



# Marina Matters

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## Edgewater Park Events:

- **HOB Beerfest**  
Sat, March 7, 12-10pm
- **Seafood Festival**  
Sat, March 21, 12-10pm  
Sun, March 22, 2-8pm
- **Orange Festival**  
Sat, July 11, 12-9pm

For a full calendar of events, visit [www.DunedinGov.com](http://www.DunedinGov.com)

## Dunedin Welcomes "The Loopers"

Every year beginning in Fall, Dunedin Marina is host to a remarkable group of boating enthusiasts, called "The Loopers." Loopers are a group of people traveling "The Great Loop" which is a circumnavigation of Eastern North America by water, voyaging through at least 14 states and a Canadian province or two. They can go clockwise or counter, but the route is basically the same: travel down the Mississippi, across the Gulf, up the east coast, and across to the Great Lakes. And along their journey, Loopers are making Dunedin Marina one of their temporary stops.

America's Great Loop is, first and foremost, an idea. The idea that you can navigate, thanks to locks and canals intended to aid commerce, all the way around the eastern half of the U.S. in your boat. Forget for a moment, the logistical challenges of this 6,000-mile adventure. Forget that many of us never

regularly spend more than a weekend aboard, let alone the months required to complete the journey. Forget too, the mental hurdle of leaving behind your life on land, even if only temporarily.

Instead, imagine the adventurous lifestyle of this select group who tackle the quest and along the way, transform their lives. In their quest, they become infectious with positive enthusiasm and inspiration about their journey. We're glad to welcome this unique group of people and look forward to hearing their stories and sharing our beautiful waters with them.



These Loopers display a burgee, signifying that their journey is in progress.

## Hurricane Season - Prepare Now & Be Ready

June is only three months away and it's important to get a head start now and prepare for the upcoming hurricane season with these important tips:

- 1) Be sure your boat is insured and review your marine insurance policy.
- 2) Make a Storm Plan. Most insurance providers require a formal written plan detailing where and how your boat must be secured during a major storm.
- 3) Check with your marina or storage facility where your boat is moored to be

sure the vessel can remain there during a hurricane. If it can stay, know the procedure for securing your boat and those docked around it.

- 4) Make an inventory, preferably by video, of all valuable fixed items.
- 5) Store all the boat's important documents,

including your marine insurance policy, in a secure place off the vessel.

6) Inspect your boat and make any necessary improvements or repairs, especially before the Florida heat waves are upon us.

Be Prepared - Get A Plan! National Hurricane Preparedness Week is May 24-30.

For more info, visit the National Weather Services' National Hurricane Center at [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov).



## Marina Advisory Committee

The Marina Advisory Committee meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 5:15pm in the marina office, 2nd floor. Meetings are open to the public.

## Dunedin Boat Club

The Boat Club has a long heritage as one of Florida's oldest Sailing Clubs. The membership meets on the 3rd Monday of the month, and the Board meets on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:30pm in the clubhouse. For more info, visit [DunedinBoatClub.org](http://DunedinBoatClub.org).

## Dunedin Youth Sailing Association

The mission of the DYSA is to encourage participation in the sport of sailing as a community based program for ages 8-16 and to provide quality instruction in the values of responsibility, team building, sportsmanship and fairness in this ecologically sound sport. For more info visit, [DunedinYouthSailing.org](http://DunedinYouthSailing.org)

## Windlasses

The Windlasses meet every Thursday at 9am at the Boat Club. They are a women's sailing association whose purpose is to encourage sailors to improve their art of sailing, sponsor races in Prams and Sunfish, and to compete with other sailing clubs. Visit [www.Windlasses.org](http://www.Windlasses.org).

## Liability Insurance - Important Reminder



The City of Dunedin requires that all slip renters obtain a valid certificate of general liability insurance. A copy of the certificate must be submitted and kept on file at the Marina Office. If you are renewing your insurance policy, please be sure to forward a copy of your new certificate to the Harbormaster's Office.

**Recreation slip renters** must obtain a valid certificate of general liability insurance in the amount of \$100,000/\$300,000.

**Commercial slip renters** must obtain a valid certificate of general liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 naming the City of Dunedin as an additional insured.

## Marina Projects Update



- **Pump-Out Station & Catwalk Rehabilitation:** Stamper Construction Company has ordered the floating docks for the day docks and equipment for the installation of the pump out. Arrival of these materials is anticipated for late March, with construction to begin in April.
- **Dock "A" Rehabilitation:** Moffatt & Nichol is updating their scope for

the rehabilitation plan. The update will include an option for new electrical and water pedestals. This project is projected to be bid during this summer.

- **West Seawall Reconstruction Project:** Design plans are being finalized. Bid opening for the project is scheduled for late April with construction starting during the summer.

## Youth Sailing Camp for ages 10-17

Dunedin Parks & Recreation offers sailing camp for ages 10-17. In Camp 1, sailors learn how to rig and sail the Optimist Pram while exploring and learning about the local environment. In Camp 2, sailors learn to operate the bigger and faster Sunfish boat. Visit [www.DunedinGov.com/camps](http://www.DunedinGov.com/camps) or call (727) 812-4530.

### Camp 1: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm

Session 1: June 8-12  
Session 2: July 6-10

### Camp 2: Monday, Friday, 9am-5pm

Session 1: June 22-26  
Session 2: July 20-24

\$225 / Rec Card; \$240 / No Card  
Register early, space is limited



## Adult Sailing Lessons offered May 30-31

Get Sailing and navigate St. Joseph Sound! Dunedin Parks & Recreation offers adult sailing lessons for ages 18 and older. Participants will learn to sail and navigate in St. Joseph Sound in Prams and Sunfish. This accelerated class teaches the basics of rigging, wind dynamics, points of sail and tacking.

### Class Information:

Ages 18+  
Saturday & Sunday, May 30-31  
9am-4pm  
\$100 / Rec Card; \$150 / No Card

To register or for more information, call Dunedin Parks & Recreation, (727) 298-3266.