



Tell tale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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From the Commodore

By James Nicol

I had the greatest pleasure in participating in two events over Labor Day that reminded me what a special place we have in our sailing club.

On Saturday, Mary Ellen Whitney joined Skip Parry and his family, and a number of other families of kids with disabilities, at the Club for the STRIDE sailing regatta. After a sumptuous feast of burgers and dogs, 7 boats, in most cases skippered by the kids, competed in 2 closely matched races in front of the club. I will most remember the smiles and cheers of skippers and crew, from all the boats and regardless of finishing position. They were just thrilled to be out there and having the time of their lives. We are fortunate to be able to help this worthy cause and share this opportunity for the kids to develop skills and self-esteem.

Monday was of course the annual Lobster Boil. We had a great turnout in fine weather. As I spoke that day about the fine health of the club (which our treasurer Bruce Blackie said reminded him of Bernie Madoff's last annual report! -- thanks Bruce) we were once again treated to the sounds of a lone bagpiper on the dock. Again, I have to give credit to Greg Tkai for arranging it -- who I must say has great taste in friends. The food was fantastic, and although we must thank the many cooks, dish washers, helpers, grillers and lobster boilers who made it all possible, it was once again Field Marshal Shirley who made it look easy. Thanks, Shirley, and as you retire from the chairperson's seat on the social committee to cook for 2 rather than 200, you have set a very high standard for SLSC events to come.

We still have several weeks of sailing to come, and hopefully the best of the year. I personally look forward to the Indian Summer Regatta, when just staying upright on my Laser is the goal for the day, and when I know that that evening, I will be sore from head to toe and fall asleep before 9 with a smile on my face, just like those Stride kids.

Upcoming Events

Oct 3-4.....Thistle Kaydeross Cup
Oct 10-11.....Indian Summer Regatta
Nov 7.....Awards Party

The Club Needs You!

Fall Work Party, Sat Oct. 17

Mark it on your calendar now.

We need your help.

Work parties form from 8:00 to 9:00 am.

If you are working outside, bring gloves, hammers, crowbars, pliers, rakes, wetsuits and waders.

It's part of your obligation as a member, and yes, we do take names!

Good work, good fellowship and good food.

We'll see you there!

SLSC Annual Awards Dinner

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2008

at Wheatfields, 440 Broadway, Saratoga Springs

6:00PM Cash Bar

7:00PM Dinner

Choice of

8oz NY Strip Steak with Ziti & Pink Sauce

Holland Sole over Risotto

Grilled Chicken Marsala over Angel Hair Pasta

Dessert: Chocolate Mousse or Tiramisu

Price is \$35.00 per person

Reservations and Menu Choice by Nov 2nd to
The Bensons at cbensonfly@aol.com or 518-822-6267

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Fall Work Party (Docks Out) Saturday, October 17

Grounds – Gene Auciello

The SLSC Fall Work Party (Docks Out) is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, starting at 8:00 a.m. The club does not have paid professional staff and relies on the active participation of its members to maintain the club facilities. Since tools and gardening implements are limited, members are requested to bring work gloves, tools, rakes, tarps, and any other equipment you plan to use during the day.

This Fall, a 17-yard roll off dumpster will be ordered to cut-up and dispose of five derelict boats abandoned in the meadow. Members with Sawzall reciprocating saws are requested to report to the meadow, along with extension cords and safety glasses. Light duty respirators will be available for those who need them.

Additionally, four loads of stone will be delivered to the boat park the week before the work party. Members with boats at the north end of the boat park by the ramp and crane—specifically the Kestrel and Thistle rows—are requested to remove their boats from this area on or before Columbus Day, October 12. Boats not removed will be relocated to the lower lawn.

As usual, breakfast and lunch will be served to all participants.

House – Vic Roberts

In addition to normal clean-up work in the house, we have some projects that we do only once or twice a year, and a couple of one-time jobs. One of the most important once-a-year tasks is to decommission the lake water input line for the house. This includes turning off the lake water pump, removing the filter unit and intake hose from the lake, disassembling the water intake filter, cleaning it, replacing the filter media, reassembling the unit so it is ready for next spring, and then storing the filter assembly and its stand, and the water line in the barn loft. In the Spring, we put the whole system back in the lake.

In the house we need to completely clean the range hood and its grease filters, check the hood fan belt and replace it if it is worn, vacuum the condenser coils under the refrigerator in the kitchen, thoroughly clean the stove, check all the GFCI outlets in the kitchen to make sure they are functioning properly, check the smoke detectors, and check for burned out light bulbs throughout the house. These jobs are typically done twice a year: Spring and Fall.

