

THE DOINGS

OF THE DIXIE SAILING CLUB

February 2010

Commodore's Corner

By Commodore Mark Cline

Well it's been quite an interesting winter. We normally get a couple of opportunities to go sailing in January, but the weather has not cooperated this year. If it's not raining, it's too cold to go outside. Well the good news is that we are only few short weeks away from the Frostbite Regatta, which kicks off the start of the season.

We have finalized the race committee and kitchen assignments and have included in this Doings the assignments for the coming month or so. We will also be adding the full schedule to the 2010 roster and website. Both should be updated and available by the end of the month.

The club has purchased a new (used) race committee boat that is being outfitted based on our specifications. It's bigger than our old boat and will be configured to make race committee duties easier. It should be ready by the Frostbite regatta. We are also in the process of pricing new docks for the ramp area, getting some gravel to fill low spots in the roads around the club and planning on painting the clubhouse this spring. I think everyone agrees that as long as we are going to stay in our current location, we need to make the most of it and try to keep everything looking top notch.

We have lots of sailing activities scheduled this year, and a number of us are planning on hitting the road to go to some regattas this year. If you are interested in getting more involved, or learning to race or just want to crew, let me know and we can get you on a boat.

I look forward to seeing you on the water!

Mark

Vice Commodore's Comments

Greetings from the Vice Commodore.

I can not believe that it is February already. We have a great agenda planned for 2010 with many new and lots of tried and true programs.

We started off with two well attended work parties in January, but just like our homes, our facility is a work in progress. We are doing cleanup, fix up, and invite everyone's input on what needs to be fixed or improved. We all see things a little differently and we welcome your advice.

February also has race training program on Saturday the 13th followed by the Commodores Banquet on Saturday, Feb 27. Details about the banquet are in this issue of the Doings!!

Racing starts on Saturday, March 6th with the Frost Bite and Chili Cook Off. This is always a good start to our racing season... Mid March, the 20th and 21st will bring the Catalina 22 SE Regional Championships to DSC. Hopefully there will be lots of guests, sailors, and DSC participation having lots of good times. The Catalina 22 Fleet 96 headed by Capt. Dick Cline will be handling the festivities. We hope that you all come, sail, help a little, and be part of the fun. Contact Dick if you want to get involved - help - crew - whatever!

The highlight for April is the Punch Bowl Open Regatta on the 10th and 11th. More details on this later, but mark your calendars now so you don't miss out.

Our yearly schedule and details for the rest of the year will be out soon. We are all so fortunate to be a part of the Dixie Sailing Club. Our facility is fantastic and the location unbelievable. We have sailors who are the some of the nation's best. We have some of the happiest sailors in the south from beginners to old salts. The more you participate the more opportunity you have to discover and enjoy Lake Martin and the DSC. Let us all sail, play, learn, and grow together. Nobody promises anyone tomorrow.

Looking forward to working, sailing, and playing with you all! See you at the club...

Dee Randolph

Racers and Race Committee Workshop

On February 13th, starting at 10 and ending about noon, we will have a workshop for ALL club members for the 2010 racing season, to receive instruction on the changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009 – 2012, and learn about the changes to the racing program and race committee responsibilities. Detailed info will be provided on how to run races at DSC and how to record the race results. Bring a lunch and get excited about learning all the details of the new DSC program for 2010!! ALL members should be there!!

Annual Frostbite Regatta & **Chili Cook-off**

Plan on joining us this year on Saturday, March 6th for our Annual Frostbite Regatta and Chili Cook-off. It will be a festive time of fun and good eating. Races will start at 10:15 a.m., and evening activities will begin 4:30 with a social hour, followed by the chili eating at 5:30. Awards for the “ Best,” “Hot-test,” “Most Unusual” or who knows what all will follow dinner.

Here are the ground rules to the Chili Cook-off: If you bring a pot of chili for the contest (and I hope you will) you and your family eat free. Otherwise, cost per person is \$2.50, or two for \$5, with children under are 12 free.

So, please plan to help us kick off the racing season and social activities at DSC by attending this event. If you have any questions email Dee Randolph at grandolph@numail.org

2010 Commodore's Dinner

When: February 27, 2010
Drinks - 6:00PM (cash bar)
Dinner - 6:30PM
Comments and awards following dinner

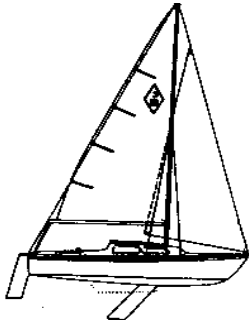
Where: Catherine's Market at Russell Crossroads
Directions: 1/4 mile north of DSC turnoff on Hwy 63

Seating: Place cards with name and menu choices will be handed out; please use themj to reserve your table choice.

Menu: Make one choice from each of the following:
1. Chicken cordon blu; grilled salmon; or beef stroganoff
2. Salad; seafood gumbo; or shrimp & artichoke soup
3. Green beans or rice pilaf
R.S.V.P your choices: BY FEB 20!! To royetta.link@live.com

Cost: \$20.00 per plate includes dinner, tea and coffee; wine/beer available at extra charge.

