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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 Sailors,

With all the warm weather you can get those boat projects completed and maybe have an early launch. It's hard to not think about sailing when the waves have been washing on shore for a couple weeks. The water temperature is still a bit low for the most enjoyment, it might make your boat condensate inside and drip all over. Figure out your schedule so you can get a race crew assembled for a fun season of chasing boats around the bouys.

Andy

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, Apr. 3, 7 p.m.
FDL Yacht Club

Youth Sailing Meeting @ 6 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

FDLYC INTERCLUB PARTY
SATURDAY, APRIL 26
\$30 PER PERSON

Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting meeting March 6, 2025

The meeting was called to order at the FDLYC at 7:04 pm by Commodore Andy Gratton. Twenty members were in attendance with no guests.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as published in the Mainsheet by the membership after motions by Marty Witt and Dave Whealon respectively.

Treasurer Sally Boatman reported on the status of the club's finances with a deposit of \$150.00 from memberships and racing fees and expenses for the month of \$100 for our donation to the Maui sailing club, \$25.00 for the dept. of finance, and \$348 reimbursement for WIX. The report was approved by the membership after motions by Dave Whealon and Kevin Gratton respectively.

Committee Reports:

Day Sailors: No report.

Cruisers: Cruiser chairman Jim Braun requested that on Holiday races that the skippers' meeting be moved up to 1PM instead of noon.

Youth Sailing: Wanda reported that as of March 6, we have 24 youths signed up for

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sailing lessons; 12 beginners, 8 intermediate and 4 advanced. This year's youth sailing program will hold an orientation meeting on June 3. Rob mentioned that there is a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with the morning or afternoon classes. It's a big ask for someone to devote the entire Day.

Old Business

Membership dues are due.

New Business

Dave Lallier led a discussion on dredging. The city is considering dredging next year and asked about the needs for the harbor. No decisions have been made on when this will happen next year. Members had a good discussion on where the dredging will occur and provided input and feedback about challenges related to boat drafts. Dave did report that dredging is being done by the pavilion for the upcoming Walleye weekend.

Cheryl Ritchie introduced the topic of the Interclub party and the fund-raising effort of a raffle of Gift baskets and the Sailing club providing one along with other clubs. Dave Whealon thought that Donna Whealon was volunteering to lead that effort and we will know at the April meeting what the expense is.

Brian Carter shared with the board some suggestions for the club's change of watch/banquet dining. For example, possibly doing heavy hors d'oeuvres or other approaches. There was a lot of discussion and several options were mentioned. The group consensus was that we preferred a meal arrangement similar to past events and that we would pursue some catering businesses. No motions were made.

The sailing club will provide the meal for the Yacht club meeting on May 6th. The plan is to prepare the "Dan Thornton Special". Things will be finalized at our May meeting.

The County is getting new buoys.

Correspondence

We received a thank you letter from the Maui sailing club for our \$100 donation to help them in their recovery efforts.

For the good of the club

Sailing club members were invited by Dave Whealon to the adult hockey game on Friday, March 21 at the Blue line to watch the game and get a tour of the facility. All are welcome.

The Matriarch of FDL Sailing, Karin Whealon was present and shared that she has moved to The Meadows senior living and resides at #414 if you are interested in visiting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm after motions by Marty Witt and Bill Freund respectively.

Respectfully submitted:
Mike Mahnke

Shrink Wrap Disposal

Once again, Tom Clausen, a member of the Fond du Lac Evening Lions Club, will be gathering the plastic from the boats in the yard to haul it to the recyclers. Saving the environment is one of the Lions' projects. The banding cannot be recycled and must be disposed of in the Garbage dumpster at the club. Boat owners will be contacted after April 17 with instructions.