



# Telltale

## Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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May, 2007

### Grounds and Waterfront Update

by Allan Miller

The advanced mini work parties and the two major work parties have accomplished a tremendous amount of improvements at the club on the grounds and waterfront. The leadership and hard work of David and Tony and the great support of many of you have allowed the completion of most of the items we budgeted for.

The RC shed has been raised and the door repaired thanks to Bill Hamilton and the team.

A bridge now exists on the North side of the crane so launching from both sides of the crane will be drier and easier thanks to David Hudson dock builder extraordinaire.

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### Tuesday Night Training Sessions

Following the success of the Tuesday evening training sessions begun last year by the Laser Fleet, we have decided to continue the program this year, and expand it to include training in Thistles.

The program will begin on Tuesday, May 29, at 6:30 PM, and continue through the summer. It will include both on-shore sessions on boat setup and on-the-water work on sail trim and boat handling. The intent of the program is to help less experienced sailors gain the confidence necessary for successful racing and pleasure sailing. While it is intended primarily for Laser and Thistle owners, all interested SLSC members are invited to participate.

For further information, contact Alan Miller at 885-5510 (Lasers) or John Hudson at 374-0228 (Thistles).

### Meet the New Members

There will be a New Member Reception on Sunday, May 27 at 5:00 after racing. All club members are cordially invited to welcome our new members and their families.

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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

**May 27.....New Member Reception**  
**May 28.....Champagne Breakfast**  
**June 9.....Laser Derby**  
**June 14.....Board Meeting**  
**June 16-17.....Thistle Districts/  
Adirondack Invitational**  
**June 23.....Race Management Clinic**

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## Grounds & Waterfront (Continued from Page 1)

The water racks were put in further to the north allowing better access to the beach, thanks to Don Railton, Fred Barker, Bill Barringer, Tim Clune, Dan French, Bob Gilbert, Ken Choi, Joe Choi, and Gerry Burr.

The old ramp sections have been removed thanks to Rick Ansaldo, Dave Hudson, Gerry Burr, Steven Olsen, Tom Whittemore, Tom Neufeld, John Holmes, Joe Choi, Bill Hamilton, Charlie Koiner, Bob Krull, and Ed Defeo. A new ramp pad has been installed thanks to Gene Auciello, Bill Hamilton, John Collins, Joe Choi, and Clark Cooper.

A containment tank has been placed under the gas tank in the RC shed for added environmental safety. Thanks to Bill Barringer, who I am told figured how to maneuver the whole thing in so it fit and the crew including Tony Bianchini and members of the Kestrel fleet.

The lower garage on the upper barn has been cleaned out, a stone dust floor added, and storage areas started, thanks to Tony Cannone, Bruce Blackie, Emmett McCarthy, Steven Olsen, Carol Cook, Keith Maurer, JT Fahy, and Steve Pantano. This area is ready for your equipment now and we will be adding more storage areas in the coming weeks.

Three sections of the lakeside board boat rack have been removed, opening up more lawn area.

We still need your help continuing what has begun and having really great results. Please mark all your belongings at the club. It is amazing how in cleaning out various areas we have found things members thought disappeared forever. Move anything you have stored in the sail shed by the hoist to the barn storage area. The shed is badly deteriorated and we want to get it cleaned out for demolition later in the season.

We want to clear off the board boat rack closest to the lake. If you have canoes, kayaks or rowing shells on the waterside board boat rack, please relocate them to the back or side rack on the top two shelves. If you have a Laser, Sunfish or equivalent on the front rack please find a space on one of the back or side racks or obtain a dolly to store it on.

A giant thanks again to the many volunteers who are contributing their time. I hope I did not miss anyone but if I did, please excuse my oversight and memory.

## Race Ramblings

by Paul Waterfield

Well, we're off! Seven crews enjoyed a sunny day for Zephyr I on Mother's Day, 2007. Race Captain Dave Hudson did a good job getting in a race under difficult conditions, which included little breeze and a 120-degree left shift at the start. The race was won by defending Season Champ John Kimball in his MC Scow. Rob Tikoff with Skip Parry crewing was impressive in his debut race in his Flying Scot besting two Thistles by a wide margin for second place overall. It seems like the bar has been raised in the Scot Fleet. Thistle-wise, Jerry Zell and JT Fahy had a pretty good race of their own, and to be fair, this probably contributed to the margin by which they were crushed. Oh yes, Walter and Nicole Smith also beat them in their Kestrel. Jerry won the Thistle match by a whisker at the favored end with JT closing very fast, spurred on no doubt by crew Lucy (the only Mom in the race) and son Aidan (age 2). JT will be holding a clinic early next year for all the husbands whose wives wouldn't let them race on Mother's Day.