Come out and join us at this festive occasion. Plan an evening of socialization and great eating with your sailor friends and family. If you have any questions please call Royetta at 334-462-8404 It is essential you reserve the amount/number of dinners NLT Sat, Feb 20th, so do not delay in your response. It's the perfect way to kick off a great sailing season in 2010!!



The Racing Review

By Dick Cline



A new feature for the monthly Doings this year will be the Racing Review, which will cover what is going on in the fleets at DSC, on the race course at the lake, and every now and then, a story about how the club members did when they went on the road to regattas elsewhere. This is the old “fleets” page, and more sailing topics will be covered by the Rear Commodore in his column.

Ron Dettwiler has agreed to do the racing stats each week, and pass them along to Mark for posting on the web site, and to me for use in the monthly Doings. The goal is to have the results and standings both on line and up to date in the monthly Doings.

This particular issue the better title would be “Racing Preview” rather than “review” as right now it is just get ready time and get excited about the 2010 racing program that has some major new and exciting ideas for all.

The 2010 roster when it comes to you will have full details, but for this issue of the Doings maybe just some highlights will get you ready to be there in 2010. The easiest thing to start with is a list of what has NOT changed for the coming year, and here is that list:

1. The club will still have two racing series, Spring Series and Fall Series.
2. The club will present awards for top three, Handicap, for each series, using the same award criteria as in the past (best 12 races).
3. The club will still determine a Club Champion for the year.
4. There will be club racing on Saturdays with a race committee running the races.
5. It takes three boats to make a race, and three like boats to make a fleet race.

That’s about all that is the same – now get ready for the new and exciting parts!

1. Racing for scoring, with a race committee, will be **only** on the first three Saturdays of each month, and only in the morning. On the 3rd Saturday of each month, racing will be preceded by a FREE Sailors Breakfast at the clubhouse! The concept of “honor racing” which did not require a race committee will not occur this year, but all are encouraged to just go sail after the morning races.
2. There will be no Sunday racing or afternoon races for official scoring purposes.
3. There will be no need to “qualify” for entering the club championship sailoff. Any and all members are welcome to enter the sailoff portion of the event.
4. The club champion will be determined using TWO weekends of racing. The first 3 race weekend will determine the top 50% or 10 boats, whichever is greater, on that day. They qualify for the Championship Race the following week! The second weekend will be only for those that qualified the previous weekend, another 3 race regatta, and the winner of that days’ racing will be the club champion. See the roster for all the details.
5. Informal and casual or match racing or what have you happens every Saturday afternoon as you desire! A happy hour and social at the clubhouse occurs after EVERY race day!
6. The Catalina 22 fleet has teamed with 4 other fleets, to support each others regattas, all within easy driving distance. This should lead to a large number of boats being at DSC and racing with us! Go on line to www.usawaterways.com/GRITS and check out the special web site, and if you are a DSC C22 person, no matter what skill level, go sign up – there is NO costs involved – just fun!!

The Racing Review page will be open to all fleets and racers for ideas, comments, helpful hints, whatever helps build our racing program and skills. Just send me your notes and comments and I’ll add them to Dettwiler’s stats and we will have us a fun year on the water!

Other things to know!!

BOATS FOR SALE!!

Both Richard Austin and Josh Brewer, listed in your current 2009 roster, have boats for sale! They are all Catalina 22's and have various options and prices, but if you are looking to join in the C22 fun in the coming year this might just let you get the boat you need! Give them a call, I'm sure they would love to talk with you!

CABIN FOR RENT!!

Cabin 8 is for rent to DSC members. If you haven't been in this cabin recently, it is heated with a wood stove and electric wall heaters, and cooled with a wall-mounted air conditioner. The water pump, water heater and septic tank are in good shape and function year round. The phone is wired, but not connected. Sandy has done a lot of hauling and cleaning, and now plans on painting the interior a light yellow in the next few weeks. Give her a call at 256-329-9616, for a tour.

LOOKING FOR CREW!!

We have more C22 and FS racers than crew and while in light air we don't mind going it alone, it would be nice to have some help at times. So if you are interested in learning more about racing or just want to get on the water, then contact the fleet captain listed in the roster and they can put you in touch.



Keith and Pete havin fun in the Scotalina Tu Tu



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Coming Events & Responsibilities

February

Sat 13 Race Training Program - 10:00 AM

Sat 27 Commodore's Banquet - see Pg 4

March

**Sat 3 Frostbite Kick-Off Club Regatta
& Chili Cook-off - See Pg 3**

RC Chair: R. Haire

RC Assist.: Carden, Mote, Smilie

Kitchen Chair: Haire

Kitchen Duty: Boggan, Schrupp

Sat 13 Club racing

RC Chair: Barnett

RC Assist.: Austin, Davie, Fernandez

Sat 20 Catalina 22 Region 3 Regatta

RC Chair: PRO

RC Assist.: French, Hardy, Link, Murphy

Kitchen Duty: C22 Fleet

Sun 21 Catalina 22 Region 3 Regatta

RC Chair: PRO

RC Assist.: French, Hardy, Link, Murphy

Kitchen Duty: C22 Fleet

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