



Tell tale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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From the Commodore

A Salute to Our Volunteers

As I stood on the steps at the Fourth of July BBQ, I was once again reminded of how many volunteers it takes to make this club work. I wanted to take a moment to mention a few that have stood out this past month.

First to mind is Bill and Yvonne Barringer. At almost every Wednesday night potluck, Bill mans the grill and prepares dozens of hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone at the club. And to the best of my knowledge Bill and Yvonne have never refused race committee duty if asked. And we have all sampled Yvonne's delicious desserts that she happily prepares for the enjoyment of all.

Next to mind are Gene and Jeanne Auciello. This dynamic duo stepped up to the plate to head the Social Committee and hasn't rested since! Apparently, Gene has figured out that the title, "Vice-commodore" is really just a euphemism for "one who takes out the garbage". Regardless of what it means, we really appreciate all he does.

What about the workers that aren't as visible? One such person is Eric Eddie. Eric joined the club half way through the year last season. During the Junior Sailing Program this year, Eric has spent every day of the two week program helping out with the students. He's done everything from helping to launch boats to aiding in the rescue boat.

Then there's Greg Tkal and his wife Melissa. Greg has taken on the duty of the upkeep of the club boats. I can tell you from experience that this is not an easy job. In addition to the many hours he spends working on the boats he has also been teaching sailing in the evenings. Melissa has been spending time at the club as well. If you haven't noticed yet, the front room has been completely painted thanks to Melissa and Don Z.

Who is Don Z? Don Zeibig is a new member with an absolute desire to help. Don has done an amazing amount of work in his first two months at the club and is always willing to do more.

There is no way I can mention all the members who stand out, and most of you know who you are. I just wanted to take a moment to say that your hard work, whether you were mentioned or not, is not only noticed but appreciated. The Saratoga Sailing Club would not be the success it is without you. - Tony

2010 SLSC July 5 Chicken BBQ

By Gene Auciello
Vice Commodore

It was a hazy, hot, and humid day for SLSC's 2010 July 5 Chicken BBQ. The Social Committee arrived at the clubhouse early Monday to prepare for the social event.

Although PJ's BBQ of Saratoga Springs catered the chicken, all the side dishes were prepared at the club. There is no doubt that Bill Barringer is the King of Coleslaw, and Yvonne Barringer is the Baked Beans Queen. Special thanks to Charlie Koiner for baking the cornbread, and to Charlie Smith for grilling the hot dogs. The appetizers and desserts prepared by club members were enjoyed by all.

Thank you to Social Committee members Lorrie Anthony, Jeanne & Gene Auciello, Bill & Yvonne Barringer, Mary Kate McCarty, Margaret Shirk and Dan Mehlman. New club member and recent Social Committee addition, Jerry Danielski, spent hours in the kitchen before dashing off to catch a flight before the dinner bell rang. The Social Committee also thanks Joan Goldstein for collecting your payments at the door, which were dutifully tallied by Treasurer Bruce Blackie later in the day.

Finally, thanks to the dozens of members with last names G through L on the clean-up detail—Kathy Johnston was very impressed.

Please consider joining the Social Committee—it's a great way to meet club members.

Upcoming Events

July 24.....Kestrel No Am Championship
Aug 14-15.....Flying Scot Invitational

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Ensign Sailing Clinic

By Bruce Blackie
Ensign Fleet Captain

A very successful Ensign Sailing Clinic was held on June 5 with 9 Ensigns participating. Under the direction of John Power, the clinic combined on-shore chalk talk with on-the-water practical application of the topics covered. The morning began with a review of starting rules and techniques, and then moved onto the water to put into practice that which had been discussed on shore. During a series of rolling starts, more than one participant noted that they had done more starts than they had done all of last year.

After a break for lunch, John led a review of basic rules on the course and in particular those that apply at mark rounding situations. Back out on the water, a series of short course exercises were held to simulate the varied conditions that are encountered on the race course.

