



# Telltale

## Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

web page: [www.sailsaratoga.org](http://www.sailsaratoga.org)



April, 2007

### Sailing & Racing Program Meeting

by Paul Waterfield, Flag Lt. Race

Help us kick off the 2007 season on **Sunday, April 29** at **3:00 PM** at our annual Sailing and Racing Program Meeting at SLSC. Refreshments will be served. Immediately following the Racing and Sailing program presentations, Wilma Koss, President of the Saratoga Lake Association will offer her organization's counterpoint to Tom McTygue's presentation last year on the use of the lake as a municipal water source. You can check out the SLA on the web at [www.saratogalake.org](http://www.saratogalake.org).

Speaking of the internet, this is an America's Cup year and there's lots of coverage. Check out [www.americascup.org](http://www.americascup.org). Also, Versus, the successor to OLN plans to broadcast lots of coverage. That's Time Warner Cable Channel 75. The Louis Vuitton Cup begins 4/16/07. If you're in it, you're excused. Otherwise we'd love to see you on the racecourse at Saratoga Lake this summer.

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### Memorial Day Champagne Breakfast

**Monday, May 28**  
**10:00AM – Noon**

**Adults \$10. – Kids \$5.**  
Champagne market price per bottle

**Reservations by Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Shirley Waterfield 584-5552 or**  
**[swaterf1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:swaterf1@nycap.rr.com)**

**Members with last names A-F**  
**Are asked to help**

### Upcoming Events

**April 29.....Racing Meeting**  
**May 5.....Spring Work Party #1**  
**May 10.....Board Meeting**  
**May 12.....Spring Work Party #2**  
**May 28.....Champagne Breakfast**

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### The Club Needs You!!

#### Spring and the Docks-in Work Party

It's everybody's favorite work-party.  
**Saturday, May 5** 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 Rick Fish will soon be providing a list of chores.

Good work, good fellowship, and good food.  
It's part of your obligation as a member.  
We'll see you there, and, yes, we do take names.

## Mary Elizabeth Hull Award

By Clark Cooper

Each year the member who held the office of Commodore the past year has the privilege of honoring a club member who has served the club by awarding them the Mary Elizabeth Hull award. Mary Elizabeth Hull was the Membership Chair of the club for many years and brightened the lives of everybody she met.

Ray Biedron was the 2007 winner of the Mary Elizabeth Hull award. Normally the identity of the recipient is kept secret until the Commodore's Ball where the award is presented. The award itself is a fine ship's clock that is kept for a year and is returned for presenting to next year's winner. Since the award was presented posthumously this year and since Ray's son Will does not reside locally, a plaque was made for Will and his family to accept in lieu of the ship's clock and to keep permanently. It was presented to Will and his wife at the memorial service for Ray & Del Biedron, held the week before the Commodore's Ball.



## From the Social Chair

by Shirley Waterfield

As I write this on Sunday April 15 we are in the midst of (hopefully) the last snowstorm of the season! Although it doesn't seem possible, we are only weeks away from the excitement of another sailing season, which, for those of you who know me, does *not* include stepping foot on a boat! For me it means gathering food and supplies to entertain and feed all of you who choose to spend Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day at the club. We also provide refreshments for the two work parties, New Members Reception, and various meetings throughout the year.

This year, we have set up the events a bit differently. Each of the three main holiday parties will have a small committee to help with the shopping and organizing. This will help to spread out the work! We did have all the parties covered, but due to a scheduled regatta, we are in need of a couple of helpers for the Memorial Day Champagne Breakfast. I will provide a shopping list (which can be done anytime), and we usually do prep work the afternoon/evening before the party. I appreciate all of you who help with the preparation, cooking, serving and clean-up of these big meals. It's a huge team effort that gets it all done!

Please think about it and call me if you are interested in doing a bit of shopping and assisting. It's quite rewarding to see it all come together!

See you all soon!

## Alec Brown

1929 - 2007

by John Kimball

Alec Brown was a Renaissance man: a sailor, dancer, skater, musician, civil engineer, mechanical engineer, father (of 4), grandfather (of 9), athlete, soldier, Englishman, American and a gentleman. His death on April 11 was very sad news for many people, including members of the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club. We will miss his active participation in our racing and social programs.

Alec had a spirit and enthusiasm for life we should all admire. He enjoyed challenging people twenty years his junior in racquetball. He would face the fury of Saratoga Lake even on days when he was not perfectly healthy. He treated leukemia as a minor annoyance. At his 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, he demonstrated remarkable skill in dancing and banjo playing. At the same time, his kindly nature made even those with two left feet feel at ease.

A celebration of Alec's life will be held at the First Unitarian Society of Schenectady (1221 Wendell Avenue) on Saturday, May 5 from 2 to 5 pm. Memorial donations in honor of Alec Brown can be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Donor Services, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202.

## Grounds and Waterfront Issues & Tasks

by Allan Miller

### Non-Member/Corresponding Member Storage Charge

The meadow has become a repository for abandoned boats. The club is not going to continue this practice as it does not benefit our active members, creates an expense for the club, and is even a potential health and safety concern. We have established a storage charge of \$50.00 per month for boats left on the club grounds not belonging to active members. The charge is also applicable to corresponding members who have boats on club property. This is a charge comparable to that paid at a marina or storage facility for similar services.

