



## DEYC Commodore Annual Report – 27 August 2022

Greetings!

I have been pleased and honored to serve as Commodore of the Down East Yacht Club for our 56th year! A lot has changed in boating and in Boothbay Harbor since the club was formed but I like to think we have kept the spirit of "the fun club" alive and built upon what that small group started back in 1966.

Operating a yacht club without a club house could be challenging and, 56 years proves it is possible! We appreciate the support of the Tugboat Inn. For years they have rented us dock space and hosting our annual meeting

The Hauling Out in September was once again one of our best attended events! The food (Seacoast Catering) and fellowship was outstanding!

I'm happy to report that winter gatherings were held in both Maine and Florida. For example, in March P/C Sandy Young and Karren Young's annual cocktail party followed by P/C George Masters and Linda Masters Buffett luncheon and Boat ride around Sarasota Bay on M/V Marina Jack II was a huge success.

In March, in another part of the world eighteen DEYC members cruised the Leeward Islands for seven nights on a 4 masted sailing vessel. Most of us motor vessel owners soon learned what it felt like to live below decks on an angle.

The annual Christmas party was held on Saturday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at the Water's Edge Restaurant in Edgecomb. Jay Hackett made a fabulous Santa and with the assistance of Elf Elizabeth Rugh conducted a lively (at times out of control) Yankee swap. R/C Aaron Rugh and Suzanne launched and promoted the online ship store. There was also DEYC merchandise on hand to purchase. I thank V/C Brent Pope and P/C Susan Pope for helping host this festive event.

We kicked off the 2022 boating season with the Commodore's Luncheon on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at DiMillo's. For years a club favorite it had been a while since the DEYC had been to DiMillo's. P/C Bill George and Anne George hosted a wonderful lunch, "Captain's Buffett". People seemed to enjoy the food, the views of Portland's Inner Harbor and fellowship. R/C Aaron Rugh's new EastBay "Gratitude" was on the dock, as was new member, Phil and Kristen Stanley's "Fabricator" and Jay Hackett and Helene Rush new Sabre "Can't Hackett". Lots of newer members attended the lunch. There were boat tours after lunch.

The Launch party was held on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at Luke's BoatYard in East Boothbay. This event was well attended, everyone was ready for summer to start. Smuggler's Cove did an outstanding job catering the event.

The Windjammer Day Parade was well attended the DEYC members travelled in the parade distributing candy with the woody wagon. Thank you, P/C Bill George and Anne George, as well as V/C Brent Pope and P/C Susan Pope for making all the arrangements and hosting.

Troy and Sandi Hersom did a fine job organizing DEYC Day Tripper Events on the last Saturday of each month. Their new 45' Trollycraft "Melody" proved an excellent host boat to raft on. You can follow their



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travels South on “Melody” on our Group Facebook page. P/C Tim Parker will be letting us know the details for today’s raft up later.

P/C Steve Arkley, Deb Arkley and Grandson Kai Chesno hosted a Linekin Bay Raft-up to enjoy the Tall Ships who were stationing themselves there the night before Windjammer Day’s Gathering of the Fleet

The Summer gathering at Mulholland’s was well attended. Thank you V/C Brent Pope and P/C Susan Pope for providing the beer and wine to accompany an incredible appetizer spread. A beautiful early summer afternoon on the lawn looking out at Seguin, what could be better?

### Annual Cruise

Details will be provided in the report of the Fleet Captain, Kristen King, who with the assistance of a First Class Cruise Committee and fantastic Port hosts ran an enjoyable and engaging cruise. This was despite alternate plans that Mother Nature had up her sleeve. If only we could have documented her work getting the fleet safely docked and moored in Castine - a day ahead of schedule. Impressive organization, coordination and adaptability skills all with a smile, sometimes a laugh and a tone of authority.

At the end of July the club joined together on the water to honor the passing of P/C Ron Richardson. A boat procession lead by Boothbay Harbor’s Harbor Master with SaltyPaws hosting Lorrie Richardson and her family took place at 11am on Saturday, July 30, 2022. It was a beautiful expression of respect and camaraderie. All that participated were moved by the experience. I think we all felt how right it was to honor a member of the DEYC who gave so freely of his time and attention for the betterment of the club.

On August 6, 2022, in the height of a summer heat wave, we gathered at the Blake’s, on the water’s edge, and thanks to P/C Joe Blake and Brenda Blake enjoyed ice cream with all the fixings. The featured Ice Cream was Maine Moose Tracks from our local Downeast Ice Cream Factory with **real** fudge and **real** whipped cream. We also shared the opportunity as a club to wish member Gavin Carlson (P/C Matt Carlson and Charlinda Carlson’s son) good luck and congratulations for acceptance into University of Iowa.

