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Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Mary Elizabeth Hull Award 2006

This award was presented to Jim Benson by last year's Commodore, Allan Miller, at the Commodore's Ball held on March 18. Allan's speech follows:



There are people, that from the first moment you meet, you believe you have known them all your life. There are members of this club who, from the start of their membership, help make it a wonderful place for family and friends. From the day that Mary Elizabeth Hull joined the sailing club with her family, she merged her personality with that of the club and the result was one of love and affection.

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Mary Elizabeth Hull Award (Continued)

Mary Elizabeth's love of sailing, her buoyant positive personality and her willingness to share her enthusiasm for life led to her being an active member of the club. She was Membership Chairman for many years, held several other positions and was Commodore in 1982. No matter what position she held, one thing that you could depend on, was that if you were a potential new member and you walked on the club grounds, Mary Elizabeth would probably be the one to show you around. It was also likely that by the time the tour ended you would be eager to join. We remember Mary Elizabeth in this award and recognize the club members that over the years have demonstrated significant contribution to SLSC.

It is not surprising that, of the 19 people who have won this award, most are still active and contributing. I list the past recipients and ask that each stand so we can recognize you again.

1992 John Hudson, Commodore in 1974
 1993 Jerry Burr
 1994 Allan Miller, Commodore in 1977, 1997, 1998, and again!
 1995 Hunter Currins, Commodore in 1981 and 1990.
 1996 Randy and Elly Rice. Randy, Commodore in 1966; Elly, Commodore in 1978 and 1979.
 1997 Dave and Trudy Hudson; Dave Commodore in 1992.
 1998 Garth and Jean Grimmer; Garth Commodore in 1986; Jean in 1991.
 1999 Nancy and Bruce Blackie, Bruce Commodore in 1993.
 2000 Harry Redgrave; Harry Commodore in 2001 and 2002.
 2001 Bill and Janet Hamilton
 2002 Ann Seidman; Commodore in 1999 and 2000
 2003 Allen and Mary Jean Tedrow; Allen Commodore in 1995
 2004 Jean Liska
 2005 Shirley Waterfield

This year's recipient is recognizable to every member of the club. His love of sailing is evident in the number of boats he owns or is part owner of. His enthusiasm and contribution to our club are clear as he has been Secretary, Treasurer, and Grounds Lt. for multiple years in each of these positions. His level of dedication is demonstrated in the time he spends in various projects for the club and the improvements that he has implemented in the positions he has held.

As treasurer he took on the daunting task of converting our financial tracking system from an Excel based system and loaded all the information to a commercial package system specifically designed for bookkeeping.

As grounds Lt. he kept the road maintenance up so well that we have had several seasons where the pot holes that usually develop in August never appeared.

However, it is his positive, upbeat attitude and his sense of humor that endear him to us at SLSC and make him exactly the kind of person Mary Elizabeth would give her award to. He would be on the board this year but we let him off the hook to be near home as he and his family are building a house.

It is an honor for me to present this year's Mary Elizabeth Hull Award to Jim Benson.

More Pictures from the Ball



Sailing Instruction News

By John Gallagher, Sailing Program Director

The applications are coming in and it's starting to look like another successful year for the sailing program. How are your skills? The beginner, intermediate and adult programs all include topics in basic boat handling along with safety, weather, capsize recovery, and rules of the road to give you confidence on the water. For the kids there will be fun and games and for you sailors ready for the next level, we'll talk racing rules and sail trim techniques to get you into the competition of our club races and regattas.

As announced we're also offering the program to non-members on a limited basis this year so bring your friends. This is a great opportunity to start the summer off right and get the most out of our beautiful club and lake.

Don't delay and don't be left out! Check the website at www.sailsaratoga.org and look for the Sailing Instruction link for more information, or call me at 518/793-5859 if you have any questions.

On the Social Side of Things

By Shirley Waterfield, Social Chair

If you've ever wondered how all those social events at SLSC happen, how the food magically appears, gets served, cleaned up and volunteers do splendid things in the kitchen and elsewhere, then wonder no further!

