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# Commodore Corner...

**General Membership Meeting**  
**February 21, 2022, 7:00**  
*KEY EXCHANGE STARTS AT 5:00*

We are excited about the Dunedin Boat Club working with the USCG Auxiliary this year creating the Boating Safety Seminars. What a wonderful opportunity for DBC to lead the way. Encouraging fun activities on the water and safe boating has always been the mission of the DBC since 1929.

Our first fundraiser for 2022 will be the Mardi Gras Spaghetti Dinner. This year the Past Commodores of The Blue Gavel will be the hosts and they will be cooking up their famous sauce and serve us our dinner. Mark your calendar for this special dinner which will be Friday February 18th. Come join your DBC friends to eat, laugh and enjoy socializing with each other while the Past Commodores take care of everything!

The Dunedin Mardi Gras Parade is always a very special event for the DBC. This year's Mardi Gras Parade will be Saturday February 26th. So, get your Mardi Gras costume ready. Our float's theme will be Yardi Gras which honors New Orleans and how they handled Mardi Gras during the Covid 19 pandemic. The City of New Orleans had cancelled the Mardi Gras Parades, so the people decorated their homes to resemble parade floats. The DBC float this year will resemble one of those decorated homes along Bourbon Street with Mardi Gras style.

Everyone please give a big THANK YOU to Our Past Commodores serving us at the Spaghetti Dinner. Also, a big THANK YOU goes out to our Mardi Gras float committee folks: Bob Darby, Sam McVicker, Lynn Olson, Sharon Grimshaw and to all the members who volunteered their time to create the fantastic DBC Float. Well Done!

The DBC Family of Friend,

**Cindy Cole, Commodore**  
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## **DBC 2022 KEY EXCHANGE**

**Monday February 21st 5pm**

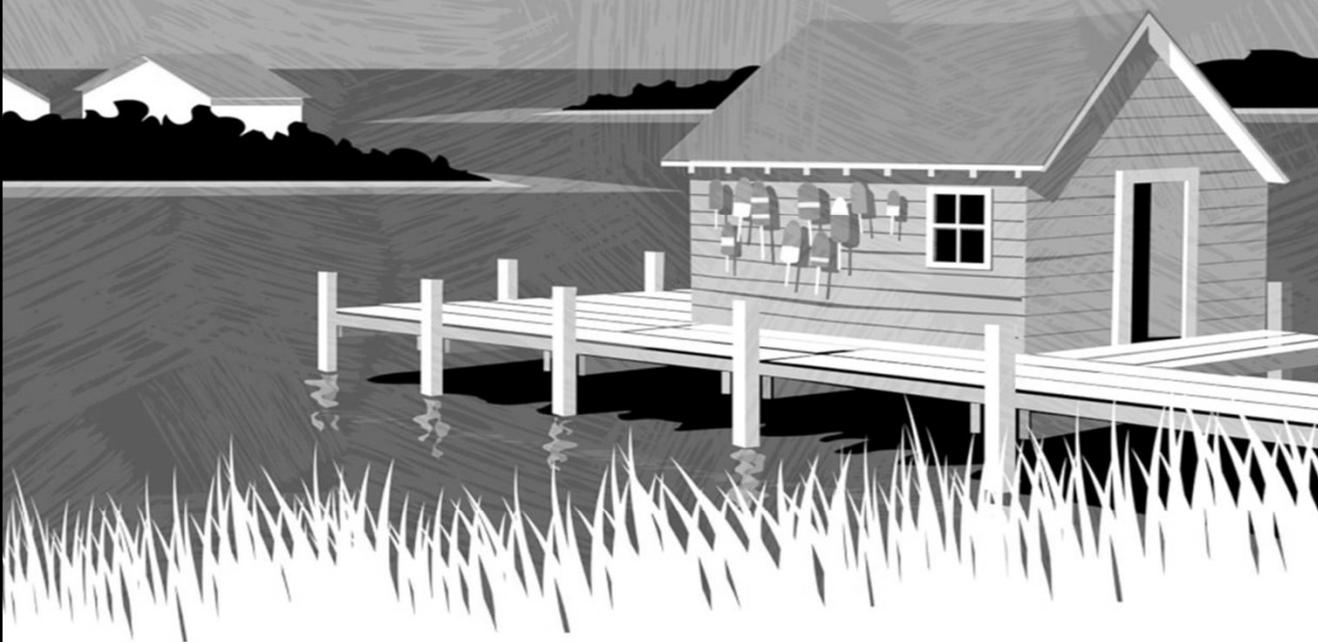
**General Membership Meeting 7pm**

**Exchange Your Old DBC**

**Clubhouse Door Key**

**For New 2022 Key**

**Guest Speaker US Coast Guard Aux**



# Vice Commodore...

The February General Membership Meeting will be our annual key exchange (key exchange to start at 5pm). Guest will be an officer from the local US Coast Guard Auxiliary to discuss boating safety training availability.

