



The Doings

Of the Dixie Sailing Club
June 2011



Intro to Sailing

Commodore's Corner

By Commodore Charlie French

Hello All,

This past Friday, June 10, 2011, we had a team of four come from Channel 13 Birmingham to DSC. They came to interview for a production that will be aired June 21, 2011 at 11:30 am on Daytime Alabama. Since most of us are Montgomery folks we can go to www2.alabamas13.com/daytime/ to see the interview on line around that date. We want to thank Marty French, Ron Jenkie, Bill Hoster, Henry, Thadis, and Will North for providing Sunfish, Catalina 22, Catalina 27 and committee boat for the camera man. The production team from Channel 13 suggested we download this interview to our web site. Ron Jenkie and Will North, Henry and Thadis' grandson, will be the TV stars.

Thanks to all the people who made the Introduction to Sailing on June 11, 2011 a great event. Even the storm taught us safety. We had 20 guests who came to look at sailing and at DSC. Ron Jenkie gave a great chalk talk and demonstration of sailing using Don VanHouten's Sunfish, which Henry North had diligently cleaned and set up. We need to give a big thank you to Randall Haire and his team, David Wimberley, Darryl Riggs, and Randy Randolph for their very good work on the long dock with the Sunfish. Ron Dettwiler and new member prospect Steve Bazo ran the rescue boat to make sure all boaters were safe. George Randolph, Bill Hoster, Ron Jenkie and Roger Smith had their boats out giving rides to guests. Royetta Link and Dee Randolph with Sherry Smith and Caroline Cline put on a great lunch. Dick Cline took the entire group on a tour of the boat yard with more details on boat differences and availability of boats. We especially want to thank the club members who loaned their Sunfish for the guests to take out, flip over and right, Randolph, Corwin, Wakefield, Wimberley and North.

It was a great weekend for getting the club some exposure to new potential members.

Our next big event is the 4th of July weekend. Vice Commodore Royetta Link will give more details in her column.

We all need to be aware of the danger of the dry hot weather we are having. We need to use proper safety actions. We have been reminded by Russell Lands that there will be NO open fires.

See you at the club house and on the water and swimming,

Charlie

From the Vice

By Vice Commodore Royetta Link

The 4th of July weekend is just around the corner. We will treat Saturday, 2 July, as a normal first Saturday, not a Super Saturday. After races, we will have Happy Hour starting at 5:00p and pot luck dinner starting at 6:00p. The club will provide fresh baked apple pie and ice cream. Since Russell fireworks are scheduled for Monday, 4 July, we will make our own fireworks display. Bring fireworks to shoot off the pier at dark.

Maintenance and Grounds Upkeep Notes:

Summer is here and lots of members are enjoying the clubhouse and grounds during the middle of the week as well as on the weekends. This article is a lot of odds-and-ends to make your outing more enjoyable.

Last weekend, a member received 17 wasp stings from a nest in his boat. We have a fully stocked first aid kit in the clubhouse and he got much relief by using the bee sting sticks. Next time you are at the clubhouse familiarize yourself with the location and supplies. The kit is a green tackle box and white ice chest. Both are located on top of the refrigerators.

The showers and toilets inside the clubhouse are for ladies only during the summer months. Last week, we restocked the supply of sunscreen and bug spray in each room. Please leave these items on the small tables for the next member's use. We are taking care of the guys, too. You will notice two new urinals in the men's latrine, plus, we added sunscreen and bug spray out there, too.

The club pays for garbage pickup once a week. Our pickup day is Monday and only the clubhouse dumpster is emptied. Boatyard, gazebo, and camp ground trash should be deposited in the dumpster. Important note: the truck driver does not get out of his truck. He will not remove items left on the ground around the dumpster. Therefore, do not leave trash bags, wood, broken chairs or other debris outside the dumpster because other members will have to clean it up after you go home. If the dumpster is full then open the lid fully back and lay the item on top of the other trash.

The boatyard water pump was fixed last month. We should have water at the boat lift and the ramp. Please do not try to adjust the water pump. Leave the power switch on at all times. If you have water problems, let the Rear or Vice Commodore know and we will get it fixed.

We are adding two additional night lights along the dirt road. This project will increase driving safety and security. If you notice any lights out at the clubhouse parking lot, camp ground, or boatyard, please let me know. Alabama Power

maintains most of these lights at no cost to the club.

Our members walk between the clubhouse and boatyard at all hours of the day and night. Please remember...speed limit on all club roads is 10 MPH. Parents, please, make sure your teenage drivers observe the posted limited.

Maintenance and upkeep never end. I keep a list of small projects that need doing. Let me know if you have a few hours to help or just pitch in wherever you see a need. I want to say "thank you" to several members for their help this past month: Dee Randolph for working with the hired cleaning staff, unknown member/members for picking up lumber along the shoreline, Charlie French and Wayne Shockley for disposing of old lumber, Ron Dettwiler for trash removal in the boatyard, Tom Cooper for road maintenance, Doug Morris for adjusting anchor chains on the new docks, and a big thanks to Bill Hoster for replacing our two American flags.

Royetta

Rear Commodore Comments

From Rear Commodore Dick Cline

Rumblings from the Rear – Commodore

What do ya think, has it been hot enough for ya? No – well hang in there summer is coming soon – officially. WOW what a hot start to the summer season already. But it has not stopped the sailing, and the Ladies Champaign Cup the first week of June had nice winds for three races. Miserably hot, but nice winds. Congrats go to Jennifer Bennett and crew Susan Cline for their clean sweep, winning all three races. It's being suggested that the NEXT Rear Commodore work on scheduling the event a tad earlier in the year so the racers don't bake during the event. I'll be sure to pass that idea along!

