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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**

Hi All,  
Remember those winter boat projects you may have thought about in November? Well, it's time to start working on them if you haven't done so already. Only 2 months to April when the weather starts to warm up (drats). I have boat projects to work on, but not when I can go sailing on ice.

This month we have the fun of hosting the YC ice party on Feb 21. Set up will be the Friday evening prior and Saturday morning of the event, tear down will be late Saturday, concluding Sunday morning. There will likely be a break in there for rest. Anyone with ideas for new activities should bring them up. How about making an iced ramp and have downhill ice skating.

Keep warm,  
Andy Gratton

**NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, February 5, 7 p.m.**  
**FDL Yacht Club**

**COMING EVENTS**

**Winter Ice Party**  
**February 21**

**Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting January 8, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at the FDLYC at 7:05 pm by Commodore Andy Gratton. All officers were in attendance except Mike Mahnke excused due to travel. Vice Commodore Phil Gross took the minutes of the meeting. Aaron Lynn was welcomed as a guest.

The minutes of the October/November meeting were approved after motions by Marty and Nancy respectively.

Treasurer Sally Boatman reported on current expenses and deposits. Member dues and racing fees are now due for the 2026 season. The treasurer's report was approved by the membership after motions by Marty Witt and Dave Lallier respectively.

Sally presented the budget for 2026 which was approved by the

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membership after motions by Jack Boatman and Marty Witt respectively.

### **Committee reports:**

**Day Sailors:** Day sailors are looking forward to the racing season and Jack will post the racing schedule on our website in February. We'll need judges for Tuesday races.

**Cruisers:** The Cruiser race schedule will be posted on the website by Jack when he does the day sailor races.

**Hosting Yacht** club meal for May, please sign up to volunteer if you can.

**Discussion** of possibly doing "drinks and dinner" during the year. Are there volunteers to make a meal for 3 dates.

**Number of races:** The group agreed that there will be the same number of races this year.

**The TransWinnebago** will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup> this year.

### **Old Business**

I-20 racing: Discussion was led by Aaron to consider doing some I-20 races which his two daughters are interested in. Possible to include on Tuesday night races. Some procedures will need to be created for two Tuesday night races.

### **New Business**

#### **Ice Party For Yacht Club**

The annual Ice Party is scheduled for Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>. Set up will be on Friday afternoon and teardown Saturday night/Sunday night. We

need 14 inches of ice for safety to have the event.

### **Sailing trophies**

Sailing trophies are paid for out of the sailing club budget. The sailor of the year individual trophy has in the past several years been paid for by the recipients for the following year's winner. A motion was made by Dave Whealon and seconded by Phil Gross and passed by the members - to reimburse members who have paid for it in the past. The maximum amount is \$75.00 and if you are qualified You need to ask to be reimbursed.

Sunday series was discussed and looking for fun races and things to do,

The question came up about ordering new sails for some of the youth sailing boats.

Committee volunteer sign-up sheets were passed around to members.

The Hoist is good and ready to go.

An observation was shared about the racing buoys sitting a little low in the water. A possible solution is to add a ring to help them float higher or add a float to the chain, any other possible solutions?

Tom Clausen has saved us a sizeable amount of money by reconfiguring our presence on the website. Tom thanks so much!

### **Correspondence**

Andy received a communication from Lisa Heiser asking if we provided sailing lessons. Andy responded to her with our standard response to lessons.

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### **For the good of the club**

Dave and Jean Dochterman visited the club on December 6th and presented an overview of their Atlantic voyage with a power point presentation which was well received – and a visit by Scott and Jackie Baccus made it an extra fun event.

Karin Whealon Was reported to be recovering at St Mary's Madison from a fall new year's eve and was also recovering from influenza. At the time of the meeting, she was expected to be getting out on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned after motions by Marty Witt and Tom Clausen respectively.

Respectfully submitted:  
Phil Gross