



The Doings

Of the Dixie Sailing Club

June 2012

Commodore's Corner – June 2012

As a military brat, we used to move a lot, and I hated it. I didn't get a vote on moving, didn't get to choose the location, didn't really know what we were doing until I was told to do it and didn't know if I would know anyone once I got there. DSC is in a very similar situation. Just like in the military, where you knew you had three years until your next assignment, we have known for some time that we were going to have to do this, but it's still difficult for everyone.

Where are we going?

The club is moving to New Hope. While I still recommended Wind Creek as an interim solution (especially for the big boats), my goal, along with the board and most of the members I have talked to, is to get the new location up and usable for boat storage by November, if not sooner. We are looking at some temporary short-term solutions for accessing moorings and launching boats while we wait for the water to go down over the winter. Hopefully this will limit the additional storage costs some of you will experience during the transition.

When are we going?

Now! I have already removed my Catalina 25 from the boat yard and I will remove my Catalina 22 after the final club function August 4th. We have a lot of work to get everything "boxed up" and moved to storage or the new location by Labor Day and time marches on. We have a lot to do and will need everyone to pitch in to help the club as well as other members who need help getting their boats and trailers road worthy.

What are we doing?

We plan on keeping everything in the boatyard along with all of our docks. We will be storing these items at Keith Dawkins' business. He has the equipment to get the docks out of the water and transported. He has been given the "go ahead" to start any time after August 10th. We are also reviewing all the property in and around the clubhouse. We have finished an inventory and plan on having a silent auction at the final club function on August 4th. We will post the items that will be available sometime in July. We are also working with Don Stansell and Russell Lands to get an approved

plan for roads and boat storage so that we can get that work started early August. Finally I have asked my wife Susan to use her PR skills to help build a campaign to get the word out about the club's move and new location. Our most recent press release is attached to this Doings.

Who's going to be there?

That's a good question. I get asked it more and more. I hope everyone stays in the club, but I know that is not reasonable. Do I think we will lose members? Yes. Do I think we will gain members after the move? Yes. Am I worried about it? No. Do I need to know who plans on staying? Yes. The club needs to know who plans on staying in the club after Labor Day for budgeting and assignment purposes. I will be sending out a simple email survey that I hope everyone answers.

I was recently up at New Hope reviewing the property. I hadn't been there in about 5 years and I wanted to see it again before reviewing it with the architect. I forgot what an amazing sailing area we will have there. The power boat lane is a couple of miles away and the sailing area is much larger than what we have now. Our current location on the Ridge is right in the middle of the powerboat highway so it will be nice to have an area to ourselves. I imagine that when the founders of our club first established DSC at its current location, it looked very much like New Hope.

Hope to see you on the water...at New Hope.

Commodore

Mark Cline

The Rear Commodore's Loft - June 2012

After being on the road for races for the past few months I am happy to be back at DSC again. My goal in this Doings article is to try to inform you of the racing and other water activities for the next few months. To begin, the racing schedule this summer will continue up through Saturday, August 4th. We want to keep as much on schedule as we can over the summer until our moving gets started. Saturday, July 28th was scheduled for Sailing Safety & Overboard Drills, but I am cancelling that activity and instead having Honor Racing that day. Saturday August 4th we will be having our Nora Munger Cup Regatta and that will be the last racing conducted at DSC's present location. This will be associated with the club's final party and silent auction of club items.

While we will be taking a month or two break from active club sailing, many will be going on the road for racing at such places as the Gone With The Wind Regatta at Lake Lanier, GA. Our interim plan is to operate some fall racing and cruising activities out of Wind Creek State Park Marina. Many of us are planning to keep our boats at Wind Creek and launch from there or rent one of their slips. While we plan to have some announced racing activities from Wind Creek, it remains to be seen whether or not we have the Scotalina Tu Tu this year. Stay tuned for announcement of fall racing schedules.

Our master plan at the New Hope location is to have a road, boatyard area, and hopefully launch ramp completed by next spring. Moorings will also be available in the harbor area near the planned launch

ramp and docks. There is also some thought of possibly using the county launch ramp at New Hope prior to our new launch ramp being completed. There are some problems associated with that idea that have to be worked out first.

We are going to try to keep social events such as the Club Christmas Party and the Commodore's Banquet on schedule as well as other impromptu activities such as possible potluck dinners or cookouts at the new site area during work party days.

And, yes I said work parties. We will no doubt be calling for work party volunteers for both the moving process and the clearing/building stages at the new area.

I am really excited about this next 6 months in the life of Dixie Sailing Club. While we never wanted to end our present lease, I look with anticipation to sailing the vast and un-obstructed waters at the New Hope area. Let's all get together and work to make the transition as smooth and quick as possible.

Rear Commodore

Ron Jenkie

This is the news release issued by Commodore Mark Cline

50-Year Old Sailing Club Will Relocate Facility in September

Lake Martin, Alabama –Dixie Sailing Club, a private club on Lake Martin that promotes all aspects of sailing, recently announced after 50 years at its current location it plans to relocate its facility September 3, 2012 to an undeveloped property on New Hope Church Road. The new location was provided by Russell Lands rent-free for 11 years with the option to have yearly leases and will provide better sailing opportunities for the club.

“Our relocation is bitter-sweet,” said Mark Cline, commodore for the club. “We’ve been at our current location since 1961 and there is a lot of history here. We attract sailors from all over to sail in our regattas – even celebrities like Ted Turner. So it will be hard to say good-bye but we welcome the next chapter for our club. New Hope is a beautiful area and looks to be a better location for sailing. We really appreciate Ben Russell and Russell Lands for their generosity and support for our club throughout the years.”

