I enjoy include traveling, reading, quilting and taking long walks with my little dog, Stewie who, despite his 4" legs, walks faster than any human I know.

# Insights...



As for boating: my family never owned a boat, but my cousins and uncle did, so I spent a lot of time on power boats and water skiing on the Okanagan Lake in British Columbia. I'm lucky to have friends in Dunedin that belong to clubs like the 'Freedom Boat Club' so I can still get out on the water.

I bought my first kayak about 3 years ago. I own a 12 ft fiberglass Eddyline and a 10 ft resin Crescent. I have to say that, since becoming the Kayak Chair, I'm learning a lot about tides and wind, something that was never a factor on our lake! I particularly enjoy exploring our many rivers, the

Chassahowitzka and Rainbow River being two of my favorites. Stewie comes along as often as possible. I know others enjoy kayaking with their dogs so I plan to organize a dog friendly trip through the boat club sometime this year. In addition, I look forward to exploring, along with some of you, the many other wonderful places to kayak in our area.





Sending  
**Sunshine**  
Your Way

*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!*



Jeanine Metts had a fall and fractured her elbow and has 2 sprained wrists. Joining Chris Benson, who is healing nicely from her fall. And Rosemary who fell last year. The 3 Musketeer's need healing vibes!



**Deb Tronvig**, *Sunshine committee chair*, [datronvig@gmail.com](mailto:datronvig@gmail.com), 727-748-3743

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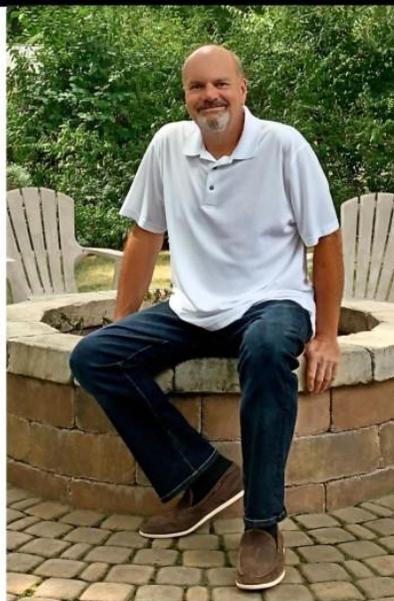
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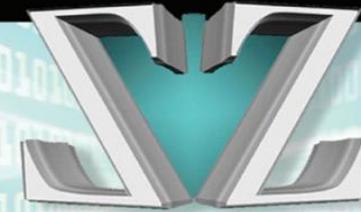
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