

November 2024

Flag Officers 2024

Past Commodore: Jay Bishop
Commodore: Tom Safford
Vice Commodore: Joe Gugino
Rear Commodore: Kirk Frey
Secretary: Chris Piede
Treasurer: Carl Waclawski

Committee Chairs

Facilities: Fred Smith-Dengler
House: Lydia Evans
Membership: Tracy Smith-Dengler
Social: George Burns
Education: Alan Freville
Race and Recreation: John Ludwig

Appointed

Dockmaster: Brett Christy
Newsletter: Sarah Nash Wallace
Website: Larry Van Deusen

News from the Editor

Hello my fellow DYC members and a good-bye as editor of the "Nautical News". It was a good 5 year run, but now it is time you hear from somebody else! I really did enjoy communicating with all of my DYC friends, but I know Sarah Nash Wallace will be a fine replacement and I wish her luck. It was also great seeing everybody at the annual banquet. Good times, good food and good company. We had a great year with Jay Bishop at the helm of our club and are looking forward to many more great things with many improvements on the horizon. Let's hope for a mild winter with little or no ice damage. Also a happy holiday season in the next couple months to everybody as well!



Past and Future Commodores helping mc at the banquet!

Treasurer

Carl made note how capital projects and improvements were the main reason why we were in the negative this past season. Funding for our capital projects was also discussed. Electrical was commented on how it went up this season. Carl went over balance for the year and budgets for each committee. All committees did a wonderful job of staying within their budget.

Membership

Membership Activity Report DYC Annual Board Meeting November 4, 2023

Annual Correspondence and Activity Summary

Applications for New Membership: 10 Members

Rodney Waite	Sponsors: Tom Lafferty, John Berner
Richard Lamparelli	Sponsors: Michael Lamparelli, Tom Lafferty
Alex Christy	Sponsors: Brett Christy, Jim Christy
Edward Lachapelle	Sponsors: Tracy Smith-Dengler, Jerry Bradigan
James Debolt	Sponsors: Mike Swenson, Jim Christy
Kenny Cunningham	Sponsors: Tracy Smith-Dengler, Bill McCausland
Robert Moore	Sponsors: George Burns, Tracy Smith-Dengler
Ryan Deas	Sponsors: George Burns, Tracy Smith-Dengler
Nicole Clift	Sponsors: George Burns, Tracy Smith-Dengler
Aisling Heenan	Sponsors: Tracy Smith-Dengler, George Burns
Andrew Woloszyn	Sponsors:

Waiting List to Probationary: 14 Members

Robert Clark	Sponsors: Jim Christy, Andrew Dailey
Michael Dinoto	Sponsors: Jeff Tinstman, Jim Christy
Jayson DeGolier	Sponsors: Chris Piede, Richard Cieslewski
Troy Sasse	Sponsors: Tom Safford, Jay Bishop
Richard Wick	Sponsors: Tom Safford, Mark Stoddard
Darren Buck	Sponsors: Tom Webb, Carl Hammann
Paul Pomietlasz	Sponsors: Allan Wolfe, Dennis Wolfe
Kate Wdowiasz	Sponsors: Carl Lis, Paul Nichter
James Walas	Sponsors: Rick Johnson, John Berner
Markus Deas	Sponsors: George Burns, Chris Piede
Marcus Johnston	Sponsors: Greg Kowal, Jason Schmidt
Tim Borzilleri	Sponsors: Jay Bishop, Joe Gugino
Mark Zafuto	Sponsors: Jarratt Tunstill, Marv Bjurlin
Stephanie McCann	Sponsors: Jay Bishop, Joe Gugino
Sanj Katyal	Deferred to Bottom of List for 3 rd Round
Joshua Nichols	Deferred to Bottom of List for 2 nd Round
Jerry Hall	Deferred to Bottom of List for 2 nd Round
Maria Sasinowski	Deferred to Bottom of List for 2 nd Round
Nathan Davidson	Requested Removal from Wait List
Jim Weaver	Requested Removal from Wait List
Don Thompkins	Requested Removal from Wait List
Abbey Zentz	Requested Removal from Wait List
Nevin Miller	Requested Removal from Wait List
Martin Nichter	Requested Removal from Wait List

