



# *The Doings*

## *Of the Dixie Sailing Club*

### *May 2015*

#### **Commodore's Corner** *By Commodore Roger Smith*

The first part of the year has been exciting at the club. We finished the bathrooms with lights and electrical power. Thank you Keith! The "A" dock was completed and is ready for the floating dock to be attached. The two main docks have new boards on top of the deck and they look great. Rusty has started the small boat storage rack and we will have it completed by the "Intro to Sailing" in June.

The point close to the church eroded and the large tree became part of the lake. We will need to stabilize the point by the pavilion during low pool to keep that from happening by the flag pole.

Since our last *Doings*, we have several new members at the club. They have been great, active members involved in sailing and the work days.

- Rusty and Gwen Black
- James and Venita Garner
- Allen and Tana Kennedy
- Ken and Pam Veazey
- Ricky and Sandra Ayers
- Scott and Stacey Roberts
- John Langlow III, MD

Dick Cline was a wonderful Regatta chairman for the Punch Bowl Regatta. We had great participation and the event broke even. Good going Dick!

The "Draw Down" netted \$10,625.13 and brought many guests from around the lake to a night of fun. Thank you to the many members that worked on the project. Merry Hardy sold over half of the tickets. Thank you Merry!

I have been impressed by the membership. The members have been working together to help one another. The race days have been competitive as always. And when sails need mending and motors need fixing the members step up and help each other. On Saturdays we have many boats sailing (seven or more) and many using the club for camping and water activities. We have had guests at the club and they have seen the many activities going on at the same time. We have

had two pot lucks after sailing and had 27 at the first and 14 at the second with food for all. I have seen members taking others on their boats when they have had no boat to sail. Burl's boat was taking on water. Many helped him and it is fine now.

I applaud the members for their great attitudes and positive approach to sailing. Now we need the youth program to take off!

Come join in the fun!!!!

*Roger Smith*

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### **From the Vice Commodore's Loft**

*By Vice Commodore Ron Jenkie*

We had a great gathering for our Memorial Day Weekend function. It was a great day of sailing, racing, socializing and eating together. If you missed that event plan to come to our next couple of functions, the Introduction To Sailing (ITS) (we may still need volunteers so check with the event coordinator (see below)), and our annual July 4<sup>th</sup> function that will consist of another day of racing and an afternoon socializing and eating.

A couple of notes about up-coming work-party days: Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> we would like to have a short, couple hour morning work party to spruce up the club for the upcoming ITS event. Plan to bring your weed eaters and chain saws. We need to trim the lower boatyard area as well as many areas that visitors will be viewing when they are here. Plan to begin around 9:00 and we will try to be finished by 11:00 for those who want to sail. This also lets us avoid working in the mid-day heat.

We also have a posted work party on June 6<sup>th</sup>. This will be the same drill as on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Start at 9:00 and finish in a couple hours.

I have been asked to write a few words about pets at the club. Our roster states that "Animals are to be kept out of the future clubhouse and under control at all times to the extent that no other member shall have reason for complaint. Animals are not allowed to run loose while you are out sailing." (Page 13). While this is not a hard and fast stated rule, it is only common sense that animals should not be running loose around social and eating events. And, in the same sense, they should not be bothering club members engaged in any other activities. Please, as a courtesy to your fellow club members, use common sense, and if a leash is necessary use it. Thanks.

*Ron Jenkie*

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## Small-boat Storage

Great progress has been made on the small-craft rack in May. Merry and her Bobcat removed the stumps & graded the site. We had a great work party to install the ten 6x6 post. And as of Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> all 12 boat racks are installed. The remaining work will be completed in the next couple of weeks. When complete, this small craft rack will hold 4 Lasers & 8 Sunfish.

*Rusty Black*

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## Intro to Sailing

This year's Intro to Sailing (ITS) is scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 4 PM. Keith Bennett is the event coordinator/organizer. Many assignments have already been made but if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Keith. See the attached flyer.

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## DSC 2015 Fundraiser

The Dixie Sailing Club held its second fundraiser on March 20, 2015 and by all accounts, it was a success. Once again the event was held at The Stables at Russell Crossroads and through the tireless efforts of a core of volunteers, the place was decorated in a nautical theme to include club burgees, racing flags, sailboat center pieces, and a fully-rigged Sunfish.

