

# Nautical News



*The Newsletter of the Dunkirk Yacht Club*

## 2016 Board Members

### Flag Officers

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

### Committee Chairs

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

The March DYC board meeting was held on March 8<sup>th</sup> with Commodore Robyn Beardsley presiding.

The meeting began with an introduction to two members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla. Mary Margaret Wagner and Commander Doug Hamernick spoke in regards to their volunteer group and the services they provide. They are looking to find a home for their boat and are requesting DYC consider allowing them to dock their privately owned boat at the club. They explained that they do not do law enforcement and that their basis and focus is on education. As part of the presentation they shared that there could be opportunities to provide educational courses to club members and that members of the group would be willing to help the club with clean up / work days. The Board voted to provide a slip to the Coast Guard Auxiliary group if there is a slip available.

In Board news, membership chair Bill Wright reported that there were two candidates up for probationary membership, Michael Burr and David Freshwater. No action was taken as neither candidate was able to attend, Michael Burr will attend the April board meeting and David Freshwater will be available to attend the June meeting. In other membership news, letters of resignation were received from Dan Putnam, Al Williams and Brian Armstrong.

Facilities Chair Brett Christy shared that he and Carl Bjurlin had walked the docks at the club recently and reported that many steps (ladders) and boards are broken off and missing. It will take increased work hours to fix in preparation for the boating season.



**Next DYC Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.**  
**Knights of Columbus Clubroom**

He anticipates an increase in costs for purchasing lumber for repairs this spring due to damage from the ice. Given the ice situation, he stated that we will need to consider taking out ladders at the end of the season going into next winter. He wanted to convey to anyone going to check things out at the club to use extreme caution as there are many deckboards cracked, heaving or missing. The date for club opening has been set for Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Carl Bjurlin shared that he has received many requests for slips however he is not going to make any decisions / changes until repairs have been made and available slips are determined.

The Board discussed purchasing the pneumatic hammer and Robyn provided a list of additional equipment with pricing. The Board recognized the need to act on purchasing equipment in a timely manner in order to have it available to start repairs on the docks and the pilings. A motion was made to purchase the pneumatic hammer along with additional equipment needed to outfit the barge and was approved unanimously.



## *From the Helm*

Dear Members: Happy Spring!!!

The Board approved purchasing the Pneumatic Hammer from Southern Exposure Marine. We hope this tool will handle all or most of our piling maintenance needs. We all agree that this type of work requires workers with specific experience so there is no 'general invitation' for workers. Our Facilities Director, Brett Christy, will make sure we have a group with the necessary experience. If you have that experience and would be able to help, you must contact Brett. No matter what job we are working on at the club, we want it to be accomplished in a safe manner with no injury, especially pile driving.

In regard to injury: if you walk on the docks, please be careful of some of the broken decking, mostly at ladder joints where the ice raised or moved the ladders. We are exploring ways to attach and detach the ladders and uprights each year to prevent that. Other yacht clubs in the area have always had to prepare for ice. They detach ladders or pivot them out of the water at closing. A great suggestion came out last meeting from a member in attendance, to use brackets on our catwalks to hold the uprights and allow easy removal at closing. Thanks Dan.

There is plenty for all to do in order to fulfill work hours and make a difference. So volunteer early so we can all make plans.

While there are many preparations now for the club as a whole, I'm sure we are also thinking about our boats. Weather is becoming mild, and maintenance on our boats will be more enjoyable. So make your list of 'things to do' if you haven't already, and start checking them off. Do what you can so you don't hesitate to launch. It seems that it might be a good year to begin boating early.

On a social note, the Commodore's Party is on the calendar for July 16. I'm hoping that early planning will ensure that most of our Past Commodores can arrange their schedules to attend. We are, as always, anxious for that opportunity to socialize and to honor you for your hard work that helped make the club what it is today.

Robyn Beardsley 2016 Commodore s/v Peregrine