



Owner's Association



NEWS LETTER

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DICKERSON SAILORS CELEBRATE 51st ANNIVERSARY

On June 17-19, 2016 Chesapeake Bay's classic wooden and fiberglass Dickerson sailing yachts returned to their birthplace on Maryland's beautiful Eastern Shore. Over 70 sailors and 15 boats participated in the 51st annual Dickerson Owners' Association (DOA) Rendezvous. Events included a parade of Dickersons up the Choptank River, and a Commodores' Cook-Out at the Cambridge Municipal Marina, on Friday June 17, followed on Saturday by a breakfast at the Richardson Maritime Museum (which hosts the Dickerson Historical Exhibit), a traditional Dickerson race to Oxford, and the Annual Awards Dinner at the Tred Avon Yacht Club.

Richardson Maritime Museum Executive Director Jane Devlin and Maryland Senator "Addie" Eckardt welcomed the hungry Dickerson sailors at the Museum breakfast and discussed the importance of keeping boat building craftsmanship alive on Maryland's Eastern Shore and the expansion of the Museum and its Ruark Boat Building Center. The Dickerson Owners' Association presented Director Jane Devlin a model of the Dickerson ketch *LLIA FAIL* on behalf of the Association and the late Lynn Stearns, a long time DOA member.

The race from Cambridge to Oxford of 35, 36, 37, and 41 foot Dickerson ketches and sloops ended up being a "drifting match" in a 2-3 knot northeast wind. Sanity prevailed however, and Commodore Bill Toth shortened his chosen course "Jennifer's Choice" from 10 to 3.5 miles so the sailors would have time to cool off in the pool at Brewer's Oxford Marina.

Highlights of the festivities included a delicious dinner of fillet of beef and crab imperial, a talk by Dickerson Captain Tom Pfeifer, who courageously sailed his 37 foot Dickerson sloop *JoySea* across the North Atlantic from Annapolis to Ireland. What an adventure. Tom lauded his Dickerson for ably handling mountainous waves and gale force winds. The ceremony was topped off with a special award to retiring Secretary Dick Young for 18 years of dedicated service and racing trophies for first in their class to: John Freal *Rainbow*, 35/36 ft class; Barry Creighton, *Crew Rest*, 37 ft class, and Jeff Stephenson, *CAVU*, 40/41 ft class. The overall winner and our new Dickerson Commodore is Jeff Stephenson. Congratulations Jeff!

Thank you Commodore Bill Toth and all who made the Dickerson year so memorable.

Joe Slavin, *Irish Mist*

MEMORABLE PHOTOS OF HAPPY DICKERSONIANS









See Jim Freals Photos at: <https://www.flickr.com/gp/jimfrealtravels/7Tv18E>

DICKERSON SAILORS POST-RENDEZVOUS CRUISE

On Sunday 19 June 2016, a group of 7 Dickersons departed Oxford en-route to the north branch Tarr Creek off the Tred Avon River. The intent was to cross a lock bar and anchor off the Swaine family farm owned by Bill Burry's cousin. However, the full moon made the tide exceptionally low and it was too dicey for all 7 boats to cross the lock bar and raft up for the afternoon. So the fleet rafted up at the entrance to Tarr Creek. Chris & Bill Burry on PLOVER set their anchor and the fleet rafted up with the two D 41's securing to PLOVER. They included: Dave & Siobhan Fahrmeier on DOWN HOME with Jackie & Eric White of COMPASS ROSE as crew; and Jeff & Julie Stephenson on CAVU with former owners Bob Hagstrom & Gina Soucheray as crew. Three Dickerson 37's then joined the raft: Barry & Judy Creighton of CREW REST; Jim & Phaedra Hontz on TROUBADOUR; and Ken & Maggie of MORNING LIGHT; and then Dickerson 36 Harriet & Parker Hallam on FRIGATE CONNIE. It was a beautiful summer afternoon and several people swam off DOWN HOME's stern platform and sailed PLOVER's Cape Dory 10' sailing dinghy. The youngest crew members: Nate, 8, and his younger brother Julian, 4, on TROUBADOUR went out kayaking. As the afternoon progressed, everyone assembled on DOWN HOME for food & revelry – of which there was plenty. These photos of the Dickersons rafted are courtesy of Barry Creighton on CREW REST.



