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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

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Seasons Greeting (I like to try to offend everybody equally) Tis the season The tree is up and we are ready for some guests Thursday night for the meeting.

I think enough was said about the last season at the banquet but I would like to take a moment to thank the banquet committee for their hard work. Members include Marty and Annie Witt, Rueben and Wanda Witt, Scott Baccus, Dave Kuharski, Brian Carter, Andy Gratton, and Dave Dochterman sorry for any missed. I thought the banquet was great and all the hard work paid off.

I need to thank Dan Thornton for his years of service on the board and welcome Dave Dochterman as Vice Commodore. I sure Dan will still be helping Kevin and the youth sailing program and I know he has found a new interest in the Sea Scout sailboat by helping Paul Kaestner.

The Board met on Nov 21st and are already planning for next season. The first thing we need to work on is the Winter Ice Party at the YC. The date is Feb 18th This is a party that the Sailing Club does the work at along with others. I know the lake isn't frozen over yet but don't worry but it will be.

The dates for the Chicago Boat show are January 11-15th. I know a few people went last year and if people are interested in going get in touch of me and we will put out some announcements on who is going and when

Reminder: The Meeting this month is at the Whealon Residence N7236 Lake Breeze Ct 7:00 pm we will supply the beverages you bring a favorite of your own to share

-Dave Whealon

EDITORS NOTE

FOND DU LAC SAIL CLUB WEBSITE

To see the calendar, past mainsheets, race results, and more, go to:
<http://www.fldsail.com>

If you have sailing club related events, please let me know and I can add them to the Sailing Club Calendar.

NEXT MEETING

***Sailing Club Meeting
 December 8th @ 7:00pm
 At the Whealon Residence***

SPECIAL NOTE:

Please bring snacks or treats to share after the meeting



Mainsheet

Minutes of the FDL Sailing Club meeting

October 6th, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Commodore Dave Whealon. Twenty-two members were in attendance with no guests.

Secretary's Report

A motion to accept the Minutes of the September Sailing club was made with one correction noted. In the September meeting, it was reported that "Don Callas" was looking for members to volunteer to attend a "party that was being planned for Christmas at the Yacht Club. It was actually Don Cayen that had made the request. Motion to approve with one correction was made by Brian Carter and seconded by Jack Boatman. The motion carried and the minutes were approved with correction.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Marty Witt provided an overview of the finances and reported paying an expense for pizzas for the end of season party for both Day sailors and cruisers. Jack Boatman moved to accept the treasurer's report and Steve Ollenburg seconded the motion. The motion carried and treasurer's report was accepted.

Committee Reports

Day Sailors: No report.

Cruisers: No Report.

Youth Sailing: No Report.

Old Business

Pro-start: We'll be getting only the horn assembly for next year, saving money over buying a complete unit.

Red Eye sailing: Dave Dochterman reported that the "extended season" Thursday night racing was a lot of fun but could use more participation. Dave Lallier suggested that we will want to do more promotion for next year's red eye nights and think about adding some additional fun elements to it. For example, this year the participants agreed that the "winner buys" after the race at the Yacht Club. It was

noted that after adding this stipulation, more boats were observed circling buoys more than once.... If they were in the lead. Start thinking about some things to draw more participation and add more fun for the Red Eye series next year.

RETURN TROPHIES: Last year's award/trophy winners were reminded to return the traveling trophies before the November Change of Watch and Awards ceremony.

Officer Nominations: Dave Kuharski provided the required solicitation of and reporting of Officer Nominations (for the second month) at the meeting. The following members were nominated and accepted the nominations for the following positions: Dave Whealon Commodore, Dave Dochterman Vice Commodore, Mike Mahnke Secretary and Marty Witt Treasurer.

New Business: No new business introduced.

For The Good Of The Club

Andy Gratton reported that George Hayashi had passed away. He suggested that the Sailing club send the family a sympathy card. He provided the address to Secretary Mike Mahnke and Mike sent out the card on behalf of the Sailing Club.

Adjournment

Dave Kuharski moved to adjourn with a second by Mike Elmergreen. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Mahnke

Mainsheet

Laser Class Approves Composite Mast Section

(December 6, 2016) – The International Laser Class Association (ILCA) has announced the release of a class-legal composite top mast section that is expected to be available for purchase in early 2017.

Because the new mast was designed with the exact same weight and bend characteristics as the existing aluminum upper sections, it will not provide a performance advantage but instead will eliminate the permanent bending problems associated with the aluminum spars.

"ILCA's policy regarding the introduction of new equipment is that it should always have the same characteristics as the existing equipment and that the new equipment should not give a performance advantage when raced alongside existing equipment," says ILCA Executive Secretary, Eric Faust. "The composite mast definitely meets that objective. It's been tested by some of the top Laser sailors in the world and they all agree that they can't determine any difference while sailing."

According to ILCA Technical Officer, Clive Humphris, "The new top section has been rigorously developed and tested over the past six years to assure that it is a 'like-for-like' part with the current mast. The advantage is that the new mast will be much more durable and won't be prone to permanent bending like the aluminum masts."

ILCA President, Tracy Usher, agrees. "I've sailed with a prototype composite upper while training in a wide variety of conditions – I couldn't tell any difference between having this spar on the boat or using an aluminum one. I sail the same way and the boat seems to behave the same way. Everything felt the same.

"This is going to make Laser sailing easier for everyone. Sailors won't need to carefully align their mast rivet when rigging or worry about straightening their masts after a day of heavy air sailing. It's going to be a big improvement for everyone!"

Because the composite mast is now a fully approved change to the Laser Construction Manual, there is no need for a change to the Laser Class Rules. As long as the mast is purchased from an approved Laser Builder or one of its authorized dealers, it will be legal for use at all ILCA sanctioned events.

The new mast specifications have been developed in close cooperation between the approved Laser Builders, World Sailing and ILCA. Because the composite top section is class legal and it will not provide any advantage in performance on the water, neither ILCA nor World Sailing anticipate that the use of the composite mast will need to be restricted for any future events. If it is subsequently determined that the use of the mast needs to be restricted, this will be controlled by Notice of Race on an event-by-event basis.

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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:

F.Y.I.

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



Mainsheet

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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