

Nautical News



The Newsletter of the Dunkirk Yacht Club

2016 Board Members

Flag Officers

Commodore:	Robyn Beardsley
Vice Commodore:	Doug Reid
Rear Commodore:	Nancy Steffan
Secretary:	Carlton Hamann
Treasurer:	Carl Waclawski
Past Commodore:	Paul Wallenhorst

Committee Chairs

Membership:	Bill Wright
Education:	Donna Bjurlin
Facilities:	Brett Christy
House:	Carl Lis
Recreation & Race:	Kathy Fox
Social:	John Tallet
Dockmaster:	Carl Bjurlin
Newsletter:	Jen Christy
Webmaster:	Larry VanDeusen

The January DYC board meeting was held on January 19th with Commodore Robyn Beardsley presiding. There were several members in attendance with Jack Gaasch taking the opportunity to speak when the floor was open to members at the beginning of the meeting. Jack opened his remarks with a reminder that we are approaching the 78th anniversary of DYC and provided some history on a significant storm (Agnes) that occurred in the early 1970's, the damage that the club incurred and how the club proceeded with the storm restoration. He tied the history into how the club is now facing some decisions regarding maintenance of our facilities. He referred to a letter that was drafted and sent to the Board Members of DYC regarding the Vote #3 Capital Assessment for Pier and Understructure Replacement. Please see the letter in its entirety in the newsletter along with the list of all members who signed in their support of the letter.

In Board news, the club's membership in the Inter-Lake Yachtsman was renewed. Carl Waclawski presented the treasurer's report. In membership, it was noted that there are currently 99 members. There is a membership opening and the next person on the waiting list will be contacted and invited to the February meeting.

In education news, Donna reported that she has already been working with Jackie Patterson from JCC along with Hank & Julie Danielson to continue the partnership with JCC to offer sailing classes at the club this summer.

Vice commodore, Doug Reid expressed that he is looking / reaching out to any members that would be interested in serving on the Long Range Planning



Next DYC Board Meeting
Tuesday February 9th 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Clubroom

Committee. Anyone interested please contact Doug.

In New Business, a reminder was noted that the membership roster update form included in your annual bill now has a line to designate a successor, please be sure to note on the form if you wish to designate someone. Concerns were discussed regarding pilings in need of repair and ideas on how to best proceed moving forward. Kathy Fox shared information she gained regarding how pilings are drilled for docks at the marina in Erie, PA. Robyn shared information on a pneumatic hammer capable of pounding in pilings that could be purchased and is operational off a boat / small barge. The Beardsly's and Danielson's toured the company in Naples, Florida where the hammer is made. Discussion ensued regarding concerns with NRG not being operational and the effect of possible ice damage and other long term considerations. This is a pertinent issue for the club and any input, ideas; suggestions should be conveyed to aid in finding the best course of action.

The board also discussed the capital assessment resolution that was voted on at the annual meeting. With points made in the letter received by the Board and reiterated by Jack Gaasch during member comments, questions were raised in regards to whether or not the vote went against the club's by-laws. Members of the Board had differing opinions regarding the issue and much discussion ensued. Bill Wright motioned to proceed with an assessment of \$400 to the members with Commodore Robyn Beardsley calling the motion out of order. Following discussion and consultation, Carl Hamann determined an appeal could be made in response to the out of order call. Paul Wallenhorst motioned to appeal and it was seconded and passed. In discussing the motion on the floor, Doug Reid motioned to table the assessment proposal for 1 month, which was then seconded and passed.

In the final order of business of the January meeting, Nancy Steffan motioned to make Joannie Will a senior member as the first person granted under the newly established succession arrangement. The motion was passed.

In Remembrance

"Life member John King passed away Thursday, January 7, 2016. There will be no service at this time, but there will be a 'Celebration of Life' at the DYC this summer." Our sympathy is sent to Shirley and all of John's family.

Sincere condolences are extended to Warren McPherson and his family on the loss of his wife Margaret "Peggy" who passed away January 9, 2016.