Membership (con't)

Probationary to Senior: 4 Members

Jim Hoovler	Charlie Kuell	Steve Peacock
	William Rickard	

Senior to Life Member: 1 Member

Carl Waclawski, July 2023 (Eligible March 2023)

Change in Status: 3 Members

Robert Hofgren:	Life Member, Resigned Slip
Jim Arcoraci:	Inactive
Marv Bjurlin:	Life Member, Resigned Slip

Resignations: 9 Resignations

Don Gee	Scott Mackay	Rich Cowan
Greg Craft	John Washburn	Jon Muntz
Jim Rizzo	Kathy Woodward	Robert Meister

Waiting List Status: 21 Currently on Waiting List

Membership Status: 94 Active Members with 90 Assigned Slips

New Member Orientation: Held Friday, June 16th at DYC, Tracy Smith-Dengler presiding

Membership Planning 2023: Organize Database, Digitize DYC Membership Records, Recruitment

Facilities

Fred wanted to thank everyone for the great help this past season!

Education

Alan mentioned that due to pintail sail that member boats will be used in the future for sailing class. DYC will hold liability for this. This will be beneficial because the bigger boats can hold students and instructor. This will allow better training and safety.

Webmaster

Upgrades to help with the server are on going to be addressed this offseason. There will also be a new method of sending mass email instead of MailChimp. Reminder that every newsletter is on the website immediately after it is sent out. This includes all newsletters dating back to 2009!

Race and Recreation

John thanked everyone who helped and participated this season. He wanted to remind everyone that these events were mostly free, and to stay tuned for next year's calendar of events.

Race & Recreation 2024 Year End Summary

The Sunset Bay excursion was successful with 6 boats and 25 people attending. Weather was great and everyone seemed to have a good time.

For the Barcelona trip, lunch at When Pigs Fly, 4 boats and 16 people attended, weather was great, lake calm.

The Poker Run was held on August 3. Our luck with good weather ran out. Rain stopped just as all boats returned to docks and it was sunny after that. We had 5 boats anchored as card stations. 4 boats with 8 people participated. Card station boaters also participated in the Poker game. Three additional people came late and played cards.

The Main Street Beach Party, which was originally going to be a Shorewood beach Party, lasted about an hour before an approaching storm forced us back to the club house. Two boats and 7 people participated. Die Hard boaters from East Dock and our Vice Commodore attended.

For the Coastal Sailboat Race we had great weather but could have used more wind. Seven sailboats participated, 4 raced competitively and 3 for fun racing against the clock. A total of 25 people were on sailboats and 8 additional people helped with food and committee boats.

The Fishing Activity was postponed and then cancelled after two consecutive rainy and windy Saturday mornings. We had six fishing boat captains volunteering to take other members out for a morning of fishing, but only a few members indicate an interest in going fishing.

With the exception of the Fishing Activity, the events were held rain or shine on the dates indicated in the Roster. The budget of \$250 was spent on hot dogs, hamburgers and prizes. There was no fee to participate in any of the events but participants were asked to bring a dish to pass for the events with food.

Rear Commodore

Long range planning was discussed at the annual meeting. One of the projects was elimination of stairs to make our club handicap accessible. The next few years will see North and East Dock renovations, which will NOT involve any new slip assignments as small section will be done at a time so there will be no displacement. Joe also would like to see bathroom and kitchen upgraded eventually. Raising docks into the club will also help to get utilities out of the water. Guard rails are part of the planned upgrades and please send any suggestions to any board member. **Please send any suggestions as none of long range planning is set in stone!**

Commodore

Commodores Annual Meeting Report November 2, 2024

The Commodore shall be the chief officer of the Dunkirk Yacht Club and shall perform the duties as usually pertain to the office or as required by the Board of Directors. The Commodore shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall appoint a Dockmaster(s) subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

