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# Commodore Corner...

Ahoy! I trust everyone is enjoying our warm summer and getting out on the water!! Our annual Pig Roast 2023 is in the books. We had over 80 attendees who were treated to some incredible smoked BBQ pork and chicken with sides, along with great comradery with their fellow members.

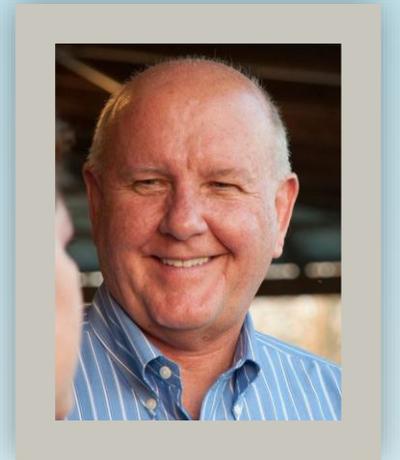
## A BIG SHOUT OUT TO:

- Renee Radalinsky for hosting the event
- Our friends and Pitmasters from the VFW for leading the charge on smoking the BBQ
- All the MANY volunteers who helped with the overnight cooking of the BBQ, event set-up, pulling the BBQ, check-in, clean-up, and many other behind the scenes tasks that help to make the event a resounding success!

## PUT THE “B” BACK IN DBC

- **Sunday Funday On The Water**, Host Needed – Our Cruising Chairs (Gary Shellenberger and Carrie Grimwade) are looking for someone to host a Sunday Funday On the Water sometime in late July or August. A possible location would be at 3-Rooker Sandbar or another of your favorite on the water destinations.
- **Gulf Series – DBC Fall Regatta** – Mark your calendars for the upcoming DBC Fall Regatta starting in September. Any interested in participating, please reach out to our Racing Chair, Amy Gau. For those interested in volunteering, please reach out to Stacy Muellers at: [volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org](mailto:volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org)

**General  
Membership Meeting  
July 17<sup>th</sup>,  
7:00**



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

# Commodore Corner...

**EMV (EVERY MEMBER VOLUNTEERS) – *Volunteer Early and Often!!***

- Two quick questions:*** 1. When was the last time you attended a DBC event?  
2. When was the last time you volunteered to host or help with a DBC event?

Are your answers to the above questions in balance? We are a 100% volunteer organization, and EVERY MEMBER IS EXPECTED TO VOLUNTEER EACH YEAR! We have several upcoming volunteer opportunities. How do you volunteer? Simple! Send an email to Stacy at: [Volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org](mailto:Volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org)

## **OPEN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

We are currently seeking Committee Chairs for the following leadership positions:

**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.

## **FLATS CLASSIC FISHING TOURNAMENT WITH DINNER GALA AND AUCTION**

Mark your calendars now for our annual fundraiser to support local charities. This is a joint fundraiser between the Dunedin Boat Club and the Dunedin Rotary (Downtown Chapter). The Dinner Gala and Auction is scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup> and the Fishing Tournament is the following day on October 13<sup>th</sup>. If you know of anyone who might be interested in being a sponsor for the event, please reach out to Linda Christle or Harold Schomaker. Details of the events can be found at the Flats Classic Tournament website: <https://www.stjosephsoundflatsclassic.com/>

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)

# Rear Commodore...

Good afternoon members of the Dunedin Boat Club! Hope everyone is enjoying their summer and dealing with the heat appropriately.

Two updates from the Rear Commodore.

1. As you can tell if you have been around the club at all recently, the work on the Pram shed is underway. I am happy to report that throughout the demolition and setting of piers, no added shifting to our building has occurred. Prior to the work I installed dozen bubble levels around the building in key locations to monitor any additional changes. Based on before and after photos all levels are the same. As for fixing the building and bringing it back to reasonably level, I have heard from our city liaison, who is also City Commissioner Walker, that repair work has made it onto the list for the city to consider for the October budget items. We will pass along more information as we get it.
2. There is one work event currently in the planning that will require some volunteers for and would make a good 'Good for the Club' should you need one. We will be building some storage racks for the new Pram shed. The exact date is not set yet due to construction timing, but we are targeting some time in the first half of September. I am looking for 6 - 8 folks with some carpentry skills. Please watch your emails. FYI, I have 2 more possible 'Good for the Club' work projects for later in the year, but I still need to sort through some budget and logistics issues. Tentatively plan these to be in October.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon! Feel free to ask me about any of the above.

