



The Doings

Of the Dixie Sailing Club
September 2011



The start of one of our races earlier this year.

Commodore's Corner

By Commodore Charlie French

Thanks for the fall coming and bringing cooler weather. It has been hot but fall arrives this month. It was extremely hot on the workers on the Beat the Heat dock work party. It cannot easily be seen but it took a lot of hard work to tighten the securing bolts and then double them with locking nuts. Thanks again to the hard workers.

Nominating committees for next year's board members has been appointed. The first committee is chaired by Ron Dettwiler with Regina Riley and Dave Wimberley as members. The second committee is chaired by Dee Randolph with Dick Cline and Roger Smith as members. Please contact any of these individuals with your ideas on officers for next year. Each committee is to present at least 3 or more nominees. Since we are such a small club members of the nominating committees are eligible for nomination.

Sometimes we don't consider sailing due to the heat. Recently I had planned to sail my MC Scow. The day was windy and very hot. Only John Barnett and Wayne Carroll were up for the races since the other Catalina 22s had gone to a regatta. With just 2 boats on the line, we had more on committee than racing. Marty suggested Doug Morris with the committee's race chair permission bail out of duty and sail with me. Doug had just finished a sailing course in Panama City and only recently purchased his Catalina 22. We loaded up the boat with coolers of drinks and some snacks and sailed following John and Wayne to the Children's Harbor light house. It was a great experience for Doug and a great experience for me. Thanks Marty for your idea and the committee for releasing Doug. This is an example of the good times showing up at the dock can create. If you come with an open mind you might just have a great day of sailing. It might not be the one you planned but still great.

Heads up the Scotalina TuTu is coming Saturday and Sunday October 29-30, 2011. More details to follow. I know a lot of planning has already started.

Fair winds and smooth seas,

Charlie

From the Vice

By Vice Commodore Royetta Link

Goodbye, August!

If numbers mean anything then DSC's Beat-the-Heat work party was a raging success.

Many thanks to the twenty members who showed up to help tighten bolts, operate weed eaters, fix water pipe issues and do odds & ends around the boat yard during the hottest August I've seen, yet, in Alabama.

For the record, we removed and replaced 240 decking screws and tightened 245 washer/nut sets that support the hinges and chain retainers on 160 feet of floating docks. Plus, we ate 34 hamburgers, a half gallon of baked beans, and two containers of Blue Bell ice cream.

Hello, September!

We had a large turnout for the Nora Munger/Labor Day Potluck on September 3. After races, members cooled off by watching college football in the clubhouse while dinner was prepared.

The clubhouse was beautiful thanks to Sandra Simons. From artificial artichokes on the mantel to flower & veggie arrangements on each table, she really has a flair for decorating. I know for a fact that Sandra worked three days transporting and arranging all the candles, flowers, and vases. Thanks for the wonderful dinner setting!

We did have one glitch in an otherwise super day at the lake. One of our A/C units stopped working in the clubhouse. The repairman was here on Tuesday so both systems are humming along for now.

Just around the corner....October!

We are in the planning stages for this year's October Scotalina TuTu but one feature is already finalized. In addition to preparing an evening meal for October 29, the caterer will smoke Boston Butts for folks to purchase and take home. This special offer will be open to members and non-members, however, non-members must pre-pay.

Dave Carmichael of Millbrook is bringing his custom-made, 13 foot smoker to the club where he will prepare brisket and ribs for the regatta dinner and as many Boston Butts as we want.

According to Dave, Boston Butts run between eight and nine pounds. We are selling them for \$25 each and they will be ready for pickup after 4:00p on October 29.

Members must pre-order. So, get in line for a mouth-watering TuTu treat by sending an email to me not later than October 15. Non-members can send a check to:

Dixie Sailing Club
Attn: Boston Butt
P.O. Box 241714
Montgomery, AL 36124

Royetta

Rear Commodore Comments

From Rear Commodore Dick Cline

Here it is September and this past Saturday the club Labor Day Regatta, the Nora Munger Cup was raced and WOW was it fun! There were 7 boats out racing at one time or the other – some missed a race at the beginning or the end, but when it was all done, Pete Page was the winner with Bill Hoster a close second. And fun was had in the good winds and super long race course set by Jim Simons – get this course - from 1 to 4 to 6 to 5 to 4 and back to 6 and then back to finish at 1 – and each race lasted almost an hour! Awesome fun.