In addition to the current duties above the commodore shall 1.) Address any club-related personal issues that arise throughout year 2.) Approve any communications and correspondence with local, state, or federal offices. 3.) Schedule, plan, and present with the help from his/her committee the Commodores Party. Typically, the Commodore Party committee consists of the Past Commodore, Vice Commodore, Social Chair, and any other members deemed appropriate 4.) Work closely with the Secretary to sign and understand monetary bank transactions for DYC

As you have heard from our wonderful committee members and leadership, it has been an incredibly busy and productive year at DYC. We started out on the right foot at our first meeting, discussing specific committee goals and budgets for 2024, board operation, and our mutual desire to maintain a culture of civility and respect, not only on the board, but for our entire membership. Since our board and leadership changes annually, we thought it was important to revisit and update our enduring materials and documents, including our board position job descriptions, which now reside on the members only portion of our website. The newly formed Automation Committee will build on the previous platforms created by Carl B and Larry V, and we aim to provide a document repository for our rich history, our working documents, and to allow better electronic communication out to the membership. We are interested in transparency, and it can be a challenge getting the word out to everyone, but Chris P. created a Remind app, and we still pass out hard copies of announcements to those in need. Each mailing costs about \$200 and we are looking forward to an electronic alternative where appropriate.

From a financial point of view, we collaborated with Carl W and were able to take advantage of rising CD and Money Market rates to add dollars to our Club. We dealt with a few club member issues in a positive way with good outcomes, and I really enjoyed the opportunity to get to know new club members and get to know other members much better than I had.

I think the Commodore Christmas in July Party was a big hit, including a visit from Santa Claus himself (along with Mrs. Claus). Special thanks to the incredible Commodore Party committee for making it all happen.

We purchased new merchandise that was extremely popular, discussed and created an Ad Hoc committee to discuss Fees/Dues/Work hours, and had a great orientation from Tracy for our new members. Hat's off to our wonderful board and membership, so many good deeds and commitment to our Club. I wanted to share one of the many thank you's we received, for donations, transients, or just being the Club that we are. I am also so impressed by our Life Members who continue to provide work hours, advice, and support to our Club. Rick J and I discussed Life Member involvement, and it was so gratifying to see such continued commitment.

The infrastructure projects including West dock are a tremendous accomplishment thanks to the skills and dedication of our members. I am looking forward to keeping the momentum going, and continuing to ensure our Club is safe and usable for all.

Dear Club Members,

The Dunkirk Yacht Club is a place of cherished history and memories, and to ensure its longevity, we must address key infrastructure needs on behalf of our members and our Club. These include repairs to the West, North, and East docks, clubhouse entryway upgrades, dock safety improvements, and electrical updates to meet safety and accessibility needs. As the price of everything continues to rise, our club is affected as well when it comes to the cost of repairs and infrastructure maintenance. We find ourselves in a position of opportunity to maintain and improve our Club, which will require additional financial support.

Infrastructure Needs

We face significant infrastructure requirements, including repairs to the West, North, and East docks, upgrades to the clubhouse entryway, dock safety improvements, and electrical system updates. These upgrades are critical for safety, accessibility, and meeting the needs of our ageing membership.

Proposed Adjustments for Long-Term Sustainability

To address these needs and secure the club's future, the Board has discussed at length several fee adjustments to cover rising costs, fund infrastructure projects, and build a strong reserve fund.

Slip Fee Adjustments

Over the past three years, slip fee revenue has averaged \$20,500. We propose raising it to \$26,650, with a 5% annual increase going forward, rounded up to the nearest dollar. **See end of letter for breakdown.*

Additional Electricity Fees

A seasonal fee of \$50 per refrigerator or air conditioning unit, max \$100 per slip.

Infrastructure Fee

We propose a \$100 infrastructure fee, which will be voted on by the general membership of the club each year. Life members, though exempt from regular dues, will be included in this assessment to ensure that all members contribute. This fee will support ongoing repairs and future improvements, including:

- **2025 Clubhouse Entryway Project:** Addressing accessibility for our aging members.
- **2026-2030 North and East Dock Upgrades:** Enhancing dock safety and functionality.

Total Financial Impact

These proposed changes—including slip fee increases, the \$100 infrastructure fee, and refrigerator/air conditioning fees—are estimated to generate an additional \$15,350 annually.

