



Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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From the Commodore

By James Nicol

I'm sure you're just as happy as I am that the beginning of the season is only a few weeks away. We have some important events in the next 5 weeks I want to remind you of and to put on your calendar.

The Race Meeting is this coming weekend: April 5th at noon at the club. Since this edition of the Telltale may arrive after the event, you should have received an email from Flag Lt. Race Jim Benson.

Also at the Race Meeting, we'll discuss and vote on a Bylaw change concerning membership limits that was outlined in the March Telltale and at our website (click on Member Manual). I hope you can come and participate in the discussion.

The Commodore's Ball is April 17th at Manna's in Ballston Spa. Reservations are steadily coming in. We do have limit on seating, so don't delay, email (jnicol12211@yahoo.com) or phone me (518-449-3537) with your reservation. We expect a good crowd, good LIVE music and good fun, so I hope you can make it. Details on the event are at our website.

The Spring Work Parties are set for the two Saturdays May 2nd and May 9th. I can't stress strongly enough how important it is that you participate in one or more work parties each year. Doing so is a requirement of membership as set forth in the by-laws. Without your help, the club has to spend scarce funds on outside contractors. So the expectation of you as a member is that you schedule other events around the work parties so that you can satisfy this obligation. If you have unavoidable scheduling conflicts with our work parties, please email Gene and Jeanne Auciello (slsc_grounds@sailsaratoga.org) to let them know that you'd like to contribute another time. And by the way, work parties are not only about heavy lifting. There are many other jobs to be done requiring no exertion that help get the club ready for the season. Thanks for your understanding...and help.

First race is May 10th. As of this Saturday, its only 35 days away! We can make it...

Upcoming Events

April 15..... Dues Deadline
April 17.....Commodore's Ball

The Club Needs You!!

Spring Work Parties

Saturday, May 2nd & Saturday, May 9th

It's everybody's favorite work-parties.

Mark them 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 Ball "A Touch of Scotland"

Friday, April 17th

6:30 pm

at

**Manna's Restaurant
& Banquet House**

In Ballston Spa

Invitations will be mailed

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Lower Barn

The disassembly and removal of the lower barn finally started on March 25, and should be completed by the time you read this. The photos below show progress for the first two days. Photos taken after this edition of the Telltale went to press are posted at the SLSC Yahoo Groups web site: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SaratogaSLSC/>. Once the barn has been removed, we plan to fill in the old foundation, grade the site, and install an electrical service panel for members who are working on boats in the meadow. Until work on the site has been completed, the foundation area will remain very dangerous. During this period, please be careful around the barn site and do not let any children play in the area.



March 25, 2009



March 26, 2009

Spring Work Party

We have a number of repair projects for the Spring Work Party which go beyond the normal cleaning and painting type of work. People who may have the skills and interest to work on these projects may want to sign up in advance, which will give them the opportunity to bring the tools they will need for these jobs. I therefore plan to post the list on the web so that members can review the tasks prior to the May 2nd and 9th work parties, and sign up in advance for specific tasks. Due to the need to make frequent changes to the list, I have decided to post the list on a web site that I can access frequently. The link to the list is www.kathleenodonnellroberts.com/SLSC2009Spring.pdf. This link can also be found on the SLSC web site.

High Speed Internet

As many of you know from the e-mail I sent out, we have installed high speed wireless Internet service (WiFi) at the club. The WiFi signal is currently available at all locations in the house, in the parking circle, the upper lawn and much of the lower lawn. Once the sailing season starts, we will test other locations for the wireless router to see if we can extend the WiFi signal to the remainder of the lower lawn and the docks, as has been requested by some members. There is currently no wired access point in the house, though one can be added if members without wireless cards in their laptops request one. (The location of any wired access point will probably be the dining room or kitchen.) To prevent use of our wireless service by our neighbors or other non-members, we have password-protected access to our WiFi signal. The password and other information required to connect your laptop to our router has been distributed to all members via e-mail. It will not be repeated here because this document is available to members of the public via our website. Please contact me by e-mail or telephone if you need the password, or help configuring your computer to work at the club.

Please be responsible with the use of our Internet connection. Downloading of any material protected by Copyright is prohibited. Please do not use the service for peer-to-peer file sharing services, or for any type of Internet-based telephone service, such as Skype or Vonage. Our cable service does not include TV service. Please do not try to connect a TV to the cable.

SLSC Water System

I want to add two more cautionary statements about our new water system, which was discussed in detail in last month's Telltale. First, the reverse osmosis system produces only 50 gallons of water a day, and has a 15-gallon water storage tank. This is certainly sufficient if we use the water only for drinking and cooking. Please do not use water from the special reverse osmosis unit, which will be identified with a sign, for washing dishes, and please remember to turn it off after use. The 15 gallon tank can be drained quite quickly if the faucet is left on. Second, the liquid chlorine solution used to disinfect our water is stored in a plastic tank in the basement. This tank contains conventional laundry bleach, diluted 1:10 with water, so it is no more dangerous than using bleach to do your laundry. Do not add anything to the tank except for water and conventional laundry bleach, as addition of certain other chemicals could cause the release of toxic chlorine gas. Only people who are responsible for maintaining the system, and who understand how to mix the chlorine solution for the tank, should add anything to the tank. A warning sign will be posted on the tank.

Ensign Fleet News

By Bruce Blackie

The Ensign fleet at the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club continues to grow and now numbers sixteen boats. Several of the new arrivals have been extensively refurbished as sailing club members have sought out launch-ready boats rather than embarking upon a do-it-yourself rebuilding process. For those with the time, energy and talent, the transformation of #177 by Dave Miller can be a real inspiration as to what can be accomplished in turning a somewhat run-down boat into a solid, gleaming beauty.

