



July 2025

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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 Education: Alan Freville

Race and Recreation: John Ludwig

Appointed

Dockmaster: Brett Christy Newsletter: Sarah Nash Wallace Website: Larry Van Deusen Summer is finally in full swing, and the club is bustling with activities! Our **new members** are joining in many events – please take time to welcome them and get to know them better. Members are also encouraged to ask **wait listers** to come to social events, including Friday night socials, so that we and they can get to know each other.

Dunkirk police has asked our members **NOT TO PARK ON THE GRASS** opposite of the gravel parking lot – even for big events
- unless we have obtained their express permission. We have obtained permission to do so for the Commodore's Party, but only for one line of cars. Please, never park in a second or third line on the grass, no matter what other folks are doing.

Have you left a **personal item** in the clubhouse, clubhouse closet, or other storage area? Please, avoid doing so!! Unclaimed articles will be discarded.

Supplies or equipment may NOT be left in the phone room blocking the path to the electrical panel – this is very unsafe, so pay attention to where you leave items in there for storage.

The DYC Board has approved **improving our WIFI service** – the new system will be installed at the end of July. A new management module will allow remote access for troubleshooting and repair, and will include a new router and three additional new attennas. Look forward to enjoying increased internet speed and wider coverage throughout the club area, including N, NE, and E docks.. This will all occur at moderate cost to the club and payments only occur during our open season.

Check out our **new gangway ramp** at the entrance to the club!! This will improve access safety and allow handicap compliance too. The endplate will be installed soom to complete this project.

The **Commodore Party will take place Saturday July 26th**, start time 4 pm. The theme is 50's Lake Rattle and Roll, with 50s-60s music. Get out your favorite 50's attire – pompadour, up-dos, poodle skirts etc!! There will be a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning to help you recover! PLEASE NOTE - there will be **NO FRIDAY NIGHT MIXER on July 25th** – but you can still show up to help with setup!!

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Message from the Commodore – Tom Safford

Summer has arrived!! Finally!! I hope all had a great 4th of July holiday as we all did at the club with Beef on Wick sandwiches and a veritable feast of side dishes and desserts, and city fireworks to boot! Thanks to the Dinoto's and the Frey's for hosting the spectacular event. John Ludwig also hosted two fun boating events with the annual" Poker Run" and "The Day at Sunset Bay" with lunch at Cabana Sam's. Everyone who attended had a great time. Coming soon, George Burns is hosting a DYC Dance Party, Friday, July 18th with a Karaoke machine, 75" TV, and a ton of fun!

Our Education Committee (Alan Freeville and instructors) had a very good turnout for their orientation to "Introduction to Sailing" course and have already started calendaring courses for the month of July. The Flying Scot sailboats are in the water at the club. More students have committed to sign up over the next couple of weeks. Great job!

For the Main Walkway Project, Fred Smith-Dengler (Facilities) and crew purchased a ~20-footlong gangway with railings which was mounted at the top of our entrance down to the existing walkway before the gate. They installed it before our 4th of July party and hopefully all of you have had a chance to use it. It makes loading/unloading SO much easier and safer. This is the first step of our new walkway project.

Don't forget our Friday night socials and the Commodores Party on July 26th! Preparations for the Commodore's Party are progressing nicely. Invitations to the past commodores have been sent and RSVPs are coming in. A signup sheet has been posted on the DYC bulletin board and members should sign up there, or by calling or texting Tom Safford at (916) 834-1131, or emailing me at tbsafford@gmail.com. Leave a voice mail if I don't answer. Reminder that the Friday night social for July 25th is cancelled in order to prepare for the Commodore's Party. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing everyone at the club!

Tom Safford 2025 DYC Commodore

Committee Reports from the July 8th 2025 DYC Meeting:

Membership – Tracy Smith-Dengler

Change in Status: Diane Dillon resigned 6/10/2025 – board approved

Waiting List Status: 24 Currently on Waiting List

Membership Status: 92 Active Members with 92 Assigned Slips

New Member Orientation: Completed June 21 2025, 3 probationary members

absent.

Membership Planning 2025: Schedule make up session for 3 probationary members, also still need to digitize DYC member records.

Sponsors, Please remember to invite your candidates to DYC activities so we can get to know them prior to membership!

Facilities – Fred Smith-Dengler

The new gangway has been installed, endplate will be added. Work crews still needed for barge work, grill repair/maintenance and!, weed cutting, and more.

GRILL CLEANING - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

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Treasurer's Report – Carl Waclawski

Facilities costs are the most changed this year due to renovations/repairs. Budget will be reviewed again in August.

Recreation and Race - John Ludwig

Commodore Party Saturday July 26th 2025 4 pm

Barcelona Trip Saturday August 2 2025 Sailboat Race Sunday August 10 2025

Education – Alan Freeville

Sailing school is underway, with 15 enrolled students ages 11+.

Social Committee - Mike DiNoto:

The first Annual DYC Scramble Golf Tournament will be held at Fredonia Vineyards Golf Course Saturday September 27th 9 am, rain date October 4th. Food and prizes after at DYC – RSVP by 9/20 to Charley Kuell or 716-7865-9492.

New Business:

Tough news - Our merchandise cabinet was pried open and merchandise was stolen, along with some personal items from members. Cameras were obscured by spiderwebs which hindered some video surveillance. Gate code may need changing.

NEED VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN CAMERA LENSES!!

Next Meeting: Tuesday August 12th 2025 – 7 p.m. Dunkirk Yacht Club Online Meeting via Zoom





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Members participating in the Day at Sunset Bay event June th met at the Beach Club for some fun in the sun – we suspect some adult beverages may have been enjoyed as well!! A great time was enjoyed by all.

Commodore Tom and DYC Board of Directors cordially invite you to attend:

2025 DYC Commodore's Party "Lake, Rattle and Roll" Saturday – July 26th

4:30 PM Appetizers - 6:00 PM Dinner Music by "The Untouchables" to Follow

\$40 per person

RSVP by July 19th

Clubhouse Signup Sheet

Or Call/Text/Message

Tom Safford @ (916) 834-1131

Or Email at Tbsafford@gmail.com

