

# Dickerson

Owner's Association

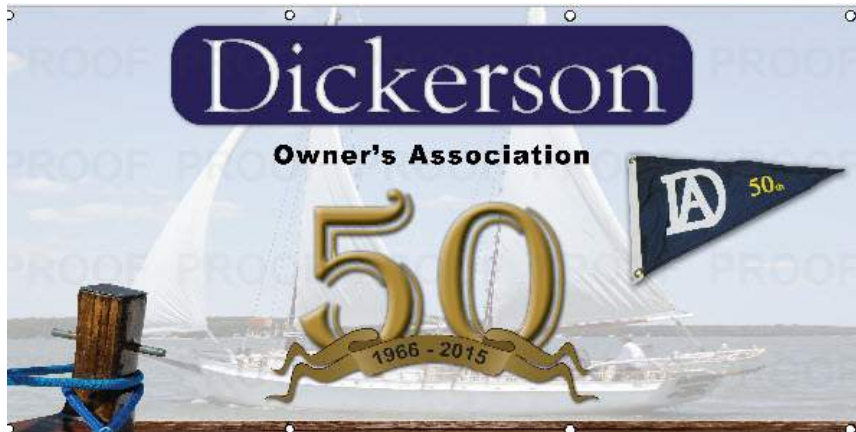


*NEWS LETTER*

*JULY 2015*

## A Fabulous 50<sup>th</sup> Dickerson Anniversary

Thanks everyone for making our 50th Anniversary Rendezvous such a big success.



It was truly a team effort with Directories and Certificates by Barry Creighton followed up by a clever Dickerson parade strategy with 18 boats participating. Thanks also Barry for having your friends Mark and Jean Brzozowski and Sue and Mark Radler take such excellent photos and videos of the event.



Then, a real live Commodores' cook out with Barry Creighton, Bruce Franz and Bill Toth at the helm. Bruce, his wife Tucky, and Dick Young made sure there was plenty of food for everyone.

Commodore Liaison, Jake Baer 3<sup>rd</sup>, thanks for taking the initiative in providing 86 custom made Dickerson Anniversary T Shirts to 29 Owners, and to you, John Stait, for helping to pack and deliver them to Oxford.



Hungry "Dickersonians"



Cooks Barry Creighton(L) and Bill Toth



Thanks Brewer's Marina for the great hospitality





First row Judy Creighton, Bruce Franz and Barry Creighton; second row Sam Webster, Joe Slavin, Nettie Hastings, Bill Toth and Bob Smith.

Saturday's race featured the largest Dickerson fleet ever of 18 boats. Although the wind was light, it offered a challenge, and brought forth our new Commodore Bill Toth. Congratulations Bill, we all look forward to working with you..... again!

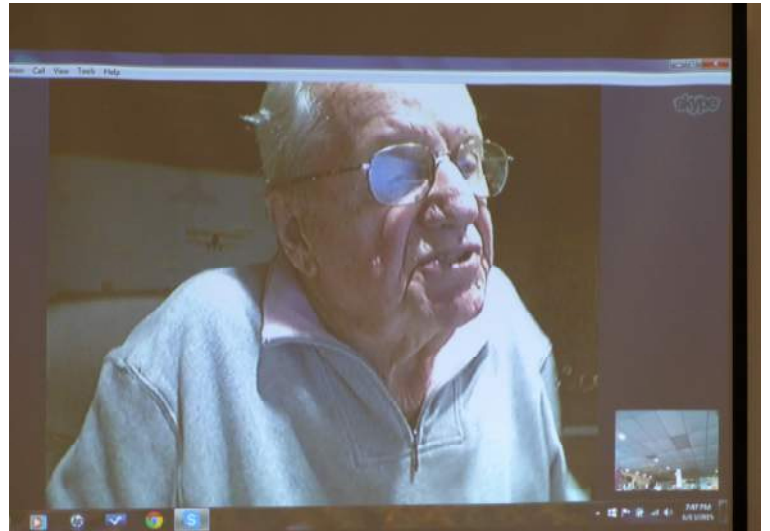
The Anniversary Banquet on Saturday was the highlight of the event with about 90 in attendance. The steak and crab meat dinner was delicious. Decades of Dickerson Memories came to life with Larry Moser's DVD of Neville Lewis' historic global voyage in his D41, "Southern Cross", 40 years ago. And our grateful thanks to Neville for the interview on Skype, and to Teddy Rivkin for the technical expertise that made it all go without a hitch.

