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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**

Summer's here!! This is what you have been waiting for. Let's get out on the water!

Busy times coming up...

- Sailing Club Fun Race - June 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30
- Sailing Club Meeting - June 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00
- Lighthouse Regatta - June 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>
- Walleye Weekend/Cruiser Race - June 12th
- Youth Sailing Starts - June 13th
- Trans-Winnebago - June 25th

This is short notice to get it out, more to follow.

Hank does a great job getting out the emails.

The Monthly meeting will be at the Yacht Club.

I thought it would be at the shop but the laser repairs went better than expected. Maybe we can get a sail in after???

-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  
 June 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00pm**

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

**SPECIAL NOTE:**

Please bring snacks or treats to share after the meeting



# Mainsheet

## Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting

May 5th, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Commodore Dave Whealon. Twenty-one members were in attendance with no guests.

### Secretary's Report

Minutes of both the March and April Sailing club meetings were approved by the membership. Ellen Balthazor and Karin Whealon Moved and seconded approval of the March minutes and Jack Boatman and Dave Kuharski moved and seconded approval of the April Minutes.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Marty Witt provided the latest checking account. Jack Boatman 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:** Jack Boatman reported that the day sailors did not have a meeting. All updated rules for day sailor races are available on the Sailing Club's website.

**Cruisers:** Scott Baccus reported no meeting was held before the general membership meeting.

**Lighthouse Regatta:** Dave Kuharski provided an update on progress on organization of the event. Hank Lieurance will manage the dinner. T-shirts and trophies are taken care of. Volunteer sailing club members can get shirts at half price. signup sheet was circulated at the meeting soliciting volunteers for both boats needed and personnel. The race will take place on Saturday June 4th and Sunday June 5th.

**Youth Sailing:** Kevin Gratton reported that the Yacht Club now has a Youth Sailing committee. The chairman is Rob Ritchie. This will increase and improve communication between the two clubs as well as encourage more general YC participation in the Youth Sailing program activities and events.

Reminder: An orientation meeting will be held on June 8th. The first classes will begin Monday June 13 and run for seven weeks. Tuesday afternoon classes are earmarked for "Advanced" Open Bic / Laser youth sailors. Andy Gratton has agreed to teach the advanced youth again this year.

Youth sailing students will sail on Wednesday nights (fun sailing) in competition with one another. There was NOT a sign up sheet prepared to circulate for volunteers from the sailing club and parent volunteers. There should be one at the June meeting.

Kevin reported that the new pier (for direct lake access versus harbor) will be put on the back burner for this year – but hopefully work will continue to make it a reality for 2017.

Continued discussion of a storage structure for hanging open bic rigged sails continued, with the request being forwarded to the YC general membership. Continued discussion about future needs of radial sails for Lasers to accommodate smaller children advancing from the Open Bics. No motions made.

Dave Kuharski mentioned that there would be an "unregatta" for Lasers in Green Lake on July 14th.

We will use the Open Bic flag that Kevin Gratton has as the "class flag" for advanced youth sailing on Tuesday nights with Day Sailor races. Note: the starting sequence on Tuesday nights will be: I-20's, Portsmouth and then Open Bics.

### Old Business

Laser repair: The first laser repair event will be held prior to the June meeting – with members notified in an email blast. Subsequent repair nights will be held prior to first classes as needed and announced via email blasts.

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## New Business

More discussion about The Sailing Club membership book being handled electronically versus hard copy continued. A motion was made to handle the book only electronically was made by Dave Kuharski and seconded by Hank Lieurance. The motion carried. There will not be a distribution of hard copy books for 2016. The entire book will be available in a printable version on the SC website.

Please note: members will be asked (via email) about whether or not their information (Name, address and phone number should be included on the website (It has been included in past hard copies of the book.

2016 Trans-Winnebago Race: Scott Baccus reported that the Blind Pig is not available for the race this year, due to the passing of the owner. 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.

## For the Good of the Club

Reminder from Earl Jewett: This year's Military Appreciation Cruise will be held on August 8th.