However, the sailing school does need boats, so an alternative to paying for storage, is to donate your serviceable boat to the sailing school. Although our tax status does not entitle you to a deduction, you help our sailing school and save the storage fees.

### Please Mark Your Property

We continue to ask the help of both members and corresponding members to mark their boats and equipment so we treat personal property respectfully and do not dispose of anything by mistake. As we are cleaning out all of the club buildings this spring, this is especially important to you and to the club. So pick a nice spring day, go over to the club, and mark your stuff.

### Grounds and Waterfront Improvements

We have started work on projects to improve the grounds and waterfront of our club. Some cleanup of the lower part of the upper barn has begun. The new ramp is ordered, and new dock sections are being built. Now, especially, we need the help of each member who has anything stored in any building on club property to mark everything with your name so we don't inadvertently adopt it for the sailing program or dispose of it.

We did receive a number of messages from club members volunteering to help us on the following projects but we need more help. Pick a job and send a note or give us a call and we will make sure you become part of the team doing that task you volunteered for.

**North Ramp Replacement** - The deteriorated north ramp concrete sections will be replaced with a solid concrete slab.

**Fuel Containment** - A specially-designed pan will be placed under the gas tank in the race committee shed to protect the environment from a possible fuel spill.

**Boat House Transition** - The boat house is a safety hazard to the membership and cannot be used. We will be adapting the lower level of the big barn as an interim storage facility until the issue of a new boat house is resolved.

**New Dock Sections** - The planned yearly replacement of

dock sections has been a successful program and should be continued. In addition, a new ramp connecting the middle dock to the crane will be constructed.

**Crane Work** - Paint the crane

**Water Rack Relocation** - The water racks to the north will be painted to free beach access.

**Beach Improvements** - Removal of rocks along the main beach in front of the lower lawn to facilitate all uses of the beach/shore line.

**Board Boat Rack Improvements** - Relocation and consolidation of boats, removal of the section paralleling the shore in front, refurbishing sections needing work, and moving the section paralleling the sail shed closer to the house to get it out of the low wet area.

Please send me an email [amille2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:amille2@nycap.rr.com) or give me a call **885- 5510** and we will get you on the team of your choice.

## House Chores!

by Rick Fish, Flag Lt. House

Help....I need volunteers.

I need to find out who took the lock handle off of the back door in the dining room and have it reinstalled. Because of the age of the house and its idiosyncrasies, it's the only way to lock the door.

I need to find the county sewer installation paperwork. It is nowhere to be found. If anyone knows where it is, I would like it back.

I need someone to do some easy scraping and painting inside the house.

I need someone to paste the wallpaper seams on the 2nd floor.

I need 2 people to roll up the carpets and clean the floors under them during the work party.

I need 2 people to deep clean the cellar during the work party.

I need a drywall expert.

Please contact Rick Fish. **461-6619**

## Sailing Program News

By John Gallagher,  
Sailing Program Director

Our sailing program is getting ready for another season and as we get closer to the start date of June 25th the final touches are coming together.

The last edition of the Telltale announced our structure changes of the beginner and advanced classes being extended to 2 full weeks and the adult class being split into two skill levels and running several consecutive weeks. The feedback I've been getting is very encouraging and the applications are starting to stream in. As a reminder, class sizes are limited so check out the updated SLSC website and make your plans soon!

I'm excited to introduce our new head instructor, Aaron Holland. An accomplished sailor from Geneva, NY, Aaron started sailing on Seneca Lake and has extensive experience racing 420's, Lasers and Thistles. His resume includes competing in the Jr. Olympics, several national regattas and was part of the Hobart and William Smith College 2005 National Championship team. As a US Sailing certified instructor he has taught at Seneca Yacht club, as a private Instructor and was the Head Sailing Instructor at Camp Yaiewano on Owasco Lake. Aaron will be graduating from Hobart and William Smith this May. Please join me in welcoming Aaron to our club and wishing him a successful season.

Finally, Alan Miller and James Nicol are doing a great job of coordinating boats to be used for the program by resurrecting some idle boats from the meadow and working with club members for donations and loaners. If you have a boat or know of one to help develop the sailing instruction fleet please give us a call. We'll also be looking for some help at the spring work party to get the boats in shape. Anyone skilled with a scrub brush up through boat refurbishing is welcome.

## Commodore's Ball



## **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](mailto:larsman76@hotmail.com)

### **Ice Boats:**

Free: Two ice boats. Need a little maintenance.  
Call Allan @ 885-5510

### **Hobie 17:**

Good condition, newer mainsail with low usage, aluminum trailer, stored indoors winters except last winter, water rack included. \$2200

Call Fred Barker @ 518-355-7581  
or send email to [fbarker@nycap.rr.com](mailto:fbarker@nycap.rr.com)

### **Optimist Pram Jig & Tooling:**

Free to a good home: jig and tooling for building wooden Optimist prams. I used this jig to build two Optimists for my grandchildren a few years ago, but have no plans to build more. If anyone (or any group) is interested in a building project, I can make myself available as a consultant.

Call John Hudson @ 374-0228, or send email to [jhudson@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jhudson@nycap.rr.com).

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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.

### ACTIVE FLEETS

Ensign.....	Bruce Blackie
	583-0759
Flying Dutchman.....	Bill Hamilton
	877-5203
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Kestrel.....	Tony Bianchini
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Laser.....	Alan Miller
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