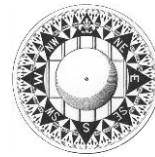


# DYC Nautical News



## DYC Board Members 2013

### **Commodore:**

Cody Britton

### **Vice Commodore:**

Jim Rizzo

### **Rear Commodore:**

Paul Wallenhorst

### **Secretary:**

Rachel Foley

### **Treasurer:**

Robyn Beardsley

### **Past Commodore:**

Bill Wright

### *Committee Chairs*

### **Membership:**

Nancy Steffan

### **Education:**

Scott Mackay

### **Facilities:**

Rich Cieslewicz

### **Social:**

Kathy Peters

### **House:**

Don Ellington

### **Recreation and Race:**

Larry Van Deusen

### **Dockmaster:**

Ed Will

### **Newsletter:**

Sylvia Bailey

### **Webmaster:**

Larry Van Deusen

## March 2013

The March meeting was called to order by Commodore Britton on the 12<sup>th</sup> at The Knights of Columbus Clubroom. First order of business was interviewing prospective member Tim Schrantz, sponsored by Bob Price and Jeff Tintzman. Tim and First Mate Jennifer, who live at 4348 Osborne Rd in Fredonia, have a 21ft PennYan. After learning of Tim's various skills-electrical, plumbing, building maintenance, etc- facilities chair Cieslewicz introduced himself & gave him his phone numbers.

### **A big DYC Welcome to Tim, Jennifer & family!**

In other membership news, Colleen Wright was approved as Senior member, and Brian Barnes was removed from the waiting list.

Fac.Chair Rich reported that the water for the Clubhouse and docks will be turned on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. **Club opening is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 8 am.** Please dress for weather conditions, as it is difficult attempting a rain date and we need "To Open". **Anyone wishing to bring their power washer(s) would be of great help. The more we have, the faster the job gets done and we have more hands to help in other areas.** Sometime between April 20 and May 11, if a couple members would like to get hours early, the Clubhouse could be power washed. Contact Rich at 366-7343 or 785-5456 and he will help you set it up. It's easier to do before the opening date, as after there is so much club activity. Starting in May and going thru the season, he will have jobs for work hours posted on the activities board. There are some areas needing urgent repairs for which he'll be looking for crews early in the season- check the board or call him directly if you can help. Setting these job dates with enough workers and decent weather can be a problem. Looking forward to a great 2013 season!

Race & Recreation Chrm. Larry Van Deusen has proposed using an Olympic course, instead of windward-leeward, and PHRF boat ratings for our official series races, hoping to interest other sailboats in racing again. Dates will be set after social schedule is complete. Also he stated that Sugarloaf Regatta, in Port Colborne, as an event we might take part in, will be checking with Sugarloaf Sailing Club. Also in his capacity as webmaster, Larry VanDeusen proposed we have a page

**Next DYC Board Meeting  
Tues. April 9, 7 PM  
At Knights of Columbus Clubroom**

featuring Boats For Sale on our webpage. These could include non-members' boats. It was approved.

Ed. Ch. Scott Mackay has been in contact with Jackie Patterson of JJC to start up the sailing program this year; the main issue is we need to seek new instructors, as prior ones may not be available this year. He took time to thank the Shark sailors for taking last year's students out sailing as part of closing party. He's working to set up another CPR class, as well as instruction on using the defibrillator.

How DYC will be impacted by the slowdown /shutdown at NRG was an issue brought up by Rear Cmdr. Paul Wallenhorst. Noting now that the harbor can freeze, ice forming around pilings could do much damage, the Long Range Planning committee will be looking into what the club can do about it.

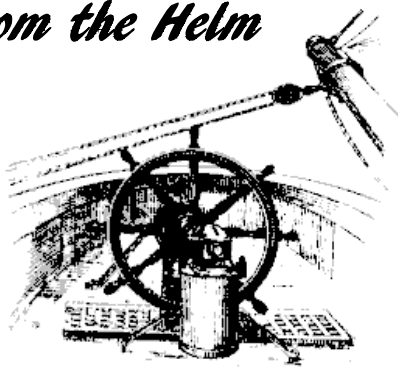
Misc. notes: Cmdr-Cody Britton reported that the Emergency Action plan is being worked on. The subject of the Beer Club/ security of beer locker was again discussed. Past Cmdr. Bill Wright will present a proposal for revising the policy at the April meeting.

