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MISSION STATEMENT - *The mission of the Fond du Lac Sailing Club is to provide sailing events for the recreation, challenge, and pleasure of the membership, while promoting safety, fellowship and an opportunity to improve sailing skills and knowledge.*

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Welcome to the 2017 Sailing Season. I realize that we are off to a bit of a cool start but it is the beginning just the same. We have a busy June ahead of us and we are going to need full participation to make it successful. I would first like to go back to May and remember what has been done. Dave Dochterman put together a wonderful trifold flyer that tells about our club and the upcoming Poker Run. This was distributed by Dave Lallier and the travelift crew. Much thanks for that. Kevin Gratton facilitated getting lights on our racing buoys. Kevin, Dan, and Rob Ritchie have been working hard on the Youth Sailing Program.

Now on to June, Lighthouse regatta is this weekend. I'm sure Dave K and Scott B can always use extra help. If you have time please join in and welcome the out of town sailors. Poker Run is going to be Saturday running in conjunction with Walleye Weekend. This is one of our chances to meet other sailors in the Harbor. It is important to our club to show strong support for the event. This will in turn help any new people feel comfortable about being part of our organization. TransWinnebago a couple weeks later. This year starting in FDL and ending in Menasha. We will have a get together Friday night and race Saturday.

Plenty to do and the season is short. Let's try to get to know others in the harbor. It seems like there are more masts all the time. We will have new flyers at the meeting for you to hand out to people on the docks.

If the weather is good after the meeting we will try to sail. See you at the meeting or at some of the upcoming events

EDITORS NOTE

If you would like anything included in the Mainsheet or posted on our website, please email Hank Lieurance:
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NEXT MEETING

***Sailing Club Meeting
June 1st @ 7:00pm***

SPECIAL NOTE:

Please bring snacks or treats to share after the meeting



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Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting

May 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commodore Dave Whealon, 23 members were present. Two guests attended; Dave Crouch and Rob Ritchie –who also became members.

Secretary's minutes

April meeting minutes were approved by membership after a motion by Brian Carter and seconded by Dan Thornton.

Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report was given by Marty Witt. Marty reported that there were no expenses paid in the month of April, however the bill for the ILYA came in. As of the May meeting there were 32 paid members. The treasurer's report was approved by the membership after a motion by Kevin Gratton and seconded by Scott Baccus.

Committee Reports

Day Sailors: No meeting

Cruisers: Cruisers chairman Scott Baccus reported on the cruisers meeting, including reporting that the race schedule is finished. It will be posted on the FDLSC website. The schedule this year includes 2 more Sunday races in July, August and September. Scott also handed out a new form this year for skippers to update their corrections. Skippers will need to declare spinnaker or non-spinnaker prior to the open of the race season. Committee boat judges will use the military phonetic alphabet in declaring the race course when using the radio. **Alpha, Bravo, Charlie Delta, Echo, Foxtrot, Golf.** This will help make communications clearer for all skippers and crew.

Youth Sailing: Kevin Gratton reported that 64 youth have already registered for this year's program. The membership decided that the Laser repairs (used for advanced youth sailing students will be done on May 24th at Whealon's garage on Hickory Street. There will be a student and parent orientation on June 7th at 5PM at the YC pavilion area (garage) reported that the moving of the youth sailing pier will

likely happen for next season. The Yacht club is working with the city to gain its approval. Kevin also reported that there is a volunteer committee already working on the T shirts for the end of the season awards party. An open discussion took place identifying all the good reasons for moving the Youth sailing pier from the harbor area to the other side (lagoon area). Major reasons we should share include – better sailing opportunity for the youth (more consistent wind outside of the harbor), safety for the children, safety for all boaters and yacht club members as well as reducing and eliminating bottlenecks for boaters trying to get in and out of the harbor through youth sailing courses (and buoys).

Old Business

Progress on Prostart: Andy Gratton and Scott Baccus will be testing a new prostart system – Scott will order a new system to be used this season.

Racing Flags: Scott Baccus proposed that the sailing club look into purchasing the club's own racing flags. There was discussion if we need an entire set, and the membership concluded we needed to purchase just the basic 10 flags we'd need with a budget set for \$250.00. A motion was made by Dave Kuharski that the club make the purchase – and seconded by Sally Boatman. The motion carried.

Lighthouse Regatta: For 2017 will be held June 3&4. We expect to have 10-15 lightnings for the event. No cost for race, but dinner will be \$12.00 per person. **Volunteers will be needed**, so volunteer if you can. Contact Scott Baccus, Dave Kuharski, or Elmo.

