

Dickerson

Owner's Association



FEBRUARY 2023

**Plan Now to Attend Dickerson Owners Association Classic Sailboat Rendezvous
June 16-18, 2023 Oxford, Maryland
(Commodores Don & D Wogaman)**

Events will include a Boat Parade on Friday afternoon June 16 followed by a Commodores' Cookout at 6 pm at the Safe Harbor Marina grounds.

Highlights of the Rendezvous will include the Dickerson Classic Boat Regatta on Saturday morning followed by Dinner at 6 pm at the Robert Morris Inn.

Dockage is available at Oxford's Safe Harbor Marina and the Tred Avon Yacht Club or boats can anchor out in Town Creek.

A traditional post Rendezvous Cruise is also included in the program.

A sign up form will be sent out in the next few months, but please feel free to let us know of your interest in advance.

**Annual Business Lunch
14 January 2023**

Commodores Don & D Wogaman welcomed all attendees to the Annual DOA Business lunch on Saturday 14 January 2023 11AM to 3PM at the Red Lobster, 183 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD, 21401. Twenty-three members attended in person and eight attended via ZOOM. This was the largest attendance in some time. Don & D announced that Robin Rutsky will be taking on the role of DOA Publicist, marketing association activities. They also commented that the Chesapeake Bay Bristol Association would like to join our June Rendezvous in Oxford.



Illustration 1: DOA Business Lunch attendees

John Freal, DOA Treasurer, gave a synopsis of the financial state of affairs. The DOA has enough cash on hand to cover its expenses. In 2022 the Association began the year with \$9,600 and ended with \$7,570. So far this year, we have collected approximately \$1,100 from dues. The dues amount is excluded from these totals above.

Our major expense is the annual rendezvous followed by trophies, merchandise, and the commodores cook out. The cost of the 2022 rendezvous was \$3,500 including meals and room rental of \$550. At least half of the cost was paid by members and guests and the rest was covered by dues and cash on hand. We expect that costs will go down since we are having the dinner at the Robert Morris Inn this year and will not pay a room fee. Given current U.S. Inflation, the meal expense is likely to increase and we are most likely looking at higher meal cost.

Dickerson Large Fleet Report
39' and above
Fleet Captain Chris Burry

Of the 13 boats: 6 are on the hard, 5 in the water, 1 unlocated, and 1 sailing trans-Atlantic.

SOUTHERN CROSS – Commodores Don & D Wogaman

On the hard in Oriental, NC doing hull repairs. Hoping to launch soon and stay aboard in Oriental for the remainder of the spring. Will attend the Rendezvous in June 2023.

PLOVER – Chris & Bill Burry

On the hard in Deltaville, VA replacing max- prop and other routine boatyard maintenance. Plan to attend Rendezvous this summer and sail to Newfoundland, Canada.

ANODYNE – (former SANDICLOU) David Mayhew

In the water at Belts Wharf Marina in Fells Point, Baltimore, MD. New paint on cabins is nearly complete. Decks will be next. Replacing both cockpit coaming boxes, cockpit locker, and small adjacent deck area due to rot. Hopes to be able to sail this summer.

PAPILLON – Ina & Kusuru

Where she: Ocean World Boatyard(hauled in mid August 2022), Dominican Republic

Where we: Kauai, HI(working, not vacationing)

Where cruising: will continue down thru the Caribbean at some point. Have made a list of MUST do's before splashing again, WOULD BE NICE TO do's, and MAYBE NEXT YEAR.

VOLANTIS – Jake Baer, Jr.

Owned **VOLANTIS** for a few years. For the past couple years she has been in Deale, MD. Has secured a (substantially) less expensive slip in Annapolis for the upcoming season and plans to move her there. Currently, **VOLANTIS** is in Cambridge at the Yacht Maintenance Yard, spending the winter months. Just prior she was next door at Mid-Shore Electronics, where all electronics upgraded.

COMPASS ROSE – Eric & Jackie White

Will journey to Grenada in a couple weeks. Plan is to sail Compass Rose back to the US and find a place to keep her, probably in the New Bern – Oriental, NC area.

SHORTCAKE – (former TOOGOODOO) – Rich Galbraith

Back in the water a couple of days before Labor day. The bottom was sanded down to the fiberglass, 5 coats of barrier coat applied, 2 coats of bottom paint, all decks, cabin sides and roofs were fiber-glassed and gel-coated. The V-berth and main salon are stripped, painted and varnished. The masts and booms have been sanded, epoxy etched, primed and painted and will be re-rigged over the winter with installation back on the boat this spring. Hoping to attend the rendezvous in June WITH the boat.

VELAMORE – Karl Russ

She is in the water still going through major overhaul of the decks and cabins. Progress has been slow due to some health issues but hopefully things will pick up in the spring.

DOWN HOME – Dave & Siobhan Fahrmeier

Asleep on the hard at Dickerson Harbour, in Trappe, her ancestral home. She is for sale. If not sold by June, plan to participate in the Dickerson Rendezvous and cruise the Chesapeake for the next month or so.

CHESAPEAKE – Kerry & Kris O'Malley

On the hard in Rock Hall, MD sleeping under her custom cover.

HEMISPHERE DANCER – Bruce & Tucky Franz

On the hard in Cambridge, MD going through some deck repairs (removal of teak) etc., before she is sold to a loving new owner (unfound as of yet).