YOU have the opportunity to help with this wonderful part of the club! We have several people who have offered to help with this and I would like to have 1-2 more to help with the legwork and prep work. Think of this as the biggest family reunion you've ever had, after which the real ones will be a piece of cake.

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I can be reached at 584-5552 or swaterf1@nycap.rr.com if you'd like to volunteer or chat. Looking forward to seeing you all soon (of course not on the water!).

Why Race?

By Paul Waterfield, Flag Lt. Race

Whether we're racers or cruisers, we agree sailing's a great sport. Even as race officer, I have to admit that racing's not for everyone, but I also know there are many of you who want to race yet don't. I think I know how you feel. I'd like to do a triathlon but I'm a little scared of getting in over my head. Thankfully I don't have a bicycle or a good pair of running shoes. You, on the other hand, have a sailboat. You just need a push and maybe a little reassurance. Maybe you're a Junior and think racing is for adults only or maybe you've tried it and had a bad experience.

Whatever your mindset about racing, you are welcome to come to the Race Program Meeting on Sunday, April 30. Learn about our plans for the season and let us try to persuade you to join us on the racecourse. Racing isn't just about competition but also about having fun and building friendships. It's also a great way to build skills and spend time with family. The meeting starts at 3:00. Refreshments will be served.

Immediately following the meeting Saratoga Springs Public Works Commissioner Tom McTygue has agreed to talk about the City's plan to draw water from Saratoga Lake. If the race meeting is a bust, you'll still have an inside view of a controversial issue of importance to all of us with a stake in the lake. And you'll be home in time for "The Sopranos" (which is for adults only).

The Club Needs You

Spring and the Docks-in Work Party

It's everybody's favorite work-party.

Saturday, May 6 is docks-in time!

Mark it on your calendar now.

We need your help.

Work parties form between 8:00 and 9:00 am.

If you are working outside bring gloves, hammers, crowbars, pliers, rakes, wetsuits and waders.

If you are working inside Glenn Minor will soon be providing a list of chores.

It's part of your obligation as a member. Good work, good fellowship, and good food.

We'll see you there, and, yes, we do take names.

Racing Rules

By John Hudson

I have been asked to continue the series I began last year on the racing rules and will do so, but in a different format than last year. This year we will switch to a question and answer format, in which Club members are asked to send me questions concerning rules situations that have perplexed them, and I will attempt to explain the application of the rules to these situations.

The Question:

As a first example, let us consider the situation posed to me recently by a Club member who shall remain anonymous. This member started a few years ago as an experienced sailor but a novice racer. He had trouble tacking, so tended to tack as little as possible. This resulted in frequent encounters with boats that were reaching or running while he was beating. Who has the right-of-way in such situations?

The Response:

The basic question whether there are rules that apply specifically when boats on different legs of a course meet. The short answer is no. These encounters are covered in the basic right of way rules, Rule 10, opposite tacks, Rule 11, windward leeward and Rule 13, tacking. I suspect that situations like this cause confusion because most of the pictures one sees in illustrations of the rules show boats sailing similar courses, implicitly on the same leg of the course.

To answer the question asked specifically, a boat sailing upwind on starboard will have right of way over boats sailing downwind on port (Rule 10) and on boats sailing downwind on starboard (Rule 11.) Note that because the close-hauled boat is downwind of the boat reaching or running, she is the leeward boat. A boat sailing upwind on port will have right of way over a boat sailing downwind on port (Rule 11), but must give way to a boat sailing downwind on starboard (Rule 10.) In addition if the upwind boat tacks, she must keep clear of the downwind boats while tacking (Rule 13.)

This situation most often occurs near the windward mark, when some boats have rounded and are heading back downwind while others are still sailing upwind to the mark. Boats sailing downwind have to keep an eye open for the boats still coming up to the mark, while upwind boats on port must be wary of boats sailing downwind on starboard. Similarly, at the leeward mark, boats that are coming into the mark must watch for boats that have already rounded and

are heading back upwind. This is often aggravated if a number of boats have tacked onto starboard after rounding and sail back across the paths of boats coming in on a run to make a port rounding of the mark.

