



The Doings

*Of the Dixie Sailing Club
March 2011*



Skipper Ron Jenkie accepts the Silver Fleet First Place trophy
at the 2011 Mid-Winter Regatta held in Cocoa, FL on 26 – 27 Feb 2011

Commodore's Corner

By Commodore Charlie French

It is really great that the sailing season is finally beginning. The Frost Bite being on the first special Saturday will be a very enjoyable event if the weather is like this past weekend. Even if we don't have great weather we will have a good time. Please make your plans to sail and join in the Chili Cook-off. The true "Super Saturdays Races" that have been planned for this year look to be formatted to increase the enjoyment of sailing this year. (See article by R. Commodore-Ed.)

All those who were able to attend the Commodore's Banquet had an enjoyable time. The new rosters are available and were given out at the banquet. Ron Dettwiler will have them at the Frost Bite for those who have not gotten theirs. If you are not able to attend please contact Ron Dettwiler.

We need to thank Royetta Link for getting the water pump working at the Launching Dock. The new docks are very enjoyable and will certainly enhance launching boats and increase safety for the sailors.

I had to replace my mooring this past weekend since the chain had deteriorated to nothing. I never realized how 3/8" hot dipped galvanized chain would disappear in our lake water. All members with boats on moorings need to inspect their moorings for security of their boats.

Camping by sailors has already begun and it certainly provides a great opportunity to enjoy the club.

SUNDAY SAILING has returned to Dixie Sailing Club. March 20, 2011 at 2:00 pm will be the first Sunday race. I am race committee so unless it is very foul weather we will be racing. Some folks have Saturday obligations so now they can come and race on Sunday.

We want to welcome Doug Morris and his wife Catherine and their two daughters as new members to Dixie. We regret the health difficulty of Don VanHouton. He has had to resign the sailing club. We will miss Don and MaryAnn.

See you on the water.

Charlie French

From the Vice

By Vice Commodore Royetta Link

DSC started the year with a good turnout at the annual members work party on Jan 29. We finished the anchors at the new docks, repaired the broken light pole in the campground and checked all the outlets at each camp site. We built shelves for the metal shed in the boat yard, hammered loose nails on the long dock, removed pine straw from clubhouse roof, and cleaned up the parking area. The list of accomplishments goes on and on; but, we did not get everything done. I have a list of small tasks that still need to be completed before May. If you were not able to attend the work party and wish to support our yearly maintenance effort then let me know. I will forward the list so you can select a task to match your skills. Royetta.Link@live.com.

The second event of the year was our annual Commodore's Banquet where the theme of the night was "Dixie Sailing Club - A State Of Mind". As the out-going Commodore, Mark Cline received a beautifully

framed Jim Denney photo art titled "Lake Martin - A State Of Mind". Happy hour was held outside at Catherine's Market and followed by a tasty meal of grilled salmon, stuffed chicken, or pork tenderloin. The evening was capped off chocolate cake with peanut butter icing and racing awards for the 2010 sailing season.

Whew.....that's a great start to the year but we are just beginning! March 5th is the Frostbite Regatta and Chili Cook-off followed by the Punch Bowl Regatta on March 26 & 27 followed by a full summer of racing, moonlight cruises, and pot-luck dinners.....I hope to see you all at the clubhouse soon!

The 2011 Dixie Sailing Club Sailing Program

From Rear Commodore Dick Cline

The DSC Board of Directors has worked hard to develop a fun sailing program for 2011. The sailing program consists of two major segments – cruising/fun sailing, and racing. Both segments this year retain features from previous years, but both segments have new ideas, to hopefully get more folks sailing on a regular basis, becoming better sailors, and enjoying their club more. Here are the highlights of each segment for 2011.

Cruising/Fun Sailing

This year, as in previous years, the cruising segment will include evening moonlight sails and daytime trips to different locations. The exact schedule for these events is NOT presented in the roster, as they will be developed over the coming months. Check the DSC web site regularly to see what is happening and when. A new event that has been added to the calendar for the first time is meeting during the week in the morning for a fun sail that day. That will happen twice a month, on Tuesday mornings. The club calendar in the roster shows the dates for these events. This was added this year based on comments from a number of members that come up during the week in the mornings for some fun sailing. The details for each time will be worked thru the Rear Commodore during the week prior, so that all know who is coming and when to get there.

