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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 All,
Well, we never got a real winter this year, to the dismay of the skiers and iceboaters. Winter seems to be about done other than a day or two of cold thrust upon us. Perhaps we can get the sailboats out sooner and make use of the lake that way.

March 5 is the YC meeting at which the Sailing Club hosts the meal. This occurs prior to the next Sailing Club meeting on March 7. We need some help to show up in the kitchen for that evening to help prepare the sandwiches and accessories. We could also use 2 or 3 desserts if someone doesn't mind making something.

Keep smiling, make people think you're up to something,
Andy

NEXT MEETING
Thursday, Mar. 7, 7 p.m.
FDL Yacht Club

YOUTH SAILING MEETING
Thursday, Mar. 7, 6 p.m.

COMING EVENTS
Join the FDL Yacht Club, FDL Sailing Club, FDL Boating Club and Nauti Gals
Saturday, Mar. 23, 7 p.m.
For a night at the Fondy Bears Hockey
Blue Line Center

Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting February 1, 2024

The meeting was called to order at the FDLYC at 7:07 pm by Commodore Andy Gratton. Fifteen members were in attendance. No guests were in attendance.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the Mainsheet - by the membership after motions by Marty Witt and Dan Cayen respectively.

Treasurer Sally Boatman reported on the status of the finances: One expense of \$168.00 for reimbursement to Tom Clausen for Internet expenses. \$515.00 have been collected in membership and racing fees. The treasurer's report was approved by the membership after motions by Dave Whealon and Bill Freund respectively.

Committee Reports:

Day Sailors: No report

Cruisers: Andy believes that Jack Boatman is working on the racing schedules. Andy reported to members that we will observe the same meeting schedule as last year: June through September meetings will be held on Wednesdays. There won't be a July membership meeting due to the 4th of July racing.

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Youth Sailing: There will be an important meeting on February 8th concerning future changes in the program. The meeting notice will be shared with all of Yacht club members to get widespread attendance.

Old Business:

Dave Whealon reported that there wouldn't be an Ice party this year due to the soft conditions of the ice. Dave is hopeful that doing a summer "Yacht club fun day" will be a good opportunity for all Yacht club members.

Buddy Melges movie: There was discussion among members about interest in seeing the movie. The Neenah sailing club is showing the movie on Feb 9th. Our members talked about trying to show it here locally. Cassandra volunteered to check local theatres and other venues to research the possibility of showing it at local venues economically.

New Business:

Club Dues are due now.

The sailing club will host the March 5th FDL Yacht club meeting's dinner. Volunteers needed. Andy will be checking with Tom Clausen to see about his interest in picking up food and repeating the same menu as last year.

Correspondence: Andy received a question from a non-member about dry storage which he responded to.

For the good of the club:

Kevin Gratton mentioned to the club that both the DNR and Sheriff's office have stated that the safety buoys at Roosevelt Park aren't needed. Kevin reported that he sent a letter to the Park Committee

that we DO need them there to protect people who will be in the water. Kevin will also send an email to Tom Clausen for wider distribution of the issue.

Mike Mahnke reported that former FDLSC members Dave and Jean Dochterman, now Florida residents, are embarking on a voyage to Spain. Their boat "Altair" and co-skippers Dave and Jean can be followed on Instagram under the name "Lutralogicsailing". There are some great photos and videos showing their prep for the voyage and their travels. They do plan to get a website/easier way of following them.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. after motions by Dave Whealon and Marty Witt respectively.

Respectfully submitted:
Mike Mahnke

Race Schedule:

Jack Boatman would like all racers to peruse the 2024 Race Schedule that is posted on the club's website. This is draft #1, so please bring your comments to the March meeting.

Dues for 2024

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. 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

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still \$20 for renewals plus \$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.