



# ***THE DOINGS***

**August 2009**

## **Commodore's Corner**

*By Commodore Mark Cline*

Well, summer is almost done. The power boats are starting to go home, the wind is starting to pick up and the heat... well, it's still hot. The fall sailing and racing season is getting ready to get started at the club, and the fall regatta season is starting soon. Check the club calendar on the website to see what is scheduled and check with your fleet captains if you need more info.

**Elections and Annual Meeting** – The DSC Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:30 PM with a spaghetti dinner at 5:30. We will be electing three new Board of Directors each for a three year term, to replace Keith Bennett, Ron Jenkie, and Hobson Riley. Any member in good standing is eligible. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact one of our nominating committees. Each committee will submit 3 nominees to the Board by August 22.

Nominating Committee 1 : Marty French- Chair, Randall Haire, Hobson Riley

Nominating Committee 2: Chuck Newman - Chair, Bill Hoster, Burl Murphy

**Work Party** – We will be having an early fall work party August 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 AM. We will be doing some dock work, clubhouse work and general maintenance to get the club ready for the Labor Day weekend and the ScotalinaTuTu. More info to follow.

**Mark the Date** – The ScotalinaTuTu date has changed to October 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be sending out more information about the regatta as the date gets closer.

**New Members** – We have been very fortunate to this year to have a lot of interest in Dixie Sailing Club with people visiting and joining the club. We have had a mix of new sailors, experienced sailors and everything in between. I know some of you don't get to the lake very often, so if you happen to see someone you don't recognize, please take a few minutes to introduce yourself.

**Moorings** – With the influx of new members, there has been renewed interest in the moorings. We will be marking spots for new moorings over the next few weeks. If you are interested in getting a mooring, you will need to acquire 5 or 6 steel brake drums. For more information, contact Rear Commodore Ron Dettwiler.

I think that's about it. If you have any questions or need anything, please let me know.

Mark Cline  
Commodore

# Qualifying for the Club Championship Race

*By Rear Commodore Ron Dettwiler*

The rules currently in effect, specify that to qualify for the club championship sail off, a racer needs to finish at least 20 races, with at least 10 in each of the two series. The rules go on to specify that all the qualifying races must be in the same boat. The “current rules” put us in a bit of a predicament.

Several of our new members have expressed an interest in racing. However, under the current rules they cannot possibly qualify for the championship race no matter how much they race in the fall series. This situation got a couple of us thinking;

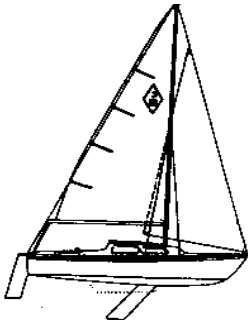
- What if a “full-year” club member had business or family or health issues during one of the series that prevented them from getting in 10 races? They could not qualify for the championship race under the current rules.
- What if you bought or traded for a different boat and couldn’t possibly get in 20 races? You couldn’t race in the championship race, under the current rules.
- What if you own multiple boats and you love to race all of them, and you have 13 races in one hull and 15 in another? Under the current rules, you still can’t qualify.

All these scenarios defeat the purpose of getting the most sailors that actively race into the sail-off. We actually want people to qualify for the sail off. We didn’t intent to throw roadblocks in your way. We want you to share in the camaraderie and friendly competition of racing. We want you to race to improve your boat handling skills which in the long run makes you a better sailor.

When conditions change, we alter course. Here are the new rules for qualifying for the annual Club Championship Race. ***These rules are effective immediately.***

- Individuals who are club members at the beginning of the racing season must finish at least 20 races over the course of the racing season to qualify. The racing season includes both the Spring Series and the Fall Series. (Racing Season = Spring Series + Fall Series)
  - There is no minimum number of races required for a series as long as the racing season total is at least 20. If you have eight races in the spring and 12 in the fall, you qualify!
- The racer may use any combination of sailboats they own to qualify. For example, if you have 13 races in an MC Scow and 7 in a Catalina 22, you qualify. The racer is free to use whichever boat they want in the sail-off.
- Individuals who joined the club after the racing season begins need only finish 10 races in total to qualify.

