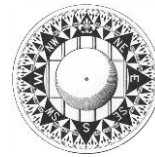


DYC Nautical News



DYC Board Members 2012

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September 2012

The September meeting was held on the 11th with Commodore Bill Wright presiding.

We are saddened to report the loss of DYC Member Mike McKinnon. Mike shied away from recognition but he was instrumental in much of the behind the scenes work at the Club. He and Will and others worked tirelessly on installing the new decking, cat walks, roof repair, etc. Mike was a generous man and many enjoyed the McKinnon hospitality both in Fredonia and in Big Pine Key, Florida. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Pam, Mike, Jr. and the McKinnon family.

DYC will donate a book to the Fredonia Library in memory of Mike.

Five new applications were submitted for approval to the waiting list. They include: G. Jay Bishop, Sp by Damore and Bartholomew; Wally Gotowka, Sp by Lafferty and Berner; Kathy Reed, Sp by Fancher and Steffan; Stephen Stahl, Sp by M. Bjurlin, and J. Christy and William Smith, Sp by VanDeusen and M. Bjurlin. Sponsors spoke on their behalf and all names were added to the waiting list. A letter of resignation has been received and accepted from Doug Newman. Doug has been a member for 23 years.

Many entering the Club recently witnessed yet another water line break. The City has worked trying to remedy this ongoing problem. Right now it is repaired!

A note from Dunkirk City Mayor, AJ Dolce was received thanking the DYC for its contribution to the City for the 7/4 Fireworks.

With such nice weather, the Club closing will be postponed to Oct. 20 with a rain date of Oct. 27. Do not rely on this event to get your 10 hours. This project will not take all day. Your presence is needed to get things done, but it will be a shortened time this year.

Speaking of hours, as we always do, only one member has accrued no hours. Many lack only a few, so let's get on the stick. One area needed is assistance for the Die-Hard Party to be held Sept. 29. (see enclosed info) Jason Schmidt will chair but needs help setting up and cleaning up. Give him a call!!!! As stated last month, Shorewood Country has extended an invitation to DYC to attend their Barn Dance on Sept. 28. (See enclosed flyer)



Michael J. McKinnon, Sr.
Dec. 12, 1950-Sept. 4, 2012

**Next DYC Board Meeting
Tues. October 9, 7 PM at DYC**

Under new business, the updated guidelines listed in the two previous issues were approved. The issue of smoking was brought up. Many establishments have very strict guidelines. There will be a smoking limitation rule next year. This is a warning. There have been some issues with the Key Club this year and those need to be addressed as well as boat slips. They are a premium and the question on how long one can pay for a slip and not use it needs to be rectified.

Of major concern is the NRG situation. Thanks to the outflow, our harbor remains ice free during the winter. They are in the process of mothballing a portion of the plant, but not completely so there is no problem at NYC this coming winter. However, once it freezes, decks, pilings etc. are at risk. Don't want to be a purveyor of doom but it may be a possibility!!!



Commodore's Corner *September, 2012*

At the last Friday night party, some wise old commodore told me that my commodore year won't be judged by social events, races or capital projects, but will be judged by the weather. Unless Mother Nature has plans for a tornado event in Dunkirk, 2012 should be remembered as a great year.

It seems like only a couple of months ago that that we were anticipating summer, and now we are watching it slip away. Boats have already begun leaving the club as members prepare for the many non-boating months ahead. Just a few more social events before we close up the Club for good.

Fall is a great time at the NYC. Some of my favorite memories are late-season Friday night parties where the group is smaller and more intimate. I even remember a few huddling around the electric heater and the oven. Don't miss them. They are special.

I want to give a special thanks to Brian Walnicki for the entertainment at the September 7 party. What a special treat to be serenaded by strings while enjoying wine, cheese and the usual Friday night fare at NYC. That is one to remember and, hopefully, repeat.

A reminder to members that the close of the Club means the close of the fiscal year, and the close of the opportunity for 2012 work hours. If it hasn't been burned into your brains, the Board takes work hours commitments seriously. Procrastinate no more! Vice Commodore Cody Britton, who is in charge of work hours this year, has made the invitation to help all members find ways to get their work hours. His power to do so gets smaller as the remainder of the year gets shorter.

Finally, it is not too early to mark your calendars for the 2012 Annual Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 3, 1:00PM at the Knights of Columbus. Every year since I became a member of this Club we have struggled to meet the quorum requirements to conduct the annual meeting. The Annual Meeting is an important part of the governance of the Club. It is your opportunity to raise issues, make suggestions, and vote on the Board that will govern the Club in the coming years. It is also your obligation as a club member to be in attendance. Write it down and be there! Please. Pretty please.

