



Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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From the Commodore

By James Nicol

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable holiday season, and are surviving the non-sailing months of the year with patience and good-humor. Our family managed to sneak in a little racing while visiting relatives in Savannah, Ga. on two Rhodes 19's in a fleet that sails regularly there year-round. It was quite a thrill to be on the starting line in late December. If you are doing any winter sailing, please send Fred Barker a report and some pictures for an upcoming Telltale.

2008 finished with a well-attended annual meeting in early December, at which the officers and board members presented their activities and accomplishments. 2008 was by every measure a very successful year, with major facility improvements made, an active racing season, successful sailing program, and enjoyable social events. I hope you've taken the opportunity to read the annual report attached to a recent e-mail sent by club secretary John Kimball. If you don't have access to e-mail, or couldn't access the document, the reports document is available at our website: <http://sailsaratoga.org/reports/index.html>, or contact John or myself for a copy.

We have some significant projects under consideration for 2009, including expansion of the sailing program, improvements to the upper barn and water system of the house, among others.

Perhaps THE most important event of the year in terms of the membership helping set the club's agenda, is the annual budget meeting on February 8th at 7pm. Last year, there was active discussion on a number of topics. Your input and feedback to the board is very important, so I would urge you to attend and participate.

Lastly, I want to be sure you set aside the date for the Commodore's Party: April 17th. The venue will again be Manna's, and I'm sure it will be as fun and enjoyable as 2008's dinner as we once again gear up for our sailing and racing season.

Upcoming Events

Jan 8.....Board Meeting
Feb 8.....Budget Meeting

Annual Budget Meeting

Sunday, February 8th
7:00pm
at
Our Clubhouse

Refreshments will be served!

Instructor Course

By Allan Miller

Sailing Instructor Course: Rachael Miller will teach a US Sailing Level 1 (basic Sailing Instructor) course this spring. The course would likely be four days around the May 8,9 or 15, 16 weekend.

Either Thursday Friday or Monday Tuesday and the weekend. We need to know your interest in attending. Please call Allan 885 5510 for information and to indicate your interest. There is a fee of around \$100.

Sailing School Boats in Need of Repair

Our sailing school has been thriving recently because we can offer a few boats to the students. The boats need some care and fixing. We need a few people to take on this task over the winter or early spring. If you have the skills and some time please volunteer for this.

Contact Allan @ 885-5510.

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Storing Lasers (any boat) for the Winter:

By Allan Miller

Most fiberglass boats, especially Lasers, are practically indestructible and maintenance-free, but not totally. Walking around the club I have noted that a number of Lasers (and other boats too) could be easily protected from the damage that sunshine (UV rays), cold temperature cycles and standing water can cause.

The safest storage for a Laser or any boat is to remove all the gear from the boat. Store the sail, lines and foils indoors. Drain the boat and remove the plug and inspection port(s) and store upside down and covered off the ground. If the boat is too large to turn over cover with a tarp that is angled to allow snow and rain to run off and not collect in the boat. Tilt the boat so any water that does accumulate can run out the stern.

The weather is not yet to cold to do this work comfortably. Stop procrastinating, go out before the football game and get this done. We want you out sailing next spring not fixing your boat.

Racing Rules Change for 2009

By Allan Miller

Are you interested in spending a few evenings in the late winter learning the new rules and Tactics and Strategy? Want to improve your racing results or just feel more comfortable out there during a race? I will organize a multi session seminar if there is sufficient interest.

We can also get a discounts on multiple copies of the Handy Rules in Brief and Dave Perry's Rules book. This is a great book for learning and using the rules and includes a complete copy of the new rules so you only need this one reference. There is also a short handy rules in brief card for handy reference (but please do not be reading it when you are near me sailing)

Send me a note if you want copies of the book or card and/or to participate in the seminar.

Email me at: allan.miller@ge.com



Rarely Used Laser?

Have a Laser that is never or rarely used and want to put it to great use? Donate it to the Club for use in our sailing school program.

You will feel great when you see our future sailing stars on the water.

Call Allan @ 441-3899.

On the Block

Lasers:

Excellent condition, all racing equipment, also Dolly, Top and Bottom Covers, Fin and Equipment bag. Choice of extra sail or Radial rig. \$2500 Call Allan @ 441-3899.

Looking for a Laser or know someone who is? I am matching boats available and people who want one. Call Allan @ 441-3899.

Sunfish:

Wanted - looking for a used Sunfish.
Please call Brian Rodems @ 584-0608

Sailing Program 09

By Skip Parry, Director of Sailing, SLSC Sailing School

Our club sailing program has been a mainstay of development, recreation and fun over the years dating back well into the 70's and prior. It is this history, which provides our foundation. As with most clubs, sustaining those efforts, as valuable as they are, is a challenge to each succeeding generation. Last year's program was a success providing some 48 participants opportunities to learn and develop their abilities. If we add the Stride Sail program, we as an organization actually provided those opportunities to another 15 kids impacting some 63 participants, which may well be a record. Thanks to all who made this possible under Tony Bianchini's leadership, and the support of the program committee, which is evolving still.

Last year's program turned a small profit while advancing our causes via modest investment in boats. Going forward, we can do better. Momentum needs to be maintained by further investing: capital (intellectual, administrative and financial), sweat equity (facilities, equipment and events), and volunteers (to coach, lend a hand on training days) in order to amplify our program in many areas. Again, as mentioned at the annual meeting, by no means do we have it perfected, and welcome volunteers, input and feedback. This year we seek to improve with the assistance of: Tony Bianchini, Allan Miller, Matt Sweeney, Devon Howe and Kathy Warlowe, Laura Rappaport, Mike Kitner, Jim Fauce and I. We met several times this fall to brainstorm scheduling, curriculum, needs, boats/facilities and invite you to join us for future efforts. Many of you have mentioned your interest, please contact/remind me to express how you would like to support.

Proposed schedule SLSC Sailing Program, Stay tuned for website posting of the details, thanks to the Howes: We will run five adult sessions in progression (Learning, Intermediate, Racing) from June 7 through July 10 in the evenings from 5-8:30pm. We will run three junior sessions in progression (Learning, Intermediate, Racing) from June 15 through August 14th with the last four weeks consisting of racing which is an extension over the prior effort and we think focuses the right attention on development.

We need you to get the word out to your family and friends to make for a good season.

Contact Skip Parry respecting the below: Sailsure08@nycap.rr.com
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Needs:

- Marketing materials and web posting for '09 program details underway
- Returning Instructors: Aaron Holland, David Nicol in addition to level one trained adults (Mothers day W/E)
- We need Boats, and repairs, refurbishment, sails, we have a line on modified rigs for Lasers
- Many other gestures surrounding, boats/equipment, racking, launching facility, instructional media for rain days, and parental if not club member support surrounding learn to sail.
- Not for Profit standing – pursuit
- Budgetary considerations tax structure etc.

Goals:

- More folks actively learning, sailing, racing existing fleets
- Interaction with other clubs, (regional) racing, social, etc
- Support our active club and associated fleets with crew, skippers,
 - Crew message board on the website
- Robust membership
- Establish a donation structure, which supports program for equipment, facilities, boats
- Become the sailing resource for the surrounding community.

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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
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