



# *The Doings*

## *Of the Dixie Sailing Club*

### *April 2016*

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

Sailing is in full swing at the Dixie Sailing Club. The excitement and the thrill of competition has never been better. Congratulations to Keith for winning the Gold Fleet. Scott Roberts finished third in the Silver Fleet and it was his first regatta! Allen and Bobby finished second in the Silver Fleet. I heard nothing but praise and warm regards from the competitors and their families. We had a Hobie 16 capsized on the first day of racing and it was difficult righting the Hobie in the strong wind.

The club race days continue to be exciting and the race committees are all on board and have done an excellent job. Dick and Ed continue to prepare their Catalina 22 that they just purchased. I believe we will have four Catalina's competing in the Nationals this year.

The fundraiser is in full swing. The DSCYP is leading the charge and welcomes the entire support from the DSC.

It is time to sell the drawdown tickets and bring in the silent auction items. We would ask that every member family purchase drawdown tickets for themselves. We need to support the activity and come to the event. We need the public to see our great members first hand. Your ticket provides entrance, food, and a chance to win the \$5,000.00.

We continue to have requests for membership into this great club! Our presence on Lake Martin is growing. This is due to the great effort of our members and the positive attitudes of all the families at DSC.

Our new motto, "Many hands make the task lighter" seems to be the main theme these days. The awesome view of the lake is having the line of sight filled with sailboats and the shore full of families having fun.

We have had 11 new members since our last Doing's went out to the membership. Eleven wonderful new sailors with hearts of gold! Welcome to the Dixie Sailing Club. Let us all extend the hand of fellowship to each one.

Dawson Allen  
Logan Allen  
Dr. Rob and Meg Meadows

Ray Walker  
Tony and Sharon Berry  
Dave Hilgendorf  
Edward Martin  
Kirsten Failing  
Shawn Majzlik  
Brent DeAngelis  
Jonathan Ashworth

What a great life, warm regards,

*Roger*

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

*By Vice Commodore Ron Jenkie*

After completion of the Punchbowl Regatta I was really impressed with amount of teamwork displayed by our club members and others to produce the event. Even with strong winds all appeared to go well on land and water. The pavilion with new slab was baptized and it appeared to work well. With many out of town sailors we managed launching boats, docking boats, and parking trailers without any problems. We also hosted many campers over the weekend. Thanks to all who helped.

Our next event at the club is the Memorial Day weekend McFadden Cup Race and Potluck on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Social hour should begin by 3:30 with dinner around 4:30. We encourage everyone to come and enjoy the fun on land and water. If you plan to attend the potluck event I would appreciate an email letting me know what you are bringing. With this information we may be able to head off 10 or 15 selections of beans. We will need main dishes, side dishes and desserts. We will have the grill set up if you want to use it. As usual, consider also bringing an hors d'oeuvre for the pre-dinner hour.

The Kitchen Duty designees for the Potluck are Bobby Edmond and Randall Haire. Kitchen duty should not prohibit you from participating in racing.

My areas of responsibility are the grounds and boatyard. Things we are planning to accomplish within the next year are:

1. Grass Seeding of the area around the pavilion and between pavilion and bathrooms, as well as slopes either side of the launch ramp
2. Beautification and expansion of the boatyard to accommodate new members and increased boat storage
3. Lighting for the pavilion

4. Grill/cooking deck for the pavilion
5. Roofing the small boat rack

Ron

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## **Rear Commodore's Report**

*By Rear Commodore Keith Bennett*

The 2016 Punch Bowl Regatta was once again a great success. There were 23 boats registered which was an excellent turnout. We had good wind, actually a little more than most would have liked, until the last race on Sunday when it died. Thankfully, the RC shortened the course. Even so, we were able to get in all 5 scheduled races.

Ted & Dora McGee from Lake Lanier Sailing Club did their usual great job along with Robert & Bonnie Donahoo, Linda Cellamare, Josh Tilton, and Randy McDaniel. Ted and Dora have agreed to do the Punch Bowl for us every year as long as the dates work for them.

