



DYC Nautical News

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The meeting was called to order.

2018 Board Members

Flag Officers

Donna Bjurlin-*Commodore*
Doug Reid-*Past Commodore*
Bob Price-*Vice Commodore*
Carl Lis-*Rear Commodore*
Carl Waclawski-*Treasurer*
Carl Hamann -*Secretary*

Commitee Chairs

Alan Freville-*Facilities*
Jim Christy-*Social*
Rich Cowan-*Membership*
Scott Foley-*Education*
Tom Safford-*Race/Recreation*
John Tallett-*House*

Appointed

Carl Bjurlin-*Dock Master*
Larry Van Deusen-*Web Master*
Paul Nichter-*Newsletter*



Secretary: Report submitted and approved

Treasurer: The electric bill was high compared to last year and Carl will research usage year-over-year vs rates to determine the cause.

We are looking into electronic billing, which means we would receive our annual dues & slip fees via email."

Membership:

*Resignations from Membership: George Hackman

*Nathan Bell has achieved senior status.

*Diane Dillon was added to the membership list.

Facilities: Winter preservation system was discussed.

Various systems are under consideration. The research is intense and the pros and cons are being debated. A 16' extension ladder was purchased so that if anyone falls in the water, we can bring the ladder right to the person in need.

Thanks goes to Mike Fischer who has helped us source additional metal ladders for 'just the right price'.

Social: 149 hours to put on the International Brunch.

*Well worth the time and effort. Thank You to all.

We need a sponsor for the **Labor Day party**.

Aug. 15th Washboard Scotty and friends will be giving a preview of their music at the Club for their debut on Sat.

Aug 18th. Donation on Sat. is \$5.00.

Consequently, there is not a Friday night party.

House: Please call John if there is a problem with house. Do not write your problems on erase board.

Vice Commodore: When doing your hours, please record your hours in the book. If you need hours check with the board members responsible for various departments.

The proposed 2019 slate of officers will be posted on the board by September 1.

The Commodore's Corner

I am grateful that we have been blessed with a beautiful summer – too bad we don't have off 5 days and work 2 days so we could enjoy it more!

Many of us seem to be so busy this year that we aren't at the Club as often as we'd like. Don't have regrets once the snow flies! Yes, I said the nasty 4-letter "S" word. Take a guilt-free break and enjoy time at the Club, or even better, on the water. After all, we deserve it!

I continue to be equally grateful for all the love that is continually poured into the Club! Thank you for stepping up, even when you are busy, to lend a hand to others in need and for recognizing something needs done and doing it! That's one of the many ways this Club is so special!

We are getting many transient guests gushing about how they really enjoy our Club. It is nice to see our energy shine through to others!

Happy Boating!

Did You Know...?

The International Brunch was a huge success. Joanne Cowan and her crew [Too numerous to name], did an outstanding job. Pat and Sylvia Bailey can rest assured that the tradition of this Brunch is in good hands. Thank you from all of us who enjoyed your delicious efforts.

Above and Beyond: {those members who don't need hours, but do what needs to be done}

To mention just the ones I noticed, John Crockett welded a broken waterline for the Fire station, Ken Kuwick and Dennis Carpenter realized the pump out was not functioning properly, so they fixed it. Stray lumber to be hauled away, Jim Christy and Dave Woodward. The Club House needed cleaning, Phylis Carpenter and Karen Nichter. Joanne Cowan, a Brunch to remember. There are others and as the season continues they will continue to step up for the good of the Club. Thank You

Race/Recreation: Lady's Champaign Race on 7/29/2018. Lack of wind changed the "race" to a more social sailing event. A great time was had by all.

8/17 to 8/19 - Great Lakes Grand Prix Boat Race: will be held at the Dunkirk Harbor, closing the harbor for most of the weekend and providing an exciting opportunity for our members to have front row seats for this memorable race! There will be music at the club on Saturday Night for all our members and guests as well. Because of this event, the planned Power Boat Excursion to Buffalo Canal Side on 8/18 will be rescheduled, as well as the planned Shark Race on 8/19.

Sail/Power Trip to Barcelona Harbor - Saturday, July 14th: This event was hosted by Tom and Jamie Safford and Jay Bishop. The morning started at 8AM with coffee and doughnuts. Weather conditions were better for power boats than sailboats so sailors climbed on with the power boaters and 18 of us journeyed down to Barcelona for great conversation, raffle prizes and some pretty darn good barbecue at When Pigs Fly BBQ Pit!! A great time was had by all with many looking forward to doing this again!



Dock Master: Be aware that the harbor will be closed for certain time frames during Sat. 18th and Sun. 19th. The details are not posted yet.

"There will be MANY guest boats coming in this weekend for the races and we are anticipating being full! Please call Carl Bjurlin if you are contacted by a guest looking for a slip.

