

THE DOINGS

OF THE DIXIE SAILING CLUB

June 2010

Commodore's Corner

By Commodore Mark Cline

Well as I am writing this it will be two weeks after sailing in the Catalina 22 Nationals at Joe Wheeler. Wow what an experience. I am sure you are tired of hearing how much racing will improve your skills, but I really learned a lot about boat handling after 5 days of racing against the best in the country (in some pretty windy conditions). Plus we had a heck of a good road trip! I want to thank my crew Chuck Newman and Ron Jenkie for doing a great job, making it fun, and putting up with me (especially after I blew a top five finish for us with a 14 and 12 the last two days). I know the C22 fleet is planning on hitting the road in the fall, so if you are interested in crewing or want to take your own boat, we can help you get your boat ready to travel.

As I side note, I also took my wife and 16 month old daughter along for the first few days of the regatta. Learned a lot of lessons about that as well, but I will save those lessons for another time!

Now that the regatta season is about to go on hold until the fall, we have quite a bit going on around the club. We are having a couple of work parties over the summer getting the clubhouse ready for a new coat of paint, we are also getting pricing on replacing the docks down near the ramp. Our annual Intro to Sailing is coming up June 26th and then we will have our July 4th celebration weekend. In addition we have our cruising events and racing on the weekends, so we have a lots lot going on and obviously want and need your help and participation.

For those of you we haven't seen in awhile, please drop me a line and let me know what you are up to. If you need crew or help with your boat, let me know. We have lots of "seasoned" sailors in the club that would love to pass on some knowledge and help you get your boat in the water.

Not sure how many of you know this, but we are trying to keep the web site current with news, pictures and race results. So, if you miss an event, or want to know the standings, or can't remember what day you have race committee, please check the club web site. Also, if you have a suggestion or feature, please let me know.

I think that's it for now. See you on the water!

Mark Cline
Commodore

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFO FROM THE COMMODORE

Russell Status

I talked with Steve Forehand with Russell Lands and while nothing is official, he said we probably will be extended another year. The housing market has not improved so there are no immediate plans to develop our area. His bad news is our good news and we need to make the most of it. So, clean up that boat, and hit the water.

Need a mooring

We have openings for four new moorings. The four available spots are marked with milk jugs with the depth marked on them. You will need to purchase the ball, chain, rope, shackles, and brake drums, but Rear Commodore Charlie French can let you know what you need. For more information, please contact Charlie if interested.

Board Changes

Recently Chuck Newman resigned from the Board and changed his member status due to the fact that he has permanently moved to Mobile. Because of this opening as well as Dick Cline being in Michigan over the summer, we added two ex-officio members to the Board; Royetta Link and Ron Jenkie.

Welcome new members

Not sure if you have met our new members, but we have recently added three to the roles. *David Wimberly* recently joined after attending many events and helping on race committee. He used to sail Lasers, currently has a windsurfer and may be looking to get into the MC's. If you are looking for crew, I am sure he would love to help.

Brad Blake – Brad lives in Auburn and he purchased Ricardo's Oday 25. He and his brother are out sailing on most weekends.

Roger Smith – Roger lives in Montgomery, has been sailing for a number of years (originally a Flying Dutchman) and now a Spindrift 22.

If you happen to see a face you don't recognize please introduce yourself, it could be one of our new members.

A Note to all on the Introduction to Sailing event

All of the club members are important in this effort - it is THE premier way the club gets known and has resulted in the past in membership increasing!! So, take the flyer on the next page, and make copies, and hand them out!!

PLEASE do try to spread the word to your friends, and DO plan to come and help with the event, even if it is just greeting the visitors and answering some questions about the club and sailing, you ARE needed. PLEASE give Marty French a call or drop her an e-mail to let her know that you will be there and helping!!

DIXIE SAILING CLUB

FREE – “Introduction to Sailing” - FREE

When: Saturday, 26 June 2010, from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM

Where: Join us at the Dixie Sailing Club on beautiful Lake Martin. For directions, go to www.dixiesailingclub.com.

Scheduled activities:

- “Chalk Talk” on sailing basics
- Learn the parts of a sailboat
- Tour the boat yard
- Learn to sail a Sunfish (life vests will be provided)
- See a capsize and righting demonstration
- Go for a sail on a member’s boat
- Meet and visit with members and learn about the sailing club

Free lunch will be provided:

- Hotdogs
- Chips
- Sodas and water

What to bring:

- Life jacket – not required but if you have one, bring it
- Swim suit
- Change of dry clothes
- Towel
- Sunscreen

Will you join us?

Contact the Event Coordinator to let us know you are coming as attendance is limited to the first 60 that call or e-mail.

- Event Coordinator – Marty French
- Phone numbers: cell 334-391-1731, home 334-358-4647 (after work hours, please)
- Email address: marty.french@regions.com

Vice Commodore Comments

Greetings from the Vice Commodore.

Hi you all! Our calendar is pretty full for June. Keel Boat cruising on the 5th of June — Prep paint work party on the 12th — Intro to Sailing on the 26th and then comes the 4th of July celebration. Join us for the Independence Day Celebration, Saturday, July 3rd ! Mark your calendars and be part of all or most of these interactive fun activities.

The third Saturday of June is “Breakfast at the Club” which means on Saturday the 19th a hearty breakfast will be served to all members that show up at the lodge between 8 and 10 AM. Last month we served 10 people. We hope to double the number this month!

The paint prep work party is to get the club house exterior ready for spray painting and dress up for our DSC member’s enjoyment and to impress prospective members coming to Intro to Sailing. The more hands we have helping us the faster and better the tasks will be accomplished. Please come and give us and your club a couple of hours of your skill and time on the morning of June 12th. We can do this big job in short order with many hands helping.