Remember that you don't have to wait until the annual meeting to address the Board. Club members are always welcome at regular monthly meetings, which occur on the second Tuesday of each month, except December. Very few members take advantage of this opportunity. If you have suggestions or complaints, please bring them to the Board.

See you at the club!

Bill Wright, Commodore

Coming Events

Sat. Sept. 29 Die Hard Party

Sat. Nov. 3, 1 PM, Annual Meeting

Sat. Nov. 3, Fall Banquet

Sat. Oct. 20 Club Closing

Sat. Oct. 27 Club Closing Rainedate

To all Life and Senior members in good standing of the Dunkirk Yacht Club as per Article VI, Section 1 of the Dunkirk Yacht Club By-Laws...The 2012 Nominating Committee, consisting of Cody Britton, Ken Kuwik and Jim Christy present the following names for election to the Dunkirk Yacht Club Board of Directors.

For a One (1)Year Term

Bill Wright
Robyn Beardsley
Jim Rizzo
Larry Van Deusen
Nancy Steffan
Richard Cieslewicz

For a Two (2) year Term

Paul Wallenhorst
Rachel Foley
Kathy Peters
Scott Mackay
Don Ellington
Cody Britton

Elections to be held at the *General Membership* meeting November 3, 1:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus Clubroom 302 Lynx Street. (the corner of 3rd and Lynx) Dunkirk. NY



*Hey matie, The DYC WiFi is now up and running, log on to
DYC-9789*

*Note: Letters are upper case and the numbers are the DYC
phone number!!*

What's Happening

This past month we have had some very successful social events. The authentic Greek Brunch saw many that we haven't seen all summer. It's always wonderful to have support as a lot of time is spent on hosting these events. The Labor Day Party was also a great success and the new Wine, Cheese and Strings Friday night gave us a "Touch of Class", thanks to Brian Walnicki and Inge for the Strings part. The Mayor of Dunkirk was in attendance and many expressed our appreciation to him for allowing us to park in our "New Area." Thanks so much to the hosts and hostesses for all of these great events!!

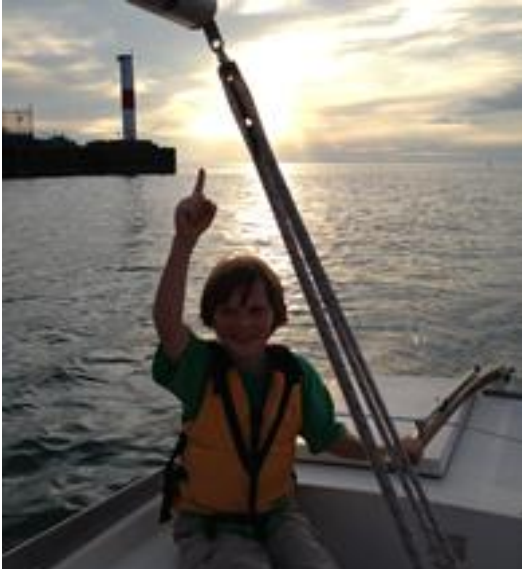
Sincere condolences to Don **Nash**, Jr. family on the loss of his mother, Joan M. Evey. She resided in Preston, Maryland.

Jack and Perce **Gaasch** recently returned from an extended trip in the North Channel....Don and Marion **Eno** had a wonderful European cruise. Wayne and Susan Royal **Jones** recently took a trip to Greece. They said the recent brunch was "just like Greece!" Speaking of Greece, Andrew and Athanasia **Landis** were recently there visiting family. Ed **Will** and Dan **Putnam** recently spent time "Way up North" fishing for the big ones, a bi-annual trip.

Mary Jane **Walker** was called up again by the Red Cross, this time to Hattiesburg, Mississippi to assist following the devastation of Hurricane Isaac.

Piper is a double ringer on the ring game and Zachary recently attended Star Wars Camp and is now officially a Jedi Master. Great accomplishments!! They are the children of Brian and Lydia **Evans** Walnicki and Grandchildren of Sue Evans.

In The News



Teddy **Bjurlin**, Grandson of Marv, Sharon **Bartoo**, and Nephew of Carl demonstrates the sailing term "Pointing Up"



Buffalo News: "William **Prevet** rides on a Hobie Cat pontoon on Lake Erie, with his father, Chris Prevet, as captain near their home in Van Buren."
William is the Grandson of Tom and Carol Prevet and Bill and Jean **Foley**.