The March General Membership Meeting guest speaker will be Laurie Ferguson, Harbormaster of the City of Dunedin Marina. Laurie will give us an update on all current and upcoming activities related to the Marina.

**Bill Goocher**, *Vice Commodore*



# Rear Commodore

As I am getting settled into my role as your Rear Commodore I have decided to approach this year with a strategy that I hope will benefit the entire club. I see that there are 4 steps for the year and I encourage everyone to be involved in our success.

**Step 1** - An update to the Club Operations Handbook. This lays out all the important information to keeping the club in good shape and inventorying the key assets of the club. I am please to say that this is now done and a printed copy will be available in the club, a printed copy will be made available to the Harbor Master and a copy will be online.

**Step 2** - To create a “reset” of the club and the acquired items. We will accomplish this in the first half of the year through “Good for the Club” events focused on cleaning the Attic (February 19th), followed by a morning of cleaning the main room and kitchen, and then another morning of cleaning the exterior of the building and storage cabinets (time and dates to be announced). Each of the cleaning sessions will require 5-6 to help with the work.

**Step 3** - The new focus of the Building Committee to make recommendations to the board and body regarding improvements to the club. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know!

**Step 4** - I will be documenting for the board all recommendations of the Building Committee, plus any input from the membership, and putting this into a 3 year Capital Improvement plan. The Capital Improvement Plan will be a living document, regularly updated with key projects that are prioritized based on benefit to the club, time lines, and budgetary requirements. The hope is that this will provide better visibility for the board and finance committees with budgeting going forward as well as helping with any requests that might need to go to the City for their support.

Lastly, it was decided to remove the water fountain from the building. This was adding to our rodent problem and just found to be unsanitary. Thank you to Tom Kelly for making this happen. I have also spent a couple of hours at the club plugging up some existing entry points.

Doug Moat - *Rear Commodore*

**Dunedin Boat Club Presents**

**MARDI GRAS**

**2022 Float and Parade  
Saturday February 26th  
This Year's Theme  
Yardi Gras!**



# Mardi Gras through the years...



*Click on the above picture...*  
**Dunedin Boat Club Floats from 2014-2021**



# Social Committee...

*Save the DATES....*

## **February:**

2/18/22	Spaghetti Dinner	Hosted by past Commodores /Blue Gavel
2/26/22	Mardi Gras Parade	Float Committee but all of boat club welcome. If not attending Spaghetti Dinner cost to walk in parade is \$10.00 for beads

## **Coming up in March:**

3/11/22	Sock Hop	Hosted by Lynn Olson
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## ***We are still looking for HOSTS for the Following events:***

7/16/22	Pig Roast
9/23/22	Regatta Dinner (please note date change)
11/11/22	Chili Cookoff and Auction
12/27/22	Decorating of lamp Pole



**Renee Radalinsky**, *Social Committee Chairperson*, 727 631-6200



**SOCK HOP!**

*Dunedin Boat Club*  
**Friday, March 11th,**  
**7pm-10pm**

**\$10 per person Includes 50s fare!**  
 pizza, hot dogs, popcorn + beer & wine  
 Register & prepay on the website




**Gal's grab your saddle shoes & poodle skirts and guys, break out your white T-shirts and roll up those jeans.**

**We're going to dance and sing to live music and party like it's 1959!**



# Race Committee...

**Gulf Series 2022:** Well race #1 was cancelled due to mother nature but we had a fun Skipper's meeting on that Friday at the Clubhouse. Awards were recognized for the 2021 Fall Regatta winners. Skippers and Crew from CYC joined us for some bites and beverages organized by **Carol Elwood** and we circled up and told sailing stories under the category of the Good, the Bad and the Ugly. **Next race #2 is scheduled for Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> and the Signal Vessel is Knot Sure. Read up on the NOR and SIs.** We have 8 skippers registered on Yacht Scoring.

