



# Tell tale

## Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

Web page: [sailsaratoga.org](http://sailsaratoga.org)



April, 2010

### From the Commodore

With March weekends reaching the 70 degree mark, who can help but think about sailing. As I walked the grounds one afternoon, it took great restraint not to launch my Day Sailor to claim the first sailboat on the lake honors. Having resisted the temptation, I set my mind to other concerns at the club. I am pleased to say that in every area the club is in great shape.

Financially we are right on track, with membership renewals coming in every day. The Sailing Program's Junior Learn to Sail classes are almost at their capacity (adult spots are open). The Race schedule is in place, as well as the rest of the calendar. The Ship's Store is under the new management of Jeanne Auciello. Our Liquor license has been renewed, and the house is nearly ready for the season. Docks are being built and decals for your boats are being printed. We even found a committee to replace Shirley Waterfield, apparently it took six people to take her place!

Plans for the Commodore's Ball are coming along nicely. The invite seems to be working well, and saved the club hundreds of dollars. Many members have already responded. We have contracted with Rick Bolton and the Dwyer Sisters for entertainment. Anyone familiar with the Saratoga entertainment scene will recognize the name. Rick provides a nice combination of quiet acoustic background music and upbeat dance tunes. The Vista is preparing a lovely Caribbean buffet, and as expected, Patricia is working on a few surprises of her own. In all, it should be a delightful evening that we all should plan to attend.

On a different note, I want to encourage each member to place their decals on their boats or trailers as soon as they get them. I remind you that every boat, canoe, kayak, dingy, sailboard and anything else that floats requires a decal. Great progress has been made in the last few years to keep the grounds free of unregistered boats. I believe that the first step in keeping the grounds orderly is the proper use of these decals. The board has set July first as the deadline to get decals on boats. After that, any boat without a decal may be moved to the meadow. Additionally I ask that all property, including boat parts, be stored with your boat or labeled with your name in permanent marker. This simple action makes a world of difference when attempting to clean the ground. I appreciate everyone's effort as we work together to keep the club a place we can all be proud of. -- Tony

### The Club Needs You!!

#### Spring Work Parties

**Saturday, May 1st & Saturday, May 8th**

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!

### Upcoming Events

**April 15..... Dues Deadline**

**April 18..... Race Meeting**

**April 24..... Commodore's Ball**

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The 2010 Race Meeting will be held at the clubhouse at **2:00pm** on Sunday, **April 18<sup>th</sup>**.

# Please join Commodore Tony Bianchini in welcoming in the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club's 2010 season at the Commodore's Ball

**April 24, 2010**

at the  
Vista at Van Patten Golf Course  
924 Main Street  
Clifton Park, NY 12065

6PM Cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres  
7PM Dinner  
Cash Bar

**Music by**  
Rick Bolton and the Dwyer Sisters  
beginning at 6PM

## **Caribbean Buffet to include:**

Fresh Fruit Salad  
Garden Salad  
Caribbean Chicken and Pasta Salad  
Roasted Chicken with Pineapple, Coconut Milk and onions  
Grilled Mahi-Mahi with Papaya Salsa  
Kalauha Roasted Pork  
Braised BBQ Beef Short Ribs  
Bahamian Fried Rice  
Stir Fried Vegetables  
Rolls and Butter  
Pina Colada Ice Cream  
Coffee, Tea & Soft Drinks

**Price: \$38.00 per person, \$75.00 per couple**

**Dress for an evening in Bermuda.**

**RSVP by April 14, 2010**

***BEWARE!  
PIRATES HAVE BEEN SPOTTED IN THE  
AREA!***

All evites and invitations for the Commodore's Ball have been sent. If you have not received an invitation in any form, please call Tony or Patricia at 583-4514.

## **Adirondack Expo**

The club and the sailing school are happy to again be sponsoring a booth at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Adirondack Summer Expo. The Expo takes place Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25 at the Saratoga Springs City Center and admission is free. The club sponsored a booth last year and we had a very good response with inquiries about club membership and also sailing school registrations. We are looking forward to this years expo and are asking for **volunteers to help staff the booth** throughout the weekend. Please contact Mark Welcome at [mark@interactives.com](mailto:mark@interactives.com) or 928-6187 to volunteer to help.

