



# *The Doings*

## *Of the Dixie Sailing Club*

### *August 2016*

#### **Notes from the Commodore**

We had a great Fourth of July celebration on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fair winds and good food set the stage for good fellowship among the members. Merry's floating raft was a hit with the young members!

The roof was set on the small boat rack. Keith led the group and the end result was perfect in every way. We ended the day with cold Gator Ade!

We have ordered a shed/carport for the hoist area to give our members a break from the weather and to have a place to store tools in a yet-to-be-constructed job box.

The main areas of the club were sprayed for chiggers. We hope your DSC event is more enjoyable and the little red bugs go by the way side.

The "Yard Arm" is in place. Now we are on the road to a big sail club experience! We need to learn the flags and their meanings.

We hope to have the deck on the west end of the pavilion and the lights for the pavilion finished soon. We will be able to have hot and cold food with cool music. Let the party begin!!

We need your help with the projects and the youth program.

The Sun Fest (Wind Creek State Park) activity July 24<sup>th</sup> was great. We took two Opti's, two Sunfish, and two Catalina 22s to Wind Creek via water. We were well received and have had articles and pictures in the Alexander City newspaper and the Lake Martin Magazine.

Jim Simons worked the sailing program at Russell Land's day camp this year. They were grateful and the youth had a great experience on the water.

Dixie Sailing Club was at the Catalina National Regatta this year at Fort Walton. We had four boats and 11 members compete over 4 days. Thank you to Keith, Mickey, Pete, and Ron Jenkie and all the crew members for a job well done!

We have the Nora Munger regatta on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Scotalina TuTu on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> coming up. The Nora Munger regatta is for the club and the Scotalina TuTu is an open regatta. Come and join in the fun!

Our anniversary party, July 30<sup>th</sup> was a milestone for the club. We had our fourth anniversary and the first ever, youth regatta! The youth program has a fleet of 7 Opti's, 3 Lasers and 1 Sunfish. The youth regatta had eight Opti's racing with 14 youth competing. Awards were handed out to the winners and pictures were taken. I am very impressed with the youth program and the Dixie Sailing Club. Everyone has come together to provide a quality youth program and experience for the youth of our club. The members are working together. They have put the program ahead of individual differences and are setting a positive example for our youth. The youth of today will be the DSC leaders of tomorrow!

The Rock Paper Scissors Regatta will be in Birmingham this month. Mathew Bennett and a few others from the DSC will compete. We wish them the very best!

Our Annual meeting will be November 13<sup>th</sup> this year at the DSC pavilion. Please mark this on your calendar. We will be interested in your feedback for changes and concerns for the Dixie Sailing Club. The nominating Committees will be announced for the new officers.

We welcome our new members into our sailing family! Our club is growing in so many ways.

Warm regards from the Commodore,

*Roger Smith  
Commodore  
Dixie Sailing Club*

### **Vice Commodore Report**

Summer is almost over, kids are back to school, and high school and college sports are on the schedule. That leaves Lake Martin a little quieter and ripe for our fall sailing season to begin. There are several activities scheduled for September and October that I want you to be prepared for. On September 3rd we are holding our Nora Munger Labor Day Race and Club party. Do plan to attend this event, if not for the racing, then for the dinner. Plans are to have a potluck meal so please plan to bring your favorite dish and/or dessert. I would appreciate if you would alert me as to what you plan to bring. That way I can plan a balanced meal. Time for the event will be as follows:

11:00 - Racing begins out on the water

3:30 - Hors d' oeuvres and happy hour. BYOB

4:00 - Dinner (potluck)

As I said earlier, whether racing or not, please plan to attend this family event. The float will be out for the kids to play on and for the adults, the lake is much cooler

than the air temperature. Camping spots for the weekend are wide open at this time.

In October we will again host our annual Scotalina TuTu Regatta for club members and out-of-town sailors. Please stay tuned for future announcements on this event.

The club has purchased two First Aid Kits for club emergencies. They are located in the bathroom closest to the pavilion, and the race committee shed. They are mounted to the wall in each building. To use them simply lift the box from its mount and pull outward. I welcome each of you to inspect the supplies so you can be aware of what we have on hand.