Eleven (11) boats participated at all the stops of this year’s Annual Mini Cruise. The first night at Stover Cove was intended as a departure point for dinner at Cook’s Lobster and Ale House. However, when Cook’s had technical problems and had to close for several hours the DEYC members anchored in Stover’s convened for cocktails and appetizers on Gratitude and Can’t Hackett. By the time Cook’s was open the club was satiated and not interested in changing venues. Perhaps another time. Cook’s informed us in a very timely manner of their difficulties and were very apologetic.

Friday night at Dolphin broke all records. More came by boat and several attended by land. There was an encouraged docktail party at the top of the ramp leading to the docks. The Dolphin Restaurant and Marina staff really took great care of us. They guaranteed seating for 30 and when our numbers swelled to 57 they took care of us and had us all seated in record time.

A Cocktail party at Great Island Boatyard’s Iris Eats, whose owner and chef is Elyse Dana (daughter of Michael and Janet Dana) capped off the mini cruise. I could not have imagined what Elyse delivered when she said I plan a, “robust charcuterie spread” with beer and wine on the deck. It was a lovely evening and her spread was a work of art.



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We also celebrated new members Louise and Eric Ronshaugen joining us in their 38' Holiday Mansion Barracuda Coastal Cruiser House Boat. Don't let looks deceive she can over take PoBoy, SaltyPaws and Freedom.

It has been a very busy summer for the club. Building Communication with the hope of more opportunities to share Camaraderie was my goal. By providing different events on land and sea and by getting the word out through email, the web site and a growing private FaceBook group hopefully there was something for everyone. The events were generally very well attended and feed-back has been positive. I want to thank the past commodores and all the members who supported Bob and I by hosting, helping and attending events. Thanks to the Bridge for their support and know that I am here to help you with your years.

I look forward to working with the new Commodore and Nominating Committee in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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With a budget of \$1,800, \$1790 of which was spent – the Woody Wagon supported the Haul Out and Launch Parties, the Summer Cruise, and the Mulholland event. In addition, under Bill and Anne George, it was cleared of product, washed, decorated, and joined the Windjammer Days parade.

Woody has been cleaned and inventoried and is ready for turn over to the new V/C Aaron.

A big thanks to all who helped serve, stock, transport, store and clean up. Volunteers were a tremendous help in making the events run smoothly and hope others will volunteer in the future.

Come and enjoy the Woody Wagon next at the Haul Out Party on September 10 – bring a guest who may become a new member.

Written summaries of purchases, events, attendance, and spreadsheets of product inventory are attached.

I appreciated the privilege to serve as your Vice Commodore.

Respectfully submitted,

V/C Brent Pope

# **2021-2022 Rear Commodore Annual Report**

## **SHIP'S STORE**

The past year was quite a jump for the store. Coming out of the pandemic, coupled with a new DEYC Gear website and special Sea Bag promotion, the store generated \$7,795.58 in revenue. However, given the low/no-markup policy, the net for the club ended up being a loss of \$409.00 due mostly to the credit card fees associated with those purchases. Going forward, the store has been modified to better anticipate those expenses to ensure that it is net positive. Lots of exciting new gear was added, but most importantly, the store is available 24/7 to all members, and can be accessed from the main page of the website. All of the gear can be customized to suit your needs and there are several logo styles to choose from.

## **MOORING SHARE PROGRAM**

The Mooring Share Program was once again handled by Jan Mildram, who puts in a great deal of effort coordinating this effort. Please consider making your mooring available to the program in the future.

## **DOCK & MOORINGS**

The dock and moorings are one of the valuable perks of DEYC membership. There are now 8 moorings in the area. The dock kiosk provides information about the club and dock rules. It's starting to look a bit piqued, so anyone interested in a winter project of bringing the kiosk back to its former glory would be welcomed with open arms.

## **TRAILER WITH TABLES, CHAIRS & SIGNAGE**

The trailer spends most of its time under the generous hospitality of member Neil Murphy, but it comes in very handy at our parties. It's generally in good shape, but will need a little TLC in the near future.

## **STORAGE UNIT**

Our storage unit keeps the essential grill, kiosk, steps, hoses and other useful items from cluttering up someone's garage. It suits the purpose well and is easy to access.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Rugh, Rear Commodore