**Pass-A-Grille Run:** Schedule for **March 5<sup>th</sup>**, this **WF PHRF Boat of the Year** race is co-sponsored by DBC and CYC. CYC will host the **Skippers Meeting on Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>** and the race is from Clearwater Pass to St. John's Pass. Awards will be distributed at the SPYC-PAG Club immediately follow the race. Yacht Scoring is the Official Notice Board and The **NOR** will be published for registration this week. **Charles Mixon** of Red Sky was the first to register on Yacht Scoring. Thank you to **Kelley Lesperance, CYC Race Committee** and **DBC Race Committee** for the help in organizing this event. See the great poster produced by our in-house artist **Butch Cole**.

**Race Management 101 Training** at CYC on was another success with 42 in attendance of which 9 were from DBC. We learned what the race management process is for starting a race. Race Management 201 scheduled for February was postponed due to the timing with the US Open event. Thank you to Fairlie Brinkley, David Billings and Kelley Lesperance for the opportunity to join the event.



## Pass-a-Grille Run

Sponsored By

Clearwater Yacht Club

Dunedin Boat Club

Race Date March 5<sup>th</sup> 2022

*In Pursuit of Pass-a-Grille*

# Race Committee...



**US Open Series of Sailing 2022 February 2 – 6, 2020. HUGE SUCCESS!** This event was a complete success. The Athletes, Coaches, Parents, Water Crew and Beach Crew all had good things to say. You may have seen it on Channel 13, 8 and 9 as the reporter did interviews with athletes, coaches and organization leaders throughout the day Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We shared the front page of the Sailing Instructions on Facebook so you could see how the Dunedin Boat Club Burgee was prominently displayed in the center of the banner; that document is seen around the world. Congratulations to Fairlie Brinkley the visionary and strategies to get the Open to select Clearwater and we are now working on year 3 of the 8-year commitment. Let David Kresge know if you want to be on his mailing list for updates throughout the next year. Dunedin Boat Club manned the Beach logistics and we did great. A big thanks to the volunteers who are:

**David Kresge, Race Committee Chair,**  
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# 2022 US Open Sailing Series



*Click photo to watch 2021, presented by yours truly...*

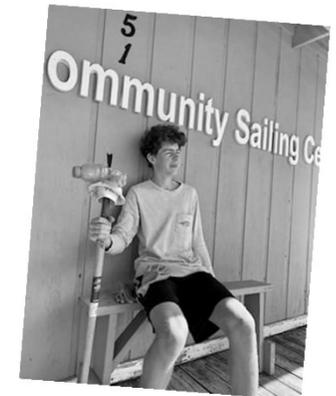


# DYSA Update...

Our spring session starts on February 27th 2022. We are excited to get the kids on the water. Sailing is a rewarding activity as many of you know.

Please consider donating to the DYSA to help support the kids in our community and our program.

Regards.  
Karl Bohlmann



*DYSA help with building clean-up.*

# Membership Committee...

Greetings from Membership!

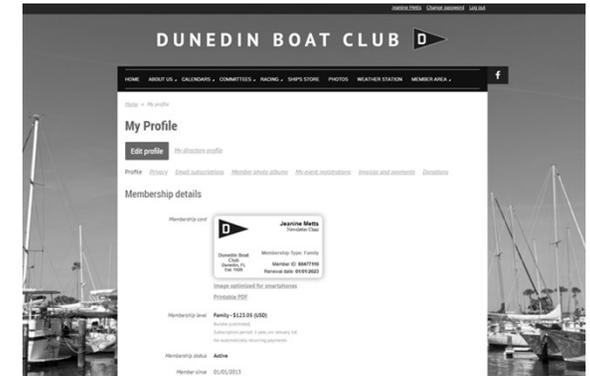
We had 7 prospective members attend the last membership meeting in January and a couple of them have already been volunteering their time by participating in the US Open Racing event last month.

There are a few new members from 2021 who have not attended a meeting since fulfilling their membership requirements. If this is you, please stop by the membership table at the next meeting to pick up your new member kit.

