

Windscoop



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WINDLASSES

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★★★★★ **FROM THE HELM** ★★★★★
Dotty Bellefleur, Captain

Our Holiday Series is over. The Prams were able to sail five out of a possible fifteen races and the Sunfish were able to sail seven. And this is supposed to be a warm winter! We have postponed our Christmas Bell Race but the Holiday Party was a wonderful end to the year.

The actions of the last Board and this one regarding repairing some of the city sunfish are certainly being validated; nine sailors in the new sunfish "C" Fleet. This amount of new sunfish activity encourages us to continue maintaining these boats.

The bad weather allowed us to have some very good education meetings. I was reminded of responsibilities on the water I had forgotten about plus, I think I have finally learned to tie a bowline and will remember.

You have received via email the first efforts of the bylaws committee. The proposed changes / amendments to the Constitution are complete pending comments or questions from Windlasses members. Please contact the bylaws committee with any input as we review our Bylaws to our Constitution. The committee will be putting out online surveys for some individual bylaws.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season. See you in January!

2011 Winter Schedule

- Dec. 23 Holidays--No Racing
- Dec. 30 NewYear's--No Racing
- Jan. 6 Cruise (Board Meeting 8:00 am)
- Jan 13 First Race of Winter Series
- Jan. 20 Winter Luncheon
- Jan. 27 Second Race (Planning Race Committee meeting after racing)
- Feb. 3 Third Race
- Feb. 10 **Valentine's Race**
- Feb. 17 Soup Cruise (Board meeting 8:00 am)
- Feb. 24 Fourth Race
- Mar. 3 Fifth Race
- Mar. 10 Sixth Race/**Windscoop Deadline**
- Mar. 17 **St. Patrick's Race** (Board meeting after racing)

WINTER Luncheon

Robin Babka

Have you ever wondered what your fellow Windlasses look like in "real clothes?"

Then plan to attend the Winter Luncheon on January 20th at Belleair Country Club. The social hour will begin at 9:30 am, followed by the General Meeting and lunch.

Please see page 2 for more details!



Cruise News

Lori McConnell



It's time to cruise again! This time we're brown baggin' it! So, don't forget to bring your lunch and drinks. Time: 9 a.m. - ? Destination: To be determined by weather, tide, etc. Meet at the Pram Shed and we'll sail from there.

To register online, visit:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dDRpcHQ4U0R3c0xuODNYMWE4V2tXdGc6MQ>





Windlasses' Winter Luncheon & General Meeting

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Belleair Country Club, 1 Country Club Lane, Belleair, FL 33756 Ph. 727 461 7171

Social Gathering and General Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$21

Reservation deadline: Friday, January 14th

Menu

Salad

American Field Mix Salad

Choice of Entrée:

Florida Fish

Baked Fresh Florida Fish Topped with Lemon Caper Butter
With Julienne Mixed Vegetables and Orzo Pilaf

or

Mandarin Orange Chicken

Sautéed Chicken Breast with Mandarin Orange Sauce
With Julienne Mixed Vegetables and Rice Pilaf

or

Roasted Vegetable Plate

Roasted Red and Green Peppers, Asparagus, Summer Squash, Eggplant

Dessert

Cheesecake with Strawberries

Lunch accompanied by dinner rolls and beverages (coffee, tea, soda)

Cash Bar*** valet parking available***The Club has an elevator

Clip section below and include with your check

Your \$21 check made payable to Windlasses is your reservation.

Please mail your check **with your entrée selection noted** to:

Robin Babka
101 Palmetto Road
Belleair, FL 33756

*or you may put your check (with entrée selection)
in envelope provided on bulletin board in pram shed*

Name _____

Entrée Selection:

Florida Fish____, Mandarin Orange Chicken____, Roasted Vegetable Plate____.



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Race Committee

Paula Shur



We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust our sails. Your Planning Race Committee (PRC) has been busy keeping our sails properly trimmed for the numerous changes. On behalf of the PRC, I would like to extend the most heartfelt of thanks to Georgia Jensen for her many, many years of service as Principal Race Officer (PRO) on the pram course. An enormous thank you goes to Margo Currey for stepping into Georgia's shoes as pram PRO. Lots of thanks to Sunfish series PRO, Elsa Soto, and to Sunfish special races PRO, Betty Dick, for providing great races for the Sunfish.

