

THE DOINGS

OF THE DIXIE SAILING CLUB

April 2010

Catalina 22 Region 3 Championship
Gold Fleet Winner!



DSC's Keith Bennett, with crew Jennifer, accept the Region 3 regatta trophy and the Region 3 Champion perpetual trophy from C22 National Sailing Association Commodore Ted McGee. Keith won over a field of 10 other boats that included two previous National Champion Gold Fleet racers! Great job Keith and Jennifer!!

Commodore's Corner

By Commodore Mark Cline

By the time you read this it will be April and we have already had a busy time at the club. For those of you who missed it we hosted the Catalina 22 Region 3 regatta. Wow what a weekend. We had 19 boats from around the southeast, crazy winds and lots of fun. We have updated the website with the results and will be adding pictures soon. Also, check out the upcoming issue Lake Magazine for more coverage. A big thanks goes out to Dick Cline for heading it all up, and also to all the club members who helped. Congrats to Keith Bennett who took first place in Gold Fleet.

Speaking of regattas, we have our own coming up. The Punchbowl Regatta is scheduled for April 10th and 11th. Ron Jenkie is your regatta chair, and he is "cooking up" a fun time. There is more information on this later in this Doings and on the web site. Remember, this is open to all boats. We will have FS, MC, C22 and Open/Handicap fleets.

If you haven't been to the club in awhile, you might be surprised at all that has been going on. We have been working on the roads around the facilities and have added lots of gravel to fill in some of the soft spots. We have a new race committee boat. It's bigger, better equipped and has been getting great reviews from all that have been using it. In addition, we have had some work done on the rescue/chase boat that should make it easier to tow people in as well as get them in the boat. Thanks to Charlie and Burl for spearheading this job. We also have a new ping pong table! So bring your "A" game and challenge your friends to a game. Later in the spring we plan on dropping some new moorings and painting the outside of the clubhouse.

Finally, for all you weak bladders, (and those of us that forget to go) we have added a port-a-potty to the boat yard! No more waiting for the women to look the other way. We can finally have some dignity. It is in the south east corner behind the boats, and it is cleaned out on a regular basis.

As you can see, we have lots going on and a full schedule ahead. Check the website for news and updates and as always, if you need anything please let me know.

See you on the water!

Mark Cline
Commodore

Around the boat yard

With all the new members and guest we have at the club, I thought it might be a good idea to remind everyone of some boat yard etiquette and rules.

1. After you launch your boat, please park your vehicle and trailer back in your slot and not near the ramp or in the ramp area. It is difficult for those along the south side of the boat yard to get in and out when there are trucks and trailers parked along the north end.
2. If you have race committee duty, please park in the designated area and not in the clearing to south side of the ramp. Most of the bigger boats need to have the turning room.
3. Please check on your boats to make sure they have current registration, not full of water and can be moved if need be. You should take pride in your boat and your club. Dirty beat up boats with flat tires, torn covers and full of water do not make a good impression with our guests or our landlord. If you don't have time to sail, please take the time to check on your boat once and a while. If you don't want your boat anymore, please let us know and we will try and help you sell it. The Auburn sailing club is looking for a boats to sail and purchase. They might fix yours up if they can use it.

Important Items

Remember that the 1st quarter is over, and 2nd quarter dues are now due! And NO notice will be sent to you again reminding you of this!!

DSC has a new member - Brad Blake, and wife Jennifer, who live in Auburn. They sail an O'Day 25 so make sure you say hello and welcome when you see them at the club!!

Catalina 22 Mid Winter Regatta

Cocoa, FL

By Ron Jenkie

(A crews perspective)

The Catalina 22 Mid Winter Regatta was held down in Cocoa Beach, FL the weekend of February 20 and 21. Mark Cline, Keith Bennett and Mickey Richardson, all from Dixie Sailing Club, caravanned across Georgia and down I-75 into Florida without mishap. We arrived in the staging area, which was a city public park with parking and launch ramps, at around 4:00 in the afternoon. After stepping masts and rigging the boats we headed over to the local abode for most sailors, The Dixie Motel. After all the horror stories about the place we found it acceptable as a bachelor pad for the weekend. We were all starved so after unpacking headed out to find the most local seafood shack in the area. Found a table big enough to seat Mickey and his two crew Sandy and Julie, Keith and Jennifer, and Mark with his crew Chuck Newman and myself. Great relaxing, race strategizing and super eating. In need of a good night sleep before race day we headed back to the hotel to bed down, Mark on one, me on another and Chuck on the floor.

