



Tell tale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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From the Commodore

By James Nicol

This is my favorite time of the year as we hear and see signs of spring. The birds return to the backyard, the forsythia reminds us that warmer weather is around the corner, the Commodore's party is upon us and the surest sign of all, Dave Hudson reports that he's ordered parts for 2 new dock sections.

Our Flag Lieutenant Race, Paul Waterfield, who in November had risked censure by publicly celebrating the start of the ski season (very bad form!), got the 2008 racing season off to a great start at Gore Mountain recently. The only question on everyone's mind is: can Jerry Zell drive his Thistle as fast as his skis? It was also confirmed that skiing ability is not a qualification for the job of SLSC commodore. Paul, thanks for arranging the day; it was well organized, great fun, and we're already looking forward to the 2nd annual....

The 2008 sailing season is almost here, the on-line calendar at www.sailsaratoga.org is up-to-date with information, links and applications, and I hope you'll mark
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Racing/Sailing Program Set

By Paul Waterfield, Flag Lt. Race

The 2008 Racing/Sailing Program Meeting is scheduled for Sunday April 27 at 2:00 PM at the Center for Environmental Services and Technology Management located at the University at Albany, 251 Fuller Road, Suite B300, Albany, New York 12203. We will meet in the CESTM auditorium, which will open at 1:30 for early arrivals. Immediately following the meeting Gene Auciello will take us on a tour of the National Weather Center. In addition, one of his crack weather colleagues will show us how to navigate the NOAA website so that we will each be able to forecast the shifts, the puffs and other weather stuff we need to know in order to set courses, win races and stop calling Gene every Wednesday afternoon and Sunday morning during the season. All SLSC sailors are welcome. Be there or becalmed!

From the North

South on I-87 to the interchange with I-90. East on I-90 about a half mile to exit 2 (Washington Avenue/University at Albany). Right at the end of the exit ramp onto Washington Avenue. Turn left at the first traffic light onto
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The Club Needs You!!

Spring Work Party

Saturday, May 3rd

It's everybody's favorite work-party.
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.

Boat stickers, membership cards and pocket calendars will be given out.

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!

Commodore's Party

Friday, April 25th

at

**Manna's Restaurant & Banquet House
Ballston Spa, NY**

Cocktails at 6:30 PM

Dinner at 7:30 PM

Menu details at

sailsaratoga.org/events/2008/party.html

**RSVP to James and Molly Nicol by April 18th
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your calendars at home with some important upcoming events:

-- April 25th: The Commodore's party is at Manna's in Ballston Spa. Details are posted again in this Telltale and on-line in the calendar. Molly and I are looking forward to seeing you there.

-- April 27th: The Sailing / Racing Meeting on Sunday April 27th at 2pm at UAlbany CESTM. SLSC member Gene Auciello will give us a tour of the National Weather Center. Paul will fill us in on the 2008 sailing program.

-- May 3rd: Work Party (and May10th)

-- May 11th: 1st (sailing) race of the season!!
I hope I'll see you at each of these events.

Happy Spring!

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Fuller Road. Turn right at the next traffic light onto Tricentennial Drive. At the stop sign, turn right and follow the access road to the CESTM Building, #251. Park in any available spot.

From the South

North on I-87 (N.Y. State Thruway) to exit 24. East on I-90 about one mile to exit 2 (Washington Avenue/University at Albany). Right at the end of the exit ramp onto Washington Avenue. Turn left at the first traffic light onto Fuller Road. Turn right at the next traffic light onto Tricentennial Drive. At the stop sign, turn right and follow the access road to the CESTM Building, #251. Park in any available spot.

From the East

West on I-90 to exit 2 (Fuller Road). Left at the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp onto Fuller Road. Straight through the next traffic light at the intersection with Washington Avenue. Turn right at the next traffic light onto Tricentennial Drive. At the stop sign, turn right and follow the access road to the CESTM Building, #251. Park in any available spot.

From the West

East on I-90 (N.Y. State Thruway) to exit 24. Continue east on I-90 about one mile to exit 2 (Washington Avenue/University at Albany). Right at the end of the exit ramp onto Washington Avenue. Turn left at the first traffic light onto Fuller Road. At the stop sign, turn right and follow the access road to the CESTM Building, #251. Park in any available spot.