REMINDER CLUB DUES & SLIP FEES DUE DATE

FEBRUARY 29, 2016

**BE SURE TO CHECK AND UPDATE ANY
CHANGES IN ADDRESS, PHONE, EMAIL, ETC.**

**PLEASE NOTE — NEWLY ADDED
"DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY"
LINE THAT NEEDS TO BE FILLED OUT IF
YOU WISH TO NAME A BENEFICIARY
(LOCATED BELOW EMAIL ADDRESS UNDER
THE HEADING OF CHANGES)**



Marv Bjurlin is pictured above along with Ron Nasca from Mudslinger's pottery studio and Kathleen Peterson, executive director of Chautauqua Co. Rural Ministry. They are displaying a check for \$31,088.48, representing the amount raised from the Empty Bowls Project. The fundraiser, which is supported by the Chautauqua Area Potters, featured approximately 40 potters from the area who contributed in creating about 1,650 handmade pottery bowls for purchase. The total money raised will go directly to programs of the Rural Ministry to provide food to the hungry. DYC was well represented at the event with numerous members seen volunteering in various roles including greeting supporters, checking out purchases, cooking, washing dishes and even entertaining those in attendance (see photo below of Zachary & Piper Walnicki)

Kudos to Marv and all those involved in



Member's Column

Dedicated to input, ideas, memories, history, or any other useful information for the good of the club.

When I think of Dunkirk Yacht Club, there are many happy memories that come to mind. Of course there are the parties, the sailboat races, and more recently the thrill of teaching sailing to youngsters and adults. Still there is one memory that really stands out. That was the first time Julie and I came to a work day at DYC.

It was a spring day in the early 80's. What I remember is that the club was raising the level of the docks between the shore and the clubhouse. It was a huge job. Joe Moch and Ed Will were there, and they were directing the work along with doing a large part themselves. We picked up steel sections that had been fabricated on shore, and moved them out to the docks where they were welded in place at the new level. We carried material and nailed boards in place and did what we could to help. Some of us were working from the dock, others from small boats below. There was always something for Julie and me to do along with the many other members who were working hard. What seemed like an insurmountable task at the beginning of the day began to take shape, and by late afternoon, the job was done.

The memorable part, however, wasn't so much what we did, but the friends we made while we were doing it. We relied on each other to hold and lift and carry and build. Ed commented on how hard Julie, my wife, worked. When it was done we were proud of our work. We had formed new friendships, discovered new things about ourselves and those who worked beside us.

Over the years there were many workdays. It was those workdays that gave us all a true sense of ownership, a sense of more than simply "belonging to", but of being a genuine part of the Dunkirk Yacht Club.

Hank Danielson
January 2016

Lake Erie Facts & Figures

Lake Erie is the eleventh largest lake in the world (by surface area), and the fourth largest of the Great Lakes in surface area and the smallest by volume.

Lake Erie is the warmest and most biologically productive of the Great Lakes, and the Lake Erie walleye fishery is widely considered the best in the world.

LENGTH : 241 MILES
 BREADTH: 57 MILES
 AVERAGE DEPTH: 62 FEET
 MAXIMUM DEPTH: 210 FEET
 H2O SURFACE AREA: 9,910 MILES

Reference: Great Lakes Atlas, US Environmental Protection Agency



Please consider donating to
 the Dunkirk Historical
 Lighthouse
 a treasure in our little corner of
 Lake Erie



Notes from the Newsletter

Please be patient as I am jumping back into the waters of the Nautical News. For those who may not be aware I ventured this course many years ago (15 or so). This first edition of 2016 has taken awhile to master formatting and get reacquainted with the new, "technologically advanced" process. As I am navigating my way and moving along this course, please feel free to contact me with any information that you feel would be pertinent and beneficial to include in the publication. Information can be sent to me at bjchristy98@gmail.com or I can be contacted at (716) 672-2762. I welcome and look forward to hearing your input.

Thanks
 Jen

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE:

22' 1977 Seafarer Sailboat
 \$2500

Contact: Erin Armstrong
erin.h.armstrong.phd@gmail.com
 (614) 505-6912

FOR SALE:

24 ft. **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 in DYC.
 Call Carl Bjurlin @ 397-7530 for more details.