Racing

Like the cruising segment, this year's racing segment includes some features from previous years, plus some new and fun events to give racers reasons to make it to the lake. Here are the highlights of the 2011 racing segment: There will be racing EVERY weekend of each month. There will again be Sunday racing – on the 3rd Sunday of each month. For the months with a 5th Saturday – April and July – that Saturday will be a Long Distance Race. NO race committee required; it will be set up by the racers themselves! There will be two racing series, spring and fall, 16 race weekends each, as defined in the roster. To qualify for the club Championship Sail Off a racer must complete at least 10 races in EACH series. Added new this year will be six first Saturday "Super Saturday Races". They will occur on the first Saturday of April, May, June, August, October, and November. The day will start with a free brunch at 10:30, races starting at 12:30, and Happy Hour with three prizes for the day's race results at 4:30! The catch on the prizes is ya have to be there to get them, and if you aren't, they go to someone else who is there! Full details coming later in a Doings newsletter.

From Fleet 96

Normally living in the south has the advantage of having short mild winters. This January has been one of the coldest on record, and it seemed like it wouldn't end. But that didn't stop Fleet 96 from keeping busy. Keith Bennett and Mickey Richardson (our resident road warriors) hit the road with their boats and crew to race at the Fun and Sun in Key Largo. I know they were disappointed with their results, but not with their trip. They said they had a great time and I know we are trying to get a few more boats to go next year.

We also had a fleet meeting in January. When you promise a free lunch, usually people will show up, and a fleet meeting is no different. We had almost 20 people in attendance including 8 Auburn University Sailing Club (AUSC) members. After serving a sailors lunch of hotdogs and baked beans, we sat around discussing upcoming regattas, racing tactics, boat maintenance and other topics.

The AUSC is based out of the Dixie Sailing Club, and for past few years, has sailed mostly 370's and 410's. Unfortunately, there's not a lot of opportunity to compete against similar boats. With the Catalina 22 fleet being the most active at our club, along with the Catalina being a boat that can be used as both a racer and day sailor, through a series of fortunate events, two C22s are getting ready to be added to the AUSC fleet. The trick now will be to make sure we don't get beat by our old boat!

February is the shortest month of the year and it also seems like the busiest. We have been busy planning for the upcoming Punchbowl Regatta as well as getting our boats and trailers ready for the road and regattas. Repacking trailer wheel bearings, bottoms and hulls being prepped, boats being tuned, all so that we can be ready to hit the road to visit Cocoa at the end of the Month. We have 4 boats and numerous members heading down to race, have fun and to see old friends.

After we get back from Cocoa, our club season starts with our club Frostbite Regatta and chili cook-off the beginning of March and ends with the Punchbowl Regatta the weekend of March 26th. This is also the first race for the GRITS series. It feels like the groundhog was right and spring is almost here. I hope to see you all at the regatta!

Mark Cline
Fleet Captain

HELP WANTED!!

PARTNER WANTED IN CATALINA '22 - BOAT IS READY TO SAIL - 2 MAINS, 3 JIBS, GOOD ENGINE - I JUST NEED SOME HELP WITH THE BOAT - HAPPY TO TEACH TO SAIL, RACE, ETC. JUST HAVE FUN - PERSON WILL ALSO HAVE USE OF SUNFISH. CALL BOB CORWIN 514-1418.



Don't get bit! Join us as Dixie Sailing Club kicks off the 2011 sailing season with its annual Frostbite Regatta and Chili Cook-off, Saturday, March 5th.

Schedule:

11:00 am: Racing Begins (note special start time)

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm: Social Hour (bring your own hors d'oeuvres and BYOB)

5:30 pm: Chili Cook-off and evening festivities

COOK-OFF
it's gonna be chili.

Will you be named the Chili Crown of 2011? The only way to find out is if you enter your award-winning chili in the Dixie Sailing Club's Chili Cook-off. Bring your pot of chili for a chance to earn your bragging rights and your family eats for FREE. If you prefer to just be a judge, well that's OK, too. Just bring \$2.50 per person and tell us who you think deserves the crown this year.

The club will provide iced tea, toppings, crackers and dessert. Following dinner, stay and play a feisty game of BINGO with cash prizes.



Club Monthly Expenses

A couple months ago the Board of Directors asked the Treasurer to put together a list of our estimated monthly expenses so we, as your board, could look at areas for possible savings. The board thought that you as club members would be interested in seeing where your quarterly dues are going. The report he produced follows.