-Emily **Bartholomew** a member of the Collage dance team was one of the lucky people to qualify for the 2013 National Dance Teams Championships. Emily is the daughter of Tony and Amy.

-Mark and Mike **Czekanski** pictured for their 60th Birthday.

-Pam **Benchley** competed in the Second Annual Tri-Dunkirk consisting of running, swimming and biking. -She came in 16th overall out of 215 competitors.

-Sue Marsh represented Shorewood Country Club in the NYS Senior Amateur Championship held recently at Shorewood. Other golfers in the news include Carol **Kowalewski**, Marcia **Casella**, Cathy **Berner**, Rich **Cieslewicz** and George **Wheeler**. Mark **Maytum** a tournament committee member for the recent HK Williams tourney at Shorewood. In the NRG Dunkirk Golf Tourney, also at Shorewood, Doug **Mahaney** won second place. Doug is also in the news with the Putnam Record Agency hosting a Safety Saturday; promoting safety tips. As a promo for the event he was guest host on WDOE Radio. We especially liked his giving the weather ala George Carlin, the Hippie-Dippie Weatherman.

With school back in session, we now see the name Tyler **Cassidy**, Dan and Amy, playing on the football field and Bre **Dahn**, Bob and Tarie, Brigitte **Boettcher**, Fritz and Sue, playing soccer and Kelsey Viannese, Granddaughter of Perce **Gaasch** on the tennis court.

Mark **Kutner** as a Town of Dunkirk Trustee.

Damore receives ECAC award

Special to the OBSERVER

CENTERVILLE, Mass. - Dr. Pat Damore who until July 1, 2012 was the only commissioner the State University of New York Athletic Conference had ever known, has been named the 2012 Eastern College Athletic Conference Commissioner's Award recipient. Damore will be feted at the 2012 ECAC Honors dinner held in conjunction with the 24th Annual ECAC Convention and Trade Show that will be held Sept. 29 through Oct. 2 at the Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa in Groton, Conn. The Honors Dinner is slated for Sunday, Sept. 30.

The Commissioner's Award is presented for meritorious service to the ECAC or an ECAC member institution. The recipient must have demonstrated significant accomplishment in his or her chosen professional field or on the athletic field.

Many Class reunions were held this summer..Corney **Benchley** celebrated with the Forestville Class of 1967 at their 45th reunion; Rollin **Fancher** with the Silver Creek Class of 1952 celebrated his 60th reunion and Mary **Price** and John **Crockett** celebrated with the Class of 1972 at Dunkirk High School's 40th reunion. Family Reunions had the Bill and Cathy **Wojcinski** family gather for their annual event.

From the archives 1972—"Dr. Donald **Eno** was part of a four-man county team performing line surgery demonstrations on dogs at the New York State Fair". "The Dunkirk Harbor Junior Sailing Program ended its summer activities with the annual Tin Can Regatta. Carl **Lis** was crew for the winning team."

Published in the OBSERVER in 1968: "Contestants in the eighth annual Miss Murray Hose Company vying for Miss Chautauqua County. One of the contestants was Sue **McClelland**."

Odds and Ends

There are many signs of fall with the geese coming and going in huge flocks and the cormorants are lined up on the outer breakwall. Many waterfowl are migrating.

The U.S. and Canada renew the Great Lakes water quality pact...pledging efforts to reduce pollution, cleanse contaminated sites and prevent exotic species invasions.

In weather, what is the difference between wind "backing" and "veering"?

Ans. "Backing" is wind changing in an anticlockwise direction: "veering" is wind changing in a clockwise direction.



Dangers Lurking in E10 Boat Fuel By [Randy Troutman](#) On August 13, 2012

Some members have found this out...Thanks to John Berner for this article

Back in 2010, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary [warned boaters](#) about the damage that ethanol-blended gasoline can produce on boat engines. Despite this warning and many others from boating organizations, boat engine manufacturers, and boat dealers, some boat owners are still unaware how ethanol-blended gasoline hurts their boats..... it attracts water to a fuel tank, causing a sludge that can destroy an engine. Why is this problem pertinent to boats, but not to automobiles? The difference between using ethanol-blended gas in cars and boats is that individuals often use their cars more than they use their boats. This lack of use is hitting particularly hard in drought-stricken areas this year, [according to some boat dealers](#). Depending upon the size of the boat motor, the damage caused by failing to use a boat that runs on ethanol-based fuel can tally into the thousands of dollars if that boat is not properly maintained.