We also have two small one-time jobs. The first is to stuff fiberglass batting into the fireplace flues to prevent loss of hot air during the winter. (Our fireplaces have been taken out of commission due to the condition of the flues, but the flues have not been sealed, since we may want to renovate them in the future.) The second is to remove the old lake water pressure tank from the basement and

carry it to the dumpster. This job will require less than 30 minutes, but will require 3 or 4 people.

If you are interested in any of these projects, please contact Vic Roberts at 399-4410 or by e-mail using the link on the SLSC website.

Additional house projects will be posted in the house on the day of the work party.

Labor Day 09

By Shirley Waterfield

Once again, our weather expert, Gene Auciello, didn't let us down- it was another beautiful sunny warm day for our last big social event of the season. About 180 sailors, crews, families and friends gathered to enjoy the company and food on grounds that, as always, Kathy Johnston had in tiptop shape.

Our money and ticket couple, Randy and Ellie Rice, are always a welcome sight. Isn't it a pleasure to hand them your money?

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare, cook, grill, serve, and clean up another huge meal. The refrigerator (once again) was near empty and clean (Gene should be cloned). Thanks to Harry Redgrave for organizing the tent setup. Food preparation and setup was great, thanks to Cathy Roberts, Kathy Koines, Monica Riccardi, Emmett McCarthy, Joyce Gummer, Cindy Benson, Molly Nicol, Greg Tkai, Darla and Bernie Zabek and Mary Kate McCarty, making Monday was relaxed and enjoyable for everyone. Except if you were on the pit crew. Only kidding. That team has things down to a science. I have yet to figure out how they get it all done by serving time, with steaks perfectly grilled and lobsters and corn steaming hot. The Hudson (thanks, Amy!), Koines, Miner, Flanigan, Smith, Benson, Bray, Sweeney, Neufeld, Zabek and Waterfield group – BIG THANKS! Not easy for a dinner party of 12, much less 180. Clean up is a challenge, and once again Vic Roberts (who has done an unbelievable job as House Lieutenant) headed up this effort. I know there are names I have forgotten to list, but please know that every one is appreciated for their efforts.

The day was capped off by the sounds of the bagpipes coming from the dock- a perfect ending thanks to Greg Tkai. He didn't actually play the bagpipes, but arranged for them.

Several events are coming up- The Indian Summer Regatta on Oct. 10-11, the Fall Work Party on October 17, the Awards dinner on Nov. 7 and the annual meeting on Dec. 6. We look forward to seeing you then!

Ensign Regatta

By Bruce Blackie

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The first annual Ensign Regatta was held on Saturday September 12. Eleven boats from the SLSC Ensign Fleet participated in the race series and all in attendance declared the event to be a tremendous success in all aspects.

Four races were held with winds generally steady all day from the NNE in the 12 to 15 mph range which virtually guaranteed close competitive Ensign racing. After the first morning race, a slight drizzle of rain and a darkening of the skies said it was time to return to shore for lunch and give the weather a chance to settle down. After lunch, the fleet returned to the course for three more races. With a very steady wind direction and true courses set by the race committee, the dilemma for the competitors was to decide which side of the course offered the best wind pressure. When it was all over and the points tallied, the first place finishers were co-owners Tony Cannone and Fred Barker, with Al Tedrow in second place and Jim Ferris in third. There was great competition throughout the fleet. Only one point separated Al from Jim in the leaders group and the separation between sixth position and tenth position was a total of six points.

Bill & Yvonne Barringer assembled a top-notch race committee consisting of John Power, Nelson Snowden, John Kimball and Brenda Johnson. Brenda got some great pictures of the fleet using the official Hunter Currin camera, and John Power shadowed the fleet with both a still camera and a video camera complete with coaching observation narrative. John made slide show and video discs for each competitor.

No regatta can be judged a success with out a terrific program on shore, and here the thanks and appreciation go out to Nancy Blackie and Sharon Smith-Cannone for making the lunch, dinner and beverage aspects of the regatta flow like clockwork. Fleet members pitched in as needed, and for cleanup at the end of the day, many hands made for light work.

This first of many regattas to come marks a significant milestone in the growth of the Ensign fleet at SLSC. From my arrival with the first Ensign on Saratoga Lake in 1989 (I purchased a Laser to join the club), to the Ensign Class charter and SLSC recognition as a sanctioned four-boat fleet in 2001, the Ensign fleet at SLSC now numbers 17 boats. Many Ensign owners are long-time SLSC members who have found the Ensign to be an ideal boat to continue their active sailing as they transition from their former beloved fleet boats. Other fleet members have joined SLSC as a result of their interest in owning and sailing an Ensign. If you have an interest in an Ensign, or would like to borrow the slide show and video CDs of the regatta, please let me know.