As a reminder, we will no longer be providing membership cards. They can be printed by logging on to the DBC website Membership area and clicking on **your name**. “My Profile” page will appear. There is a prompt to print your membership card.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

*Rachael and Kelly*



**Rachael Page**, Membership Committee Chairperson & **Kelly O'Connell**

# Book Club...

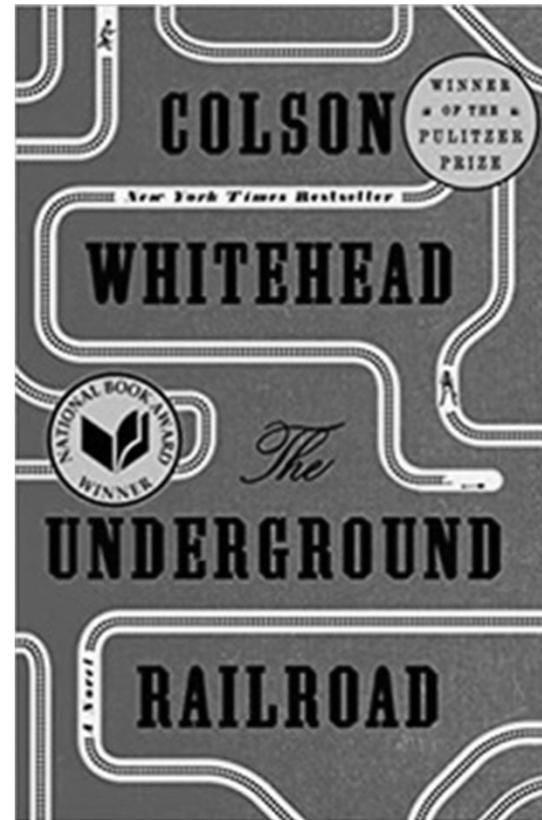
The Book Club's next meeting is **Wed., March 9**, at 7pm. Sign up on the Event section of the Boat Club website.

The book selection is **The Underground Railroad: A Novel,** by *Colson Whitehead*.

This #1 New York Times bestseller chronicles the adventures of Cora, a young slave, as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South. However, the Underground Railroad is no mere metaphor: engineers and conductors operate a secret network of actual tracks and tunnels beneath the Southern soil.

**Sharon Grimshaw**

*Book Club Chairperson, sgrimshaw983@gmail.com*



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

# Fishing Report...

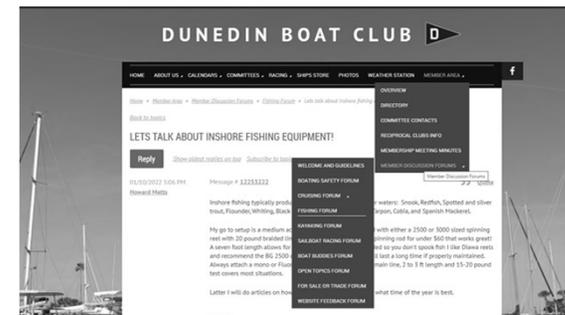
Well, I finally got our boat up and running and am looking forward to pulling our stone crab traps this week! Sheepshead fishing has been great! Find an old dock piling covered in barnacles, bridge, oyster bar, or rocky area to find them. Use a size 1/0 very sharp hook with fiddler or mud crab, shrimp, or barnacle to catch them.

Fish around the spoil islands for trout and redfish during a moving tide using a lead head jig and slow retrieve. After the fronts come through and the waters calm down, you will find triple tail on the crab trap buoys. Use a live shrimp, greenback, or trout jig to catch them. Triple tail must be 18 inches to keep and are great to eat.

I will put some fishing events on the club calendar and possibly due a tackle seminar. Please reach out to me and let me know what you would like to fish for during these events. Remember the water is cold so be careful and safe while fishing from a boat.

Go to the website and check out our new fishing forum. I started a discussion on equipment. Start your own or add your comments. I would like to hear what the DBC fishing enthusiast would like to see next. Go to the members section, member discussion forums, then fishing. See you there!

**Howard Metts**, *Fishing Committee Chair*  
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**WE HAVE A  
FISHING FORUM!**  
Tell your tales...

# Insights...



## February Highlight

**Robert Walker**

*Member Since 2020*

Claudia and I really enjoy the Insight section of the Harbor Crier as it provides a great way to learn about the amazing members of our great club. Suffice it to say, I am honored that Jeanine asked me to contribute to this article.

