



February 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 – Sarah Nash Wallace

I hope everyone is keeping warm during this particularly cold and windy winter! I am daydreaming that some of our members might be boating in warmer southern climates. If you are lucky enough to do so, please send some comments and maybe a few pictures to share! I welcome any comments and suggestions, and especially would appreciate any pictures of club activities or member news that you may wish to share in our newsletter – please forward them to me by email at sarahbnash@msn.com.

Secretary's Report – Chris Piede

At the February Board meeting, there was much discussion about facility repairs and renovations.

Treasurer's Report – Carl Waclawski

A friendly reminder: Dues and fees are due **February 28th**.



At the Valentine's Day party, a great time was had by all!! Delicious munchies rounded out the evening, which was a welcome respite from the cold and wintry weather.

A Message from the Commodore – Tom Safford

As the winter lingers on, the DYC Board and Long Range Planning Committee have been busy planning our projects and events for the coming season.

Fred Smith-Dengler and team have been diligently watching ice damage to our facilities and assessing what it will take to make repairs once we can safely gain access to the club. There is considerable damage to the wing docks and parts of the main dock, so work parties will be necessary as early as possible this spring. He is also making plans to fix the barge pontoons so it will be ready.

We will be talking to bubbler contractors to look at a design improvement to reduce the ice damage to our docks and pilings.

The plan for the Main Walkway project hit a snag in that the same equipment, early schedule and member volunteers are needed to repair the docks as well as build the walkway, so we are busy looking at alternative options, with the first priority being fixing the docks.

The Dock Improvement project will continue by finishing the west dock with electricity and water now that parts we were waiting for are available, then moving onto the N Dock.

Kirk Frey will start planning the Bathroom Remodel for the clubhouse and I am sure he will welcome volunteers to his committee.

This year we will update our Bylaws and Guidelines manual and reprint it as it has been several years since an update.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the club this year for another great boating season!

Committee Reports from the February 11 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: Larry Willson 1/25/2025
Friedrick (Fritz) Boettcher 2/2/25

Probationary to Senior: Rich Leibl

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

Change in Status: Greg Kowal -> inactive

Waiting List Status: 39 Currently on Waiting List

Membership Status: 90 Active Members with 89 Assigned Slips

New Member Orientation: Anticipated June 2025, dates TBA

Membership Planning 2025: Prepare 2025 Roster, digitize member records, onboard new probationary members

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: We see significant winter damage: nine posts have moved, a deck puncture, and the propane tank platform is loose.

Entryway upgrade: a drawing will be rendered to show options.

Discussion: work boats need repair, one needs a new motor. Barge repair discussed. Bathroom upgrades discussed. Dock repairs should be a priority.

Recreation and Race – John Ludwig

Proposed dates for events – 2025

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
Sailboat Race	Sunday August 10 2025

Rain dates for any cancelled event will be Saturday August 23 2025

Education – Alan Freeville: We are working on strategies to include families.

Vice Commodore – Joe Gugino:

Joe reported on delinquent work hours for probationary and senior members, 2024 season.

New Business: The City of Dunkirk is planning a seawall and railing which should not affect DYC plans for our walkway renovation.

Next Meeting – Tuesday March 11th at the DYC
Also happening on Zoom!

