



DYC Nautical News

November 2015

Happy Holidays

2015 Board Members

Flag Officers

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

Dockmaster:

Carl Bjurlin

Newsletter:

Nancy Steffan

Webmaster:

Larry Van Deusen

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The 2015 season closed on a pleasant note with the Fall Banquet at the Colony Restaurant, on Nov. 7, when more than 80 people gathered to enjoy good food, great music and one last chance to visit with everyone before going their separate ways for the winter.

Paul Wallenhorst-Outgoing Commodore expressed his appreciation to all for the help this year, noting specially those members who had helped with the dock repairs. Officers for next year were announced and several awards were presented: Notably- the "T-Cup" from Larry DeJonghe to Bob Price, "Sloppy Sailor" from Ron Pachol to Rich Cowan. Rec & Race Chair- Kathy Fox announced "Van's Trophy" which went to Carl Bjurlin's "S'UrchinToo!" & crew.

Incoming Commodore Robyn Beardsley introduced a new class of prizes- named "Work Glove Awards"- given to one member at each level of active membership- recognizing their fulfillment of work hours well over and above the required number: The first ones went to: Rich Cowan- Probationary; Craig Lyford- Senior, and Bob Beardsey- Life.

Also- Sue Wallenhorst was given bouquets of red roses from Incoming & out going commodores- recognizing her help & support through the season. Kudos go out to Brett & Jenn Christy for once again arranging a wonderful closing party. More details of the evening are in the enclosed article.

Earlier in the day, the DYC Annual Meeting took place at the Knights of Columbus Clubhouse rooms. Secretary Rachel Foley reported that we had reciprocity agreements with 33 clubs from the 85 which we'd sent, and thanked Larry VanDeusen for his assistance. Treasurer Carl Waclawski presented the annual financial report, Income Statement and Balance Sheet, but also in a spreadsheet to track assets & liabilities.

Donna Bjurlin reported on a very successful Sailing Class -20 students, 12 youth & 8 adults, thanks to the generosity of Hank & Julie Danielson for all their time and effort as instructors. She also thanked about 20 members who volunteered to help with the sailing classes. Dockmaster Carl Bjurlin there were 63 visiting boats this season, and their comments in the sign-in book were all positive. He also thanked Craig Lyford & his crew for working on the decking project.

Membership chmn Bill Wright reported that the waiting list is getting smaller, only a 3 yr. wait till admitted, we have received only 4 new applications this year and at this time there is one membership opening. Carl Lis stated that a new clubhouse rug and microwave were put in this year, and he thanked Bob Beardsley & Larry DeJonghe for their help. Larry reported a successful clubhouse closing, he thanked everyone for all their work, & said the pontoon boat will be useful next year for smaller projects. Social chair- John Tallett said that the Friday night parties were very successful, and the other parties were successes as well.

Next Board of Directors Meeting
3rd Tuesday, January 19, 2016 @ 7 pm (Note change)
Knights of Columbus Clubrooms

The Slate of Officers for 2016 was presented as follows:
For Two (2) year term: Robyn Beardsley, Nancy Steffan, Carl Hamann, Bill Wright, Brett Christy, Kathy Fox.
For One (1) year term: Doug Reid, Paul Wallenhorst, Carl Waclawski, Donna Bjurlin, Carl Lis, John Tallett.
This was voted on and accepted as proposed.

The three issues to be voted on were presented and discussed at length.

The first one, relating to Article I, Sec. 12- "Death of a Senior Member":

- "Upon the death of an active Senior or Life member of the Dunkirk Yacht Club, the surviving designated beneficiary (spouse or child) shall in the instance of a surviving spouse be offered a Senior membership at the same tenure as the deceased member not to exceed 20 years and limited by the number of years of marriage, whichever is less, and in the instance of a child, be offered a Probationary membership; with the following conditions:
 - (1) The offer of membership requires the fulfillment of all financial and other obligations of membership, except the initiation fee which shall be waived.
 - (2) The new member will retain the rights to any slip, mooring or unfilled slip request, assigned or submitted prior to the original member's death.If no successor is designated as beneficiary, then no succession rights will be granted."

