

# 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

Commodore Robyn Beardsley called the monthly board meeting to order on April 12<sup>th</sup>. DYC is proud to welcome Jay Bishop as the newest member of the yacht club who was approved for probationary status at the April meeting. Jay was sponsored by Pat Damore and Tony Bartholomew. He resides with his wife Kim and son Jackson in Dunkirk and has 2 older sons as well. He shared at the meeting that he has been boating for many years and currently has a 36-foot powerboat. He volunteers with various organizations and looks forward to getting involved and being able to contribute at the club. He is currently active in the Great Lakes Cruising Club and is the Port Captain for Dunkirk. Pat Damore was in attendance at the meeting and spoke on his behalf, also sharing Jay's success as the coach of the Steelers High School Varsity hockey team who were state champions this year.

A request from the Conservation Club was received to use the club facilities for their annual "Take a Kid Fishing" day. The event would be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> from approximately 8:00-10:30 and they expect approximately 50 children to participate. Kudos to member Jeff Tinstman who will help oversee the event. The Board approved the request and continued their support of this worthy event for the youth in our area.

In other membership news, a letter of resignation was received from Jim Kuhn. The Board accepted the resignation in good standing. John Washburn was eligible and approved by the Board for Senior membership. Michael Burr has requested to be



**Next DYC Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday May 10, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.**  
**DYC clubhouse**

moved to the bottom of the waiting list. Walter Gotowka, sponsored by Tom Lafferty and John Berner will be invited to the May meeting as the next person eligible for probationary status. Robyn shared a letter she received from Walter and Ann Skeldon who returned their membership fee check as a donation to the club. They mentioned their fond memories of the club and their wishes for the club to be successful in the future.

In facilities news, Brett reported that no further damage was visible at the club since the March meeting. The pounder and other necessary equipment for piling work has been purchased. Reminder that the club opening is Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please see the letter included in the newsletter from Brett regarding the equipment, planned repairs and the opening day work party.

In Recreation / Race news, Kathy shared the tentative schedule for this year – please see below. Kathy is also trying to find out how many members may be interested in going to Port Colburne in August (LEI). She is also looking at planning a “cruise – rally” event which would be open to both sail and powerboats. The idea being for all to meet at a designated place (port or dock) have a dinner together and then travel home the next day. She noted that it would not be a race and the intention would be to travel together. One destination she suggested was the State Park Marina in Erie, PA. Please contact Kathy if you have an interest and or ideas for these potential events to participate together in as members.

In Education news, Donna shared that the dates for the youth and adult sailing classes in conjunction with JCC have been set (specific dates included below). The race for the sailing class will be held on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Lou Deering has been getting the pintails ready for the sailing program and it was recommended that all 5 pintails be utilized. Donna also shared that she will be coordinating with Carl Lis to schedule an AED training course, more information to follow.

In House news, Carl Lis reported that he would be taking inventory to get the clubhouse stocked with supplies. Please see the note and preliminary house cleaning schedule posted in the newsletter.

Dockmaster Carl Bjurlin said that he hopes to have dock assignments posted on opening day it will be pending current damages and repairs. He is still keeping in mind accommodations for the Coast Guard Auxillary however he wants all members securely assigned first.

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# News From Facilities



As reported last month the docks did sustain a little more damage than most years. No worries though we have persevered through much worse and the drive of the NYC will prevail.

We are looking for your help for Club Opening starting Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. All members are welcome and needed to get our clubhouse and docks back in operation for another great summer on the water. Opening tasks will include pressure washing docks (please bring your pressure washer if available), retrieval of dock ladders detached in the water, turning on and repairing water and electric, club house opening, dock repairs from ice, gin pole block and tackle, picnic table placement, pump out replacement, rebuild many dock ladders, fire protection and many more tasks that all can work on. Also, don't forget a Great Chili Lunch provided by the Damore's.

A lot of progress has started on the work barge already since the Beardsleys brought home the "Pounder" and winches from Florida. Design is complete on the derrick for the barge and much thanks already goes out to Bob Beardsley and Jim Christy for their work on the derrick. Many more thanks to all that through their ideas and structural engineering knowledge contributed to the process.

Once the Pounder and derrick are mounted to the barge and in operation there will be a select crew only that will be working on piling replacements for safety and continuity concerns which is our primary goal. This rigging and pile driving work will be very focus oriented work that will need to be safely performed by a select group of members that have done rigging and heavy lifting in the past. The safety of all of our members is the key to this successful pile-driving venture that we are undertaking.

We look forward to another great year on the water with all of your help.

As in the years past there will be Facility Work Orders posted on the bulletin board starting May 7th. for interested members to achieve there required NYC work hours. If you ever have any question please feel free to reach out to me at any time at [716-200-2685](tel:716-200-2685).

Thanks in advance for all of your help.....

Brett  
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## **NY Canal System set schedule for boating season**

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS APRIL 17TH 2016

ALBANY, NY (AP) – New York's State Canal System is scheduled to open on May 1 for the 2016 season. The 524-mile system connects the Hudson River with Lake Champlain, Lake Ontario, Cayuga Lake, Seneca Lake, and Lake Erie via the Niagara River.

It includes the Erie, Champlain, Oswego, and Cayuga-Seneca canals.

According to the Canal Corp. hours of operation through May 25 will be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., returning to that schedule again on September 8.

