

Dickerson

Owner's Association



NEWS LETTER

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CHESAPEAKE CLASSICS DISCUSS COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

At the Annual Dickerson Owners Association Winter Luncheon in Annapolis on January 12, 2019, 25 sailors were present where representatives of the Chesapeake Bristol Club (CBC) and the Cape Dory Sailboat Owners Association (CDSOA) joined with Dickerson owners in discussing cooperative activities for 2019.



Bob Clopp a member of the Eastport Yacht Club and the CBC-who has been sailing on the Bay for 45 years- invited participants to attend the CBC historic Wye Island event.

This Memorial Day Weekend Rendezvous has been very popular for the past 20 years. Plans are now being made for the three day Wye Island Rendezvous scheduled for Saturday May 25 to Monday May 27, 2019. For additional information contact Bob Clopp at rclopp1@gmail.com or

410-956-0207

CBC Secretary Logan Hottle gave a brief history of the Chesapeake Bristol Club which was formed 45 years ago so that Chesapeake Bristol and non-Bristol sailors could socialize and have fun together.

The organization has a very active sailing and cruising program for some 50 members-who own a variety of different boats. The 2019 program is on the CBC Website. <http://www.cbclub.info/>

The Cape Dory Sailboat Owners Association Chesapeake Bay Fleet Captain Nancy Schwarzkopf talked about the activities of the Cape Dory group which has six regional fleets with members from Washington State to Florida and California to Maine, including Chesapeake Bay and the Mid-Atlantic region. They are interested in promoting participation by Cape Dorys in the Dickerson Classic

Invitational Regatta and other classic boat events. Visit the website <http://www.capedory.org/fleets.html> for planned Cape Dory fleet activities in the Chesapeake Bay Area and current fleet contact information.

Joe Slavin, Commodore of the Dickerson Owners Association thanked the representatives of the Bristol and Cape Dory organizations for coming to the luncheon and participating in the discussions and invited them to encourage their members to attend the Classic Sailboat Regatta and Rendezvous sponsored by the Dickerson Association. The Rendezvous will be held in Cambridge, MD on Father's Day weekend (June 14-16, 2019) and will include: 1. On Friday A parade of classic sailboats followed by a cook out at the Cambridge Yacht Club Gazebo. 2. On Saturday breakfast at the Dickerson Exhibit at the Richardson Maritime Museum followed by the traditional race and an Awards Dinner at the Cambridge Yacht Club. The program on Saturday also includes for non-sailors a tour of Cambridge and lunch. Docking is available at the Cambridge Yacht Club and the Cambridge Municipal Basin.

ATTEND CLASSIC SAILBOAT REGATTA AND RENDEZVOUS-JUNE 14-16, 2019 HOSTED BY THE DICKERSON ASSOCIATION

Only 3 months to this special Dickerson Rendezvous celebrating our 54th Anniversary and our outreach to other classic sailing yachts.

.Friday June 14

2 PM. Parade of Dickersons from Choptank Light to Cambridge.

5 PM Docking at the Cambridge Yacht Club or the Municipal Marina, Cambridge. For Marina Docking, Contact Barry Creighton { barry937@cox.net 757 333 1641} for docking arrangements. Also, anchoring and limited docking at the starboard bulkhead in Cambridge Creek.

6 PM Commodores' Cook Out at Cambridge Yacht Club outdoor cookout



Saturday June 15

8 AM Continental breakfast at the Richardson Maritime Museum - Dickerson Exhibit



11 AM Race of Classics on Tred Avon. Course to be decided by Race Committee Chairman Barry Creighton

11 AM For those not racing a tour of Cambridge and lunch

After Race Dock Talk before Dinner.

6 PM Reception, Awards Dinner, and Celebration at Cambridge Yacht Club.

Sunday June 16

Sunday Morning: Post Rendezvous Cruise. Contact Chris and Bill Burry (wcburry@gmail.com 804 854 2598)

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 of your intentions by E-mail or phone. Looking forward to seeing you at our first Classic Dickerson Rendezvous!

Joe Slavin, Commodore jws2827@aol.com 571- 287- 7600

CUSTOMS OF THE DICKERSON OWNERS ASSOCIATION

These CUSTOMS will be discussed by DOA Members and Associates at the Awards Dinner. It is important for you to read them and send the Commodore any Comments that you have.

INTRODUCTION

The Dickerson Owners' Association (DOA) is an all-volunteer association dedicated to the preservation of classic yachts, camaraderie, and fun.

