



Owner's Association



NEWS LETTER

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ATTEND IMPORTANT BUSINESS LUNCH ON JANUARY 12, 2019

We hope you will be able to participate in this very important business meeting and lunch on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at the Red Lobster in Annapolis, MD. And please now make plans to also attend the Classic Dickerson Sailboat Invitational on Fathers' day weekend in Cambridge, MD.

At the Business luncheon we will discuss.

Broadening the Dickerson Associate Membership to include other classic sailboats.

Revising the "Dickerson Customs" which are the bylaws of the Association.

Establishing Fleet Captains to improve communication and membership.

Hosting a Classic Sailboat Regatta and Rendezvous in Cambridge, MD.

We have as speaker Earl Mullins, Commodore of The Chesapeake Bristol Club, who will tell us how they expanded their organization after they stopped building Bristol Sailboats.

This Business Luncheon is a MUST that you cannot afford to miss.

Please let us know ASAP at jws2827@aol.com or (571) 287- 7600 of your intention to participate in this meeting.

Joe Slavin, Commodore

DICKERSON WESTERN SHORE ROUNDUP 2018

You may have heard that I missed sailing and doing Race Committee (RC) for the Western Shore Roundup (WSR) this year; but I was there ashore and felt more like an observer than participant. It gave me the opportunity to see how much fun everyone was having. You Dickerson folks that have not attended a Rendezvous or Roundup; you are really missing a good time. Make the extra effort to show up next year; you will not regret it.

We had five boats racing and several Dickerson sailors and friends that came by car. Special to me was the attendance of Nancy Walker, the wife of the late Clyde Walker (Capt Clack) (Stormy Petrel, D41) and her son Scott and his wife Courtney. I also remember Clack for the marine store he ran in Galesville as I was always getting dinghy parts from him when racing my Jet 14 at West River Sailing Club (WRSC). Years later he gave me a towel holder he made; its still on my Dickerson (*Rhythms in Blue, D36*) and always will be.

Boats showed up Friday at WRSC and all tied up at the club dock; some rafting at the dock. Of course everyone spent a lot of time trading war stories and repair reports that afternoon.



We attended the Friday night cookout at the club which is really a restaurant with counter service--really good food and drink. WRSC luckily persuaded the staff to abandon Severn Sailing Association and come down here.

Afterwards we were serenaded by Doug Sergeant who sang several salty tunes that he wrote. We also had a little sing along. So many laughs.



The weather for this event was unusually sunny and pleasant for this ugly weather year. We even had some wind getting out to the race course Saturday morning. But there it mostly ended. It was not enough to run the Rabbit Start race. Worthy Bill Toth, who was RC, cleverly devised an alternate way to start that took advantage of the little wind and a favorable tide. Sure want to thank Bill for pitching in and doing a great RC job.

The starting line was between A1A at the West River entrance and Thomas Point Light. After the delayed start the competitors eventually yozzled over the finish line after about an hour and a half of sailing 3.5 miles. In these races competitors take their own time at the finish. On corrected time Dave

and Siobhan (*Down Home*) won the race and Dave is now the Sherriff of the Western Shore. Also sailing were D and Don Wogaman (*Southern Cross*), Bill Toth (*Starry Night*), Parker Hallam (*Frigate Connie*), Rick and Dottie Woytowich (*Belle*).

Back at the dock was more socializing. Some folks took some walks as they sure didn't expend much energy sailing. Galesville is such a pretty little typical Chesapeake Bay village.

We had dinner at Pirates Cove restaurant and awarded Dave the perpetual Sherriff's Badge as well as a Keeper. That's Nancy in the Aqua outfit.



Our new Sherriff Dave Fahrmeier will take his assignment seriously.

Randy Bruns, D36 *Rythms in Blue*

GLOBAL DICKERSON SAILOR CELEBRATES 90th BIRTHDAY

In 1975 Neville Lewis and his family sailed their 41 foot Dickerson ketch *Southern Cross* 46,000 miles around the world. See "Neville Lewis Around the World".