2011 Estimated Monthly Expenses

Utilities

Water	\$40	(30-50)
Advanced Disposal	\$100	
Web Hosting	\$50	
Windermere Fire	\$10	
Alabama Power	\$400	
Porta Potty	\$80	
Direct TV	\$38	
Total	\$718	

Maintenance

Cleaning	\$160	(140-170)
Committee & Rescue	\$100	
Boat		
Total	\$260	

Club Lease \$1,030

Services

Tax & Accounting	\$130	
David Agency, Regatta	\$48	
Ins		
Chubb, Property Ins	\$521	
Total	\$699	

Dues

Lake Martin Resource Assoc.	\$3	
US Sailing Assoc.	\$13	
Sailing World	\$2	
Total	\$18	

Monthly Total \$2,725

Mid-Winters Regatta – Cocoa, FL

This past weekend (26 & 27 Feb '11) four boats and crews from DSC descended upon Cocoa, FL and participated in the 2011 Mid-Winters Regatta. Keith & Jennifer Bennett sailed "Screamin,'" Ron Jenkie and Associate Member and old friend Chuck Newman sailed "Therapy," Mark Cline, Dick Cline, and Marcia Hall sailed "Full Tilt," and Mickey Richardson, Sandy, and Ron Dettwiler sailed "Mischief." Great people, old friends, good winds and excellent wings were on the positive side of the regatta see-saw. Limited

dockage, crowded ramps, sore muscles, and damaged boats were on the negative side. But that's a story to be told by the skippers themselves.

After two days of racing with 17 boats in the Gold Fleet and five in the Silver Fleet, Ron Jenkie emerged as the winner of the Silver Fleet with a total of 10 points. Ron had four bullets the first day and a third, second, and first place finish on day two. Congratulations Ron and Chuck on your victory!

The following are some lessons learned by a crew person on one of the those racing – Dick Cline was crew on Full Tilt.

The position of crew is sometimes felt as not as important as being skipper. Not true! Having great crew makes a big impact on overall finish. Take Mark for instance – last year he had Ron Jenkie and Chuck Newman as crew and took 5 straight bullets to win Silver Fleet. This year he had two crew members that showed him how important it is to have more skilled crew if he wants to be competitive! Sorry Mark.

I've got a Sunday school teacher that says "Remember, learn from the mistakes of others, you don't have enough time to make all of them yourself!" So I write this here as a reminder to myself, and info to you all, on just a few of the racing lessons I learned at the 2011 Mid-Winter Championship. Use them as you deem appropriate.

I have never been crew for another skipper before, I always was the skipper. It is a totally different role to play! My name for the weekend was really "BOB" which is an acronym for "ballast on board". Expect to be physically moving a lot. Knee pads for the day might help if it is a sandpaper deck! IF you volunteer to be a crew person, and have normally in the past been the skipper, remember you are NOT driving the boat! Do what the skipper asks! Yes it very well might not be what you would do! OH well. Do what the skipper asks and see how it works out. You just might learn something!

If you are a skipper and need crew, do your very best to sail with them before the big regatta! Get out there, somehow, in the time period before the event when the chaos is not there, and work out how you want things done, and what you expect the crew to do. It does not work well at all to try to do that the morning of the regatta as you sail to the course.

The shorter the start line, the louder the start! Between skippers yelling and boats banging, it gets loud! Exhale, you are just crew, it's the skippers deal, just be ready to react when he talks a tad louder than normal! And as fast as you can! Slow adjustments by crew in close starts can lead to interestingly loud sounds as you caress other boats.

Expect the unexpected! Even between races and away from the race course and start line. ALWAYS keep your eyes out of the boat looking for others. Really unpleasant surprises can also happen then!

So – that's just a few comments. But know, if someone asks you to crew for them you are a key part of the race, and how you do in that job can make a major difference in finishing position. You are important to the job; give it 100% all the time. One sloppy tack can make huge differences. NEVER QUIT concentrating. And remember, do what the skipper says, and ask any questions AFTER the day's race, not then! All in all it's a great challenge and feels very rewarding when done right! Do it every chance you can!

**Dixie Sailing Club
49th Punchbowl Regatta
March 26 – 27th, 2011**



Venue/Rules: The Dixie Sailing Club, Lake Martin, Alabama will host the regatta. The races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012.

Races: Five races are scheduled for the regatta, with three on Saturday and two on Sunday. One race constitutes a regatta.

Expected Classes & Awards: Trophies for the regatta will be three deep in the following fleets, if at least three boats are registered for that fleet:

Catalina 22- Gold (Must be C22 National Assoc Member)
Catalina 22- Silver
Flying Scot
MC Scow
Portsmouth - Open Fleet

Advance Registration: Attendants are asked to register in advance by completing the online registration form found at <http://www.dixiesailingclub.com/calendar/Regatta-Registration.aspx> or completing the registration form found on the next page and sending it to the regatta chairman, at the address shown below.

