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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,

It's time, get those boat projects finished so you can get out there soon. The weather is starting to get hot; ice is melting. The bay in Oshkosh is wide open, come sail up here if you can't wait.

Andy

### **NEXT MEETING**

**Youth Sailing**  
**Thursday, April 6 @6 p.m.**

**General Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 6 @7 p.m.**  
**FDL Yacht Club**

### Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting March 2, 2023

The meeting was called to order at the FDLYC at 7:06 pm by Commodore Andy Gratton. 15 members were in attendance, with one guest: Stuart Doty. Welcome Stuart!

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

Treasurer Sally Boatman reported on the status of the finances with \$310 deposited from membership and racing fees. The treasurer's report was approved by the membership after motions by Brian Carter and Marty Witt respectively.

### Committee Reports:

**Day Sailors:** No report. Judges sheet for Day Sailor races was circulated with four openings still available.

**Cruiser's report:** Assistant Cruiser Chair Jack Boatman started the discussion about the Cruiser racing schedule. Jack suggested that skippers look at the schedule online. He identified 10 Wednesdays during the season that were open and suggested that we keep 5 of them open for make-up races (when necessary). Other open dates provide an opportunity to get people with sailboats out sailing with the club. Members thought we should use the "Harbor Outreach" flyer to communicate dates for non-member sailors to join us.

Another suggestion was to get the youth sailing parents more involved and the flyers could be given to the youth sailors to take home with them and give to their parents. We will need a volunteer to update the flyer and distribute to Docks with sailboats moored.

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Please note: Jack and Cruiser skippers will hold their meetings after the regular sailing club meetings are adjourned.

**Youth Sailing program:** Youth Sailing Chairman Kevin Gratton reported having a good meeting with his committee before the SC meeting. The Youth sailing committee will be meeting again this year before the regular sailing club meetings. Kevin Gratton reported that they placed an ad again this year in the FDL Recreational Guide for youth sailing lessons. Four members of the committee are working on an update of the curriculum, and they will try a new approach of having 3 "Learning stations" (instead of having just one large group). Each learning station would have 8-9 students making lessons more manageable and hopefully more effective for classes. Kevin said it was a good meeting and looks like an exciting year ahead. More volunteers are needed.

### **Old Business:**

Commodore Andy Gratton reminded members that dues are now due.

At the February meeting, the need for a ladder for the judge's pontoon boat was needed for safety reasons. Gary Trew donated a ladder to the club for that purpose. Thanks Gary!

The Yacht Club's annual Ice Party was recapped by Dave Whealon. Weather was great – sunny and mild and attracted a lot of members throughout the day.

Weather station for boaters. Discussion continued from the last meeting on the need/preference for a weather station for members to see prior to races. Dave Lallier reported that Mike Enfelt (YC Member) has a couple of proposals for a

weather station. The PEET brand was identified as a possible model.

### **New Business:**

Yacht club meeting meal for April 4th will be prepared and served by Sailing Club members. Discussion of a menu for the dinner took place with a consensus that we would go with the "Dan Thornton menu". Suggested menu included Ham or Beef, buns, chips, baked beans. Tom Clausen volunteered to pick up the food. Sailing club members are invited to bring in deserts.

TransWinnebago Race. The Transwinne will take place on Saturday June 24th starting from Menasha with finish line in FDL.

### **Correspondence:**

None

### **For the Good of the Club:**

Cruiser meeting after adjournment of regular meeting.

Brian Carter is selling his boat. He volunteered to judge cruiser races if the club goes that route versus the staggered starts used the last couple of years.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Mike Mahnke, secretary

## Mainsheet

### **Dues for 2023**

As we enter a new year, it is time to replenish our funds for expenses in the coming year. You can fill out your membership renewal on our website by going to our website and choosing About Us and then Membership form. [Or click here](#). This form is a fill in form so you can just type in your information and then print the completed form from your browser by clicking on the printer icon usually found in the upper right part of the window. Or you can print it out and fill it in by hand. Or you can fill out a form at a future meeting. Dues are still \$20 for renewals and \$35 for each class of racing that you participate in. If you want to mail in your dues, you can send them to the FDL Sailing Club, c/o FDL Yacht Club, P.O. Box 1930, Fond du Lac, WI 54936.

Note: Whoever made the form didn't leave enough room for an area code, so just put in your 7 digits and write in the area code after you print it should your code not be 920.

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