

Dickerson

Owner's Association



NEWS LETTER

JANUARY 2020

2020 Dickerson Winter meeting

The Dickerson Owners Association 2020 winter meeting held at the Red Lobster in Annapolis, MD had lots of energy and recommendations. This being the first winter meeting that Don and I have attended, we were glad that we made the effort to be there.

We had a delightful start. Paul Lewis, the new owner of MOON SHADOW, D30 sloop, previously owned by John Stait, presented us with two original songs which he sang and accompanied on his guitar.

We all missed our "Sampson Post" Joe Slavin and wished him a quick and total recovery after being hospitalized with an infected knee. He is at home now and provided membership statistics based on the 2019 Directory, by fleet:

36 feet and under, 55 boats and 11 members so 20% participation

37 footers, 41 boats and 12 members for 29% participation

40 feet and over, 20 boats and 9 members for 45% participation

Dickerson lovers without Dickerson boats, 18 members

So 50 members in total. We all need to encourage our Dickerson friends to join up! As an aside, these numbers reflect that 28% of all known Dickerson boats in existence are in our group. We wonder if Catalina or Bristol can match that?

A lively discussion regarding communications resulted from Don's question "What is wrong with our existing Facebook page and web site forum? Both are poorly utilized. Anyone have a grandchild who can fix it?"



Regarding internal communications, there actually is an active email interaction between some members which could be expanded to include all. Don mentioned that a Google email group to include all members may not be too difficult to develop. It is now a project by Joe Slavin and Randy Bruns. They will poll all three Fleet Captains to make sure that all members are included in the list. There was a suggestion by attendees that text interaction may be preferable to email. Don will research the possibility of text notification or text duplication of emails within a Google group.

In addition there is a need to assure that anyone interested in our boats has a public avenue to learn about us, and we need a public presence to promote ourselves. If you search for Dickerson on the Internet you will find the dickersonowners.com web site, which is maintained by ex-Dickerson employee Alan Willoughby. The Commodores will contact Alan to get his thoughts on the lack of traffic in recent years. We also have a Dickerson Facebook group which is fairly inactive. Other social media is available, but it seems a shame to abandon what we have without an effort to fix it. If you have a recommendation, please feel free to enlighten us.

We thank Bill Yeich all of his hard work in connection with the DOA directory. Our Fleet Captains will be communicating with their respective boat owners to make sure that the information in the new directory is correct, really an on-going project.

Under new business Randy Bruns said that he would be sending out a survey to all members once he gets his collection of questions gathered from the Fleet Captains. Expect notification from your Fleet Captain looking for recommendations and suggestions for the survey and asking you to check the new directory for any mistakes.

Don voiced a concern about losing our past and current history, our culture. Kerry O'Malley stepped up and volunteered to act as custodian of existing physical records. We dub him Sailing Master, as requested. Kerry received a box of previous membership directories from Barry Crieghton for safe keeping. We are looking for other documents and memorabilia to place in safe keeping.

For preservation of our current history we desperately need a Recording Secretary or equivalent, someone to monitor and keep emails and create minutes of any meetings of the Board of Advisors and helpers. Anyone game?

Moving on, Joe Slavin through Jim Karr has secured the Tred Avon Yacht Club for the 55th annual Dickerson Rendezvous June 19-20, 2020. The program "Family Stories" is on the docket, a few tales from and about Dickerson boats, builders, designers and owners. Your Dickerson stories would be appreciated.

Randy Bruns notified our group that he is in the process of writing an article for SAIL magazine about his handicapping system. He hoped that no one would mind; everyone approved.

Randy requested that a wooden Dickerson should attend the SULTANA Down Rigging and Maritime Festival held the last weekend in October 2020 in Chestertown, MD. To that end, Randy will try to secure one exhibitors slip for that Dickerson. Five to six tall ships will probably be in Chestertown, MD for the event. Jazz music was added to the venue and the attendance has increased. It is a great opportunity to promote the Dickerson boats and our DOA.

