

## **Dickerson Sailors Dedicate New Museum Exhibit**

The highlight of the Dickerson 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Rendezvous was the celebration of the opening of the Dickerson Owners Association Exhibit at the Richardson Maritime Museum in Cambridge, Maryland. We are honored to have an exhibit in this historic museum that prides itself in capturing the character and life of the Chesapeake Bay. Our heartfelt thanks to Herm Kramer, who designed and built the exhibit and Executive Director Jane Devlin and others at the museum who supported this effort. Also thanks to our exhibit committee members: Barry Creighton, Bruce Franz, Larry Mosher and me who helped to get this imitative underway. We also thank our members who provided memorabilia and contributed to the purchase half-hull models of a Dickerson 37 and 41.

### **The Parade**

The 46<sup>th</sup> Rendezvous began on Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> with a parade of 14 Dickersons from Choptank Light to Cambridge Harbor in a howling North West breeze. The parade was led by Commodore Pat Ewing in his 40 foot ketch “VelAmore” followed by Jake Baer in his 50 foot ketch “Volantis”.



### **Blasting up the Choptank**

After the parade, the boats docked at the Cambridge Municipal Yacht Basin. Dockmaster Scott Fitzhugh did an excellent job in accommodating everyone—even some (unnamed) who had difficulty docking.

## **Museum Exhibit Celebration**

Seventy five Dickerson owners and their guests attended the dedication of the Dickerson Exhibit on Friday evening. Secretary Dick Young was on hand as usual to provide snacks and liquid livation to hungry and thirsty sailors. Master of Ceremonies and Museum Executive Director Jane Devlin thanked the Association for providing the models and other materials and for helping Herm Kramer build the Exhibit. She then introduced the Mayor of Cambridge, Victoria Jackson Stanley—a Cambridge native-- who talked about the importance of the museum and the rich Dickerson County history. Herm Kramer mentioned that the Exhibit still needed some fine tuning and he is interested in obtaining more photos to display. Barry Creighton, also a native of Cambridge, represented DOA and officially gave the half-hull models to the Richardson Museum. Barry introduced his 99 year old father Gene Creighton, a life time Maritime sailor in Cambridge and his two week old grandson Jack Creighton. Commodore Pat Ewing closed the session after Joe Slavin gave a “Yankee version of the Dickerson Prayer”



DOA Exhibit





Joe Slavin, Cap'n Gene Creighton, John Freal



Good Fun--Great Friends

We were pleased to have Senior Editor Jody Schroath from Chesapeake Bay Magazine visit us at the Richardson Maritime Museum Exhibit. Here she is aboard her Endeavour 36 SailCat with her dog Skipper talking to our Al Sampson who came from Rhode Island to join in the festivities..



Skipper, Jody, and Al

## The Race

This year's Dickerson race was unique. Instead of a 3 mile triangular course, the race consisted of a 12 mile course starting up the Choptank just off the entrance to Cambridge Harbor and ending at Oxford just off the Ted Avon Yacht Club respecting several navigation marks. This made it exciting and minimized chances of running aground. The race started with a 12 knot NW wind offering a dead beat to the Tred Avon. After two hours the wind decreased to almost a dead calm and the fleet of 11 boats was all over the Choptank. The Race Committee wisely shortened the course and five

crafty sailors finished. The rest motored in to make sure they would be able to make the 6 PM Awards Dinner.

### Tred Avon



Race Course Choptank Off Cambridge (lower right) to Tred Avon Entrance

### Awards Dinner

Commodore Pat Ewing welcomed 75 Dickerson folk to the Tred Avon Awards Dinner and welcomed new members. Joe Slavin and Pat and past Commodores present honored long time Secretary Dick Young with a beautiful framed painting of a Dickerson 37 center cockpit ketch that was exactly like his “Wind Song” that he owned in the mid 1990’s. The painting was given to the Association recently by John and Carolyn Smith who bought “Wind Song” from Dick and Susan Young and they were very pleased that we gave the painting to Dick and Susan. In his closing remarks Joe pointed out that Dick Young with his efforts over the past 20 years has made it possible for the organization to be what it is today—an example of Chesapeake Bay’s best.





Presenting D37 Painting to Dick Young—Joe Slavin, Commodore Pat Ewing and past Commodores Bill Toth, Bruce Franz and Barry Creighton.



Secretary Dick Young receiving painting donated by John Smith



D37 Center Cockpit ketch "Wind Song"

The special presentation to Dick Young was followed by the Racing Awards Ceremony. Commodore Pat Ewing gave the following Awards:





Parker First in 35/36 Class

Barry First in 37 Class

K. Parker Hallam "Frigate Connie," first 35, 36 class; Barry Creighton "Crew Rest," first 37, 39 class and Dave Fahrmeier "Down Home," first 41, 50 class. The overall winner and Commodore for the period June 16, 2013 to Fathers Day 2014 is Dave Fahrmeier.



Commodore Dave Fahrmeier

The "John Freal Broken Committee Boat Flagpole Award" is given annually to the Skipper who commits a most grievous racing act. It was close this year and Freal came close to winning his own award by hitting the Red 14 buoy -- but he redeemed himself by circling the buoy afterward. The award therefore went to Bill Toth in "Starry Night" who in desperation resorted to flying his new spinnaker forcing the race committee to disqualify him. It did look nice, Bill!

The evening ended with a golden-voiced ditty by our DOA Bard, Jeff Stephenson. A great time was had by all.

Joe Slavin, Samson Post