Saturday morning came early East coast time so we headed for a local diner that offered breakfast 24 hours a day. Too anxious to sit around too long we headed over to the park to register, rig and launch. The Indian River Yacht Club, who basically operate their club out of the public boat launch and park, sure did a bang up job of hosting the event. Enough breakfast rolls and stuff were offered so that we could take it out on the boat with us for lunch. After the skippers meeting we launched and were out on Indian River Bay which leads out to the Atlantic Ocean. The field of racers ranged from beginners to the pro guys, many boats from Florida, but others from as far away as Indiana and Michigan. Boats were Catalina 22's and Sports, 19 in all, many having Waters Sails on them which were from the Columbia, South Carolina sailmaker. Mark was competing in the Silver fleet against 2 other boats. Race one started with light winds which dissipated soon after starting and left us stranded and floating in the Indian River currents. After a long time we caught a light ocean breeze, played with it, and were able to make it to the "shortened course" finish line first. Sweet victory! By the time for races 2, 3, and 4 the winds were up and we had ourselves a great day of racing. Mark skippered, Chuck pulled sheets until he about dropped and I did all the whisker pole work and navigating. As a team we worked well together but by the end of the day I think Chuck was the one suffering the most. Mickey Richardson was doing well in the standings until suddenly crew Sandy went over backwards into the water and had to be rescued by the race committee.

According to park policy we had to trailer the boat and park it in a slot for the night. No problems since the entire area was paved and clean. The regatta dinner was held at the usual place, Norman's, which is famous for their wings. Lots of refreshments, chatter between tables, race rehashing and relaxing after the long day of activity. The local club and sponsors had raffle prizes being handed out all evening and by the end almost everyone had received one.

The next thing I knew Mark was getting us up because we needed to get some food in us before getting over to hit the waves again. Day two winds started off the same with very light air that soon turned to a good stiff sea breeze of 10 - 12 knots. Although stiff jointed we all were back at it as the first race began. By the end of the races we had time to de-step masts and rig the boats for trailering, all before the awards ceremony.

Keith Bennett and crew Jennifer lead the pack for most of the two day event in Gold Fleet but ended up in second place after the last day competition. Mickey Richardson did well but ended up in the middle of the scoring due to having to retire after losing crew. After coming in first place in all races Mark Cline won first place in the Silver Fleet. Congrats to both Keith and Mark for their expert skippering.

All in all it was a very exhausting weekend but a very rewarding and fun experience. If you have an opportunity to take a boat or catch a ride as crew I strongly recommend it.



Dennis & Winn wash the hull inside and out

WET!
WILD!
WOW!!



John Barnett leads them to the first mark

What a Region 3 Championship!!

By Dick Cline, Region 3 Commodore

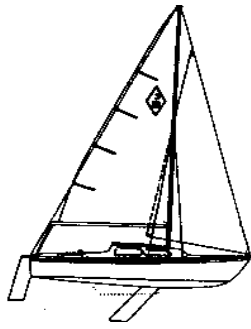
If criteria for a successful regatta are having enough wind to race; enough racers to make the competition interesting; and enough on-land help to get it to all flow smoothly then the Region 3 Championship held at DSC on March 20 and 21 was an outstanding success! And if anyone asked those that came and participated, that's about the one word that was used most often – “outstanding”... after the words “wild, wet, wonderful, and WOW”!

The event kicked off with a welcome party hosted by DSC C22 Fleet 96 on the front deck with hot dogs, burgers of all types (beef, turkey, and salmon) and lots of snacks and cold liquids. Dick Cline and Judy Barnett did yeoman duty on the grill, and probably will get asked to do that again! The weather forecast for the weekend that evening called for Saturday to be about perfect – sunshine, winds of 8 to 10 but a warning that Sunday could include some storms. So the decision was made that on Saturday, if possible, instead of the scheduled three races, a fourth race would be held in case Sunday did have some poor weather.

A total of 19 boats were entered, 11 in Gold Fleet and 8 in Silver. Going out to the big lake for the 11:45 start there was serious concern by all about the winds – they seemed to be gusting all the way up to 2 or 3 mph... a glass smooth lake! Everyone put up the big sails for a light air day! C22 National Association Commodore and PRO for the event Ted McGee held off a tad on the start time, looking for the breeze to build, and build it did!! It might have been the 8 to 10 mentioned at the quiet times, but usually it was a lot more than that. As you can see in the two pictures at the top of this article the winds got up and even up more. Seems a microburst or two had to visit the race area, and the results were as you might expect!

