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Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Saratoga Springs' Water Issue

by Wilma Koss, President, SLA

Saratoga Springs claims that it needs a new source of water based on a 20 year old DEC Report that the City's own Environmental Impact Statement says is no longer applicable. The City's Planning Board recently released their water report, showing enough water for new development for at least the next 8½ years, so there is no rush to complete the Saratoga Lake project. The cost to date for this project, with no results, is over 1½ million dollars and the City is using that expenditure as an excuse for continuing.

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Bermuda Racing

The Bermuda 1-2 Race and the Marion to Bermuda Race are being held in June and two of our club members are involved in the races.

The Bermuda 1-2 is a two-leg race. The first leg, which began on June 9th, was sailed single-handed from Newport, RI to Bermuda. The second leg, beginning on June 22nd, is sailed back to Newport with a crew of two.

Wild Eyes, an Open 40 design owned and sailed by Michael Millard, finished 2nd in elapsed time on June 12th, and 11th on corrected time, in the single-handed leg. Club member, **Jim Fauci**, will be crewing with Michael on the second leg of the race returning to Newport.

The Marion to Bermuda race is a one-leg race from Marion, MA to Bermuda and started June 15th.

Four Stars, a Beneteau 44.7 skippered by Timothy McAdams, finished 5th on elapsed time on June 19th. As of this writing many boats are still out on the course. Club member **Nelson Snowden** will be part of a crew of 8 returning the boat to Marion after the race.

We wish both a safe passage!

Check www.iboattrack.com for results and gps charts for both races.

-Editor

Fourth of July Chicken Bar-B-Q

Appetizers at 4:00 Dinner at 5:00

Bar-B-Q Chicken
Hot Dogs
Beans
Salads
Ice Cream Sundaes

Soft Drinks Beer Wine

Everyone is requested to bring an appetizer or dessert.

Members whose last names begin with the letters
I through P
are asked to volunteer for food preparation, serving, or
Clean-up.

For reservations, call **Cindy Benson** at 882-6267
or e-mail cbensonfly@aol.com by July 2, 2007.

Adults: \$11.00 Children: \$5.00

Upcoming Events

July 2-7.....Adult Sailing Class, Level 2
July 4.....Chicken BBQ
July 9-20.....Junior Sailing Class, Advanced
July 9-13.....Adult Sailing Class, Level 1
July 12.....Board Mtg
July 16-20.....Adult Sailing Class, Level 2
July 21.....Junior Sailing Regatta
July 28.....Kestrel Regatta

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If the city takes water from the lake, it will impact recreation even though the City continues to deny it. The use of effective herbicides would be restricted leading to more weed growth, making navigation more difficult. If the lake level is lowered, we could lose 71 acres of lake bottom and 36 acres of shoreline. The Dept. of Health will have control over water quality and has already said that swimming and anchoring are prohibited in the area of the intake. The city also said they could find no lakes using treated drinking water where recreation was restricted. But Hemlock and Canadice Lakes (used as reservoirs by the City of Rochester) were once active vacation communities, and today you can't hike around the lake without a permit.

There are good alternatives for the city if they stop focusing on a single expensive, unnecessary solution. In case water is needed due to a drought or as a long-term supplement, Colonie Aquifer water is available from a water company supplying nearby homes. To manage summer peak needs, an additional storage tank would be much less costly. And although it is unlikely, in case of a catastrophic emergency during the summer, the County can provide a completely redundant system until the City recovers.

In spite of the fear campaign being waged, the County system will provide safe water. The Department of Health has monitored the Hudson in the vicinity of the County's intake for years and has approved it as a drinking water source. Both the DOH and DEC issued permits to the County for its project. If people are really concerned about the health of their drinking water, they need to take a serious look at the lake. The 244-mile watershed is packed with industry, people, contamination from sewage, septic systems and a history of hazardous waste and will need constant monitoring, control and remediation. In spite of this, the City, according to the NY Supreme Court, has not even provided a watershed management plan.

After studying the issue, we have come to the conclusion that spending over one million dollars per year to use Saratoga Lake is not in the best interest of Saratoga Springs.

