



# DYC Nautical News

## February 2018

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### 2018 Board Members

### Flag Officers

Donna Bjurlin-*Commodore*  
Doug Reid-*Past Commodore*  
Bob Price-*Vice Commodore*  
Carl Lis-*Rear Commodore*  
Carl Waclawski-*Treasurer*  
Carl Hamann -*Secretary*

### Commitee Chairs

Alan Freville-*Facilities*  
Jim Christy-*Social*  
Rich Cowan-*Membership*  
Scott Foley-*Education*  
Tom Safford-*Race/Recreation*  
John Tallett-*House*

### Appointed

Carl Bjurlin-*Dock Master*  
Larry Van Deusen-*Web Master*  
Paul Nichter-*Newsletter*



The meeting was called to order.

**Secretary** Minutes from previous meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer** Financial was read. As the dues and dock fees trickle in, our usable income for repairs and improvements looks encouraging.

**Members** Marv Bjurlin submitted two designs for improved finger piers. The design was thought to help keep the uprights out of the silt over the Winter months to minimize the damage from ice. Facilities will look into the feasibility of the design with thanks to Marv.

**Education** A well thought out schedule for sailing classes was submitted. This will include adult classes as well. Location of the Pintails was discussed. The concern that the present location is not a good one for ease of use by novices. Education, along with **Race/Recreation** and **Social** will coordinate their schedules to avoid conflicts of events and to utilize the limited season before the weeds can become a sailing hazard. Schedules will be posted as the season nears

**Membership** There a lot of changes happening, so pay attention. **John Ludwig** was voted in as the newest member of the Yacht Club let's give John and his wife a warm welcome.

**Paul Nichter** was voted in as a senior member [against all odds]

**Jim Atkins** requested to go inactive  
**Don [Duke] Ellington** wishes to resign  
This will open up the membership by two.

**Michael Lamparelli** and **George Burns III** are next on the list and will be invited to the next meeting in March.

**Dock Master** A number of members have requested slip changes.

**Newsletter** Special thanks to Nancy Steffan for delivery of the printed copies and Sylvia Bailey for adding local color to **What's Happening** and **Did you know...?**

## ***The Commodore's Corner***

Carl and I just came from walking the docks and I have both good news and bad. The good news is the birds were nicer this year therefore dock pressure washing needs are not as extreme.

The bad news is that I have never seen so much ice damage - and not just from the uprights that couldn't be pulled out of the water. Many new and old pilings have raised a foot or more; some are at severe angles and at least one has fallen in. Overall, I would wager that 98% of our finger piers suffered damaged to one degree or another. The main walkways also suffered.

In many organizations with paid staff, there would be a third-party that we could expect to fix these issues. In our wonderful Club, it is "we", not "they". We will need everyone to contribute to get our Club ready to safely open. I anticipate numerous work parties in April and May.

To lead this effort, the Board has asked Alan Freville to form a committee to meet in March and evaluate damage and develop a plan – including upright & ladder design so that when we make the repairs, we do it in a way that prevents reoccurrence.

Alan has gone down to the Club at least weekly all winter caring for the bubbler & thruster that protected our clubhouse. He needs your help now to develop the best plan. Please call him today to see how you can add value to this effort so that we can have a spectacular boating season together.

I already know I will be humbled to see how many of us step up to this challenge – because our Club is truly the best!

Donna

## ***Did You Know...?***

We would like to extend our condolences to Patti Crockett, Nate Bell and Paul Wallenhorst on the loss of their mothers, no matter what age they are, it is still hard. We are sorry for your loss

## ***Hope the recovery is going well***

John Crockett had knee surgery and is recovering slowly.

Corny Benchley is recovering from hip replacement surgery

Ron Pachol broke his neck tripping over his shoes, he is in a brace for the next eight weeks

Jerry Bertges is recovering from surgery to remove the rods from his legs that were put in after his accident a few years ago.

Mark Stoddard is recovering from a triple hernia operation

Tom Poweski had eye surgery and can now get any sunglasses he wants

Al Freville had eye surgery for cataracts and still spends time facilitating

## ***Facilities***

A bubbler/turbine was installed beneath the Clubhouse and worked well to prevent ice damage to the building. However, our docks did not escape harm's way and the damage is extensive. Some docks are not safe at this time and we need to act now to develop a plan.

We need several volunteers to assess the damage and come up with a strategy for immediate repair. We also need a plan for preventing this from becoming a yearly event.

Please contact me, Alan Freville, if you can help.  
Email @ [Alan@cwdoors.us](mailto:Alan@cwdoors.us) or call (716) 680-3808

Save the Date

## March 24 for a Comedy/Dinner Night

A joint venture by the DYC and Fredonia Beaver Club

featuring  
Comedy by:

Blaine Kelley of America's Got Talent  
Tony P. from Mix 96, Buffalo  
and the 3rd a, Mystery Guest

Enjoy a Dinner of Prime Rib, Smoked Turkey,  
Twice Baked Potatoe  
and Vegetable Medley

all for \$30.00  
Cash Bar

Reservations must be made by March 15th  
Call [Jim Christy](#) @ 672-5900

### ***What's Happenig***

Tina Rausa in "Rose" is currently on stage at Jewish Repertory Theatre, through February 25, reprising her title role as an older, wise actor. This one-actor show runs the emotional gamut with compelling storytelling, a few laughs, and many powerful moments. . . .an exquisite night of theatre.

Brett Christy has been sent to Puerto Rico for the month of February with National Grid to help restore electricity from the damaging Hurricane Maria.

Margaret Foley, a new employee as a naturalist at Audubon Community Nature Center, had a wonderful article about hiking in the winter and finding mosses which can handle ice and snow to survive winter. Margaret is the daughter of Scott and Ellen and Granddaughter of Bill and Jean.

## **Next Board Meeting**

March 20th 7pm

@ the Knights of Columbus Dunkirk, NY

*Members welcome to attend*