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DUNEDIN BOAT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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# Commodore Corner...

The **Golden Hammer Award** at the Dunedin Boat Club is a beautiful testament to the spirit of service and dedication that members like Walt Weber and Sam McVicker have embodied. The award has been revitalized by Liza Hopkins and will continue to honor those who contribute significantly to the club. Walt Weber took extraordinary care of the boat club house with an almost religious zeal. He was legendary in keeping the Boat Club House in great shape and clean. The Club issued him this original plaque in 2004 when he finally retired from his position. Walt's Daughter returned it to the club and Liza Hopkins cleaned it up and Gold Leafed the hammer to serve as an award for long term service to the club and its Club House. Sam McVicker was selected as the first award winner for his many years of service to the club. The Christmas lights every year, the Mardi Gras Parade float and even killing the giant rattlesnake that only ate all the rats that lived in the club house. Look at it as it hangs in our history section at the Club House.



One of the oldest traditions of the Club is our monthly meetings and seeing friends each month. I have noticed over the last couple of years, maybe covid related, that when the meeting is over everyone leaves almost immediately. So, after this next meeting and the following ones, the **Commodore, and others are sticking around a little and all are invited to spend a little quality time on the porch of Club House** and enjoy each other's company. This will be BYOE, so if you want a soda pop, or other liquid, or if you need a snack bring it with you. BYOE means Bring Your Own Everything. The Club will provide tradition, a great atmosphere, and a chance to meet and talk at your own pace with others who enjoy what the Boat Club offers. If you are new member this will be a great time to meet the membership and the Bridge and Board. Plan of staying a little after the meeting.

# Commodore Corner...

This month the **Pig Roast** is coming **April 20th**, plan on attending this GREAT event more information online at our website. If you have not volunteered for anything this year this a great time to start doing your own volunteer service for this year! Remember we are volunteer organization and your will get to meet great people when you do, hey Boat Club members are pretty cool, just like you! Volunteer and meet cool people.

The upcoming Pig Roast on April 20th is a fantastic event for the Dunedin Boat Club community! It's a great opportunity for members to come together, enjoy good food, and engage in the club's vibrant social life. Volunteering at such events can be incredibly rewarding, offering a chance to contribute to the club's activities and to connect with fellow members. See Butch Cole or Cindy Cole or go to our website for more information.



**Terry Hopkins**, *Commodore*  
[commodore@dunedinboatclub.org](mailto:commodore@dunedinboatclub.org)



# Vice Commodore...

Ahoy!

**Marvin Cook** and his wife Lee will be our guest speakers at the April General Meeting

Marvin has traveled throughout the U.S. and Caribbean working to connect people to natural and cultural history at parks, museums and wildlife refuges. The company he founded designed and created exhibitions and wayside interpretive signs at venues from the Cayman Islands to the North Slope of Alaska. He produced the Charles Kuralt Trail and Everglades Trail CDs, and numerous short topic videos. He has created conceptual plans for parks and historic sites including many for The Bahamas.

Marvin and Lee will be talking about the differences in cruising on a sailboat vs a powerboat. Covering our experiences sailing from North Florida's Apalachee Bay to the Florida Keys in springtime for the past decade, and cruising the coast of Maine in summers on our powerboat.



**Craig Polito**  
*Vice Commodore*

# 2024 PIG ROAST

*Dunedin Boat Club*

**MUSIC**  
**BEER & WINE**  
**MEMBERS \$20**  
**GUESTS \$25**

**SATURDAY APRIL 20TH**  
**5PM TO 8:30PM**



Delicious BBQ Pork and Chicken cooked to perfection by the VFW, assisted by DBC volunteers.

**Included:** Water and Sodas, 3 Drink Tickets Per Person for Beer and Wine (will be attached to your wristband). **Bar will open at 5:00 PM sharp!**

