



# Nautical News

## September 2015

### 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  
**House:** Carl Lis  
**Recreation & Race:** Kathy Fox  
**Social:** John Tallett

**Dockmaster:** Carl Bjurlin  
**Newsletter:** Nancy Steffan  
**Webmaster:** Larry VanDeusen



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Facilities Chair Larry DeJonghe has set Sat. Oct. 24, 9am for the closing work party. He asks members to please remove dock boxes, electric cords, and other personal items from the catwalks and docks before that date so the work crews can access the pipes and those areas while closing. Call him at 679-6017 with any questions.

Kudos to Ann and Bill McClintic and their many helpers who put on a great Labor Day Party which was attended by nearly 70. The weather cooperated too. Thanks go out to all who helped. There was plenty of food, with enough for seconds, take out dinners and some was also donated to the Friendly Kitchen.

On Sunday Sept. 13th, Pat and Sylvia Bailey conducted a symphony of German Foods for the Annual International Brunch. Despite the not-so-good weather, over 60 folks were there to savor the great variety of authentic dishes, to which so many people contributed, and put many hours into making. Thanks again to the Baileys for another wonderful "Sunday Best" feast!! It was nice to see everyone who showed up to enjoy one of season's last parties at the club.

Speaking of parties, the Die Hard Party will be held on Sat. Sept 26th hosted by J. Gugino, T. Bartholomew, AJ Landis and J. Schmidt. The details for the "Taste of the Mediterranean" themed event are in the enclosed flyer. Be sure to check it out, sounds really nice. The final social event will be the Fall Banquet. More information will be in next month's newsletter.

Membership Chair Bill Wright presented an application from David Peters, sponsored by Ken Kuwik and Bill Ericson. It was accepted by the board and his name added to the waiting list. Other items acted upon were resignations from Dave Palmer and Ed Stegle, both were approved.

Among issues discussed at the Board meeting were repair and maintenance of the docks and pilings, especially now that the power plant will be shut down for the near future. Ken Kuwik of the Long Range planning committee presented a report of their findings after an extensive survey of our facilities. You can read more on that later in this issue, and get an understanding of what is needed. This is one of the topics which will be on the agenda at the Annual Meeting on Nov. 7th at the Knights of Columbus, 3rd and Lynx St. in Dunkirk. Others items will include succession to membership and restructuring of the Board of Directors, both of which are also described further in this edition. These will be in addition to the election of the slate of officers for 2016. Save the date and plan to attend if possible. Members are also welcome to attend the regular Board of Directors meetings during the season, the final one listed below.

**Next DYC Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 13, 2015 @ 7 pm**  
**DYC Clubhouse**

Recreation & Race Chair Kathy Fox reports winds were very much present this racing season, even to the extent that a couple of races were cancelled due to too much wind. Here are the final racing results:

### **Aug.16 Club Race**

- 1st - S'Urchin Too - Carl B., Terry and Joan T.
- 2nd - MaDFirefly - Donna B., Tricia and Michelle
- 3rd - Chili Pepper - Mark Stoddard and daughters
- 4th - Warpaint - Kathy F., Andy D. and Tom S.
- 5th - Offline - Rich, Joanne, Tim and Maggie Cowan

### **Aug. 23 Commodore's Race**

- 1st - S'Urchin Too - Carl and Marv Bjurlin
- 2nd- Warpaint - Kathy, Andy and Amy
- 3rd - MaDFirefly - Donna, Trish and Conner
- 4th - NaZdrowie - Carl W. and Tom S.
- 5th - Offline - Rich, Joanne and Michelle

### **Sept. 6 Labor Day Race**

- 1st - MaDFirefly - Donna, Larry V. and Julie D.
- 2nd - Moxie - Doug, Jen, Ken and Christopher Reid
- 3rd - S'Urchin Too - Carl B., Marv and Tina
- 4th - NaZdrowie - Carl W., Tom S. and Hank D.
- 5th - Warpaint - Kathy, Jim and Andy Dailey
- 6th - Offline - Rich, Joanne and Maggie
- 7th - Chili Pepper - Mark S. and Daughters

Also on August 30, they held a Spinnaker practice day. She said it has been a good summer. More people were getting involved as the season went on, as seen on September 6th when seven boats raced. Throughout the season, after the races much time was spent discussing racing strategies, techniques, rules and scoring. A fall party is planned.

Under Education, after a successful season of sailing classes, they're going through details planning for next year. It was mentioned that maybe we might try to find someone new for instructing the classes.

Larry VanDeusen, Webmaster wants to remind members that the link to our Facebook page can be found right on our Webpage. He invites you to post your pictures & items there to share with other members.

Robyn Beardsley reminds any members looking for work hours that we need people to sign up to clean the clubhouse during these last few weeks.