Laser Derby - Team Racing



SLSC Financial Plan Delayed

by Hunter Currin

I have the lead for preparing the long term SLSC facility upgrade financial plan. This was promised for June 2007, but I will not meet that date. This delay is due to personal reasons and to over-commitment on other non-sailing efforts. In no way was it caused by the SLSC Executive Board. With the exception of a mid-July vacation, I do believe that I can devote proper attention to it now and to deliver a plan by late summer.

In support of that effort, I request that anyone who has credible ideas for improving the physical facilities of the club to pass them on to me now. (email would be best - hcurrins@aol.com - but any form is acceptable). I will accept simple expressions of ideas, but any amplification of those ideas would be very useful. Why it is important, how it might be done, rough order of magnitude cost estimates, etc. In late July, I will begin to work with a group of people to develop an integrated plan. If you would like to be part of that group, please let me know.

Thanks and sorry for the delay!

Crewing Opportunity

Seeking crewmembers for the 2007 sailing season aboard a 32' cutter-rigged sailboat. Cruising grounds from Port Henry to Rouses Point. Minimum time commitment of 3-4 days.

For more information contact: Duane Nealon @ 518-658-9629 or homewright@taconic.net

On the Block

Flying Scot:

1984, #3971, yellow hull, with 1984 sails and trailer. Though not rigged for spinnaker, spinnaker is included. \$2675

We would like to keep it in the Club.

Howard Hart, 374-3229 or howardhart@verizon.net

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

SLSC guidelines for alcoholic beverages

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The SLSC executive board determined in 2006 that the lack of a club policy concerning alcohol was an exposure. Alcohol liability is a serious issue, as I'm sure you know. Our large membership, and visiting sailors and guests, present the potential for liability whenever alcohol is served. In addition, our insurance coverage is at risk if we fail to adhere to the laws of the state or publish and adhere to sensible regulations.

So, we've developed and are publishing guidelines for serving and consuming alcohol at SLSC, and will obtain one-day permits to enable us to serve alcoholic beverages at our regattas and social events.

These guidelines apply to both members and guests. Please review and adhere to them. I think you'll find as you read them that they are sensible and reasonable.

1. SLSC shall comply with state liquor laws of New York as they relate to the purchase, service, consumption and storage of alcohol at the club.
2. It is the policy of the Club that the responsibility for the conduct of each member, his or her family and guests, in all matters including the provision, storage and consumption of alcoholic beverages on SLSC premises, lies with the individual member and that responsibility is not, and cannot be, assumed by SLSC. No alcoholic beverages should be consumed by or served to anyone who appears to be intoxicated.
3. No one under the age of 21 will be served or may consume alcoholic beverages of any kind. There will be no exceptions and all members have the obligation to intercede should they observe this to occur. Appropriate identification may be required.
4. SLSC members may bring beer, wine or liquor onto SLSC premises, and store it in an SLSC refrigerator while they are there. The alcohol should be consumed or removed by that member and guests and not left unattended at SLSC when they depart.
5. When alcohol is to be provided in conjunction with an SLSC event (regattas, social events) someone associated with the event must be designated beforehand as the "event alcohol officer," to ensure compliance with our regulations. He or she should secure the alcohol (lock the keg, remove the wine, etc) at a reasonable time at the end of the evening or event. An open keg or bottles of alcohol should never be left unattended and it is the responsibility of the designated alcohol officer to ensure that that doesn't happen.
6. Members and their guests using the house with the approval of the Flag Lieutenant House must adhere to these regulations at all times.
7. The club has designated an "SLSC Alcohol Officer" (the Vice Commodore) to oversee these provisions and make any recommendations for adjustments to the Board.

Please note item 4. It has been the practice of members to leave beer or wine in the refrigerator. In the future, please remove any unused alcohol and take it with you so that none is left unattended at the club.

Please send me any comments, questions or concerns, or suggestions for improvements. Thanks for your cooperation with these guidelines!

(James Nicol at slsc_vicecommodore@sailsaratoga.org).

Champagne Breakfast Pictures



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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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