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=enPH13JTdDE>)

The present owners of Southern Cross, D and Don Wogaman visited Neville and his family in Maine to celebrate his birthday. This is their story of this trip.

A Combined Celebration

90th birthday for Neville Lewis

70th wedding anniversary for Neville and Louise

Lewis family reunion

43 years since leaving to go around the world in SC

34 years since boat was sold to the Wogaman's

293 years of combined marriage in the Lewis family and no divorces!

Last year, 2017, we stopped briefly in Rockland, Maine on our way to Nova Scotia to reconnect with Neville and Louise Lewis, the previous owners of *SOUTHERN CROSS*. While we were there, Neville invited *SOUTHERN CROSS* to attend his 90th birthday and family reunion in 2018. In 2018, Neville called and invited Don and I to attend also. We made plans.

In order to attend this June 23 event we had to give the Dickerson Rendezvous a miss, which disappointed us, but that enabled us to get to the Maine party on time.

One of our biggest thrills was to actually meet Chris Lewis, who sailed with his parents around the world on *SOUTHERN CROSS*. Ten years old at the time, Chris was given the option of going to boarding school or going with his folks around the world. We all know which he chose.

The Lewis family included us in their family plans, hiking on Monhegan Island, joining them at the lobster feast, dinner at a restaurant and spending time with them. We feel like we have gained a family.

In return, we brought *SOUTHERN CROSS* up to the Rockland Public Pier and the family came to visit en masse. We lost track of how many climbed aboard but we think there were about 30 at the reunion, so close to that. While they were aboard *SOUTHERN CROSS*, a newspaper journalist came and took notes for a story. It was published on line - <https://knox.villagesoup.com/p/boat-sailed-around-the-world-returns-to-rockland-harbor/1761449>

Perhaps the best visit of all was from Neville, who came later to sit alone in our cockpit and quietly enjoy the view and the breeze. We're sure he was remembering.

Two days later (after a foggy day), we brought *SOUTHERN CROSS* back up to the Rockland Public Pier for the family to come aboard and take a day sail. We had about 9 Lewis family members take advantage of this opportunity.

We had a great time listening to stories, telling stories and having Lewis family with grandchildren and great-grand children come aboard *SOUTHERN CROSS* for the first time.

Neville still works on repairing and restoring antique barometers (www.barometershop.com) as he says he “took his retirement out of the middle.” (Just on the off chance you need your barometer taken care of!)



Southern Cross



6/24/2018 Jordon, Jennifer, Drake & Chris Lewis, Don, Neville & Daisy



6/25/2018 Chris Lewis & Don on ferry headed to Monhegan Island



6/25/2018 D & Don hiking Monhegan Island in Maine







D and Don Wogaman, D41 *SOUTHERN CROSS*

DICKERSON RACES IN FAMOUS MACKINAC RACE



The Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac with more than 350 boats is the longest fresh water race in the world starting at the Chicago Lighthouse and ending after a 333-mile dash to Mackinac Island.

Our Congratulations to Tom and Joyce Pfeifer who sailed their 37 foot Dickerson sloop *Joy Sea* literally across the country from home port of Kent Island, to participate in this race and to win second place in Cruising Division 3 which had some 15 boats from all over the Country

Dickerson Owners Association

DONATION OF *IRISH MIST*

My name is Sean Lucke Fallon, grandson of Thomas Lucke the previous owner of Dickerson Boat Builders through the 70's. Joe Slavin of the Dickerson Owners Association, contacted my family a year ago to inform us that he was going to donate his beloved boat of 30 years, the *Irish Mist*, to a museum. The *Irish Mist* is a 35' Center cockpit Ketch, built in 1969. I asked if I could have the boat with the intention of fixing up the boat, and sailing/living on it. Unfortunately a number of life changes including job and spousal upheavals have made it too difficult to full fill this dream. So, I'm looking to gift *the Irish Mist* to a grateful new owner who will love and care for her the way my grandfather and Joe Slavin have over the course of her life.



