

# Dickerson

Owner's Association



***NEWS LETTER***

***APRIL 2014***

## **PLANS FINALISED FOR JUNE 13-15 RENDEZVOUS -- "Dickerson Sailors Return to their Roots"**

Last year, more than 75 people attended our Annual Rendezvous in Cambridge and Oxford, MD. This year with an exciting new program, arranged by Commodore Dave Fahrmeier and Dickerson Harbor Owner John Shannahan, we expect an even greater turnout. Highlights include an Arrival Parade, Captains Party at the site where our boats were built in the 1960s, 70s and 80s, a "race" of classic Dickersons on the Choptank River and an Awards Dinner at the Tred Avon Yacht Club with a new delicious menu of baked crab imperial and beef tenderloin. Details follow.

### **Friday June 13**

1 PM Arrival Parade of Dickersons starting from the Choptank Light. Barry Creighton will orchestrate the parade and it is important for all boats to muster by 1 PM so the sail and motor up the Choptank River and La Trappe Creek can be done properly. Check-in with "Crew Rest" on channel 69. (earlier parade departure time required to meet Dickerson Harbor requirements)

3 PM Docking at Dickerson Harbor on La Trappe. Call Alan Willoughby at 410-822-8556 for reservations. The fee is \$1.00 per foot thanks to the generosity of John Shannahan, owner of Dickerson Harbor.

4 PM Open Boat. Let the fun begin -- host and visit old and new friends aboard your/their boats -- show off those winter projects and get some great ideas for next year's "to-do list".

6 PM Captains' Party at the original building where the Dickersons were built. Alan Willoughby, who was a Dickerson Boatbuilder, will talk about the building process with the aid of film and photos. Snacks and refreshments will be available. The Dickerson Owners Association greatly appreciates Dickerson Harbor's interest and assistance in hosting this historic gathering. **This is a MUST DO EVENT.**

### **Saturday June 14**

10 AM "Race" starting on the Choptank River with the starting area approximately midway between the Choptank Light and G13. Course to be decided by Commodore Dave Fahrmeier and the Race Committee.

After the "Race" the fleet will recover in Oxford. Dock at Mears Marina (410-226-5450) or Tred Avon Yacht Club (410-226-5269) or anchor out -- you make your own arrangements. Relax and visit.

6 PM Reception at Tred Avon Yacht Club. A lively reception will be held followed by the Awards Dinner and entertainment. The new menu will feature a Chef's salad with Rolls, Baked Crab Imperial, Tenderloin of Beef, Fresh Vegetables, Starch and Desert and Coffee. The reservation details, with the Annual Membership Form, will be published in the Samson Post Notice of Rendezvous that will be mailed to all known Dickerson Owners and Associates by May 1, 2014.

### **Sunday June 15 -- till**

Cruise. Following morning coffee, depart for an optional and informal "Post Rendezvous Cruise". Details to follow.

**Plan to attend now.** We have a tremendous program. Come by boat, car, dog sled, or camel. Do not wait until the last minute to make your plans. There will be opportunities to crew for those who cannot bring their boats.

To assist our planning, please let us know your intentions by email. Looking forward to seeing you at our 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Rendezvous.

Any questions contact us at [jws2827@aol.com](mailto:jws2827@aol.com) or call at 703-560-7250

### **DICKERSON OWNERS' ASSOCIATION (DOA) MEMBERSHIP**

It is that time of year when we encourage you to renew your DOA membership for another year. As with most all organizations, we have a solid hardcore base of enthusiasts who faithfully renew every year, some who may miss one or two years, and others who we seldom hear from even though we still attempt to track them and keep them engaged.

We have a great group of Dickerson owners and we look far and wide to find new ones to list in the annual Dickerson Owners' Directory. This year the Directory -- *available only to members* -- will contain details on at least 144 Dickerson sailing yachts and 164 owner/families/fans (we are always looking for more). These details include contact information so you can get in touch with others in your area and organize cruises or just check out other boats like yours and swap ideas. Brand new in the Directory this year will be a "Yellow Pages" section. We all need good recommendations when it comes time to repair our boats, locate replacement parts, or just find a good mechanic we can trust. You and your fellow Dickerson owners have recommended more than 100 vendors that you have personally used and would use again -- everything from carpenters to complete engine replacement. You will find them listed here -- there's no advertising -- just good solid personal recommendation.

The Dickerson Owners' Association needs your participation to continue to serve you. For the past 46 years the DOA has been very active and has enhanced our boats' and personal recognition and reputations through the Annual Rendezvous, local sailing events, the Dickerson Owners' Directory, the Dickerson Owners Website and Forum, Quarterly Dickerson Newsletters, the Dickerson Exhibit at the Richardson Maritime Museum in Cambridge, MD, the Dickerson Boatbuilders History, countless articles in respected publications, and most importantly just great fun and camaraderie.