The board approved renewing our membership in the American Yachting Club, for next year. We are listed in the directory (a copy of which is in the clubhouse) which helps when members seek reciprocity when cruising.



### **News & Notes:**

There was an article in Buffalo news about the City of Dunkirk finalizing arrangements for dredging in the harbor by Dean Marine. They will be starting this fall. Also included were details about allowing NYC to use the city pier area in related construction.

Rollin Fancher was pictured with classmates from the Silver Creek Central School Class of 1952. They recently celebrated their 63 year reunion at the Colony Restaurant.

Wishing Jerry Bertges well after his recent stay at Mill Creek Rehabilitation Center in Erie. He is now continuing his rehabilitation at home at the cottage. Marilyn and he send their thanks for all the cards and acts of kindness shown to them during the past three months. All the best to you both in the months ahead.

We also hope that Ardie and Jim Atkins are feeling better after the unfortunate fall she took boarding their boat this past week.

### **Coming Events:**

- Sat. Sept 26 - Die Hard Party at NYC
- Tues. Oct. 13 - Board of Directors Meeting at NYC @ 7pm
- Sat. Oct. 24 - Clubhouse Closing Work Party @ 9am
- Sat. Nov. 7 - Annual Meeting, Knights of Columbus
- Sat. Nov. 7 - Fall Banquet, venue to be announced



### **Think SNOW!**

As boats are being readied for storage and the cool breezes blow... time to start thinking about Skiing!! All skiers at Holiday Valley are invited to contact Carl Bjurlin for information about ski pass options. They have a small organization called D&F Skiers that consists primarily of NYC members. Passes can be purchased directly through Carl. For more info, call him at [\(716\) 397-7530](tel:7163977530)

**Attention: Members**

**Notice of Dunkirk Yacht Club Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 11:00 AM**

**Knights of Columbus Clubrooms, Lynx & Third Streets, Dunkirk, New York**

Dunkirk Yacht Club Proposed Slate of Officers for 2016 Season:

For a One (1) Year Term:

Douglas Reid

Paul Wallenhorst

Carl Waclawski

Donna Bjurlin

Carl Lis

John Tallett

For a Two (2) Year Term:

Robyn Beardsley

Nancy Steffan

Carl Hamann

William Wright

Brett Christy

Kathy Fox

Submitted by Nominating Committee:

Chair - Robyn Beardsley

Larry DeJonghe, Ron Pachol, Nancy Steffan

Among the issues to be discussed:

**Piling Repair & Maintenance Funding**

At the September 8th Board meeting, Ken Kuwik reported on the findings of a detailed survey of our docks done by the Long Range Planning Committee. Their findings showed that many of the pilings supporting our docks are almost completely rusted through. Specifically, 57 pilings require replacement and an additional 30 structural cross-members will need to be replaced. Initial quotes on having this work done indicated that a significant (six figure) expenditure will be required in the very near future. Adding to the urgency is the imminent closure of the power plant which will allow the harbor to freeze, thus putting additional stress on our docks and pressure on the weakened cross-members.

Discussions of how to cover the cost of the required work ranged from an assessment to raising membership fees to raising slip fees or some combination of all these. While realizing that these will not be popular decisions, if we want to continue to have reliable docks to keep our families and boats safe, painful choices will need to be made.

In summary, we are faced with a project of such magnitude that it requires outside help, and an expense that is well beyond our financial resources. Draining our bank reserves (now held in CDs), would cover less than half the cost, and leave us with zero reserves for future ongoing maintenance. As a non-profit organization, we essentially operate on a break-even basis. This means that we do not generate cash from ongoing operations that could help fund repairs of this magnitude. Multiple options are being explored for both preserving our facilities and for funding this work, and additional information will be forthcoming. Please be aware that this challenge will be on the agenda for the November 7th Annual Meeting, and that the Long Range Planning Committee and the Board will continue to investigate our options. If you have any questions, please contact a board member.

**Notice of Proposed Amendments to the Dunkirk Yacht Club By-Laws  
For MEMBER VOTE at the Annual Meeting, November 7, 2015**

At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on August 11, 2015, two Motions to amend the Club By-Laws were approved for consideration and Member vote at the upcoming Annual Meeting on November 7, 2015. Extensive research and thorough Board discussion formed the foundations to the following proposed changes:

**Member Vote # 1 relates to Article I, Section 12. "Death of a Senior Member"**

- **Current By-Laws state:** "Upon the death of an active Senior member of the Dunkirk Yacht Club, the surviving designated beneficiary (spouse or child) shall be offered a Probationary membership under the following conditions:
- The offer of membership requires the fulfillments of all financial and other obligations of a Probationary member, except the initiation fee which shall be waived.
- The new Probationary member will retain the rights to any slip, mooring or unfilled slip request, assigned or submitted prior to the original member's death."
- **The Issue in Brief:**
  - The current version of Club By-Laws ignores Life members. The proposed amendment includes spouses of this membership class.
  - Many members enjoy Club membership as a couple, sharing in Club activities together and frequently contributing Work Hours to the Club. These experiences often form foundations for lifetime friendships for both the member and their spouse. The death of the member can leave the survivor somewhat stranded.
  - As Club membership increases in age, the likelihood is that a surviving spouse will not be in a position to meet the Probationary requirement to maintain a boat in the water for the majority of their two year probation. Long established social relationships can be reduced to the survivor being treated strictly as a Guest of the Club, and requiring their supervision by the member that invited them. Otherwise, they cannot access Club facilities nor participate in Club events.
  - The primary change this amendment proposes relates to the treatment of a surviving spouse. The proposed amendment provides credit up to 20 years for the surviving spouse (limited by the number of years of marriage), and affords them Senior member status. Surviving spouses attaining Senior status on the death of their spouse would need to accrue an additional five years of membership at minimum in order to be considered for Life membership.
  - There is no change to treatment for a child who is the designated beneficiary of a deceased member.
- **Amendment to be voted upon:** "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."

**Member Vote # 2 relates to Article III, Section 2. "Number and Qualifications of Directors"**

- **Current By-Laws state:** "The Board of Directors shall consist of twelve 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."
- **The Issue in Brief:**
  - Director recruitment has become challenging as more and more members have served, and fewer and fewer are available or willing to serve. This challenge is expected to worsen as the average age of our members increases.
  - Research on other yacht clubs indicates that most run quite successfully with 7-9 members. Similarly, most business organizations elect directorates in the 7-9 range. Additionally, the Club is formally registered with New York State to authorize a total of 5 - 9 directors.
  - This amendment, if approved, would retire the Rear Commodore and Past Commodore positions, with the Past Commodore title and prerogatives remaining in perpetuity. The positions of Commodore, and Vice Commodore would be retained to assure leadership succession and bench strength. The House Coordinator and Facilities positions would be combined into the Facilities Committee.
  - The proposed change will in no way impact the DYC's status as a yacht club, nor its ability to establish reciprocity with other yacht clubs.
- **Amendment to be voted upon:** "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."



From left to right, Front: Ross Hill and Tristan Sielman guides from Sierra Mountaineering International. Standing: Mark Wallenhorst, Paul Wallenhorst, Rob Thering, Kevin Przybyla, Parker Reininga and Dan Reininga at the summit of Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in the lower 48 states.

## Classified Ads

<p><b>FOR SALE:</b> 24 foot "Shark" Sailboat Hull #254          Seller would like to see the boat remain within NYC membership. Great starter boat with everything you need. Rigging is set up so boat can be raced if desired. Includes set up assistance if boat remains at NYC.          Call Carl Bjurlin at 397-7530 for more details.</p>	<p><b>FOR SALE:</b> 22' 1977 Seafarer Sailboat \$2,500          2006 Toyota 4-Runner (approx. 80,000 miles in fair condition) \$10,000          Sailboat &amp; truck (w/boat hitch approx. \$400 value) \$12,000 TOTAL          Contact Erin Armstrong erin.h.armstrong.phd@gmail.com or call her at (614) 505-6912</p>
<p><b>FOR SALE:</b> HR 25, call John Geiben at 366-8737</p>	<p><b>FOR SALE:</b> O'Day 22 Sailboat, 1974          Shoal draft, five sails, trailer, 1982 Evinrude 9.9 LS with electric start. Asking \$2,800.00          Call (716) 549-0518</p>
<p><b>FOR SALE:</b> Morgan 35 "Summer Wind," 1970; 6' draft, Volvo diesel engine. \$15,000 (negotiable)           Call Cameron at Monroe Marina, Barcelona Harbor (716) 640-6763</p>	<p><b>FOR SALE:</b> STAYSAIL - Heavy duty, with wire luff and hanks, also snap shackle, sheets &amp; bag. Excellent lightly used condition; Luff 19 ft. 7 in., Foot 8 ft. 10 in., Leech 17 ft., \$100. Call 672-8994.</p>

**The Final Party at DYC this season**

# **The Die Hard Party**

**Saturday, September 26, 2015**



**Featuring a Mediterranean theme- With Lamb and Chicken, Italian Grilled Veggies and other Mediterranean Flavors**

**Festivities begin 5 PM  
Dinner 6 PM  
Cost is \$10.00  
Please bring an appetizer to share**

**Frozen drinks by Dr. Tony.  
Entertainment by Dr. Greek.  
50/50 and door prizes by  
Jason Schmidt and Joe Gugino**

**Your Hosts:**

**Joe Gugino, Tony Bartholomew, AJ Landis, Jason Schmidt**

**Need volunteers for morning set up and post party break down**