Mike Elmergreen shared that there are some more items for sale on his website.  
[http://www.elmoandbigsue.com/For\\_Sale/For\\_Sale.htm](http://www.elmoandbigsue.com/For_Sale/For_Sale.htm)

Karin Whealon shared (and this is a direct quote) "I can't remember what I forgot".

## Adjournment

Dave Kuharski moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by George Winter. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Mahnke

## 2016 Lighthouse Regatta

The 2016 Lighthouse Regatta will be June 4th and 5th in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. All information is on the website:  
<http://www.elmoandbigsue.com/Lighthouse/lighthouse.htm>

The weather has been awesome for the last 2 weeks. Temps have been consistently in the 80's and the water temperature is already 73 degrees. The first 3 races of the year were in shorts and T shirts. The water is even clearer than I have seen it in years. The Saturday afternoon rum party sponsored by Wind Power Windsurfing is back again please support Wind Power Windsurfing for their years of regatta support. There will also be a dinner served at the Yacht club Saturday night. We will also have dry shirts at extremely reasonable prices.

We are still in need of volunteers and have openings on the water for Saturday and/or Sunday. And we can always use help after the racing on Saturday with rum party help, dinner help, door monitors, and bartenders. Let's make this a great event for the Midwest and Canadian sailors that are investing a lot of time and effort to come to our regatta.

Let me know what I need to do, to get you into this regatta.

Michael Elmergreen

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## **Cheap Boats Aren't Bargain Boats**

By John Vigor, Scuttlebutt Sailing News

Article can be read online:

<http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2016/05/25/cheap-boats-arent-bargain-boats/>

The community of sailors has its fair share of bargain hunters. I think it's reasonable to say that there are very few of us who haven't at some time thought about finding a cheap boat, a boat we can update and renovate, and enjoy for next to nothing. The only problem is that it almost never happens that way. We never learn. A cheap boat seldom turns out to be a bargain.

There's a fellow called Joe who used to live in Oakland, California, who related his experience on a boating website. Joe bought a Santana 22 with a trailer, a good hull, mast and boom, and several sets of usable sails for \$500.

"I've spent two years working on the project so far," he wrote. "I have invested somewhere close to \$4,500 out of pocket, not counting storage, and now have a seaworthy (though not yet class-competitive for racing) boat that I use on San Francisco Bay."

During those first two years, Joe reckoned he worked on the boat for about 10 hours every week. He spent a lot of time rebedding hardware, adding epoxy plugs in the deck core all over the place and replacing a section of the aft bulkhead where fresh water had caused rot.

"That sounds like a short list," he noted, "but the real list of tiny projects would go on for pages."

Near the end of the project, Joe moved the Santana to a boatyard for a bottom job and to fair and repaint the keel and set up the rig. The big-cost items were the new rigging and the bill from the yard for the lay days while he did the work.

"I use a Johnson 6-horsepower two-stroke outboard, which I also bought cheap and rebuilt," he said. "I never learn."

"I agree with others who have said that the Santana 22 is a great design. I also have to

agree with others who have suggested that you should find a boat whose current condition and inventory of gear closely matches your ultimate needs. I take great satisfaction from the work I have done. I enjoyed the work, and it was a way to spread the cost out, etc., etc., etc. — but the investment required to do it this way completely overwhelms the cost of buying a boat in good condition and with adequate gear."

Joe estimated that if he figured his own labor as an expense (even at minimum wage) and added that to what he'd spent, he could have bought three of the better Santanas in the Bay area for the same total cost — or he could have had a nice one in one-third of the time.

"I know this isn't what any hopeful shopper wants to hear," Joe concluded, "and I ignored the people who told me the same, but a cheap or free hull is not a bargain."

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Hank Lieurance - Mainsheet Editor

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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:***

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



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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](http://www.elmoandbigsue.com/For_Sale/For_Sale.htm)  
or call Mike Elmergreen at 920.872.5079 or email at [elmo@centurytel.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.elmoandbigsue.com) (navigate to "Boats for Sale"). Just send pictures and a write-up by email to [elmo@centurytel.net](mailto:elmo@centurytel.net).

