Commodore’s Corner  
by Captain Ron Kinkead

What a great time at the annual Dock Party!!!!! A BIG Thank you for a job well done goes out to Rick and Christine Lawrence for hosting the event. And also a thank you to our Social Committee for all that they do not only for the Dock Party but every event we have. I had the opportunity to talk to a number of prospective new members and passed out a couple of applications too! Our membership chairwomen was on hand with a brochure about the club that she put together on her own and of course the guest book and applications. Thanks Jennifer for all that you do too!

It takes a lot of people to run the club, and we have the best taking care of ours.

Lots of upcoming events so check out the Social pages and mark your calendars so you don’t miss out on anything.

As most of you know we, the DBC, have committed to the purchase of one new boat for the Dunedin Youth Sailing Association this year. This is where a portion of the fees from our events has gone. Monies from the 50/50 split goes to the DYSA fund also. I mention this because it is a good community cause that we are involved in and we need your support. Please give generously. Thanks for all that you do.
Guest Speaker David Gildersleeve to Present Development Plans at the May Meeting

There is a change in our program for this month. Trevor Davis of the Dunedin Community Redevelopment Agency and David Gildersleeve, project consultant with Wade Trim, Inc. will provide the program for the May 17 meeting. As many of you are aware, the City of Dunedin is developing a comprehensive plan to integrate the downtown and waterfront to provide an aesthetic and inviting environment for visitors to our city.

For our membership, this is the opportunity to see the overall plan from the perspective of the redevelopment agency and the consultant who is advising them. As an integral part of the waterfront, we need to know the long range plans and to be prepared to provide input at meeting that will be held soon. So please bring questions to ask following the presentation.

Bill Franz and the program on hurricane preparedness will be moved to the June meeting, still giving us plenty of time to prepare for the hurricane season beginning in July.

Blessing of the Fleet and Brunch This Saturday

The Dunedin Boat Club will hold the annual Blessing of the Fleet, conducted by Father Tim of Our Lady of Lourdes, on Saturday, May 8, 2010. There are 24 boats that plan to participate in the event. John Lowe will provide a golf cart to facilitate the procedure. Thanks, John!

Participants need to come to the club house at 10:30 to pick up ribbon to place on their boats to help Father Tim identify them. Father Tim will begin at 11:00 with boats on A Dock and proceed from dock to dock to the wall. Following blessing on the West Wall, all of us will gather on the floating Dock for the wreath laying ceremony of remembrance for members and seamen who have passed on before us.

Following this ceremony, there will be a brunch in the clubhouse. All participants should bring a dish to share. DBC will provide ham rolls and beverages. Members are encouraged to make a donation for the Youth Sailing Project.

Russ Cromwell has organized a marine flea market on the point beside the club house; so be sure to visit this as well as attend the Blessing of the Fleet.
We have received bids from 3 contractors concerning the floor problem and taken our ideas to the City. We’re now waiting for some revisions and their approval for permitting – this process is taking a lot longer than I had anticipated. As soon as we see what the final cost will be, we will look into replacing the water fountains and possible purchasing a smaller/lighter drink machine. Stay tuned!
Social Stuff…

We have a busy time coming us so mark your calendars!

The Blessing of the Fleet will be held on Saturday, May 8 10:30. If you want to receive a blessing for you boat and crew, please come to the clubhouse at 10:30 to get the ribbons with which to mark your boat. We will begin with A Dock and then go to each dock and the wall, concluding with the placement of the wreath on the waters through which we will remember all of those who have been lost.

We will have a brunch in the clubhouse after the ceremony.
Please bring a dish to share and we will be collecting donations at the brunch to help with the DBC boat that we are providing for the DYZA. Bloody Mary Mix and the stuff to put into it are being brought by Mark Jordan and Jim Graham… so at least one gallon of the morning wake up juice will be available! Come and join us!

If you have already signed up at the last meeting, you do not need to RSVP. If you have not but want to participate, please email Dorothy at connodor@berkeleyprep.org by Friday, May 7 so we will have enough ribbons and can map the slip numbers so no one will be left out.

THE KEY WEST MALLORY SQUARE SUNSET CELEBRATION...
Saturday 6:00 PM May 22 at the Dunedin Boat Club.

All the usual and unusual stuff associated with a great Key West Sunset will be here…
So if you have cat act, knife throwing or a juggling act please bring it to the Dunedin Sunset Celebration. If you have a Cat juggling knife-throwing act WOW! Please bring it with you. All Mimes will have $25.00 surcharge, as usual.

