

# DYC Nautical News



## DYC Board Members 2015

**Commodore:**

Paul Wallenhorst

**Vice Commodore:**

Robyn Beardsley

**Rear Commodore:**

Doug Reid

**Secretary:**

Rachel Foley

**Treasurer:**

Carl Waclawski

**Past Commodore:**

Jim Rizzo

*Committee Chairs*

**Membership:**

Bill Wright

**Education:**

Donna Bjurlin

**Facilities:**

Larry DeJonghe

**Social:**

John Tallett

**House:**

Carl Lis

**Recreation and Race:**

Kathy Fox

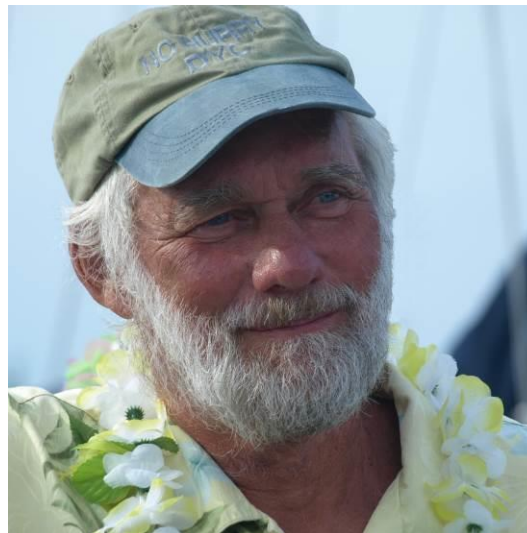
**Newsletter:**

Nancy Steffan

**Webmaster:**

Larry Van Deusen

## January 2015



*Edward D. Will*

*November 22, 1945 – January 24, 2015*

Ed Will has left us after a long and courageous battle with cancer. With his passing, DYC has lost a great member. Commodore in 1987 and a Life Member since 2004, he was the “go-to guy” when a project needed to be done at the Club. Many examples of his skill and talent are all around, from the various Club trophies he crafted, the boats he rebuilt, to the new docks which was a massive undertaking that is nearing completion. He was there to help bring your boat in or take it out, to give advice or guidance on a problem with your boat or buying or selling one. The success of the Shark Fleet and activities which it has generated were in a large part because of his involvement. There was never any doubt that, above all, he loved DYC and always did what was best “for the Good of the Club.” Most recently, he’d served as Dockmaster since 2005. He showed what it meant to be a good member and a good friend. He will be missed. Our heart goes out to Joanie, Judy, Bob and their entire family.

**Next DYC Board Meeting  
Tues. February 10, 2015, 7 PM  
Knights of Columbus Club Rooms**

Commodore Paul Wallenhorst led the first Board of Directors meeting of 2015, held Tuesday, January 13 at the Knights of Columbus. He also stood in for membership chair Bill Wright, reading request by Sue McClelland to go to inactive status, which was approved, and request of waiver of 2014 work hours by Candyce Stutzman due to both her and husband Larry's serious illnesses, which was also granted. Larry DeJonghe, facilities chief, in checking down at the clubhouse, reported there was ice frozen under the docks, not a surprise with the extreme cold weather this season. Kathy Fox, Race & Rec-chair - has already been contacted by the folks from Sugarloaf Marina in Port Colborne-about planning for the L.E.I. this coming season. It was agreed that we set a date for that race weekend in our R&R schedule, recognizing that the weather really controls these events.

In other business, Donna Bjurlin is leading the Education committee this year, and Scott Mackay met with Jackie Peterson from JCC to discuss ways to increase adult participation in the sailing program, perhaps by setting a different schedule. Donna did confirm that the Danielson's would be instructors again this season. House chair Carl Lis proposed that we replace the clubhouse carpet, due to its poor condition, which was approved.

In light of Ed Will's passing, until a new Dockmaster is formally appointed, members should send requests for slips/changes to Carl Bjurlin, Acting Dockmaster, 147 Forest Pl., Fredonia, NY 14063; [toyota4x@hotmail.com](mailto:toyota4x@hotmail.com)

Just a reminder, the statements for 2015 have been sent out, and **all payments are due by February 28**, or a **\$50.00 Late Fee** will be charged.