Hours through most of the season will be 8 a.m. to 6p.m. though many locks and lift bridges will operate on demand from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Service is available around the clock for commercial vessels. Operators should call at least 24 hours in advance.

**2016 DYC Race Schedule**

May 29	<b>Memorial Day Race</b> (June 5 <sup>th</sup> alternate date)
June 17	<b>Father's Day Race</b>
June 26	<b>"Bring a Powerboater Sailing" Race</b>
July 4	<b>Independence Day Race</b> (July 10 <sup>th</sup> alternate date)
July 13	<b>Graduation Race for Sailing School</b>
July 17	<b>Commodore's Race</b> (July 24 <sup>th</sup> alternate date)
August 7	<b>Ladies Champagne Race</b>
August Weekend	<b>LEI Cruise</b> (TBA – weather and participant depend.)
September 4	<b>Labor Day Race</b> (September 11 <sup>th</sup> alternate date)

**DYC Club Races all other Sundays: May 22- September 18**

**Races are open to all sailboats: Class / PHRF  
All members are encouraged to participate  
Sunday Skipper's Meeting @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday Night Racing**

May 18-September 7 Practice nights  
Skipper's Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Open to all boats and individuals wanting to participate  
Rotating responsibility for Hot Dog picnic  
All additional dishes welcome.

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Ads**For Sale:**

24-foot SHARK  
sailboat Hull #254  
Seller would like to  
see boat remain  
within DYC  
membership. Great  
starter boat with  
everything you need.  
Rigging is set up so  
boat can be raced if  
desired  
Call Carl Bjurlin  
@ 397-7530

**For Sale:**

1977 22' Seafarer  
Sailboat  
\$2500  
Contact: Erin  
Armstrong @  
[erin.h.armstrong.phd@gmail.com](mailto:erin.h.armstrong.phd@gmail.com)  
(614) 505-6912

**For Sale:**

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

**OPENING DAY MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> 2016****WORK PARTY STARTING @ 8:00 A.M.**

DRESS FOR PREDICTED WESTERN NEW YORK WEATHER

**1<sup>ST</sup> SOCIAL GATHERING OF THE YEAR FOLLOWING WORK PARTY  
@ 6:00 P.M. COST : \$5.00 @ DYC CLUBHOUSE  
BRING A DISH TO PASS**



## Sailing Lessons

Offered through a partnership between  
DYC and JCC

Lessons held at the yacht club

Visit [www.sunyjcc.edu/northcounty/kids](http://www.sunyjcc.edu/northcounty/kids)

for more info and registration.

See schedule of dates below

### Youth Class Schedule

Date	Start Time	End Time	Activity
Wed 6/29	6:00 pm?	?	Orientation
Tue 7/5	12:00 pm	4:00 pm	Youth Class
Wed 7/6	12:00 pm	4:00 pm	Youth Class
Thu 7/7	12:00 pm	4:00 pm	Youth Class
Fri 7/8	12:00 pm	4:00 pm	Youth Class
Wed 7/13	6:00 pm	9:30 pm	Graduation & Shark Sailing

### Adult Class Schedule

Date	Start Time	End Time	Activity
Wed 6/29	6:00 pm?	?	Orientation
Tue 7/5	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Adult Class
Thu 7/7	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Adult Class
Sat 7/9	9:00 am	12:00 pm	Adult Class
Mon 7/11	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Adult Class
Tue 7/12	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Adult Class
Wed 7/13	6:00 pm	9:30 pm	Graduation & Shark Sailing

### In The News...

- Tina Rausa is starring in "WOMEN ON FIRE" onstage at O'Connell & Company through May 1. [www.oconnellandcompany.com](http://www.oconnellandcompany.com) Note: The show will appear at the Fredonia Opera House on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Condolences to Darlene Letersky and Larry DeJonghe on the passing of Belva Jean Dengler Metzler. She was Darlene's sister and Larry's Aunt.
- Margaret Foley, daughter of Scott & Ellen was recently awarded the 2016 State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. She will be graduating this spring with a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental and forest biology from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.
- Ronnie Lafferty was recently part of the Art Start Community Artists Show inaugural exhibition. It was held at the First United Methodist Church in Fredonia and featured more than 40 artists.

Please send or forward me any information that anyone would like shared in the Nautical News  
[bjchristy98@gmail.com](mailto:bjchristy98@gmail.com)



## House Duties

In an effort to ensure consistent coverage we have decided to return to an "old practice" of putting the House Duty schedule in the newsletter. Please take a look at the schedule and call Carl Lis to volunteer. Signing up for a week of housekeeping is an excellent way for new members to familiarize themselves with the clubhouse and learn how the Yacht Club operates as a facility. Think about signing up early while there are still many weeks to choose from.

Week of	Member	Week of	Member
May 9		July 25	
May 16		August 1	
May 23	Michele Bernatz	August 8	
May 30		August 15	
June 6		August 22	
June 13		August 29	
June 20		September 3	
June 27		September 10	
July 4		September 17	
July 11		September 24	
July 18		September 31	

### Memorial Day Party Hosted by Judy Olson

More info and details will be coming soon.



### Notes from the Newsletter

Just a reminder - I would welcome any information that may be beneficial to share in the NN. I want to plan to continue a "Member's Column" that would be dedicated to ideas, **memories, history** or other useful information for the "good of the club". Please email me info at [bjchristy98@gmail.com](mailto:bjchristy98@gmail.com) or by mail @

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