Pictures pp 6&7. Many thanks to Hunter Currin for all the fine pictures of club events he has taken for the Telltale.

Kestrel Championship

By Ann Patman

The 45th Kestrel North American Championship was held on the beautiful Saturday of July 25th. After a fortifying breakfast of bagels and doughnuts, the intrepid sailors ventured forth to challenge the winds and wake of Saratoga Lake.

After five races, the eight top finishers were in order: 1. Skipper Joe Choi and crew Erika Choi; 2. Skipper John Collins and crew Bill Churchman; 3. Skipper Hunter Currin and crew Gene and Jeanne Auciello; 4. Skipper Tony Bianchini and crew Peter Renders; 5. Skipper Bob Barringer and crew Brenda Johnson; 6. Skipper Ken Choi and crew Dave Lasker and Paul Herbert; 7. Skipper Mel Chudzik and crew Carmelo Kona; and 8. Skipper Tom Neufeld and crew Ann Patman

Topping off the day with a lakeside barbecue, a grand time was had by all. The Kestrelers would like to thank their fabulous race committee headed by Bruce Blackie and manned (womanned) by the Tedrows and Barringers.

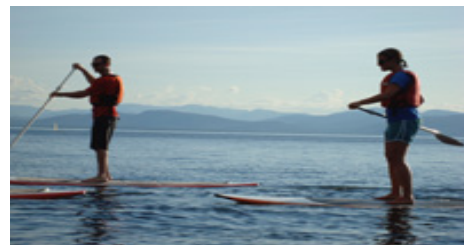
Stand Up Paddleboards for Sale

Our school stand up paddleboards are now for sale. This is an excellent opportunity to get into an excellent new sport with a beautiful light, epoxy board in great shape at a great price. The retail price new for the Oxbow boards with the deck pads, bow/stern pads, rail tape and an adjustable aluminum paddle is \$1439. Check out our pricing for our well cared-for school board packages below:

"A" condition boards (barely used this season - we have been keeping track): \$1269; "B" condition boards (a few small scratches): \$1197; "C" condition boards (more scratches, dings or repairs): \$1129.

We have 2 sizes: 11' for people under 160ish and 11'6" for those above or who want to double up with their kids or doggies. Boards are ready to go. If a few of you are interested, we will deliver them to the Club toward the end of September.

If you have questions, would like more info about stand up paddleboarding, would like to see more photos or to reserve a board please call Rachael Miller at Stormboarding: 802-578-6120 or rachael@stormboarding.com



Laser Fleet Meeting – First in Years

By Allan Miller

Sunday, September 13, 4 PM. Attending were Joan Link, Leslie Rafaniello, Lois Haignere, Barbara Brown, Dave Burtis, Thad Mirer, Harald Whitting, Michael Kitner, Chuck Batzinger

We have more than 40 families in our club that own Lasers.

Some of our discussion and conclusions:

Leslie Rafaniello volunteered to coordinate an early season fleet meeting and pot luck in May to help get us off to a great start for the season.

Boats:

There was overwhelming sentiment against putting stone in the area we keep Laser dollies. Everyone agreed we would work together to keep the boats lined up and use some time during our Tuesday night sailing to move boats so Kathy can mow. Barbara Brown also will look into an alternative green ground cover that might make mowing unnecessary or at least a lot less frequent.

We talked about selling the club dollies to those that wanted to buy them and also providing plans so anyone wanting to can build one. I will follow up on this more with the club executive committee. I will produce some plans and send them to anyone wanting to build a dolly.

Ramp:

We agreed the rubber mat has worked out very well. The small rise at the edge of the ramp makes getting a boat out difficult. We will fix this problem temporarily this season and find a more permanent solution for next year.

Tuesday evening sailing:

Next year we will start just after Memorial Day and go through August. We will start earlier, about 4:30. On evenings not good for sailing we will still get together and use the time to talk about anything sailing that people want to discuss from rigging through racing.

Wednesday and Sunday racing:

We are encouraging anyone preferring to sail a more manageable rig to race the Radial rig. Depending on turnout we will work the radials into the series scoring.

Fleet Captain: Barbara Brown volunteered to be our Fleet Captain for 2010.