**Craig Polito**, *Vice Commodore*

# Social Committee...



**Renee Radalinsky, *Social Chair***

**Looking for an Individual or Group for the Social Chair position - I will be retiring as of December 31, 2023.**

**If we want to continue having great events, please volunteer to take this position - great way to meet the members! Contact me at 727 631 6200.**

# Cruising Corner...

## Island Party in June

Nearly 80 DBC members and guests rowed, paddled, sailed, and boated across the ICW to a beautiful afternoon of food and festivities on Compac Island. A big Cruising Group thank you to Vice Commodore Craig Polito and all the volunteers that helped pull off this event.



## Volunteers Needed

It's HOT! Too hot for overnight cruising. We are looking for volunteers to plan and organize day trips to the beach, or overnight trips to a marina somewhere. It doesn't have to be complicated. If you are planning on taking your boat out on the water for any reason and would like to have some of your fellow DBC members join you for some on the water camaraderie, let us know and Cruising Committee will help get the information on the website and whatever else is needed.

## Upcoming Boating Activities:

**August 19 – Palm Pavilion** Gathering on Clearwater Beach - This social event has the potential of attendance via boat. There are free day docks at the nearby Clearwater Beach Library and a good anchorage just off the day docks in Mandalay Channel. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend, so we are looking for someone to volunteer to lead the trip to the day docks. The Cruising Committee can provide specifics on how to get there if anyone is interested.

**Commodore's Caladesi Thanksgiving Weekend Trip**, Nov. 24 – Day Cruise with Overnight Option

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*

# Race Committee...

**2023 Fall Regatta** – Sept. 16th, Oct. 21st, and Nov. 11th. The NOR for this Regatta will be available for Competitors to sign up following the completion of the Summer Series which is noted above. A new NOR and SI will be posted when appropriate.

**2023 Dunedin Cup** – Saturday, October 7; The PRO will be Chris Dolan. Reinhard Opitz will be our Signal boat. We are working on the water crew, support boats (center console boats) and shore crew. There will be dinner and awards on Saturday evening for crew, competitors AND DBC Club members. Please contact Amy Gau, [abgau@sbcglobal.net](mailto:abgau@sbcglobal.net), 262.227.6466 to volunteer.

**Sailors with Sailboats Survey** - The beginning of July, the Race Committee sent out a survey to DBC Members with sailboats. The purpose was to find out what the Racing Community wanted from the Race Committee. Thank you for all that responded to the survey so far (at the time of this article, the survey was still open). So far, we have had an outstanding response. Results will be in next month's Newsletter.

**A Special Call Out** - Thank you to Fairly Brinkley for donating a race Mark and Anchor to the Race Committee last Spring.

**Amy Gau**, Race Committee Chair, [abgau@sbcglobal.net](mailto:abgau@sbcglobal.net), 262.227.6466



# Race Committee...

## Summer Bay Races

The summer bay series finished on June 23<sup>rd</sup> with a great evening of 12 to 16 knot winds from the southwest. It was an extremely competitive fleet with the entire 4 boats in the cruising class finishing withing 42 seconds!!!

Dave Kelly could not race the last race as he was competing in his Day Sailor in a national race elsewhere, giving up his shot at first place here because of it.