Additionally, boat engines contain vented fuel systems that allow moisture to enter fuel tanks. When the alcohol in the E10 (10% alcohol) gas blend sits idle in an engine, it absorbs moisture from the atmosphere — in fact, it can absorb up to 50 times more water than non-alcohol gas. After sitting for a time (90 days or even less), the water and ethanol mix separates from the gas and sinks in the fuel tank (phase separation) to create a milky-brown substance that can cause boat engines to misfire.

Since ethanol is a solvent, it also can soften rubber hose interiors, breaking pieces off that can clog the fuel system. If you own a boat with a fiberglass fuel tank, the ethanol can dissolve the resin that holds the material together. That material, also, can head into the engine. It can also dissolve plastic, rubber, and aluminum parts, dry out hoses, remove lubrication, and shrink or swell engine seals.

The best thing for you to do is to be aware of your manufacturer's warranty for your boat and be aware of where you're gassing up and what gas you're using for your boat. If that warranty forbids using all ethanol and "gasahol" fuel and you use it anyway, you may end up being responsible for damages. Once E10 begins the phase separation in a tank, there's little you can do to repair that damage, despite claims that you can repair phase separated fuel.

What Can You Do?

Even winterizing a boat that uses E10 can prove a nightmare for boat owners, because it's rare that you can completely empty a fuel tank. If you can siphon the tank or pump it dry from the fuel line, you might get professionals to buff the interior of the tank to remove any loose particles that could clog the engine. Additionally, be aware that water-separating fuel filters can become clogged when using regular gas, let alone E10, so carry a few with you when you're out on your boat.

[Some states mandate](#) E10 fuel, so there's not much choice in the matter when it comes to fueling your boat in those states other than to purchase a boat motor that tolerates alcohol-based fuel. Other states still offer ethanol-free gasoline, which is

a preferred choice for many boaters. Since hot weather accelerates deterioration, it's not surprising to find marinas in the south that still carry the [option](#) for non-alcohol gasoline.

While some boat engines are compatible with E10 fuel, some manufacturers [still warn](#) about outboard fuel systems that can sustain damage from that fuel choice. The problems that arise usually come at the fuel station, when boat owners are distracted or tanks are not labeled correctly — in fact, the Marine Retailers Association of the Americas (MRAA) [warns](#) that many consumers fuel their boats when they fuel their cars, and confusion over mislabeling gas or lack of consumer awareness may end in destroying a boat engine.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has approved E15 (15% ethanol) for use for newer trucks and cars, but that use has been delayed because of multiple lawsuits from the marine, auto, and small engine industries, including MRAA. We don't know of any boat engine that's equipped to handle E15, but we also know that the EPA has not approved the sale of E15 at marinas. To reiterate:

- Read your boat engine warranty so you know what fuel you need to use for your particular engine and boat.
- Maintain your boat as well as you can to avoid any E10 fuel damage. This maintenance includes any additives you may need to keep the E10 fuel fully integrated and to reduce the fuel's ability to absorb water and separate. Remember — if that fuel has separated already, no additives will repair the fuel itself. Empty the fuel tank, clean it out, and refill with fuel covered by your warranty.
- Address your problems quickly, including replacing any fuel lines, gaskets, or any other worn or affected parts.
- Always fuel your boat at a marina.
- Use regular gasoline if you have that choice.



Can you believe it's time for the Die Hard Party already?

What happened to summer?

Saturday, September 29

5:00 PM Apps 6:00 PM Dinner

Entrees by The Bailey's and The Christy's

***Enjoy Chris' famous Rigatoni Pasta and Sausage with her red sauce (a family recipe)
Barbequed Beef Burgers and Chef Bailey's Savory Sweet Potato Bisque***

The rest is Pot Luck You bring an appetizer, a salad or a dessert; your choice!

Can this be any easier for a party?

Plus, the Cost is only \$3.00

Jason Schmidt will be the host and this is your last chance for hours, maybe you need 2 or 3? Jason could use some help. Give him a call, the number is in the roster.



See you all there for the final party at the Club!!!



BARN DANCE

Friday, September 28, 2012

Shorewood Country Club - Cart Barn

6:30pm Cocktails & Hors-d'oeuvres
Specialty Drink - "Hoedown Hooch"

7:00pm Dinner
Ribs, Chicken & All The Fixin's

8:00pm Square & Line Dancing
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