Mark Cline, Regatta Chairman
c/o Dixie Sailing Club
P.O Box 241714
Montgomery, AL 36124-1714
E-Mail: mark@squareroot-inc.com
Phone: 334.462.2617

Fees: The cost to enter the regatta is \$25. The entry fee only covers racing in the regatta. Lunches, dinners and t-shirts can be ordered separately. Specifics on entering are provided on the entry form found on the next page. T-shirt orders must be submitted by March 10th. Dinner orders must be submitted by Wednesday, March 23rd. Entry fees may be paid either by check when sending in the entry, or during registration at the club on Saturday, March 26th.

Schedule of Events

Friday, March 25:

All Day DSC open for early arrivals/practice

5:00-8:00PM Free hot dog and beverage cookout.

Saturday, March 26:

8:00-10:00AM Continental breakfast at the club

8:00-10:00AM Registration

10:00 AM Skippers meeting

11:45 AM Warning signal for first fleet. Warning signals for additional fleets follow per the racing instructions. Additional races follow.

NO RACE STARTS AFTER 4 PM

5:00 PM Post race Happy Hour at DSC. BYOB

6:00 PM Jim & Nick's BBQ with all the fixins! Door prizes and 50/50

Sunday, March 27:

8:00 AM Continental breakfast at the club

9:30 AM Warning signal for first fleet. Warning signals for addition fleets. Additional race follows.

1:00 PM Awards & post race activities

For additional information please contact the regatta chairman, Mark Cline at the following:

334.462.2617 until 9:00 P.M. CST

E-mail:

mark@squareroot-inc.com

**Dixie Sailing Club
Registration Form
2011 Punchbowl Regatta**

Registration Info:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Club Affiliation: _____

Boat Type: _____ Sail Number: _____

Cost Info:

Registration is per boat

Regatta Fee: @ \$25.00

*Note: This is only the Regatta fee. If you want food or shirts, you will need to select those separately. _____

Dinners: @ \$12.00 Each (Jim & Nicks BBQ and all the fixins!)

*Note: Must order by March 23rd _____

T-Shirts: @ \$12.00 Each (M, L, XL)

T-Shirts: @ \$14.00 Each (XXL) _____

*Note: Must order by March 10th (indicate size)

Sack Lunches: @ \$5.00

*Note: Must order by March 23rd _____

Total Enclosed _____

Payment Due at Registration

**THIS AGREEMENT CONTAINS A RELEASE AND WAIVER
AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Signature _____ Date _____

*If entering by mail, send completed form
and check, made out to **Dixie Sailing Club** to:*

Mark Cline, Regatta Chairman
c/o Dixie Sailing Club
P.O. Box 241714
Montgomery, AL 36124-1714

Upcoming Events and Responsibilities

March 2011

- Sat 5 **Frostbite Club Regatta** – Spring Series Starts
RC Chair: Haire
RC Assist: R. Smith, Ford, Tilton
Kitchen Duty: Jenkie, Riggs, Carroll, Schrupp
- Sat 12 **Club Racing**
RC Chair: Hoster
RC Assist: Berger, Hollifield, Schrupp
- Tues 15 **Tuesday Fun Sail** – 9:30
- Sun 20 **Club Racing**
RC Chair: C. French
RC Assist: King, Squires, Smilie
- Sat 26/Sun 27 **Punchbowl Regatta** – “open” regatta
Regatta Chair: M. Cline
RC Chair: PRO
RC Assist: R. Randolph, Blake, Davie
Kitchen Duty: Berger, Cooper, VanHouten, Squires
- Tues 29 **Tuesday Fun Sail** – 9:30

April 2011

- Sat 2 **Super Saturday Racing**
RC Chair: Mote
RC Assist: Floyd, Hilgendorf, Riley
Brunch Kitchen Duty: French
Dinner Kitchen Duty: Carden, M. Cline, Bennett
- Sat 9 **Work party**
- Sun 10 **Club Racing**
RC Chair: R. Cline
RC Assist: Link, Savage, VanHouten
- Tues 12 **Tuesday Fun Sail** – 9:30
- Sun 17 **Club Racing**
RC Chair: Corwin
RC Assist: Nixon, Morgan, Fernandez
- Tue 26 **Tuesday Fun Sail** – 9:30
- Sat 30 **Long Distance Race #1**