Dick Cline did a wonderful job as Regatta Chair with the hats, getting the word out and Bobby Edmonds assisted him with the registration.

The Barbeque dinner Saturday evening was great. Jennifer Bennett did a great job handling the food and was assisted with the Kitchen duty by, Darryl Riggs, Ken Veazey, and Merry Hardy.

Breakfast was provided by Roger and Sherry along with Jim Garner.

Thanks to everyone that worked so hard to make the regatta a success. It makes it easy to put on these type events when everyone pitches in.

The Results are as follows:

### **CATALINA Gold Fleet**

1. Keith Bennett
2. Tommy Smith
3. Tony Cellamare
4. Bill Robertson
5. Don Waterhouse
6. Pete Page
7. Mickey Richardson
8. Jim Crane
9. Ron Jenkie

### **CATALINA Silver Fleet**

1. Bobby McCullough
2. Allen Kennedy
3. Scott Roberts
4. Shawn Majzlik

## **HANDICAP Class**

1. Roger Smith
2. Dan Conniff
3. Tony Woods

## **ASC 420 Class**

1. DeAngelis
2. Martin
3. Huieregstse
4. Failing

I would also like to thank everyone for fulfilling their race duty assignments throughout the year. This makes my job so much easier and the activities go much smoother. Communication is the key, and I do my best to keep everyone informed regarding our race days.

Also, please continue to send the race results to Dick Cline. You can do this by mailing them using the self-addressed stamped envelopes in the briefcase or scan and email them to [dickc0143@gmail.com](mailto:dickc0143@gmail.com)

Finally, if you notice any problems with any of the club boats or the need for supplies, please give me a call at 334-324-9383 or email at [cat221@msn.com](mailto:cat221@msn.com).

*Keith Bennett*

Rear Commodore

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## **Dixie Sailing Club Youth Program – April 2016**

Since our inception late last year, the DSC Youth Program has...

- developed the plans and administrative background,
- purchased six Optis,
- purchased another Laser, making a total of five boats,
- conducted three training sessions, the first was briefing the parents and planning,
- obtained The Ridge Club for the May 20<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser, and
- processed donated boats on the way to eventual sales.

Members of the Auburn University Sailing Club (AUSC) have volunteered to assist in the training sessions, as they were recently in youth programs, and two AUSC members have US Sailing Instructor Certifications. As the students develop specific skills, we will use the US Sailing Little Red Book to document specific skills, to qualify them for the US Sailing Small Boat Sailor – Beginner Certification.

The ages of DSC youth who are interested in the program demonstrate that our initial instruction sessions should focus on the Optis. When we have older students,

we will have Laser classes. Most of the older kids know most of the basics, while the younger crowd may be missing the basics, in order to start sailing with good habits.

This first group [16A] was only open to DSC youth, so we could work out the kinks, before going prime time. Some of our recent initiatives, the fundraiser and the ITS will increase the exposure and interest. So this summer, we could easily have more sessions, with increased volunteer support from the DSC membership. Now we are limited to non-racing Saturdays, as we use the rescue boat for support. With a RIB, or similar boat, we could have youth training and racing sessions on the scheduled DSC race days.

### **What can I do to help the Youth Program?**

Our success depends upon the interest and involvement from the DSC membership and the Lake Martin community. In addition to DSC members, other youth organizations are interested in participating in our Youth Program. Bringing lake community youth to DSC can be a great opportunity for the parents to become interested enough in an activity that their kids enjoy to become DSC members themselves.

The first DSCYP events were Mar 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, and Apr 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016. All were Saturdays. The next will be June 11<sup>th</sup>. **ACTION** – Share your experiences with us as to how our youth program can be most effective, especially using your volunteered effort.

On May 20<sup>th</sup> 2016, we will have the annual DSC fundraiser event at The Ridge Club. This year the event is for the benefit of the DSCYP. As you all know, the DSC fundraiser has developed into a popular event on Lake Martin. DSC benefits from the good will of Russell Lands and the lake community. We also rely on our own blood, sweat and tears to make the event fun for all. This year some of our costs will decrease. Therefore, with the same or increased participation, we should do well. Perhaps we can use the proceeds to buy or build a few Optis. **ACTION** – Volunteer to help with the fundraiser. Sell tickets. Donate Silent Auction Items. Recruit sponsorships. Work the event.

