



Tell tale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

Web page: sailsaratoga.org



June, 2009

From the Commodore

By James Nicol

Thanks to all those who made Memorial Day and the Champagne Brunch another wonderful SLSC social event. Team Shirley all worked hard to put on a magnificent spread. A number of people want that French Toast recipe. The weather helped, but the entire club was looking really spectacular. Particular thanks to Kathy, Vic and Gene for their hard work and TLC of our house and grounds.

But thanks also go to all those who contributed at the Spring work parties a month ago. It was your hard work that gets the club back into shape each year again and clears away the grime of the winter. Attendance at one or the other work party was strong -- Gene Auciello has more details below. It would be nice to see 100% of the membership share the workload evenly, so if you missed both sessions, please offer your time as other work parties are needed throughout the year.

Speaking of improvements to the club, good progress is being made with the special projects the membership
(Continued on Page 2)

Champagne Brunch 2009

By Shirley Waterfield

Holy sausages! Where did all these people come from? This was by far the largest Champagne Brunch we've ever had, with 190 sailors and families. What a turnout! And what a beautiful warm day it was- the best spring has to offer. Many of you stayed to relax afterwards, and enjoy the sun and lake for the afternoon.

Thank you to *everyone* who took their turn at helping with this event. Thanks to the Blackies for helping with the shopping, and Dan and Joan Goldstein for volunteering to take your money. The Auciello, Roberts, Cook, Flanigan, Koiner, Adomat, Barringer, Miller, Burr, Choi, Corwin, Davis, Foster, Clark, Currin, and Reagan families all lent a huge amount of support, from Sunday afternoon preparation, cutting up fruit (no small task!), cooking eggs and sausage, plating all the pastries, cheeses, coffee cakes, donuts, etc., and very importantly cleaning up afterwards, all did a wonderful job! Thanks so much for making this happen. I apologize if I forgot to mention anyone.

(Continued on Page 2)

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
G through L
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 2nd.**

Adults: \$14.00 Children: \$7.00

**Notice: Please remove all personal food & beverage
from the club refrigerators by July 1st or it will be
removed to make room for the event food.**

Upcoming Events

June 20-21.....Thistle Adirondack Invitational
July 4.....Chicken BBQ
July 11.....Kestrel N. American Championship

What's Inside?

Laser Fleet News.....Page 2
Miserable Voyage.....Page 3
House Matters.....Page 4
Abandoned Boats.....Page 4
On the Block.....Page 4
Work Parties.....Page 5

From the Commodore (Continued from Page 1)

approved at the budget meeting. A quick re-cap follows:

- Exterior Painting of the Large Barn has been completed (and it looks great - thanks Menno)
- Water System Improvements have been completed, as Vic has reported
- The Boat Park received additional fill
- Construction is underway on an extension for the North Ramp, and it should be installed soon
- Peter Renders is evaluating some potential motor boats for purchase -- probably a used boat with a 4 stroke engine
- The Lower Barn was removed on-time and within budget (\$00.00!) and the foundation was removed and graded
- Dave Hudson built his annual quota of new dock sections which went in at the work party.

So, good progress to report and spending forecasts are within budget.

The sailing school is ready to gear up again. As Sailing School Director Skip Parry has reported over the winter, we have a re-vamped and expanded program that we hope is going to enable SLSC-trained sailors to become more active and proficient sailors and racers. A new batch of freshly US-Sailing-certified instructors (including yours truly) completed their training under the excellent care of Rachael Miller over two weekends this Spring, who are in place to assist instructors Aaron Holland and David Nicol. Student applications are coming in, so we hope for another successful program this year.

Please plan to come out to the 4th of July festivities.

Happy sailing, James

Champagne Brunch (Continued from Page 1)

July Fourth will be here soon. We encourage you to volunteer to help with this event, even if you are not in the last name G – L category. Every member family is expected to help with one of the three social events at the club. Please note that it is easier for the money taker (and treasurer) if you pay by check instead of cash.

*Climb aboard a sailing boat
We're racing on our lake.
We're round the mark for one last time,
Whatever place, we'll take!*

Willowbank Yacht Club Laser Regatta

By our Special Correspondent

Allan Miller and James Nicol competed in the Willowbank Yacht Club laser Regatta on May 30. WYC is in the heart of the village of Cazenovia NY, about 15 miles south-east of Syracuse and on the shore of Cazenovia Lake, a fantastic spot for a day of racing.

