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# THE DIXIE DOINGS

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Fall 2017

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## Race Schedule- Upcoming

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- Nov 4 Club Championship  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Nov 11 Club Racing  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Nov 18 Club Racing  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

## Other Club Dates

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- Saturdays Open Opti Sailing
- Oct 28 Dock A Work day
- Nov 12 DSC Annual Meeting  
2:00 pm @ club pavilion
- Dec 2 Christmas Party



## Notes from the Commodore

Commodore Allen Kennedy

Fall is finally here and the water level is nearly five feet above what it was this time last year! Many people that I know outside of our hobby think the sailing is over until spring. That perception may come from what boaters do in and around the northern part of the Country. While that's true for most up there, the smarter ones migrate to Lake Martin and stay. Just ask the Clines, Jenkies and Dettwilers. In fact, fall and winter are my personal favorite times to sail. This is when most of the power vessels leave the entire lake to us causing the sounds and views to become even better.

We are also entering the time of year as a club when we grow and improve our facilities. It's exceedingly important that everyone contributes to this effort. As I write this message Jim Simons and Keith Bennett have staged materials and planned our work so that we will soon have more dock space for the growing membership and guests from others areas. Many of you already know this but in case you haven't yet

met them, we have some really great new members. The guests I refer to are racers from other clubs. Look for more on this from Dick Cline as we all work to host a significant regatta in 2018.

I have no doubt that we will emerge in the spring of 2018 with at least two lasting achievements. First, we will have improved the physical grounds making it more enjoyable for our families. As in previous years, we can all look back on the work with pride. The second should be more important to everyone and that is new or improved friendships with truly great and interesting people. If you aren't engaging in this second part then you are really missing out. Thanks for all that you do and I hope to see our new members and each of you at our annual meeting in November.

## The Fleet Report

Catalina 22 Fleet 96

Dick Cline, Fleet Captain

The Catalina 22 National Association has 10 Regions. DSC Fleet 96 is in Region 3, which has the honor of being the region with the most fleets of any of the 10 regions, having 17 fleets. The norm is for each region to have a yearly Region Championship, an important racing event, usually well attended. The championship rotates between clubs in the region, with the host club providing the Region 3 Commodore for that year.

At the big fall regatta, Gone With The Wind at Lake Lanier in September those attending selected Dixie Sailing Club Fleet 96 to host the 2018 Region 3 Championship, with myself serving as Region 3 Commodore for the coming year. You can expect me to come see you c22 racers and club members early in 2018 to get support for the event. When DSC hosted the championship in the past as many as 30 boats raced. The GWTW in the Fall, the Nationals in the summer, and the Region 3 Championship should be the big 3 over the coming year. Hosting the R3 Championship should be an exciting event for both Fleet 96 and the club. Plan on helping make it a success!

Fleet 96 racers have been there to race in the Fall Series! Nine different racers have raced, in a total of 14 fleet races. Best 7 for Fleet standings will be calculated at the end of the series. Make sure you all set November 4<sup>th</sup> Club Championship races on your "gotta be there" list. See ya there!

## Fall Series Racing Report

Dick Cline, Fleet Captain

The Dixie Sailing Club racing year is divided into two series, Spring Series from March 4<sup>th</sup> thru July 15<sup>th</sup>, which was reported on in a previous Doings, and the Fall Series that began on August 5<sup>th</sup> and ends November 18<sup>th</sup>. Each series has 12 race dates. This report is written after the races on October 7<sup>th</sup> were completed and those results are included in the data below.

As of the date of this Doings – early October – 8 of the 12 Fall Series race dates have been completed. A total of 12 members have raced so far, using five different boats. The turnout of members for races has been good all series long, with normally 6 boats out racing. Here are some statistics at this point:

A total of 14 races have been scored. Ron Jenkie and John Turner have done the most races, 11 each, with Ron Dettwiler having completed 10. That number of 10 or more is important as the best 10 finishes for all racers in the series are used to determine the final standings and the Fall Series winner. Right now the Best 10 standings are: Ron Jenkie in first with a 1.70; Ron Dettwiler in second with a 3.00 and John Turner in third at 3.40

The race results are also used to calculate Fleet 96 Race standings – that is when 3 or more like boats race in a race. This has only been a C22 event so far this series. For the C22 Fleet standings there have been 9 C22 racers, with fleet race standing data for every day of racing in the series. Details on the fleet standings will be calculated at the end of the series.

Speaking of that – the series end on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Fall Series races are scheduled for October 21, and November 4, 11, and 18. So there are plenty of races yet to come to get in your Best 10 in the chase to win Fall Series. Talking about winning something – November 4<sup>th</sup> is a special race day. It is a Trophy race event – the Club Championship! Open to one and all, even if you have not raced in any Fall Series races. I am sure more will be out to the members about this in the coming weeks. Come share the fun of racing with your club members on one or more of the remaining 4 dates!