Damages or concerns of some form and level occurred to five Gold Fleet boats and two Silver Fleet boats, and if you have a whisker pole business I know where there are a bunch of customers. But all four races were completed and the scores tallied. Sunday morning the weather was as predicted and the regatta was called complete based on the four races on Saturday. Winning the Gold Fleet Region 3 Championship was DSC racer Keith Bennett, with wife Jennifer doing all the hard crew work. Winning the Silver Fleet award was Bobby McCullough Jr from Tennessee.

So – we had all the winds ya could ask for, great racing by some really great sailors, and the on-land help was equally superb. No regatta can be done by just the regatta chairman or the PRO, it takes lots of work behind the scenes to make it all happen smoothly, and that is just what happened. My sincere thanks to the following DSC club members for their unending help that made it great for all, not listed in any order other than what comes to my mind – they were all outstanding: Royetta and Wayne, Dee and George Randolph, Charlie and Marty French, Burl Murphy, Judy Barnett, Ron Dettwiler, Allison Davie and her mom and dad, and Wayne Carroll. These are the folks that really made it happen and I am proud to have them in our club.



The Racing Review

By Dick Cline



Each month's issue of the Doings will include a page devoted to the club's racing program. The data presented in each issue will be a table of the overall results for the series so far, plus individual results for the races held on the weekends plus fleet standings if they exist. Remember that it takes at least 10 races to qualify for a series award, and only the best 10 scores will be used to determine the standings.

Until racers have completed at least 10 races the data will be in alphabetical order by type of boat. After racers have completed 10 races for those that have the data will be presented in order of first to second to... you get the idea.

So as of March 31, 2010 here is the racing data for the spring series:

Skipper	Class	3/6	3/13	Tot Pts	Tot Races	Avg
Barnett	C22	3 3		6	2	3.00
Bennett	C22	2 1		3	2	1.50
M. Cline	C22	4 7	1	12	3	4.00
R. Cline	C22	7 5	1	13	3	4.33
Jenkie	C22	5 6	1	12	3	4.00
Page	C22	6 4	1	11	3	3.67
Richardson	C22	1 2	1	4	3	1.33
Riggs	C22	12 12		24	2	12.0
Schrupp	C22	11 11		22	2	11.0
Link	FS	10 10		20	2	10.0
Murphy	FS	8 9		17	2	8.50
Hoster	MC	9 8		17	2	8.50

For the C22 Fleet Standings as of March 31, here is that data:

Skipper	Class	3/6	3/13	Tot Pts	Tot Races	Avg
Barnett	C22	3 3		6	2	3.00
Bennett	C22	2 1		3	2	1.50
M. Cline	C22	4 7	1	12	3	4.00
R. Cline	C22	7 5	1	13	3	4.33
Jenkie	C22	5 6	1	12	3	4.00
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Richardson	C22	1 2	1	4	3	1.33
Riggs	C22	9 9		18	2	9.00
Schrupp	C22	8 8		16	2	8.00



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Coming Events & Responsibilities

April

Sun 4 Easter Weekend - no scheduled activities

Sat 10 Punchbowl Regatta - "open" regatta

Regatta Chair: Jenkie

RC Chair: PRO

RC Assist.: Floyd, McDaniel, Morgan, G Randolph

Kitchen Duty: Candler, Ford, Hilgendorf, Hoster

Sun 11 Punchbowl Regatta - "open" regatta

Regatta Chair: Jenkie

RC Chair: PRO

RC Assist.: Floyd, McDaniel, Morgan, G Randolph,

Kitchen Duty: Candler, Ford, Hilgendorf, Hoster

Sat 17 Club racing

RC Chair: Dettwiler

RC Assist.: Ford, Hargrove, Riggs

May

Sat 1 Club Racing & Kentucky Derby Party

Regatta Chair: Carroll

RC Assist.: Fernandez, Floyd, Moeller

Kitchen Duty: G. Randolph, R. Randolph

Sat 8 No scheduled event - Mother's Day Weekend

Clubhouse closed for Bennett wedding reception

Sat 15 Club Racing & Sailor's Breakfast

Regatta Chair: R. Randolph

RC Assist.: Jaffe, McDaniel

Sat 22 Club Racing

Regatta Chair: Newman

RC Assist.: Heath, Perry

Sat 29 McFadden Cup Regatta

Memorial Day Weekend, potluck dinner, cookout

RC Chair: Simons

RC Assist.: Davie, Riggs, Riley

Kitchen Duty: Corwin, Dettwiler, Jaffe