The wooden Dickersons are gradually dwindling away. Attending the meeting were Bill Yeich with MERIDIAN, John Freal with RAINBOW, Paul Lewis with MOON SHADOW, Karl Russ with VELAMORE, Kerry O'Malley with CHESAPEAKE along with SOUTHERN CROSS who are just some of the Dickerson woodies. Several of us are willing to attend the Downrigging Weekend.

The program on maintenance consisted of each Fleet Captain enquiring what project each member in their group, (present at the restaurant), was up to:

Kerry O'Malley with CHESAPEAKE, D59' bug-eye, reported that he has been working on his two month deck project for six months and had an overrun of \$+25%. Here are photos before and after the work was completed.



Karl Russ with VELAMORE, D40' ketch, reported that she is on the hard for the winter. Fleet Captain Dave Fahrmeier reports that she is beautiful.

Dave Mayhew of AERODYNE, D41 ketch, has a transmission issue and is in the process of rebuilding it.

Rich Galbraith with TOOGOODOO, D41 ketch, has deck issues and he is replacing a section. He is also working on trying to get information about the bow thruster that has been covered over in his boat. Rich also owns PER CHANCE, D35 ketch, that needs its main mast put back in.

Ken Bernholz owner of the current fastest Dickerson 37 on the planet, MORNING LIGHT, D37 sloop, is adjusting valves on his Westerbeke and now his boat is all NEMA 2000 compliant, including the auto pilot.

Bill Yeich of MERIDIAN, the D30' ketch, has soda blasted the bottom and needs to pull the engine this winter.

Rex Booth and Robin Rutsky, owners of SELF-RELIANCE, D37' sloop, have lots going on. Currently in the water, SELF-RELIANCE is in Irvington, VA getting a new headliner and getting rewired.

Jim Hontz of TROUBADOUR, D37 sloop, says that he the blew out the main sail and has installed solar.

Bill Toth of STARRY NIGHT, D37 cutter, reports that he is replacing his port lights this winter.

Barry Creighton says that CREW REST, his D37 sloop, is having problems with the new shore power GFCI's and needs an isolation transformer this winter.

John Freal with RAINBOW, D35' ketch, needs paint and varnish. Sounds all too familiar.

Randy Bruns with RHYTHMS IN BLUE, D36' ketch, reports that he has been working on his oil pressure and water temperature gauges by replacing them with mechanical ones.

Paul Lewis is living aboard his new acquisition, MOON SHADOW, D32' sloop, at the Cambridge Yacht Club with spiffy new paint and varnish.

Parker Hallam with FRIGATE CONNIE, D36 sloop, is doing some repainting and mentioned that his bow thruster needs repair, as it has an electrical short - that item is on the bottom of his list.

Ben Cook with ANDROMEDA, D37' ketch, says his boat is on the hard, as the owner needs work.

D and Don Wogaman's SOUTHERN CROSS, D41 ketch, is getting repairs done to her starboard side coaming that Don re-designed and built from scratch in 1996.

Meeting adjourned at 1400, disrupting a great deal of post-meeting discussion, due to Red Lobster's need for the room. We vacated gladly due to their excellent service!

Commodores - D and Don Wogaman

NEW POSITION OF SAILING MASTER

As Don and D mentioned during the Winter meeting, the DOA created a new position of "Sailing Master". This position is to act as the club historian by collecting, saving, digitizing, presenting, and adding to our history. I am pleased to be the first member to hold this title and am eager to capture the oral histories of the Dickerson yards in Church and Trappe Creeks, the designs, the DOA, ...etc.

to express the importance that our boats have in Chesapeake Bay yachting history. Please send your historic notes or information to me.