Here is the link to Southern Cross world cruise video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=enPH13JTdDE&feature=youtu.be>

This presentation was followed by a smart delightful slide show by our Canadian Sailors, Louise and Daniel Pomerleau, on their D41 "Douce Folie". See it on this link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qp8-KLdQdIA>



Neville Lewis on Skype



Louise Pomerleau



Chris Burry

When all thought “Wow how can this be topped”, out of the blue came Master of Ceremonies Pirate Blackbeard Bruce Franz with eye patch, coat, and sword to capture remarks on Dickerson memories from sailors Mary Ann and Dave Hazen, Chris and Bill Burry, who showed slides on their Trans-Atlantic passage from 1986-1988, and D and Don Wogaman who told the group about their memories of “Southern Cross” voyages. Bruce recognized and thanked Jim and Paula Karr for their strong support over the past decades.



Pirate Bruce Franz—What a treat for all!!!

Commodore Jake Baer presented the Dickerson trophies for the record race of 18 wooden and fiberglass Dickerson yachts varying in length from 35 to 41 feet . The final winners were Joe Slavin's "Irish Mist" 35/36 class, Bill Toth's "Starry Night" 37/39 class and D and Don Wogaman's "Southern Cross" 40/41/50 class. The overall winner and Commodore for 2015/2016 was Bill Toth's "Starry Night"





Commodore Jake Baer welcoming new Commodore Bill Toth



Bill Toth—"Awesome..Want your support and guidance for next year"

This Awards presentation was followed by lively music organized by Jeff Stephenson. He and Barry had the talented musical assistance of singer Sandy Stait. What a treat! What a glorious ending to a great 50th Anniversary Celebration!



Musicians Barry Creighton, Sandy Stait and Jeff Stephenson

### **So what do you think about it All????**

Jim Karr echoed everyone when he said "The best Dickerson Gathering I have ever seen!"

Former Commodore, Bruce Franz—" I LOVED the Rendezvous BECAUSE you were there!

The history, tradition, builders, the boats, the memories, the "born here", the "left here", the "return here", "come here", the islanders, mainlanders, etc. ALL continue to put a smile on my face. I can't wait to see everyone again, especially next year's Rendezvous, because you have to come every year, or if I don't see y'all, .....it will be like a day without sunshine!"

Keep finding those memories."

New member Teddy Rivkin—"Fantastic! I had such a great time. The event exceeded my expectations, and I could have easily stayed a couple of additional days. Sailors really do make the best friends. Endless thanks to all that made it possible,"

Commodore Bill Toth—" AWESOME! STRONG WORK! What a great 50th Celebration for the Dickerson Association. It is difficult to image where to go next year...

I hope you are all willing to provide support, guidance, and counsel for next year. Where to begin?

I am interested in what you think and what you heard from the attendees on keeping the Rendezvous the best ever! "

Louise and Daniel Pomerleau—"It was such a delight to participate in the Saturday Race as crew on the "PLOVER" with Chris, Bill and their lovely Flaco. For us, it was an opportunity to learn from skilled navigators, hence we enjoyed the precious time we spent with people who possess similar sailing passion.

Frankly, this new experience is now a good benchmark in our future sailing life with our Dickerson. This year's Rendezvous event has given us new ideas which will help improve our sailboat and sailing skills."

Boatbuilder Preston Brannock's Niece Nettie Hastings—"So enjoyed our time...so good to share space with your wonderful group...they always are warm with such a grand welcome ! So awesome to be included in this event that so many have contributed great efforts to keep everyone so connected."

Sam Webster, Dickerson Boatbuilder—"Magical stuff I will be there next year on the"Irish Mist."

We received many photos of the activities thanks to Barry's friends Mark and Jean and Sue and Mark and to Jim Freal, Tucky Franz, Chris Burry, D Wogaman, Eric White, Al Samson, Jake Baer 3<sup>rd</sup> and others. Following are links to the over 100 photos of this fabulous 50<sup>th</sup> Rendezvous.

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Let us plan now to make the 2015/2016 Dickerson Rendezvous even more exciting.



Send us your thoughts on what we can do to make it even better.

Have a great sailing season and thanks again.



Samson Post. D35 "Irish Mist"