FOR SALE:

1974 O'Day 22 Sailboat
 asking \$2800
 shoal draft, 5 sails, trailer, 1982 Evinrude 9.9 LS, electric start
 549-0518

FOR SALE:

STAYSAIL: - Heavy duty, with wire luff and hanks, also snap shackle, sheets and bag. Excellent lightly used condition; Luff 19 ft. 7 in., Foot 8 ft. 10 in., Leech 17 ft. \$100
 (716) 672-8994

FOR SALE:

HR 25
 Call John Geiben @ 366-8737

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To: Members of the Board of Directors of the Dunkirk Yacht Club
Regarding: Member Vote #3 Capital Assessment for Pier and Understructure Replacement

Date: November 17, 2015

At the recent DYC annual meeting on 11/7 a 'decision' was presented to the club, was voted on, and deemed passed by Commodore Paul Wallenhorst, who was chairing the meeting. This decision was "to authorize the club to create a Capital Reserve Fund" in an amount in excess of \$100,000 (see {1}, below).

Prior to the vote, Pat Bailey pointed out that the By-Laws of DYC limit the board "to establish(ing) a capital reserve fund with a maximum of \$10,000 per year and a maximum total of \$50,000." Bailey's statement was dismissed as not pertinent by Wallenhorst, who then proceeded to a vote. Subsequently, 60 members voted on the proposal with 37 in the affirmative.

In our opinion, Article IV, Section 8, of the Bylaws (see {2}, below) does not allow the Board to establish a capital reserve fund of more than \$10,000 per year and a total of \$50,000. In our opinion, this Section of the DYC By-laws does not allow the Capital Reserve Fund that was proposed. Support and explanation for this opinion follows: Firstly, Robert's Rules of Order are required to be applied at meetings of voting members of the DYC (see {3}, below.) However, Robert's Rules of Order are default rules and do not supersede requirements of the bylaws of the organization holding the meeting (see {4}, below.) Accordingly, the actions at the 11/7 meeting were first and foremost to be controlled by the DYC By-laws. Therefore, the offering of the 'decision' presented at the meeting was improper in that it was a request to allow an action that was not consistent with the DYC By-laws.

Secondly, the DYC By-laws do offer a method of changing its own By-laws in ARTICLE XI, AMENDMENTS, Section 1 (see {5}, below). This requires "a vote of two-thirds of the voting members of the Dunkirk Yacht Club present." While the vote on the Capital Reserve Fund did meet a majority test, it did not meet the two-thirds requirement for DYC By-law Amendments and should not have been deemed supported by the vote.

The procedural irregularities discussed above demonstrate (1) that DYC meetings must follow the DYC's By-laws, and the DYC By-laws cannot be superseded by Robert's Rules of Order because of the "contrary provisions" in DYC's stated rules of governance, and (2) that to pass the proposed Capital Reserve Fund would, according to our own DYC By-laws, require an Amendment and a two-thirds vote in the affirmative, which was not met.

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Irrespective of the procedural irregularities highlighted above, some might try to argue that the decision was passed, and that the Board has requested and obtained permission to carry out the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund as described in the Pier Funding Letter of 10.13.2015. However, the DYC By-laws expressly disallow such a fund.

Notwithstanding the outcome of the vote, the DYC Board of Directors cannot choose this action and in fact is required not to establish the proposed Capital Reserve Fund which exceeds the limits in the DYC By-laws.

The solution to this problem is for the DYC Board of Directors to follow the By-laws and not create the described Fund. The Board should acknowledge the error, distance itself from the incorrect deeming of the decision as having passed, and move on.

We suggest that the Board seek to determine why more than a third of the voting members present did not support the 'decision' as presented. We believe that a workable, equitable, and acceptable method of carrying out required repairs at the DYC docks can be developed.

Respectfully yours,

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** The members, listed (to the right of this letter) have either signed a copy of the above letter or have confirmed their support of the above letter by email

**Members in Support

Jim Atkins
Pat Bailey
Chet Bates
Bob Beardsley
Jerry Bradigan
Cody Britton
Joe Butera
Mary Jane Covley-Walker
Mark Czekanski
Michael Czekanski
Henry Danielson
Lou Deering
Rollin Fancher
Dave Flack
Bob Fuerst
Jack Gaasch
John Geiben
Gary Klaybor
Dave Kowalewski
Scott Mackay
Warren McPherson
Janet Moch
Adam Mostoller
Chuck Notaro
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Bill Paige
Ev Phillips
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Nancy Steffan
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Sue VanPoortvliet
Dana VerHague



