



April 2021



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Treasurer - Carl Waclawski

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Education – Alan Freville
Facilities – Dan Cassidy
House Coordinator – Kathy Woodward
Membership – Jay Bishop
Race and Recreation – Tom Safford
Social –George Burns III

Appointed

Ken Kuwik-Dock Master
Larry Van Deusen-Web Master
Chris Piede-Newsletter

News from the Editor

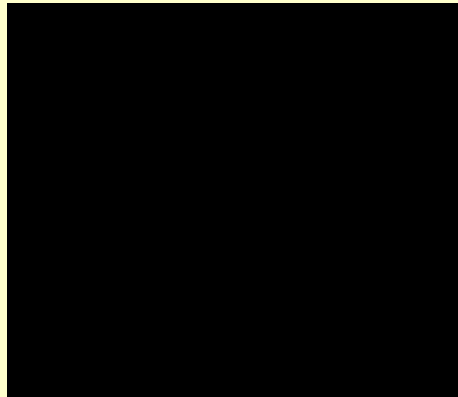
Hello boating friends! It is one month closer to boating season and the boats will be out of storage soon and it will be time to get them ready for the season. Besides a cleaning, I like to put a fresh coat of wax and buff out any marks I may have made going into the dock a little faster than I should have last season. Any new toys need to be installed for this season? I was thinking of a larger swim platform, and of course my kids always want to get a new tube. The nice days we have been getting lately also have put me in the mood to think about being out on the water and enjoying our wonderful Dunkirk Yacht Club. Hope to see all of you soon for next month's opening!

Treasurer

City taxes paid for the year, shouldn't be another big bill until school taxes come out in September.

Webmaster

A screenshot of one of our zoom meetings will be on the website for pictures of our officers this season.



Facilities

It was requested that some major work be done on the weekend so more members are available to help. There will be some dates sent out soon to replace the main docks. Water should be on this week also. The next step is to get the barge in and work on repairing and replacing some of the finger docks. Wood will have to be taken off of the big docks soon that was stored there ASAP. **May 22 is targeted opening date.**

Recreation and Race

This is a link to the Lake Erie Interclub Cruising site of which we are a sponsoring member. <https://www.erieinterclub.com/> If you are interested in participating in regattas as racers or participants, please take a look. Their next planned regatta starts on June 26th in Erie and, if COVID allows, will be stopping over in Dunkirk on Monday June 28th, culminating the regatta in Buffalo on the 29th and 30th. It should be a lot of fun for those who are able to attend.

2021 Season R&R Events in Planning:

This is the list of events R&R is currently planning with Hosts TBD. All are subject to COVID restrictions if still necessary:

June 19th: Memorial Day Sailboat Race (Alt date on June 20th)

June 26th – June 30th: Lake Erie Interclub Regattas

- June 26-27th – Regatta Races in Erie
- June 28th – Race from Erie to Dunkirk (overnight in Dunkirk)
- June 29th – Race from Dunkirk to Buffalo
- June 30 – Regatta Race in Buffalo

July 10th: Independence Day Sailboat Race (Alt date on July 11th)

July 24th: DYC Poker Run (Alt date on July 25th)

July 31st : 2021 Coastal Sailboat Race (Alt date on August 1st)

August 14th: Power/Sail Barcelona Luncheon Trip (Alt date on August 15th)

August 22nd: Ladies Champagne Race (Alt date on August 29th)

September 11th: 2021 Diehard Sailboat Race (Alt date on Sept 12th)

Traditional “Sunday Sailboat Regatta”:

* Every Sunday is a sailboat regatta for the 2021 season (May 30th to Sept. 12th approximately).

- Open to all sailboats Class/PHRF
- Muster at 9:50AM for Captain’s meeting
- 3-4 races of approx. 45 minutes each, ending approximately 1:30PM

* Every Wednesday at 6PM will be a sailboat race practice event – open to all interested

Other Events that may be planned:

DYC Raft Up Event – Location TBD

DYC raft up for music at the pier

Beach Party – Location TBD

Lake Erie Challenge – DYC will host the Buffalo racers overnight

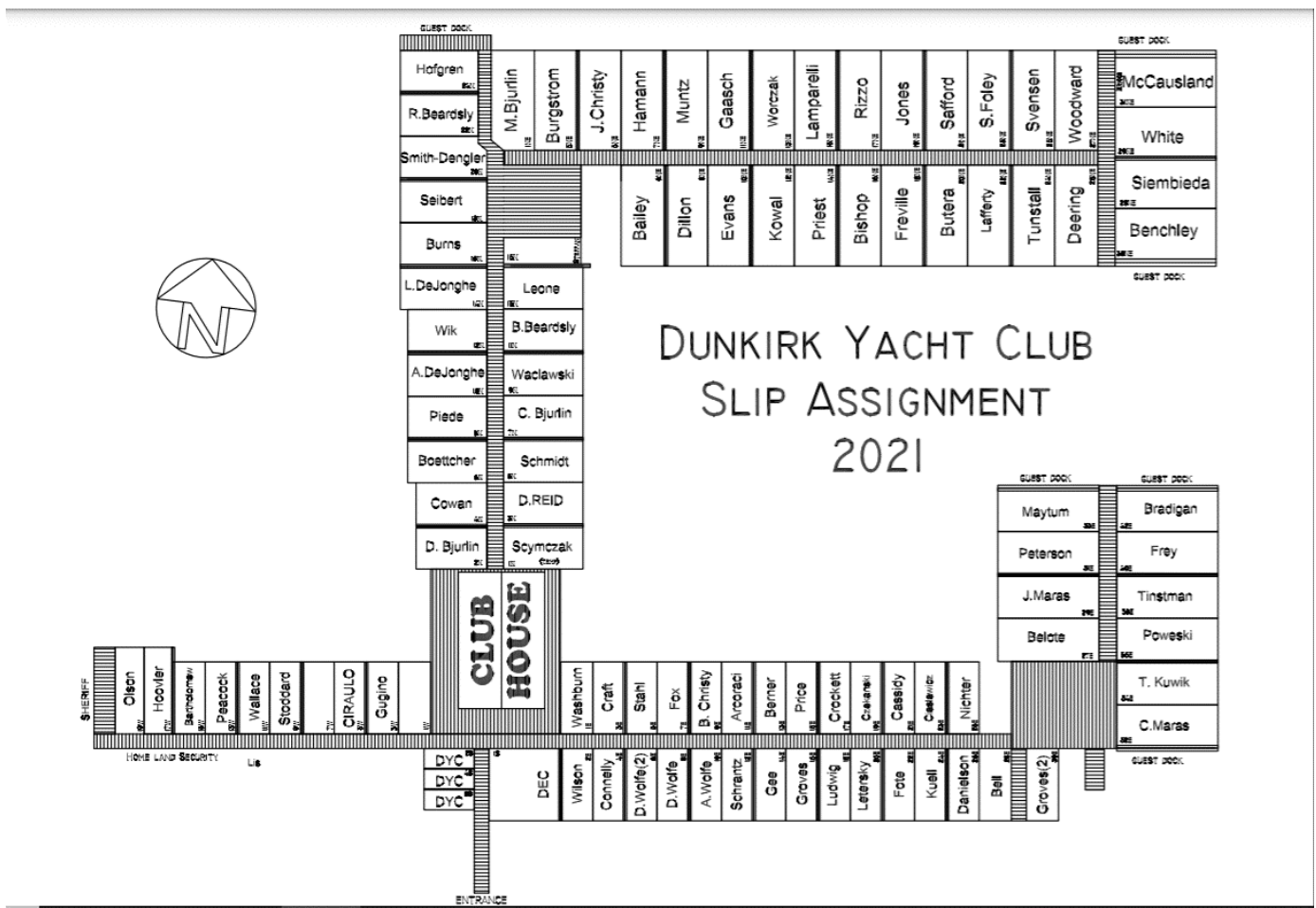
Commodore’s Race (Sunday after the Commodore’s Party)

Great Lakes Grand Prix Boat Race – Dunkirk -cancelled

Tall Ships Event

Dockmaster

The gate combos (page 1) and slip assignments are attached (below). There are not many slips left, especially for larger boats as they are all accounted for. If for any reason your boat will not be able to be in its slip for any time this season let Ken know as this may be helpful to know.



Vice Commodore

For those of us who enjoy trips to Barcelona Harbor, for the food or the camaraderie, this past winter's weather has created a problem for you. The high water, compounded with the high winds and lack of ice cover has created a sand bar narrowing the channel to approximately 20 feet. At the end of the 20 foot passageway there is a sharp starboard turn with no visibility. Incoming and outgoing vessels could become very intimately acquainted if they can navigate the narrow seven foot channel.

I spoke with Martha Bills, the Westfield Town Supervisor, today. She told me that some time ago Congress had allocated funds to the Corps of Engineers for maintenance dredging in support of recreational boating and the commercial fishery as well as maintaining a port of refuge. That money subsequently became no longer available.

Because of this winter's impact Senators Schumer and Gillibrand are attempting to have the funds restored. The Town of Westfield is pursuing permits from DEC and other agencies and hoping to get something underway.

Those of us who are concerned as boaters or users of Barcelona Harbor could help by sending messages of support and encouragement to those elected officials who have an impact. Some of them are: Senator Kristen Gillibrand (gillibrand.senate.gov), Senator Charles Schumer (www.schumer.senate.gov), Congressman Thomas Reed (reed.house.gov) and it wouldn't hurt to share sentiments with Assemblyman Andy Goodell (goodella@nyassembly.gov), Senator George Borrello (borrello@nyenate.gov), and Chautauqua County Executive Paul Wendel (wendelp@co.chautauqua.ny.us).

Not only has Barcelona become a nice day trip for DYC members several of us winter our boats there and they are now possibly looking at a summer on the hard land instead of the water.

Old Business/New Business

Wifi upgrades is still being looked into by Carl Bjurlin, and will be discussed next month.

For the Good of the Club

Thank you from Everett Phillips family for the memorial donation to the library.

Next Meeting date: Tuesday May 11, 2021 7:00pm