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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

This is my fault that things are late. A big shocker for those who know me. My defense, I have been busy sailing June and early July are busy sailing months. I could have written this last weekend but my busy sailing exploits had me sailing the Queens Cup with my son Sam from Milwaukee to St Joseph's MI 79nm. He sails on a Nelson Merrick 52 (Promo) out of Milwaukee and got me on the crew, One of 14. The race should normally take about 9-10 hours but light winds prevailed. Although our overall finish was 4th out of 153 it took us 19hrs 2 min. That 10 hours was the time I was going to us to write this. I digress (Mike M)

TransWinnie recap: Wind from the south heavy and building all day 24 boats registered 10 boats finished by the time limit of 5:00 pm. It Sucked! The highlight was Fondy boats did well Congrats to Team Zissou 1st overall Dave Docterman Marty Witt 1st in Non-Spinnaker and Animea 2nd in Spinnaker More to follow...

Some of our I20's are headed to Pewaukee this weekend good luck to all

See you at the meeting tonight. We will be working on the commodore comments for next month so Hank doesn't have all this pressure

-Dave

EDITORS NOTE**FOND DU LAC SAIL CLUB WEBSITE**

To see the calendar, past mainsheets, race results, and more, go to:
<http://www.fdsail.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
 July 7th @ 7:00pm**

****The meeting will be at the Yacht Club****

SPECIAL NOTE:

Please bring snacks or treats to share after the meeting



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Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting

June 2nd, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Commodore Dave Whealon. Twenty members were in attendance with four guests; Penny Ross, Ann Schneider, Laura and Daren Mahnke.

Secretary's Report

A motion to accept the Minutes of the May Sailing club meeting was made by Dave Kuharski and seconded by Scott Baccus. The motion carried and the minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Marty Witt provided the latest checking account balance with no expenses paid for during May. Scott Baccus moved to accept the treasurer's report, with Dave Kuharski seconding the motion. The motion carried and treasurer's report was accepted.

Committee Reports

Day Sailors: Day sailors in attendance spent their meeting discussing the final arrangements for the Lighthouse Regatta.

Cruisers: Scott Baccus reported no meeting was held before the general membership meeting. Scott did state that members racing in the Cruiser fleet should make sure to contact him to update any corrections so that their PHRF rating is accurate - ensuring results of the races are accurate.

Fun night sailing: Wednesday's fun night sailing for June will be "draft night" where skippers will pick other than their regular clues. August's Wednesday fun night sail will be cruisers in small sail boats.

Youth Sailing: Kevin Gratton reported that the Yacht Club has ordered a trailer for the Youth Sailing program to store rigged sails. The trailer is 8.5 feet wide, 8 feet high and 18 feet long. Yacht Club members with carpentry skills will be solicited to help build the necessary racks need for storing the sails.

The new pier for youth sailing "is a go", Gratton reported with YC Rob Ritchie driving it within the YC. Advanced youth sailors will be invited to participate on Tuesday nights, starting after the Portsmouth group. A motion was made to purchase a starting flag for the Open Bic and Lasers for Tuesday nights. George Winters seconded the motion. To further assist the advancement of youth from the open bics, George Winter offered to purchase more radial rigs for the lasers to be retro fitted with smaller sails, making lighter youths able to manage the boat.

Old Business

Lighthouse Regatta: Mike Elmergreen reported on the state of readiness for the Lighthouse Regatta: In general, everything was ready to go. We expected boats from Green Bay and also Thunder Bay in Canada. Elmo estimated 5 or more I-20's and 10 lightning's.

Judges: Judges for both Day Sailor and Cruiser races (committee boat members) are encouraged to take plenty of photos as the opportunity presents itself.

YC Dry storage: Dry storage would soon be available for boats.

New Business:

2016 Trans Winnebago Race: Dave Whealon summarized the important facts/locations, etc. for the upcoming race. We will repeat the direction of the race from last year (starting up north) and finishing in Fond du Lac. There is already a rock the dock/shrimp boil scheduled for Saturday evening - which Trans Winnebago racers seemed to like a lot last year.