We quickly scrambled to find Signal Boat replacements when Fairlie Brinkley's boat needed a new engine. Thank you to all the boat owners who generously volunteered their boats for the Fall and Holiday Series so that we could not only race, but also have separate race courses for prams and Sunfish - Dinah Carsey, George and Jackie Nigro, Fairlie Brinkley, Susan Foote, Al Humphers, Maryellen and Manny Farinas, Tracie and Chris Gattas, Mary and Peter Kolb, Happy Jordan, Terri Schweiger, and Jack Mallard.

The PRC evaluated the number of sailors and boats and determined that two fleets of IOD, Pram/OPPIs would work. We also decided to change the race times for hopefully better weather conditions and to start the Sunfish between the IOD, Pram/OPPI starts.

The PRC is now evaluating the location of the Sunfish and Pram courses. There are six or more boats anchored near the Bon Appetit restaurant, separating the Sunfish and Pram courses more than we would like. We are looking for locations that would keep the courses closer together to maintain a good response time by the safety boat.

Your understanding is appreciated during this evaluation process.

A big thank you goes to Ann Newton, Margo Currey and SarahBeth Reeves for presenting an excellent safety program, which was well attended by more than 60 members. If you missed it, ask someone what they learned. Most importantly, it is the sailor's decision whether to race. Know your limits and make the right decision for you.

Jan Risberg and her team have been busy keeping the boats shipshape. Jan has even developed a plan to modify the OPPI storage to prevent further damage to their gudgeons. Thank you Jan and your team. The PRC continues to work on increasing communication. The on the water RC schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the pram shed and on the website -

<http://windlasses.org/Site/R.C.%20Duties.html>
Please tell the scorer if you should receive average points for on the water Race Committee duty. If you have physical limitations that prevent you from safely performing an assigned duty, please inform the assignment coordinator. If you are operating the safety boat, please share all safety concerns with the PRO.

The Planning Race Committee purchased a new tow bridle which can be easily attached to the inside stern of the safety boat. The bridle should facilitate picking up a boat to be towed. If you have any questions, suggestions, complaints, please contact Paula Shur.

Keep trimming those sails and having safe fun!!!!

Paula Shur, Race Chairman



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Education

Ann Newton



This series I'll be out on the water helping Lou Abilock set the course, so there won't be any formal "winner's circle" secrets. It's been so much fun that you may want to continue it on your own.

February 17 (the Soup Cruise day) there will be a CPR class at 1:00 pm for the first 15 people to send in their money. Ellen Hardgrave recommended this man as the best she's ever seen. The cost is \$25 per person. Send your check, made out to Eddie Rodriguez, to me, PO Box 6809, Ozona, 34660. I'll return or tear up those received after the first 15. If there is enough demand, we can schedule another one.

After the first race on January 13, everyone who is scheduled to recover the safety boat for the entire series should be at a very important session on the process. You should attend even if you think you know how to do this. The boat is often not put up properly, so we all need to learn how to do it correctly and consistently. Tangi Bohlmann will be the very capable instructor.



Windriders on the bench at Honeymoon Island
November 20, 2010

Windlasses and Youth Sailing

Mary Kolb



Windlasses Helping with the DYSA Christmas Float

Windlasses Tangi Bohlmann, Cyndi Rodts, and Susan Pulling Robinson joined their kids Ryley, Sheryl, and Holly, in the 2010 Dunedin Christmas parade. Oppi #10 looked beautiful decked out with boughs of holly and lots of other stuff, too!

At the end-of-season family picnic on November 21st the Dunedin Youth Sailing Assoc. recognized the following Windlasses who are volunteering their time and efforts to bring up the next generation of sailors:

Mary Kolb - past Commodore and current ex-officio
Rita Root, Robin Story and Robin Wright – follow-the-leader sailors
Sarah Erb – Knot Tying instructor
Margo Currey – Treasurer
Jan Risberg – Maintenance
Dinah Carsey – City Liaison
Happy Jordan – Safety Boat
Susan Pulling Robinson and Cyndi Rodts – Race Committee

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F W S A Delegates

Diane Schmidt



We have had great support from our fellow Windlasses for FWSA. At the end of October Maria Giroffi and Holly Dowling sailed in the Bowchasers interclub and won first place prizes.

We sponsored our own interclub race on Nov 1 with much success. This was due to the 28 volunteers who graciously assisted with the following tasks: registration, food, decorations, putting boats out, rigging, putting away boats, race committee, safety boat, and protest committee. In spite of light winds fun was had by all. The following six clubs participated in pram races: Bitter Ends, Broad Reachers, Dinghy Dames, Luffing Lassies, Treasure Island Tackers and Windlasses.