Despite the traditionally light turn-out this was a promising and exciting start to the season....last year we didn't get a Sunday Race off until week #4. Keep in mind that the Manning Series starts Wednesday May 23, a week sooner than last year due to a dark day on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Hamburgers and hot dogs after Wednesday night racing are on the club but bring a dish to share, preferably from someplace besides Delucia's since this is where I get mine. And men, plan on cleaning up afterwards or risk messing with Kathy Johnston, Yvonne Barringer, Janet Hamilton, etc. Oh, and don't forget to check your race committee assignments on the Race link at [www.sailsaratoga.org](http://www.sailsaratoga.org). Find your own substitute if necessary and let me know so I can update the schedule. Finally, be sure to take a look at Walter Smith's Team Racing invitation elsewhere in this issue...sounds like Roller Derby on water. What's not fun about that, especially if it's not in your boat!

## Boat Donations

SLSC would like to thank the late Alec Brown and his family for their most generous donation of Alec's Laser to our sailing school. We know that the young people that have the opportunity to learn to sail and enjoy our sport will become as fond of sailing as Alec was.

The club would also like to profusely thank Dave Burtis for the donation of his Laser (he purchased a newer one), and Michael Funk for the donation of his Flying Scot (he also purchased a newer one). We very much appreciate the donation of boats to the sailing school and while not tax deductible it is certainly a worthy cause.

John Gallagher, James Nicol and Allan Miller

## Team Racing

by Walter Smith

It has come to my attention that there are some club members who are interested in starting a team racing group. It has been suggested that we have several "events" where some of us might get together and have some good races and clinics on how team racing is done. This would hopefully increase interest in this fantastic aspect of the sport (really a sport unto itself almost). These clinics/race days would most likely fall on holidays during the summer when other club members would be around to cheer us on, gain interest, or laugh at us.

A brief introduction to team racing:

Team Racing is quite similar in tactical maneuvering to match racing, but rather than one on one the teams are 3 vs.3. Typically, this type of race is conducted in small dinghies. Official matches are sailed in all the same one-design boat, but for our purposes it would be acceptable to mix and match a bit as long as the teams are even. Rather than being strictly about speed, team racing is also about manipulation. This may be a good place to introduce some terminology that my coach beat into us, the difference between strategy and tactics. While fleet racing is predominantly a strategic sport, meaning you plan your overall strategy at the beginning and modify it as time goes on (i.e. I'm going to start on the pin, on port, and go to the right -- so long as there aren't any big shifts), team racing is largely tactical. Rather than picking a strategy at the start we instead maneuver to maintain a tactical advantage over our opponents at all times, regardless of our strategic position. For example, if we are going slowly on the bad side of the course on the wrong tack lets make sure that our opponent is in the exact same position, except BEHIND us. As long as this is the case, we win. But wait!! We forgot about the other two boats on our team!! It is not just where we finish relative to our opponent that matters, but also where our team finishes relative to their opponents as well as ours. We can't just whip everybody and come in first and expect to win. There are certain winning combinations for a team. A team wins in general if the sum of its individual places is less than or equal to 10. The winning combinations are listed below:

1,2,3 (naturally since the other team finishes 4,5,6)

1,2,4 = 7

1,2,5 = 8

1,2,6 = 9 (as you can see a 1,2 is a winner)

1,3,4 = 8

1,3,5 = 9

1,3,6 = 10 (also 1,3 is a winner)

1,4,5 = 10

2,3,4 = 9

2,3,5 = 10

(Notice that 1,5,6 is not in the list, so having a 1st place doesn't guarantee winning.)

So in the end the goal in team racing is to keep the fleet as tightly packed as possible while maneuvering your team into a tactically advantageous position so that when the time is right, when you get close to the finish line, you can hold the other team back while your team wins. This is why team racing is so great, you have a LOT of interaction with your team and the other team and the rules (and how to manipulate them and your opponents) become really important.