The lake is about half the size of ours, so the winds are even more shifty than we are accustomed to, particularly when blowing from the west, which was the predominant direction (of many) on Saturday, at about 10-15. The race committee did a great job dealing with the shifts, even at one point moving the line 90 degrees around the windward mark to avoid a straight reach to it. There were 5 races, and your SLSC contingent sailed well in tuning up for our Laser regatta on June 6th. Both had a number of good finishes despite a couple of capsizes. James realized he needs a new hiking strap after somersaulting out of his boat 200 yards before the finish of one race in which he was standing 4th. In another, Allan was run down by a sailor who hadn't discovered the port/starboard concept yet. Allan filled him in.

But a great day was had by all 21 sailors. Allan and James hope to see several WYC sailors at Saratoga this weekend so we can return their great hospitality.



The Story of Our Most Miserable Voyage Ever:

**The delivery of our 1983 C&C 29 Mark II, Vixen, from Boston to Haverstraw.
(April 18-26, 2009)**

By Ed Lange

Over the years, we have sailed thousands of miles. But this 300-mile, 9-day delivery voyage ranks as the most miserable we have ever taken. I won't bore you with the daily log, but just summarize some of the highlights and lowlights of the voyage.

Let it be said that April cannot be recommended as a month to make such a trip – in the northeast. This opinion is reinforced by the fact that we saw only ONE other sailboat on the water during the entire journey until we reached the Hudson River and 80 degree temperatures last weekend. That one other sailboat was a J-105 without sails and clearly on a delivery as well. In fact, during one rough and rainy day on LI Sound, a research vessel from NOAA pulled alongside to ask if we were OK. I guess they thought that any recreational vessel out in those conditions might be in trouble. (Thank you to them!) But I assured them we were fine except for being very cold and wet.

So what's the summary? Very cold. And even colder with the wind on our nose. And colder at night. Rainy, wet, and sometimes foggy. A few days of brutal winds and seas. And cold. Requiring multiple layers of clothing, thermal underwear, winter parka and winter gloves when at the helm. Not a single marina was operating at full service. Not one. We weren't able to fill our water tank until we had reached Mystic, CT. Diesel fuel was easier to obtain because of the number of commercial fishing boats in operation. Holding tank pump-outs? Not until our trip was half over. Moorings? Only Newport's moorings were fully operational. Others, e.g., in Plymouth and Little Neck Bay had no mooring tackle, so we had to snag the mooring by its hardware and rig our own lines.

And the boat, Vixen, has quite a few leaks around various portlights, hatches, and the mast partner. This made for cold, wet clothing and gear. Now that the boat is at its homeport, I'll be able to caulk the leaks, but the cold, wet, and salt prevented repair while at sea. So we covered and bagged everything with plastic bags, which Linda had brought along in profusion (well done, Linda!).

The final ignominy. After voyaging 270 miles, the diesel engine decided to quit somewhere south of NYC's George Washington Bridge. But I came prepared with spare parts and filters! I replaced both the primary and secondary fuel filters, bled the system of air. But the engine still wouldn't start. It may be the fuel pump and I hadn't brought a spare for that. So we sailed up the river and were able to reach the Tappan Zee Bridge at Tarrytown just before sunset. We anchored under sail and spent the night only 10 miles from our final destination after traveling 290 miles! Arrrggghhhh!

Highlights

- the boat is going to be a fine one for us after I attend to some fairly minor issues. Vixen is solid, simple, basic, and easy to handle.
- Linda and I had fun together, in spite of the conditions, and while we cursed the weather, we were able to laugh through it all
- an excellent tour of NY City coming down the East River, rounding the tip of Manhattan and then heading up the Hudson. Seeing Lady Liberty, Ellis Island, etc.
- the new Garmin GPS I bought (a fabulous, but discontinued model on eBay). Awesome, incredible. And made even better by borrowing a detailed chip for the entire region from my bro-in-law, Fred.
- a hot shower at Mystic, CT

Lowlights

- the weather. Two travel days lost completely: one to dense fog, the other to opposing gale winds and seas. Temperatures ranged from the low 30s to the low 90s on our final day – a 60 degree temperature span!
- some very long travel days, two of which were more than 12 hours underway
- the skipper not having bought enough alcohol for the alcohol stove – hence running out of warm food and drink three days early.
- Lots of Linda's clothing got wet ... and her bedding.

But... we voyaged in a seamanlike manner and made it safely home. That's really ALL that matters.