Some of you who have been around awhile may ask, “If I complete all my races in the spring, why should I race in the fall? What is my incentive?” The answer, other than wanting to share in the excitement of racing and improving your boat handling skills, is trophies! At the Commodore’s Banquet, first, second and third place trophies for each of the two series will still be given out. As always, individual fleets are free to establish their own rules for determining fleet awards.



# Catalina 22 Fleet 96 News

*by Fleet Captain Dick Cline*



Fleet 96 welcomes a new member – Darryl Riggs has both joined the club, and joined the fleet by buying a Catalina 22 !! Welcome him when you see 4829 sail on the water – and make sure you give the new guy at least a bit of help – not so much that he starts beating us but enough to get him... well you know the thought.

The summer heat and light winds have really slowed down the action on the lake and race courses over the region. But fall is coming and that means winds for cruising and racing. As your fleet captain, and the Commodore for our region, Region 3, I have been working with other clubs to get info to flow and notices of events to be shared so that just maybe we will get more to attend our events. Not to mention the fun of going to their events!

In that line, the big fall regattas are the Gone With the Wind regatta at Lake Lanier on Sept 19 and 20, and our Scotalina TuTu on Oct 24 and 25. I have included in this Doings the NOR for the GWTW, and they will likewise be publicizing our event, in the hopes that by doing that BOTH will get more to come and share the fun. Already signed up for the GWTW from DSC are Keith Bennett, Mickey Richardson, Pete Page, Dick Cline, and Mark Cline, and I'm hoping that more of you Fleet 96 folks give strong consideration to going – it's super cheap (\$25 to enter!!) and close, and they have 33 already signed up!!

One more item – Bob Corwin has a C22 and rather than sell it, he'd like to keep his boat but add a partner to share it with him. Call him at either 334-514-1418 or 334-414-8059 to discuss the details! See ya on the water soon!

Dick  
C22 165 – “Rail Down!”

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## Setting a Mooring

Several new club members have expressed an interest in having a mooring. On the upcoming DSC work day (29 Aug), we will identify the spots for the new moorings by using empty milk/juice jugs connected via chord to several bricks. The plan is to write the approximate depth on the milk jug so once you've identified which mooring you want, you have an idea of how much chain and nylon line to purchase.

It is the responsibility of the person wanting the mooring to set the mooring. Hopefully we can find some “helpers” with past experience to help in the process. It is my understanding that in the past we have made the committee boat available to those wanting to set a mooring.

Club member Jim Simons has drafted up some procedures and notes for setting a mooring. His instructions address; size and type of chain, size of line, shackles, and ball sizes. Because the instructions are too long to include here, if you're interested in setting a mooring, contact me at [ronald.dettwiler@lmco.com](mailto:ronald.dettwiler@lmco.com) and I'll email them to you.

## Registering to Race

In the past we've asked club members to register if they plan to race. We do it for several reasons; 1) it shows a level of commitment on their part, 2) it give us a chance to get their information entered into our race standings spreadsheet, 3) it gives us an idea of the level of participation we can expect during the racing season, and 4) it lets the Rear Commodore know the minimum number of folks to communicate with regarding racing.

Registration couldn't be simpler, and you can do it at any time. Just send me an email with your name, the type boat(s) you plan to race, and the sail number of the boat(s). That's it! See you at the races.

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## Update on Scotalina Tu Tu

Just wanted to ensure you are all aware of the new date for the Scotalina Tu Tu. The regatta has been moved forward one week to 24-25 October. Our previous date conflicted with a regatta at Lake Lanier and because there are several LLSC sailors who frequently support our regatta, we thought a date change would be the right thing to do.

You may have heard a rumor that the Scotalina Tu Tu was going to be renamed the Jimbo Bryan Regatta in honor of our late, long-time member. After some discussion we decide to retain the name Scotalina Tu Tu because that name is associated with the DSC. We will still give out a trophy at the regatta in memory of Jimbo.