TransWinnebago: Commodore Whealon reported work is progressing for the TransWinnebago. Here in FDL, He, Dochterman and Baccus are working on it – and he reported that the Neenah group is very involved this year. Scott reported that he is working with "Hoppers on a camp shirt for this year's race since it is the 30th anniversary of the race.

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Dry Storage: Winter dry storage boats need to be out by May 20th. Summer prices for dry storage: Non-Yacht Club members is \$200. Members fee is \$150.

Contact info for SC members: There was a consensus at the April meeting that members would share the same contact information that used to be in the hard copy sailing club members' book. The intention of providing this info is to make it easier for members to communicate with each other. Webmaster Hank Lieurance volunteered to send the information out to paid members.

New Business:

Kevin Gratton reported we have the lights for the racing Buoys. They will be installed on May 24th.

For the Good of the Club:

Scott Baccus presented the proper procedure for using the flags and horns to be used for both the day sailor's races and the cruiser races. This presentation was held after the May FDLSC meeting was adjourned.

Adjourned: A motion to adjourn was made by Matt Krabacher and seconded by Dave Kuharski. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Mahnke

Securing the Future with Youth Sailors



Scuttlebutt Sailing News

It is easy to be misled at the health of the sport when seeing overflowing classes of youth instruction during the summer season. While youth participation tends to be strong, the transition out of youth sailing to other facets of the sport is not always.

Forward hinking class organizations should be looking to capture these young sailors fully engaged in youth competition, as the time will come when they will age out this level of sailing. Additionally, attrition in youth sailing occurs when kids are not fulfilled with the types of boats most commonly promoted.

The sooner that 'life after youth sailing' can be introduced, the greater the likelihood that young people will be sailing beyond their youth years.

Bill Lakenmacher, President of the J/105 Class, recognizes how their rules need to be adjusted to facilitate this kind of growth.

"One new facet regarding racing is adapting our Class Rules to make some changes so that it will be easier for youth sailors to participate as skippers. On our last phone conference, we had a strong consensus in favor of doing what we can to encourage more sailors for the future.

"Clearly there is a gap for many young sailors as they transition out of dinghies before they start racing keel boats. Unfortunately, many young sailors are lost to other interests, never to return. How much fun is it for a 13-year-old to sail an Opti at 135 pounds on a light to moderate wind day? Answer: not so much. Let

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them fly the chute on your 105 when it is blowing 8-12, and they have all they can handle.

"Hopefully, we will have the new Rule in place in time for next year's sailing. In the meantime, feel free to ask for an exemption if you are a fleet that is ready to launch an aggressive youth sailing program."

Sailing is a Great Sport

by Paul Maplesden, Sail Universe

Whether you sail competitively or not, there's very little that can beat the sensation of being out on the water, wind filling the sails, harnessing the power of nature and relying on your skills and expertise. Here are eight reasons why sailors consider the art and science of sailing to be one of the best things you can do with your time.

1. Sailing lets you find some peace and quiet

Sailing is a great way to bring peace and quiet into our busy lives; the simple sounds of the wind as it fills the sails, or the water as it flows past the boat can be very relaxing and centering, a perfect antidote to the stresses of the modern world. It gives busy people the understanding that they can relax, whilst at the same time focusing on sailing.

2. Being on a boat slows down time and helps us understand ourselves

Some sailors gain a profound sense of oneness with their boat, the sea and the wind. The boat becomes a self-contained universe, the process of sailing becomes all consuming. Any sense of time changes and expands, small moments becoming more important. Sailing can be a meditative, reflective and engrossing experience.

3. Sailing lets you get away from it all

As you step onto the boat, the busy world that you're so used to starts to fade away. As you sail away from the shore, the things that happen on land become small, background concerns. The boat is the center of the world, and everything that matters is right there, in the boat or immediately around it. It's not as much

about where you are sailing to, but the enjoyment and challenge of the journey itself.

4. Being a sailor teaches you lots of technical skills and expertise

A large part of sailing is about experience, self-confidence and learning the right skills. Moment to moment, you develop an understanding of what needs to happen to keep yourself, your crew and the boat safe and get to where you need to be. Every moment on the water is different, and being able to react and deal with any situation that comes up is a challenge that many sailors relish. The combination of artistry and science when sailing is a great way for people to enhance their understanding of both, and get a real feeling of accomplishment. In addition to the mental skills needed, sailing is also a good way to stay fit, as there's plenty of exercise to be had!

