Dickerson Sailors Return to Their Roots

At its 47th Anniversary on June 13-15, 2014, over 60 Dickerson sailors and their friends returned to the original Dickerson site at Trappe, MD, where these classic wooden and fiberglass boats were last built 27 years ago. The weekend started with a parade of 11 Dickersons-- on Friday the 13th—from Choptank Light to Dickerson Harbor, which is now on the site of Dickerson Boatbuilders.



The Captains Party, held in the shed where these boats were built, was very special with talks by Jim and Paula Karr and John Swain who worked at Dickerson Boatbuilders. It was a return to the old days with several builders and their relatives reliving the magic that made these boats possible. John Swain showed a priceless video he took of Dickerson workers turning a wooden boat frame over so they could complete the work.



Paula and Jim Karr

The Dickerson Owners Association was pleased to have Molly Winans, Editor of SpinSheet join us and greatly appreciates the cooperation of Dickerson Harbor Owner John Shannahan and boatbuilder Alan Willoughby in making this facility available to historic Dickersonians for the Captains Party.



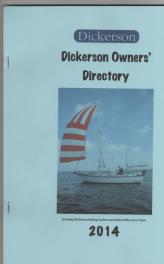
And thanks to Dick Young, and Bruce and Tucky Franz for their hard work in making the arrangements and providing such tasty "snacks".





Doug Sergeant, Joe Slavin, Bruce Franz, Molly Winans, John Swain and Sam Webster

Our thanks also to Barry Creighton for his tireless work on the 2014 Dickerson Directory which was distributed to those in attendance. This



new Directory lists the owners and contact information of all known Dickersons and contains a new "Yellow Pages" that has information on where you can purchase parts and supplies for your Dickerson. Only Members and Associate Members receive copies of the Directory.

The traditional Dickerson race, usually held in hot weather with no or little wind, was held on Saturday morning—starting at 11.10 off the entrance to Trappe Creek. The wind- thirsty Dickerson sailors were more than satisfied this time with a howling North West breeze with winds of 15-20 knots and puffs of 25 knots. Eleven Dickersons—with different arrays of reefed sails—raced in the 12 mile "Siobhan Course" that featured 6 legs, including 4 beats, one run and one reach. Results of the race follow.

| Sailor | Boat Name (L) | Time | Corrected Time |
|---|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Jacob Baer | Volantis (50) | 01:59:55 | 01:12:05 |
| Joe Slavin | Irish Mist (35) | 02:29:26 | 01:33:46 |
| Bruce Franz | Hemisphere Dancer (41) | 02:38:05 | 01:42:28 |
| Parker Hallam | Frigate Connie (36) | 02:57:54 | 01:56:07 |
| Barry Creighton | Crew Rest (37) | 02:56:58 | 02:06:38 |
| Ken Bernholz | Morning Light (37) | 03:09:52 | 02:13:45 |
| John Freal | Rainbow (35) | 03:17:29 | 02:13:15 |
| Bill Burry | Plover (41) | 03:20:23 | 02:21:29 |
| Hank Cope | Toogoodoo (41) | 03:21:49 | 02:36:41 |
| Rick Woytowich - Relle (37) - DNF - Missed a mark | | | |

Rick Woytowich - Belle (37) - DNF - Missed a mark. Peter Oetker - Vignette (39) - DNF - Missed a mark.

Commodore Dave Fahrmeier welcomed over 60 sailors to the Awards Dinner at the Tred Avon Yacht Club. The new menu of crab imperial and steak was a big hit. Past Commodore Bruce Franz surprised our dear friend and past commodore Mary Ann Hazen with a reproduction booklet of her famous collection of Dickerson boat recipes. Mary graciously gave copies of the booklet to those members who have worked to make the Association what it is today. The last remaining (almost) Original Dickerson Owners Recipe Book had to be very carefully reproduced, carefully handcrafted, and is now available to all members at cost (\$15.00). Contact John Freal, john.freal@gladstonecapital.com, at the Dickerson Treasure Chest, or Bruce Franz, bfranz2248@gmail.com, if you wish to own a piece of Dickerson History. We plan to add new Dickerson recipes in the future



Dave and Mary Ann Hazen



Commodore Dave gave a brief review of the years activities (See the Directory for details) and presented a special Dickerson Sail Logo Trustee Award to members for their work in the Association.

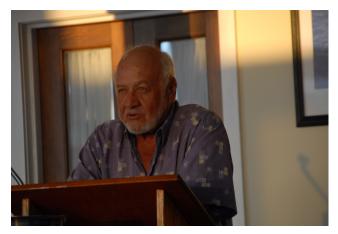


Dave giving awards to Bruce Franz, Joe Slavin, Barry Creighton, Dick Young and Randy Bruns

Racing Awards were presented as follows.

First 35/36 Joe Slavin "Irish Mist" First 37 Barry Creighton "Crew Rest" First 39-50 Jake Baer "Volantis"

The overall winner and Commodore for 2014 is Jake Baer, a long time Dickerson owner for many years of beautiful 50 foot ketch "Volantis", who sails up from the Newport News area to the Rendezvous.



Our new Commodore, Jake Baer



Barry Creighton—"Goodnight Arlene"

The evening ended with songs and guitar playing by Barry Creighton who did a great job entertaining the group.

Joe Slavin, Samson Post