*Ron Jenkie  
Vice Commodore  
Dixie Sailing Club*

### **Youth Program**

Wow, our youth program has really taken off this summer. After a very successful fundraiser to fund our Opti fleet, we settled into a growth program, concentrating on getting kids out on the water, while the weather is warm and they are not distracted by school. We had regular instruction sessions, on the Youth Event dates indicated in the DSC calendar. We have had 9 training or open Opti sessions, with an average of over 8 kids at each one. We began on dry land with basic sailing instruction, followed with a swim test, and then they got out on the water. As the interest developed in July, we started having open sailing each Saturday. Logistically, all that's required is two volunteer instructor/coaches, Burl's inflatable and a motor.

The more volunteers the better, as the kids appreciate our interest. Of course, working with the kids brings back our memories of learning to sail, and some of our mistakes. The kids enthusiastically pull the spars and sails from storage and rig the boats with minimal supervision. As long as they are interested, we will continue to offer the kids these Saturday opportunities. Of course, the weather will cool off. Thanks to all of you who have helped on the water and on land, especially; Paul and Stephanie Childers, Keith and Jennifer Bennett, Ron Jenkie, Conor McGowan, Tony and Sharon Berry, and including the other valuable members who know who you are.

*Jim Simons  
President  
DSC Youth Program*

## **Harbor Notes**

This winter we will construct a new main float for A Dock, to establish wet slips in a similar configuration to D Dock. If you have questions about wet slips, read the wet slip section in the Roster. If you still have questions, please don't hesitate to get with me. If you are interested in a wet slip send me an email, so you may be added to the waiting list. Verbal requests will be ignored. As members move their moorings, the moorings may or may not become available. Check with me. Each of the moorings belongs to some member, so show some courtesy and don't use another's mooring without checking with the owner. We will shortly have a club mooring again, which will allow us to handle transient usage.

*Jim Simons  
Harbormaster  
Dixie Sailing Club*

## **First Sail**

US Sailing has initiated the First Sail program to make it easy for anyone who is interested in finding out what sailing is to connect with a local US Sailing club, and gain from an on-the-water experience. The concept is that the club indicates the dates when they would be available to US Sailing, which publishes those dates on a First Sail website. When someone is interested, they contact the website, pay a fee, US Sailing sends them a link to a preview version of their online Basic Keelboat Certification Course along with other First Sail information, they confirm the reservation with the club/skipper, and show up for a 2-hour cruise. During this cruise, the basics from their instructional material are covered. This sounds very familiar, we have all taken out guests and potential members for years. However, in this case, US Sailing is doing the logistics, and collecting the money. Oh, did I mention the money comes back to the club and/or skipper, and the suggested level is \$50-\$100 per person for the 2-hours on the water.

US Sailing has a gratis camera-ready marketing toolkit that may be downloaded and shared with our local papers or magazines, if we decide to advertise. The millennials at US Sailing HQ in Rhode Island are very enthusiastic about this program and the potential it has for developing interest in sailing.

US Sailing recognizes that Sunfish or Lasers are not appropriate for this program. Flying Scots might work. They suggest C22 or larger and prefer keel boats, as these initial sessions are best experienced in a more stable boat, with room to move around, and where things might not happen as fast.

We have some information on the program, and you are welcome to visit <http://firstsail.org/> to see some of their slick web graphics.

We don't have all the local details addressed. However, the DSCYP has been recognized by US Sailing as one of the initial First Sail Locations. The first in Alabama, it seems. If you are interested in participating, get with me, I can share

a copy of the First Sail Program Handbook and we can develop an approach to this that will be a benefit to DSC, the DSCYP and ourselves.

*Jim Simons*

## **FYI DSC Membership**

Welcome to our newest club members:

- Regular member Evan Mangan
- Associate members Kelley and Allen Argenti and daughter Caroline and son Joe

Current membership count by category

- Regular members – 40
- Wet-slip members – 6
- Associate members – 3
- Junior members – 3
- Collegiate members – 5 (plus approximately 30 other members of the Auburn University Sailing Club)

When spouses and children are included in the count, our club has a membership of approximately 130 people not counting one Senior member, four Honorary members and the other 30 members of the Auburn University Sailing Club! Big sailing family!