## **Dickerson Post Rendezvous Cruise**

**14-16 June 2015**

On Sunday 14 June, a group of 9 Dickersons departed Oxford en-route to Broad Creek off the Choptank River. The intent was to anchor off the former home of the previous Dickerson 41 owners of STORMY PETREL, Capt Clack & Nancy Walker, on Grace Creek. However, the winds were so light & the air so steamy that the boats assembled at the confluence of the entrance to Grace Creek where there was more wind & the swimming was refreshing. Chris & Bill Burry on PLOVER set their anchor and the fleet rafted up with all 5 of the D 41's securing to PLOVER. They included: Dave & Siobhan Fahrmeier on DOWN HOME; Hank & Denise Cope on TOOGOODOO; Jeff Stephenson & cousin John on CAVU; and Don & D Wogaman on SOUTHERN CROSS. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time there have been 5 Dickerson 41s rafted together! Inclement weather kept the smaller boats at anchor until just prior to sunset when the clouds parted and Harriet & Parker Hallam on FRIGATE CONNIE & Randy & Barb Bruns on RHYTHMS IN BLUE joined the 41's on the raft. Barry Creighton of CREW REST and Jim & Phaedra Hontz on TROUBADOUR also came aboard for food & revelry – of which there was plenty. There were two water dogs aboard – Kip on DOWN HOME and Flaco on PLOVER. Here is a photo of the 5 Dickerson 41's and 2 other Dickersons anchored out in Grace Creek courtesy of Eric White of COMPASS ROSE.



*Illustration 1: Seven Dickersons raft up after 50th Anniversary!*

On Monday 15 June, a smaller group of three 41's, PLOVER, SOUTHERN CROSS & TOOGOODOO headed east to Cambridge for the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the post rendezvous cruise.

They also met up with Kris & Kerry O'Malley on the Bugeye CHESAPEAKE who secured a slip at the Cambridge Municipal Marina. The three 41s went into the Cambridge inner basin – PLOVER at anchor, and SOUTHERN CROSS & TOOGOODOO tied up at the bulkhead wall. SOUTHERN CROSS hosted a cocktail party aboard so everyone got a chance to see her new interior before walking to dinner at Bistro Poplar for dinner. Bruce & Tucky Franz of HEMISPHERE DANCER met up with the boaters for dinner.





*Illustration 2: SOUTHERN CROSS & TOOGOODOO in Cambridge*



*Illustration3: Bugeye CHESAPEAKE in Cambridge(Photo by D Wogaman)*

On Tuesday morning, the boats parted ways and declared the post-rendezvous cruise a major success in spite of the heat, humidity and light winds throughout the cruise!

PLOVER continued south for the week spending 1 night at Hudson Creek on the Little Choptank and then 2 nights at Parks Marina on Tangier. Capt Milton Parks still runs the marina and the rates remain a reasonable \$30/night. Meanwhile SOUTHERN CROSS opted for 1 night in Annapolis followed by 2 nights anchored at Sandy Pt on the Great Wicomico.



*Illustration4: PLOVER at Parks Marina in Tangier*

On Friday 19 June, SOUTHERN CROSS and PLOVER reunited for 1 last night for dinner at the Horn Harbor Restaurant on the Great Wicomico River in company with the Mathews Yacht Club that Chris & Bill Burry are members of.

Chris and Bill Burry, D41 PLOVER



## **Western Shore Round Up**

Dickerson sailors are invited to attend the ninth annual Western Shore Round Up to be held at Galesville, MD on the West River on September 18 and 19, 2015. Last year's winner Sheriff Parker Hallam, "Frigate Connie" and organizers Randy and Barb Bruns promise that you will have a great time as shown by experiences over the past eight years.

Activities begin early Friday evening with a reception featuring delicious crab cakes, hamburgers, beans, other goodies, and drinks at the West River Sailing Club. On Saturday, the race will start at 12 noon at govt mark G1, about 1 nm south of Thomas Point. The race will be followed by a reception and no-host dinner at Pirates Cove Restaurant. Menu choices include prime ribs, crab cakes, salmon, and chicken marcella.

Dockage is available at Pirates Cove (tel 410-867-2300) There is plenty of water for anchoring or mooring in the area.

We need to know of your participation ASAP and at the latest by September 10, 2015 so we can block out the space at Pirates Cove Restaurant and give you the Race Instructions. All details of the race are being handled by Randy Bruns but Joe Slavin is assisting him in organizing the participation. Please let us know as soon as possible the following.

Your name, crew names, and boat name, cell phone #

If you will be arriving for the Friday Reception

The number of people for dinner

If you will be racing on Saturday

Send information to [jws2827@aol.com](mailto:jws2827@aol.com) or call us at 703 560 7250

## **We Want To Hear From You**

We would like to receive write ups on your sailing adventures, latest Dickerson fix it jobs or just your thoughts and suggestions. Please do not be bashful. Also .don't forget to renew your Dickerson Owners Association Membership for 2015/2016 and receive a copy of the New Directory with it's very special upgraded "Yellow Pages". For Membership Forms contact [jws2827@aol.com](mailto:jws2827@aol.com).

Membership Committee, Joe Slavin, Barry Creighton and John Freal

Edited by Bruce Franz



Kerry O'Malley's classic Dickerson Bugeye "Chesapeake" built 1954