



Spring 2017 Commodore's Letter

Spring is here!

At our latest Spring Board of Governor's meeting:

Our Vice-Commodore, David Decrow, reports that the club facilities have survived the winter in relatively good condition. As usual, David has a number of ongoing projects including painting the pier steel and clubhouse. A project of note: David has been working with a local survey company to prepare an *existing conditions drawing* of the DIYC site. This is necessary for long term planning and to repair storm damage the club might sustain in the future.

Rear-Commodore Tim Vander Mel reports that the Around Pigeon Island Race will be held this year on July 2 and the Cruise to the Guest Mooring event will be on August 12. He has continued searching for a sailing instructor but as of today has had no luck. The reality of our location and infrastructure make this a difficult position to fill. We think the ideal candidate would be someone from within our club with a US Sailing instructors Level 1 certification. If you have suggestions for the sailing program, please communicate with Tim at timvandermel@yahoo.com.

Treasurer Bo Chesney reports that the club's capital fund is in good condition. Bo suggested we take a proactive and forward-looking approach to our long-term project goals. Some of these projects include pier steel and deck replacement, float replacement and its possible reconfiguration, parking and clubhouse upgrades, and waterfront erosion control. As I mentioned in the Fall newsletter, the DIYC *rainy day account* is not yet fully funded. The prioritization of these projects will therefore require a careful planning approach.

Harbor Chair Jeff Wakelin would like to remind those with boats and moorings to be on the lookout for upcoming communications from the club regarding mooring maintenance. You should be able to put your request in through the DIYC website at <https://deerisleyachtclub.wildapricot.org/event-2464763> for mooring inspection and maintenance tasks.

There has been a recent increase in complaints about damage at the dock between dinghies. Before you launch *please* make sure you are doing your part to insure your boat meets the criteria for size (length and HP) and you provide adequate soft protection for your neighbor's dinghy.

As a reminder, the float dinghy space rules include:

- No boats over 12 feet L.O.A.
- No boats with stepped masts.
- No boats with engines over 10 HP. Outboard engines must be kept in the down position to reduce potential damage to other boats.
- Boats not maintained in shipshape condition may be removed to parking lot at owner's risk.
- Boats shall have fenders to prevent damage to others.



- Identification Numbers assigned by the club shall be displayed inside the boat transom. Boats without club assigned numbers may be removed to parking lot at owner's risk. (If you need stickers with your membership number on it, please contact Bo Chesney - chesney633@gmail.com)

If your dinghy doesn't meet the above criteria please tie up at the wharf dock. The Rules and Regs webpage can be found at deerisleyachtclub.wildapricot.org/rules-and-regulations

Important dates to remember:

Around Pigeon Island Regatta - July 2
Bullseye National Championships in Winter Harbor, ME July 20-23
Butter Island Picnic - July 22
Empty The Cove - Aug 5
DIYC Bullseye Races - Aug 16-18
Annual Meeting - Aug 19

I look forward to seeing you in and around the Cove!

Fair Leads,

Richard Gresham
Commodore