



2019 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

Spring is here! Even before Spring, we had a nice weekend, so I went out to work on the boat and bumper; torn cover, flat tire, etc. So, I did the quick fix and then of course the weather started turning cold again. Well, I guess it is just early April. And, last year my recollection is we got like 10 inches of snow in April. NO, I don't want that. Well, can't do much about it. But, the warmer weather is on the way and it is certainly time to start putting serious thought into all the stuff we planned to do over the Winter. We all know that once it does warm up it's a mad dash to get everything done and get in the water. Meeting coming up Thursday, see you there.

Jack

NEXT MEETINGS

**Board Meeting
April 3rd @ 6:15pm**

**Youth Sailing Meeting
April 4th @ 6:00pm**

**Cruiser Meeting
April 4th @ 6:00pm**

**Sailing Club Meeting
April 4th @ 7:00pm**

DUES ARE DUE

If you haven't paid your dues yet, they are due now. You can find a form to fill out on our website under [About Us](#) and [Membership Form](#).

BOATING SKILLS AND SAFETY COURSE

The Fond du Lac Coast Guard Auxiliary will present the Wisconsin DNR 10 hour Safe Boating Course from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday evenings, April 25 and May 2, 6, and 9th at the Fond du Lac Yacht Club.

Youth age 12 to 16 may operate a boat or personal watercraft without an adult by completing a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources-prescribed Boating Safety Course. This course also satisfies Wisconsin regulations that require completion of boating safety certification by adults born in 1989 or later who operate a boat or personal water craft.

Course content includes boat types, legal requirements, safety rules, right of way, buoys, boat handling, emergencies and tailoring. The Coast Guard Auxiliary and a DNR warden provide instruction.

The course is for adults and youth age 12 or older. A \$10 book fee is charged. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. Register online: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/boat/> and select "Sign up for Safety Class".

Mainsheet

Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting March 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:03.p m. by Commodore Jack Boatman. Fourteen members were in attendance.

The February sailing club meeting minutes were approved by the membership after motions by Dan Thornton and Sally Boatman respectively.

The treasurer's report: Treasurer Brian Carter provided an update of the club's finances including an expenditure of \$168.00 for the club's website. The treasurer's report was approved by the membership after motions by Scott Baccus and Dave Kuharski respectively.

Brian also reminded those members that have not already paid their dues – that they are due.

Committee Reports:

Cruisers: Vice Commodore and Cruiser committee chair Marty Witt brought up an idea discussed at the board meeting on March 6th about implementing a different scoring system for slower boats for Thursday races to - make the races more competitive among all boats. It would be like developing or creating a handicap for slower boats. Another example was to require some of the faster boats to do a 360 degree or 720 degree around buoys on the course – allowing for more boats to hit the finish line about the same time. These were just examples. Discussion continued among members. Ultimately, the question was put to members - "Is the club interested in trying something new?" The consensus was that the club was willing to entertain some changes.

Commodore Boatman advised members more discussion would take place at the board meeting AND Vice Commodore Witt advised Cruiser racers that there would be a one-hour meeting of cruisers before the general membership meeting on April 4. Cruiser meeting at 6PM and general meeting at 7PM. Ultimately what we want to do is grow the fleet.

Day Sailors: No report. Day Sailor committee chair Andy Gratton suggested that for the 2019 season the day sailors start everyone at one time if the fleet is as small as it was last year.

Old Business

Hoist usage for day sailors: A discussion on the status of the hoist for day sailors' boats took place and it was decided that the hoist and all mechanicals involved with it would be operational and available not later than May 1.

Ice Party: Dave Whealon recapped the Ice Party and the success it was again this year. He thanked members of the sailing club for volunteering with the set up and tear down. Jack Boatman had very favorable comments about the event as did numerous members that were in attendance.

New Business

Harbor outreach: Dave Whealon reported that the Harbor outreach will take place on Saturday June 1 this year. This is the event where the sailing club attempts to involve more sailors in the harbor (who are not already part of the sailing club) to take part in a social and sailing event with the sailing club to help develop interest in and growth of the sailing club.

Sea Scouts: Paul Kaestner was absent at the meeting, but Anne shared some of his news about the Sea Scouts. Their Regatta will take place on Tuesday, August 13th. The Sea Scouts did pay the Yacht club the \$200.00 deposit to cover any damages to the lasers or other boats used. Anne did ask for volunteers to help out with the event. There will also be a dinner and awards at the club in the evening.

Condition of Lasers: The condition and readiness of the lasers was brought up in anticipation of the advanced youth sailing classes. The group thought that most of the repairs had been done last year but that a couple of the boats were in need of plugs. We will determine needs for repairs and schedule them by May.

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For the Good of the Club

The next Sailing club board meeting is April 3 at 6:15pm. Any and all members are always welcome to attend the board meeting.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by David Kuharski and seconded by Scott Baccus. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Mike Mahnke, secretary

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FOND DU LAC SAILING CLUB WEBSITE

See all the new improvements that have been made to the site: <http://www.fdsail.com>.
New wind maps and forecast has been added. Also many new photos from last year are now posted. Check out the Sailor's Comments under the race tab. Lots of photos from past races. Check out the views from the last place boat.

FOND DU LAC YACHT CLUB WEBSITE

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

SELLING A BOAT?

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