



Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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From the Commodore

I don't know about you, but I have trouble defining exactly when summer starts. Many will say, "that's easy, it's the summer solstice." Others will say "it's that day you first feel a warm summer breeze in the air." Maybe it's the first day you can wear shorts. For sailors it's "docks in day". As a teacher, summer didn't start until I was out of school. I wouldn't even sail until then. I then realized that I was missing a good part of the season by waiting. This year I made the effort to sail the first race of the season and boy what a great decision that was! While we complain about the short sailing season in the Northeast, in reality, with some effort and preparation we can sail from May to October, nearly half the year. I was sailing into November last year and I know several club members who have sailed and snow skied on the same day.

While clearly beyond the authority of the SLSC Commodore, I am officially declaring summer started! We have already experienced four great days of racing and so far the weather has been perfect. The Memorial Day Brunch was hugely successful with many members sailing afterwards. So don't wait any longer, get that boat on the water and sail, sail, sail. Believe me, the list of jobs you have at home only gets longer whether you sail or not, and it never goes away but the summer season does. Don't let it slip by. See you on the water. - Tony

Important Member Information for the July 5th Chicken Bar-B-Q

This year, the July 5th Chicken Bar-B-Q will be catered by PJ's Bar-B-Q of Saratoga Springs. Since PJ's requires an exact count for the number of chickens to order and prepare, the last day to make your reservation is June 28. There will be **no last minute reservations** as in the past. If you are planning to attend, please make your reservations early, and prior to the June 28 deadline.

Thank you!
The 2010 Social Committee

Upcoming Events

June 12..... Laser Regatta
June 19-20.....Thistle Regatta

July 5th Chicken Bar-B-Q

Catered by PJ's Bar-B-Q

Appetizers at 4:00 pm Dinner at 5:00 pm
Bar-B-Q Chicken
Hot Dogs
Baked Beans
Salads
Ice Cream Sundaes
Soft Drinks, Beer, Wine

Adults: \$16 Children: \$8

Everyone is requested to bring an appetizer or dessert to share

Members whose last names begin with the letters G through L are asked to volunteer for set-up, food preparation, or clean-up

E-mail reservations are preferred
SLSCreservations@gmail.com

All members—please indicate appetizer or dessert in the e-mail
G through L—please indicate preference to set-up, prep, or clean-up

or contact Social Committee Member Jeanne Auciello at 583-9558

IMPORTANT: Since this social event is being catered, your reservations must be received no later than June 28th

Sorry...no exceptions!

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2010 SLSC Memorial Day Champagne Brunch

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By Gene Auciello, Vice Commodore

It was a picture perfect day for SLSC's 2010 Memorial Day Champagne Brunch. The Social Committee set up for the event Sunday afternoon and started arriving at the clubhouse by 7:00 a.m. Monday to prepare brunch for 152 members and guests.

Thank you to Social Committee members Lorrie Anthony, Jeanne & Gene Auciello, Bill & Yvonne Barringer, Mary Kate McCarty, Margaret Shirk and Dan Mehlman. Special thanks to the kitchen staff for the food preparation and cooking—Linda Adomat, Amy Auciello, Bruce & Nancy Blackie, Phillip Booth, Barbara Brown, Clark & Ellen Cooper, Ryan Decker, Susan Easton, Mike Funk, Mike Flanigan, Amy & Dave Hudson, and Charlie Koinos. Finally, many thanks to the dozens of members with last names A through F who made the clean-up look easy.

Club members enjoyed everything from the floral centerpiece designed by Balet Flowers, 5041 Nelson Avenue Ext., Malta; to the exquisite pastries prepared by Crisan Bakery, 197 Lark Street, Albany; to the cheese assortment from Waterwheel Village, Route 29, Galway.

Because you asked, here is the recipe for the Breakfast Casserole (per sheet pan):

18 eggs
3 cups milk
1 lb. grated cheddar cheese
2 lbs. ham
12 frozen hash brown patties

Line pan with frozen hash browns; sprinkle with ham, mix together eggs and milk; pour over meat and hash browns; top with grated cheese; bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Any members wishing to join the Social Committee are welcome—it's a great way to meet members...especially if you are not part of a sanctioned fleet. See you July 5!

Wednesday Night Racing Potluck

Just a reminder. After Wednesday night racing we have a pot-luck dinner. While the club provides the burgers and hot dogs, we do ask that the members bring something to share with everyone. We also ask that everyone chip in with the clean up. We have asked that each fleet be responsible for overseeing one night a month, but it's everyone's job, so please help out where you can. - Tony

Kestrel Fleet News

By Bob Barringer

The Kestrel Fleet has seen quite a few changes since the Fall. Kestrel sailor Tony Bianchini is the club Commodore and occasional Kestrelite and Gene (or is it Jeanne) Auciello is the Commodore of Vice.

