



Tell tale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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July 4th Chicken BBQ

By Shirley Waterfield

I guess there is one thing you can say about the Fourth of July – it will probably rain at some point! And rain it did, holding off right until dessert time, when everyone ducked into the house or under one of several tents. After a brief (but substantial) downpour, it cleared to let us all enjoy the remainder of the day.

Although the club membership numbers are pretty consistent, once again, a record-breaking number of you chose to picnic with your friends at SLSC. We hosted 193 hungry sailors, family and friends at the club. Preparations the day before made July 4th a breeze! Thank you everyone who volunteered to come in on Monday. Once again, the “pit crew” were right on top of things. Thanks to Charlie Koines, the Charlie Smith team and others for overseeing the cooking of the chicken- it was delicious! I’m sorry if I don’t remember everyone, but big thanks to the

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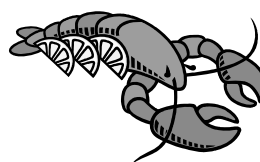
by John Gallagher, Sailing Program Director

Another sailing program has come and gone and this one was special in several ways. This was the first time in many years we opened the program to non-members and it was wonderful to see more than half the students discover sailing and the benefits of our beautiful club. And our members also enjoyed some great sailing with our knowledgeable instructors leading the way.

The 14 beginner sailors were an active group and kept the staff busy. Starting out with capsizing drills and the swim test, they continued the week sailing Flying Scots and Lasers, playing games and having a pizza and ice cream party. Our instructors were very optimistic about their potential saying they were natural sailors and every one of them was a joy to have in the program.

The experienced group of 7 sailors endured the worst weather but still managed to get some quality sailing time in. They started the week in an all-day downpour and unfortunately missed a whole day

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Labor Day Lobster Boil

Monday, Sept. 4, 2006

Cocktails 4:00PM

Dinner 5:00PM

Surf & Turf \$25.

Lobster Dinner \$20.

Steak Dinner \$15.

Kids (Hot Dogs/Hamburgers) \$5.

Extra Lobster \$15./Extra Steak \$10.

Reservations to Shirley Waterfield by 8/31

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Last names M - Z please help!

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share!

Note: Payment by check appreciated

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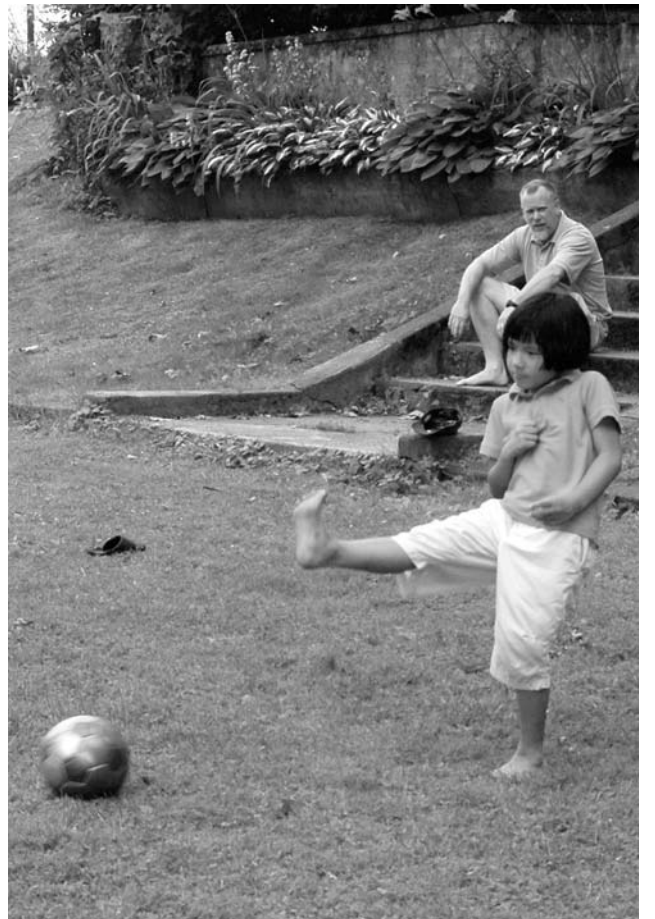
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Cooper, Barringer, Neufeld, Gummer, Benson, Koines, Ferris, Haignere, Hart, McCarty, McEwing, Kitner, Smith, Auciello, McCarthy and Hubbard/Masten families and others who helped prepare, serve and very importantly, clean up after the picnic. And of course thanks to Kathy Johnston for always having the grounds mowed and house spotless, ready for us to enjoy.

We're looking forward to seeing you all on Labor Day for the Lobster Boil. The lobsters are succulent, the filet mignon tender and the company splendid. We need lots of help for this meal, so don't be shy about signing up! Hope to see you then!



due to the storm that rearranged our docks, damaged trees and knocked boats off their trailers. On most other days the wind was light and the temperatures hot so they made the best of it by sailing when possible and swimming to cool off.

Our adult group had an excellent week of evening sailing with winds ranging from light to moderate and typically clear skies. Flying Scots handled the 18 students with each having an experienced club member or instructor to work through the drills of tacking, gibing, docking, and the like. We also had the unrehearsed entertainment of John Power jumping off a docked boat to save his sunglasses...well worth the price of admission. At the end of the week Allan and Barbara Miller came by to talk about club membership with the group and have a question and answer session.

