



2020 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

Hello Sailors,

I hope everyone's new normal is going well, it's good to see everyone out sailing.

We still have a lot of sailing left so don't miss out before the water gets too hard.

Thank you to everyone that has made this year better than what I thought it was going to be.

Marty

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, Sept. 3, 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE FDL SAILING CLUB MEETING AUGUST 6, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Commodore Marty Witt. The meeting was held outside the Yacht club in a social distancing environment. Twenty members were in attendance with no guests this month.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved by the membership after motions by George Winters and Andy Gratton respectively.

Treasurer Brian Carter reported the status of the FDLSC treasury, stating no new disbursements since the July meeting. His report was approved by the membership after motions by Rob Ritchie and Sally Boatman respectively.

Committee Reports:

Day Sailors report: Andy Gratton reported that races have been taking place, with skippers participating, weather permitting.

Cruisers report: Jim Braun reported on the Cruisers and reported that the upcoming race in the Sunday series would be about a two-hour race. He also shared that in the event of a race being rained out or cancelled for other reasons, he would try to schedule make-up races so that there would be enough races to allow for one race to be thrown out. He would reschedule the races with input and feedback from the skippers.

Several members made a point to compliment Jim on the job he has done – and is doing – in managing the Cruiser races this year. Applause. Applause!

Youth Sailing program: Rob Ritchie reported that the program was five weeks into the process, with one week to go. This year Youth Sailing had to be run differently compared to other years due to the COVID pandemic. So only advanced youth sailors participated using Lasers, Force 5s and Bics.

The group also planned to participate in the Dan Thornton Regatta (formerly known as the "Fun-Regatta").

Rob also reported that the program was thankful for the donation of a new Mercury Tender and Dave Whealon's pontoon boat for use in Youth Sailing.

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Old Business

Family Fun Day: Dave Whealon reminded members that the Family Fun Day/Picnic Fun Day would be held on the upcoming Saturday August 8th. He included some of the events/fun planned; water toys, boat rides, lawn games, etc. including grills available for attendees to grill their own food. One addition to this year's event was an effort to set up a short race using day sailor boats to expose more yacht club members to both participate in the race and create a focal point for all attendees to view an event at the celebration.

Racing Buoys: Dave Whealon provided an update on the status of lighting the racing buoys. The status is pending. Dave will follow up by getting the light to Tom Clausen who volunteered to help.

New Business

Nomination of FDLSC Officers: Commodore Marty Witt brought up the issue of officer nominations coming up shortly. He asked if anyone was interested in filling the Vice Commodore position presently. Members decided due to the nominations coming up at the September and October meetings, that they would wait until then.

2020 Banquet and Change of Watch Ceremony: Commodore Marty Witt opened the floor for discussion about how to handle the upcoming November awards banquet and change of watch ceremony due to the need for social distancing because of the pandemic. After considerable discussion about awards to be prepared and presented, past meals and change of watch, members came to a consensus that this year:

- The event would be held outside and off the Yacht Club property where social distancing can take place
- The event will take place on Saturday, October 3 at 1PM
- The event will take place at a Lakeside Park Pavilion

- Brian Carter will pursue the rental of the closest Pavilion
- We will not have a meal provided by a caterer. Members can/will bring their own snacks/food. BYOB means bring your own banquet this year.
- Members who have photos of sailing events/boats from this year should send them to Tom Clausen who will try to put something together for the event – if we can get some AV set up.

For the good of the club

Jim Braun shared with members, that he is working with the City's Park Division to try to fix the boat ramp near the club.

Dave Whealon shared an incident that occurred while he was racing in the Single Hander race. And, how Tom Clausen came to his - after the race - in locating an irreplaceable boat seat (handcrafted over 35 years go belonging to his beloved mother Karin (my words – not his – but I am sure he would have said this...but I digress. The seat had been washed overboard during a maneuver in the race.