We had brisk winds all day generally in the 10-12 mph range with some periods to 15 mph. There was one minor contact between three boats when a gust came through during a pre-start sequence. Ironically, the hull numbers involved were #170, #174, and #177. Is it remotely possible that anyone at the Pearson factory in 1962 would foresee that 48 years later these boats, together on the production line, would meet again on a small lake in upstate New York? This another great example of the solid construction and staying power of the Ensign class sailboats.

In addition to John Power, a big thank you from the Ensign fleet goes to Bill & Yvonne Barringer who manned the flattop, and to JT Fahy, Steve Olson, Nelson Snowden and Marsha Cutting who moved marks around when they weren't providing on-the-water coaching.

On the Block

2001 Laser for Sale:

Excellent Condition, Loadrite Trailer, New dolly this spring, Purchased last fall.

Asking \$3500. Call 518-475-7845

Child Care Wanted:

Looking for someone to watch my boys at the club when I come to sail. Aged 5 and 9...they just need someone to help them stay out of trouble. If you're interested, please call Barbara - 859-2268

Saratoga Laser Regatta

By Charles Williamson
Laser District 9 Secretary

The SLSC hosted this year's Laser Regatta on 12 June 2010. Last year, Mike Kitner won the regatta for the first time after many attempts, and this year too Mike was going like a rocket. This year's Saratoga regatta was run in solid rain the whole day, but it actually was excellent fun, with light to moderate, very shifty winds.

Newly graduated and new SLSC member Dan Hesse, from SUNY Maritime, won the regatta with (1, 2, 1, 2) placing, and was fast and consistent. Behind him, Chas Williamson of Ithaca with a (3, 4, 2, 1) managed to hold the superfast Mike at bay in third place. Richie Wait from Webster NY, was always in the hunt at the front, with very consistent races always close to 3rd and 4th, with nice offwind speed. Ray Cudney came over from Cazenovia, and won Race 2 handily, finishing fifth overall.

Saratoga is an interesting place, as the sailing club is essentially a country house with tons of rooms, rambling on forever, and one feels truly at home unlike the usual yacht club that is purpose-built. It really is a most beautiful chateau and venue - a real gem in our area. Hopefully next year we see some more of the Lake Champlain group showing up again.

The final places were: 1. Dan Hesse; 2. Chas Williamson; 3. Mike Kitner; 4. Richie Wait; 5. Ray Cudney; 6. Dave Burtis; 7. James Nicol; 8. Allan Miller; 9. Doug Johns; 10. Bill Hamilton; 11. Thad Mirer.

Thanks to the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club for putting this event together. Dave Burtis and Mike Kitner co-chaired the Regatta with the help of lots of people, including Allan Miller, Barbara Brown, Bill Hamilton, Fred Barker, Jim Dwyer, James Nichol, Jerry Burr, Joan Link, John Kimball, Maggie Lock, Marion Dwyer, Paul Waterfield, Thad Mirer and Todd Crouch. Thank you to these people and to everyone who helped make this Regatta a success.

Wednesday Night Racing Potluck

We notice that far more people are standing in the food line than the number of dishes on the table. If you have not brought a dish to share, please limit yourselves to a club-provided hamburger or hot dog.

Ship's Store Notes

By Jeanne Auciello, Quartermaster

The SLSC Ship's Store has been a success thus far this sailing season. Members have been spotted sporting this year's baseball caps, polo shirts, and sweatshirts. Clare's Embroidery had indicated there is no favorite—everything is selling in equal quantities. Clare's Embroidery is also able to design and embroider regatta apparel. Please be advised a nominal set-up fee for fleet logos will apply.

In order to ensure smooth sailing in the future, the following Ship's Store rules should be followed:

1. Please do not bring your own clothing to Clare's Embroidery for SLSC embroidered logos.
2. Please ensure your order is correct. Clare's Embroidery can no longer take returned items due to incorrect orders and/or incorrect sizes.
3. Please do not submit an order without a check payable to Clare's Embroidery. No more CODs or charging items to the club.

Thank you!



July BBQ



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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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