In June, we have a two youth sailing familiarization events with Russell Lands. These are single and multiple day events where we take kids out to get their first taste of sailing, as part of the Russell Lands summer camps at The Ridge and Willow Point. These events repeat in July.

We are very excited to be scheduling a 5-day sailing camp during June. This will involve a lot of support and organization, as we can expect supporting up to 20 kids for sailing and other water activities for 5 full days, Sunday PM-Friday. As we will incur support and instruction expenses, we will charge for the camp. **ACTION** – Volunteers familiar with day camps, and others who can spend the week with the kids on and off the water. This will be open to DSC and community kids.

## Calendar for the rest of 2016

	19-Mar	Saturday	Youth Event 1	
	9-Apr	Saturday	Youth Event 2	
	17-Apr	Sunday	LMYP Sail Outing	
	23-Apr	Saturday	Youth Event 3	
	20-May	Friday	DSC Fundraiser	
	4-Jun	Saturday	Introduction to Sailing	
5-Jun	Sunday	10-Jun	Friday	Sailing Day Camp at DSC
7-Jun	Tuesday	9-Jun	Thursday	RL Sailing Experience at DSC - Session 1
	11-Jun	Saturday	Youth Event 4	
13-Jun	Monday	16-Jun	Thursday	Single Day Sailing at The Ridge - Session 1
5-Jul	Tuesday	8-Jul	Friday	RL Sailing Experience at DSC - Session 2
11-Jul	Monday	14-Jul	Thursday	Single Day Sailing at The Ridge - Session 2
	16-Jul	Saturday	Youth Event 5	
	24-Aug	Sunday	Lake Exposition at Wind Creek S P	
	13-Aug	Saturday	Youth Event 6	
	17-Sep	Saturday	Youth Event 7	
	22-Oct	Saturday	Youth Event 8	

That's what we have planned for the next few months. Just as the DSC Board is a precious few members who seem to do much of the work, the smaller DSCYP Board would like to share these opportunities. We have listed some specific things that volunteers could help with so that the Youth Program may succeed.

### Volunteer Opportunities

- Immediate Priority Opportunity – We bought four used Optis at the US Sailing facility in Jensen Beach, FL. They need to be carried back the DSC. Merry has volunteered her 16 ft trailer. We need two volunteers to drive down and pick up the boats. This is a 12-hour drive one-way, so the DSCYP will pay for gas for anyone who drives down to pick up those Optis, in addition to the hotel room. Scott might be able to share the driving. This must happen as soon as possible. Please get with me, if you are available.
- Share your experiences as a junior sailor, if you can still remember. We expect the AUSC members to be especially useful in this regard.
- Coach the Optis and Lasers. If you sailed Optis or Lasers in the distant past, we need your expertise to coach the kids during our events. It is a very fulfilling to see how they open up to sailing on their own. We need to make

the opportunity great for them. Conor McGowan is one Opti coach; we should have a few more to spread the opportunity.

