



Owner's Association



NEWS LETTER

JANUARY 2017

Dickerson Business Meeting

Saturday Dec.3, 2016

Annapolis

Commodore Jeff Stephenson called our mid-year business meeting to order at 11:00 hrs. with approximately 20 Members in attendance representing most all popular wooden and fiberglass classes of Dickerson yachts ranging from 30 to 59 feet. Our 2017 Rendezvous was confirmed to be held in Oxford, MD on Father's Day weekend, June 16, 17, and 18. A Dickerson Parade of boats is scheduled to begin on Friday afternoon around Choptank River Light at 14:00 hrs, and proceed up the Tred Avon River to Brewer's Marina for a Captain's Cookout, boat tours, and Race Instructions for Saturday, June 17th. Additional information on the Rendezvous is contained in this News Letter.

The guest speaker was the new Editor of Chesapeake Bay Magazine, Mr. Joe Evans. Joe—who is taking over for our friend retiring Janie Meneely—has broad experience in all things Chesapeake as a boatbuilder, angler and writer. The magazine is expected to have a new look starting in January, so grab a copy today, compare it to next year's format, and give Joe some feedback..... and some Dickerson stories! You can contact Joe at joe@chesapeakebaymagazine.com



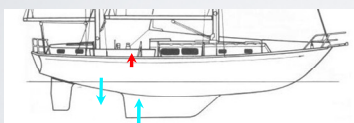
Commodore Jeff Stephenson and Editor Joe Evans

Afterwards, Past Commodore, Bill Toth, provided an excellent video of his D-37 ice box upgrade to a keel-cooled refrigeration. A copy is available on <https://youtu.be/mQ-pO5eZRb4>

Contact Bill at bill.toth1@cox.net if you have any questions and are interested in adding refrigeration to your Dickerson. Several Dickerson Captains have done this in their 37 and 41 foot yachts and are very pleased with the results.

Next was new member, Eric Smythe, who took us through the addition of air-conditioning to his D-37, and the engineering required to slip ductwork to Forward and Aft cabins. He also talked about sail replacement, new Tides Luff Track sail slides and track that make it possible to raise your sails without a winch, and "lazy-jack" variations.

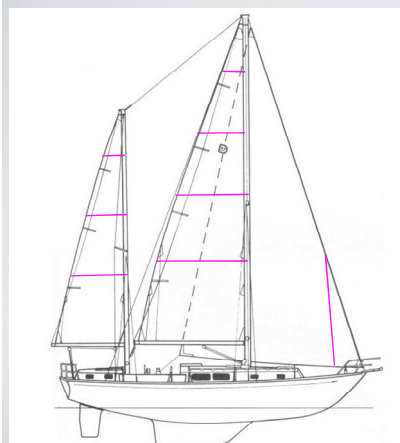
Air Conditioning



- Air
- Water
- Power

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Sails



Full Battens Main
and Mizzen

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(135%)