It passed with a vote of 45 yes, 10 no, 4 abstain; 59 of 60 eligible voting.

The second one, relating to Article III, Sec. 2, "Number and Qualifications of Directors"

- "The Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) voting members, who shall be elected by the voting members at the annual meeting of the members. All of the directors shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age." All references to the positions of Rear Commodore and House Coordinator are to be removed from the By-Laws and Guidelines."

This did not pass with a vote of 34 yes, 58 of 60 eligible- needed 2/3 (39) to pass.

The third one, Capital Assessment for Pier and Understructure Replacement as amended at the 2015 Annual Meeting:

- **Decision to be voted upon:** To authorize the Board to create a Capital Reserve Fund by authorizing a Capital Assessment of \$400 on all Club Members, due and payable on or before April 30, 2016 for the purpose of replacing approximately 57 pilings and 30 structural cross-members, and to deploy approximately \$69,477 of Club Capital Funds while retaining a 15% Reserve for Payouts on Member/Applicant Deposits. New members will be assessed a similar amount upon joining the Club.

Passed with a vote of 37 yes, 23 no, 60 of 60 eligible. Majority needed to pass.

In regard to the third item dealing with the assessment, there is a letter in the "members only" section of the DYC website which refers to that subject. To access the members only section- as an example—John Q. Boater, was one admitted in December 2015, the user name is his last name & first initial: boaterj

the password is membership number listed by year month & order on that date: 2015121 (member's number can be found in the roster or on one's membership card)

Or go to this website: <http://www.mainalley.com/dyc/fund.html>

From the Helm, to all Members:

2016 may be a year of different challenges, but it will be a great year nonetheless. Thank you to all who attended our Annual Meeting and voiced their ideas, concerns and desires in relation to our Piling needs. Since that date, I have had a few members who were unable to attend, contact me with questions. I would like to invite members to contact me, no matter what the concern or issue. In this way, the Board of Directors can be in a better position to represent the membership and their needs. Have a great and safe Winter!

rbeardsley@verizon.net, by phone 716-338-2830 for texting or calling, or snail mail 353 Lakeside Dr, Angola NY 14006

Robyn Beardsley, 2016 Commodore

A Few Words from the Past Commodore

Our Annual Meeting is completed, the Members have spoken, and we have clear direction for moving the Club forward. While we face challenges, we face them with a creative crew of hard working members. Let's all plan to continue working as a team so we provide a great facility and a great membership experience for a great group of people. Please join me in welcoming Commodore Robyn Beardsley and the incoming Board of Directors to the helm of the Dunkirk Yacht Club. Best Wishes for Success!

*I would like to personally thank the 2015 Board of Directors, as well as our Dockmaster, our Nautical News tag team and our Webmaster for their dedication and professionalism in providing leadership to our Club. Additionally, we are indebted to the Long Range Planning Committee and the Governance Task Force for their considerable efforts in tackling difficult issues and delivering professional work. It has been a privilege to serve as part of this team. **THANKS** to each and every one who served in 2015!*

Paul Wallenhorst

IN THE NEWS

Best wishes to Athansia Landis, who was elected as Village of Fredonia Mayor in the recent election, and to Albert "Scott" Foley, elected as Sheridan Town Justice.

At a recent meeting of the Lake Erie Bird Club, held at BOCES- Fredonia, Gale VerHague presented the program "Chasing Feathers: Birding Photography in Western New York", which featured her bird photos taken through the seasons in our area.

Pictured in the Observer early this month: Dunkirk Rotary Club president Mary Jane Covley Walker presented a donation to Dunkirk Historical Lighthouse & Veteran's Park Museum's David Briska, in support of one of our city's most important and treasured Landmarks.

Marv Bjurlin, his work and the home of Marv and Tina are featured in American Craft Magazine, December/January issue. Check it out, it's a great article with many pictures. Congratulations Marv!

Ronnie Lafferty and the program she created "Art Start", an arts ministry held at the First United Methodist Church, 25 Church St, in Fredonia, was featured in the Observer recently. The program is for anyone who'd like to learn or increase their drawing, painting or knitting skills and which any member of the community may attend for free, and the materials are at no cost. It is paid for by a start-up fund through the church, generous donations from members of the community and unsolicited donations by participants. These sources keep the shelves stocked with paint, brushes, papers and

Diane Czekanski has worked as a volunteer at the polls on Election Day for 15 years in Sheridan, reporting there was a good turn out of community voters.