My dad was very fond of saying (insert heavy Texan drawl), “You know son, it is no coincidence that you were born in Roswell (New Mexico)” When oil was discovered on the North Slope of Alaska, we packed up the truck and moved to Anchorage, Alaska. The move to Alaska was instrumental in establishing a lifelong love of outdoors and nature. It also set in motion a life spent either in, on or under the water.

My first boat was a 12’ Sunfish sailboat that occupied my summers growing up on the lakes of Alaska. You have not experienced cold until you have capsized the boat in September! I later graduated to a larger sailboat where I crewed a Christina 52 sailboat (Hans Christian). I learned several things over the course of this experience. First, under the leadership and mentorship of my dad, I learned boating safety, accountability, and integrity. Second, sailing is hard work hence the need for power and speed later in life. Finally, it is more fun being the captain vice the mate. I learned a lot from my dad and we have inherited his boating book collection to include pre-global position system (GPS) editions of Dutton and Bowditch which are not very useful these days but sure look good on the bookshelf.

Several years later, I made a pivotal decision to join the US Navy and become a Submarine Warfare qualified Officer. There were a number of influences in the course of this decision to include my dad, Ronald Reagan and Tom Clancy. My Dad spent several years in the Navy during World War II flying Torpedo Bombers in the Pacific Theatre and later, he was called back as a flight instructor in support of the Korean War. President Reagan inspired an entire generation with his vision to increase the size of the fleet to six hundred ships, and he nearly made it; and finally, Tom Clancy told a really great story and made Submarining sound glamorous. Little did I know at the time that this decision would provide some of the most challenging and rewarding adventures of my life.





Over the course of my navy career where I retired as a Navy Commander, I had the privilege and honor to serve on three fast attack nuclear powered submarine to include the USS Greenling (SSN 614), USS La Jolla (SSN 701), and the USS Buffalo (SSN 715). Additionally, I served on the USS Constellation Battle Group staff as the senior Submariner in charge of the Submarines assigned to the battle group while deployed to the Persian Gulf. I spent over half of my career at sea and this is what solidified my passion for all things maritime. My service instilled a profound respect for preventive maintenance, material condition, attention to detail, and safe ship operation. As it turns out, these are all very closely related and have served me well in my transition from service to current day.

When we moved to Dunedin in January 2020, I was hired to crew the Caladesi Ferry and last year earned my USCG 100GT Near Coastal Master credential. My lovely wife Claudia and I recently purchased a 2005 SeaRay MY 390 with twin Cummins 480 diesels (reference above need for speed and power) which we hope to take on the Great Loop in the foreseeable future (two-year plan).



They say that things happen for a reason, and I certainly believe that is the case with our preparedness for the next great adventures. My Navy career prepared me to not only operate safely in two dimensions, but it also prepared me to operate safely in the third dimension if needed....and I sincerely hope that will not be the case anytime soon. Finally, I could not have asked for a better person to share this adventure with than Claudia; my best friend, partner in crime and lovely wife of almost 19 years.

In closing, my goal in sharing this article, is to provide the readers with insight on how our experiences shape our future. Second, pursuing your passion and enjoying what you do are the real keys to success. And finally, the friendships that you make are what makes the journey so special. Claudia and I have found those friendships at Dunedin Boat Club and are proud to be a part of this great group.

# Ship Store...

Ahoy from the Ship's Store Proprietors!

Rob and I would like to thank you for the honor of being the **2021 Commander Award recipients!!** We greatly appreciate all of your support this last year. Some may think we were crazy to jump right in after just having become members, but we've loved every minute.

Big Shout out to the Ship's Store Mermaids, who started out completing their "Good of the Club" and staying on to help us month after month: Joan Marzi, Terri Bishop, Karen Benson and Michelle Miller. We could not have done it without your mad sales skills!

Porch Sale scheduled prior to the **February 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting/Key Exchange**. Bring your cash, check or charge!

***\*NEW\* Arrivals of merchandise at the March 25th Sunset Sale....***

**Claudia & Rob Walker**, *Ship Store Committee Chair*



# Sunshine...

Bill Goocher is recovering at home from spinal surgery he had on February 4th. Nurse Cathy is taking care good care of him.

Liza Hopkins is home from the hospital fully recovered from covid. She is doing well.



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

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