Tom Clausen let Dave know he thought he had seen the seat floating so Dave, Karin and Tom set out looking for it – with a happy ending. The recovery was successful! Dave told the story much better than I can recount in these notes - but hey – I don't know shorthand.

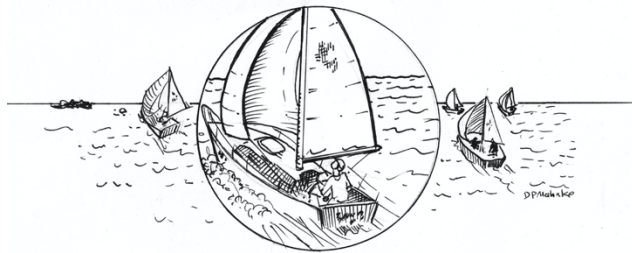
Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Braun and Dave Whealon respectively. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Mike Mahnke, secretary

From my perspective

Behind you all the Way



By Mike Mahnke

When I was trying to come up with the name of a non-recurring/recurring, occasional, intermittent, episodic, seldom written, seldom read article, I was challenged with a title that reflected my support and respect of truly accomplished and expert sailors and good guys and gals to be around - such as yourselves in the FDLSC. (This is not blatant flattery because basically I don't have to...and I wouldn't get anything out of it anyhow) – *but I digress.*

So... *Behind you all the way* does represent support and camaraderie and a distance relationship between your boat and my boat – clearly, I am behind you all the way.

I'm happy to share some notes from fellow sailing club members on the season so far

Freunds among Friends

“Osprey” owned by Bill and Ann Freund returned to Sailboat racing again this year.

Bill reports that “Ann once again assumed driving duties this year, while I have been the chief sail trimmer and sometime tactician! We have enjoyed a good sailing year both on and off the racecourse [which was] a much-needed fun activity during this strange year.”

“Thanks go out to Jim Braun for setting up racecourses and start times”

Lallier's Animaes led by quartet

No, Animaes is not crewed by the Irish “High Kings” quartet with their mellow sounds wafting over the waves... Unless you're including the vibrant and full-throated sounds of “Slainte” which have been reported coming from the direction of Animaes. The quartet reference comes from the foursome that identify themselves as both crew and skipper: Dave Lallier and Dave Whealon (aka “Dave squared”) Jean Westby and Karin Whealon.

Dave Whealon shared “We have the most experienced crew based on age. We also have the most fun based on experience”... [I feel a Slainte toast coming on...]

Dave continued “All we want is to have as many people as possible appreciate all the positive things that happen during the sailing experience”.

Dave concluded with an incredible clarity of thought and insight: “We all know based on experience Karin is in charge”.

And, for the good of the club... Here's Karin!

Karin is definitely NOT a fence sitter. I don't know how she does it but she says “... {when it comes to Spindrifft] I am on both sides of the fence – For the holiday series for the cruisers - Dave Whealon, Dave Lallier, Jeanne Westby and I are the crew and DW is the Captain for the series. But for the class of the cruisers, we continue to race for the month of September - I could have saved some type because the standing do[es] end according to the schedule—Sept is just for the fun of it – winner buys!!! Thanks !!!”

[Readers, the above testimony is presented verbatim – including punctuation. Few people know this, but one of Karin's mentors was Yogi Berra – but you can tell, can't you?]

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Clausen claims it's all about the Angles

Tom would like to recognize his crew: wife, Betty Clausen. He also said "I always enjoy Don Cayen on our TransWinnebago voyages.

Tom has a unique approach to the races, and his explanation is an interesting one. "Being last on all the races makes for the best photography. We get to take shots of all the boats as they pass us. (editor's note: I believe Tom is referring to taking *photos and not actual shots below the water line...*). *He continues...*" Then, while we are heading toward the mark, everyone else is coming back toward us so we get great frontal shots!"