MEMBERSHIP

All owners of boats built by Dickerson Boat Builders are eligible to be members of the Dickerson Owners' Association. Additionally, former Dickerson owners, owners of similar classic sailing yachts, and others with interest in preserving the heritage of these boats are encouraged to engage as Associate Members.

PUBLICATIONS

- **Newsletters** - The Association publishes a newsletter approximately three or four times during the year.
- **Directory** - The Association publishes a listing of all known boats (and current owners) built by Dickerson.
- **Miscellaneous** - The Association publishes ad hoc reports, surveys, and items of interest as they are produced.

DUES

Dues are established by the members and are used to pay for the directories, the newsletters, trophies, and general expenses of the Association. Membership information and applications are available for Dickerson Owners and Associate Members. You may [download a current application](#) here.

ADMINISTRATION

Board of Advisors (BOA) - The administration of the DOA shall be vested with a Board of Advisors--staffed by the current Commodore, immediate Past Commodore, the Secretary/Treasurer and the respective Fleet Captains. The Current Commodore shall lead the Board.

The BOA shall direct the activities of the DOA and may delegate to other persons or convene Committees as they see fit.

Commodore - The skipper and owner of the yacht winning the Dickerson Trophy is the Commodore of the organization for the year following the "race".

Fleet Captains - The Commodore shall appoint a Fleet Captain for each of three fleets: Dickerson Small Boat Fleet (D36 and smaller), Dickerson 37 Boat Fleet (all varieties of 37'), and Dickerson Large Boat Fleet (D39 and larger). The Fleet Captains shall direct recruiting, event, and mutual support initiatives within their respective fleets.

Secretary and/or Treasurer - The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for the fiscal matters of the DOA including funds collection and expenditures. He/she shall be appointed or elected and shall serve in respective capacities to provide continuity from year to year.

EVENTS

- Annual Rendezvous - The Rendezvous is traditionally held in June over the Father's Day weekend. While the venue and events at the Rendezvous are at the discretion of the BOA, the Rendezvous must include a "race" for the Dickerson Trophy followed by a social affair at which time the new Commodore is installed and trophies for the "race" are awarded. Additionally, an "Arrival Parade" and "Captain's Party" are traditionally held the afternoon/evening before the "race".
- The "Race" - The conduct of the "race" and the selection of the racecourse are the responsibilities of the Commodore who neither personally nor whose boat can race. The most recent publication of US Sailing's Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) applies and only working sails and genoa are permitted. Specific written instructions are distributed to those participating in the "race" at the "Captain's Party" on the eve of the "race". If there is a conflict between the distributed Event Instructions and RRS, the Event Sailing Instructions take precedence.
- The Dickerson Trophy - The Dickerson Trophy is awarded to the overall winner of the "Race".
- Class Trophies - Boats competing for the Dickerson Trophy will also compete within respective boat size categories (based on the demographics of entries).
- Entering the race implies the willingness to accept the position of Commodore should that honor be awarded. Dues must be paid prior to entering the race.
- Cruises - Cruises provide great opportunities for fun anytime. For example, following the annual rendezvous, members and friends traditionally gather for a cruise. Additionally, boats traveling from common directions may wish to gather together for transit.
- Western Shore Roundup - This autumn event is punctuated by social interaction and sailing opportunities.
- Business Meeting - The Commodore will chair an annual Business Meeting to review the "state of the association" and ongoing/future plans.
- Other Events - DOA members may organize other events during the year.

BURGEE AND OTHER MERCHANDISE

The Dickerson burgee, a blue pennant with a white A circumscribed by D, is available from the Association for a minimal charge. Additional Dickerson themed merchandise is stocked and available via the ["Treasure Chest"](#).

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WHY WE BOUGHT A DICKERSON 37

No wife wants to hear these words: "I've been dreaming about her since I was 30." And not especially at 2 a.m. while away on a weekend at the Tides Inn. So it was with much relief to learn that the "she" was "Self-Reliance", up on the hard nearby. Maybe she is younger, taller and skinnier, but I welcome her to join us!



We both have histories of sailing on the Chesapeake Bay, admiring the classic vessels and enjoying all the Bay has to offer. To us, Dickerson personifies the well-built sailboat with simple, classic lines. We are eager to get "Self-Reliance" back in the water this Spring. Our plan is to retire soon and cruise the world! Let's go!