We welcome your news, info, etc. and you can send items for the Nautical News to either:

Nancy Steffan - [goodnitegracie@designny.com](mailto:goodnitegracie@designny.com); ph. 366-8527; or Gale VerHague - [novembergale@gmail.com](mailto:novembergale@gmail.com).

If you'd like to start receiving the NN via email, just notify us at the addresses above, and we'll put you on the E-List.

Condolences go out to Marilyn Flack on the loss of her mother, Ann Volcheck, who passed away on December 16th. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Wishing Bill Paige well on his upcoming surgery, hope all goes smoothly for you.

Hope Candyce Stutzman and Larry Stalnaker are on their way back to good health after a very difficult year.

#### ***In the news:***

Seen in the Observer's retrospective column recently: Forty years ago-1975: The US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 3-2 held its annual banquet at the White Inn, during which its first woman commander, Lillian Napieralski, was installed. Thirty years ago-1985: Some former football players at the now-closed Cardinal Mindszenty High School in Dunkirk relived old times recently at the Knights of Columbus. Among the group was Pat Bailey, former assistant football coach at Mindszenty.

Other members have been featured in various articles, see below for further info.

#### ***Honors:***

Named to the Fredonia Middle School Honor Roll was Marissa **Boettcher**; Listed on the Fredonia High School Honor Roll: Breanna **Dahn**, Clare **Foley**, Riley **Gustofson**, Kelsey **Vianese**, and Fotini **Landis**. Named to the President's List at SUNY Potsdam: Cassidy **Vianese**.

#### ***Other happenings:***

Dana & Gale **VerHague** celebrated the holidays in December by spending a week at the beach in Jekyll Island, Georgia with their children.



Ears to listen - Hands to hold - Hearts to share -- Friends who truly cared.  
I cannot begin to express my gratitude to all the members who have valiantly stood by both of us as we had struggled with our illnesses.

Ed's battle is over. He has left an enduring legacy at DYC. Eagles flew by our bedroom window the day he passed and took his soul home.

I am sure he is busy already working on docks with Joe & Mike. And-of course-sailing with Van, Cathy, Bill & Teddy!

Please keep us and Judy & Bob in your prayers as I continue my battle.

Thank you- Peace,

Joanie

P.S: Go Sharks!

## Dunkirk Yacht Club holds Annual Fall Banquet



**The Dunkirk Yacht Club Board of Directors for 2015 are pictured from left to right: Kathy Fox, Larry DeJonghe, Donna Bjurlin, Bill Wright, Jim Rizzo, Robyn Beardsley, Paul Wallenhorst, and Carl Waclawski. Not pictured: Rachel Foley, Doug Reid, John Tallett and Carl Lis.**

The Dunkirk Yacht Club installed its officers and directors for the 2015 season at the fall banquet held at the Colony Restaurant recently. Life Member Chet Bates began the evening with the benediction, and a moment of silence in honor of Melvin Rebic and Angelo Bennice, members who passed away this year, and conveyed thoughts, prayers, well wishes to those members facing health issues.

Outgoing Commodore Jim Rizzo expressed his gratitude to the entire club for all the support and help he received this past season, then presented incoming Commodore Paul Wallenhorst, who announced the following new officers for 2015: Vice Commodore, Robyn Beardsley; Rear Commodore, Doug Reid; Treasurer, Carl Waclawski; and Secretary, Rachel Foley.

Serving on the Board of Directors will be: Donna Bjurlin, Education; Larry DeJonghe, Facilities; Kathy Fox, Race and Recreation; Carl Lis, House; John Tallett, Social; and Bill Wright, Membership.

Sailing trophies announced by Fox were: "Van's Legacy" to the boat with the best point total in the three races: Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day—went to "No Hurry" crew of Ed Will, Donna Bjurlin, Rich Cowan and Craig Lyford. The Ladies Champagne Race was won by "No Hurry" with skipper Donna Bjurlin, crew Nancy Steffan and Rich Cowan.