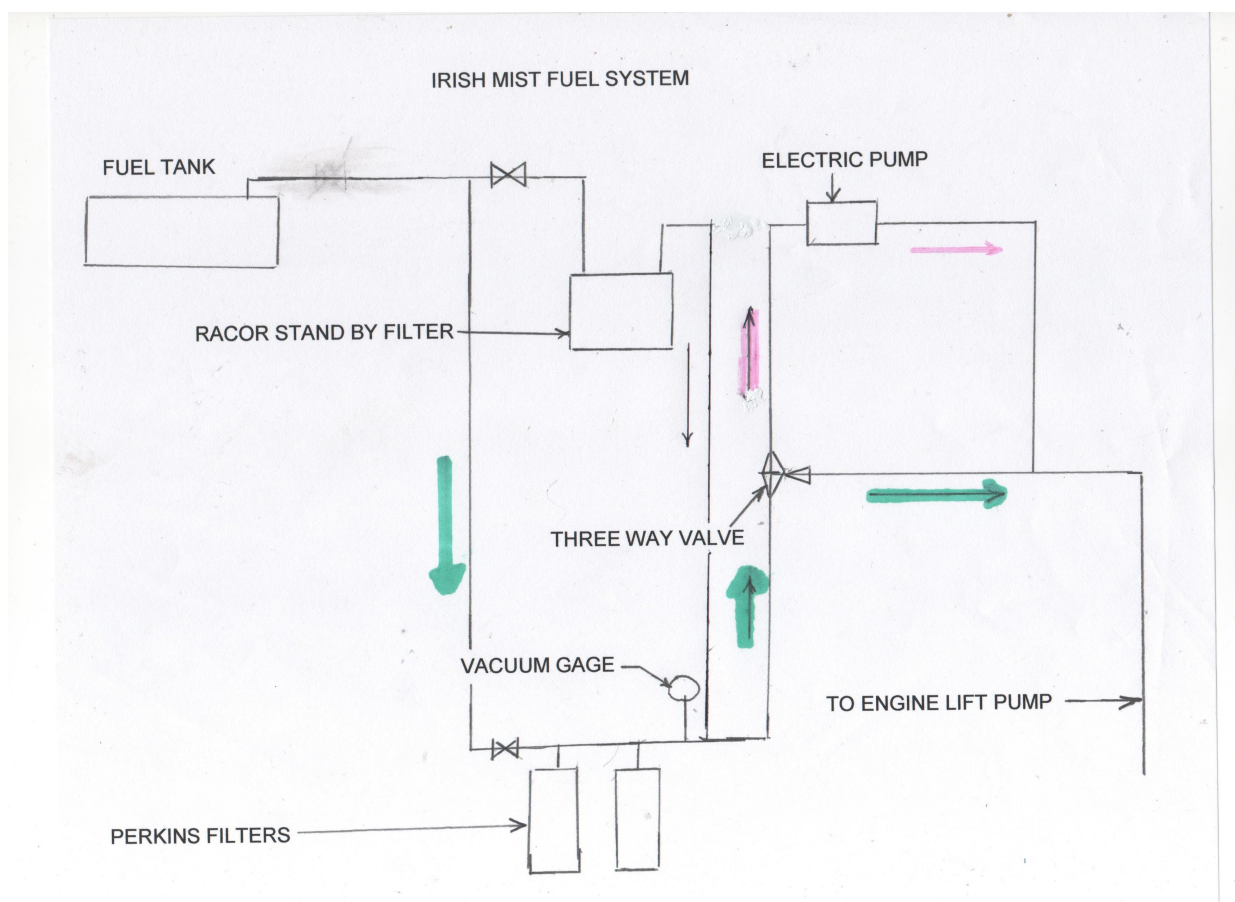
Tides Luff Track on
Main

8oz Dacron Main
and Mizzen

Any questions contact Erich erich002@verizon.net

After Erich, Parker Hallam discussed replacing your diesel engine and whom to avoid getting the service done. Parker was very pleased with the Yanmar 3 GM diesel he bought to replace his older Westerbeke 4107 diesel. He encouraged any interested in replacing their engine to get specific and reliable quotes from experienced professionals.

Parker was followed by our "Samson Post," Joe Slavin, who took us through a slide presentation of adding a back up fuel filter system with bypasses, a vacuum gauge to show when the filter is getting dirty and an electric fuel pump to give the system a boost when changing over to the back up filter. Clogged fuel filters always seem to occur at the most inopportune times, so Joe has seemingly solved this problem.



Joe also told us how he bought a 1 gallon coolant expansion tank from Amazon for only \$10.00 and used it to extend the capacity of his Westerbeke 4107 cooling system. Any questions contact Joe at jws2827@aol.com

Past Commodore Barry Creighton shared some lessons he learned in the process of updating the navigation gear aboard his D37 "Crew Rest". She previously had a good suite of instruments and fully suited-out helm and navigation stations, but the components were dated and incompatible with current charts. Additionally, he wanted a new RADAR and AIS.

So what started like this:



Ended up like this.



You might note that at the navigation station, the color chart plotter is replaced with an iPad. And that is where the real learning came. He found that the current stable of chart plotters create their own networks and can be easily repeated or "mirrored" on virtually any smart device. Even more importantly, the smart devices themselves (when loaded with appropriate "apps") are fully functional as stand alone devices.

Barry shared an extensive list of apps that are useful for our type of recreational boating and cruising—providing everything from navigation to weather to tides and currents information. This use of current technology works well -- he just delivered a boat down the ICW using an iPad as the sole secondary navigation tool (paper charts are ALWAYS the primary tool). So as you think about winter projects and how to best spend your discretionary "boat bucks," you might find that an iPad is a lot cheaper than a whole bevy of new nav gear. (And no crawling around in impossible spaces to run wires.)

Contact me if you have any questions

Barry barry937@cox.net

Sailing Yacht "Crew Rest"

Homeport--Old Point Comfort, VA

Our final speaker was William Yeich who showed a project familiar to us all, the replacement of rotten corner posts, framing, and the moving of bulkheads to yield more cabin space. "Meridian" is even more functional and beautiful than ever!



For additional information contact Bill at yeichwg@comcast.net



Hungry Dickersonians



Thanks all for great participation-and for write up Bruce

With floor discussions, lunch, and exchange of contacts finished, the Dickerson Meeting was adjourned. Oh, I forgot to mention, Karl Russ purchased "VelAmore", D-40, from Past Commodore, Pat Ewing! We expect to see her Carolina Blue hull at the Rendezvous.