*More info in your email or on the website.*



**Butch Cole,**  
*Social Chair*

# Social Committee...

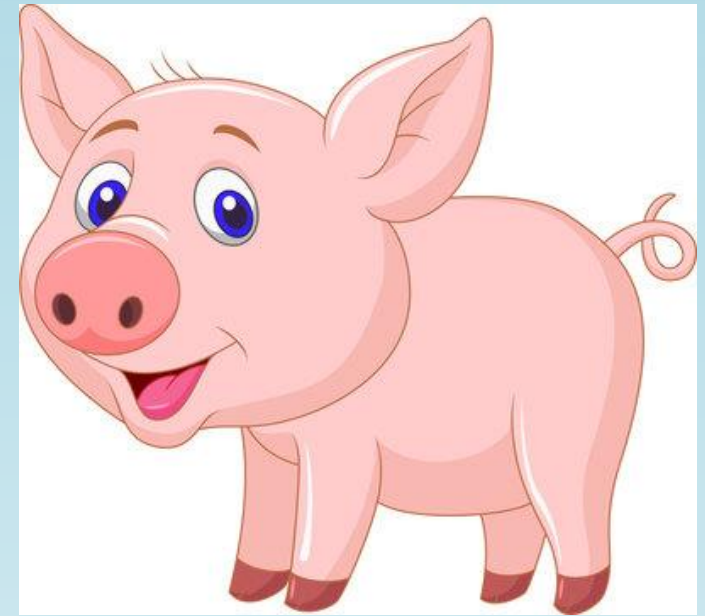
Hello shipmates!

It is said that an event lasts as long as everyone is talking about it.... and I know that DBC Members will be talking about the DBC 2024 Pig Roast for a long time. The DBC Pig Roast is one of the Boat Clubs premier events. Up until this year, we usually have the Pig Roast in the Summer. This year we are having the event on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be able to enjoy the cooler sea breezes and watch the sunset. The times will be 5pm to 8:30pm.

At the DBC General Members Meeting on Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>, I will talk about the event and I will specifically mention the timeframe of the event. From meeting up with the VFW Cooks on Friday to get them their supplies to coordinating the Pig Vampires and the meat “pullers”. We have many opportunities for Members to pitch in and help us have a spectacular event. We also need peeps to help set up and serve the food and help with cleaning up after the event. Since one of the VFW Cooks volunteered the use of his personal smoker this year... I decided to hire a band with the money I would have had to spend on renting a smoker. And boy howdy, do I have some wonderful music lined up. You will absolutely love the entertainment I have put together for the event.

Any left-over BBQ can be purchased by Members at the close of the event. Also be on the lookout for the Jalapeno BBQ Baked Beans that one of the VFW cooks make... it is GOOD!

You will get more details on this at the DBC Members General Meeting 4/15. Looking forward to seeing you all there!  
Aloha, Butch



# Social Committee...

Come join us at the DBC Clubhouse for a fun evening of events including watching the Kentucky Derby!

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

- Party will last from 5:00 PM until Sundown or 8:00 PM, whichever comes last!
- Derby Stick Horse Race Contest
- Sing Along to "My Old Kentucky Home"
- Best Kentucky Derby Hat Contest
- The Kentucky Derby Race begins at approximately 6:45 PM - Watch the most exciting 2 minutes in sports on our Clubhouse TV

## **WHAT'S INCLUDED:**

- Complimentary Mint Juleps and Mojitos will be served
- Beer and wine - Each adult attendee will receive 3 beer/wine drink tickets

*Look for your email or visit the website for more info!*

**Dunedin Boat Club  
Presents  
2024**



**SATURDAY  
MAY  
4**

**KENTUCKY DERBY  
Watch Party**

5 to 8pm

Hat Contest ★ Mint Juleps ★ Prizes

# Steven Donovan Celebration of Life

When: 04/13/2024, 2:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Coastal Christian Church, then DBC Clubhouse

Please note that this is 2 events - Celebrating the life of Steven Donovan at the Coastal Christian Church at 2:30pm and the Celebration of life gathering at the DBC Clubhouse at 5:00pm.

Please bring a 'finger food' dish to share, if you wish, to the DBC Clubhouse at 5:00pm and let Happy know what 'finger food' you are bringing at [happyness431@icloud.com](mailto:happyness431@icloud.com) so we can fill in accordingly.

*Celebrating*  
*the life of*

**STEVEN DONOVAN**

*September 9, 1957- March 11, 2024*

Please join us on April 13, 2024, 2:30pm  
at Coastal Christian Church  
2686 Bayshore Blvd, Dunedin  
to honor a life well lived

A Celebration of Life gathering will follow  
the service at the Dunedin Boat Club (49  
Marina Way) at 5pm.

