



Tell tale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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From the Flag Lt. Race

By Allan Miller

Sailing School needs instructors for this summer:

We intend to hire two instructors to handle the major teaching responsibilities of the sailing school this summer. While we have posted help wanted ads on both the US Sailing and Sail 1 Design websites, you can help us find instructors. Many of you have been members of other clubs and know sailors who themselves or their children may be looking for a summer job teaching sailing. Please talk to your friends and make them aware of this opportunity. Your enthusiasm for our club may be just the thing to get them to come teach at SLSC. Anyone interested should contact Mark Welcome at 518-928-6187 or mwelcome@nycap.rr.com or contact Allan Miller at 518-441-3899 or allan.miller@live.com

Level 1 instructor program:

A US Sailing level 1 instructor course will be conducted in a 2 weekend format at the club. The course will be taught by Rachael Miller. The weekends are May 7/8 and May 14/15. The course will be listed on the US Sailing website for registration and tuition information.

A Level 1 course in our location is a rare opportunity as they are usually located nearer to larger sailing populations and presents a great chance for local sailors wanting to become instructors to do it close to home.

This is an opportunity to support the operation of our sailing school. The club does pay club members who formally teach sailing school sessions. This is a way to compensate members for the cost of taking the course.

CPR/First Aid course at the club Jan 29:

We will be doing a combined CPR/First Aid course at the club on Saturday January 29 starting at 0830 am. The cost is \$60 per student. This course is required of new sailing instructors and must be renewed every three years for already qualified instructors. The course will be taught by Dennis Nealon and Allan Miller. A separate CPR only course will be scheduled in late March or early April. It will be American Heart Heartsaver CPR (the most basic course).

Racing ideas:

The planning for the 2011 season is in progress. You have the opportunity to voice your opinion and make suggestions for ideas to improve the program, make it more fun and increase the participation. Send your ideas to allan.miller@live.com or give me a call at 441-3899.

Annual Budget Meeting

Sunday, February 13th

2:00pm

at

Our Clubhouse

Refreshments will be served!

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This Old House

By Samantha Butler, Flag Lt. House

Our beautiful old house is the jewel of our sailing club. It takes a lot of people a lot of work to keep it in working order and looking beautiful. Many people put in countless hours to make sure we have water, heat, working toilets, a dry roof, working appliances. All those things that are unseen unless they are not working. This year we have also had some very visible work done in the house. Melissa Hatch is a professional interior painter of Design Directions and Don Zeibig gave the living room a much needed update and it looks great. Melissa and Greg Tkal even donated the new couch. Hunter Currin generously donated the gas insert to the fireplace in the trophy room that has already been enjoyed by several groups. If you have any ideas for, or interest in helping out at the house, I would love to hear from you. We are still looking for a second "new" couch. If you have one you think would enhance the house, please send me a picture.

The house is open for use for members year round. If you would like to hold an event at the house, please contact me for a reservation if you are planning to use the house for groups of 8 or more. There is a fee for groups 8 or larger that include non-members. Guidelines and fees can be found in the membership manual available on the website and are printed herein on page 3.

When using the house, either for an event or just a visit, please keep in mind all the work that goes into maintaining it and that we are all volunteers and members just like you. Kathy is our caretaker, not our housekeeper. If you fill the garbage, please take it to the dumpster. If you make a mess, please clean it up. This includes dishes being returned to the cabinets and toys to the kids room. Paper products and cleaning supplies are in the pantry. If you are in a bathroom and notice the paper is running low, grab a fresh roll from the pantry so the next person is not left without any. If something gets broken, or you notice something needs fixing, please contact me by email or phone. Try and leave the house a little better than you found it.

So come on up, and enjoy a glass of wine or hot chocolate by the warm fire while watching the ice fishermen and dreaming of summer sailing. But be gentle to the old house so she will be around for another hundred years.



Knitting

The SLSC Knitters meet at the club on the first Wednesday evening of the winter months at 7 PM to knit, share patterns & techniques, talk and enjoy the new gas fireplace. No more numb fingers! (Thank You, Hunter!). Kathy Johnston, Sam Butler, Jeanne Ausiello, Maggie Lock, Yvonne Barringer and Mary Jean Tedrow invite others to join anytime. All needle crafts are welcome. The next get-together is February 2nd. Only 3 months left to sailing!



MEMBER SPONSORED EVENTS

Revised October 2010

SLSC members (regular, student or honorary only) may invite guests to use the house and other facilities for social activities. The following is designed to assure safety, preserve the condition of the house and grounds, and minimize inconvenience for other SLSC members.

Event Size: Notification and charges:

Fees (checks payable to "Saratoga Lake Sailing Club") shall be paid in advance.

Regardless of the number of people, there is a \$5 charge for each non-member who stays at the Club overnight.

1) **Small parties:** Fewer than 8 people and fewer than 3 people overnight.

No notification is required. Check the SLSC calendar to avoid conflicts, even for small parties.

2) **Medium-sized parties.** Maximum: 14 people for daytime and 4 people overnight.

The Flag Lieutenant House shall be notified at least 48 hours prior to the event and the event shall be scheduled on the SLSC calendar. There is a daily group charge of \$25 for in-season events (May-October) and a \$50 charge for (November-April).

3) **Large parties:** Maximum: 30 people for daytime and 10 people overnight.

Flag Lieutenant House notification *and approval* is required a minimum of two weeks prior to the event. The daily group charge is \$50 (May-October) and \$75 (November-April).

4) **Very large parties:** More than the large party maximum.

Executive Committee notification and an impact statement are required 45 days prior to the event. The impact statement shall include arrangements and facilities for cooking and kitchen use, water use, parking, added toilets (if needed), setup/takedown plans and times, together with any unusual requirement imposed on the house and grounds. Instead of a daily group charge, there is a \$5 daily charge for each person attending the event.

Event Approval:

Generally, only one of the larger-party events will be approved on a given day, on a first-come, first-serve basis. These events will not be scheduled to conflict with Club-sponsored activities, which include regular Club races, regattas and Club social events. Member-sponsored events associated with commercial or work-related activities will not be approved. The Club will not approve proposals to make the clubhouse a regular meeting place for non-profit groups, like the Scouts. Controversial and unusual requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the SLSC Board.

Event guidelines:

Member-sponsored events are not granted exclusive use of any SLSC facilities. Club members take precedence, including the use of kitchen and picnic facilities. However, it is expected that club members will cooperate with member-sponsored events.

The member who sponsors the event must be present at all times, including overnight use.

The Clubhouse should be left as clean as it was found and there should be no excessive use of Club resources, such as paper products. Cleanup should be completed by noon of the day following the event (or 9am if a club-sponsored event takes place that day). The sponsor is responsible for cleanup.

Alcohol (if part of a member-sponsored event) will be served in a responsible manner in compliance with the laws of New York State and the Alcohol Policy of SLSC. No alcohol will be left at the club overnight or after the event has concluded.

Overnight lodging is confined to the second and third floors of the Clubhouse, or to camping on the lawns.

No dogs are allowed.

Parking is allowed only in designated areas, and not in the boat park.

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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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