The "T-Cup" was presented by last year's recipient, Larry Van Deusen, to Larry DeJonghe, in recognition of his outstanding work this season organizing the Facilities committee schedule and activities. The "Sloppy Sailor Award", announced by last year's recipient Lou Deering after reviewing many deserving candidates, was given to Ron Pachol for his boating skills and knowledge.

Outgoing Commodore Rizzo thanked those members who had served on the Board: Vice Commodore, Paul Wallenhorst; Rear Commodore, Bob Beardsley; Past Commodore, Cody Britton; Treasurer, Robyn Beardsley; Secretary, Rachel Foley; and committee chairpersons: Larry DeJonghe, Facilities; Don Ellington, House; Kathy Fox, Race and Recreation; Scott Mackay, Education; Social; and Bill Wright, Membership; and Ed Will, Dockmaster; Carl Bjurlin, Assistant Dockmaster; Larry Van Deusen, Webmaster; and Nancy Steffan, Newsletter.

Brett and Jenn Christy were in charge of dinner arrangements and reservations for the evening, assisted by Kathy Peters. Musical entertainment was provided by the "Untouchables."

**CLASSIFIED ADS:**

**FOR SALE:** 24ft “Shark” Sailboat Hull #254  
Seller would like to see the boat remain within  
DYC membership. Great starter boat with  
everything you need. Rigging is set-up so boat  
can be raced if desired. Includes set-up assistance  
if remains at DYC. Call Carl Bjurlin @ 397-7530  
for more details.

**FOR SALE:** Zodiac AX-1, 2 person inflatable.  
Roll-up slat floor, foot pump, oars, bag and  
manual. Never used. Guaranteed. \$350. Call  
(716) 672-8994.

**FOR SALE:** Morgan 35 “Summer Wind”,  
1970; 6’ draft, Volvo Diesel Engine, \$15,000  
(negotiable). Contact Cameron at Monroe  
Marina, Barcelona Harbor (716) 640-6763

**FLORIDA RENTAL:** Beautiful 2 BR, 2 bath  
condo-on canal-at Punta Gorda Isles. Available-  
April 2015; Bring your boat- dock available.  
Walk to PGI yacht club & Fishermans Village.  
Call Bill or Colleen Wright 473-2201 or 640-  
3972.

**FOR SALE:** O’Day 22 Sailboat,  
1974; shoal draft, 5 sails, trailer, 1982 Evinrude  
9.9 LS, electric -start, asking \$2800. 549-0518

SAILBOAT, 23’10” sloop, 1966, \$2,500, C & C  
Shark Class, fair condition, many extras;  
selling due to vision loss, as is. 216-941-2798,  
440-888-7455. Included and Extras: Main, jib,  
genoa, spinnaker; extra sails; cradle; 8hp Johnson &  
tank; Autohelm autopilot; 12 volt deep cycle battery;  
Radio; Life jackets & slickers; 2 Danforth anchors.



**Walt Skeldon**

DYC Life Member **Walt Skeldon**, and three other  
WWII Veterans were recognized in an article by the  
Tampa Bay Times on Veteran’s Day, Nov. 11, 2014  
for their work as volunteers at the C.W. Bill Young  
VA Medical Center in St. Petersburg.

The article described him as one of the longest  
serving volunteers at the center, having been at it for  
27 years. He was in the Navy for 28 years and  
served on aircraft carriers in the Pacific during  
WWII. The paper related the attack on his ship, the  
USS *Kadashan Bay*, by a Japanese Kamikaze in  
January, 1945.

Newer members wouldn’t know this, but Walt has  
published a book about his service in the war, and in  
it he describes the same even, as only one who’s had  
that experience could tell it.

The title and the theme of the article was  
“They keep on giving”. One could really say-  
“Thank you for your service....still”.



**Joyce O’Connell** presented a paper on “Barbara  
Bush” at a recent meeting of the Fredonia Shakespeare  
Club, held at the home of Mary Jane **Covley**-Walker.