Nov 12 is coming! Yeah! That's annual meeting and election of new board members day and the day I turn over the job of Rear Commodore to the new person! I'm working now on a "lessons learned" paper to give to that person so that they hopefully do the job with ease and not make the mistakes I've made over the year. Don't look for any more of the Monday notes, that's done for my time! And in that light – hey if ya think you would like to be on the board in the coming year give me a call and we can talk about putting your name on the ballot! We're always looking for volunteers to step up and do some good work for the club!

One of the jobs of the Rear Commodore is setting up the race assignments for the year. Trust me, that is about an impossible job to keep all happy and correct as the year goes along. So, below is the very latest on race duty assignments for the rest of 2011. NOTE: THIS IS NOT WHAT IS IN THE ROSTER. THIS REPLACES THAT OUT-OF-DATE INFORMATION!!!

This is listed here due to many changes in membership since the list was first created in January of this year. Members have been added and several have moved on, so the schedule listed in the roster has been definitely overcome by events and needs to be updated. Here is the list of race duty assignments, including the new members and removing the names of those no longer in the club, for the rest of 2011!! Remember race chairs – you need to contact your assistants to make sure they are coming!

Sat Sept 10 - at 10:15 – Chair: Murphy; Assistants: M. Cline, Jaffe

Sun Sept 18 - at 2:00 – HONOR RACING – no members available to run races!!

Sat Sept 24 – at 10:15 – Chair: Carroll; Assistants: Wakefield, Hollifield

Sat Oct 1 – at 12:30 – Chair: Richardson; Assistants: Wimberley, Smilie, Morgan

Sat Oct 8 – at 10:15 – Chair: French; Assistants: McDowell, Jenkie, Page

Sun Oct 16 – at 2:00 – Chair: Bennett; Assistants: Squires, Merry Hardy, Murphy

Sat Oct 22 – at 10:15 – Chair: R. Cline; Assistants: Riddle, Savage, W. Smith

Sat/Sun Oct 29/30 – Regatta CRO; Assistants: Riley, King, Jody Miller

Sat Nov 5 – at 12:30 – Chair: Hoster; Assistants: R. Cline, Blake, George Hardy

Sat Nov 12 – at 10:15 – Championship Sailoff - Chair: R. Cline; Assistants: Morris, Merry Hardy, TBD

Sun Nov 20 – at 2:00 – Chair: Carden; Assistants: Morgan, Ford, Riggs

Sat Dec 10 – at 11:00 – Frostbite Regatta II – Chair: Mote; Assistants: Savage, Morris, Tilton

Dick

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Upcoming Events and Responsibilities

September 2011

- Sat 10 **Club Racing – 10:15**
RC Chair: Murphy
RC Assist: Jaffe, M. Cline
- Sun 18 **Honor Racing – 2:00 - no RC**
- Sat 24 **Club Racing – 10:15**
RC Chair: Carroll
RC Assist: Wakefield, Hollifield

October 2011

- Sat 1 **Club Racing – 12:30**
RC Chair: Richardson
RC Assist: Wimberley, Smilie, Morgan
Brunch Kitchen Duty: R. Randolph
Dinner Kitchen Duty: Hoster, Savage, McDaniel
- Sat 8 **Club Racing – 10:15**
RC Chair: French
RC Assist: McDowell, Jenkie, Page
- Sun 16 **Club Racing – 2:00**
RC Chair: Bennett
RC Assist: Squires, Merry Hardy, Murphy
- Sat 22 **Club Racing – 10:15**
RC Chair: R. Cline
RC Assist: Riddle, Savage, W. Smith
- Sat/Sun 29/30 **Scotalina TuTu Regatta**
RC Chair: Regatta CRO
RC Assist: Riley, King, Jody Miller
Kitchen Duty: (Chair) Hilgendorf, Link, Wimberley, Floyd, Tilton