



The Doings

Of the Dixie Sailing Club
August 2011



**Cabin Colony and club member Jim Simons enjoys a day on Lake Huron.
Jim's on the largest boat in the bottom photo next to the clue of the genoa.**

Commodore's Corner

By Commodore Charlie French

Ahoy to all,

We have completed the first half of the racing series and looking forward to the second half of the year. August can be hot! But we have lots of enjoyable activities scheduled for this month. We have three Saturdays and one Sunday of races, a Full Moon sail on Saturday Aug. 13 and two Tuesday Fun Sails on the 16th and 30th. See the list of activities later in this Doings.

I received permission to share this note from Roger and Sherry Smith following the Full Moon sail July 16, 2011.

The moon light sail was magical. The time spent with the group was delightful. The rain quit and the stars came out. The sound of the water and the soft spoken word of the wind made this sail our most memorable sail to date. The moon lit the sky as it came up and the big dipper was overhead.

We fell in love with sailing all over again.

We would like to express our thanks to the club for planning the event; the guest for a great dinner; and to Tom for joining us on the sail.

The lure of sailing is alive and well!

Thank you,

Roger and Sherry Smith

Recently there has been discussion about the organization of Dixie Sailing Club. Dixie Sailing Club is a private club with by-laws and rules. Some of the board realized that it would be of value to review our rules, see the article later in the Doings. All members are responsible to follow these simple and straightforward rules.

I wish everyone fair winds and smooth seas and enjoyable times at Dixie Sailing Club. If it is too hot to sail, enjoy swimming in one of the most beautiful locations in Alabama.

Charlie

From the Vice

By Vice Commodore Royetta Link

Dog Days of Summer, Wild Mushrooms, and Moonlight Cruise

What do these things have in common? You can enjoy them all at Dixie Sailing Club during the month of August.

Saturday, the 6th, is the first Saturday of August...that means racing in the morning and potluck supper in the evening with lots of time in between to enjoy the clear, cool waters of Lake Martin. Yes, the weatherman predicts a heat index of 110 but the water temp is a refreshing 86F. There is no better way to beat the dog star, Sirius, than floating around with a cold beer in one hand and a slice of watermelon in the other!

Recent rains may have something to do with cooler water but water temps and lake levels are not the only things affected by all the storms. Strange and bizarre looking wild mushrooms have sprung up all over the campground, roadways, and foot paths. I saw a white mushroom the size of a dinner plate and one that looked like a weird armadillo egg! Too hot to take the kids sailing? Bring them down for a nature walk and swim then stay for supper. This Saturday, the club will provide root beer floats at 4:00pm and again after supper.

Do you like to sail but don't like the hot sun and unpredictable winds of August? Join us for the Full Moon Cruise on August 13. All sailors know that a full moon means romance, sea monsters, and great sailing winds.

DSC facilities provide a wide range of activities to our membership. Come enjoy the lake before school starts.

Royetta

Rear Commodore Comments

From Rear Commodore Dick Cline

Hard to believe that by the time you read this the Spring Series will be over, as will July! Sorry for one to end, but not the July temps! Wow, what a hot one it was. Now we have August and then September 3rd arrives and things turn MUCH better! Well at least in some ways. You don't know what September 3rd is or why it's special? Oh sure, it's Labor Day weekend and a special club regatta, the Nora Munger Cup, and both are special in themselves. But even more thrilling – the lake loses most of the power boats that day!! History has shown that on home opening college football games, this year on September 3rd for BOTH Alabama and Auburn, the power boat level goes WAY down and this September 3rd should be a new look

at the lake! So the temp may still be up some then, and August will be a hot one to get thru, but hang in there folks, there is relief coming....it's called October!

Anyway, the Spring Series is history and 6 racers got in their needed 10 or more races to complete their qualification for the series, in pursuit of being in the Club Championship Sailoff on November 12th. Ten or more races in the Fall Series, and they qualify for the sailoff. Here are the 6 that got it done in Spring Series, and the boats they used:

Bill Hoster – MC Scow 2348

John Barnett – Catalina 22 #443

Keith Bennett – Catalina 22 #38

Mark Cline – Catalina 22 #165

Ron Dettwiler – Catalina 22 #8491

Ron Jenkie – Catalina 22 #7452

Well done to all, and now get going on the Fall Series! As Rear Commodore the job gets done best thru the help of others and I want to thank Ron Dettwiler for all his work keeping the racing stats that get posted on the web site every week, and to Roger Smith for all the work on the boat yard and where boats are stored/added to/ deleted from or just moved around. Remember it is important to have your name on your trailer and air in the tires! You never can tell when something happens with all those trees and our summer storms that require contacting a boat owner or moving something! See ya on the water soon I hope!

Dick

Dixie Sailing Club Rules

By Charlie French

Sometimes it is of value to review the rules of our organization.

The rules and by-laws are included in the roster you received earlier this year.

The following was copied straight from the application for membership in the Dixie Sailing Club. All members signed this application.

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I hereby submit my application for membership in the Dixie sailing Club and I agree to abide by the By-Laws and rules of this organization. I understand that I am responsible for the payment of dues until I submit my resignation in writing. I also understand that as a member I am expected to perform race committee duty

periodically and to participate in scheduled work projects. My check for the membership fee is attached. I will be billed for dues. I have read and understand the club rules on the reverse side of this form.

CLUB RULES

ALCOHOL POLICY: The Dixie Sailing Club does not serve alcoholic beverages. Members and guest may provide their own alcoholic beverages, but they are responsible for the conduct of themselves and of their guest, and assume liability for any situations that may arise as result of their serving alcoholic beverages.