House Chrm. Duke Ellington, going into the new season, wanted to remind everyone about hazards of stray electrical current in the waters around the club, and that swimming can be dangerous.

Sec. Rachel Foley said DYC received a letter from the Dunkirk Free Library thanking us for the donation in memory of Cathy Wojcinski. Jeff Tinstman asked if we would again allow the Con. Club access to DYC for their annual "Take a Kid Fishing" event, to be the first or 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of June. It was approved.

Dockmaster Ed Will gave a very big Thank You to the anonymous handyman who took the initiative and time to fix our trash bin, (maybe it was the same mysterious attic cleaner from last season?)

## *From the Helm*



*Hello fellow members! Just a shout and hoping all has been well with you and your families this winter. It seems like just yesterday I was congratulating Bill Wright on his appointment to the chair, and now it's me! As I sit here with the wheel in my hand I think about all the commodores who have sailed before me. I think about all the things that, with all your help, they have accomplished. Many commodores seem to have found a way to leave their mark on the club, through their efforts to make corrections or improvements. Some of our more*

*recent leaders can take pride in projects as boastful as the rebuilding of the docks, or the reconstruction of our pintails. I, like them seek to leave a similar legacy, but in a different way. As you know, our docks are nearing completion, and our sailing program well under way. This year, instead of constructing something new, I would like to put my efforts into improving something less intrinsic, however invaluable. With your help, I would like to make new members good members, and good members better. Our membership (all of you), is our most valuable asset. It is all of you that make things possible and purposeful. With this in mind, I am focusing my energy into promoting better social events, and more family friendly activities. In closing I also would like you to know that the door is always open. Any questions or concerns feel free to call me at 716-673-5545. I look forward to seeing all of you at the spring fling!*

**Cody J. Britton, Commodore**



## **What's Happening**

Tom and Carol **Prevet** have spent three months in Eleuthera and several days in Miami. Always keeping busy, Tom caught eight bone fish in two weeks and they are playing lots of tennis and dancing up a storm at night

too! Did you know? Eleuthera is Dutch for Freedom!! It is derived from the feminine form of the [Greek](#) word [ελευθερος](#) (eleutheros), "free".

Michelle **Poweski** participated in the Dunkirk Dunks for Donations, a charity basketball game with the faculty as participants.

Sincere condolences to Phil **Nosek** and family on the loss of his mother Helen Nosek, aged 92; and to Bill **Wright** on the recent loss of his Grandmother, Jean Clemenger Larson. She was 98. Just recently we heard that Rita Kutner's father, Robert Bartkowiak passed away at age 86. Sincere condolences to Rita and family.

We wish Sue Evans a speedy recovery following her knee surgery.

Dave and Carol **Kowalewski** have been around Sebastian and Janet **Moch** and Ron **Pachol**, Ron and Dawn **Veklotz** both took cruises and stayed around Melbourne Beach in Florida. Carl and Donna **Bjurlin** spent time in Tortola. Dana and Gale **VerHague** were in South Florida where she took many photographs of the local wildlife. Great shots and can be seen on Wunderground.com under Dunkirk. Bob and Robyn **Beardsley** spent time at New Port Richey and while there went sailing and biking with Hank and Julie **Danielson** in Englewood. Danielson's had a 250 mile in 3 days bike trip lined up. The Energizer Bunny has nothing on them! Jim and Chris **Christy** found a new spot at Cape Coral. They of course checked out the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

Jamie **Walker**, daughter of Mary Jane & Art, has an Internship, through NYU, at the UN, till the end of June- when she'll be off to Shanghai for another program.

Gary and Sherry **Klaybor** has been visiting various sights and spending time in Florida.