Jim Braun has found his Oasis and shares

"Oasis" captain Jim Braun, crew John (Rip) Ripley & Kathy Braun. Rip has been sailing with me for 15 years and he loves to be on a sailboat. Rip has crewed the Tall ships several times. Two years ago, he took off work to motor "Oasis" from Menasha to FDL on a Tuesday after the TransWinnebago. Rip took the tiller all the way to FDL. Rip lives and works in Kaukauna and starts work at 4:30 AM, that's why we head to the dock after the race is over. Kathy (wife) has reluctantly filled in when necessary. When I had the Hunter 31 Kathy would be reading magazines at the start line. The Hunter is gone and so are the magazines. Then I got the "Merit 22", I tried to put her on the tiller, but that didn't work out, so I moved her to handle the headsail and that is working really well. The "Merit 22" is a good fit for her handling the jib sheets.

This season has been the busiest racing season ever for me. We have had pretty good weather. We have made up races that were weathered out. We have completed twenty out of twenty-one races as of 8/23 with five more races to go. Racing and sailing have been a good

way to relax from the COVID 19 virus. I'm going to be bored come Fall. Ice boating?

George Winters shared this interesting story (complete with photos) about a Sunday series race aboard Kid Kat:

Sunday races in August are usually fun if the wind doesn't die. Sometimes, like 3 weeks ago, the breeze actually increased during the afternoon. This led to a great day of sailing with lots of excitement, meeting up with friendly rivals and a quick dip in the lake. OK, not exactly excitement... We flipped on the final leg when a gust caught us charging hard to overtake the boat in front of us.



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Rob Richie showed up with his powerboat, so we ran a line over the dry hull and tied it off to the base of the mast. As he started to tow us, the mast got up to the water level, and then slowly went upright. Just after this, I dropped the main and we were off for a tow of about 3 miles.



Once we got to the sandbar in front of the Yacht Club, we hit bottom, so we had to drag the boat about 20 feet with a long rope attached to the trailer hitch on a truck.



Dave Whealon returned with a 5 HP pump in a small inflatable boat that allowed us to pump out the water in the hull that was swamped. With the water removed, the boat floated, and we put her back in the harbor with little damage to the boat, 2 beat-up sailors and deep gratitude for the friends.

When they're on the water and out in front, I hear the faint melody of *Song of the Volga Boatmen* by the Alexandrov Ensemble. (You may have to google this one – I'm just saying)

Jack and Sally Boatman return again this year sailing Windbreaker. Jack says "Well, we're not doing very well this year. Maybe someone tied a bucket on our rudder." [Okay, who spilled the beans?]

"Maybe I'm getting old. Maybe it's time to let Sally drive. New Boat? Of course, that must be what we need. Anyway, it's always fun to get out there. The season is too short."

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Book Corner

By Tom Clausen



Ever think of crossing the Atlantic Ocean in a single hander sailboat? Robert Manry did and on June 1st, 1965 he set out from Falmouth, Massachusetts headed for Falmouth, England. It took him 78 days and he arrived in mid-August.

I just finished this book called Tinkerbelle. The story of the smallest boat ever to cross the Atlantic nonstop. The boat is a 13 ½ foot Old Town, between my Butterfly and the Force 5. He was originally supposed to cross in a 25-foot sloop with his friend, but when his friend backed out, he was forced to go it alone in his boat.

I will bring the copy to the next meeting and put it in the club's library for anyone to check out.

Photos for 2020

Betty and I spent some time watching the races recently and taken some great shots. They are posted on our website. Take a look. If you manage to capture some shots worth sharing, email them to the address below. [Here are the latest photos from August.](#) More from August by clicking on the Photos choice in the menu bar.

Boat for Sale

Jim Zitzelsberger says he has no time for sailing and is selling his 30-foot Hunter for \$7,500 but will listen to offers. It can be seen in front of the club in slip 6. A description and pictures will be available on the club's website in a couple of days. Look under Links and 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 (navigate to "Boats for Sale"). Just send pictures and a write-up by email to elmo@centurytel.net.

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