The program was a success because of our instructors, volunteers and members. John, Steve Olson and Sara Cooper once again ran a professional and well-organized program and I've heard many good things about them from our participants. A special thanks to our adult program volunteer instructors including Peter Seidman, Ann Seidman, Rob Hayes, Clark Cooper and Mary Kate McCarty. Further, the program had the generous support of our members allowing us to borrow their boats, thank you John Kimball, Chris Smith, Emmett McCarty, Mike Funk, Clark Cooper, Rob Hayes, James Nicol, Mary Kate McCarty, Allan Miller, Joan Link, Steve Olson and Dave Burtis.



Junior Sailing Class



Adult Sailing Class



Juniors practicing righting



The Season So Far

By Paul Waterfield

It's hard to believe we're at the halfway point already...

Zephyr Series -7 of 16 races were completed. 36 sailors participated but only 14 qualified by sailing at least 3 races. Thistlers, 8 boats and no qualifiers? Ouch!

<u>Flying Scot -12 boats</u> 1 st Glenn Miner 2 nd Paul Waterfield 3 rd Mike Flanigan	<u>Laser -8 boats</u> 1 st Allan Miller 2 nd James Nicol
<u>Kestrel -4 boats</u> 1 st Joe Choi 2 nd Walter Smith 3 rd Tony Bianchini	<u>Open -5 boats</u> 1 st Bill Hamilton 2 nd John Kimball 3 rd Bruce Blackie

Manning Series -A mini-revolt lead by Kathy Johnston resulted in the men doing a halfway decent job cleaning up the kitchen last Wednesday. My clever chore list was completely ignored but Mike Funk set the tone early and the job got done. Yes, it was brutal, and it's questionable that we can keep it up for four more weeks but at least we did it once! Let's try to remember to sweep the floor next time. Things are going a little more smoothly on the water, certainly for Dave Hudson, who is dominating the series so far with a perfect score. It looks like the rest of us are racing for second place. The projected qualifying number is 4 so even if you haven't raced yet, you can still qualify. Men- bring your aprons!

Season Championship Series- Through July 19 (Manning #8) we've completed 16 of 28 races scheduled and have 28 regular series races to go. The regular series races combined, comprise the Season Championship Series with slightly different scoring rules. Only 13 of 52 sailors who have participated have completed the 6 races, which would currently qualify them in the series. At this point, considering only those with at least 6 races and counting only their best 6, Bill Hamilton leads with an average score of 1.33. He is followed closely by John Kimball with an average score of 1.5. Dave Hudson is on their heels but his regatta schedule has prevented him from qualifying to date. Note to Dave...keep on traveling!

Note to Woman and Juniors -You are competing for separate prizes in all series but you need to qualify to be eligible. See you out there!

Note to Race Committee -Great job to date! Please check the online duty roster at www.sailsaratoga.org and e-mail me with any changes you make.

Note to Racers -Results are being posted online and on the Race Committee Bulletin Board. Please check your results and let me know if you see any errors or omissions. Signing up, even after a race, makes scoring a lot easier. Legible printing is appreciated.

Kestrel Regatta

By Tony Bianchini

July 8th saw the 41st running of the North American Kestrel Championship at the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club. Light wind caused a significant delay in racing. We finally got on the water around noon. Ten boats were represented. One was unable to sail and one DNF, leaving eight boats in the running. With winds building to two MPH we set sail. We soon realized that no matter what the conditions the better sailors prevailed.

At the completion of our one and only race, Walter Smith and his wife Nicole finished first. Walter is new to the club but his sailing experience is obvious. In second place were Joe Choi and his crew Dave Walter, and in third was John Collins with his crew Bill Churchman.

As expected we concluded our day with a lovely steak dinner organized by Nancy Chudzik, with John Collins manning the grill. It was agreed that wind or no wind, everyone had a great time and we are looking forward to our next get-together.

A special thanks to our race committee Jerry Burr, Yvonne Barringer, Ellen Cooper, and Tony Cannone for a job well done under difficult circumstances.



The Kestrel Fleet



Tony - Fleet Captain



The Champs



The 2006 Saratoga Derby Laser Regatta

By Allan Miller

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A good southerly breeze was all that was necessary to assure another great Saratoga Laser Derby on June 17th. This regatta is now nearly 30 years old. This year we hosted sailors from New York State sailing to qualify for the Empire State Games and sailors from Vermont as the Vermont Laser Regatta Schedule had an open weekend. Five races back to back were held for the 15 boats that competed in the regatta. This format has become the standard one day regatta for Lasers as it allows the most races to be held and minimizes time lost sailing in for lunch and then back out to race in the afternoon. Sailors were served snacks and water from the rescue boat.

For the second time in the last three years Cazenovia's Ray Cudney took three firsts, a second and a 5th (his throw out) to win the regatta. Always in the top few boats Charles Williamson (Ithaca) was second and Sally Sharp, from Vermont (Lake Mascoma) came in third.

Conditions were generally light to moderate and made for excellent tactical racing. The usual shiftiness of our lake made reading the shifts well a necessity.

One interesting fact about the regatta this year is that only one competitor was not a Master. For Lasers, the Master's division starts at 35 years old.

Top Saratoga finishers

Allan Miller - 6th
Mike Kitner - 8th
James Nichol - 11th
Alfred Suberg - 12th
Lois Haigner - 13th
Bill Hamilton - 14th
John Gallagher - 15th

Most of all everyone had a good time.

Thanks to Bruce Blackie, Fred Barker, Hunter Currin, John Kimball and Gene Auciello for great Race Committee work and to the Thistle fleet for working cooperatively to coordinate the Thistle and Laser Regattas on Saturday.



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. \$5500.00

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

Precision 14:

1988, 14 foot sailboat with jib and main. Includes cover, accessories and trailer. A great beginner boat. On display at the club. \$1350

Call Bob Dobson @ 377-2109



Thistle Regatta Pictures



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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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