Building Our Reserve Fund

The goal is to gradually increase the reserve fund to \$100,000 to handle unforeseen expenses and future projects without sudden fee hikes. A portion of the additional revenue will go toward this reserve.

Conclusion

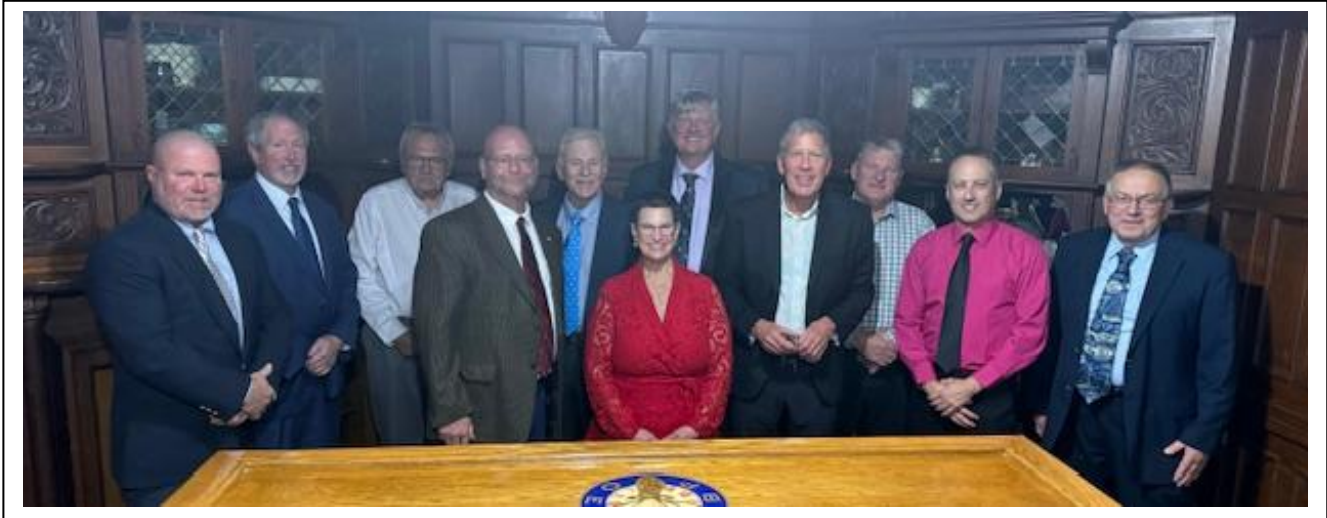
These adjustments are essential to maintain the quality of our facilities and the financial health of the Dunkirk Yacht Club. With these updates, we will meet immediate needs and preserve the club's legacy for present members and for future generations.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the club.

With gratitude and optimism,

The Dunkirk Yacht Club Board Members

Slip Size / Location	Current Fee	Proposed 2025 Add'l 30%	Proposed 2026 Add'l 5%	Proposed 2027 Add'l 5%
Small Slips & East Dock South Side	\$162.50	\$212	\$223	\$235
West Dock & East Dock North Side	\$195.00	\$254	\$267	\$281
North Dock N3 - N10	\$221.00	\$288	\$303	\$319
North Dock N11- N14	\$234.00	\$305	\$321	\$338
East Dock, East End	\$260.00	\$338	\$355	\$373
North Dock N16 - N24	\$260.00	\$338	\$355	\$373
North East Dock	\$260.00	\$338	\$355	\$373
North East Dock, East End	\$325.00	\$423	\$445	\$468



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Appointed Positions:

Dock Master **Brett Christy**

Newsletter **Sarah Nash Wallace**

Webmaster **Larry Van Deusen**



Sloppy Sailor award...congrats Brian and the awesome storytelling with visuals from Kirk!
 John giving out sailing awards and congrats to Janis and Mike for being awarded the Tee Cup!

For the Good of the Club

Please contact Tracy Smith-Dengler if you want any merchandise. They make great gifts for the holidays!!!

Next Meeting date: Tuesday January 14 2024 TBD/Online Meeting Via Zoom