



November 2021

## Flag Officers 2022

Commodore - Carlton Hamann  
Past Commodore – Dennis Wolfe  
Vice Commodore – Brett Christy  
Rear Commodore – Jay Bishop  
Secretary – Gregory Kowal  
Treasurer - Carl Waclawski

## Committee Chairs

Education – Alan Freville  
Facilities – Jeff Tinstman  
House Coordinator – Kathy Woodward  
Membership – Tom Safford  
Race and Recreation –Chris Piede  
Social –George Burns III

## Appointed

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

## News from the Editor

The following was the article I submitted to the Observer recapping our Fall Banquet.

The Dunkirk Yacht Club installed the 2022 officers and directors at their Fall Banquet at Katerina's on the Lake on Saturday, November 6. Carl Lis, Past Commodore, made opening remarks and blessings, while acknowledging the four members who have passed away this year. These members include Al DeJonghe, Chet Bates, Pat Damore and Jim Atkins. Outgoing Commodore Dennis Wolfe thanked everyone for a successful year at the club.

Tracy Smith-Dengler organized a basket giveaway which sent many home happy for the evening.

The new Commodore, Carl Hamann, recognized new life members and congratulated the following; Brett Christy, Wayne Jones, and Corny Benchley.

The annual "T" Cup trophy, awarded for boating achievement this year, was given to Don Gee for his countless hours for helping and repairing of the docks at the club. The always coveted "Sloppy Sailor" award was awarded to Kirk Frey. Kirk entertained the crowd with the story of how he was nominated acting in his defense of his actions. A boating tip for all: have your keys on a floating key ring!

The slate of officers for the 2022 season include Jay Bishop (Rear Commodore), George Burns III (Social Committee), Alan Freville (Education), Carl Hamann (Commodore), Greg Kowal (Secretary), Chris Piede (Race and Recreation), Tom Safford (Membership), Jeff Tinstman (Facilities), Brett Christy (Vice Commodore), Carl Waclawski, Dennis Wolfe (Past Commodore) and Kathy Woodard (House.) Also included in appointed positions for the 2022 season are Larry Van Deusen (Webmaster), Ken Kuwik (Dockmaster) and Chris/Tonia Piede (newsletter).

## Membership Summary for 2021

### **New Probationary Members (5 added in 2021/total of 16, 15 assigned a slip)**

Jim Hoovier  
Charlie Kuell  
Steve Peacock  
Robert Meister  
Billy Rickard

### **Status Change Requests (7 Inactive Members)**

Dave Freshwater -inactive to senior

### **Probationary to Senior (73 Senior Members, 62 assigned a slip)**

Jim Arcoraci  
Phil Leone  
Larry Wilson  
John Connelly  
Ralph Letersky  
Michael Swenson  
Greg Craft  
Robert Peterson

### **Senior to Life Member (37 Life Members, 20 assigned a slip)**

Wayne Jones  
Brett Christy  
Corry Benchley

### **Deaths**

Al DeJonghe  
Chet Bates  
Pat Damore  
Jim Atkins

### **Waiting List Potential Members (29)**

Orientation held June 11.

## Race and Rec Annual Report

The Race and Recreation Committee (currently, Tom Safford and Dave Freshwater) is responsible for planning and running boating events including coordinating events with other boating clubs. Some of the coordination with other clubs this season included the following:

- The Lake Erie Interclub raced from Erie to Dunkirk then onto Buffalo in June, and DYC hosted 23 race boats and crew at our club overnight. We received many thanks and compliments on our club from those who attended;
- The Lake Erie Challenge took place in July racing from the Buffalo Yacht Club to DYC and back again. 8 Boats participated and spent the night at DYC with many thanks to DYC. Thanks to David Freshwater for bringing in the boats with help from Steve Peacock.
- The Erie Yacht Club had a power boat cruise to DYC in late July. They joined us for our Friday night social and everyone had a great time. We received multiple compliments from EYC on our club and members. EYC also invited DYC members to their Venetian Nights Festival on July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- I want to especially thank Ken Kuwik, Stan Siembieda, Dave Freshwater, Steve Peacock, Mark Stoddard and family and other DYC members who helped make arrangements, dock boats and make the visitors feel welcome.

For our own events, unfortunately many were cancelled due to COVID and weather, but we did hold the following:

- DYC Poker Run on 7/24 which was a huge success with 22 participants. 1st place went to John Crockett, 2nd went to Paul Nichter, and 3rd to Mitzie Bradigan! Congratulations to all who participated! A special thanks to David Freshwater, Richard Ciraulo, Phil Szymczak and Jay Bishop for helping to organize and run the event!
- The "Diehard Sailboat Race" was changed to a "9/11 Memorial Cruise" as we commemorated the life changing events of 20 years ago. The 9/11 Memorial Cruise was an event to remember with 5 boats participating despite the high winds and high waves!! Hardy souls all with the Smith-Denglers in their Passagemaker, Carl and Donna Bjurlin and crew in their Jeanneau, Bill McCausland and Patricia Boris and crew in their Sabre, Carl Waclawski and Don Gee in his Shark, and Rich and Joanne Cowan and crew in their Shark. We held a hotdog picnic afterwards with about 20 folks participating! Thanks to Rick Ciraulo for cooking and cleaning!

Lastly, I have had many compliments from travelers and Loopers passing through Dunkirk who stayed at our club, stating how friendly and helpful everyone was, even stating that our club was the best stop on their entire voyage!! Thanks to Stan Siembieda and all the other members who made them feel welcome!



Fall Banquet November 6, 2021 pictures!



## Education

Covid restrictions have hindered this the last two years. Hopeful that next year the education committee has classes and events running more as it did in the past. Alan also discussed the youth sailing classes open to the public that have been done in the past be given again. The requirement for having boating license by next season is for anyone born before 1988, and soon it will be for all. So make sure you take the class and have your certificate soon!

## Social

There will be a sign-up in binder next year to schedule parties in advance so George know what money and work is involved so we can track it better.

## Dockmaster

Change in guest docking was approved recently. Cost will be first night and second night free.

## Vice Commodore

Due to two resignations on the board, two additional names are added to the new appointees on the board and will serve the rest of their term as appointees for one year. They will be approved by membership next fall. Work hour shortage members will be discussed in the January meeting, and

## Commodore

A few concerns from Dennis that will be addressed in the January meeting were brought up. One issue was the increase in electric charge and another was the visitors and events that came to the club liability and security issues.

## New Business

Tom Safford made proposals to create work committees for all members to join. This will make it easier for the coordinators to get help, and for members to get their hours.

Next Meeting date: January 11, 7:00 location TBD.