## Spinnaker Division

**First Place:** Ritch Riddle in “Edgar:”, a Raven 22'

**Second Place:** Dave Kelly in “Mary Sol” , an S2 7.9

**Third Place:** Herman Haddux in “Barr Robin”, a Raven 22'

## Cruising Division:

**First Place:** Dave Austin in “Kanaloa” 36' Beneteau

**Second Place:** The Auman Family and Dennis Bosi in “Fixation” Morgan 30

**Third Place:** Denise Davis in “The Pirate's Queen” 22' Gloucester

**Fourth Place:** Sailability skippers in “Freedom 23' Ensign

It should be mentioned that the two Raven sailboats are over 60 years old, have been kept up and restored through the years, are absolutely gorgeous and sail like rockets.

Carol Elwood



# Kayaking...

Sunday night, the 16th, we left at 6 pm and paddled from Coffee Pot Park in St Petersburg, along the shore to the St Petersburg Pier. It was (initially) a lovely night. The water was very calm, and the weather perfect, with just a little cloud cover to keep the temperature down. Everyone enjoyed going out very much. Coming back, clouds came in suddenly and we had to paddle through a torrential rain. That was not so much fun, but at least it was warm! We had planned to go out together afterwards, but as we were all soaked to the bone, we went home instead.

August 16th, we'll go to Safety Harbor in the evening and hope to see the bioluminescence. Bring your dinner and come at 6:30 to enjoy a meal with your fellow boat club members. We'll launch at 8 pm and you can also meet up with us at that time.

An email with more details will be sent out soon. Please read it carefully (or read the information on the boat club page) as there will be important instructions.

**Terri Bishop**, *Kayaking Chairperson*



# Fishing Report...



The water temperature is in the 90s at this time effectively slowing down the bite on inshore waters. Catch and release snook are being caught at the jetties on Honeymoon Island using live greenbacks, and mud minnows cast netted in the surf. Please use a barbless hook to prevent harming these fish!

Offshore on structure and hard bottom you will find many tasty fish to bring home for dinner. Use cut squid, sardines, and shrimp to find mangrove snapper, white grunts, seabass, and hogfish.

Blue crabs can be caught at low tide in the evening using a headlamp and crab net, last outing I also caught 2 soft shell crabs which were delicious. Scallops are still available in Pasco County, move around on the water until you find them in 3-6 ft of clearwater.

**October 12-13<sup>th</sup>** our club will work with the Rotary club once again to do the *St. Joseph Sound Flats Classic Fishing Tournament*. Start contacting potential sponsors, and collecting gifts for the silent auction, see Linda Christle. We will need volunteers, so please contact Stacy Miller if you would like to help.

**Howard Metts**, *Fishing Committee Chair*  
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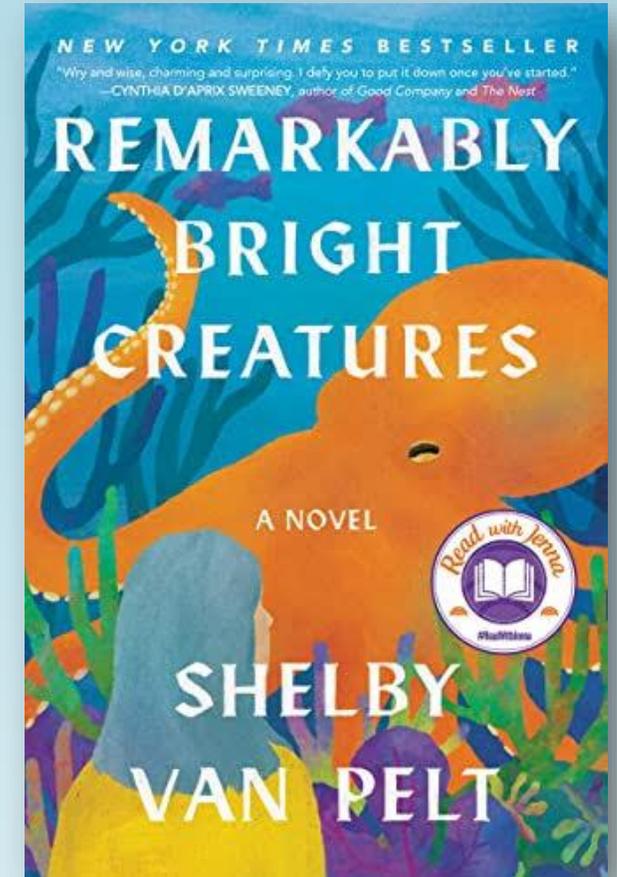


# Book Club...

The Book Club's last meeting was Wednesday, July 12, at 7pm.