*Ron Dettwiler  
Secretary  
Dixie Sailing Club*

## **South Illustrated, 1964**

A little over a month ago we received this email from John Greenley:

*My parents, Jack and Louise Greenley, were members of the Dixie Sailing Club in the mid-1960s. I recently scanned a magazine article from a long defunct publication. South Illustrated, that featured the DSC's 1964 Punch Bowl. I am sending you a copy as I thought it might be of interest to the present club membership.*

*Thanks!*

*John Greenley  
Columbia, SC*

I'm including three pages from that magazine below. If you'd like to see the entire article (14 pages) let me know ([dettwiler42@yahoo.com](mailto:dettwiler42@yahoo.com)) and I'll email you the PDF.

Ron Dettwiler  
DSC Secretary



**South Illustrated**  
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**SPORTS / Sailing**

**'Punch Bowl' Regatta  
Attracts Enthusiasts  
From All Over Dixie**

## **'WEEK-END' SKIPPERS MEET TO COMPETE**

**Y**OU look at them and you wonder what stirred the interest of each in sailing, in the first place. They don't look like salts with sealegs. Most don't have the sun-bronzed look of men who spend a great deal of time outdoors. That figures. For the most part, they work at desk jobs. They're bankers. Or they work in real estate. Many are professional men; doctors, dentists, lawyers, investment bankers. But they *are* sailing enthusiasts; the week-end variety, perhaps, when it's battened down to sailing into a high chop and pitch-poling all over the place. But unfaltering enthusiasts, still, every day of the week.

They make up dedicated membership of the Dixie Sailing Club, Inc., and fair weather or foul they spoil for what is always keen one-design class competition, for it is this competition which undoubtedly provides them the freedom from cares of the day-in, day-out business of earning a

## SOUTH ILLUSTRATED STANDS 'DECK WATCH', RECORDS THRILLS, SPILLS DURING DIXIE REGATTA

livelihood. Indubitably it is the promise of each subsequent competition which fires their mast-high enthusiasm.

At home base headquarters, a nautical-looking clubhouse situated on Alabama's scenic Lake Martin, near the Kowaliga Beach resort area, plans are formulated for weekly intra-club races throughout the sailing season, but high-lighting DSC competition is the group's

annual "Punch Bowl" Regatta, held this year in early April and attracting, as in each of three previously-held regattas, top sailors from throughout the Southeast.

Actually, recent competition kicked off the 1964 sailing season of the Dixie Inland Yacht Racing Association, and brought to Lake Martin for the year's inaugural more than a hundred com-

petitors in eight sailing classes.

SOUTH ILLUSTRATED, "on deck" for the action, cantilevers the thrills, spills and enviable spirit of the two-day competition, presents its pictorial report herewith in a sparkling, professional 12-page package sure to make even those confirmed landlubbers long for the ponderous pitch of the open Gulf or a lake's placidness. ♦

**N**O novice when it comes to crewing for hubby Jack, who served as chairman of Dixie Sailing Club's race committee, Louise Greenley (on "trapeze" in photo below), is shown in the accompanying four-picture sequence as she successfully puts their British-designed (by Ian Proctor in 1952) Osprey Mk. II on plane (bottom photo, right) during regatta compe-

dition. Jack smiles delightedly. The Greenleys, recently returned to the U.S. after two and a half years of State Department service in Indonesia (and prior to Far East duty, two years in South America), share a sharp enthusiasm for sailing, finished second behind South Carolina's class-winning John Wisley and Robert Tindal.



**I**T takes fancy footwork (photos, right) and considerable sailing "know-how" to stage the kind of steady recovery candidly executed by Louise Greenley, a native of Norfolk, Va., where she met Jack when he attended the Norfolk branch of William & Mary College. A lieutenant commander in the U. S. Public Health Service, Skipper Jack is stationed at Montgomery, but commutes daily from nearby Wetumpka.

**W**ITH what might have been considered an edge over help-mate Louise (because he was born on Long Island, and sailed his first boat in the waters of Great South Bay when barely 13), Jack Greenley nevertheless must look constantly to his nautical laurels. Mrs. Greenley, though kept busy seeing after three youngsters (Kathy, who will be four a week or so from now, was born in "a fabulously modern" Dutch hospital in Indonesia), manages to supply expert crew service during a crowded sailing season, one which last year saw the Osprey enthusiasts compete in seven races. Winnings? A trio of firsts, two second-place finishes and two wind-ups in third position.