At the the second meeting of the 2015-16 year of the Fredonia Shakespeare Club, Secretary Priscilla Bernatz (Gaasch) presented her paper on Arab scholarship, in which she told about the long history of advancements and achievements in engineering, chemistry, medicine and mathematics, and centers of learning from the middle of the 8th Century to the end of the 15th Century. People should never lose sight of the fact that scholarship as we know it today is built on the accomplishments of the Arab Golden Age.

SPORTS: Jake Kowalewski (grandson of Dave & Carol)- a senior at Attica Central School, and captain of the school's boys soccer team, was voted Player of the Year and member of the All Star team in the Genesee Region, as well as MVP in the Section V, Class B-2 Tournament.

Was quite a picture: the 8 point point buck which "Skip" Gustafson got while hunting this past Monday.

Ev & Shirley Phillips just sent this recap of their recent cruise in the Mediterranean: " We had a wonderful trip. We started in Venice and boarded Cunard ship Queen Victoria. We visited two ports in Croatia, many Greek Islands and then on to Turkey. We stopped in Izmir, where Ev had served in the Navy 60 yrs ago. On to Istanbul and then back to Athens. We spent 3 days in Athens and took a side trip to Santorini for 3 days before heading back home."

What's Happening--

Don't forget- the "Empty Bowls"- Fundraiser- at the **Clarion Hotel**, Lkshr Dr.E., Dunkirk-Sat. Dec. 5, 11am-2pm.

Lydia Evans performing with Vocalis Chamber Choir's "A Vocalis Christmas", Fri. Dec. 4 & Sat. Dec. 5- Check web site: www.vocalischamberchoir.org for locations, times & prices.

Tina Rausa playing in the Theatre of Youth's performance of "A Little House Christmas" from Fri. Dec 4 thru Sun. Dec 20, Allendale Theatre, 203 Allen St., Bflo. Call 716-884-4400 or go to www.theatreofyouth.org for times & ticket info.

Received this from Jim Willett, Port Captain of Erie, PA . In case you're looking for some boating classes, thinking of exploring some of our Great Lakes, or just need a boat fix to make it through the winter. Great Lakes Cruising Club School Announces Expanded Offerings for 2015-16 School Year With the school year starting this November the Great Lakes Cruising Club School will offer over 40 webinars, many of them new. Taught by industry specialists and GLCC-accredited sail or power boating colleagues, the school's highly affordable classes cover everything from weather to maintenance, provisioning to navigation, safe boating to anchoring techniques, regional cruising guides to locking skills ... and more. Each of these classes is easily accessible from your home computer or tablet. In addition, the school has expanded its regional Great Lakes cruising webinars with two new Lake Huron classes, a new webinar covering Lake Ontario, and a new webinar covering additional cruising grounds within Georgian Bay, while also adding several new boating skills classes. Live, real time on-screen presentations with visual aids provide an opportunity for participants to interact with the instructor and each other in a virtual classroom. Sessions typically run 60-90 minutes. On average webinar registration is only \$20.00, discounted to \$15.00 for current Great Lakes Cruising Club (GLCC), United States Power Squadron (USPS) members.. For further information and a listing of subjects, instructors, and costs, visit: www.GLCCSchool.com. To sign up for classes and/or be alerted to upcoming webinars, make sure to register on the GLCC School web site. If you're interested in joining the GLCC please contact Port Captain Jim Willett at jcwill6034@hotmail.com

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: 22' 1977 Seafarer Sailboat \$2500, Contact Erin Armstrong erin.h.armstrong.phd@gmail.com or call her at (614) 505-6912.
	FOR SALE: HR 25, call John Geiben at 366-8737.
FOR SALE: O'Day 22 Sailboat, 1974; shoal draft, 5 sails, trailer, 1982 Evinrude 9.9 LS, electric -start, asking \$2800. 549-0518	FOR SALE: STAYSAIL:-Heavy duty, with wire luff and hanks, also snap shackle, sheets, & bag. Excellent lightly used condition; Luff 19 ft. 7 in., Foot 8 ft. 10 in., Leech 17 ft., \$100. (716) 672-8994.