## Youth Sailing Program

Jim Simons, DSCYP President

Throughout the Summer, the DSCYP attracted new youth sailors and conducted a series of instructional and sailing events introducing sailing to offspring of DSC members and non-members.

Tony Berry exhibited his **videography** talent with this video on Facebook. It's quite impressive.

<https://www.facebook.com/DSCYP/videos/493171767704675/>

The DSCYP keeps an active **Facebook** page, so our DSC and community kids are aware of our planned events. <https://www.facebook.com/DSCYP/>

Our 6 Lasers have been inspected for missing or broken parts, inventoried all the parts on hand and ordered all the rest. The most significant item was new line kits for each boat. Amazingly, the sail numbers matched the hulls on 4 of the 6 boats. The Childers kids are sailing their personal Lasers and rapidly becoming our local Laser rigging **experts in training**. Back in the Spring, Lance Kim gave a casual seminar on all his go-fast Laser rigging, taking the time to explain each item to the kids.



The DSCYP has qualified to be a **West Marine Partner**. What is that? Well, in the very near future there will be a West Marine link on the DSC webpage. When you use that link to access West Marine, a percentage will return to the DSCYP. It's the same price to you, as the contribution comes from West Marine. So, as soon as the link is up, please use it whenever you need marine supplies and equipment.

In July, Don Berridge, a C22 racer saw our note about needing a motor in the last Doings, he **donated a new Honda 2.3 hp**, 4-cycle outboard. Don has sailed here at DSC numerous times and knows all our veteran racers. The donation was from the Warriors At Sail Foundation, a 501c3, helping both active and physically challenged veterans and those suffering with PTSD. They would like to offer the sailing experience to physically challenged vets, also education to youth groups. As they appear to have resources, this might be an opportunity for DSC and DSCYP to enter the area of adaptive sailing, or other programs that could benefit local veterans. Are you a DSC member who is interested in working on this?

In July, we supported **Sunfest** at Wind Creek State Park. Ron Jenkie brought up his C22, but with little or no wind, sailing Therapy was out of the question. We were able to take out anyone who signed up. Ron J volunteered to give a great interview to WAKA. All in all, we presented positive exposure to DSC. With wind, it would be more popular and interesting. Hopefully, next year.

Faculty from **Lyman Ward Military Academy** in Camp Hill and the **Naval Junior ROTC** program at Benjamin Russell HS in Alex City have been to DSC and are interested in developing programs that can teach sailing and seamanship to their students through the DSCYP.

The Lake Martin Homeschoolers are very attracted to sailing, and instruction and time on the water on Friday afternoon, the 13th.

Interestingly, the LWMA, NJROTC and Home Schooling organizations prefer weekdays. This might allow us to satisfy demand with separate emphasis between weekdays and Saturdays.

As there was predictably, little or no wind in early August, we used our calendar slot on 12 Aug to conduct a **practical demonstration of lake navigation**. While the kids may only sail in the bay between New Hope Church and the DSC Point, as a matter of safety, they should always understand how to determine where they are and how to return to DSC. We used the DSC RC boat as our classroom, and proceeded around New Hope Church to the county ramp, and then asked them "Where is DSC?" This gave them an appreciation for keeping track of where they are. We explained how they could read landmarks that they never realized were landmarks. Then, we took them around east of Hardy Point, and repeated the exercise. They figured it out this time. Our destination for the day was Treasure Island. This also became a lesson, as no one



had an exact location of the island, even though this was the destination. After some wandering, they found it, although landing at full pool was out of the question due to the rocky shoreline. Of course, then they successfully plotted a course home to DSC.

The **Neptune 24** is still for sale. Please see Dick Cline, as he is our resident yacht broker. She will be a great boat, hopefully for a new DSC member. Whenever a new member buys a donated DSCYP boat, the initiation fee is discounted from the price.

It's time for the **Dixie Sailing Club Annual Tee Shirt Art Contest**. The theme is: Sailing on Lake Martin. Entries may be drawn/painted on a plain sheet of printer paper (no lines please). Entries are limited to 4 colors, with black considered a color. Up to 3 submissions per child. The awards are a \$25 Amazon gift cards, one for each design; a large design for the back of the shirt, and a second small front "logo". Please send entries to DSCYP, 2036 Cherokee Road, Suite 22, Alex City, AL 35010. Include on the back the artist's name, contact info, and age. Entrants must be 5-18, but are not required to members of DSC. Deadline has been extended to November 1, 2017. Submissions become the property of DSCYP. Winners will be chosen by the art team at Tigertown Apparel and announced at the 2017 Dixie Sailing Club Annual Board Meeting. Thank you and good luck!