We regret that Ann Patman and Tom Neufield have decided to spend more time in Maine but we are happy to announce that former club member David Duquette has purchased K498 and will race in the North American Kestrel North American Championship on July 24.

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Ed Lang has sold Black Hawk (the subject of a most impressive boat rehabilitation project last year) to new club members Ed and Jennifer Henson. Welcome Ed and Jennifer!

The Kestrel fleet will have a Race Prep and Social sailing event on June 26. We will have a couple of additional social sailing events on August 7 and 21. July 10 is an alternate date for our race preparations. If the summer cooperates, we will try to do more social sailing and perhaps some capsizing training.

Fun Facts - The earliest sighting of a Kestrel on Saratoga Lake was 1971 with sail number 39. Who was the skipper?

SLSC Alcohol Policy Notes

By Gene Auciello, Vice Commodore

All alcoholic beverages left in the refrigerator overnight—marked or unmarked, opened or unopened—will be disposed of per the club's alcohol policy. Additionally, all club regattas must assign an alcohol officer to enforce this policy and to ensure no underage drinking per our New York State Liquor License. Thank you!

Grounds Report – Great Start!

By Jerry Zell, Flag Lieutenant Grounds

Hope everyone has gotten their boats wet by now! From today's forecast for our 3rd Sunday race, NW 15 to 25 mph, I'm afraid the inside of my boat will also be wet!

We've accomplished a lot on shore this spring.

At the barn, the old finish flooring was removed in the main bay, revealing an intact middle layer which we can live with for a while. Prior equipment cutouts in the floor and joists were repaired by able carpenters, as was a cracked ceiling joist in the caretaker bay. In the tool room, a caved in ceiling was removed and replaced as well. Along with some general cleanup, the place is looking great.

A dozen new picnic tables were delivered, and our painters did the rest at the club. The boat hoist was painted as well, all mowers and other grounds equipment received some TLC, trees and shrubs were trimmed, stone was added in the Boat Park, and the entire lawn raked.

Along with other tasks that were accomplished, a big thanks to all who pitched in at the work party!

On the subject of boats, please remember all boats or unused trailers, anywhere on the SLSC property, must be identified with an SLSC Tag. If you haven't done so already, please pick up your tags at the clubhouse and apply them accordingly. I will leave them on the credenza by the phone.

Please put your Tag on your trailer if you have an empty trailer on the property because your boat is moored, on a water rack, or for any other reason. As in the past, we will be keeping up our vigil to dispose of abandoned boats, trailers, and equipment over the course of the season. Remember dinghies, canoes, and kayaks also require a Tag, as does any equipment left in the Meadow.

For the Boat Park, I've placed an updated space assignment sheet hanging in the Race Committee Shed. Only minor changes have been made since last season, but please confirm your spot. Because we want to fit in as many boats as possible, please tighten up those spaces within reason. Any questions regarding the Boat Park, or Meadow parking, may be directed to me.

For Board Boat Storage, please follow the recently finalized Policy, available on the SLSC website. Allan Miller has agreed to coordinate arrangements for boat storage on the grass or in the racks. Please forward any questions to Allan. Thanks Allen!

You've probably noticed, one new board boat rack has been built and the design is being assessed, but the primary difference is the ability to roll a boat underneath on it's dolly, in an attempt to keep the lawn area as open as possible. The plan is for older racks to be phased out and new ones built in their place over the course of the next couple of seasons.

Lastly, you may be wondering about all the racket if you're around the club early mornings or early evenings. That's the "GooseBuster" scaring off those persistent pests, hopefully keeping our lawn areas goose poop free! In combination with our doggy silhouettes, so far, so good, but I'm still keeping my fingers crossed. There has been one report of some covert goose activity.

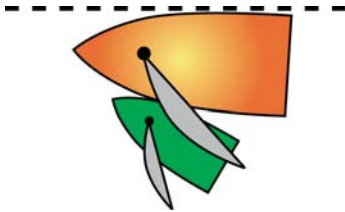
See you on the water, hopefully not in it!

Barging

By John Kimball

Our Telltale Editor thinks that “barging” is the most common rule violation in the friendly races on Saratoga Lake. He suggested a reminder that barging is a no-no. Since I have been guilty of barging on numerous occasions, it is appropriate that I communicate this precautionary note.

In the picture, the dotted line is the starting line. The big boat, which is sailing along the starting line, is barging. The big boat is required to keep clear of the little boat, even if this forces the big boat over the starting line. (Boat size is used to distinguish the boats in the illustration. Size is not relevant to barging – Editor.)



The anti-barging rule may seem unfair. The little boat is sailing in an annoying and unkind direction. The little boat could get hurt in a collision, and the big boat will surely steal the little boat's wind. Also, the little boat is maneuverable and could much more easily keep clear. Finally, the big boat will experience a great deal of grief if it is forced over the starting line early.