SATISFACTION – (former **CAVU**) Ken Morse

Location unknown.

BEAU SOLEIL – Mike & Karen Riley

Son Falcon stepped up to help move **BEAU SOLEIL** from the hard in Kalamata, Greece to the USA. He and various friends spent these last months, since October 2022, moving her across the Mediterranean and to the staging port in the Canaries.

As of Dec 29 they were underway to the Caribbean. The intended landfall is Turks and Caicos. One crew member, a British national, doesn't have the visa needed to enter the USA, therefore a stop in a neutral country. And another crew member needs to fly back to Guam for work. Falcon has one friend staying on to help bring **BEAU SOLEIL** north to the USA.

Their progress is good. So far they are making 125-135 nautical miles in 24 hours. Sounds like the gib and jigger are set and the crew is all well.

Working on trying to find a slip for **BEAU SOLEIL**. Need a live aboard slip for the time being. If anyone knows a good marina, yard, or dock suitable for our lovely, old lady, please let them know. Mike asked for a warm place, Karen is not so fussy. A dock is easier for his old knees and balance. ETA stateside is February into March. Hopefully missing the worst winter weather.

***Dickerson Fleet-37' Report
Fleet Captain Bill Toth***

Our beloved Dickerson 37s are in "FINE SHAPE!" Thanks, Commodore Barry, for this great assessment! There is a lot of TLC that these wonderful boats deserve, need, and receive. Below are the specifics:

Barry & Judy's CREW REST:

Crew Rest will be at the Rendezvous this year. Only one absence since 2007! STRONG WORK! We are told Crew Rest is in "Fine Shape."

Jim & Phaedra Hontz's TROUBADOUR:

Troubadour will be headed to Hookumfair and south as this year's destinations. Lots of sewing, teak refinishing (below deck) as well as identifying engine and transmission leaks and then, "forgetting about them!" Troubadour will be at the Rendezvous!

Wayne and Sophie Riggs's VICTORIA:

Wayne and Sophie are planning to sail to many points on the North Carolina's coast, including Beaufort, Cape Lookout, Washington as well as Bath, and New Haven. They are replacing their wheel with a tiller to allow an engine access hatch. They will not be able to attend the Rendezvous this year.

Robin & Rex Booth's SELF-RELIANCE:

After a 9 month wait, their Beta Marine engine has arrived and been installed. Additionally, a new rudder is being installed as well as battery relocation, installation of a new B&G auto-helm, and a windless! Exterior teak work is also on the list of To Dos!

Fred & Katie Probst's FORCE MAJEURE: Fred is building a new dinghy for towing behind his boat. It is about 12' so won't fit on the deck.

Nathan Hesse & Payton's SIENA:

April cruising to St. Mary's, Tangier Sound, or even Virginia Beach! **SIENA** will also head to the Chester River, Annapolis, and St. Michael's. Projects include Ray-marine wind instruments, interior varnish, A/C install, new life lines and perhaps, a new dodger. Nathan and Payton will be at the Rendezvous either by car or boat!

Ken and Maggie Bernholz's MORNING LIGHT: She is in Fine Shape!

Bill & Gail Toth's STARRY NIGHT:

Destinations, all over the bay where wireless coverage is available for the "floating office!" Upgrades, perhaps a wind instrument. Rendezvous, yes!

***Dickerson Fleet-35-36' Report
Fleet Captain Randy Bruns***

Randy polled about 25 Dickerson 35, 36 owners to learn what they have been doing regarding sailing and maintenance on their boats. Unfortunately, he only got a few responses. Parker Hallam **FRIGATE CONNIE**, reported his boat is working well and he is addressing bright-work alternatives. Doug Sargent, **DIFFERENT DRUMMER**, is working on his 35. It is on the hard on the Eastern Shore. Bill Yeich, **MERIDIAN**, reports that his boat's keel and lower hull are shot and the boat is on its way to the boneyard. Randy Bruns' 36 **RHYTHMS IN BLUE**, is working well and has required little repair work in 2022. The battery charger and the voltage regulator are being replaced. He suspects the failure of one caused the failure of the other. Chasing things down, he discovered the alternator has a mode that can be switched in to make it act as a battery charger. Interesting. Waiting for warmer weather to do some boat work.

Trans-Atlantic Passage on a Hallberg Rassy 48' Barry Creighton

Barry Creighton arrived wearing a Dickerson sweatshirt and a pair of red trousers that he is now entitled to wear having sailed across the Atlantic Ocean. He presented a slide show of a recent trans-Atlantic passage that he made on a Hallberg Rassy 48'.

He commented: ***“All in all, it was a pretty benign trip for us with only a few squalls, but a frustrating last 500 miles as the trade winds did a 180 on us and died thanks to the storm to our north. Not so benign for some of our fellow cruisers — one dismasting and several major mechanical failures. The dismasting resulted in significant injuries and the US Navy med evacuated the crew. We finished a week ago and there are still several boats still at sea. Our only discomfort was the loss of our water maker on day one — so saltwater showers and water rationing for 20 days. (I told everyone ((repeatedly)) about PLOVER’S 400 gallon tank!). We caught fish at will and ate well. Of a 140ish vessel fleet, we finished respectfully in the middle without overly pressing the boat or crew ~ 20 days, 12 hours for 3069 miles. The Hallberg Rassy 48 is indeed stout.”***



Illustration 2: Barry Creighton in red pants discusses trans-Atlantic passage

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