DUNKIRK YACHT CLUB INSTALLS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS AT FALL BANQUET



The Dunkirk Yacht Club recently held its fall banquet. Pictured from left to right are, front row: Brett Christy, Nancy Steffan, Bill Wright, Carl Bjurlin, Kathy Fox and Robyn Beardsley. Back row: Paul Wallenhorst, Donna Bjurlin, Carl Lis, Doug Reid, John Tallett and Carl Waclawski.

The Dunkirk Yacht Club installed officers and directors for the 2016 season at its recent fall banquet held at the Colony Restaurant. The invocation was delivered by Life member Chester Bates, who called for a moment of silence for those who couldn't attend this year, and for all those members who have gone before.

Outgoing Commodore Paul Wallenhorst thanked everyone for making this a very good year, expressing gratitude to the board and all the members who worked on the docks. Wallenhorst presented his wife Susan with a bouquet of roses in appreciation for all her help. He then passed the gavel to the incoming Commodore Robyn Beardsley, who announced the rest of the new officers for 2016; Vice Commodore Doug Reid; Rear Commodore Nancy Steffan; Treasurer Carl Waclawski; Secretary Carl Hamann; and Past Commodore, Paul Wallenhorst.

Serving on the board of directors will be Donna Bjurlin, Education; Brett Christy, Facilities; Kathy Fox, Race and Recreation; Carl Lis, House; John Tallett, Social; and Bill Wright, Membership.

The following awards were announced. The "T" Cup was presented by last year's recipient, Larry DeJonghe, to Bob Price for always being there, ready to help, and all of his work with the dock/pilings repairs.

Last year's winner of the "Sloppy Sailor Award", Ron Pachol, after a review of some other contenders, presented the trophy to Rich Cowan in recognition of his docking abilities.

Race chairperson Kathy Fox announced "Van's Trophy", presented to the overall winner of the season's three major races: Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day, this year went to "S'Urchin Too!" with skipper Carl Bjurlin and crew. Second was "Moxie" with skipper Doug Reid and crew. Third was "MaD Firefly" with skipper Donna BJurlin and crew.

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Commodore Beardsley presented Susan Wallenhorst with a dozen roses for her efforts during the season.

Outgoing Commodore Wallenhorst thanked those members who had served on the board in 2015: Vice Commodore Robyn Beardsley, Rear Commodore Doug Reid, Past Commodore Jim Rizzo, Treasurer Carl Waclawski, Secretary Rachel Foley, and committee chairpersons Larry DeJonghe, Facilities; Carl Lis, House; Kathy Fox, Race and Recreation; Donna Bjurlin Education; John Tallett, Social; Bill Wright, Membership; Dockmaster, Carl Bjurlin; Webmaster, Larry Van Deusen; Newsletter Nancy Steffan and Gale VerHague, and Pat and Sylvia Bailey. Brett and Jennifer Christy were in charge of dinner arrangements and reservations for the evening. "The Untouchables" provided the musical entertainment for the evening.



Marv and Tina



Diane



Ronnie



Priscilla

A Sail through Europe Fall, 2015, with the Danielsons.

Several members of our bicycle club in Florida organized a bike and barge trip from Mantua to Venice, Italy. During September, Julie and I participated. Ave Maria, our 105 foot "Barge" was fine. We each had a small cabin with a head and shower. There were about 30 of us, Americans, Canadians and Australians, and we all biked together under the leadership of Hienz, a Dutchman with a strong voice and amazing knowledge. Good food, good wine, a nice time

Mantua, Italy, was interesting. The city is unique because it has two cathedrals. They'd built a Monestary which was torn down & eventually replaced with a cathedral, and a separate one for the local bishop. There is also a "round" church there, built in the 9th century. Interesting to me, was the rally that was going on while we were there. It was a reenactment of the Mile Miglia, a thousand mile race through Italy held in the 30's and 40's. There were Alphas, Bugattis,, Mercedes Jaguars, even Volvos and a priceless Auto Union from the 20's to the 60's. They were on display in a square in town and started the rally while we were there.

