



Owner's Association



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THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD

SPECIAL THIS MONTH: NEW DICKERSON OWNER AND DICKERSONS FOR SALE!!!!

“The two best days in a boat owner's life are the day they buy a boat and the day they sell it”

This month's issue of the Dickerson Owner's Association Newsletter is dedicated to welcoming a new Dickerson owner and listings of a few beautiful Dickersons that are looking for new homes. If you want to be the proud owner of a Dickerson yacht or know someone who does, browse the next few pages.

Commodore's Note

Hoping the Chesapeake Bay's heat has not kept all from enjoying our Dickersons. Having just returned from a cruise with another club anchored in the spit at the mouth of La Trappe Creek with **FRIGATE CONNIE** abreast, I was called on deck by her skipper to witness **DOWN HOME**, leaving, rigged for her journey north. Sad to see her leave the bay, but hope her new owner, John Beck of Sturgeon Bay, WI, will join us, if only from afar, to keep us updated on her exploits. The morning before we weighed anchor, my grandson, who was cruising with me, took a quick run up the creek to show him the birth place of our Dickerson. So long ago, so many boats.

In the coming months I hope to work on an up to date directory, in which we can at least have an accurate number/email, with which to connect with one another. The lapse between

directories has led to changes, I would like to correct. Next news letter I plan to have a point of contact for anyone that may have for instance, dropped their phone in the Patuxent R. just before taking a picture of a 41' Dickerson(not that we have EVER done that !)

Also, think seriously about the Western Shore Round-Up, looking at the second weekend in September.

Till next.

Ken & Maggie

MORNING LIGHT

Commodore



MORNING LIGHT at Oak Harbor Marina on Rock Creek MD

1978 Dickerson 41' – **DOWN HOME** Sold

Dave Fahrmeier and Siobhan Sheehan have been proud owners of a Dickerson 41' since they purchased former **DE NOVO** over 15 years ago in 2008 from Joanne Dentworth. Her late husband Ray was Commodore four times and Dave was Commodore once. Dave also served as the 1st Fleet Captain for the large Dickersons. Dave and Siobhan christened her **DOWN HOME** because they always felt “right at home” on the boat. They did an extensive refit adding a hard dodger, raising the main boom, and refurbishing the whole interior. They lived aboard **DOWN HOME** and sailed her far and wide, south to the Bahamas and north to Maine and Nova Scotia. They will be sorely missed in the Dickerson Association. Farewell to Dave and Siobhan.



DOWN HOME under sail June 2021

Welcome to new owner: John Beck of Sturgeon Bay, WI. He writes:

"I'm a retired family physician. Because of my wife's health related issues and other obligations I had not sailed for years. Barbara passed away this March and I decided to get back into sailing. Not a racer, I like getting beyond sight of land and sailing up and down swells. Although the largest sailboat I actually owned was a Tanzer 22, I crewed for a month on a 56' 26 ton motorsailer, which included Lake Michigan crossings. I've been at the helm of 20 types of sailboats over the years but grew up with an 18' Seagull.

*I admired Dickersons back in the 1960's. I know about sailboats designed with solo sailing in mind and **Down Home** breaks the rules but she's designed to sail at conservative angles of heel which would have been a turn-off in my younger days I feel is a better fit for this 85 year old guy. With a draft of under 5 feet, which is appropriate for our sailing grounds, the keel should be more efficient at shallow heel angles. I felt at home on **Down Home** when we took her for a sea trial this spring. I anticipate comfortable motion in the offshore seas that Lake Michigan can deliver.*

I've had sailboats moored and in slips in the past. I purchased a mooring in Sturgeon Bay, WI which will be her home port. My 4 adult children all live in Wisconsin so I'm sure I'll be doing some family sailing and I belong to the Door County Sail and Power Squadron so I'm sure I'll have enthusiastic crew available, but I plan to do some extended solo cruising, especially next year.

*Currently, **Down Home** is still in Maryland and initial plans for transporting her here are again in flux. Meanwhile I do my sailing vicariously by watching YouTube videos and reading.*

*I had hoped to attend the rally in June 2023 but had to let that slip this year. **Down Home** may well be the only Dickerson 41 on the Great Lakes."*

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1974 Dickerson 41' Ketch – BEAU SOLEIL

Mike & Karen Riley have owned **BEAU SOLEIL**, a Dickerson 41' ketch since the 1990s. They have traveled around the world and lived aboard since they purchased her. Due to Mike's failing health, BEAU is looking for new owners. She is currently located in New Bern, NC. Anyone interested can contact Reuel K. Sample at Integrity Yacht Sales. Contact Reuel at: 865-742-2427 reuel@integrityyachtsales.com



BEAU SOLEIL at anchor in New Zealand

1972 Dickerson 36' Ketch – RHYTHMS IN BLUE

There's a time and place for everything. For me, unfortunately, its time to sell. It's getting too hard for me to sail and maintain the boat. She's been kept in excellent condition and significantly upgraded by me over the last thirty years. Here is some of the stuff on her:

- Full batten NORTH working sails in very good condition and roller reefing. There is a boom for a small jib if you want to sail gently in heavy weather.

- Genoa with roller furling. Whisker pole.

- Hard fiberglass dinghy on davits that I built.

- Good ventilation below with funnels and dorade boxes. Some upgraded New Found Metals Port-lights.

- Refrigerator that actually makes ice.

- New hot water heater

- Windlass

- Plenty of dock lines, fenders, anchors. And deck wash-down stuff

- Lots of awnings, Bimini, and wind scoops.

- Sleeping in two separate cabins plus double bed in saloon, Six total.

- All the decks and bulkheads have been epoxied, fiberglass wrapped and painted with Awl GRIP

- Bright-work either varnished or epoxied

- Solid Fiberglass hull which has been deblistered and epoxied

- Custom boat cover which is relatively easy to remove. I use it all year around. Protects bright-work

- New voltage regulator and battery Charger, 5 good AGM batteries

- Westerbeke engine. Powered fuel cleaning hardware

Boat is located in Dividing Creek, Magothy River. Ready to go.

Asking price \$28,500.

Contact Randy Bruns 443-994 8844, rbbruns@verizon.net



RHYTHMS IN BLUE Under Sail

1969 Dickerson 35' Ketch – DIFFERENT DRUMMER

Free to a Good Home

Doug Sergeant acquired **DIFFERENT DRUMMER** from the DOA in 2016 after she was donated to the Association. She is a classic woodie with varnished cabin sides. Doug has looked after her but believes that she is ready for a new owner. She is currently in Bivalve MD. Contact Doug for details at 410- 366-7989.



DIFFERENT DRUMMER in her slip

1983 Dickerson 37' Sloop – **ANDROMEDA**

Ben Cook III reports that his father Benton (Ben) D. Cook was a member of the DOA and owner of D37 **ANDROMEDA**. He passed away on February 18, 2022.

Ben (Senior) loved sailing and his Dickerson was a passion for him. His son reports that he enjoyed the DOA tremendously. He had some health setbacks in the past few years so was not as active as he would have liked. Ben (son) reports that he and his sister, who live in Texas, have decided to sell **ANDROMEDA** and wanted to make members aware in the event there is interest among other owners. The boat is currently in Edgewater, MD at Casa Rio Marina.

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