Our beautiful DSC lodge and land facilities require lots of support, maintenance, and effort to keep everything in good working condition and in order. When you’re at the club, if you see anything that needs attention, please contact me or Royetta Link and we will make every effort to get it fixed.

Special thanks to Bill Hoster and Ron Jenkie we now have full functioning toilets in the ladies lounges.

See you soon at the DSC

Dee Randolph, VC

2010 - McFadden Cup Regatta Results

Racer Place	Class	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total Pts	
Hoster	MC	1	1	2	4	1st
Richardson	C22	3	2	1	6	2nd
Bennett	C22	4	3	3	10	3rd
Jenkie	C22	5	5	4	14	
Barnett	C22	2	4	10	16	
Cline, M.	C22	6	7	6	19	
Haire	MC	10	6	5	21	
Schrupp	C22	7	8	7	22	
Nixon	P23	8	9	10	27	



***DIXIE SAILING CLUB'S BIG
4TH OF JULY PARTY!!
DO NOT MISS IT!!***

Here is the general outline for Saturday July 3rd

Racing in the morning,

Swimming during the day

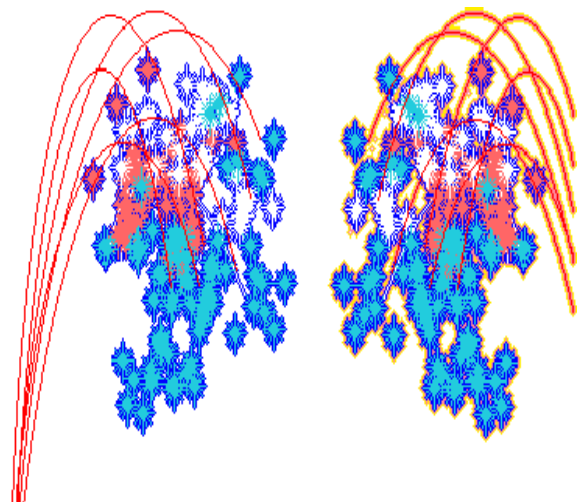
Cocktails in the afternoon

Dinner in the evening (provided by the club)

Bingo and games afterwards

Bring your own fireworks

Specific details will be provided later as we get closer to that day!!



The Catalina 22 Nationals – One Perspective!

By Dick Cline

The National Championship! Just hearing or saying those three little words brings a level of excitement and interest that goes beyond the norm, no matter what the sport. And that definitely applied to the Catalina 22 National Championship 2010 event held at Joe Wheeler State Park from May 15th to the 20th – no one or two days of racing to determine a National Champion!! Awesome dock facilities for all as you can see in the photo.

The following is just one person's perspective of that championship – I'm sure it is markedly different from others, who finished much higher in the standings – LOL - but still you might find it interesting to read the bottom line that I and my crew had when it ended.

Dixie Sailing Club was well represented! For Silver Fleet, in addition to me and Ron Dettwiler, Mark Cline entered with crew of DSC members Ron Jenkie and Chuck Newman. For the first few days of the event Dianne Jenkie and Susan and Addie Cline attended too. On the Gold Fleet side, Keith Bennett with crew/wife Jennifer were there as was Mickey Richardson and crew Sandy Cox and John Barnett. . . all in all a great fun bunch from DSC to race against the best out there – as they were all there!! You can see most of the group in the picture shown somewhere in this issue.

Ron D and I made the trip to JW on Friday the 14th to get there ahead of the Saturday morning rush – a total of 45 boats had entered and all needed to be rigged and launched! We had us a caravan going up, Dettwiler pulling my boat, Caroline and I pulling the RV which would be team lodging for my boat for the event, and Ron Jenkie pulling his trailer, which eventually became team lodging for Mark's boat, with Dianne driving her car behind!

The schedule was for 2 races each day on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with a 7th race on Thursday. Well, that got changed due to the weather conditions. Monday was so great that a 3rd race was held, Tuesday was the 2^{fer}, but Wednesday, after 2+ hours to finish the first race in massive 2 or 3 mph winds in the gusts, the race committee called it a day to the cheers of all! Thursday was wind and more! Several of us did not even go out for that one – having already firmly determined our finishing place. The racing was closely contended and exciting every day.

So – to wrap up this one person's perspective – while Ron D and I did not place well, we did improve in our racing and tacking skills so much that we actually felt in synch with the boat. There is no way to put in words the amount of fun and fellowship and growth in sailing skills you get when going on the road to out of town regattas, especially The National Championships! If you have never done it – do it! You won't regret it. If you have, you already understand what fun it is. . . and are getting ready for June 2011 and Grapevine Texas for those Nationals! And if ya want to get a feel for it before then – make your plans NOW to go with all of us to Lake Lanier for the Gone With the Wind regatta this September 18th and 19th!! Bring your boat or go as crew – but GO!! Photos of most of the group and the awesome dock facilities provided are below.



Keith & Matthew & Mickey (back) rig while Jennifer, Sandy, Dick, Dianne, Ron J & Ron D pose for photo



Monday - Screamin II with Keith and super crew Jennifer head to the windward mark



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Coming Events

Sat June 12 - Work Party AND Club Racing

Sat June 19 - Sailor's Breakfast from 8 - 10 -- FREE to all members!

Sat June 19 - Club Racing

Sat June 26- DSC Open House and Introduction to Sailing Event

Sat July 3 - Club Racing

Sat July 3 - 4th of July Party - See page 5 of this issue!!

***Check YOUR web site - WWW.DIXIESAILINGCLUB.COM
or your roster to see if you have the duty!***