Steve Forehand, vice president and general counsel for Russell Lands commented, “Russell Lands is very pleased that Dixie Sailing Club will continue its presence on Lake Martin. We appreciate the efforts of the club members who have helped make the transition to their new location. We look forward to many more years of DSC sailing, both recreational and competitive.”

There will be a short interruption in sailing activities after Labor Day while the club prepares the property for use. Cline explained that the club is working closely with Russell Lands architecture review committee to finalize the development plans.

The land will be transformed in phases. Phase one will concentrate on getting enough amenities developed to resume basic sailing activities by the fall. This includes installing ramps, developing dry boat storage and installing moorings for larger boats.

Phase two will include additional structures and wet slips. The club hopes to resume full sailing activities by summer of 2013.

About Dixie Sailing Club

Dixie Sailing Club is a private club on Lake Martin that promotes all aspects of sailing. Membership varies from 60-80 and consists of families who share a common interest in cruising and racing sailboats. The racing program provides a means for sailors to sharpen their sailing skills, enjoy a competitive environment while sailing and to build camaraderie between club members. There are three one-design fleets that race each weekend during the year: Catalina 22, Flying Scot and MC Scow. Our Catalina sailors include two past national commodores, a previous Gold Fleet National Champion racer, and a few others who have placed high in regional and national regattas. If you are interesting in learning more about the club and sailing activities, please visit www.dixiesailingclub.com or email info@dixiesailingclub.com.

Board Changes

David Wimberley left the board and the club recently. We wish him the best of luck and hope to see him on the water. We have asked Ron Dettwiler to take over his position on the board this year and he accepted.

Boatyard Schedule

All club sailing activities will be stopped after August 4th. While we won't be taking the ramps with us, we plan on taking pretty much everything else, including all floating docks, brown storage building, stands, pumps, parts, floats, gas cans, etc. Keith Dawkins will be taking care of the big stuff and club members will be taking care of the smaller items. We will tell Keith that he can start any time after August 10th. We will also be pulling the committee and rescue boat out of the water in August as well.

What does this mean to you? If you have boats in the keel boat area or at your cabin after August 4th, it may be more difficult to get to your boat or to get your boat out and on a trailer at the club. Also, we will need to close the hoist down after August 4th as well. If you have any questions, please contact Rear Commodore Ron Jenkie

Move it or lose it.

We are a little over 60 days out from our move date. It is recommended that members start removing their boats from both the moorings and the boatyard soon after August 4th, but no later than Labor Day. All boats left after Labor Day will be considered abandoned property by Russell Lands. As

mentioned in previous communications, some members are going to temporarily use Wind Creek state park for storage and sailing while we are getting New Hope ready. There are other storage options around the lake as well. If you have any questions or need help breaking your boat down for travel, please contact Rear Commodore Ron Jenkie or any other board member. He can tell you about your options or line up members to help you break your boat down.

Dues

There have been some questions about club dues after August. As of right now, there are no plans to raise, lower or cancel dues. Even though we will not be paying rent to Russell Lands, the club will have both standard operating expenses as well as infrastructure expenses at the new location. I know some of you will need to cancel your membership because of the additional storage fees in the interim. Our goal is to get the moorings and dry storage available at the new location in the next 60 to 90 days and we are doing everything we can to make that happen. While I hope everyone can stay in the club and help with getting the new facility ready, I understand if your budget prevents this. I hope you will consider rejoining us once we have these features available.

New Hope Status

I just wanted to let everyone know what is going on with the New Hope property. We have reengaged Architect Don Stansell to update our plans for submission to Russell Lands Architectural Review Committee (ARC). Some of you may not recall, but Don was brought in about 5 years ago to review the property and develop some ideas for us. Don has worked on a number of projects at the lake for employees of Russell Lands as well as with ARC. I have been in communication with my ARC contact at Russell Lands and everything seems to be progressing nicely.

Once the updated plans are provided to me, I will submit to ARC for approval. As I have mentioned to others, my initial conversations with my ARC contact have been very positive. They want to make sure that we leave a buffer of trees between parking, boat yards and the lake so that you can't see all of it from the lake. Since we will be responsible for the road maintenance on the property, there are no hard and fast requirements for the road construction. All of this leads me to believe that Russell Lands wants to work with us.

Our goal is to occupy the location and have both dry storage and moorings available 90 days after Labor Day. When the lake goes down, we will work on the docks and ramps. We are also working with Tallapoosa County on using the public ramp up the road as an interim ramp until the winter when we can put our ramp in on our property.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Mark

Independence Day Celebration

Since the 4th is mid-week, we will not have an official club function on the 4th but the club will provide dinner on July 7th (Saturday). Of course, the clubhouse will be open on July 4th so folks can enjoy Lake Martin fireworks display.

Schedule for July 7th:

Happy Hour starts at 5:00p with dinner and fellowship at 6:00p.

Menu: Fresh grilled hamburgers & hotdogs, potato salad, baked beans with all the trimmings. Blue Bell ice cream and all the makings for Root Beer floats and banana splits.

Upcoming Events and Activities

July 4, 2012 - No Activities Wednesday

July 7, 2012

- Board Meeting
- Club Racing
- Independence Day Celebration
 - Happy Hour – 5:00PM
 - Dinner and fellowship – 6:00PM

July 21, 2012 - Club Racing Saturday

July 28, 2012 - Club Racing Saturday

August 4, 2012

- Breakfast
- Nora Munger Cup Racing
- Silent auction
- Dinner

August 11, 2012 - Work Party - Moving Saturday

August 18, 2012 - Work Party - Moving Saturday

August 25, 2012 - Work Party - Moving Saturday