



2015 OFFICERS

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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

I thought it was hard to get this done during the season, but it seems even harder now.

Coming off an exceptional sailing season culminated by an awesome season ending awards banquet, we already need to start thinking about next year. But before we start that I would like recognize some of the highlights from last year. Looking back at my notes we actually never do stop.

- WISSA international Wind Kiting event Feb 9-14 - Kevin Gratton and Friends
- Sailing Club sponsored Ice party @FDL YC Feb 21st - Dave W and Friends
- Sailing Club handled the meal for YC meeting March 3rd - Dan Thornton and friends
- First time in Memorial Day Parade Youth Sailing March 25th - Lori Bohn and Friends
- Lighthouse Regatta June 6th - Scott Baccus/Dave Kuharski/Mike Elmergreen and friends
- All Tuesday and Thursday Night series. Fun Races Wednesday night, Crew Draft, Laser Race
- Sailing Club meet the fleet Poker Run August 22nd - Dave Dochterman trophy committee
- I20 Nationals Sept 11-13 - Sally and Jack Boatman and all the Sailing Club
- Sailing Club Banquet November 7th - Marty and Rueben Witt and wives

I know this isn't the whole list and everybody wasn't recognized but what it does say is that we are a very vibrant club, and it is through all the volunteerism we are looking at a great future. I digress as Mahnke would say, now on to the future.

December 3rd meeting coincides with the Packer Game (yikes). The meeting will be at the Whealon residence: N7236 Lake Breeze Court, off of Bechaud Beach Road. This is our Holiday Meeting which will start @ 6:30 pm. Packer game starts @ 7:25 pm for anyone interested in staying to watch. Bring your favorite Holiday Treat and we will supply the rest. All are invited. Hope to see you there.

-Dave

EDITORS NOTE**NEXT MEETING**

***Sailing Club Meeting
December 3rd @ 6:30pm***

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Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting

October 1st, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Commodore Dave Whealon, 17 members were in attendance with one guest – Joe Wooley, crew member from Woodstock, introduced by Hank Lieurance.

Secretary's minutes: A motion to approve the September 2015 sailing club was made by Dave Kuharski and seconded by Rueben Witt. The motion was carried and minutes approved.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Dan Thornton reported an updated checking account balance with one expense of \$39.00 for gas for the Pontoon boat used for race committees to report. Andy Gratton moved to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Steve Ollenburg. The motion carried and treasurer's report was accepted.

Committee Reports

Day Sailors: Boats are out of the water and dry storage. Floating docks have also been removed.

Cruisers: No Report.

Youth Sailing: Contrary to what the membership thought that youth sailing participants would be bored with the banquet, for numerous reasons, they do actually want to attend the banquet (and not have their own, separate awards gathering. Rueben will work with Wanda and Lorri to make arrangements for and inclusion of youth sailors who want to attend.

Nomination Committee: Committee Chairperson Dave Kuharski announced candidates for the 2016 Officer positions for the sailing club. They are; Dave Whealon Commodore, Dan Thornton, Vice Commodore, Mike Mahnke, Secretary and Marty Witt, Treasurer. Dave Lallier moved to close nominations and accept the slate of officers as read for the 2016 season. The motion was seconded by Mike Elmergreen and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Frostbite awards: Jim Braun reported on and presented outstanding awards to members who had not yet received them in both the spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions. In the Spinnaker division – 1st Place to Mike Elmergreen in Vanishing Point and in the non-spinnaker division 2nd Place to Viajante, Marty Witt and 1st Place to Dave Whealon and Dave Lallier in Anima. Jim also thanked Rueben Witt for being both the start and finish judge for the 15 miler.

Photos for Awards Banquet & COW: Dave Dochterman reminded members to send him whatever photos they might have from this past season for inclusion in the slide presentation for the 53rd annual event.

Sailing Club Banquet & Change of Watch: The event will be held November 7th and Marty and Reuben Witt have volunteered to be co-chairs for the event. Reuben and Marty provided a status report: cocktails at 5:30 and Dinner at 6:30. Cost \$20.00 per person. Everything is on track.

Hank Lieurance will send out a "save the date reminder" to the membership.

Upgrade of Buoys and anchors: There was discussion about upgrading Buoys and anchors for next year's racing season. No motions were made.

I-20 Nationals: Jack Boatman summarized the I-20's National race: 18 boats participated, excellent weather, great party on Friday night with a lot of fun reported by participants on Saturday's races.

New Business:

15 Miler Races: Jim Braun recommended a 7.5 mile triangle course repeated – for our 15 miler races and suggested that we consider more 15 milers in 2016. More discussion to take place in January and February meetings regarding races and scheduling.

New motor donated: Matt Krabacher reported that Mercury will be donating through Ellen's nonprofit organization a Mercury 9.9 HP motor to the FDL Sailing Club. There was also

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discussion surrounding a need to replace the "Tin Tub" with a new boat for the next Youth Sailing season. No motions were mad.

