

## OFFICERS



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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,  
Have you done any of those boat projects yet this winter? I haven't, the ice has been way too nice to bother with sailboat projects. Only 2 months to April when the weather starts to warm up – that's good news for some, not for others.

This is a fun month with the FDLYC ice party that the Sailing Club hosts on Feb 15. If we are lucky the ice will still be clear enough for iceboaters to give rides to those not indoctrinated with the sport. Maybe people will be converted, or at least chilled.

Keep warm,  
Andy

### **NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, Feb. 6, 7 p.m.**  
**FDL Yacht Club**

### **COMING EVENTS**

**FDL Sailing Club hosts the**  
**Winter Ice Party**  
**Saturday, Feb. 15, 1 p.m. to ?**

### Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting meeting January 2, 2025

The meeting was called to order at the FDLYC at 7:45 pm. Fourteen members were in attendance with no guests.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published in the Mainsheet by the membership after motions by Phil Gross and Kevin Gratton.

Treasurer Sally Boatman reported on the status of the club's finances and presented the recommended budget for 2025. The treasurer's report and the recommended budget were approved by the membership after motions by Dave Whealon and Phil Gross, respectively.

### Committee Reports:

**Day Sailors:** No report.

**Cruisers:** No report.

**Youth Sailing:** Rob Ritchie reported that 10 new sails and rigging were donated anonymously. A letter will be sent to all youths who attended the sailing lessons this past year to see if they will be attending again this year. The first annual meeting of the Youth Sailing committee is coming up soon.

## **Mainsheet**

In addition, youth sailing will continue with the classes next year as used this year because of how well things went this year.

### **Old Business:**

The membership recognized and thanked all volunteers that helped in set-up and take-down for the annual Change of watch and Banquet with special thanks to Ann Gratton for organizing the event and Brian Carter for his delicious food and Chef expertise and Dave Whealon for managing the awards and award ceremony.

FDLSC Officers were sworn in at the event. Installed were Commodore Andy Gratton, Vice Commodore Phil Gross, Secretary Mike Mahnke and Treasurer Sally Boatman.

A big "Thank you" to Dave and Donna Whealon for hosting the December/Christmas meeting at their home.

### **New Business:**

**Winter Ice Party:** The FDLYC will hold their annual event, which is organized and hosted by the Sailing club. It will be held on February 15<sup>th</sup> (weather/ice permitting). Set up of the event tent and ice carousel, etc will be on Friday starting about noon. Take down will be held on Sunday.

**FDLSC Website:** Website manager Tom Clausen reported that prices are going up for our website. As a result, the membership approved an increase in the budget line item by approximately \$348 after motions made by Sally Boatman and Ann Gratton to cover price increases.

### **For the good of the club**

Members updated the group on Scott Baccus' recovery after a horrible auto accident. He is recovering and while it is slow, he IS improving and our thoughts

and prayers continue for both Scott and Jackie.

### **[Update as of 1/29/2025: Scott is now at Harbor Haven here in FDL.**

Please note: The family is advising that any visitation not be made until after 2PM due to therapy. Visitation ends at 8PM.

Dave Lallier shared with the group that he had received a call from Dave and Jean Dochterman which was so cool for them to do as they continue their epic journey. Members/fans can follow their voyage on Instagram. They have posted many photos and videos and texts. They are awesome!

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm after motions by Dave Lallier and Phil Gross.

Respectfully submitted:  
Mike Mahnke

### **Dues for 2025**

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 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, 705 Mohawk Ave., Fond du Lac, WI 54935.

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.