- Survey donated boats. Donated boats are a great opportunity to recycle under-utilized boats, to clean up our boatyard, and to make sailing affordable. Our approach will be to clean the debris and top layer of scum from the boat, then do a comprehensive survey to determine all the things that require repair. That way when we sell it, we will be gaining the respect of the buyer, who will be more likely to stay in DSC. Therefore, we need someone familiar with older fiberglass boats, which are usually C22's. Ron Dettwiler has volunteered to survey the C25.
- Clean donated boats. As noted above, the donated boats will need some basic cleaning to be attractive to potential buyers. Rooting through the hoardings of the previous owner would not facilitate a sale, so we remove all the debris before advertising the boat. Stephanie Childers has been very helpful; more volunteers will allow this to be done sooner. The sooner the boats are cleaned, surveyed and advertised, the sooner we can sell them. Once the boats are clean, we must maintain them in a clean, presentable state. Allowing them to deteriorate does not improve the opportunity for selling them. We certainly should not have any more derelict boats in the yard.
- Handle Donated Boat Registration transfers – This sounds like a simple matter, but as the donated boats are usually neglected and partially abandoned, the documents are difficult to locate and process. Each one has unique challenges. This requires someone who can endure traveling to the Probate Judge's office in Dadeville. On the plus side, it does not happen that frequently, we just have a backlog now. This is an important position, as we cannot sell donated boats without proper registration documents. Once Roger and Merry clear the current boat registrations, Paul Childers will take this over.
- Repair the Lasers. Two of the Lasers will require structural and cosmetic repairs.
- Donate Laser hardware. Key hardware is missing from these two Lasers. We will publish a list, so you can look through your hardware locker for extras. Rusty Black is the contact.
- Coordinate Publicity. A couple of members who can routinely contact publications and media on the lake and in Montgomery, Auburn, and perhaps Birmingham. This includes coordinating information posted to the DSC website. Once the contacts are established, this should be routine.
- Share contacts with other clubs and youth programs. As you travel for regattas, or business, contact other clubs to see how their program runs.
- Talk to local youth organizations who might be interested in joint programs.
- The full week sailing camp in June needs volunteers familiar with day camps.
- We are exploring various youth program targeted grant programs. Do you know of any?
- Challenged and Adaptive youth sailing is an area we are exploring. We are finding that this area requires significant funds, but also has some opportunities for grants. If you have any interest in this area, please contact Stephanie Childers.
- Finally and most immediately, you can help with the Fundraiser and the ITS.

You can see we have a few irons in the fire. When we are successful, this program could be the catalyst for further DSC growth and growth of sailing on Lake Martin. Many families in this area sailed in the past, and just need to see a working program to get involved again. With the ITS, the Russell Lands camps, the fundraiser and outreaches to local youth groups, we have some significant opportunities. Can you help? This is your club.

*Jim Simons*



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### **DSC-Youth Program Fundraiser**

This year the Dixie Sailing Club will host the Third Annual Fundraiser on Friday, May 20, 2016 at the Ridge Clubhouse.

The DSC Youth Program conducts programs for local youth to learn to sail, and enjoy the cleanest lake in Alabama with the life-long skill of sailing. We have established shore facilities at the new Dixie Sailing Club location on New Hope Church Road. The benefits from this event will allow the Dixie Sailing Club Youth Program to purchase more training boats and bring in US Sailing certified instructors.

The DSC Youth Program is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt charity, and our FEIN is 47-4867989.

The Fundraiser will have a silent auction, Door Prizes and a \$5,000 Drawdown. Drawdown tickets are just \$50 per person and include heavy hors d'oeuvres during the evening around the pools, under a full moon. Only 400 tickets will be sold. Winners do not have to be present to win. Full rules are available at [DixieSailingClub.com](http://DixieSailingClub.com).

Sponsorship levels to promote your firm at the event and during the year on Youth Program boats, or enjoy a day sailing with friends on the lake.	\$2,000	\$500	\$400	\$250	\$100
Display corporate logo on 6 Optimist sailboats	X				
Display promotional material on tabletop at fundraiser		X			
Display corporate logo on Optimist of your choice			X		
Two complimentary Draw-down Tickets	X	X	X		
Enjoy a day of sailing with 3 guests on Lake Martin				X	
Display your logo on sponsor board at fundraiser	X	X	X	X	X
Display your logo on DSCYP promotional material for 1 year	X	X	X	X	X
Display your logo on DSCYP sailing shirts	X	X	X	X	X
Four complimentary long sleeve sailing shirts	X	X	X	X	X

Items for the Silent Auction, Door Prize will be accepted until Monday afternoon, May 16, 2016. Each year we have a wide variety of interesting prizes donated. This year the donations are tax-exempt.

Please consider joining us for a fun and enjoyable night and feel free to contact Beth Biggs 334-220-8650 or Merry Hardy 256-794-8075, our event chairs, if you have any questions.

Remember, this is for a tax-exempt charity to get kids out on the lake under sail.