Bruce Franz D41 "Hemisphere Dancer"

Thank You Dick and Susan Young

Many of you have heard the phrase, "Dickersons are Forever", coined by Chesapeake Bay Magazine's Cruising Editor' Jody Schroath. One of the reasons that they are "forever", and certainly what they are today, is because of the tireless efforts of Dick and Susan Young, Susan as Commodore in 1992, and both Dick and Susan as Secretary/Treasurer for 18 years from 1998 to 2016.



Past Commodore Susan Young at the helm of "Wind Song"



Dick Young and his friend Teak on "Wind Song"

Dick and Susan purchased their 37 foot Dickerson ketch "Wind Song" in 1992 and in that first year Susan won the traditional Dickerson race. In 1998, I recall the late Hank Dodson saying that young couple would make a fine Secretary/Treasurer. How right he was!



Painting of "Wind Song"



Dick receiving painting donated by John and Carolyn Smith in 2013

Newcomers might wonder what did the Secretary/Treasurer do in those days? In short, they did it **ALL**. They prepared the Directory, sent out promotional material, collected the dues, made arrangements for the Annual Rendezvous, ran the race, and prepared race reports and periodic news letters. And most importantly, they kept the Association financially sound and alive.

So Dick and Susan, we wish you great happiness in retirement but please remember your Dickerson friends and join us when ever you can at the Rendezvous and other events.



Dickerson Owners Association Members

June 16-18 2017 Dickerson Rendezvous

For the past several years we have had record attendance at the Dickerson Annual Rendezvous. Commodore Jeff Stephenson has promised to do even better this year with an exciting program at Oxford, MD that includes an historic Parade of Dickersons, Boat visits, Commodores' Cook Out, Continental Breakfast at Brewer's Marina, the traditional Dickerson Race, and an Awards Dinner at the Tred Avon Yacht Club featuring an outstanding Musical Program by our own Dickerson Captain Doctor of Musical Arts Jim Hontz.

.Friday June 16

2 PM Parade of Dickersons from Choptank Light to Oxford.

3 PM Docking at Brewer's Marina, Oxford. For Marina Docking, Contact Ryan Beall (410 226 5450 obydockoffice@byy.com) and notify Barry Creighton (barry937@cox.net 757 333 1641).

3:30 PM Boat Visits and Dickerson info exchange

6 PM Commodores' Cook Out at Brewer's Marina

Saturday June 17

8 AM Continental breakfast at Brewer's Marina

11 AM Race. Course to be decided by Commodore Jeff Stephenson and Race Committee

After race. Docking at Brewer's Marina (410 226 5450) or Tred Avon Yacht Club (410 226 5269) or anchor out. Cool off in pool at Brewer's Marina.

6 PM Reception, Awards Dinner, and Musical Celebration at Tred Avon Yacht Club. The musical program will be led by Dr Jim Hontz, Classic Guitarist at Dickinson College and former winner of the International Carnegie Debut Competition Award.

Sunday June 18

Post Rendezvous Cruise. This has become a highlight of our yearly gatherings. It is great fun to raft up in a secluded gunkhole or a series of gunkholes if you can keep going. Contact Bill and Chris Burry (wcburry@gmail.com 804 725 0664). Every post-Rendezvous cruise they plan is great.

We have a tremendous program. Come by car, boat, or seaplane. Do not wait until the last minute.

Plan to attend now! Let us Know ASAP of your intentions to participate in this important program and renew your dues. Just Send us:

Name_____ Boat Name_____ Number in party_____

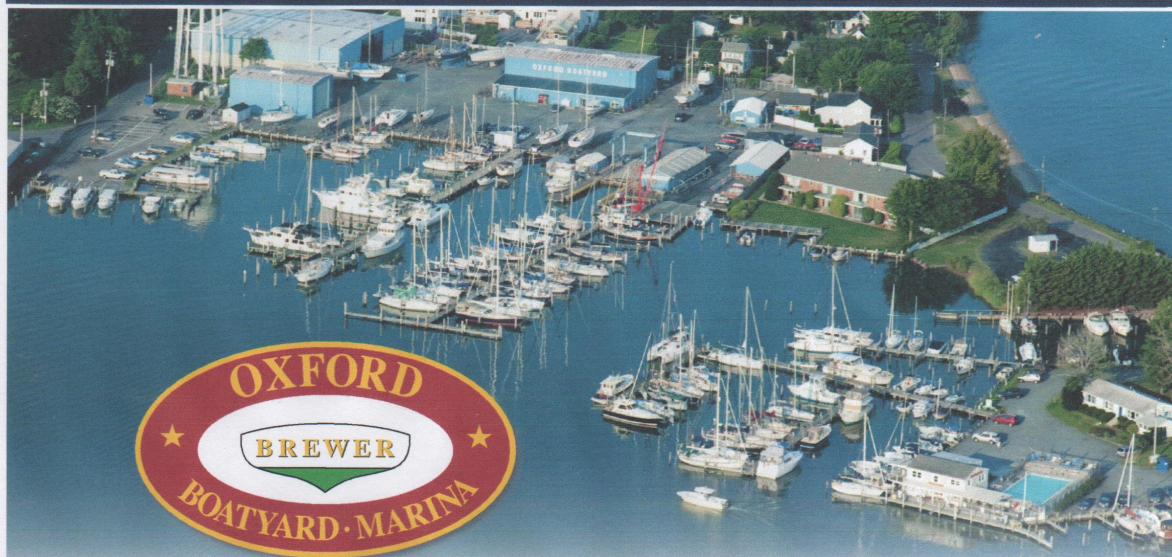
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Joe Slavin, Membership Committee (jws2827@aol.com 703 560 7250)