You will soon receive the Annual Samson Post Membership Form or contact us at any time for a membership form at [jws2827@aol.com](mailto:jws2827@aol.com) or visit the Dickerson Website at <http://dickersonowners.org/>

So whether you are a new owner or an old salt -- don't delay -- JOIN!

Membership Committee, Joe Slavin, Barry Creighton and John Freal

## **CONGRATULATIONS CAPTAIN GENE**

The Dickerson Owners Association wishes Captain Gene Creighton, father of our hard working Past Commodore Barry Creighton, a warm and happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 25. A lifetime Maritime sailor, Captain Gene is very active and can be found at his Cambridge home, several blocks from Annie Oakley's summer home, where she could be found shooting acorns from her porch in the morning. Captain Gene is a modest hard working man whose life on the Chesapeake Bay is illustrated in several exhibits at the Richardson Maritime Museum in Cambridge. Son Barry, a retired Air Force Colonel, fondly recalls the hands on fatherly guidance he received when as a young boy he was one of the fastest crab pickers at J.M. Clayton's Crab processing plant in Cambridge.

The DOA was honored to have Captain Gene, Barry and Judy and their grandson at the dedication of the Dickerson Exhibit at the Richardson Maritime Museum in 2013.



Captain Gene Creighton

## **THE WHY**

Why do people buy a particular brand? Do you buy a certain manufacturer's item because it is lower in price or because you see it promoted on TV a 100 times?

Marketing expert Simon Sinek in his video tells us that it is not price and promotion. You buy it because there is a connection between you and the product that makes you want that item. For example people buy Apple products because they relate to the advanced

technology that Apple is noted for. You probably exercised The Why when your conservative hands on values guided you to buying a classic Dickerson instead of a Beneteau.

My Grandson sent me this video on The Why. It is worth looking at.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gq0HIF3Sfl4&sns=em>

You may also want to visit this Web Site. [www.startwithwhy.com](http://www.startwithwhy.com)

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## **BREWER BUYS OXFORD BOAT YARD AND MEARS MARINA**

Oxford Boat Yard and Mears Marina, both on Town Creek in Oxford, MD have been purchased by the Brewer Yacht Yard Group who owns 22 other marinas between Maine and New York. Chesapeake Bay Magazine reports that the two facilities have now been combined under the name Brewer's Oxford Boat Yard and Marina.

Source Chesapeake Bay Magazine

## **CRUISING OPPORTUNITIES**

DOA has scheduled the following events you may wish to join.

June 13-5-- Annual Rendezvous mentioned previously.

June 15---Traditional Post Rendezvous Cruise

August 29--Start of Cruise to Western Shore Round Up

September 5-7-- Western Shore Round Up

September 10--Magothy River Party at the Brun's home

September 11-17--Sailabration in Baltimore

So please try to join in one of these cruise events or add some new events.

Here are details of the Sailabration in Baltimore. Contact [www.sailbaltimore.com](http://www.sailbaltimore.com)

This event has been hailed as the most attractive celebration event in the country for this year. You must act quickly to reserve a slip. The festive weekend begins on September 10<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) through September 16<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday). The whole of Baltimore's Inner Harbour out to Fells Point will host the Sail Festival for the weekend. Almost 100 tall ships and naval vessels, the Blue Angels (finally back in service), waterside Patriotic concert, historic dawn's early light flag raising at Ft. McHenry, and

the largest fireworks show around will highlight booths, crafts and such. All in celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the defeat of the British and the writing of our national anthem.

The Dickerson Owners Association is sponsoring a cruise to Baltimore where you will be berthed with other Dickerson's, (3 live here already) right in the middle of the action. Henderson's Wharf Marina (410-732-1049) is making available some slips, but you have to call and make your reservation now. They will sell out quickly. They are offering slips at \$2.50 a foot (other marinas are charging at least \$3.00 a foot), minimum 2 night stay. Electric, cable & Wi-Fi are included.

Here is the basic itinerary:

Wednesday 9/10 - Tall ships arrive 11-5

Thursday 9/11 – Public tours of ships 11-5, Blue Angels practice in afternoon

Friday 9/12 – Public tours of ships 11-5, Blue Angels practice in afternoon, late afternoon Cocktails at pier in middle of all the action at marina with Dave & Siobhan Fahrmeier as hosts, Dickerson Association Dinner at restaurant in evening

Saturday 9/13 – Public tours of ships 11-5, afternoon Blue Angels show, Evening concert on the water at Ft. McHenry with after dark fireworks.

Sunday 9/14 – Dawn's early light flag raising at Ft. McHenry at 9am, Public tours of ships 12-5, afternoon Blue Angels show

Tuesday 9/16 – 10-1 Parade of tall ships leaving Baltimore Harbor, they have to go right by marina.

