

January 2025

Flag Officers 2025

Past Commodore: Jay Bishop
Commodore: Tom Safford
Vice Commodore: Joe Gugino
Rear Commodore: George Burns
Secretary: Chris Piede
Treasurer: Carl Waclawski

Committee Chairs

Facilities: Fred Smith-Dengler
House: Lydia Evans
Membership: Tracy Smith-Dengler
Social: Mike Dinoto/Kirk Frey
Education: Alan Freville
Race and Recreation: John Ludwig

Appointed

Dockmaster: Brett Christy
Newsletter: Sarah Nash Wallace
Website: Larry Van Deusen

News from the Editor

Hello my fellow DYC members! This is my first effort as editor of the DYC "Nautical News" and I hope this year's results live up to Chris Piede's from 2024. I welcome any comments and suggestions, and would especially appreciate any pictures of club activities that you may wish to share with our members – please forward to me by email at sarahbnash@msn.com.

Secretary's Report – Chris Piede

Correspondance: **Inter Lake Yachting Association** dues for 2024 and 2025 are \$550. We voted to pay this, as participation in this is a good way to stay at other clubs. Commodore will correspond with them to see if we can pay for only one year. **Ashtabula Yacht Club** participates in this program giving us first night free and \$2 per foot after. A donation to Dunkirk Historical for \$100 was approved, as in the past. **City tax** payment was also approved.

Treasurer's Report – Carl Waclawski

Taxes are being paid. Our balances look good at this point.

Note From the Commodore – Tom Safford

Happy New Year all! I'm looking forward to the coming season with great social and boating events being planned. We are also hopeful we will be able to focus more of our efforts on facilities improvements rather than repairs. In our first Board meeting of the new boating season, we decided to switch two Board Positions. George Burns will now be the new Rear Commodore and Kirk Frey will be the Social Chair. Mike Dinoto will also be assisting Kirk on his committee, welcome Mike. As always, new members will be joining while some current members will be leaving for various reasons, and they will be missed. Planning for facilities improvements/repairs are well underway and bubblers and potential ice damage are being monitored. We are investigating additional ways to manage our weed issues, donate to local organizations, and join Yachting organizations that give us reciprocity with hundreds of other Yacht Clubs. It's going to be a great 2025 boating season!

Committee Reports from the January 14 2025 DYC Meeting:

Membership – Tracy Smith-Dengler

New Member Applications: Eric Golem Sponsors: Michael Czekanski, Mark Czekanski
 Steve Skrzypek Sponsors: Michael Czekanski, Mark Czekanski
 Kelly Lutz Sponsors: Bill Groves, Kirk Frey

Waiting List To Probationary: None

Resignations: Markus Deas, letter dated 11/14/2024
 Ralph Letersky, letter dated 12/19/2024
 Joe Troidl, Jr., letter dated (undocumented)
 Jerry Maras, letter dated 1/14/2025

Probationary to Senior: None

Senior to Life Member: Upcoming May 2026 (4 members)

Change in Status: None

Waiting List Status: 36 Currently on Waiting List

Membership Status: 93 Active Members with 91 Assigned Slips

New Member Orientation: Anticipated June 2025, dates TBA

Membership Planning 2025: Onboard new probationary members (if any), digitize DYC member records.

Billing: If you have not received your yearly billing, please contact **Carl Waclawski** at carlbert520@hotmail.com or at his home phone (716) 366-3468 and leave a message.

Facilities – Fred Smith-Dengler

Winter weather update: There is still a lot of winter to go. Ice is starting to form, and the bubblers are working. Hopefully we don't get bad ice or seiche with the ice. A schedule is being formulated for spring work dates.

Recreation and Race – John Ludwig

Proposed dates for events – 2025 : events are generally earlier than last year, with a mix of Saturdays and Sundays rather than all Saturdays.

Sunset Bay	Saturday June 14 2025
Poker Run	Saturday June 28 2025
Main Street Beach Party	Sunday July 13 2025
Barcelona Trip	Saturday August 2 2025

Social Committee – George Burns III

We are trying to get more kid-friendly events planned (grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc). Keep an eye out for an invite to the **Valentine's Day Mardi Gras** party soon!!

Past Commodore – Jay Bishop:

Jay recommended that all new and existing board members and appointed positions read the descriptions of roles and responsibilities approved last year. These are available on the website.

Vice Commodore – Joe Gugino:

Joe reported on delinquent work hours for probationary and senior members, 2024 season. Recommendations were made for addressing each involved members delinquent hours.

Unfinished Business:

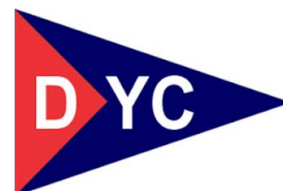
The master digital of the new by-laws is in the works. Tom Safford will look into the new print edition of this for members.

New Business: Bart's Cove has permission to store and use the City's weed cutter and has offered DYC to share in the costs and use of it during the 2025 boating season. Much discussion needs to be done regarding sharing, expenses, liability coverage, training, dockage of the cutter, and coordination with the City. More to come on this.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday February 11 2025 – 7 p.m. Dunkirk Yacht Club
Online Meeting via Zoom**



Spring is coming soon!!



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