On October 14th, the DSCYP closed out the scheduled events for 2017 with a **Scavenger Hunt** as we cleanup our section of Treasured Mile shoreline from New Hope Church to Peanut Point. Using the DSC RC pontoon, we collected trash and debris along the shore.

Dave Hilgendorf had brought his grandson, **Ryan**, up a couple of times, and he really seems quite enthused. Dave's friend, Lana, brought her grandson **Nolan**. Having Nolan and Ryan together made remembering their names a bit easier.

A couple of weeks ago when Allen had an out of town commitment, I filled in as RC Chair. The 3<sup>rd</sup> guy on RC didn't show, so it was just Brian Dodson and myself. In order for races to proceed, I recruited **Sarah and Norah Childers**, who were happy to help. They did very well setting marks, raising flags starting watches, recording times and calculating handicap adjustments.

If you are short racing or RC crew on any particular Saturday, then don't hesitate to look around for one of our youth. They will enjoy the opportunity, and you will also.

In planning for 2018, we have identified opportunities, challenges and conflicts which will need to be resolved. The AUSC is key to our Spring and Summer activities. Thus, in early November, we will meet with AUSC to better understand their scholastic and racing schedules. The DSCYP is considering scheduling more youth events based on joint programs with LWMA, NJROTC and the Home Schoolers during the Spring, and continuing into the Summer. So, if you will be able to volunteer, please step up, we can always use more crew.

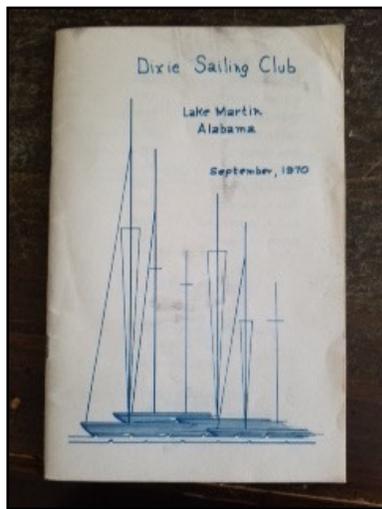
# Club History

Dick Cline

It was a beautiful sunny Saturday morning, a race day at the club, and racers were there to race! Only thing missing – wind. So no races, but Commodore Allen said, “Hey we are all here, let’s clean up and organize the building. Scott Roberts had brought a trailer load of shelving; we had the tools, so it was set up the big brown shed day.

In the process of cleaning out old cardboard boxes I got handed two of them – well handed is kind of not the right term – but you get the idea, and told “see what’s in them and do something with them”. Big box 1 was filled with five photo albums, and a register book. All from as recent as 2001! Yep really old things. The photos were mostly unlabeled but did show neat boat pictures. The register book seemed an idea for even now. I do remember one of them when I joined the club. It was kept on the counter by the door as you entered, and had to “sign in please”. The idea is to keep it available to hand visitors when they show up, and then pass it along to the board for follow up. Kind of a neat idea that could still be used in some form.

Box 2 – you are reading this in the Doings of fall in 2017 – want to read a Doings from 1963?!! Yep, it was a box of DSC Doings, of various sizes and shapes, with hand drawn pictures on 8.5 x 14 sheets, to little 5 x 8.5 versions. Back in the day a hard copy was printed off, folded, and then mailed to every member every month! And yes the box did indeed contain lots and lots of months of way back then issues.



The little bit of humor I got in looking over the old history was in a 1964 November Doings issue and the 1970 roster. In the 1964 era there was a very large membership. They published a special Finish Line sheet for the racing. Go check out your 2017 roster page 32. Then a look at the November 1964 race standings – in 10<sup>th</sup> place out of 46 racers – Bob Boggan. Yep, current member Bob Boggan! Wow, hard to believe we have a regular member that has been there for 54 years! The second item – the 1970 roster. I have been asked what is the Nora Munger trophy? Guess what – the words in the 2017 roster are about identical with what was in the 1970 roster! 47 years of the same info – nice to see tradition continuing!

Commodore Allen has the box of photo albums should anyone want to look thru photos of boats on the water at the other site, from around the turn of the century – and yes you will still see Therapy there racing with the same skipper as today. Still trying to determine what to do with about 10 pounds of Doings that are almost all 50 years old! Let me know if you want to read any of them.

# Membership Report

Cheryl Grisham, Secretary

New DSC Memberships in 2017 = 11

## Regular Members

- Brandon and Carol Bowman
- James and Fran Botkin
- Dave and Stephanie Harle

## Associate Members

- Phillip Hardy
- John Sims

## Junior Members

- Ainsley O'Conner

## Jr. Members who left the club in 2017

- Dawson Allen
- Andrew Allen

# DSC Race Photos

Steve Phillabaum

