



2016 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

March is a tricky month for me. It seems like there is a lot of time until spring and summer but I know that it isn't true. The days are getting longer and the boating season will be here sooner than you think. I'm trying to get you thinking about the work that is needed ahead. Jack Boatman is a prime example, he is changing slips and did his dock renovations standing on the ice instead of from the boat.

Winter Party - The outing at the club was a huge success. The weather wasn't in our totally in our favor (around 50 degrees). Slushy conditions made for a difficult Hockey Game and the couch races were called off. The best part was the number of SC members that were able to help out with the Friday setup, Saturday Party, and the Sunday Cleanup. Dave L, Scott B, Ruben W, Marty W, Bill F, Craig C, Steve O, Matt K, Hank L, Brian C, Karin W, Donna W, Jack and Sally you get the idea. Thanks to all!

Chili dump this month before the meeting 5:30pm.

I will be on a special assignment and will not be at this month's meeting. Hank offered to Skype me in but I didn't think that was necessary. I know things will go well.

Kevin and the youth sailing people are meeting before our meeting. We have instructed them to get us a signup sheet to help them out.

See you next month. From the Southern Most Point, signing out: Dave W

EDITORS NOTE

New email address!

Starting this month all club announcements and mainsheet emails will be coming from fdlsailingclub@gmail.com. You can send emails to this address if you need an announcement sent out. You can still also send emails directly to me henrilieurance@gmail.com.

Thanks,
Hank

NEXT MEETING

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

****Fleet Meeting to follow after****

SPECIAL NOTE:

Chili Dump will be held @ 5:30pm



Mainsheet

Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting

February 4th, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Commodore Dave Whealon. Nineteen members were in attendance with two guests: Joe Woolley and Wanda Witt.

Secretary's Report

A motion to approve the Minutes from the December 2015 meeting and the January 2016 meeting (with correction on the spelling of Doug Fownes name corrected) was made by Brian Carter and seconded by Rueben Witt.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Marty Witt provided an updated checking account balance with no expenses reported for January. Rueben Witt moved to accept the Treasurer's report and the motion was seconded by Steve Ollenburg. The motion carried and treasurer's report was accepted.

Committee Reports

Day Sailors: Jack Boatman shared a number of items discussed in the Day Sailors meeting, including DNF and DNS rules, how many trophies to be awarded, based on number of participants, should fleets be combined? No decisions made, but things that the club may want to consider.

Cruisers: No Report.

Youth Sailing: Kevin Grattin and Dan Thornton reported that parents and Youth sailing committee are hoping to get advanced Open Bic and Lazer students racing on Tuesday nights and keep Wednesday night youth sailing racing for beginner Open Bic students. Dan also reiterated that several things need to be accomplished prior to this spring's classes: 1 – rewrite the training manuals for the youth. We will need a couple of volunteers for this. 2 – The Sailing Club should approach the Yacht Club board about the proposed/requested Youth Sailing Launch site (instead of in the harbor as in past years) 3 – Develop a test-out for youth to advance from Open Bics to Lazers.

Dan has agreed to chair these efforts. Also, Kevin has requested volunteers (preferably two each Wednesday night, to assist youth sailors and their parents starting at 5:30pm.

Old Business

Dan Thornton, Dave Lallier and Karin Whealon prepared the food for the Yacht Club's last meeting. Thank you!

Winter Ice Party: The 2016 Yacht Club Ice Party on February 20th. The Sailing Club will work the event again this year building on the continuing success of the party over the last couple of years. Final details on menu, logistics, set up and tear down were covered.

Swap meet: Prior to the April meeting (starting at 5:30pm) bring whatever sailing items, equipment, etc. You are interested in selling or swapping to the garage area – prior to the March Sailing Club meeting. Hank Lieurance will also explore putting a for sale/swap page or link on the Sailing Club website.

New Business

There will be a chili dump inviting members to bring chili and/or "fixins" starting at 5:30pm

North Sails 2016 Trim Seminar being held on March 6th at UW Milwaukee. Check out http://www.northu.com/tabid/1386/default.aspx?Event_ID=541 for details.

Proposed Race Calendar Dave Kuharski reminded the membership that we need a proposed race calendar for the March meeting to review and finalize for the April meeting.

For the Good of the Club:

Mike Elmergreen shared a recent find he made on Amazon.com – a portable two way radio marine band radio made by bao feng model # UV SRV2T – Elmo will be happy to provide a demo.

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Adjournment

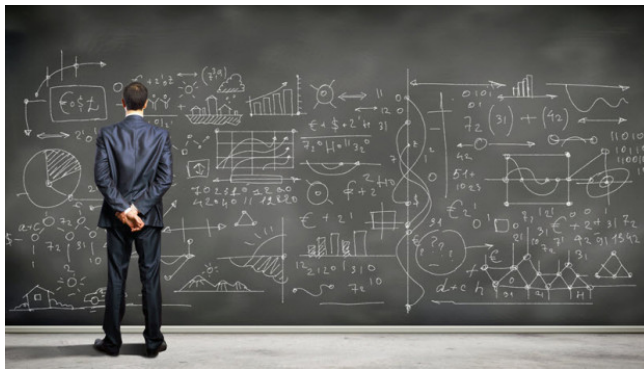
Dave Kuharski moved to adjourn, and was seconded by Mike Elmergreen. The Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Mahnke

The Pull on a Sheet

By John Vigor – Scuttlebutt News



The modern rope we use for sheets and halyards is a wonderful material, strong almost beyond belief, but it does have its limits, of course, and if your brain demands peace of mind while you're sailing, maybe you should be quite sure all your running rigging is adequately sized.

You can make a pretty good estimate of the strain your jib imposes on its sheet. You simply square the wind speed in knots and multiply the answer by the sail area in square feet. Then you divide the answer by 232. This gives you the approximate pull on the sheet in pounds.

For example, let's say you have a 200-square-foot jib, and the wind is blowing 20 knots. Square the wind speed, 20×20 , and you get 400. Multiply that by the sail area, 200, and you get 80,000. Divide that by 232 and the result is 344.8 pounds, say 345 pounds.

That's the weight of two big men, which explains why you need the help of a winch to trim the jib when it's blowing hard. And here's another thing: wind pressure in the sail rises as a square

of wind speed, so the greatest pull you'll experience on that sheet is likely to be double the 20-knot figure, or in the region of 700 pounds. If you want peace of mind, make sure your gear can handle it.

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FOND DU LAC SAIL CLUB WEBSITE

To see the calendar, past mainsheets, race results, and more, go to:

<http://www.fdsail.com>

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)



February is considered:

National Red Cross Month

National Peanut Month

National Nutrition Month

SPECIAL FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER:

~4th Sailing Club Meeting @ 7PM

~15th Ides of March

~17th Saint Patrick's Day

~25th Good Friday

Mainsheet

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

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 fiber glass, 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

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.

