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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 everyone,

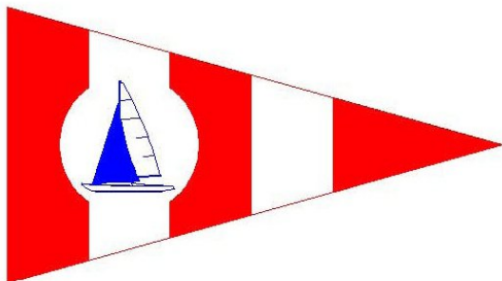
We had a great banquet/change of watch, one month early. At least the shelter gave us protection from the light rain.

COVID-19 has disrupted our lives and it looks like it will continue to do so for the next several months. The board has called off all meetings until this pandemic settles down. Let's hope that when the boats go back in this coming May, we can get back to normal.

Marty

### NEXT MEETING

**Postponed until further notice.**



### Burgee to be displayed

Some members of the yacht club are investigating that burgees of the yacht club and all other clubs within be displayed on the west wall of the building. Estimated cost per club would be \$500. More to follow.

### Race Results 2020

**Ed Malone Cup** - Don Cayen

**Pirates Cup: Boat of the Year** – Bill Freund

**Telescope Trophy** – Jack Boatman

**Holiday Series Cup** – Karin Whealon

**Single Handed Race** – Dave Whealon

**Early Nimmer Cup** – Marty Witt

**Late Nimmer Cup** – Dave Whealon

**Thomas Mc Gualey Plaque** –  
**Cruiser** – Bill and Ann Freund  
**Day Sailor** – Don Cayen

**Lewis Trophy – Sailor or the Year**  
 Rob Ritchie

#### Cruiser Early Season

1. Viajante – Marty Witt
2. Windbreaker – Jack Boatman
3. Oasis – Jim Braun

#### Cruiser Late Season

1. Animae – Dave Lallier
2. Oasis – Jim Braun
3. Viajante – Marty Witt

#### Frostbite

1. Animae – Dave Whealon
2. Oasis – Jim Braun
3. Neenah boat
4. Pau Hana – Tom Clausen

## Mainsheet

### Book Review

By Tom Clausen

A 3 to 5 hour race up to Menasha is much to write about, but challenging another sailor to a single handed race around the world can create enough verbiage to publish a 187 page book on the subject. My Lively Lady is the story of Sir Alec Rose's adventure sailing around the world in just under a year. Upon his completion, Queen Elizabeth knighted him his title.

When the wind picks up on Lake Winnebago, we tend to cancel races, but when you are in the middle of the ocean, you trudge on. You think we have problems sailing our lake, trying just to get out of the English Channel can be a challenge. Who would think that the current and wind could carry you into the rocky shore. Luckily it didn't happen to Alec, but he did get sideswiped by a huge vessel only a couple of days out splintering his bowsprit and breaking off two guard rail stanchions. The port spreader was bent back as was the mizzen port spreader. He was in such a hurry to leave, he left without an operating engine, thinking he could get repairs up the coast. With all that has transpired, he decided to head back to port after only a few days out. While waiting for repairs, the tide went out and the boat hit bottom and fell over on its side. Talk about bad luck!

The timing was now wrong for getting to Australia in time to rest and set out for the rounding of Cape Horn, so he postponed his trip for a year and set off the following July.

Luckily, everyone in the surrounding yacht clubs pitched in and overhauled his engine, made the necessary repairs on the boat and got the boat in tip top shape for his departure the following summer.

Sailing on the open seas can be pleasant, usually making 100 miles per day, sometimes more, sometimes nothing at all as you sit becalmed. Now that is frustrating creating apprehension as you wonder if you will ever move again. Other times you are battling gale force winds for days on end, changing sails on the bow hoping you won't get swept overboard as water crashes over the boat.

Then, there are the repairs. Imagine a pin shearing off on your self steering mechanism, not to mention your rear stays unraveling causing your mast to nearly collapse. Better carry enough tools and spare parts!

To let the cat out of the bag, I am only half-way through this book. He is currently spending a month in Melbourne before setting out for England. If anything transpires on his way home, I'll let you know.

### Boat for Sale

Dan and Paula Homuth have decided it is time to retire from sailing, so they are selling their 1978 Tartan 34, Pandamonium. You can see all the details and numerous photos on our website. <https://www.fdsail.com/for-sale>

### Selling a boat or parts?

If you are selling a boat, we will be happy to place your listing on our website. The **For Sale** page is under LINKS. Mike Elmergreen will also put it on his website at no-charge: [www.elmoandbig Sue.com](http://www.elmoandbig Sue.com) (navigate to "Boats for Sale"). Just send pictures and a write-up by email to [elmo@centurytel.net](mailto:elmo@centurytel.net).

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