I suggest Friday through Sunday and if you can extend your time, it obviously will be worth it. Please join us and let us know when your reservation is secured.

Dave & Siobhan Fahrmeier, D41 Down Home

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## WHAT DO DICKERSON SAILORS DO IN THE WINTER?

CAPT Bruce Franz of D41 "Hemisphere Dancer" (who usually goes south during the winter) says, "stayed home repairing some rot on "Hemisphere Dancer" and recovering from a hernia operation in Salisbury, MD." Guess that means that, at least for the 2014 season, good old sail number 19 and her skipper will both be "rot free".



Rot on "Hemisphere Dancer"



CAPT Bruce recovering (check out the "D"hat)

Chris and Bill Burry (w/o Flaco) D41 "Plover" went south, stopped by to see YouTube movie stars D and Don Wogaman D41 "Southern Cross" in Oriental, NC and ended up sailing to Georgetown, Bahamas on friends' Catamaran "CAT'S MEOW"

<http://www.sailtrekker.com>



Life is good



"Funny, you bark with a British accent"

Randy and Barb Bruns of D36 "Rhythms and Blue", went to sunny St. Petersburg and spent some time with our Samson Post, CAPT Joe Slavin -- D35 "Irish Mist" -- who was in Longboat Key, Florida recovering from a dislocated shoulder and receiving healing treatment (enhanced by ample Irish firewater).

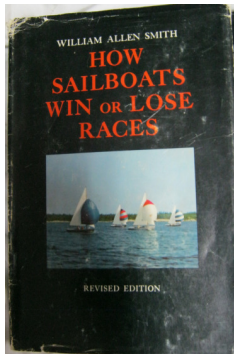


Barb and Randy at Lunch



Samson Post relaxing (sure hope he has suit on)

Another 35 ft wooden classic Captain, John Freal of “Rainbow” is re-reading the book Joe Slavin gave him on racing and is thinking seriously of new sails and really going for the Commodore’s Cup this June (as if he doesn’t seriously think about it every



(Wonderful if Joe red lined the part about winning) Jeff and Julie Stephenson are taking their new baby—Dickerson 41 “CAVU” on her first sail in the Jacksonville, Florida area.

“CAVU’s” new chartplotter is so sophisticated, you can order pizza on it

Making us all jealous are Blake Cunningham and wife Zoe who are sailing their classic wooden D32 “Kittiwake” to Bimini. And Doug Sergeant sent us a note saying he was visiting his cousin in Sarasota, FL.



Meanwhile in New England, Mike Aitken and Una Folan are shoveling snow (actually just Una) to protect their D36 "Iris" from the snow.



Una blasting snow



"Iris" under cover (in the driveway)

Staying inside (a more sensible approach in Rhode Island), Al Sampson D37 "Wanderlust" is building a beautiful new "butterfly hatch" from a design borrowed from Malone Williams' and Rob Meredith's D36 "Lothlorien".



Artful craftsmanship

A few more Captains were ambitious with their "Sawsalls". CAPT Bob Shelton, D36 "Aequanimitas" and our Commodore, CAPT Dave Fahrmeier, D41 "Down Home" have been replacing portlights and doing a few "rotoectomies" in the process.



"oooops, these saws really work" "maybe a few windows would be useful"



The rest of us in the Bay area had to just tough it out and count the cold, cold days until the first Spring sail. These cold days gave us a chance to compile our new annual Association Directory—with its valuable New Parts And Supplier List, put a dodger on “Crew Rest”, make some repairs (those that can be done indoors), catch up on our reading, and dream about sailing.

Barry Creighton D37 “Crew Rest”

## **WELCOME NEW DOA MEMBERS**

A hearty welcome to new 2014 Dickerson Owners Association Members George Graves and Jim and Laurie Pollock.

George is the proud new owner of Dickerson Farr 37 “Cuore Di Leone” that was believed to be built in 1984. He lives in Tavernier, Florida and plans to berth “Cuore Di Leone” at Port Washington, New York, on Long Island’s East River. It would be great to add a Farr 37 to the already diversified racing fleet expected for the June 13-15<sup>th</sup> Dickerson Rendezvous. Great to have you aboard George.

Jim and Laurie Pollock are re-connecting with DOA. They had owned Dickerson 37 Cutter "Celeste" for several years, then sold it and bought it back. You can see they are true Dickerson lovers. They just could not go on without their classic Dickerson "Celeste". Jim and Laurie live in Palm Harbor, Florida and plan to bring "Celeste" north to Chesapeake Bay in 2015. Great to have you back Jim and Laurie.

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### **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU**

We would like to receive write-ups of your sailing adventures, hobbies, latest Dickerson fix it jobs or just your thoughts and suggestions for future events and items we can include in our July News Letter. Please do not be bashful. Just contact us at [jws2827@aol.com](mailto:jws2827@aol.com)

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