On Monday 20 June, a smaller group of three Dickersons: PLOVER, MORNING LIGHT & TROUBADOUR headed south to Hudson Creek on the Little Choptank. They bid farewell to CREW REST; CAVU, FRIGATE CONNIE & DOWN HOME. It was a windless day so the three boats motor-sailed most of the way. Once in the Little Choptank, the Dickersons rafted up and then took a walk ashore with Flaco & the Hontz family. At sunset, the boats split up the raft for overnight. The next day PLOVER continued south with TROUBADOUR on a southwesterly breeze down to the Honga River where they anchored off the small town of Hooperville and rode out a thunderstorm with 25+ knot winds Tuesday evening.

On 22 June, PLOVER & TROUBADOR had a beautiful sail down Tangier Sound on a west wind about 35nm to an anchorage inside the hook at the tip of Tangier Island. All crew went ashore for a walk on the beach but then TROUBADOUR chose to head into Parks Marina overnight. PLOVER remained on the hook at the tip of Tangier.

The next night PLOVER joined TROUBADOUR at Parks Marina in Tangier for one last night together.

Bill and Chris Burry D41 PLOVER

FALL CRUISE

We are belaying the Western Shore Roundup this year and trying a cruise, especially since I finally won the Sherriff of the Western Shore trophy last year.

The cruisers will congregate around 1700 hrs Friday September 23 at the Bruns' house on Dividing Creek in the Magothy for a cookout.

The following is the plan for the cruise after this;

There is no plan.

What we will do is either head North, East or South Saturday morning based on weather and input from attendees and those showing up Saturday. Some folks may want to just cruise for the weekend and the rest of us will keep going until our numbers decrease to zero.

Let us know ASAP of your comments and likelihood of attendance. Of particular interest is whether you can get to Bruns' Friday night. If it's a port too far we could meet instead in West River at the Club or Pirates Cove.

Randy Bruns D36 *Rhythms in Blue* E mail rbbruns@verizon.net Tel: 410 544 5571

DICKERSON BURGEE PIN

A number of sailors at the Rendezvous indicated they would like to be able to obtain the Dickerson 50th Anniversary Burgee Pin that was given out at the Rendezvous last year. Most pin firms require a minimum order of 100 pins but we have found a supplier that will do a minimum order of 25 at a cost of \$8.00 each. If we get about 12 interested in purchasing pins for \$8.00 each then we will place an order.

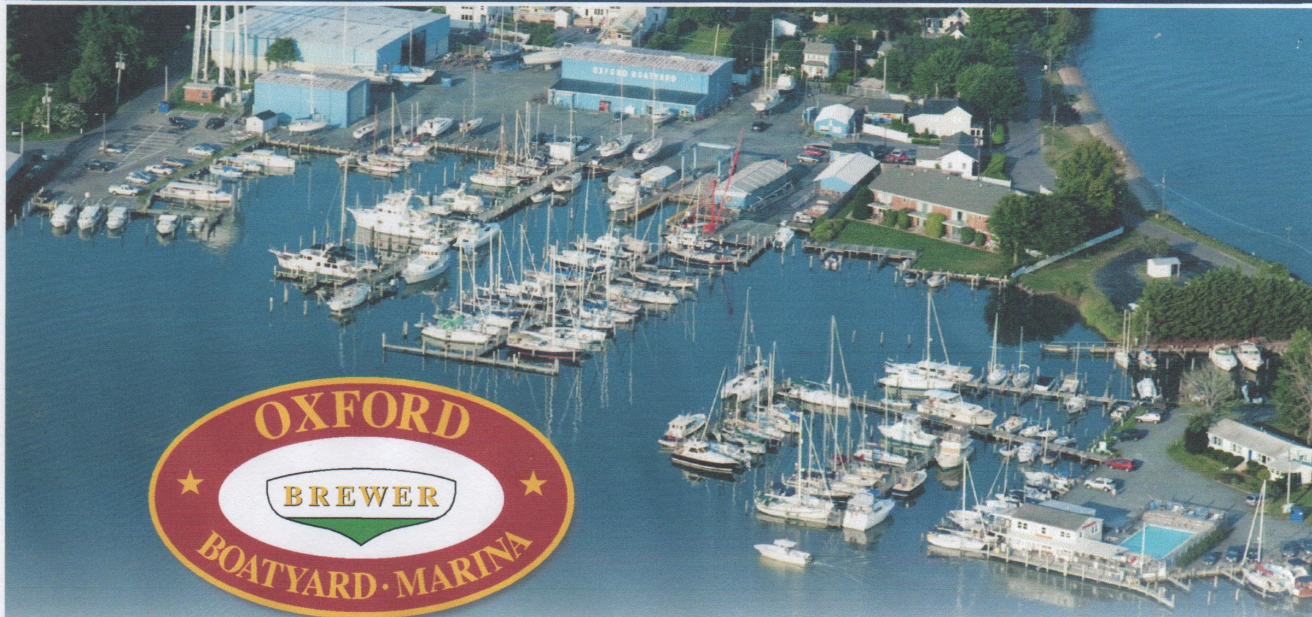


The pin is 1 9/16 inches long and 7/8 inch wide. Let us know by August 15 by e mailing us at jws2827@aol.com if you want us to order a pin for you or your friends.