5. Being on a boat increases the sense of freedom and speed

There's a great freedom in sailing, that of gliding effortlessly across the water, the boat slicing through the waves as the wind fills the sails. If you're in a race, the perfect breeze with the right boat, trim and technique means that you can speed along and get a real appreciation of space, time, excitement and life.

6. Sailing is a great way to feel connected to nature

Sailing is a very pure form of being with nature. Whether that's capturing the wind in the sails to propel you along, feeling the currents in the river or the sea or understanding how the weather is going to affect the boat, you learn a tremendous amount of respect for the natural world. Sailing is also very environmentally friendly; you're not polluting the sky or the ocean with fossil fuels, but travelling the same way that mankind has done for thousands of years.

7. Sailing rewards focus, effort and competition

Sailing needs a good, consistent, constant focus; it demands your attention. The wind and water are dynamic, and understanding any changes that you need to make, especially if you are sailing competitively, is vital to doing well. If you're racing, you also learn to refine and

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improve techniques very quickly, whether that's boat positioning, trimming the sails or distributing weight to build up speed.

8. Being a sailor is about being part of a team

You can sail alone or with a crew. When you're alone, it can lead to some profound, reflective moments, but when you're with a crew it deepens the sense of camaraderie and trust between you. There's also lots of opportunities to chat with people and develop good communication skills when sailing; you can be an instructor and mentor, a captain or a crew member.

In closing

Sailing can bring you closer to others, enhance your own experiences and deepen your connection with the world around you. It demands attention, creates challenges and helps you understand your own strengths

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CLUB REMINDERS:



***Happy Hour @ the Yacht Club ½ price drinks!**
(4-8pm every Wednesday) & (4-8pm every Friday)



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Buy a Boat – Sell a Boat
Get a Boat for FREE ~

For Sale: 1978 Catalina 25 with swing keel and trailer



We have had the pleasure of sailing our Catalina 25 for the past 11 years but it is now time to move on. The Catalina is just the right size and price for someone interested in sailing a keelboat. It is reasonably priced and solidly built. The swing keel allows the boat to get in and out of shallow waters inaccessible to boats with a fixed keel. The 4 stroke 9.9 Mercury with electric start and remote controls simplifies motoring when the wind dies down.



Hull specifications:

- Manufacturer: Catalina Yachts
- Year built: 1978
- Length overall: 25'
- Waterline length: 22' 2"
- Beam: 8 feet
- Draft: Keel up 2' 8", down 5'
- Steering type: tiller
- Hull construction: fiberglass

Sails:

- Sail area: 294 square feet
- Main: Loose footed
- Head sail: 155% on roller furler
- Spinnaker

Motor:

- 2005 9.9 Mercury 4 stroke
- Electric start
- Remote controls in cockpit
- Removable gas container

Miscellaneous:

- Cockpit cushions
- VHF Marine radio
- Depth gauge
- GPS mount
- Radio
- Automatic bilge pump
- Deep discharge battery and charger
- Shore power cable
- Docking lines
- Fenders
- Life jackets

Trailer:

- EZ Loader dual axle

Location: Fond du Lac, WI

More info?

Call Pat at (920)923-5982

FOR SALE: Miscellaneous Sailboat parts. Some are specific to Lightning's. Pictures and more information at:

http://www.elmoandbigsue.com/For_Sale/For_Sale.htm

or call Mike Elmergreen at 920.872.5079 or email at elmo@centurytel.net

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FOR SALE: Columbia 29 MK II

Into the Wind is a classic sloop that is a treat to sail. The beautiful hand laid teak deck receives admiring looks in any harbor. The rigging makes single-handed a breeze. The Universal Kubota diesel engine is a great upgrade with only 249 hours.



Includes:

Universal (Kubota) diesel engine M3-20B (249 hours). Schaffer Roller Fuller. Boom kicker with boom vang. Hoyt jib boom. 3 Roller blocks. Harken jib tracks. All lines led aft. Spinlock cam cleats. Lazy Jacks. Garhauser 2-speed 6/1 3/1 on main sheet. Three blade feathering prop. Lightning arrestor. ICom VHS radio. Auto Helm. Dripless shaft seal. Fuel polishing system. Leather wrapped Edison wheel w/ engine controls. Depth and speed gauges. Pedestal compass. Jabsco head. Permanently mounted boarding ladder. Danforth anchor. Four berths. Draft 4'. Microwave. Located in Fond du Lac, WI. Asking \$8,900
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