Despite these sensible arguments, barging is still barging. Don't do it.

The *Racing Rules of Sailing* forbids barging. However, the word “barging” is never mentioned in these official rules. Instead, “no barging” follows from several different rules and definitions. They are paraphrased here.

Definition: *Proper course*

A boat does not have a proper course before the starting signal.

Because there is no proper course before the start, the little boat can sail in any direction, including the annoying and unkind direction shown in the picture.

Rule 11: On same tack, overlapped

When boats are overlapped, a windward boat shall keep clear of a leeward boat.

This rule applies before and after the start. Thus the big boat must keep clear of the little boat -- even if the little boat sails in the annoying and unkind direction which forces the big boat over the starting line early.

Rule 18: Mark room

Mark room does not apply for a starting mark (either the judge's boat or the pin at the other end).

If the big boat is pinched between a starting mark and the small boat, it is in a hopeless situation. If it hits the mark, that is a violation of the rules. If it forces the little boat to alter course (or hits the little boat) that is also a violation.

Definition: *Start*

A boat starts as soon as any part of the boat crosses the starting line AFTER THE START SIGNAL.

If the big boat is forced over the starting line early, it has not started. It must return to the proper side of the line to start.

Rule 21.1: Starting errors

A boat returning to the starting line must stay clear of boats which have started.

If the big boat is forced over the line early, it must stay clear of the little boat as it maneuvers back to the starting line.

Editor's Note: When a skipper yells “Stay Up” to you at the start, s(he) is warning you not to barge. If you are being barged at the Committee boat, don't force the barging boat (large or small) to hit you or the Committee boat. Give way and protest the barging boat. Don't think of protesting as griping or poor sportsmanship, think of it as a learning experience! Our protest procedure is informal and open for all to hear.

Due to the increased number of canoes and kayaks on the property, the board has adopted the following policy. Please remember that every boat needs a current SLSC decal. If you were unable to find your decal during the first work party, please try again. We have printed additional decals for the ones missed the first time. Any boat without a decal by July first may be moved to the meadow.

General

The Saratoga Lake Sailing Club (SLSC) has designated areas to store canoes and kayaks owned by club members. This policy applies to rowing shells and other non-sailing personal watercraft. Canoes and kayaks may be stored on the racks erected by the club. These boats must be stored only on the upper two levels of the rack. The bottom and first level is reserved for board type sailboats such as Sunfish and Lasers. The rack to the south of the play area is for the exclusive use of the sailing school and no member boats may be stored on this rack. Canoes and kayaks may also be stored in the area to the north of the race committee and gasoline shed where tenders for moored boats are stored. Note that the water level in this area is very variable and any watercraft left in this area should be properly secured or elevated on a rack.

It is the responsibility of each member to ensure their boat(s) are positioned to maximize the available space for canoes and kayaks. There are no specific location assignments. As the season gets underway, boats should generally be stored in the same location after each use. Canoes and kayaks boats may not be left on the grass or beach even overnight.

Decals

Each boat stored anywhere on club property must display a valid, annually renewable, SLSC decal affixed to the starboard bow. It is recommended also that paddles, life jackets and any other equipment associated with canoes and kayaks be clearly and permanently marked with the owner's name. SLSC is not responsible for members' personal equipment. Boats failing to show a valid SLSC boat decal by July 1 may be moved to the meadow for storage.

Winter Storage

Canoes and kayaks may be left in the racks for the winter in the location they are during the summer. It is the owner's responsibility to properly protect the boat from the elements.

Oversight

The canoes and kayaks storage area is under the responsibility of the Flag Lt. Grounds who will establish appropriate rules and guidelines to assure the sailing enjoyment of all members.

Board Boat Storage Policy (April-2010)

By Tony Bianchini, Commodore

The following is the new board boat policy. A description of a board boat is included. The intended result of the policy is to keep the sailing club grounds orderly and attractive for all to enjoy. Thank you in advance for your adherence to this, and all club policies.

General

The Saratoga Lake Sailing Club (SLSC) has a designated area to store board boats such as Lasers and Sunfish and similar boats that weigh less than 150 lbs. Boats may be stored on the racks erected by the club or on a dolly. Board boats may not be left on trailers intended for highway use (these are too heavy for our caretaker to move). Each club member storing a board boat on a dolly is expected to build or purchase a dolly for their boat. SLSC has provided several clearly marked dollies for member's daily use. They are intended for daily use only. Boats may not be left on a club dolly overnight.

It is the responsibility of each member to ensure their boat(s) are lined up in a neat and orderly manner. There are no specific location assignments. As the season gets underway boats should generally be stored in the same location after each use.

Each boat stored anywhere on club property must display a valid, annually renewable, SLSC decal affixed to the starboard bow. Boats failing to show a valid SLSC boat decal by July 1 may be moved to the meadow for storage.

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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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