*Please bring a story or memory of Steve to share  
and wear your best tropical attire or Hawaiian  
shirt.*



# Cruising Corner...

## Recent Cruise

**2024 Cruise South**, completed April 9<sup>th</sup>...

*The Best of Times* and *Sea View Play* sailed to Marco Island and several other destinations along the way this month. Although we were not able to reach our originally planned destination of the Dry Tortugas or the Keys due to uncooperative weather, we still had a great time enjoying the days that we could sail, watching the sunsets, playing with the resident dolphin pod at Englewood Beach, walking the beach and collecting shark teeth. It was a great adventure!



# Cruising Corner...

## Cruising Group News

- **Cruising Chat Group**

Don't forget to join in on the DBC Cruising conversations. Instructions on how to join the Cruising Chat Group are posted on the Cruising Group Forum page, click [here](#).

- **Cruising Group Co-Chair**

We are looking for a co-chair for the Cruising Committee willing to help plan and organize day-trip boating activities for the club. If you are interested contact Gary Shellenberger or Terry Hopkins.

## Upcoming Boating Activities

- **May 8 thru May 16, 2024.** Cruising north to Crystal River again this year. Details and registration are available on the club calendar. So far 4 boats are registered for this event. This event is also being coordinated with a multi-day Paddling Group event in Crystal River. For information on the Paddling Group event, click [here](#). If interested contact Gary Shellenberger.
- **June 15, 2024 Island Party.** More details as they are available.

**Gary Shellenberger**  
*Cruising Committee Chair*



# Race Committee...

The 2nd race of the 2024 Gulf Spring Series was, March 30<sup>th</sup>. We had the best winds since I have been chair, so everyone was in high spirits. 1st place was 18 Degrees North, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Island Hopper (Captain Carol Elwood) and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Mar Y Sol (Captain Dave Kelly). Thank you to our Race Committee Captain Bill Goocher!

The Final race of the Spring Series was last weekend, April 13<sup>th</sup>, results will be posted next month.

The next series for the late Spring are the Bay Series, which take place off the pier outside DBC. The first race is the end of May.

What does the Signal Boat (Race Committee Boat) do on race day? The race is on the Gulf of Mexico, approximately 1.5 nautical miles south of Clearwater Pass channel. The Race Committee runs the race from the Signal Boat. If there isn't a Mark Boat, the Signal Boat drops the racing marks and the start/finish line pin, to set the racecourse. Not to worry, the Race Committee is there to coach the captain on what to do. The Race Committee handles the start and finish of the race, and then the Signal Boat picks up the marks and pin at the end of the race. It is a pleasant day on the water watching sailboats race!

The Mark Boat drops the Marks on pre-determined coordinates that can be pre-loaded to make the dropping of the marks easier. We try to add an experienced person for a first time Mark Boat Captain. The Mark Boat assists the Race Committee if the Marks need to be moved for any reason during the race.



**Amy Gau**

*Race Committee Chair*

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# Book Club...

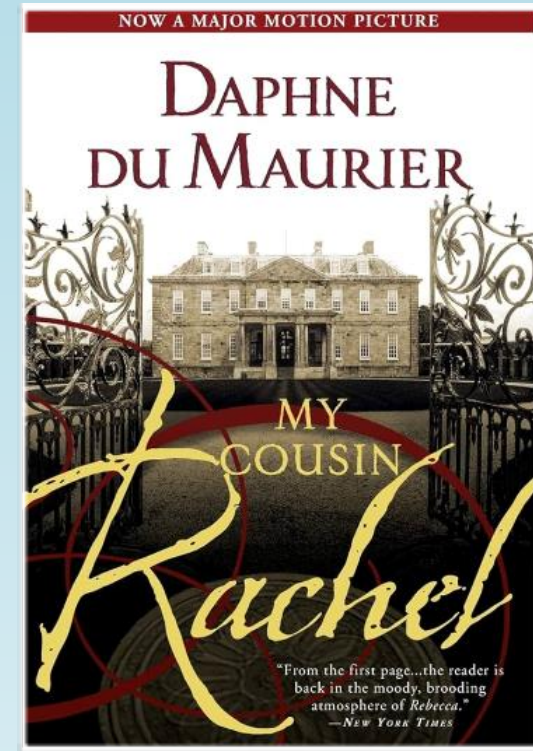
The Book Club's next meeting is **Wed., May 8**, at 7pm. Sign up on the Events section of the Boat Club website.

The book selection is "**My Cousin Rachel**," by *Daphne du Maurier*.