House Matters

June 2009

By Vic Roberts, Flag Lt House

Lake Water Intake

You may have noticed the two poles with red and white bands sticking out of the water about 90 feet off the beach in front of the house. These mark the location of our new lake water intake and filter. The filter is a 13 inch diameter fiberglass cylinder that is about 13 inches long. It is mounted on an iron stand that holds the bottom of the filter about 8 inches above the bottom of the lake. The top of the filter is, therefore, about 21 inches above the bottom of the lake, and not far below the surface of the lake, especially when the water level in the lake is low, as it was early in this season.

At least one member has run into the marker poles so far this season. The poles are being replaced with two bright yellow “hippity-hop” style marker buoys, which should be a bit more tolerant of collisions than the poles, which were rigidly mounted to the water filter support frame. However, remember that the buoys are not the obstruction. They mark an obstruction that lies hidden below the surface of the lake, ready to catch your boat or board, and perhaps spill you into the water. If you do fall right above the filter or support frame, you could be injured. Please do not sail near the marker buoys.

Furniture

The furniture in the house is used by members, guests, regatta participants and their families, and sailing school students. With all this use, it wears out much faster than furniture in a typical home, and we are always interested in used furniture that is still in good condition. If you have extra furniture, perhaps because you are combining households, or downsizing, or redecorating, please contact me or Kathy Johnston to see if we can use what you may wish to donate. However, please do not bring furniture to the club without checking with us first, as we have limited space and usually need only certain types of furniture.

SLSC Kayak & Canoe Trip

A kayak and canoe trip is being planned for SLSC members on Saturday, June 27.

The trip will depart the club at 10:30 a.m. The group will kayak north towards Fish Creek—the destination is the Harvest & Hearth Restaurant at the Fish Creek Marina located directly across the creek from the Skidmore boathouse on County Route 67, Stafford Bridge Road. The trip north is 3.75 miles (2 miles to the state boat launch on Route 9P, and 1.75 miles to the Fish Creek Marina).

Reservations are required for lunch. For trip information and lunch reservations, please contact Gene & Jeanne Auciello.

Marooned in the Meadow

By Gene & Jeanne Auciello, Flag Lts. Grounds

At the May 9th work party, Hunter Currin photographed several abandoned sailboats in the meadow. If you own one of these boats and are planning to keep it in the meadow, please attach a 2009 SLSC boat decal to the starboard bow. If you prefer to remove the boat, please do so at your earliest convenience. You may also donate your boat to the Sailing School—call Vice Commodore Tony Bianchini for details. 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

Puffin:

14' 6" dinghy w/ sails & oars.
Excellent condition; used twice. \$2000
Call 802-645-0213

Thanks for Your Support

Thanks to the following individuals who took time from their busy schedules to fulfill their membership obligation by attending one or both of the Spring work parties.

Work Party #1 – May 2 (Members attending: 104...representing 86 individual/family memberships.)

Emmett McCarthy was the first to sign-up at 6:50 a.m. followed by Jeanne & Gene Auciello, Barbara Prince-Miller, Dave Hudson, Bill Barringer, John Sweeney, Dan Lacey, Brian Rodems, James Nicol, Devon Howe, Charles & Kathy Koinos, Fred Barker, Carmelo Kona, Doug McGivney, Jim Kokernak, Michael Perrotti, Dan French Jr., David Townsend, Vic & Kathy Roberts, Tony Bianchini, Charlie Smith, John Ward, David Burtis, Garrett Hamlin, Barry Maisel, Allan & Mary Jean Tedrow, Steve Hadcock, Tony Cannone, Mary Kate McCarty, Tom Adomat, Ann Patman, Tom Neufeld, Lois & Allan Foster, Howard & Emily Hart, Carroll Cook, RPI, Jerry Zell, Ed Lange, Joe & Pat Boudreau, Bob Glasser, Bob Krull, David Miller, Mel Chudzik, Frank Lyons, Anthony Benson, Scott Meyer, J.T. Fahy, Al & Susan Easton, Janet & Bill Hamilton, Thad Mirer, Dan Luttinger, Jim Fauci, Dan Mehlman, Mennon Burmeister, John Keller, Lois Haignere, Joan Link, Charles Kite, Kevin & Ellen Boyle, Michael Flanigan, Glenn Miner, Leslie Rafaniello, Bill Dever, Rick Ansaldo, Michael Cusick, Robert Barringer, Bernie Zabek, Ann Williams, Pete Ebert, Greg Tkai, Dan French, Art Bray, Joe Choi, Diane Mastin, Walter Smith, Harry Redgrave, Gwynfor Gummer, Sue & John Moses, Bruce & Nancy Blackie, Jerry & Kathy Clark, Laura Ademan (Skidmore), Norman Strominger, Nelson Snowden, Fred Burgess, Stephen Olsen, Tom Best (Skidmore), Jim Benson, Marion, Rex & Grace Smith, and Skip McEwing.