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ATTEND JUNE 19-21, 2020 DICKERSON CLASSIC RENDEZVOUS INVITATIONAL

Last year we had a great attendance at our first Classic Dickerson Rendezvous Invitational and this year, we will do even better with an exciting program at Oxford, MD that includes a historic Parade of Dickersons and other Classics, Commodores' Cook Out, the traditional Dickerson Race, and our Awards Dinner at the Tred Avon Yacht Club

Friday June 19

2 PM. Parade of Dickersons and other classics from Choptank Light to Oxford.

4 PM Docking at Brewers Marina (410 226 5450) or the Tred Avon Yacht Club (410 226 5269),
For Marina Docking Contact Barry Creighton { barry937@cox.net 757 333 1641]

6 PM Commodores' Cook Out at Brewers Marina yard

Saturday June 20

8 AM Coffee and pastry at Brewers Marina

11 AM Race at Course to be decided by Commodores D and Don Wogaman and Race Committee

After race. Docking at Brewer's Marina or Tred Avon Yacht Club or anchor out. Cool off in pool at Brewer's Marina.

6 PM Reception, Awards Dinner, and Celebration at Tred Avon Yacht Club. The program "Family Stories" is on the docket. Tales about your Dickerson and other Classic boats and experiences will be appreciated.

Sunday June 21

Post Rendezvous Cruise contact Chris and Bill Burry. wcburry@gmail.com (804) 854 2598

We have a tremendous program. Come by car, boat, or plane. Do not wait until the last minute. **Plan to attend now!** Let us know of your intentions by E-mail or phone. Looking forward to seeing you at our 55th! Rendezvous!

Joe Slavin, Samson Post jws2827@aol.com 571 287 7600

WHAT MY BOAT WOULD COST TODAY?

As a group, we own some relatively old boats. Most of them have passed through several owners and many of us have spent many times the original price in upkeep and improvements. But I thought you might be interested to know what your (collectively speaking) boat would currently cost if you merely adjusted the sales price for inflation.

So I have to first lay out some caveats. This analysis comes from very incomplete records. I am using the "tax reported" sales price (out the door) from Dickerson Boatbuilders to the original owner. The range is boats sold from 1971 to mid 1983. I have compiled the results by fleet. So that means two things right away—the data for the D41 fleet is most complete and the other fleets is derived from

partial fleet data. Next, I have no way to determine how each boat was outfitted, Undoubtedly some will have been turn-key ready (sails, ground tackle, etc.) while others will have been bare bones.

Next methodology—I adjusted the reported price of each boat using the annual inflation factor from the time of purchase to 2018 (the last factor I have). Then I averaged that inflated price across each respective fleet.

The results:

In 2018 dollars, an average **D36** sold between 1971 and 1980, would cost **\$178,747.00**. The least expensive would be \$140,402.00 and the most expensive \$255,252.00.

In 2018 dollars, an average **D37** sold between 1981 and 1983 (about half the fleet) would cost **\$299,857**. The least expensive would be \$257,438.00 and the most expensive \$338,497.00

In 2018 dollars, an average **D41** sold between 1974 and 1981 would cost **\$326,987.00**. The least expensive would be \$248,776.00 and the most expensive \$478,622.00.

Feel better?

Barry Creighton D37 Fleet Captain



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ATTACHED IS A MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR NEW MEMBERS AND FOR RENEWAL OF YOUR DICKERSON MEMBERSHIP.

DICKERSON OWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

May 31, 2020 to June 1, 2021

SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY OFFER

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THE FOLLOWING FORM IS FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP OR TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Please print

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Fax _____

Work Phone _____ E-mail _____

Boat Name _____ Length _____ Rig _____ Sail No. _____

Cockpit Aft _____ Center _____

Previous Name if Renamed _____

Documented Hailing Port _____

Current Location (City, State) _____

Membership Dues Dickerson Owner \$40 _____ Associate \$30 _____

Make your check out to Dickerson Owners

Mail completed form with check to:

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Clarksville, MD 21029

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