Throughout the evening guests bid on gifts (silent auction) provided by numerous Alex City, Lake Martin, and Montgomery business sponsors. Food was catered by the Kowaliga Restaurant.

Many club members helped pull off the event but the three who brought it all together and spent countless hours talking to the caterer and Russell, selling tickets, gathering sponsor gifts, and finally decorating (and removing the decorations the next day) were Merry Hardy, Beth Biggs, and Jennifer Bennett.

The final numbers for the fundraiser are shown below:

Ticket Sales	\$16,320.43
Silent Auction Sales	\$4,534.96
Bar Sales	\$917.00
<b>Total Sales</b>	<hr/> \$21,772.39

Prize Money	\$5,000.00
Food Costs	\$3,450.00
Other Expenses	\$2,697.26
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$11,147.26</u>
<b>Profit</b>	\$10,625.13

Again, many thanks to the club members who helped make this event a success! The money will go a long way to improve and increase our club facilities which ultimately will elevate your sailing experiences.

*Ron Dettwiler*

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### **Punch Bowl Regatta – GRITS # 1 Wrap-Up Report**

28 & 29 March 2015 -Dixie Sailing Club

Knowing Alabama spring weather, you just knew when it was 80 degrees and nice winds on Tuesday that by regatta weekend it would be interesting weather – and it was. The prediction was for a cold front to come thru on Friday, with winds of 18 to 22 and then Saturday morning a low temp of 34 with winds on Saturday of 5 – 7. The weather people got it partly right – it was indeed 37 at sign-in time, and they got the winds about half right – the “5” and “7” being part of 15 and 17 – the gusts that went along with the about 12 constant, with an official high temp of 48 for the day. So, yep it was a fun time! Saturday saw the Gold Fleet doing 4 races, and Silver 3. Both did two more on Sunday, when it warmed all the way up to the 60’s.

The regatta featured 9 in Gold, including racers Don Waterhouse from Florida, Jim Crane, Reid Collins, and Dennis Slaton from Georgia, and Bill Robertson from Tennessee that joined the DSC group, and 4 DSC Silver Fleet racers. One thing to point out – note that Don Waterhouse is NOT from one of the 5 fleets that hold GRITS regattas – and that ALL racers are welcome at any GRITS regatta! Thanks for coming Don. Here are the results:

## GOLD FLEET

Pos	SKIPPER	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT	GRITS PTS
1	Slaton	3	3	2	1	2	2	13	30
2	Bennett1	1	4	5	2	1	3	16	29
3	Collins	2	2	1	4	4	4	17	28
4	Crane	5	1	4	6	3	1	20	27
5	Robertson	4	5	3	3	5	5	25	26
6	Jenkie	6	7	6	5	7	6	37	25
7	Waterhouse	8	8	7	7	6	7	43	24
8	Barnett	7	6	Ret	DNC	DNC	DNC	53	23
9	M. Cline	DNC	9	Ret	DNC	DNC	DNC	59	22

## SILVER FLEET

POS	SKIPPER	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	TOT	GRITS PTS
1	Carroll	1	1	3	1	3	9	30
2	Edmond	3	Ret	1	2	1	12	29
3	Mote	DNS	2	2	3	2	14	28
4	R. Cline	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	25	27

*Dick Cline*



***Show Our Colors!***

Wouldn't you like to display our club burgee while out sailing? Well, now you can! A limited number are available (but more can be ordered) and will be sold for \$20 each. If you'd like to buy one, contact any one of the board members.

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## Dixie Sailing Club Annual “Introduction to Sailing.”

This is a Dixie Sailing Club annual event designed to open our facilities to the public at no charge to experience one of the many great resources available on Lake Martin.

We are a private sailing club promoting all aspects of sailing. The club was established in 1960 and has been active since that time.

The “Introduction to Sailing” will be held on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Scheduled activities include:

*A short course on the basics of sailing.*

*Basic introduction to the parts of a sailboat.*

*Capsizing and recovery demonstration.*

Guests will have an opportunity to skipper a small sailboat (if they so desire) and go sailing on larger boats with club members.

Private tours will be given in and around the new club property.

Lunch and refreshments will be served.

The Dixie Sailing Club was re-located in 2012 to the 767 New Hope Church Road, Alexander City, Alabama 35010, which is off Wicker Point Road. The directions from surrounding cities are posted on our website [www.dixiesailingclub.com](http://www.dixiesailingclub.com).

Pre-registration is requested but not required.

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