This, by the way, is why an offset mark is used at the windward mark in windward-leeward courses, to separate the boats coming downwind from those sailing upwind toward the starboard tack lay line. Similarly, the use of a gate at the leeward mark encourages boats that have rounded to sail away from center of the course and the rest of the boats coming downwind.

That's it for this month. Please send any questions you would like to see treated to me, in person, by mail or by e-mail (hudson@acmenet.net). All questions will be treated anonymously to avoid any possibility of embarrassment, (However, if I give you a bad answer, I will not be able to hide and will have to take the heat.)

Calling All Women Sailors!!

By Laura Rappaport

Want to build your skills & confidence on the water?

Want to try new techniques before race day?

Want to sail without the stress of racing?

Want to take the helm?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then join Women on the Water, a new informal women's sailing group at SLSC. This weekly drop-in sailing time for women is in its start-up phase.

Each week, we'll take to the water to learn from each other in a non-competitive environment. We'll tackle everything from practice starts to jibing, and maybe even try some woman-overboard maneuvers.

To be part of WOW, please contact me, and we'll pick a date for an organizational meeting in late April.

As our club approaches its 50th anniversary, let's make 2006 the Year of Women on the Water!! WOW!

Call Laura Rappaport at 581-5932

Or email me at lrappapo@nycap.rr.com

2005 Race Series Results

Zephyr

1 st Ensign	Bruce Blackie
1 st Flying Scot	Paul Waterfield
2 nd Flying Scot	Peter Seidman
3 rd Flying Scot	Glenn Miner
1 st Kestrel	Joe Choi
2 nd Kestrel	John Collins
1 st Laser	Allan Miller
2 nd Laser	Lois Haignere
3 rd Laser	Jim Fauci
1 st Thistle	John Power
1 st Open	John Kimball
2 nd Open	Fred Barker

Robinson

1 st Ensign	Hunter Currins
1 st Flying Scot	Peter Seidman
2 nd Flying Scot	Paul Waterfield
3 rd Flying Scot	Glenn Miner
1 st Laser	Allan Miller
2 nd Laser	Alfred Suberg
1 st Thistle	Dave Hudson
1 st Open	John Kimball
2 nd Open	Bill Hamilton

Kaydeross

1 st Ensign	Hunter Currins
2 nd Ensign	Bruce Blackie
1 st Flying Scot	Glenn Miner
2 nd Flying Scot	Paul Waterfield
3 rd Flying Scot	Mike Flanigan
1 st Kestrel	Tony Bianchini
1 st Thistle	Jerry Zell
1 st Open	John Kimball

Manning

1 st	Dave Hudson
2 nd	Jerry Zell
3 rd	John Kimball
4 th	Paul Waterfield
5 th	Max Peter

On the Block

Ensign Sailboat:

23 ft. full keel daysailer. Hull number 174. Very good condition. Cabin top refinished by Deluke Marine, rudder repaired using marine ply and WEST system, cockpit seats and bright work varnished and well maintained. Mainsail (with reefing gear), no. 1 genoa, no. 2 genoa, working jib, spinnaker. Nissan 3.5 long shaft outboard. Canvas mooring cover that totally encloses cockpit and cabin top currently undergoing restoration at canvas shop. Steel cradle and 150lb. mushroom anchor and mooring chain included. \$6000.00

Call Larry Smith 482-3307 or send email to larsman76@hotmail.com

Dinghy/Sailing Dink:

An 8' row/sail combination design can row a crew of four with gear, or sail one adult. The halyard controlled, two-piece mast can be removed in minutes to convert the sailing dink to a conventional 8' dinghy that can be rowed or motored. Weighs only 90 lbs. and has 35 sq. ft. sail area, dagger board, rudder, boom and blocks & rigging. See on the web at www.americansail.com/thedinks.php.

Many extras, including cushions, removable dolly, 6.5' oars, canvas cover, oversized protective rub rail, davit pad-eyes, stem towing ring, motor mount, etc. Photos available. (\$550)

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SARATOGA LAKE SAILING CLUB

The Saratoga Lake Sailing club promotes and develops interest in sailing and sailboat racing.

The Club cooperates with and aids individuals and groups interested in sailing and requires in return, observance of such rules and regulations as are set forth by this organization.

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