Whale Awards: Karin Whealon will manage the Whale Awards for the Banquet again this year

Sailing Expo: Commodore Dave Whealon reported that the "Sailing Only" Expo (not only sailing this time – but with a separate venue) is being held at McCormick Place in Chicago again this year at the end of January. There was some discussion about how many members might be interested in going – and possibly riding together. More time to talk about it at the December meeting.

Adjournment

Adjourned: Dave Kuharski moved to adjourn, and was seconded by Hank Lieurance. The Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Mahnke

Best day of my life!



Some call it "School Sailing." Kids call it "the best day of my life!" Whatever you call it, it's a fun-filled, action-packed, sailing extravaganza that gets every 5th grader out sailing on Lake Winnebago in Oshkosh, WI. Oh – and let's not forget teaching science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) through sailing, or using

sailing to teach team-building and leadership skills to kids!

According to Steve Eliassen, Director of International Youth Sailing of Oshkosh and mastermind/magician of this three-ring circus, what began eight years ago with 60 charter school students has exploded to become the largest school sailing program in the US, exposing nearly 1500 school kids to sailing every year for the past several years!

What does it look like? 80 kids arrive at the beach on a yellow bus in the morning and learn to sail by lunch time. They leave, and another 80 arrive for the afternoon. Eat, sleep and repeat for roughly two weeks in both June and September. Some kids design and build sail rigs for O'pen Bics, some fabricate their own Hobie Wave sails and some create and pilot their own life-sized solar-powered boats.

Why Oshkosh – kind of your average city in the Midwest? According to Eliassen, three things: Lake Winnebago, one of the largest inland lakes in the US that offers easy, inexpensive access and perfect sailing conditions

Bold school district leadership that sees the potential and helps make it happen. "This could happen anywhere," says Eliassen, "but it happens here in Oshkosh because our school district leadership and teachers embrace it fully and make it a defining component of being a student in Oshkosh public schools. If you are among the 10,000 public school student in Oshkosh, you sail. Period."

The incredible generosity of donors and volunteers who give everything they've got to get kids learning to sail and connecting with the remarkable, natural aquatic environment in their own back yard.

Says Eliassen, "We started this program because we believe what every sailor knows in their bones – sailing is a complete education. That everything you need to know about life, including academics, you can learn from sailing. As one of our supporters (who happens to be an MD) puts it, mastering sailing is no less an accomplishment than completing medical school." [Check out their latest video!](#)

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FOND DU LAC SAIL CLUB WEBSITE

See all the new pictures that Craig has been putting on the site: <http://www.fdsail.com>.
See the calendar, past mainsheets, race results, and more.

FOND DU LAC YACHT CLUB WEBSITE

To see the YC calendar and other things going on at FDLYC, go to:
<http://www.fdyachtclub.com/>

CLUB REMINDERS:



***Happy Hour @ the Club** ½ price drinks!
(4-7pm every Wednesday) & (4-8pm every Friday)



DID YOU KNOW?

Each time you see a full moon you always see the same side.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month."
- Theodore Roosevelt

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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

FOR SALE: 1989 23ft Hunter Sailboat in Good Condition located in Fond du Lac. 4hp Yamaha 4 stroke motor manufactured in 10/05, OEM Trailer, main and jib sails, winged keel, wind vane, portable toilet, dorm sized refrigerator, CD player, anchor. Newly recovered cushions Has not been cleaned up or bottom painted from last season.



Contact Keith - (920) 948-8529 - Evenings only

FOR SALE: Class C-Scow Sail Boat 20' long fiberglass, se 'STAMM FIBER JET' with white fiberglass hull, wooden mast and boom. Boat has received limited use over the years and has been stored indoors – it is EXTREMELY CLEAN and SOLID.



Incl: Main & Jib Sails; a metal rudder, wooden tiller handle; a sail storage bag is also included.

This scow wants to go fast (mast weighs less than 100 lbs.) and is equipped with dual (two 45 degree) off-set steel center-boards. Needs new ropes as well as a fresh coat of varnish on both the mast and boom but the WHITE FIBERGLASS HULL will polish up quite nicely!!! This project is neither too big nor too expensive to be a GREAT family project and requires only TLC and a couple of quarts of polyurethane varnish and ropes. \$850.00 (or TRADE for????) If interested call Karl Ziebert 920-922-1325 or 920-238-1325
kjz_enterprises@hotmail.com

FOR SALE: Lightning - Nickels hull 15332 – Grey hull, Very lightly used, has only been in the water 12 times and only in fresh water. Has been garage kept its entire life. The boat comes ready to sail with Nickels trailer and full covers including a rudder cover. The boat also includes a tactic compass, 2 mains, 3 jibs and 2 spinnakers. Contact: Andrew Camarda at andrewcamarda@gmail.com or Pat Considine at patrick@uksailmkaers.com

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SELLING A BOAT?

If you are selling a boat, Mike Elmergreen will put it on his website at no-charge: www.elmoandbigsue.com (navigate to "Boats for Sale"). Just send pictures and a write-up by email to elmo@centurytel.net.