## **SLSC Ship's Store**

### **Apparel for 2010**

For the 2010 sailing season, Ship's Store clothing items available to order include a heavy weight ¼ zip heather gray sweatshirt, short sleeve royal blue polo shirt, and royal blue baseball cap—all with club name and burgee. Samples will be on display at the spring work parties. The product line will be expanded next year to include additional items and colors.

Ship's Store apparel must be ordered directly from Clare's Embroidery, Ballston Spa, NY. An order form is printed on page 5 and is also available at the SLSC website and at the club. Samples will be on display at the spring work parties.

Make checks payable to Clare's Embroidery; mail check and clothing order form to: Clare's Embroidery, Country Club Plaza, 418 Geyser Road, Ballston Spa, New York 12020

Your order may be picked-up at Clare's Embroidery after 10 business days, Mon through Fri 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Orders to be shipped must be coordinated with Clare's Embroidery, Ph. (518) 583-6557

Directions: Route 50, turn west onto Geyser Road at traffic light across from the Spa State Park entrance, Country Club Plaza 2 miles on the right.

All orders are final. If you order incorrectly, you are responsible for the merchandise and cost.



## Annual Budget Meeting Report

The Annual Membership Budget Meeting of the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club was held on Sunday February 14 as an additional non-sentimental alternative to the observance of Valentine's Day. Those members in attendance reviewed and approved the proposed 2010 financial plan for the operations of your club.

The financial plan for the club originates with a budget committee that looks at historical income and expense trends, the spending requirements that are projected by club officers, and the recommendations of the Long Range Planning Committee. This year's budget committee consisted of Dave Hudson, Allan Miller, Matthew Sweeney, Al Tedrow, Tony Bianchini, and Bruce Blackie as Treasurer. The objective of the committee is to develop a proposed financial plan for our club that will maintain and preserve the physical assets of the club and maintain member responsive programs in a financially responsible manner. The budget proposal is presented to the Executive Board for approval and then to the membership for approval at the annual meeting.

The annual dues paid by the membership are the principle source of operational income for the sailing club. These dues have not increased since 2007 and the 2010 financial plan maintains the dues at the present level. Despite the economic uncertainty that surrounds us, the club membership, and interest in club membership, continues at a high level. The sensible management of our expenses and the prudent use of our credit line with the Adirondack Trust Co. will enable us to meet our financial goals.

A 2010 special projects budget was also approved by the membership. Water related projects include the funding for replacement of the flattop and outboard that have served us valiantly for many, many years. Also, the floating dock replacement program will continue with some added funding for new, lighter ramp sections. Shore side, the floor of the big barn is targeted for repair and/or replacement, new picnic tables are on order, some caretaker apartment improvements will be undertaken, and the on-going sailing club versus Canada goose battle will be escalated to the Star Wars level.

The officers, flag lieutenants, and committee members of your club have done an excellent job in managing and controlling the financial affairs of SLSC and keeping our club on a solid financial foundation.

If you would like a copy of the budget proposal as presented and approved, please give me an email or phone call.

Bruce Blackie, Treasurer [bnblackie@verizon.net](mailto:bnblackie@verizon.net)

## Ensign Fleet News

Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> is **BEER** day for the Ensign fleet – **Bring Excellence to Ensign Racing**.

This will be an on-the-water sailing clinic and a day of instruction, practice, and sailing fun under the direction of SLSC's former sailing instructor John Power. We'll start out the morning with a brief chalk-talk by John on the basic rules and strategy for the start of a race. We'll then go out on the water and apply those ideas by means of a series of practice starts with on-the-water coaching from John and some on-board coaches as well. After a quick lunch, John will discuss the basic right-of-way rules on the course and at mark roundings. Then back on the water to apply the ideas through a series of short course legs and mark roundings. We'll end the day with a review of the day's video camera observations and send out for pizza and a brew or two. We look forward to the day as a great opportunity to improve the efficiency of skipper, crew, and boat handling in a non-competitive learning environment.

For you non-Ensign sailors, if you would like to participate with us as a crewmember, committee boat/mark boat hand or perhaps as an on-board coach, please let me know.