*Jim Simons*

President, Dixie Sailing Club Youth Program  
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### **Emergency Notification Procedures\***

The following information is to be used should an emergency occur at the club. Whichever dispatch center you contact, they will want to know your location. The DSC's address is:

**Dixie Sailing Club**  
**767 New Hope Church Rd.**  
**Alexander City, AL 35010**  
(We are in Tallapoosa County)

### **Emergency Medical Service**

Calls to 911 from cell phones are routed to either Tallapoosa County or Elmore County Dispatch Center depending upon which cell tower picks up the call and which phone service the caller uses.

The surest way to get the Alexander City Fire Department ambulance is to dial direct to (256) 234-3421.

## **Law Enforcement**

Alexander City Police Department (Primary) – (256) 397-1023

Tallapoosa County Sheriff's Office (Secondary) - (256) 825-4264.

\*HP (\*47) – Regardless of the phone service you may have or cell tower that picks up the call, \*HP will get the Alabama State Trooper dispatcher 24 hours a day. Marine Police are also contacted using \*HP.

## **Fire Protection**

The 911 dispatchers will route calls to the appropriate volunteer fire department if you give an address when you call.

Our Town/Willow Point Volunteer Fire Department is the closest to the club.

**It is highly recommended you put these numbers in your cell phone along with the club address so you'll have them when you need them!**

\*Information above was extracted, in part, from a letter from Steve R. Forehand, Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary.

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### **Note from the Harbormaster – April 2016**

The Dock D wetslips are essentially finished, although I notice a few punch list items. If you notice something, please advise me.

During the Fall/Winter work party season, we will construct wetslips at Dock A. Prior to tendering and construction, we will survey the bottom in the vicinity, and determine how far out the floats will be located to allow for practical use when the pool is down to 480, every 6 years. The maneuver clearance in the area is a concern to investigate. Once we agree to a configuration, we will file another amended permit with Alabama Power to extend the wetslips further into the slough.

While the wetslips are to be used by the members who pay for them, the shore side of the floats may be used by other members during summer pool, just as with the floats at Docks B and C. That is, if a boat is tied to a float, the member must be on the premises.

We have reached the maximum count of moorings, once Matt installs his. If you have a mooring that you are not using, please advise me and I'll pass the word along to other members who might be interested. While we always thought that moorings would be sold, we now see that some mooring owners would rather rent them to keep their options open.

In the near future, Roger and I will reset the club transient mooring and Roger's mooring. This will clear that debris from the float at Dock A.

Burl has a scheme for setting an anchor out from his wetslip to pull his boat out from the float. While this is covered by the permit, let's see what Burl develops, so we can proceed with a uniform solution.

A wetslip member may rent or loan the use of the slip to another member. Please advise me, as info.

If you would like to be on the Waiting List for a wetslip, please send me an email so I'll have a documented date. Meetings in the yard or telling someone else doesn't count. We are trying to be fair to everyone. While the Dock D wetslips are fully committed, the Waiting List applies to Dock D and Dock A. Thus, if you are at all interested in a wetslip, it would be best to get on the list.

Jim Simons

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### **New page on website**

The club is going to establish a page on our website where club members can list sailing related items they want to sell/trade/rent/lease/give away, etc. The sole criteria is that the item is sailing related, e.g. boats, sails, trailers, hardware, rudders, mooring, etc. This page will also be used to advertise the boats for sale that have been donated to the Youth Program. If you have an empty mooring, or a wet slip that you know will be vacant for a time, you may wish to advertise it's availability on the web page. Please send all submissions to the DSC Secretary at [dettwiler42@yahoo.com](mailto:dettwiler42@yahoo.com).

At the moment the name of the page is yet to be determined but to maintain the nautical theme, "Flotsam Exchange" and "Jetsam Treasures" are in the running. Any ideas?

--Ron Dettwiler



### **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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## **DSC Membership**

### **FYI**

Regular members – 38

Wet-slip members – 6

Associate members – 3

Junior members – 3

Collegiate members – 5 (plus about 30 other AUSC members)

When spouses and children are counted, our club has a membership of approximately 130 people not counting one Senior member and four Honorary members! Big sailing family!