Fleet 72 continues to be active in the Sailing Club race program, and the Ensign fleet was a close second to the Flying Scot fleet in the number of qualifying skippers in the various racing series. Bruce Blackie and principle crew Jerry Griggs again parlayed their many years of sailing experience into first place finishes in the three summer series, but by ever diminishing margins. Co-owners Tony Cannone and Fred Barker and the team of Jim Ferris and Garrett Hamlin are always in the hunt along with Hunter Currin with crew Gene and Jeanne Auciello. On the race course when ever time permits, Al and Mary Jean Tedrow, Skip McEwing and Jim Fauci are always a competitive threat. The spirit of "wait until next year" is a valid battle cry for all.

One of the most rewarding activities for the Ensign fleet this past summer was our involvement with STRIDE, an organization that promotes athletic opportunities for individuals with disabilities. STRIDE and the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club conducted sailing instruction and a concluding regatta all of which were sailed in Ensigns and Flying Scots. All of the STRIDE participants had time at the helm and various crew positions, and the enthusiasm and smiles of the participants was a rich reward.

Fleet members continue to enjoy an abundance of day sailing activity and the fleet continues to play a leading role in the spring and fall mooring area maintenance activities for the Club. We are proud of the work and effort that Vic Roberts #150 put into the organization and hosting of the Ensign Sailors discussion group which is available through the Ensign Class Association website.

This coming sailing season, we have scheduled an Ensign Regatta for Saturday, September 12, and plans are underway for a group sail and raft-up in July and August. After what seems like a long cold winter, none of this can come too soon.

Traffic Safety Push

A March 17th Daily Gazette article reports that according to Sgt. Daniel Larkin, traffic safety coordinator for state police Troop G, "the five-mile stretch of Route 9 between downtown Malta and Saratoga Springs will be the target of a state traffic safety corridor crackdown this spring and summer."

Since this includes the portion of Rt 9 that intersects with Malta Ave Ext, club members are reminded to drive safely and obey posted speed limits when heading to the club.

From the Membership Chairs

Barbara is asking that all information is included on the Renewal Information Sheets and that people write LEGIBLY!!! Thank you.

On the Block

Flying Scot:

Hull #4406. Excellent condition, crisp main & jib, spinnaker, additional older main & jib for cruising, trailer, full top cover for boat on trailer, additional mooring cover, anchor, fender. \$4900

Call Fred @ 518-852-4629

Saratoga PLAN Hike

By James Nicol

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SLSC hosted a group of 30 intrepid hikers on a very cold but bright day at the end of February. A highly knowledgeable guide from Saratoga PLAN, Andy Fyfe, did a great job leading the way and pointing out signs of wildlife along the shore and up Drummond Creek, which is about 1000 yards north of the boat hoist. John Collins, Emmett McCarthy, Molly and myself represented SLSC.

As you may remember from last year, Saratoga PLAN purchased a large tract of land to the north of our property. Their primary mission is conservation (SLSC member Mike Funk is on their Board) so we are very pleased to have them as neighbors to protect the beauty of Manning Cove.



A Different Summer School - Saratoga Sailing**By Skip Parry**

Enrollment has begun for our 09 season and by the time this goes to print our new website should be up and running with cost and enrollment info through the club site at the "Sailing Instruction" link. Please help spread the word and we certainly would like to see members enrolled first, followed by referrals from our membership. This is truly a unique experience and perfect for those seeking something truly different this summer. Our overall objective is a safe fun learning environment to enhance our racing and sailing outlook. That in mind, our first Adult Learn to sail sessions will begin in early June to provide graduates with crewing opportunity throughout the season. As students progress they may wish to take the helm during our regular Weds and Sunday racing series', not to mention regattas throughout the summer. The first Junior Learn-to-Sail will be in mid June to allow those kids from schools out early the opportunity to pursue racing, as crew or skippers, and to enter the next level courses throughout the summer. See schedules below.

Any additional info is obtained via Skip Parry Ph: 518-583-0805 Email: Sailsure08@nycap.rr.com

Adult Learn-To-Sail	1-week, M, T, W, Th, F	June 7 - June 12	5 – 8:30pm
Adult Intermediate Sailing	1-week, M, T, W, Th, F	June 15 - June 19	5 – 8:30pm
Adult Intermediate Sailing	1-week, M, T, W, Th, F	June 22 – June 26	5 – 8:30pm
Adult Learn-To-Sail	1-week, M, T, W, Th, F	June 29 – July 3	5 – 8:30pm
Adult Intermediate Sailing	1-week, M, T, W, Th, F	July 6 – July 10	5 – 8:30pm

Junior Learn-To-Sail	2-weeks, M, T, W, Th, F	June 15 – June 26	9am – 4pm
Junior Learn-To-Sail	2-weeks, M, T, W, Th, F	June 29 – July 10	9am – 4pm
Junior Intermediate Sailing	1-week, M, T, W, Th, F	July 13 – July 17	9am – 4pm
Junior Racing – Week 1	3-days, T, W, Th	July 20 – July 24	1pm – 4pm
Junior Racing – Week 2	3-days, T, W, Th	July 27 – July 31	1pm – 4pm
Junior Racing – Week 3	3-days, T, W, Th	Aug. 3 – Aug. 7	1pm – 4pm
Junior Racing – Week 4	3-days, T, W, Th	Aug.10 – Aug. 14	1pm – 4pm

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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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