PAYMENT OF DUES: The Dixie Sailing Club By-Laws (Article II Sec. 2) states: A member failing to pay his dues, bills or assessments within 90 days of the due date shall be considered delinquent and subject to a fine of 10% and shall be suspended from all rights and privileges of membership pending payment. A member failing to pay such within 180 days of the due date shall cease to be a member of the club and shall be notified of membership termination.

CLUB DUTIES: The Dixie Sailing Club By-Laws (Article I, Sec 1, Par. A) states: Each **Regular Member** shall, unless excused by the Board of Directors for health or like compelling reasons, participate in club work parties, maintenance programs and serve race committee duty when and as assigned.

RACE COMMITTEES: It is each member's responsibility to pull his race committee duty as scheduled **OR** find his own substitute **OR** notify the Rear Commodore of his desire for a **Paid Substitute**. Failure to follow these procedures will result in a \$50.00 Fine!

GENERAL RULES

All members are expected to do their part in keeping the premises tidy. Any individual, group, or Fleet sponsoring any member or party on Club facilities shall be responsible for cleaning the premises afterwards.

Diners in the Clubhouse are responsible for cleaning their own dishes and area. Members are legally responsible for their actions, and the actions of their children and guests while on Club property.

Guests are permitted on Club premises only when accompanied by a member or upon presentation of evidence of membership in another recognized yacht club. Members of other yacht clubs may be accorded privileges of the Club for a maximum of two weeks after presenting evidence of their membership to a member of the Board of Directors.

Proper decorum is to be maintained at all times by members, children and guests.

Supplies and facilities are furnished for the support of Club activities. Use them with care and consideration.

Animals are to be kept out of the Clubhouse and under control at all times to the extent the no other member shall have reason for complaint.

The Club assumes no responsibility for personal property on Club premises.

Any Club property lost or damaged as a result of carelessness or misuse shall be replaced at the expense of the member responsible for the loss or damage.

Campsites are for the use of all members; equipment should be removed if not being utilized. Tents and campers will be allowed only on weekends or at such time as occupied by owner.

Firearms and explosives shall not be brought onto Club property.

There shall be no fires lighted on the Club grounds that could get out of control.

Boats And Docks

The use of Club power boats and equipment shall be confined strictly to Club business and operated only by authorized personnel.

All members whether their boats are berthed on shore or at a mooring are obligated to the safety of their craft during the periods of rising and falling waters and other emergencies. The Club does not assume responsibility for damages or loss of any boat under any circumstances.

No boat shall remain moored at a Club dock while the owner is absent from Club premises.

Boats shall be berthed only in that location specified by the Docks and Ramps Committee.

Water skiing is not permitted inside the Club coves nor to or from any dock in the Club area.

Fishing and swimming, including scuba diving, is prohibited in the area of the Club docks during times of possible or actual boating activity. Swimming will be permitted in the designated areas. Members are expected to keep sail and power boats free of this area for the safety of swimmers. Parents are to supervise children who are not self-sufficient.

The maximum permissible speed of any power boat inside the Club coves and in waters near the Club property shall be such as that no appreciable wake is created thereby. In no cases will the speed exceed six miles per hour.

Temporary Committee Boat Relocation

To All Members!!

I have attached a picture taken this past weekend of our dock and you can clearly see we have a major issue at the moment!

To help relieve strain on the dock due to powerboat wakes and southerly winds the club rescue boat and committee boat will now be located at the dock back in the keelboat slough.

Yes this means a change in how you will have to do race duty a little bit. Go to the boats at the keel boat dock, motor them over to the boat shed to load up for the days racing, hold the races, put the items used back in the boatyard sheds and then return the rescue boat and committee boat to the docks in the keelboat slough.

NOTE: It is equally important that ALL club members remember that leaving your boat at the dock is for going in and out to sail, NOT for extended tie ups there for several days! Sorry, but the club rules do NOT allow members boats to be tied up for anything other than use during a day of sailing. Stress on the dock from rocking and lines coming loose and like issues are a concern for boats left there for extended periods. Several days or more of leaving your boat at the dock, full time, is not allowed. If you have several days of work needed to be done with the boat in the water it needs to be taken in and out each of those days, not left tied to the dock.

Check out the attached picture and you can see what we have now, and when we get it fixed hopefully we can get the club boats back there, but for now, they will be at the keelboat slough, just plan accordingly when you have race duty. I will let all know when we get it resolved.



Dick Cline
Rear Commodore

It's Your Newsletter

This is your club newsletter so if you ever want to submit an article, or buy or sell something sailing related, send it to me and we'll include it in the next Doings. Send inputs to me at ronald.dettwiler@lmco.com .

Upcoming Events and Responsibilities

August 2011

- Sat 6 **Club Racing – 10:15**
Happy hour and pot luck dinner (Super Saturdays resume in October)
RC Chair: Barnett
RC Assist: R. Smith, Shockley
Dinner Kitchen Duty: Hargrove, Hollifield, King
- Sat 13 **Club Racing & Moonlight Cruise**
RC Chair: G. Randolph
RC Assist: Hardy, Mote
- Tue 16 **Tuesday Fun Sail – 9:30**
- Sun 21 **Club Racing**
RC Chair: Boggan
RC Assist: Nixon, Riggs
- Sat 27 **Club Racing**
RC Chair: Dettwiler
RC Assist: Haire, Morris
- Tue 30 **Tuesday Fun Sail – 9:30**

September 2011

- Sat 3 **Nora Munger Cup – Labor Day Weekend – pot-luck dinner**
RC Chair: Simons
RC Assist: Hardy, McDaniel
Kitchen Duty: Simons, Perry
- Sat 10 **Club Racing**
RC Chair: Murphy
RC Assist: Jaffe, M. Cline
- Tue 13 **Tuesday Fun Sail – 9:30**