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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

Ahoy sailors!

We just completed the last races of the year with the cruisers. It's also that time of year to get your boat under wraps for winter storage. Hopefully some of you will keep your boat in the water long enough to have a waterfront seat to see the fall colors and the migration of waterfowl. Don't forget we have the Change of Watch banquet in place of the November meeting.

Your Commodore,
Andy Gratton

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, Oct. 3, 7 p.m.

Sailor of the Year Committee
6:30 p.m.

FDL Yacht Club

Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting September 4, 2024

The meeting was called to order at the FDLYC at 7:08 pm by Commodore Andy Gratton. Twelve members were in

attendance with two guests: Hope Stege and her husband Warren Yates. They shared that they are just getting into sailing and the club members suggested they learn through crewing on other members' boats if they don't yet have a boat. Welcome aboard Hope and Warren.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as published in the Mainsheet with the correction of the name "Whiskey Dix" and not whiskey Joe's - by the membership after motions by George Winter and Phil Gross, respectively.

Treasurer Sally Boatman reported on the status of the club's finances including expenses; expenses for the domain network, reimbursements for expenses paid by members and deposits for memberships and racing fees. . The treasurer's report was approved by the membership after motions by Jim Braun and Phil Gross respectively.

Committee Reports:

Day Sailors: Jack Boatman reported the day sailors 2024 race schedule is officially over and was a lot of fun!

Cruisers: Jim Braun complimented Jack Boatman for putting together the schedule for the cruisers and keeping the schedules updated. He also reported that the fall

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series races would start at 6PM instead of 6:20PM due to the earlier sunsets. Jack reported that he updated the rankings for Cruiser races: Check out all the latest results on the FDLSC website under racing and then racing standings.

Youth Sailing: Kevin Gratton recapped the youth sailing lessons, concluding that it all went well and a very enthusiastic class. This years' "Un-Regatta" had "a wee bit more wind" than most students (and perhaps adults) found advisable to handle. There were a couple that tried it out.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Andy informed members that he would not be at the October meeting which will be led by Phil Gross, vice commodore of the FDLSC.

Traveling trophies need to be turned in at the October sailing club meeting so that winners' names can be engraved in time for the Change of Watch/Awards banquet.

Laser clean-up and storage and pulling the Youth sailors dock date and time is TBD. Will only need about 4 volunteers Jack reported.

Officer nominations: The club opened nominations for sailing club officers:

The nominations made and accepted by the nominees are:

Commodore	Andy Gratton
Vice Commodore	Phil Gross
Secretary	Mike Mahnke
Treasurer	Sally Boatman

Nominations need to be kept open for the October meeting (as required by FDLSC rules), Other nominations can be made at the October meeting, then nominations need to be closed and then voted on to take office at the November change of watch.

Sailor of the Year: The sailor of the year is selected by vote of all former Sailors of the year. All past sailor of the year recipients are to meet at 6:30 pm at the October meeting (30 minutes before the regular club meeting is called to order) to make their selection.

Correspondence: Commodore Andy Gratton received an inquiry from Warren Yates to learn more about our club. Warren and his wife Hope attended this meeting as a result.

For the good of the club

Andy Gratton provided an update on Scott and Jackie Baccus' recovery as shared by their sons. Our thoughts and prayers continue for them and their family as this will be a lengthy and challenging recovery.

George Winter volunteered to research further needs the YC and SC for Open Bics and volunteered to purchase/donate if necessary. Thank you for your generous offer, George!

Mike updated the members on Dave and Jean Dochterman's Voyage progress aboard their boat Altair. Their ports-of-call include Bermuda, Azores, Portugal, Spain, France....so far. They have shared some phenomenal photos and videos of their adventures on Instagram. You can follow them at Lutralogic sailing.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm after motions by Sally Boatman and Kevin Gratton.

Respectfully submitted:
Mike Mahnke

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News from Abroad

Greetings, from the Mediterranean Sea!

To the Fond du Lac Sailing Club from Dave and Jean Dochterman onboard SV ALTAIR.

As we continue to sail and push our horizons we frequently remember where it all began. The experience we had as a part of the FDL sailing club is something we cherish to this day. From the very



beginning of our time in FDL we were offered the opportunity to crew on members boats, then learned with guidance from the club to captain a boat, which lead to the dream of sailing the oceans. We learned so much from each of you and want to send you our deepest gratitude for helping us get here today.

Neither one of us had sailing experience when we joined the club but were welcomed with open arms. Years of Tuesday and Thursday races, holiday series and Trans-Winnebagos, along with the camaraderie and conversations in the club among sailors, set us on a trajectory to where we are today. As we write this

from Spain, we can now say we have sailed across the Atlantic Ocean!

On our way we stopped in Horta, Azores, Portugal. The Azores are a small archipelago about 900NM west of mainland Europe. It has long been a stopover for sailors going East or West across the Atlantic, but is a particularly welcome sight after the long trip from the US. An establishment in Horta well known and frequented by transiting ocean sailors is Peter's Café Sport where sea stories and gin and tonics flow freely. At Peter's Café Sport it has become tradition to leave a memento of the voyage there, often a burgee of the vessel, country or rally flags, but sometimes even a torn piece of a sail from a more tumultuous journey. The walls and ceiling are covered with these memorabilia from previous voyages.

We decided it was most fitting to commemorate our passage with where it all began, and with great pride and thanks to the FDL Sailing Club we hung a FDLSC burgee.

Fair Winds and Following Seas,

Dave and Jean

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**62nd Annual Fond du Lac Sailing Club
Change of Watch and Awards Banquet
Saturday, November 2, 2024
Cocktails @ 5 pm, Dinner @ 6 pm
\$15.00 per person
Fond du Lac Yacht Club
705 Mohawk Avenue**

RSVP & PAY by Oct. 18 with form on Upcoming Events page on our website.

If you are able to bring a dessert item please indicate that and let me know what you will bring.

Thank you. Ann Gratton

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