2010 Laser regatta: Michael Kitner and Dave Burtis will co-chair the Laser Regatta in 2010.

We want to hear from everyone in our fleet so send your ideas.

Cazenovia Laser Regatta

By Dave Burtis

Despite a weather forecast of rain, low 60's, and little wind, two intrepid Laser warriors from SLSC departed early Saturday morning, September 12, for the Laser regatta at the Willow Bank Yacht Club in Cazenovia.

Upon arrival at the club, Mike Kitner and David Burtis, met 20 other sailors, all of whom were shivering a bit while gazing at the windless lake. But as a 1 knot breeze filled in, the warning gun sounded and we were off for 5 races, with 1 throw out, in a constant, but shifty, breeze of mostly 2 to 4 knots. Two general recalls to start things off (good starting practice with 20+ boats on the starting line) and afterwards, in all the races, not a single boat was called over early (hmmmm).

Mike spent the 1st race wondering where the wind was coming from and why the lake water was sticking to his hull. But he figured it out and outmaneuvered the 3 hometown teenage hotshots in the final windward leg to the finish line in the 4th race for a 1st place finish and finished just behind the 3 hotshots in the 5th race, giving him a 6th overall.

David spent the day milling about toward the back of the pack, but managed to get focused enough for an 11th in the last race, giving him a 15th overall. So fortunately, we ignored the weather forecast and had a great day of competitive sailing with a very congenial group of laser sailors.



I'm behind; can't stop to help!



This more like it

New Boat Park Policy
Gene & Jeanne Auciello
Flag Lts. Grounds

A new Boat Park Policy was approved by the Board at the September 10, 2009 Board Meeting. If you have a sailboat in the boat park, please review the rules and guidelines.

General

The Saratoga Lake Sailing Club (SLSC) has a designated boat park area for trailered sailboats. A map and boat park assignments are posted in the Race Committee shed at the north end of the boat park.

- Each boat must display a valid, annually renewable, SLSC boat park decal. A valid decal shall be affixed to the boat or trailer before the boat is placed in the boat park, or no later than June 30. The decal shall be affixed to the starboard bow, or to the front of the trailer on the starboard side.
- Members failing to affix a valid SLSC boat decal by July 15 will lose their boat park assignment, and their boat(s) will be moved to the meadow for storage.
- Members who do not place their boat in their assigned boat park space by July 15 will lose their assignment and the location will be made available to other members.
- It is the responsibility of each member to ensure their boat(s) area in their assigned space(s).
- The boat park is under the responsibility of the Flag Lt. Grounds who will establish appropriate rules and guidelines to assure the sailing enjoyment of all members.

Eligible Boats

The boat park provides an assigned location for boats stored on trailers and launched from the north ramp or crane on a regular basis. Due to space limitations, the boat park should not be used for long-term storage of boats you do not intend to use.

Sailboats on tandem trailers are not eligible for a boat park space due to their size, and are provided with a parking space elsewhere on the grounds.

All members must request a boat park assignment for any new boat from the Flag Lt. Grounds prior to moving their boat to the boat park.

Boat Park Assignments

- The Flag Lt. Grounds or his/her designee maintains the boat park map and assignments.
- The Flag Lt. Grounds may rearrange spaces to improve the safety or the efficiency of the boat park.
- Boat park assignments are for the use of the designated member only. Any relocation of boats, or swapping of boat park spaces, must be approved in advance by the Flag Lt. Grounds or designee.
- Members without a boat park assignment may park their boat in the meadow until a space becomes available. By Memorial Day, the Flag Lt. Grounds will identify any openings in the boat park and make new assignments.
- As openings occur, the Flag Lt. Grounds will make new assignments on a first come-first served basis. Loss of Boat Park Space
- Members who have a boat park assignment but have not placed their boat in the boat park by June 30 will be contacted by the Flag Lt. Grounds. Members that do not place a boat in their assigned boat park space by July 15 will lose their assignment and the location will be made available to another member in accordance with the above policy.
- Additionally, members failing to affix a valid SLSC boat decal to the starboard bow, or front of the trailer starboard side, by July 15 will lose their assignment and the location will be made available to another member in accordance with the above policy.

Storage Boxes

Well maintained storage boxes no larger than 24"W x 30"H x 60"L are permitted. Storage boxes should be placed behind the boat along the tree line.

Winter Storage

In order to allow for boat park maintenance, areas of the boat park may be emptied prior to the fall work party. Members will be notified in the Telltale of the area to be emptied each fall.

Labor Day Lobster Boil



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Ensign Regatta



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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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