Work Party #2 – May 9 Members attending: 81...representing 65 individual/family memberships (24 of the 65 memberships at work party #2 also attended work party #1).

Jeanne & Gene Auciello were the first to sign-up at 7:00 a.m. followed by Matthew Sweeney, Vic Roberts, Dave Hudson, Brian Rodems, Skip, Nick & Alex Parry, Bruce Zeisel, Jay Gallagher, Tony Bianchini, Tom Harfmann, Paul & Shirley Waterfield, Michael Funk, Josh Nixon, Diane & Carmelo Kona, Tom Threlkeld, Mark Levenson, Chuck Batzinger, Allan Miller, Monica Riccardi, Bruce Blackie, Jim Benson, Dan French, Jerry Burr, Chris Smith, Daniel French Jr., Chris Nellisson, Greg Tkai, Bob Williams, Monica Riccardi, Joe Choi, Don Railton, Todd Crouch, Tim Clune, Bruce & Cynthia Herbach, Charlie Koinos, Bill & Trisha Regan, Mary Kate McCarty, Harry Stein, Gene Altman, John Karling, John Kimball, John Holmes, Lorrie Anthony, Ken Choi, Allan & Mary Jean Tedrow, Doug, Ian & Hannah Davis, Michael Kitner, Kim & Trevor Powers, Marion & Rex Smith, Andy Nolte, Peter & Ann Seidman, Steve Fletcher, the McCulloch family, John Gallagher, Samantha Butler, Janet & Bill Hamilton, Barry Maisel, Dan Lacey, Emmett McCarthy, Carroll Cook, Kelly Carrone & David Podrid, Dave Miller, Skip McEwing, Tom Walker, Bill Dever, and Hunter Currin.

SLSC does not have paid professional staff and relies on the active participation of its members to maintain the club facilities. In addition to the two Spring work parties, there are special projects throughout the season and one work party in the Fall scheduled for Saturday, October 17. According to SLSC Bylaws, each member is expected to contribute their time to work parties and other activities of the club. Thanks again to all for the work they accomplished.



2009 OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

Commodore.....	James Nicol
slsc_commodore@sailsaratoga.org.....	449-3537
Vice Commodore.....	Tony Bianchini
slsc_vicecommodore@sailsaratoga.org.....	583-4514
Rear Commodore.....	Dave Hudson
slsc_rearcommodore@sailsaratoga.org.....	370-4894
Secretary.....	John Kimball
slsc_secretary@sailsaratoga.org.....	439-1174
Treasurer.....	Bruce Blackie
slsc_treasurer@sailsaratoga.org.....	583-0759
Flag Lt. Boats.....	Peter Renders
slsc_boats@sailsaratoga.org.....	583-7855
Flag Lt. Grounds.....	Gene & Jeanne Auciello
slsc_grounds@sailsaratoga.org.....	583-9558
Flag Lt. House.....	Vic Roberts
slsc_house@sailsaratoga.org.....	399-4410
Flag Lt. Race.....	Jim Benson
slsc_race@sailsaratoga.org.....	882-6267
Membership.....	Allan Miller & Barbara Prince-Miller
slsc_membership@sailsaratoga.org.....	885-5510
Newsletter/Publicity.....	Fred Barker
slsc_publicity@sailsaratoga.org.....	355-7581
Sailing Program.....	Tony Bianchini
slsc_sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org.....	583-4514
Social.....	Shirley Waterfield
slsc_social@sailsaratoga.org.....	584-5552
Historian.....	Randall Rice
.....	785-7965
House Attendant.....	Kathy Johnston
kmorrisjohnston@aol.com.....	583-9646
House Phone.....	584-9659

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
	583-0759
Flying Dutchman.....	Bill Hamilton
	877-5203
Flying Scot.....	Rob Hayes
	429-5002
Kestrel.....	Tony Bianchini
	583-4514
Laser.....	Alan Miller
	885-5510
Sailboards.....	Dick Blackmer
	399-0541
Thistle.....	John Hudson
	374-0228