THANK YOU DICKERSON SPONSORS

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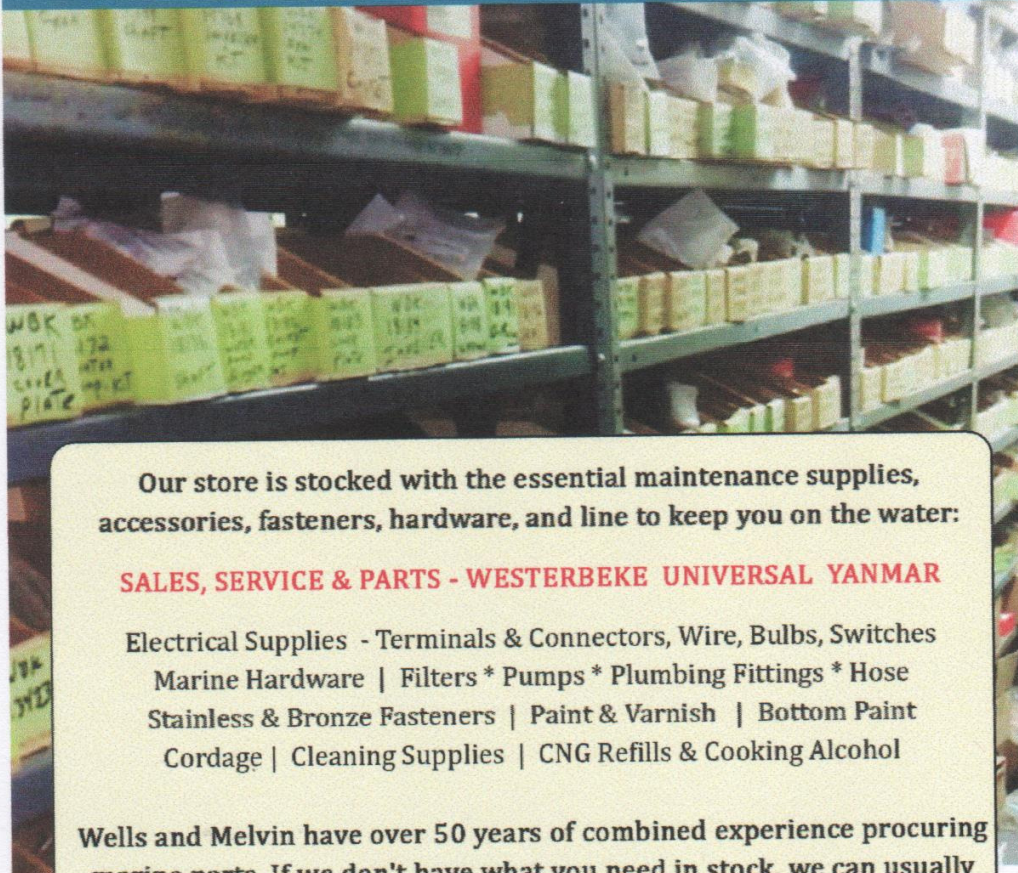
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IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN OR RENEW YOUR DOA MEMBERSHIP

Certainly the photos and report of our 51st Rendezvous show a happy and joyful group of Dickerson Sailors some who came from distant ports of Tampa and Jacksonville, Florida, Bristol, Rhode Island, North Carolina and Minnesota to just mention some examples. Members and Associate Members receive this News Letter, access to the Dickerson Owners Web Site <http://www.dickersonowners.org/> an 80 page Dickerson Owners Directory that contains information on over 140 Dickerson yachts and their owners and a new "Yellow Pages" section on reliable vendors that Dickerson Sailors have used to repair engines, fix sails or fuel tanks. You name it-- the firm is listed in this section to obtain your Dickerson part or solve your other fix it problems.

Contact jws2827@aol.com for a Membership Application Form.

Have a great sailing summer and let us hear from you. Submit an article on your Dickerson favorite experience or any fix it or repair and maintenance advice.

Following is the cover of the 2016 Dickerson Owners Directory which will be mailed to DOA Members soon.

Membership Committee, Joe Slavin, Barry Creighton, Bruce Franz and John Freal

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Dickerson Owners' Directory



51 Years of Dedication to Dickerson Sailing Yachts and Sailors Who Love Them

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