Sean Lucke Fallon, seanluckefallon@gmail.com

FOR SALE--DICKERSON 36 AFT COCKPIT SLOOP

1979 36 foot Dickerson sloop *Winds Way*. Former race winner! Needs TLC and someone to bring it back in the water! Has been safely in dry storage. Asking \$5,000. If interested, please call (828)342-4748.



DOA ACTIVITIES

We are moving ahead to try and increase our membership and to make DOA activities fun and memorable. I first joined the Association 35 years ago when the Dickerson Boat builders were operating full blast and Dave Hazen was winning all the races in his 35 ft Dickerson ketch *Why Not*, that did not even have a cushion on it because of the extra weight. We are a unique group in that the people are in many respects like their boats, solid, caring and smart. I have first hand heard from relatives say "My Dad says that his Dickerson Memories are special".

So where are we today, several decades since the last Dickerson was built. We have our Annual Rendezvous, winter luncheon and special events like the Western Shore Round Up, thanks to Randy Bruns. We do have one of the best Rendezvous and program of race and fine dinning better than most any other group. But let's face it, we are not building any new boats and need to plan for the future.

So our thinking is to keep our Dickerson heritage but also expand it to include other classics boats whose have so much in common with us. We will discuss this in more detail at our business luncheon in January.

We have made the following DOA changes.

Membership Chairman--We are pleased to announce the appointment of past Commodore Jeff Stephenson as Membership Chairman. Jeff has already taken the initiative in working on methods of broadening our Dickerson Membership to include other classic sailboats.

Fleet Captains-- We have established Fleet Captains to increase communication of similar boat owners and in essence to really help each other on technical matters and issues common to similar boats. The Fleet Captains are as follows: Dickerson 30-36, John Freal; Dickerson 37, Past Commodore Barry Creighton; and Dickersons 40 and larger, Past Commodore Dave Fahrmeier.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Business Lunch on January 12, 2019

Joe Slavin, Commodore

AHOY, THERE STRANGER--WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?

As noted above, our Commodore has established "Fleets" within the DOA to better facilitate contact and communication. One of the primary goals of Fleet Captains is to ferret all of those Dickerson owners who have been hiding in the weeds and bring all back into the fold. And it's working!

Early on the Tuesday morning following the US Sailboat Show, I departed Bert Jabin's Yacht Yard in Annapolis, returning a brand new Jeanneau (Clorox Bottle) from display at the show to Deltaville, VA. As we motored past the fuel docks at Annapolis Landing, I spied a most beautiful vessel in the queue for diesel. Through the mist I recognized D37 *CALYPSO*. And although she has been in Annapolis for 18 years, we have seen neither hide nor hair of owners Lee and Martha Trammell in some time. So in my characteristically shy and retiring manner, I screamed like a banshee at them as we passed. After following up, I'm happy to report that Lee has recently retired and dedicated to spend more time with us--messaging around on our Dickerson's.



So----how about helping out your Fleet Captain find and connect with our "lost souls"? It will make us all a better organization.

Barry Creighton

D37 Fleet Captain

DICKERSON CHESAPEAKE 30T

Did you know that Dickerson Boat Builders built some yachts designed by J. Robert Seidelman in the 1970's?

We were pleased to receive the following note from Captain Ken Gambil concerning his ownership of a 1977 fiberglass Chesapeake 30T, Dickerson hull DBB002340177 designed by J. Robert Seidelman and built by Dickerson Boatbuilders.



"Hello,

I'm the owner of a 1977 Chesapeake 30T Seidelmann/Dickerson (?) called *Chica Pa Two*, saw the forum, just wanted to let you know about her. I live in the Tampa Bay area. She's a great boat, getting her ready to do a Key West and a possible Bahamas Abaco run as long as weather and credit cards hold up and God willing it'll be fun?

Sincerley,
Capt.K.G

Great to hear from you Captain Ken and have a safe and enjoyable voyage.
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NEW DICKERSONIAN

Congratulations to Past Commodore Barry and Judy Creighton on the birth of their beautiful Granddaughter Adeline Elizabeth Hartman on October 6, 2018 to their daughter Laura and Matt Hartman of Fairfax, VA. You can see she has all the makings of a great sailor.



Dickerson Commodore, Joe Slavin