Lake Winnebago Quality Improvement Association: Ellen Balthazor informed the members about what the association was doing to improve water quality in Lake Winnebago. Scott Baccus made a motion for the FDLSC to join as a paying member of the LWQIA. Kevin Gratton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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2nd Annual Poker Run: Commodore Whealon will touch bases with Dave Dochterman (away on business) when he returns to get a report on a date selection for the event.

July 4th Race: The race will start at 2pm – with a “bring your own” picnic to the garage area afterwards.

For the Good of the Club:

Dave Kuharski said he was looking for crew members – so if you are interested – please contact him.

Adjournment:

Dave Kuharski moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Steve Ollenberg. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Mahnke

2016 Trans Winnebago Results

This years Trans Winnebago was warm and windy to say the least. The number of finishing boats were down from past years but was expected due to the heavy southerly winds. Overall, it went well. Here are the results:

Division I

1. Red Sky – Mark Hallett
2. Okoboji – Doug Hatch

Division II

1. Viajante – Marty Witt
2. Wind Song – Bob Eckstein
3. Oh Chute

Division III

1. Team Zissou – Dave Dochterman
2. Animae – Dave Whealon
3. Griffin – Dan Smithback

2016 Trans Winnebago Reports

Dave Dochterman, aboard Team Zissou:

We departed at 11am from Fond du Lac the day before, while not part of the race I consider the delivery day to be part of the whole experience and as such figured I would include it in this write up. For the delivery north we had the full complement of crew: Jean Dochterman, Mike Elmergreen, Mike Mahnke, and myself (Dave Dochterman). We expected to have a very slow spinnaker run north with possible motoring. What we ended up with was a very light wind beat the whole way north, having to motor for about an hour on the north side of the lake. A few hours of that were quite slow wind and questionable motoring but the Olson 25 is not a very fun boat to motor at all with the loud outboard so with plenty of cold drinks and food on board we stuck it out and sailed most of it which brought us into Neenah later in the evening to dock well behind the other Fond du Lac boats. That night, plenty of drinks and fun were had by all though I think there should be an old sailor adage which warns about trying to keep up with Karin when going out for the evening.

Saturday morning the Neenah yacht club set up a nice starting line and it was a lot of fun to see all the boats out there. I mistakenly had us over the line early and had to go back and restart, though the crew was quick in action so about 30 seconds after the gun we were crossing the line headed north in a large clearing near the pin. From my perspective Anime looked in a good position right at the start by the committee boat though crowded in, however she quickly pulled away from the pack. For quite some time we sailed tight against Anime though after a few tacks somewhere between Neenah and Oshkosh she headed west and us east and we parted ways. We had a couple crossings with other boats as we headed south, on one of which Viajante crossed a few boat lengths ahead of us. I believe that was the last boat crossing we had, boats spread out wide across the lake. We expected the wind to shift west but it really didn't for us until a little near the end with a lot of added velocity. The conditions were good for our vessel, we had up the #1 Jib and full main, keeping the boat speed up we were able to push

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into wind speeds a little above the recommended conditions for that sail. By playing the traveler, full crew hiking out, and keeping the boat speed up we were able to keep her sails balanced. We played almost each wind shift and estimate we tacked well over 25 times, which kept everyone on board busy between the constant compass checks, jib retrimming, tacking, hiking and keeping me on the ball to keep the boat moving in the groove. And so it went for 6 hours.

With just a few miles to go the wind velocity jumped up past what we should carry the #1 Genoa but being so close we tried to hold on. At 1.3 miles to the mark it was clear that we needed to change gears at which point the wind velocity was high enough the question became the #3 or #4. We went with the #3 and after a textbook jib change on the foredeck we closed the last 1.3 miles to the mark as the wind continued to climb. We constantly had to ease sails to prevent round ups and it was clear that we could have used the #4. Upon crossing the line and retiring to the harbor we quickly put away sails and headed to the air-conditioning of the club house going back for final clean up only after cooling down a bit. From the club we watched as more boats reached the south side of the lake realizing how lucky we were to have had the conditions we had as these other boats battled the high gusts far longer than we had to endure.