Orphaned at an early age, Philip Ashley is raised by his older cousin, Ambrose, who travels to Florence, falls in love and marries a distant cousin, Rachel, then dies suddenly. Jealous of his marriage and grief-stricken by his death, Philip prepares to meet his cousin's widow with hatred in his heart. But she seems to be a different woman from the one described in Ambrose's letters. Yet the question lingers: did she have a hand in Ambrose's death?



**Sharon Grimshaw,**  
*Book Club Chairperson, sgrimshaw983@gmail.com*



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

# Paddling...

## **Kayak/Paddle Hammock Park**

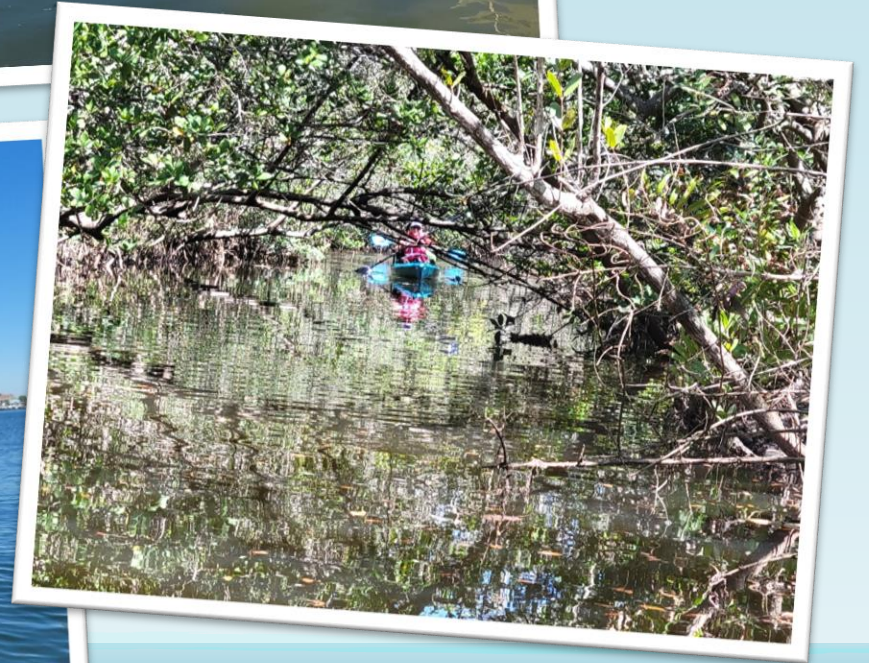
When: 04/27/2024, 12:00 PM

Where: DBC Clubhouse to start

## **Hammock Park and Curlew Creek**

Carol Elwood will lead this 4 mile paddle through the beautiful creeks of Hammock Park and Curlew Creek. There is lots of wildlife that can be seen on this trip. We will launch at the DBC Clubhouse area. Be ready to paddle at Noon. Total trip: 2.5-3 hours. This is being offered on a Saturday for those that work during the week and those that are retired.

Bring your lunch and drinks with you.



# Fishing Report...

Stone crab season ends May 1<sup>st</sup> so make sure you remove your traps by season end. I have been catching a lot of females with eggs which must be released without taking their claws.

When the winds calm down, fish just offshore for Spanish mackerel and kingfish using live bait or troll with spoons. Watch for birds diving on baitfish to find the macks! If you filet your mackerel and remove the dark area, they are excellent to eat. They can also be smoked and make a great fish spread.

Pompano are running the beaches and inlets now, use a banana jig with teaser during a moving tide to find these hard fighting tasty fish. The must be a minimum of 11 inches measured at the fork of their tail to keep!

Trout can be found on the flats using paddle tail jigs, remember to wet your hands before handling these fish if you intend to release them. Three fish 16 inches and over are allowed to be kept with only one over 19 inches. Get out there and fish!