Zell's Zeal Seals the Deal at Gore Mountain Championships

By Paul Waterfield, Flag Lt. Race

North Creek, NY- Move over, John Kimball....there's a new Club Champ. Faced with another deep finish, typical of his results last summer, Jerry Zell poured it on in his second run to squeeze past Skip Parry on the treacherous Twin Fawns course at Gore Mountain and capture the inaugural SLSC Gore Mountain Championships. Parry, the presumptive winner after he smoked the race officer in the first of two runs, was devastated. Extensive preparation and wax testing didn't quite make up for Zell's quickness out of the start house. Skip's pain was eased somewhat by daughters Cameron and Caroline who along with Zell won individual Nastar Program Gold Medals.

Zell also anchored son Lou and wife Cara enroute to the Team title ahead of Bill, Leslie and Stefan Rafaniello in second and Skip, Melissa, Nick, Alex, Caroline and Cameron Parry in third. James, Molly, Emily and Sarah Nicol were fourth edging out the look-alike but not-related team of Gene Altman, Jim Fauci, Frank Lyons and Paul Waterfield. Rene Cooper served as coach and trainer.

Sadly, those of you who expected to catch the action on Wide World of Sports are going to be disappointed.



Team Champions...Jerry , Cara and Lou Zell



Gore Mtn Championship Participants

Announcement - All Club Laser Fleet Members To Be Given New Lasers

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We hope that got your attention, and we will do this as soon as we find a sponsor. This year we are going to promote people doing more sailing. Our Tuesday night informal coached sessions have continued to be popular and brought out more Laser sailors than another activity we have sponsored. We will continue this and once into the season see if people want to stay for dinner too.

Dave Burtis has offered to help fix up the several Lasers the club has acquired for use both by the Sailing School and by club members that want to try a Laser for a club race or just to have fun sailing a great boat. Anyone that would like to help Dave please contact him or me. We will start the work before docks in so that it is complete before the season is in full schedule. This helps balance the time for everyone.

On the competitive front the Saratoga Laser Derby this year is June 14. Our preference is for all fleet members to race but if you prefer not to race we need your help. Please contact me on this. The regattas close by are Willow Bank May 31, Ithaca June 7 and the Empire State Games July 24-26.

We are always looking for ideas to help people have more fun at the club and on their Lasers so send us your suggestions.

See you on the water soon! - **Allan Miller**

THISTLE FLEET 2008

Adirondack Thistle Fleet 147 is planning an active season of sailing and social events. At SLSC, in addition to our usual participation in Club sponsored Sunday and Wednesday racing, we will host two invitational Thistle regattas.

On the weekend of June 21-22 we will host the Adirondack Invitational Regatta. We have held this regatta each year for close to 20 years. Over this time, it has become one of the most popular Thistle regattas in the northeast, with attendance averaging about 25 boats, and attracting Thistle sailors from upstate New York, Long Island Sound, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

Later in the season, in October, we will host the Kayaderosseras Kup regatta, a part of the Thistle East Coast Fall Series. This end of the season regatta usually features strong (and sometimes cold) winds as well as our legendary hors d'oeuvre and dinner spread on Saturday night. (Last year a regatta visitor summed up his trip as "It's all about the food.")

Several fleet members will also go on the road to other Thistle regattas around the northeast, and to the National Championship Regatta, which will be held at Pensacola, FL in August.

Socially we will, as always, participate in the Club sponsored events on Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. We will, in addition, hold fleet sponsored potluck dinners and meetings throughout the year.

This year we will also be working on fleet growth by making a Thistle available to any Club members or friends who would like to try the boat out for a race or two. - **John Hudson**

On the Block

Flying Scot:

1999 Flying Scot sail number 5249 for sale.
Radical racing package w/ trailer- swim ladder and rail.

Like new reconditioned North sails with spinnaker.

Excellent shape. \$10,000

Contact Harry Redgrave 1-518-584-3769

Fireplace Poll

The executive board is considering restoring the fireplace in the house living room to working order. Two options are being considered.

- A log burning insert
- A gas log insert

If you have a preference, email Vic Roberts at slsc_house@sailsaratoga.org indicating your choice.

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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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