

# DUC Nautical News June 2019



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### 2019 Board Members

# Flag Officers

Bob Price-Commodore Donna Biurlin-Past Commodore Carl Lis-Vice Commodore Dennis Wolfe-Rear Commodore Carl Waclawski-Treasurer Carl Hamann - Secretary

## Commitee Chairs

Dan Cassidy-Facilities Jim Christy-Social Rich Cowan-Membership Alan Freville-Education Tom Safford-Race/Recreation Michele Bernatz-House

## **Appointed**

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





The meeting was called to order.

#### Secretary:

Minutes read and excepted

#### Treasurer:

Report read and excepted

#### Membership:

Waiting List Changes: Bill Tucker was moved to the

bottom of the waiting list

Applications Received: Martin Nichter, Allan DeJonghe,

Jim Weaver

Promotion to Senior Status: Dennis Carpenter Promotion to Life Membership: Mark Maytum Membership actions at the last Board of Directors meeting:

Greg Craft, Jim Heenan, Ralph Letersky, Mike Swensen and John Connelly were accepted as probationary members

#### **Facilities:**

The ice machine is operational due to the efforts of Ken Kuik and Dan Cassidy.

Currently, the pump out needs additional attention in order to be of use.

We will be getting estimates on the roof. This project needs to be done before Winter.

Materials for new water lines have been priced and need to be purchased. A crew for installation will be organized. The Chair is looking for long term solutions to chronic problems that have been unaddressed for too long.

#### Social:

There are plans for a July 4th Party in the works. There will be music and more than likely, food. Stayed tuned for details, when the plans are finalized, we will be notified.

Race/Recreation: Report for June 11th, 2019 Sail boat Series Race Results and Updates: Memorial Day Race scheduled for June 2nd and June 9th were both postponed due to shortage of the required number of boats. We are looking good for June 16th for the race, weather permitting.

Recreation Results and Updates:

On June 15th, Ullman Sails is providing a Spinnaker Class at RCR Yachts under the Skyway at 10AM, for those who might be interested.

The raft up at Sunset Bay is still scheduled for June 22nd, details to come.

#### The Commodore's Corner

#### Notice to all DYC members,

As all DYC members are aware, the Club has been experiencing financial hardships the past few years. In an attempt to remedy this problem, the DYC Board members are initiating a two step plan.

The membership dues and slip fees no longer sustain the everyday operational expenses of the club. Therefore, we will increase the dues fee by \$50.00 per year for the next three years. This increase will be implemented for the 2020 season.

Beginning in 2020, there will be a "Club Use Fee" of \$100.00 as allowed by the by-laws. This fee pertains to ALL members. These funds will be utilized for major repairs expenses (roof, water lines, dock repair). This will be a revolving fund and is not to exceed a \$50,000 maximum balance. We currently have \$38,000 in our bank account. This season we will require between \$15,000 - \$20,000 in order to replace the roof, upgrade water lines and electric power to the docks.

The Club Use Fee will be adjusted yearly dependent upon the previous years expenses.

I hope all the members understand the necessity for these changes.

#### House:

The cleaning schedule is filling in nicely. There are still some weeks open.

#### **Dock Master:**

There is a problem with power cords in the water, this is unacceptable. Violators will be notified and the situation rectified. This is a safety issue.

#### **Education:**

The following is an updated outline of the 2019 Sailing Education program.

Dates: Orientation and collection of fees will thank place on July 3rd at 2pm to 4pm at the yacht club, at this time we will inform the student of the requirement to participate in the program, the fees, and the times of classes. 9 to 12 year old students classes will start on Monday July 8th and run till Friday the 12th, the times will be from 10am to 1pm

13 and older students classes will start on Monday July 8th and run till Friday the 12th, the times will be from 2pm to 6pm.

Instructors: I am happy to report that Hank Danielson hand is improving, and he and Julie will be

participating in this years program, Mike Swensen will be leading the team along with Jim Stenger and additional members from the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Expected Students: Due to our association with the Sea Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Coast Guard Auxiliary we expect a large portion of our students to be members of these organization, we will be using the Scouting Sailing Handbook, but all students are welcome to join the classes. We are adding a parent/child program, for parents who want to learn sailing and boat safety with their child.

At this time we are working on getting the word out about this years program, we encourage any member who knows of interested individuals, and let them know. Cost for is \$200 per student, this includes the handbook. Students are to supply Coast Guard approved life vest, and show complacency

in the water, they will get wet. Next meeting Friday, June 14th at 1pm

#### **Did You Know...?**

That Club fees have not increased in almost twenty five years. While the cost of living has increased steadily. DYC is the most economical place on Lake Erie to have a boat. The time has come to insure that our infrastructure can with stand the test of time. We need to insure our children have the same opportunity to enjoy this Club the way we do. We had an increase in visitors last year from various clubs around the Lake. We have a reputation as a welcoming and friendly Club [who knew?]. It was a little embarrassing when they had some trouble finding water and power lines to fit their needs. I am proud of this Club and happy to be here. We owe it to our visitors and ourselves to make it the best we can.

#### What's Happening

Special thanks to Kathy Fox, John Geiben, Nancy Steffan, Andy Dailey, Lisa Briggs, Carole Reid, Ronnie Lafferty and Tom Lafferty for all their help with the Memorial Day Party. Kudos!

Thanks! Judy

We are happy to announce that Bob Price is recovering nicely.

We would like to extend our condolences to Jerry and Mitzie Bradigan. Mitzie recently experienced the loss of a close relative in the tragic Virginia shootings. Our hearts and prayers go out to friends and family

Jim Priest and his wife Mrs. Judy Thurber are proud to announce the graduation of Judy's grandson Mr. Evan Camp from the U.S. Naval Academy on Friday May 24th in Annapolis Maryland. Evan is proud to have been selected to attend SEAL team training in Coronado,

California



# **Next Board Meeting**

Tuesday July 9th, 7pm

@ the DYC Club House Dunkirk, NY

Members welcome to attend