There is a lot of work associated with running a regatta so we may be looking for volunteers as the regatta draws nearer

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES!!

Since the last issue of the Doings we have added a lot of new members!! Check out the following list and make sure you say HI when you see them at the club and add their names to your roster!

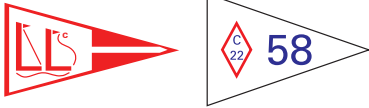
Allison Davie – Auburn, AL – Clipper 26  
Clifton “Danny” Fernandez – Goodwater, AL – West Wight Potter 19  
Cynthia Ford – LaPine, AL – Catalina 22  
John Hennessey – Metairie, LA – MC Scow  
Michael Keel – B’ham, AL – Flying Scot  
Ann Riddle – Montgomery, AL – Catamaran  
Darryl Riggs – Prattville, AL – Catalina 22  
Frank Savage – Montgomery, AL – O’Day 25  
Jeff Schrupp – Prattville, AL – Chrysler 26  
Mike Squires – Prattville, AL – AMF 19

We have also had three people that are no longer members of the club and need to be have their names removed from your roster: Wayne Bennett, Scott Hanson, and Laura Taylor.



**2009 Gone with the Wind Regatta  
Notice of Race (revision 6/03/09)  
C22 Fleet 58 at Lake Lanier Sailing Club, Flowery Branch, GA  
September 19 - 20, 2009**

The Gone with the Wind Regatta is a Catalina 22 class regatta. Catalina 22 Fleet 58 is the organizing authority.



**Lake Lanier Sailing Club**  
6206 Commodore Drive  
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

www.llsc.org

**Places to Stay**

Jameson Inn  
3780 Merchants Way  
Oakwood, GA 30566  
770-533-9400

Country Inn & Suites  
4535 Oakwood Rd  
Oakwood, GA 30566  
866-539-0036

**1 Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012.
- 1.2 Catalina 22 Class Rules will apply.

2. Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

**3 Eligibility and Entry**

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all eligible Catalina 22 boats meeting participation requirements as set forth in the Catalina 22 Class Rules.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form at check in on Saturday September 19, 2009 or by sending it, together with the required fee to:

Catalina 22 Fleet 58  
Dennis Slaton  
3216 Pinehaven Drive  
Gainesville, GA 30506

Make checks payable to C22 Fleet 58

3.3 Completed registration forms and required fees must be received prior to close of registration, September 19, 2009.

4 Fees The entry fee is \$25.

**5 Fleets**

5.1 Two fleets are scheduled, gold fleet and silver fleet.

5.2 Three boats constitute a fleet. In the event insufficient competitors register to form silver fleet they will be registered in gold fleet.

5.3 Competitors who have won a regional or national C22 event in any fleet are ineligible to compete in silver fleet and must register in gold fleet.

**6 Schedule**

Saturday September 19  
0900 Registration and Check In  
1020 Registration Closes  
1030 Competitor's Meeting  
1155 First Warning Signal

Sunday September 20  
0925 First Warning Signal

Social hour to follow ASAP after Saturday's racing.  
1900 Dinner

6.1 No race to begin later than 1600 hours on Saturday.

6.2 No race to begin later than 1200 hours on Sunday.

6.3 Five races are scheduled, three on Saturday and two on Sunday. One race constitutes a regatta.

7. Sailing instructions will be available at Registration/Check in.

8. The venue will be Lake Lanier Sailing Club. The racing area will be in or near Chattahoochee Bay, directly adjacent to Lake Lanier Sailing Club.

9. The course will be a modified windward/leeward with an optional gate and offset.

10. Scoring The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will be used, except no score will be excluded.

11. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each fleet.



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## **Coming Events**

Sat Aug 15 - Honor Racing

Sat Aug 22 - Cruising Activity

Sun Aug 23rd - Club Racing

Sat Aug 29 - Special "Fall" Work Party - no racing - come and help!!

Sat Sep 5th - Nora Munger Cup - Labor Day Weekend Events!!

Sun Sep 13th - Club Racing

***Check the web site or your roster  
to see if you have the duty!***