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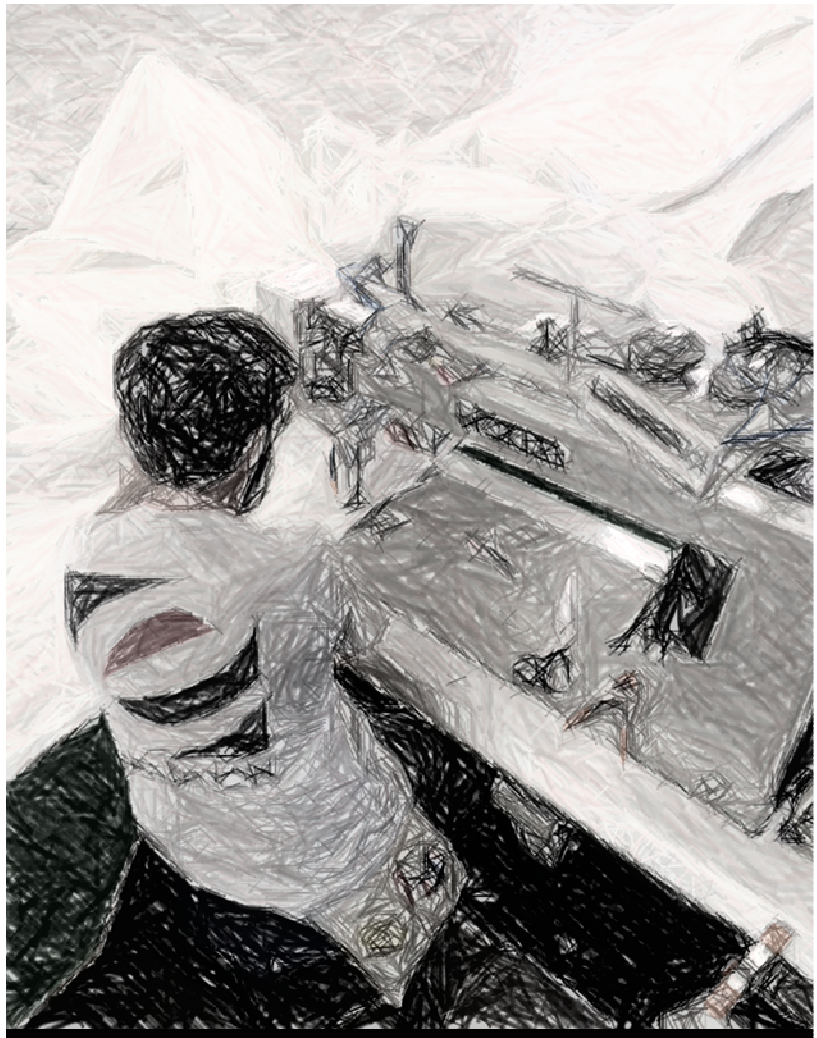
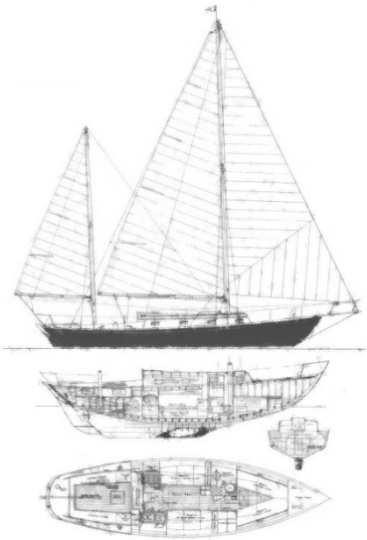
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