The route from Mantua to Venice was controlled by the Gonzaga family, who held folks in line with an army of 800, led by one of the daughters, a nun. I didn't know nuns had armies. Another son, a Jesuit, went to America and started a school there. Yes, Gonzaga, the same one. We found Venice crowded and expensive so, unlike our friends who opted to spend a few days there, we headed for Trieste.

Trieste is a lovely ancient port city, and is known for its winds. Built at the head of the Adriatic where the mountains come down to the sea, There is the wind that knocks your hat off, the wind that blows garbage cans around, and the wind that blows people off the streets. To help with the latter, ropes lined the streets in the old days to help people walking with the winds. It is a Roman city and an arena is carved into the hillside and beautifully preserved.

The Yacht Club of the Adriatic is located there and we walked the docks. There was a hundred foot sloop, Sea Quell, tied to the dock, flying an American flag. The home port was "Bikini." Wasn't that one of the atolls in the Pacific used for nuclear bomb testing? The owner flew the flag of the St. Croix Yacht Club, U.S.V.I. I hailed , but, though the companionways were open, I got no response. She was tied right behind an even bigger power yacht from the U.K.

Most interesting about YCA, however, were the prams, optimist dinghys, sailing the bay. It was in the high 50's and winds were around 20 when we watched them sailing. It was Saturday morning and probably 15 boats in sail school were milling about. In the 20 minutes or so we watched them, we saw two flip, to be rescued by the chase boat, whose crew righted the boat, dumped the water out and relaunched it with someone's wet and shivering son or daughter back at the helm. There was no lack of enthusiasm as the whole group set out to cross the bay, about five miles, to the other side of the city, and return.

Back on the dock we enjoyed viewing cruising sail boats from the thirties to the fifties, wooden boats with beautiful white paint and deep rich varnish. Of course there were many modern fiberglass French and German boats as well. Fleets of Snipes and Stars, along with more Optis were stored ashore, ready for the next race.

Slovenia was interesting, too. There was energy in the city. People seemed slim and graceful. Bicycles were everywhere. We walked to museums and found the original Roman walls of the city. We toured the home of Plecnick, the neoclassical architect who designed the triple bridge and many of the buildings in Ljubljana. One day we bussed the 30 miles to Lake Bled, where we rented a heavy old rowboat and rowed to an island in the middle of the lake where climbed the steps of a palace. Later we walked the six kilometers around the shimmering little lake.

Our flights home were uneventful until we got to Newark where rain cancelled all flights to Buffalo. After 24 hours without sleep, a rental car got us to Scranton and home the following day.

--Just a note to say this is my last Nautical News ; Jennifer Christy will be in this spot next year. I want to thank Gale VerHague for all her help with each edition and work she's done in updating the NN, couldn't have done it without her, and same thanks to Sylvia Bailey- always ready to get something from the paper, send out a flyer or what other else we might need, & to Judy Olson for lending a last minute hand. Also-to Mark Maytum and his crew at DFT for the valuable service of printing the newsletter as well as the roster. Have a nice Holiday season. Hope to see you all next year, Nancy. (*goodnite gracie*).



The 2015 Empty Bowl Project
Saturday, December 5
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Clarion Hotel, in Banquet Room
(Note change of Venue)
Live music too!

The local Potter's Co-op have donated their time and materials to create hundreds of one of a kind ceramic bowls which will be available to the public at a soup and bread luncheon Saturday, December 5th between 11:00AM and 2:00 PM at the Clarion Hotel in the banquet room

Bowls will be available for a donation of \$20.00 and \$30.00 and smaller sized bowls will be available for \$10.00

The Soups and Cookies are provided by ECCES culinary students

Your tax deductible contribution will go to the Chautauqua Rural Ministry's "Friendly Kitchen"

Eat Your Soup and Keep Your Bowl

Bowls are food safe and each bowl is imprinted with the Empty Bowls logo. Start a collection.

Many DYC Members have participated in this great event in various capacities.

If you would like to be a part of it this year- contact Tina Rausa @ 673-5479



They make great Christmas Gifts

