



Tell tale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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2008 Kestrel Regatta

By Ann Patman

July 26th dawned sunny and bright with the promise of good winds. The Kestrel Regatta got off to a rousing start with a breakfast coordinated by Joe Choi and an admonition from Race Committee Chair, Bruce Blackie, that all who had fun were to be disqualified. (Other members of the Race Committee who helped make the day problem-free were Al and Mary Jean Tedrow and Bill and Yvonne Barringer.) Fleet Captain, Tony Bianchini, reviewed the basic rules and we proceeded to get ready for the races. Morning winds ranged from 5-10 and three races were enjoyed. After a lunch provided by Mel and Nancy Chudzik, things got interesting as winds picked up, ranging from 12 to 20. Two more races were completed however, and the final results were as follows:

1st place - Walter Smith and crew Gene Auciello/Jeanne Auciello

2nd place - Joe Choi and crew Ed Lange

3rd place - John Collins and crew Bill Churchman

4th place - Tony Bianchini and crew Peter Render

Other participants were Ken and Erika Choi, Mel Chudzik and Aaron Holland, Bob Barringer and Brenda Johnson.

Empire State Games

By Allan Miller

The Sailors of the Adirondack region, all from SLSC, Sarah Nicol, James Nicol, Scott Meyer and me, distinguished themselves at this year's Empire State Games sailed at the Cornell Sailing Center on Cayuga Lake in Ithaca.

The weather was nearly perfect with winds ranging from very light to a few gusts into the 15 knots range over the three days of the regatta from July 24 to 26. The unexpected challenge was the weeds in the lake. Much worse than we have ever experienced in Saratoga Lake, successful performance was a combination of sharp eyes to spot the weed bunches that at times seemed to be just several yards apart, being able to clear the weeds off the centerboard then rudder and keep sailing fast in the right direction. If you had long arms this was just hard but if you could not reach the bottom of your rudder it was impossible.

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Labor Day Lobster Boil

Cocktails at 4:00PM Dinner at 5:00PM

Surf & Turf \$25

Lobster Dinner \$20

Steak Dinner \$15

Kids (Hot Dogs/Hamburgers) \$5

Extra Lobster \$15 / Extra Steak \$10

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Last names P - Z please help!

For reservations, call Shirley Waterfield
at 584-5552

or e-mail swaterf1@nycap.rr.com
by August 27.

Please be sure to remove all personal items from the refrigerator by the Wednesday before Labor Day. If you are bringing a dessert or appetizer that needs refrigeration please bring a cooler. We need all the refrigerator space for the meal!

Upcoming Events

Aug 9-10.....Flying Scot Invitational
Aug 14.....Board Meeting
Sept 6.....Board Sailing Regatta

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Unconquered, Conquered, Disappeared

By Hunter Currin

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Sunday, July 13th was a windy day at the club, but there were no storms and a race was held for those who chose to come.

Gene and Jeanne Auciello and I were among the "disappeared". We went out to my boat and finished a compass installation that Gene and Jeanne had started the day before. We raised the "blade" (or, storm jib), then decided it was a bit too much for this old boat and us. I have raced in such conditions before. In fact, my favorite photos of my boat were made of Jean Liska and I sailing under such conditions.

The race went on without us. Tony Bianchini and Gene decided that they would go out in the second rescue boat and soon after they got out there, Mel Chudzik, sailing with Gene and Jeanne's son, Mark, capsized and turtled. It was a long time before the rescuers and rescuees returned to shore as shown.

In the meantime, John Collins and Bill Churchman had a successful afternoon of sailing. The attached composite shows them returning after completing both races.



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Scott and I got the regatta off to a great start with a 3,2, 2 result for Scott and 2, 3, 3 for me on Thursday the first day of racing. James was really consistent with nearly every finish in the top 5. Friday brought 5 races and at the day's end our arms were so tired from clearing weeds we could hardly hold them up. Three races on Saturday morning topped off an 11 race series. Scott's great sailing of nearly all second places earned a silver medal with me trailing a little to win the Bronze. James's good finishes earned sixth place and Sarah fighting the weeds valiantly came in 11th. She gets the perseverance award. All in all a great performance from SLSC.



Flooding at the Club



July 4th BBQ



Sailing Program



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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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