



The Doings

Of the Dixie Sailing Club
February 2012

Good Crew Must...

...be movable



...hustle



...and laugh at the skipper's jokes



Commodores Corner – February 2012

When I agreed to be Commodore again, I was planning on a quiet year with lots of programs and sailing. Unfortunately, sometimes life gets in the way of your plans. I was recently contacted by Steve Forehand with Russell Lands to discuss their development plans and how it will affect DSC.

Russell Lands believes the housing market will improve, and to be ready they are going to start developing areas around DSC this year and start developing the area where DSC is located at some point in the future. While there was the possibility of the club staying at our current location for one or two more years, due to issues outside the control of the club, Russell Lands will end our current lease in accordance with the last extension which ends after Labor Day 2012.

What does this mean to the club? We will need to have all our boats, docks, storage buildings, equipment, etc., off our current location by Labor Day 2012. We have a transition committee that is taking inventory of all the items that need to be moved and working on some different options for moving and storage. They will be presenting a plan at the next board meeting.

Where does the club go? Currently we have a lease for the area called New Hope, which is a mostly undeveloped location north of the club. This is the location Russell Lands picked for us and will provide to us rent free for the first 10 years, starting after our lease at our current location expires.

There have also been some discussions on purchasing property or financing the development of the New Hope location. We have a finance committee working on different scenarios and options for developing and/or purchasing property. They will also be presenting at our next board meeting.

I want everyone to remember that this was inevitable, and while we may have been able to delay it a year or two (maybe), this day was going to come. It's going to be hard work, but everything happens for a reason.

I also want to remind everyone, that we still have sailing and social events scheduled for the first half of the year. Our Commodore's Banquet is just around the corner, Frost Bite and Chili Cook-off the first weekend in March and our 50th Punchbowl in late March. Also a number of us plan on hitting the road again this year to go to regattas in the area.

I look forward to the challenges and I hope we can all pull together to enjoy our current location, and to work together developing our new location.

I hope to see you on the water!

Mark

From the Vice Commodore

JANUARY WORK PARTY

Despite predictions of stormy weather, the January Work Party was a great success. The rains held off until all the work was completed and lunch consumed. By my count, we had 35 members pounding nails, clearing downed trees, organizing the clubhouse, and gathering discarded junk in the boat yard. Many thanks to all for your support!

COMMODORE'S BANQUET

Members will gather at Sinclair's Kowaliga location for an evening of fellowship and awards on Saturday, 18 February 2012. Please take a moment to review their full menu and prices at sinclairsrestaurants.com. A cash bar will be available to members throughout the evening.

I will have place cards for all attendees so members can reserve seats during Happy Hour. Don't forget to email the names for place cards to Royetta.Link@live.com

Happy Hour starts at 5:00p

Wait staff will start taking dinner requests at 5:30p

Dinner served at 6:00p

Presentations start at 7:00p

The restaurant is located behind Kowaliga Marina across Highway 63 from Children's Harbor. Below is the exact address for your GPS:

295 Kowaliga Marina Road

Alexander City, AL 35010

MARCH EVENTS

This year we will start the sailing season off with two major events. March 3 is DSC's annual Frostbite Regatta and Chili Cook-off followed by our 50th annual Punchbowl Regatta on March 24 and 25. Two events in one month will make for a very busy time at the club. Below are the kitchen assignments for March.

Frostbite: Jenkie, McDowell, Riggs

Punchbowl: Link, M. Hardy, Savage, French, Jaffe

Royetta

Rear Commodore's Loft

By Ron Jenkie

Here it is already the 1st of February with the 2012 racing and cruising season just around the corner. I have been very busy, to say the least, since election into the Rear Commodore position. Completion of the club roster has been an endless task but was completed by the first work party at which I distributed them to all members in attendance. I used your roster input forms to try to match your assignments with your preferences. If I do not see you before the Commodores Banquet on February 18th yours will be mailed. The roster assignments can also be obtained by going to the DSC website, then clicking on club events, then racing and kitchen assignments. Thank you Mark Cline for putting this information on the website. If you don't have your copy this will give you a preview of this year's events as well as your assignments.

Since we have just received the news that our club will be vacating by the end of August "life as we know it" at our present location, all fall activities are presently being assessed as to whether we will still be able to hold them. We will give plenty of notice via email regarding the status of our fall events.

Although leaving DSC at The Ridge location is somewhat disheartening, I look at it in a different light. All my military career when the Jenkie family had to pack up and move to a new location we never considered leaving a loss. Rather, we considered the excitement and wonder of exploring a new lifestyle in a new location. I look at this situation the same. We do not know what is in store for the club next year. But we can band together and approach this new venture, trying to build a better Dixie Sailing Club for the future.

Our first on the water activity this year will be the Frostbite Regatta and Chili Cook-off to be held on March 3rd. I hope to see you there for the water and land activities.

This year's schedule has been changed a little from the last few. I have tried to have regular racing three Saturdays a month and at least one Saturday a month either cruising activities or a long distance race. Due to lack of apparent interest and attendance in the past there will be no Sunday races scheduled this year, except for regatta weekends. Use these next few weeks to get your boat ready for the 2012 season.

Hope to see you all out on the water soon,

Ron

It's Your Newsletter

This is your club newsletter so if you ever want to submit an article, or buy or sell something sailing related, send it to the email address below and we'll include it in the next *Doings*. Send inputs to ronald.dettwiler@lmco.com.

Welcome New Members

Tom and Georgia Weathers
Mathew and Rebecca Morgan

Upcoming Events and Responsibilities

February 2012

Sat 18 **Commodore's Banquet (details above)**

March 2012

Sat 3 **Frostbite Regatta I and Chili Cook-off**

RC Chair: Haire

RC Assist: McDowell, Fernandez, Floyd

Kitchen Duty: Jenkie, McDowell, Riggs

Sat 10 **Club Racing**

RC Chair: C. French

RC Assist: Reed Smith, Blake, Jaffee

Sat 17 **Club Racing**

RC Chair: Carroll

RC Assist: M. Hardy, Hollifield, Kunert

Sat 24 & 25 **Punchbowl Regatta**

Regatta Co-Chairs: Dick Cline & Ron Dettwiler

RC Chair: PRO

RC Assist: Cardin, Riley, G. Hardy

Kitchen Duty 24th: Link, M. Hardy, Savage, French, Jaffee

Kitchen Duty 25th: Link, M. Hardy, Savage, French

Sat 31 **Cruise to the Bridge**