Robin Rutsky
Rex Booth
Representing "Self-Reliance"

DICKERSON DIRECTORY

Thank you Barry Creighton for the outstanding work you have done in making the Dickerson Owners Association Directory the Best of the Bay with its contact information, complete description of Dickerson Owners and Associates all over the world plus photos of annual events and a classified section where to obtain gear and equipment for your Dickerson.

We are pleased that long time Dickerson Member Bill Yeich, owner of wooden D35 ketch "Meridan" has volunteered to be our new Dickerson Directory Captain. Thanks Bill for your leadership in taking on this responsibility. Members and Associates are encouraged to contact Bill concerning any suggestions and change in Directory information at e mail yeichwg@comcast.net

CRUISE COORDINATOR

Sandra Gray owner of D37 "Pleasance II" has agreed to assist DOA in organizing cruises of interested parties. Please contact Sandra at slgray6@live.com for suggestions you have concerning cruises you might join in on the Bay.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Jeff Stephenson, Chairman of the Membership Committee will be working with Fleet Captains and Dickerson Owners and Associates on an initiative to increase our membership. Historically we have always tied the DOA membership into promotions and announcements concerning the Rendezvous with the result being that many who cannot attend the Rendezvous do not renew their membership or join the DOA. Also because of this it is always a rush to get the Directory and the Membership organized.

We applaud Jeff on this new initiative and look forward to your cooperation in joining the DOA and in renewing your membership.

THE CHESAPEAKE BAY DICKERSON TROPHY



(Yes, that is the official name engraved on it even as it has come to honor the entire worldwide fleet.) As the current holder of this treasured piece of history, often referred to as the "Dickerson Trophy" or even the "Dickerson Cup", I thought you might be interested in a few facts about it.

The trophy has been awarded 51 times since first presented in 1968. The holder earns the right to safeguard it for a year by winning the annual race at the Dickerson Rendezvous. (And some (unnamed) would claim the bragging right to "The fastest Dickerson in the world.") The silver cup that sits atop an ever-expanding (over the years) mahogany base is engraved with the names of the first 14 winning skippers and their boats. As room ran out on the cup, successive winners are recognized on plates attached to the base. As I found out in 2010 (the first time I got my hands on it), the cup is not attached to the base and it WILL fall to the floor if not handled carefully.

The first winner was Dick Hutchings in his D35 Ketch "Sandiclou". Since the Dickerson Customs forbid a winner from competing the following year, there are no repeat winners, but that doesn't mean that there aren't multi-year winners. In fact, Dick Hutchings went on to win again two years later. Here's an interesting breakdown:

Multi-year winning skippers:

David Hazen	5
Bill Toth	5
Raymond Dentworth	4
Dick Hutchings	2
Joan Cardon	2
Hank Dodson	2
John Moore	2
George Crawford	2
Robert Brey	2
Bruce Franz	2
Dick Clarke	2
Barry Creighton	2

Multi-year winning boats:

"YNOT"	6
"Starry Night"	5

"De Novo"	4
"Sandiclou"	2
"Glissade"	2
"Talisman"	2
"Running Free"	2
"Winds Way"	2
"Taara"	2
"Topaz"	2
"Hemisphere Dancer"	2
"Imagine"	2
"Crew Rest"	2

You might note that "YNOT" has more wins than skipper David Hazen--that's because "Admiral" Mary Ann Hazen took well-deserved credit one year. And since Dave Fahrmeier won with "Down Home", formerly "De Novo", the lead in her keel has garnered 5 victories total.

Winners by boat size/rig:

Dickerson 35 Ketch	15
Dickerson 37 Sloop	11
Dickerson 41 Ketch	8
Dickerson 36 Sloop	6
Dickerson 37 Ketch	4
Dickerson 40 Ketch	3
Dickerson 36 Ketch	2
Dickerson 32 Ketch	1
Dickerson 50 Ketch	1

Over the past several years, our race fleets have been organized as (1) D36 and smaller (2) D37 and (3) D39 and larger so as to balance the number of boats per fleet. That produces the following breakout of winners:

Fleet 1	24
Fleet 2	15

All of this is just to celebrate the heritage of our wonderful Dickerson boats and the folks who have owned them. So for the next few cold months, I'll be looking for a few pieces of mahogany to turn on the lathe and extend the base of the trophy to make room for your name and boat. May the circle be unbroken.

Barry Creighton, D37 "Crew Rest"