The book selection is "**Remarkably Bright Creatures: A Novel,**" by *Shelby Van Pelt*.

Tova Sullivan has been working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy helped her cope since her eighteen-year-old son mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago. Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine and deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. He must use every trick he can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late.



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

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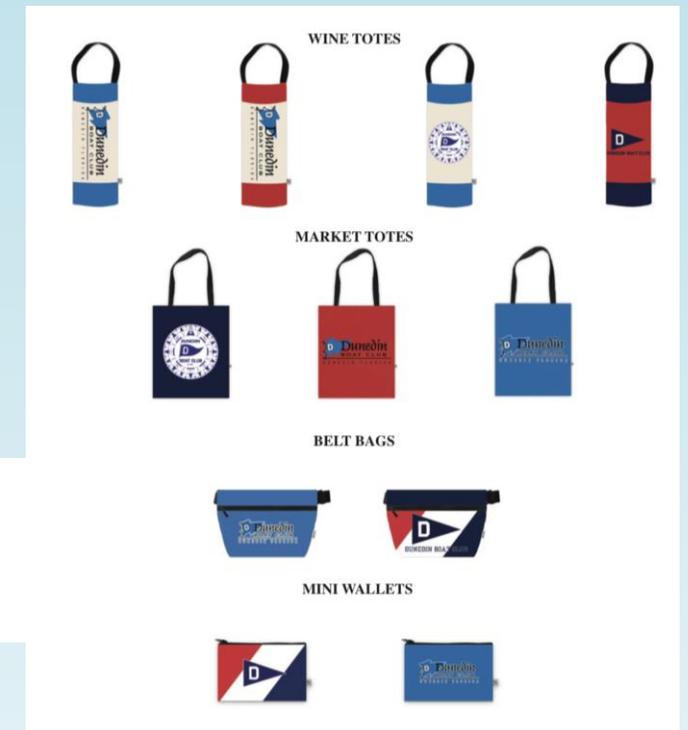
**Ship's Store!**  
**Porch Sale**  
**Friday, August 4th**  
**6 pm – 8 pm**

Ship Store has been on the look out for new items that may interest our members. We are enjoying meeting the new DBC members each month and helping them pick out new merchandise from our store. All seem pleased to be apart of our club and happy with their new DBC hats, shirts, stickers and burgees.

Our next Ship Store event will be on Friday, August 4 from 6-8 pm when we will hold a Sunset Sale. We will be serving a tropical drink w/snacks. Come, enjoy the sunset with us and see the new things we have for you! We're pretty sure you'll like them.



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



# Volunteers...

We've made it easier than ever to volunteer!

We have a new tool that you can use to volunteer online. You can access the links to specific events on the "Volunteering" page under "Committees" on the Dunedin Boat Club web site. <https://dunedinboatclub.org/volunteering>  
Currently, you'll see the following volunteer opportunities:

- ✓ Oktoberfest and Dunedin Cup Dinner October 7
- ✓ SJSFC Captains Dinner October 12
- ✓ SJSFC Fishing Tournament October 13

Cindy Cole is looking for 1-2 people to solicit auction items from restaurants in Downtown Dunedin for the St. Joseph Sound Flats Classic fishing tournament.

We also have a Big Need for a chairperson for our new fundraising event that will take place on December 2 during the Lighted Boat Parade.

Finally, the Social Chair position will be open at the beginning of the year. If you love planning parties, this is your chance! Raise your hand early so you have the opportunity to work alongside the current Chair, Renee Radalinsky for the remainder of the year.

Please contact [volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org](mailto:volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org) with any questions.