Bruce Blackie [bnblackie@verizon.net](mailto:bnblackie@verizon.net)

## SLSC Social Committee

Shirley Waterfield stepped down from the position of Social Chair after arranging so many wonderful social events over her years of dedicated service to the club. To fill the void, a Social Committee was formed to plan the club's social events. Members include Lorrie Anthony, Gene & Jeanne Auciello, Bill & Yvonne Barringer, Mary Kate McCarty, and Margaret Shirk.

The Social Committee looks forward to working with club members to continue the work party lunches as well as the Memorial Day Brunch, July 4 Chicken Barbeque, and the Labor Day Lobster Boil.

## Dues due Soon!

This is a reminder that the April 15 deadline for 2010 Saratoga Lake Sailing Club membership renewal is fast approaching.

For the many members that have already renewed their membership, thank you for your support.

If you do not plan to renew your membership, please let the club know prior to April 15 as this will assist our new member planning process.

## Sailing School 2010 Update

By Mark Welcome

### Sailing School Update:

As many of you know from our previous messages, the junior sailing programs are filling up rapidly and in some cases are already full. If you have not yet registered, please contact Matthew Sweeney ([info@saratogasailingschool.org](mailto:info@saratogasailingschool.org) or 475-0122 ) immediately and we will do our best to accommodate members kids. There are some slots open in the kids intermediate and advanced classes.

Now is also a good time to start thinking about the adult sailing classes that we will be offering this summer. We offer 2 different adult classes:

Adult "Learn-To-Sail" is designed for those new to sailing or who have little experience. This class will teach the basics of sailing, "cruising", boat handling, crewing, and water safety. Please pass the Learn to Sail information along to friends who may have an interest in getting out on the water. For those of you who are always looking for crew, this class is a nice way to start grooming friends and family for spots on your boat.

Adult "Intermediate Sailing" is designed for those who have sailing experience. This class has been very popular in the past with members who are looking to improve their technique, as skippers and crew, including more advanced boat handling for "cruising" and for racing: starts, mark rounding, and tactics. The intermediate class is a smaller class which allows the instructors to concentrate on the skills which individuals are most interested in. This is a great opportunity to learn and improve.

The adult schedule for 2010 is:

Adult Learn-To-Sail	1-week, M, T, W, Th, F	June 21 - June 25	5:30 – 8:30pm
Adult Intermediate Sailing	1-week, M, T, W, Th, F	July 5 – July 9	5:30 – 8:30pm
Adult Learn-To-Sail	1-week, M, T, W, Th, F	July 12 – July 16	5:30 – 8:30pm
Adult Intermediate Sailing	1-week, M, T, W, Th, F	July 19 – July 23	5:30 – 8:30pm

The cost of courses in the Adult program is \$150 per week for SLSC members and \$175 per week for non-members.

For more information on all sailing school classes, you can visit the web site at [www.saratogasailingschool.org](http://www.saratogasailingschool.org). To register, please contact Matthew Sweeney at [info@saratogasailingschool.org](mailto:info@saratogasailingschool.org) or 475-0122.

# Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

## 2010 Ship's Store Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Unisex Heavy Weight ¼-Zip Sweatshirt

Color: Heather gray with club name in navy and burgee left chest in navy/yellow

Size	Item Number	Quantity	Cost
Small	F253		\$26
Medium	F253		\$26
Large	F253		\$26
X-Large	F253		\$26
XX-Large	F253		\$28

Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### MEN'S Short Sleeve Polo Shirt

Color: Royal blue with club name in yellow and burgee left chest in navy/yellow

Size	Item Number	Quantity	Cost
Small	K420		\$20
Medium	K420		\$20
Large	K420		\$20
X-Large	K420		\$20
XX-Large	K420		\$22

Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Women's Short Sleeve Polo Shirt

Color: Royal blue with club name in yellow and burgee left chest in navy/yellow

Size	Item Number	Quantity	Cost
Small	L420		\$20
Medium	L420		\$20
Large	L420		\$20
X-Large	L420		\$20

Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Performance Low Profile Baseball Cap

Color: Royal blue with club name in yellow and burgee in navy/yellow

Size	Item Number	Quantity	Cost
One Size Fits All	LP101		\$10

Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NY State Tax (7.0%) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

GRAND TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 2010 OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

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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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