*Spanish  
Mackerel*



*Paddle  
Tail Jig*



*Banana jig  
with teaser*



*Pompano*

**Howard Metts,**  
*Fishing Committee Chair*  
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***We are proud to  
announce the DBC  
Volunteer of the  
Month for April***

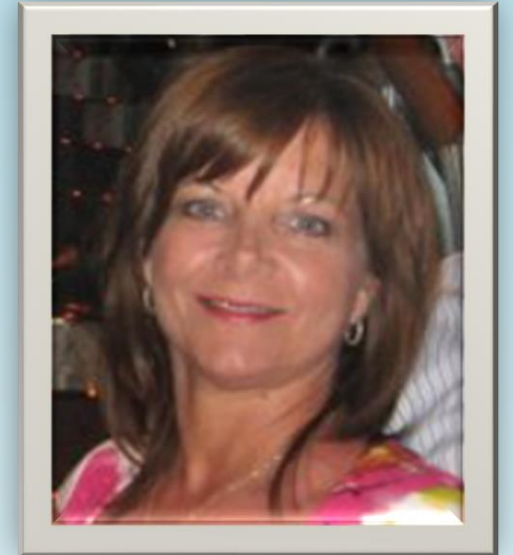


Kim has been helping out every chance she gets. Several of the events she has helped us with includes: sailing races, pig roast, the Mardi Gras float, Burning of the Socks, the Halloween and Christmas parties, and fundraising for St. Joseph Sound fishing tournament and auction.

She has found that volunteering is a great way to meet DBC members and get involved in the DBC. Thank you Kim for your awesome serve to the club.

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Please sign up to volunteer for the pig roast. See Cindy at the meeting on Monday, or go to: [volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org](mailto:volunteer@dunedinboatclub.org)



**Cindy Cole**  
*Volunteer Committee Chair*



Dunedin Boat Club

# SHIP'S STORE

Take a stroll along the water this Friday night, April 12, to enjoy the sunset - should be nice weather. While you're at it stop by the DBC and check out our sale! We have all kinds of things for you. Shirts, tanks, some sweatshirts, hats, visors, beach bags, beach towels.... just to name a few. We'll have a sunset drink and little snack for you. We will be open from 6-8pm.



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



# Insights...



## April Highlight

**Zack & Kim  
Pappanastos**

***Members since 2022***

Hi, we are Kim and Zack Pappanastos. After multiple vacation trips to Dunedin to visit friends, we retired and moved to Dunedin in May of 2021. We fell in love with the area and have loved every minute of it.

Prior to moving to Dunedin, we lived in Birmingham, Alabama. We met in 1986, when we both worked as computer programmers at BellSouth Telecommunications and were married in 1987. Kim retired from BellSouth when our family grew with our two beautiful daughters, now ages 29 and 27. Zack worked in sales for several major technology companies until he retired in 2021. He was also the co-owner of a mortgage company in Birmingham for 10 years, prior to selling his stake in the company in 2019. He remains minimally active in residential mortgage loan origination, originating a handful of mortgage loans per year on properties in Alabama.

We enjoy being out on the water, whether it be on a powerboat, sailboat, jet ski, kayak, canoe, cruise ship, etc. Even our fur-baby, Star, a Chinese Crested Puff, enjoys boating. She can occasionally be seen driving the boat. We are beach bums at heart, and love to spend the day relaxing at the beach.

As for other hobbies, we enjoy golf, volunteering, meeting new people, live music, discovering new restaurants, attending live sporting events, concerts, and Broadway plays, and traveling.



Our favorite travel destinations are the Italy, Greece, and Caribbean islands.

The bulk of our boating experience has been on the lakes in Alabama. We do not own a boat in Dunedin but have recently joined the Freedom Boat Club. We were introduced to the Dunedin Boat Club from friends that are members and joined the DBC in the Fall of 2022. We have been active in the DBC events and try to attend when our schedule permits. Activities/events that we have participated in include: the annual Pig Roast, Burning of the socks, the Christmas party, the Halloween party, the island party, kayaking to Caladesi island, the Mardi Gras parade, etc. Additionally, we have met several DBC members through our volunteer participation at these events: sailing races, pig roast, working on the Mardi Gras float, burning of the socks, Halloween and Christmas parties, and fundraising for St. Joseph Sound fishing tournament and auction. We have found that volunteering is a great way to meet DBC members and get involved in the DBC. We highly recommend volunteering to all members, but especially new members.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our brief time as members of the Dunedin Boat Club. In addition to the boating activities of the DBC, we really appreciate the social camaraderie and community service focus of the club. We have met many wonderful people and had a blast at every event we have attended and participated in. We look forward to meeting many more of you, and to great fellowship in the future. Give us a call or text whenever you want to get out on the water or just want to get together for a glass of wine. If we're in town, we're probably game!



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