Our Volunteer Spotlight this month is on Irene Brandenberger, Jeri Elliston & Jeanne Blane who together run our Ship's Store. These three ladies have worked tirelessly to continuously bring in fun new merchandise. They set up and break down the Ship's Store and run it before almost every General Membership Meeting and event so that we can have cool Dunedin Boat Club things to wear and use.

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





Ellen C. Duncan, a resident of Tarpon Springs, FL, passed away on June 18, 2023.

Ellen and her husband Richard were active members of the boat club until her cancer diagnosis in 2020, and enjoyed attending meetings, meeting members, and being a part of the events.

Ellen lived for her family, loved Christmas, birthdays, Peter, Paul and Mary, and was certain to end every happy birthday song with “Cha cha cha!”

A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life is set for Saturday, August 5, 2023 at 12PM at Grace Lutheran Church 1812 N. Highland Ave Clearwater, FL 33755.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Grace Lutheran Church, Clearwater, FL.

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



***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!***

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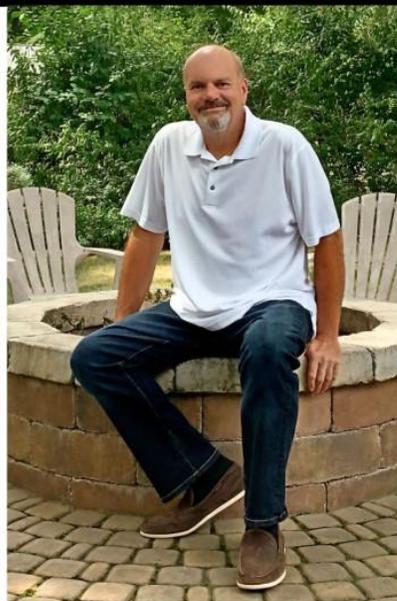
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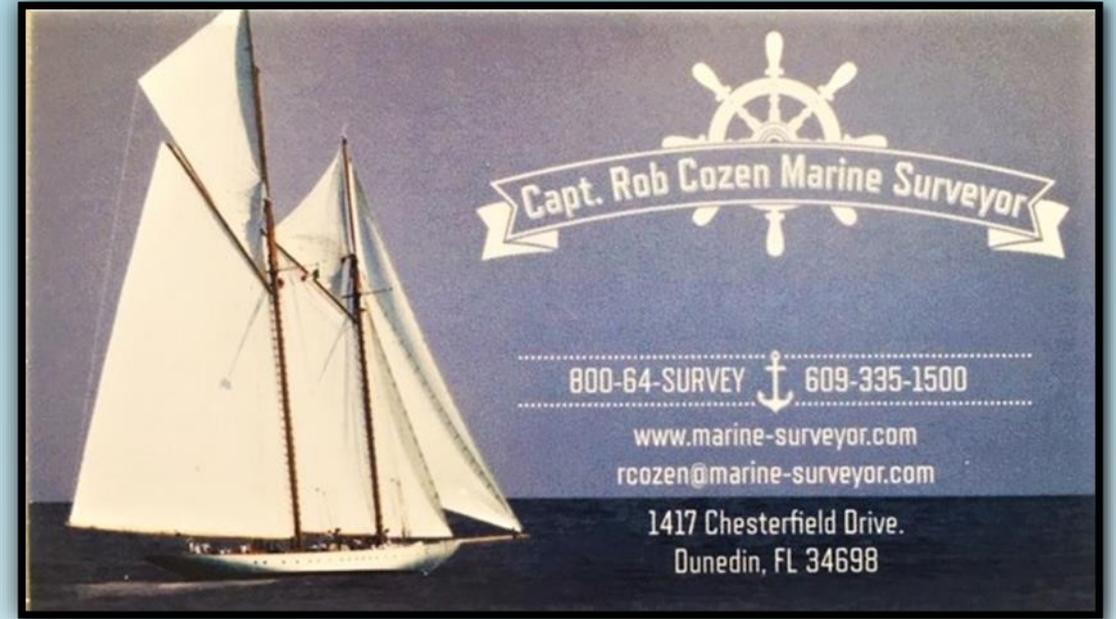
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