### **In the News**

Rachel **Foley** was honored for service to Meals on Wheels as treasurer at the annual meeting. She recently retired from the position.

In local sports: Tyler **Cassidy**, Dan and Amy had a great season in wrestling and went to the state championship in Albany, where he won the quarter final and ended up coming in 6<sup>th</sup> over-all; Ikaika **Wojcinski**, Grandson of Bill, had two goals and two assists in the NCCYHA "Melt the Ice Tournament." Ikaika is on the Squirts Hockey Team.

Brenda **Burgstrom** of Premier Real Estate, pictured in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Lake Erie Residential Community on East Main St. Fredonia.

Joyce **Shutt** and MaryJane **Covley-Walker** for participation in the Shakespeare Club. Sue Evans, a board trustee for the Chautauqua Historical Society. Mark **Kutner** as trustee for the Dunkirk Town Board.



Susan Forrester-**Mackay** recently announced her candidacy in the 2013 election for Village of Fredonia Trustee. Forrester-Mackay served two terms as village trustee from 2003 to 2011. She has been endorsed by the Democrat and Independence parties. Elections were March 12, and she won. Congratulations, Susan!!

NCCF is seeking nominations for the George B. Weaver Jr. Footprints Award. Given to an individual, family or group, the Award celebrates those that create footprints for others to follow. We have had NYC members as recipients: Don Eno and Rich Johnson. Perhaps another NYC member will be the recipient this year!!

Caitlin **Kowalewski** participated in the SUNY Geneseo Womens' Indoor Track Team. She placed 3rd in the NCAA National Championships and broke her own personal best record in the 800! Proud Grandparents are Dave and Carol

This picture appeared in the New York Times and "Has Gone →  
Viral"

Mike Czekanski, who has two sons in the Army, demonstrated against recent gun legislation outside the State Capitol on Thursday.

## **Advocates Gather in Albany to Protest New Gun Limits**

Nathaniel Brooks for The New York Times





Barbara Jean (Harper) and Mark Czekanski were married May 25, 1973 in Sacred Heart Church.



Warren and Peggy McPherson were married on June 9, 1951 in the First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca. They met at Cornell University.

FYI Many members had a problem with ethanol gasoline. We have heard of two sources for NON-ETHANOL GASOLINE.....One is by the Rez, at 11403 Erie Rd. Irving, NY open Mon. – Sun. 6 to 10 Also available at the Marina in North East PA

Observations: Despite dire predictions, the harbor did not freeze over and in March, I have never seen so many different waterfowl. Thousands of coots, scaups, mergansers, red heads, canvasbacks are diving and shoveling for small fish that are very prolific. They even outnumber the cormorants. Also, in the news, it said that NRG would definitely be here for two more years. Let's hope that the Long Range can come up with a solution.

Q: How did the Irish Jig get started?

A: Too much to drink and not enough restrooms

Q: What's the main difference between an Irish wedding and an Irish funeral?

A: 1 less drunk at the party!

Q: What would you get if you crossed Quasimodo with an Irish football player?

A: The Halfback of Notre Dame!

"I married an Irishman on St. Patrick's Day."

"Oh, really?" "No, O'Reilly!"

Q: Why do leprechauns giggle when they play soccer?

A: Cause the grass tickles their balls

Q: What's Irish and stays out all night?

A: Paddy O'furniture

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Irish!

Irish Who?

Irish you a happy St. Patrick's Day!

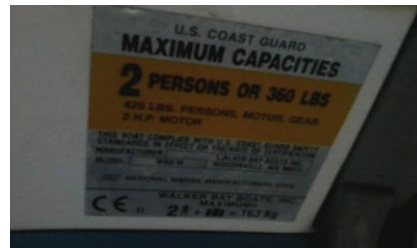
The past, present, and future walk into a bar. It was *tense* . . .



Special thanks to Nancy Steffan for reporting the meeting events to me while we were in the sunny South. Thanks also, to all for the calls, cards and general well wishes following my recent surgery. Sylvia Bailey

**FOR SALE**

**Walker Bay 8.....\$350.00**



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