What is going to happen?
Well for starters the best sunset this side of…

Well THE BEST SUNSET period! All this viewed from the Dunedin Boat Club parking lot, with you bringing your own food and Drink. The Club is providing ice, umbrellas (the little

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ones that go in a drink glass) and some left over booze to make drinks with umbrellas in them. So bring your best concoction for a “Sing a poor sling” or “Mi Tie” and let us all sample and share a glass with the class! We have the ice and mixers already to go.

So come on and enjoy a good sunset, good friends, and the unusual usual things that happen when all of us gather for the Dunedin Boat Club Key West Mallory Square Sunset Celebration Saturday 6:00 PM May 22.

Go to the website and get a flyer and more info.
http://www.dunedinboatclub.org/Social/Social.htm

THE ISLAND PARTY SATURDAY JUNE 12 STARTING AT 3:00 PM.

Now is your chance to visit an exotic Isle for a Caribbean type get away, all right you’re in your back yard! Your adventure begins with a short trip to Compact Island. (Look out the boat club door; it’s the one a little to the northwest of the marina about a mile or so…)

This year there will be NO ferry service to the island! Repeat, This year there will be NO ferry service to the island! We want to encourage all fellow boat club members to ride with each other in your own boats to and from the island.

If you do not have boat, this is not a problem. The membership has plenty of boats and what better way to meet new members than by sharing a boat ride.

We will be having sign up sheets at the meeting and by Email blast for people who need a ride, or those members with boats that want to ferry people to the Island party!

The party will have a charge of $8.00 a person and will include Spiced Shrimp made from a secret recipe taken from the brig of an ancient spice ship that grounded just off Hurricane Pass in the 1860’s. Plus a RUM punch (or is that RUM with a punch) served from a very cold and very LARGE plastic barrel filled with ice, RUM, fruit juices, and secret ingredients known only to our party hosts, Ex Commodore Dave & Kay Becker. June 12 starting at 3:00 PM.

$8.00 a person and pair up with a boating member to get your ride out to Compact Island! Your hosts Dave & Kay Becker. Water melon races and contests with eggs included at not charge! Go to the website and get a flyer and more info.

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Anclote Anchor Up

The next cruise is an anchor up at Anclote Island
The Dates are May 28, 29 & 30, Memorial Day weekend.
Please contact George for more details
Happy boating,
George

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Tampa Gulf Coast Fishing Report - May

You name it, all of our local game fish are here and hungry. These fish include: • Tarpon • Snook • Redfish • Trout • Permit • Cobia • Sharks • Kingfish • Spanish Mackerel • Jacks • Goliath • Grouper. Tarpon are just starting to cruise the beaches and passes, while the snook count is strong and showing little if any damage from the cold winter. All other species are 100 percent.

Offshore, we are catching Grouper, Kingfish and the occasional Sailfish.

This time of year is fishing for dummies 101... It’s hard to not catch fish this time of year.

Come see me at The Captain’s Quarters the water is warm and clear, and I’ll give you a free fishing lesson!

Call Captain Alex Perrone of Dancin’ Girl with any fishing or BoatU.S. towing questions at (727) 409-2806 or visit website www.floridavacationwithboat.com
If you are a member of the BoatU.S. towing service, write this number on your BoatU.S. membership card: 727-409-2806. You can call Captain Alex Perrone’s mobile telephone. If he is available you will get very fast TowBoatU.S. service from a knowledgeable Captain who understands our local waters.

Master Blaster by Happy Jordan  
Attention all Boat Club members:

Please make sure when you reply to a ‘blast’ that you don’t reply to me but to the person in the email that needs the information.

If you need something boat club related blasted out to the group by email please let me know and I’ll get it out for you.

Send an email to happytoes@verizon.net with all the details and YOUR contact info and I will take care of it.

DBC Book Club
Upcoming book club meetings.

May 12
Location: Judy Ritchie’s
950 Emerson Drive, Dunedin 34698
410-2463 (c)
Book: The Devil in the White City
Author: Erik Larson
Book: Swimming to Antarctica by Lynne Cox
Bring you bathing suit and towel - the hot tub will be on!

OR

June 9
Location: TBD - If you’d like to host this meeting please call me at 204-6357 (Chris)
Book: A Year in Provence by Peter Mayle
Read the book and we will be watching the movie during the meeting

All Meeting are at 7:30 pm
Check the BOOK page on the DBC website for more information and a list of books for swapping.
NEW!!!! From The Ships Store...

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- Blue
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