Joe Woolley, aboard Emma Liz:

On the day of the Trans Winnebago I was dealing with the aftermath of the celebrations from the night before. After getting settled onto the Emma Liz, a Captiva 240 captained by Dale Egnoski, we set out with a crew of 5.

Throughout the day I kept realizing how large Lake Winnebago truly is on my first complete crossing. Seeing the areas around the lake at a different perspective is something I won't forget.

Receiving a DNF solely on time wasn't too discouraging. The fact we completed the journey was reward enough in my book. . After getting back into Fond du Lac burnt to a crisp, exhausted, and dehydrated I still had the thought "I can't wait until next year."

Hank Lieurance, aboard Animaë:

We made way for Menasha Friday afternoon after Karin had the crew loading "supplies" for the two day trip. The trip up was great except for no wind so it meant for a long motoring trip. I sat below prepping for registration at the Marina and scoring at the finish line on Saturday. We even had enough time to show Joe some of the old tools used to navigate Lake Winnebago prior to the introduction of the electronic gadgets seen on boats today and once we docked in at the marina we introduced him to Jitters.

Saturday morning before the race was typical for a Trans Winnebago... trying to piece together the events from the night before and fighting to get into the shower before the boats departed. As breakfast and the skipper's meeting finished up the Animaë was loaded up with extras from breakfast and Scott Baccus joined us for the race home.

When the race started we did very well to get across the line and on our way. Some boats tacked east immediately and others stayed along the west shore. We choose the west shore behind other boats in our division and stayed that course until we were north of Oshkosh and made our way to the east shore. Which is where we stayed until the finish of the race.

Several adjustments were made on the boat to get as much speed as we could and some of the crew, well one crew member "me" had time to nap. As we approached the finish we were able to make a few precise tacks to get us ahead of another boat and across the finish line before 4pm.

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Marty Witt, aboard Viajante:

Wow, what a race.

The crew and I came up with a plan on how to tackle the south breeze and we had a great start. Not to long after the start we passed a division I boat and tacked away from the rest of our division II boats. Later on as we crossed in front of the other boats we could tell were ahead slightly at each tack.

In the end we stayed in front of the other Tartan with newer sails which was extra icing on the cake. It was great to finish second overall and first in our division.

Just want to say thanks to everyone behind the scenes that puts this event all together. A good time was had by all.

Beware... High Winds

From Mike Elmergreen

On the Sunday late afternoon after the Lighthouse regatta, things got a little windy at the yacht club boat yard. Rueben Witt's 20 foot Highlander blew off its trailer and landed partially on Mike Elmergreen's Lightning. The only damage appeared to be to the fender on the Lightning trailer. Mike knew something was up when he noticed that his fender looked better than normal after Rueben had straightened out the dent. The Highlander was in the first parking spot on the north end of the dry sail area. This spot has seen boats blow off their trailers in past years. So you may want to block your wheels and tie your boat to the trailer, especially if you are in that spot. Reuben's boat is now on the south end of the yard.



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CLUB REMINDERS:

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



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Buy a Boat – Sell a Boat
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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: 2006 Inland-20 scow for sale. Boat is in great condition on a galvanized trailer. Included is one Dacron mainsail shown in the photo, a North Mylar main that was never used, 2 jibs (one never used), 2 spinnakers (one older, one never used), and an envelope cover. Carbon fiber mast and sprit, foil shaped E-scow rudders. This boat finished 1st at Nationals 2013, 2nd at ILYA 2014, and 2nd at Nationals 2014. \$10,000 firm.



Contact Andy Gratton 920-231-3015 or Aaron Lynn 920-203-5834 for further details.

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

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