Windlasses Holly Dowling placed first and Rita Root placed third in our races that day. The following clubs participated on the sunfish course: Bitter Ends, Dinghy Dames and Luffing Lassies. The Dinghy Dames won all three places on the Sunfish course.

Kudos goes to Susan Lucas and Robin Babka who sailed in the Lucas Cup. Susan won first place overall and Robin received @2nd place. Congratulations to both who represented the Windlasses so well!

If you are interested in sailing in an FWSA race please contact Diane Schmidt.



Special Races

Denise Goldberger
& Sally Irving



Halloween Race

Windlasses were treated to a fun costume contest and refreshments preceding the Halloween Race. Freddie Webb, Hazel Kirk and Gayle Pinkowski won the costume awards. Although the wind was questionable, racers loved the bat-shaped course and the opportunity to be on the water. Many thanks to the both race committees that allowed two separate racecourses. Also, lots of thanks go to all the volunteers that gave their time to make this a truly special Halloween race day.

Holiday Race

(a/k/a The Christmas Bell Race)

Since the water temperature was in the 40's, the Holiday Race was postponed until the following regular race day, per rule 5.3 of the Sailing Instructions. Only those sailors who were registered for the race are eligible for the makeup race.

Sailors will be scored in their newly assigned fleets for the Winter Series.

2010-2011 WINDLASS OFFICERS

CAPTAIN
RACE CHAIRMAN
ASST RACE CHAIRMAN
SECRETARY
TREASURER
CRUISE CHAIRMAN
EX-OFFICIO

Dotty Bellefleur
Paula Shur
Margo Currey
Ellen Hardgrave
Fran Abilock
Lori McConnell
Carol Elwood

EDITOR'S Corner

Susan Pulling Robinson

Deadline for the next issue: **March 10th**

Please submit Windscoop corrections at any time to:

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Cell Phone 727 415 0781



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City Liaison

Diana (Dinah) Carsey & Assistant Leila Bugenhagen



During discussions with the City regarding the 2011 contract, the City agreed to provide transportation during the summer for boats needing repair. In the past the Windlasses Maintenance Team transported all damaged boats, whether damaged by them, DYSA students or City program students, to Stu at Ellie's Boats for repair during the summer. This past year Windlasses also took three of the City's sunfish to be repaired.

Due to the large number of boats this year, getting boats delivered and picked up has been handled by the Maintenance Team and volunteers going above and beyond their regular duties. We appreciate the City stepping up to assist in the handling of boat repairs during the summer and anticipate that this arrangement will be beneficial to all of us. The Maintenance instructions have been modified to show this change in procedure. You can find them posted at the Pram Shed and on the Windlasses' website.

We have also been able to get the City to contribute some of their own dollars to the repair and maintenance of the boats.

We now have an Assistant Community Liaison – Leila Bugenhagen, and I look forward to working with her.

Our Harbor Master Bill Franz has helped on a couple of other projects as well: He engineered the new ladder on the bow of the Safety Boat, had it tested, and reinforced the bow to provide safe operation during a rescue. Also, he repaired the davits for the Safety Boat.

Most recently, the ramp for the sunfish needed to be filled due to storms that washed away the sand southward toward Edgewater Arms. When alerted to the problem, Bill personally filled it in to restore safe access to the ramp. Thanks to Bill!

We participated in a meeting on Thursday, November 4th, hosted by City Department of Recreation Director Vince Gizzi at the Boat Club, and on November 9th at the Dunedin Commission Workshop at City Hall regarding the future of the Dunedin Marina.

The consulting firm Wade Trim, on contract to the City, plans to offer a 2015 plan and a 2030 plan for improvements to the Marina. They propose that DEP (State's Dept. of Environmental Protection) be contacted right away to initiate discussions about what is feasible for the waterfront.

In their drawings, shared with the Commissioners and available from Bob Ironsmith by email, showed a new bulkhead benefiting the transient slips and possibly resulting in repair to the damaged beach fronts at the Boat Club.

Modification and extension of the floating dock was included in the oral report, to allow better access for boats but this requires further study. Wade Trim's report is expected early next year.

Detailed notes from these presentations have been filed with Captain Dotty and Greg Rice. All the drawings are available from Bob at ironsmith@dunedinfl.net.