Time to go over again briefly the way it is working this year as contrasted to times past, and how the results are so far. The club roster on page 18 for Sat July 9th says "End of Spring Series". WRONG! The club has TWO series – Spring and Fall. They are SUPPOSED to have the same number of racing event days in each. A quick check of days and dates shows that if the Spring Series did end as listed there would be a total of 32 race days for the year – with 13 in Spring Series and 19 in Fall Series. Clearly not an equal division!! So just go to your rosters, and do a cut and paste of that "End of Spring Series" from July 9 to Sat July 23rd, which is the final day for Spring Series races. No big deal except it gives all racers an equal number of times in each.

Why do ya even care? Well, the club holds a Championship Sailoff after the Fall Series and it requires racers to qualify to get in the event. The qualifying criteria this year are that the racer has completed AT LEAST 10 races in EACH series. So it is important that each series have the same number of race days. Thus the reason for adjusting the Spring Series end day.

All that being said, how is it going so far – quite well! Ron Jenkie has already completed 13 races in the Spring Series. Thus he has met the Spring Series part of the qualifying criteria. There are a number of other racers with a good start on getting the needed 10:

John Barnett – 9

Mark Cline – 9

Charlie French – 9 FS 4023

Keith Bennett – 7

Ron Dettwiler – 6

Darryl Riggs – 6

Charlie French – 6 FS 4992

Marty French – 6 FS 4023

Dick Cline – 5

Burl Murphy – 5

The one thing you might note here is that Charlie French is listed twice – with two different boats! That is allowed! A racer qualifies on a specific boat and getting in 10 or more races with that boat. Thus it is possible that come Championship Sailoff day the racer might pick one boat over the other, depending on what they want to use that day. But, they can ONLY use a boat that meets ALL of the qualification requirements – i.e. used to complete at least 10 races in EACH series.

There are 5 race days still to go in the Spring Series. That means most likely there will be about 15 more races available to meet the 10 or more criteria. Even if you have not yet started in Spring Series, you CAN still meet the requirement, so get out there and go sailing!

Dues vs racing. I know, I know, I'm NOT the Treasurer (finally, for once!) but dues status DOES impact the club racing program! To go over how that works one more time – the club dues are based on quarterly payment. Dues are due on the first day of each quarter. But they can be paid even on the last day of a quarter with no adverse impact. But, you miss paying your dues during the quarter, you get suspended from "...all rights and privileges of membership pending payment" as it says in the roster on Page 28, Article II, Section 2. And that means racing. If you are NOT current on your dues, and thus suspended, you cannot race, you will not be scored. This current quarter ends on June 30th and there are 4 key race days in July for Spring Series, so MAKE SURE your dues are paid up for the second quarter

so you are allowed to race in that next quarter! See ya at the club and hopefully on the race course having fun!!

Dick

Mark Cline Wins McFadden Cup

The Memorial Day weekend is the club's McFadden Cup Regatta, a trophy named for DSC members Joe and Marianne McFadden, who were both passionate racers at DSC for many years.

This year's event had 6 boats racing, 4 Catalina 22's – Keith Bennett, Mark Cline, Dick Cline, and Darryl Riggs; Bill Hoster on his MC, and Charlie French in his Flying Scot. The day was like most recently, hot. Winds started out light and ended up reasonable. The powerboat wake and chop started out reasonable and ended up – well you probably can guess.

It was tight racing all the time, a total of 4 races over a number of hours were completed, and when all was added up two racers ended up with 10 total points – Bill Hoster and Keith Bennett, but sailing consistent and well was Mark Cline with a total of 9. A narrow one point win! Congrats to him, and to all that raced I know it was a fun time. Thanks to Jim Simons as Race Chair for the excellent job. Here are the final standings provided by race data keeper Ron Dettwiler:

1. Mark Cline – 9
 2. Keith Bennett – 10
 3. Bill Hoster – 10
 4. Charlie French – 16
 5. Darryl Riggs – 19
 6. Dick Cline - 24
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Upcoming Events and Responsibilities

June 2011

- Sun 19 **No racing, Father's Day**
- Sat 25 **Club Racing**
RC Chair: Carroll
RC Assist: Hilgendorf, Sandner
- Tue 28 **Tuesday Fun Sail – 9:30**

July 2011

- Sat 2 **Club racing, pot luck dinner (Independence Day Party)**
RC Chair: Jenkie
RC Assist: Squires, Wakefield
Dinner Kitchen Duty: R. Smith, Hardy
- Sat 9 **Club Racing**
RC Chair: Dettwiler
RC Assist: Ford, Fernandez
- Tues 12 **Tuesday Fun Sail – 9:30**
- Sat 16 **Moonlight Cruise**
- Sun 17 **Club racing**
RC Chair: Boggan
RC Assist: Perry, Wimberley
- Sat 23 **Club racing – End of Spring Series**
RC Chair: G. Randolph
RC Assist: W. Smith, Schrupp
- Tues 26 **Tuesday Fun Sail – 9:30**
- Sat 30 **Long Distance Race #1 – Start of Fall Series**

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, Berger
Dinner Kitchen Duty: Hargrove, Hollifield, King
- Sat 13 **Club Racing & Moonlight Cruise**
RC Chair: G. Randolph