Here are some websites that might provide some insight into team racing:

<http://ussailing.org/championships/adult/ustrc/index.asp>

<http://www.sailing.org/default.asp?MenuID=du/~GWxI%60McpX0GxSuNOPXzSTU>

<http://www.ustrc.org>

I particularly suggest the team racing call-book on sailing.org website. It has great explanations of how the rules can be used. The direct link to it is:

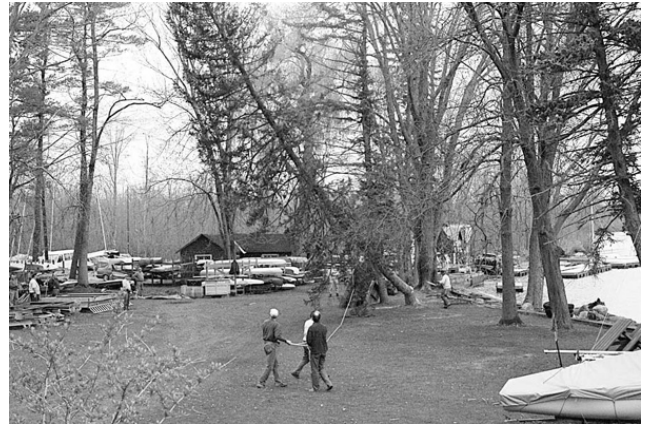
<http://www.sailing.org/rrs2005/trcallbook2006.pdf>

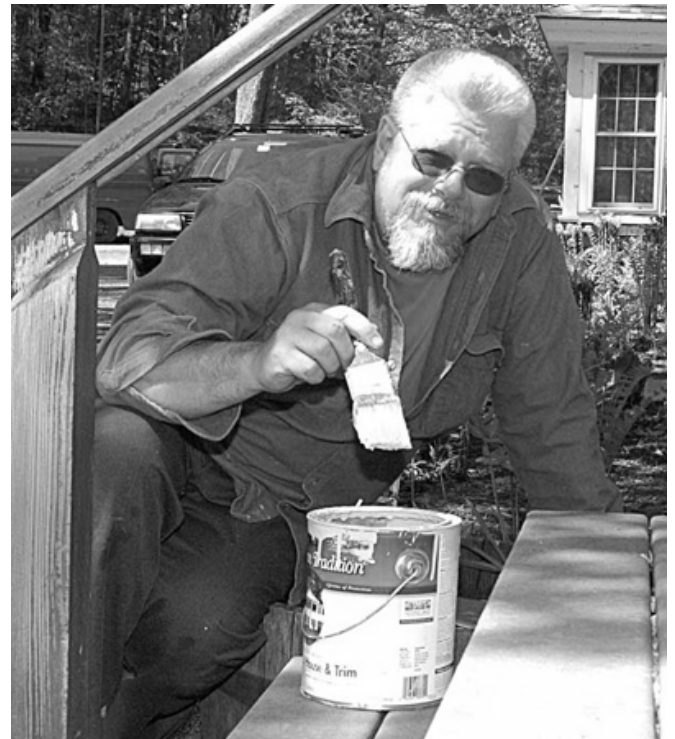
So... If you are interested in going out and giving team racing a try (or letting us use your boat -- hint) let me know at [walter.castro.smith@gmail.com](mailto:walter.castro.smith@gmail.com) or give me a call 518.487.9755

A brief introduction to me (or- how I learned to stop worrying and trust Walter):

I believe that I was asked to head up this little team racing endeavor because I have actually done it before. I am by no means an expert. I walked onto the Tufts Sailing team (i.e. I was NOT recruited) and that is where I learned to team race. Let me tell you, there are some really great team racers out there. I have sailed against the best. Some of the current world team racing champions went to my school, and the number two slots were at school with me (they are also the current national champions having beaten the previous world champs). So I can throw down a lot of names, but that doesn't mean anything... its all about your TEAM!!!

Hope to hear from you and hope a lot of you will really enjoy team racing... If I could, it would be the only type of racing I did.





## On the Block

### Ice Boats:

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

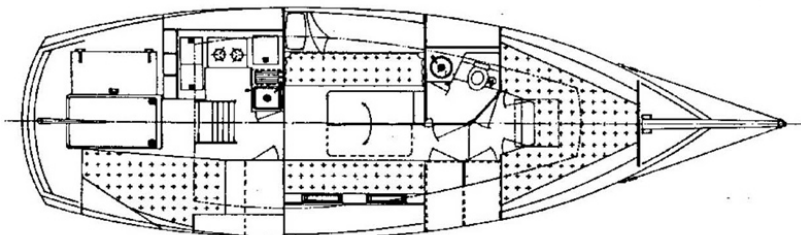
### Hobie 17:

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)

## LAKE CHAMPLAIN SAILING

Seeking crewmembers for 2007 sailing season aboard 32' cutter-rigged sailboat. Cruising grounds between Port Henry to Rouses Point. Minimum time commitment 3-4 days.  
For more information contact: Duane Nealon 518.658.9629.



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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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