2010 - 2011 RACE RESULTS HOLIDAY SERIES

Rank	Name	Total	Rank	Name	Total	Rank	Name	Total
	IOD		B	PRAM/OPPI		A	SUNFISH	
1	Foote	6	1	Rodts	4	1	Williamson	8
2	Mahoney	7	2	Sharpless	9	2	Komar	8
3	Russell	12	3	Watson	13	3	Kohl	12
4	Templin	13	4	Anderson	19	4	Shur	19
5	Bellefleur	21	5	Boylan	19	5	Reeves	32
6	Deaton	24	6	Brozovich	20	6	McConnell	33
7	Lucas	27	7	Bugenhagen	25	7	Irving	33
8	Robinson	28	8	Patton	30			
			9	Kolb	35			
			10	Shelling	35	AA	SUNFISH	
A	PRAM/OPPI		BB	PRAM/OPPI		1	Thinel	8
1	Conlon	7	1	Schmidt D	7	2	Meyer	9
2	Hardgrave	11	2	Hopkins	10	3	Probst	12
3	Babka	12	3	Ross K	11	4	Hayes	19
4	Abilock	13	4	Pinkowski	16	5	Diehl	20
5	Fiore	23	5	Carlisle	17	6	Twining	22
6	Root	23	6	Naja	19	7	Kreutzer	26
7	Young	23	7	Krause	22			
8	Risberg	27	8	Casey	22	B	SUNFISH	
9	Bissonnette	32	9	Newsome	35	1	Bohlmann	8
10	Mabe	38	10	Graham	39	2	Williams S	9
11	Shellenberger	38	11	Schulz	41	3	Jacobi	13
12	McIntyre	47	12	Wernet	45	4	Martens	22
AA	PRAM/OPPI		BBB	PRAM/OPPI				
1	Story	9	1	Dulin	4	C	SUNFISH	
2	Dowling	10	2	Green	11	1	Hart	7
3	Bowers	14	3	Bley	16	2	Neland	15
4	Purcell	17	4	Duwa	24	3	Rothberg	16
5	Schmidt N	18	5	Esser	24	4	Page	24
6	Giroffi	19	6	Powell	25	5	Rush	27
7	Goldberger	22	7	Emerson	30	6	Borree	40
8	Donnelly	25	8	Gibson	30.4	7	Auman	41
9	Renner	26				8	Carlson	43
10	Durstein	34						



Sailors competing in at least one race of the series are listed above.



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2010 - 2011 C A L E N D A R

Aug. 26 August General Meeting & Coffee 9:30 am (Board Meeting 8:00)
Sept 2 New Salt Testing, Race Committee programs

Fall Series

Sept 9 First Race
Sept 16 Second Race (Planning Race Committee meeting after racing)
Sept 21 Windlasses host FWSA luncheon - Countryside Country Club
Sept 23 Third Race
Sept 30 Fourth Race
Oct. 2 *Saturday - Dunedin Cup*
Oct. 7 Grape Cruise (Board meeting 8:00 am)
Oct. 14 Fifth Race
Oct. 21 Sixth Race/Windscoop Deadline
Oct. 28 **Halloween Race**

Holiday Series

Nov. 4 First Race
Nov. 11 Second Race (Planning Race Committee meeting after racing)
Nov. 18 Third Race (Board meeting after racing)
Nov. 25 Thanksgiving --No Racing
Dec. 2 Fourth Race
Dec. 9 Fifth Race/Windscoop Deadline
Dec. 16 **Holiday Race/Party** (Board meeting 8:00 am)
Dec. 23 Holidays--No Racing
Dec. 30 NewYear's--No Racing

Winter Series

Jan. 6 Cruise (Board Meeting 8:00 am)
Jan 13 First Race
Jan. 20 Winter Luncheon
Jan. 27 Second Race (Planning Race Committee meeting after racing)
Feb. 3 Third Race
Feb. 10 **Valentine's Race**
Feb. 17 Soup Cruise (Board meeting 8:00 am)
Feb. 24 Fourth Race
Mar. 3 Fifth Race
Mar. 10 Sixth Race/Windscoop Deadline
Mar. 17 **St. Patrick's Race** (Board meeting after racing)

Spring Series

Mar. 24 First Race
Mar. 31 Spring Holiday
Apr. 7 Second Race (Planning Race Committee meeting after racing)
Apr. 14 Third Race
Apr. 21 Cruise (Board Meeting TBD)
Apr. 28 Fourth Race
May 5 Fifth Race
May 12 **Grandmother's/Empty Bracelet Race/** General Meeting
May 19 **Island Race**
May 26 Luncheon/ General Meeting (Board meeting 8 am)
June 2 Shrimp Cruise
June 9 Joint Board Meeting