What's Happening

- *I never knew that the Jack-in-the-pulpit plant was toxic to consume. Even deer won't touch it. I learned this fact from Margaret Foley's article from the Audubon Community Nature Center. Clare Foley, a Summer Nature Intern at the Audubon wrote about finding a huge catfish in a tire, a new discovery.
- *Marv Bjurlin, of the Chautauqua Area Potters presenting the proceeds from The 2017 Empty Bowls event to The Food Bank of WNY which serves 24 pantries in the county. The potters have begun preparing for the next EMPTY BOWLS event which will take place Dec 1, again at the Clarion. Many DYC members participate in this event.
- *High School graduates this year include: Fotini Landis, daughter of Andrew and Athanasia; Hunter Rizzo, Grandson of Jim; Matthew Tintsman, son of Jeff and Dawn, Kelsey Vianese, Granddaughter of Perce Gaasch and April Stoddard, daughter of Mark and Julie. On July 24, April entered the navy.
- *It's Grandchild number seven for Bob and Mary Price. Kinsley Rose was born May 20th in Baltimore, MD.
- *Robyn Beardsley did it again, she participated in 23rd Ride for Roswell, held June 23. The ride broke its record raising \$5.2 million to help fight cancer.
- *Joanie Will participated in the Chautauqua Hospice and Palliative Care annual Service of Remembrance and Memorial Butterfly Release on Saturday, June 2 at Point Gratiot Park in Dunkirk in memory of Eddie and her parents.
- *Sincere condolences to Sherry Klaybor to Kelly Smith and to Pete Fote. Sherry's mother, Kelly and Pete's Grandmother, Eleanor Goggin, passed away June 24 at age 97.
- *Jon and Sharon Muntz are celebrating wedding of son Gregory Muntz to the lovely Rachael Ballanca (Aug 12th). Children & grand children from Holland will be in attendance.
- *During a July Change of Command ceremony aboard the USS Little Rock, District Commander of the US Army Corps of Engineers Lieutenant Colonel Adam Czekanski (son of Michael & Diane) transferred his command to Lt. Col. Jason Toth. His district reached from the St. Lawrence River to the Indiana state line, some 38,000 square miles of drainage basin for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence; he will be sorely missed in Buffalo.
- *Greg Kowal finally made an "honest woman" out of Jenna Smith :)
- *Wishing Alan Freville a speedy recovering after having knee surgery

*Dear **DYC** friends,

Thank you so very much for your visits, many cards and well wishes I have received during my recovery. Sincerely Sylvia Bailey (I just hope I can make it to the Club before the season end

Next Board Meeting
Monday Sept. 10th 7pm
@ **DYC Club House Dunkirk, NY**
Members welcome to attend

Did you Know?

Mayday is the internationally recognized distress call that is used as preface in VHF radio transmissions only in situations in which there is an immediate danger of loss of life or the vessel itself. This includes when a boat is sinking, there's a fire in the engine room, or someone on board is unconscious or experiencing a serious injury or illness.



Pan-pan is the international urgency signal that is used as a preface to a VHF transmission when the safety of a person or the boat is in serious jeopardy, but no immediate danger exists, but it could escalate into a mayday situation. For example, pan-pan is used in situations in which the boat has a slow leak, or the engines are disabled, and the boat is drifting toward a rocky shore.

Sécurité is a safety signal used as a preface to announce a navigation safety message. This may be an approaching storm, a navigation light failure, a submerged log in a harbor entrance.

Nine Essentials of a Mayday Call

A mayday call on a VHF radio must consist of nine essential elements to be effective and help ensure a prompt response.

1. **Who:** You must identify yourself by boat name (and radio call sign if you were assigned one).
2. **Where:** State clearly your location as accurately as possible. This can be GPS coordinates (most important); landmass sightings; your distance to shore or a navigation aid such as a light or buoy; radar observations; your boat's speed and heading; the elapsed time from a marina or harbor; and/or your last known position, all of which can help to quickly pinpoint your location and hasten rescue.
3. **What:** Explain the type of emergency you are experiencing (e.g., the boat is taking on water or is beginning to sink; a passenger is suffering a heart attack; there is a fire aboard).
4. **Kind:** State the nature of assistance you require (e.g., we need water pumps; a doctor or medic is needed; requesting immediate rescue).
5. **Number:** Give the number of souls on board and their condition, if hurt or injured.
6. **Seaworthiness:** Provide the condition of your boat (e.g., rising water in the bilge and pumps are not working; dead in the water; fire in the engine room; etc.).
7. **Description:** Describe your boat in detail (boat type, manufacturer, superstructure, color, striping, any distinguishing features or markings to help quickly identify your boat).
8. **Schedule:** Advise Coast Guard or rescuers of the times and channel you will be listening to on your radio (example: "I will be monitoring Channel 16 every 15 minutes on the quarter-hour").
9. **Stay Calm and Communicate Clearly:** When making a mayday call on the VHF radio, it is important to remain calm and speak clearly.