



Tell tale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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From the Commodore

With the Commodore's Ball and the first work party behind us, we are well on our way to the start of the 2011 sailing season.

The Commodore's Ball took place at the beautiful Vista at the Van Patten Golf Club. Approximately 50 SLSC members gathered and enjoyed a delicious meal while listening to the music of Rick Bolton and the Dwyer Sisters. The theme was 1946 aboard the RMS Queen Mary. The band played a mix of contemporary and big band songs while the diners enjoyed appetizers and we all enjoyed each other's version of 1940's attire. Attendees dined and danced and sipped on the signature drink, "The Grey Ghost", (the nickname of the Queen Mary after she had been drafted into the war effort and painted battleship gray). Dessert was served with the appearance of a ghost who still haunted the halls of the ship. The ghost introduced us to a murder mystery puzzle that he encouraged our guests to solve. From the hints given and the clues dispersed throughout the room, our ghost's true identity was discovered. Prizes were awarded to Molly Nicol and the Archibolds for being the first team to unravel the clues. The evening's highlight was the awarding of the Mary Elizabeth Hull award for service to the club. This year's recipients were the very deserving Yvonne and Bill Barringer. Bill was speechless. Truly a good time was had by all.

The following morning was the first of two spring work parties. Driving into the club that morning was discouraging. The winter really took it's toll on the club. The road was full of pot holes. There were piles of stone everywhere and boats were stuck in mud in the meadow. By 10 o'clock there were cars lined up half way to the road and things started to look like there may be hope. Many members came with a definite purpose and went right to work. Others wandered around a little and they too found a job and got to work. By lunch time things were in good shape as always. One more work day and we will be ready to go. Then the real fun begins.

SLSC is now in **FaceBook**. If you're a FB user, type "Saratoga Lake Sailing Club" into the search box and two pages will come up. One is an Open Group that you can join, the other is a place page that you can "Like" to make posts. Feel free to leave comments on which page works better for you. - Editor

SLSC

Annual Memorial Day Champagne Brunch

Monday, May 30
10:00 AM – Noon

Adults \$10 – Kids \$5
Champagne market price per bottle

E-mail reservations no later than May 25 to
SLSCreservations@gmail.com

or

Contact Social Committee Member
Margaret Shirk 475-0412

E-mail reservations are preferred!

Members with last names A–F are asked to help...
Please indicate your preference to set-up or clean-up

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Upcoming Events

May 11.....	Practice Race
May 22.....	New Member Get Together
May 30.....	Champagne Brunch
June 4.....	MC Regatta
June 4.....	Ensign Clinic

2011 SLSC Sailing & Social Calendar

This is available as a pocket calendar at the signup desk on the porch.

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Apr	10	Sailing Programs Meeting	July	11-15	Junior Sailing Intermediate
	29	Commodore's Ball - Van Patton Golf Club		13	Manning 9
	30	Spring Work Party #1		17	Robinson 3
May	7	Spring Work Party #2		18-22	Adult Intermediate Sailing
	8	Mother's Day - no racing		18-22	Junior Learn to sail - Week 1
	11	Practice race (Wed evening)		20	Manning 10
	15	Zephyr 1		23	Kestrel NA Championship
	18	Manning 1		24	Robinson 4
	22	Zephyr 2		25-29	Junior Learn to Sail - Week 2
	22	New Member Get Together		27	Manning 11
	25	Manning 2		31	Robinson 5
	29	Zephyr 3	Aug	3	Manning 12
	30	Memorial Day Champagne Brunch		7	Robinson 6
June	1	Manning 3		10	Manning 13
	4	Ensign Clinic		13-14	Scot Invitational
	4-5	MC Scow Regatta		14	Robinson 7
	5	Zephyr 4		17	Manning 14
	8	Manning 4		21	Kaydeross 1
	11	Laser Derby		24	Manning 15
	12	Zephyr 5		27	Sail Board Fleet Function
	15	Manning 5		28	Kaydeross 2
	18-19	Thistle Adirondack Invitational		31	Manning 16
	19	Zephyr 6	Sept	4	Kaydeross 3
	20-24	Adult Learn to Sail		5	Labor Day Lobster Boil
	22	Manning 6		10	Ensign Fleet 72 Regatta
	26	Zephyr 7		11	Kaydeross 4
	27-01	Adult Intermediate		17	Collegiate Regatta
	27-01	Junior Learn to Sail - Week 1		18	Kaydeross 5
	29	Manning 7		25	Kaydeross 6
July	3	Robinson 1	Oct	2	Kaydeross 7
	4	Chicken BBQ		8-9	Indian Summer Regatta
	5-8	Junior Learn to Sail - Week 2		15-16	Thistle Regatta
	6	Manning 8		22	Fall Work Party
	10	Robinson 2	Nov	12	Awards Party/Dinner
	11-15	Adult Learn to Sail	Dec	4	Annual Meeting- 3 PM

Hello SLSC Sailors,

Thank you for having me speak at your race meeting this year. After spending thousands of hours at SLSC as a kid sailing, swimming, playing frisbee (when there was no wind) and hanging out, I love any excuse to come back. I also appreciate your interest in Rozalia Project as well as your efforts to keep SLSC as environmentally responsible as possible. Every bit helps!

If you would like more information on marine debris check out our web site: www.rozaliaproject.org and follow our adventures as we take *American Promise* from Scarano Boat in Albany down the Hudson and along the New England coast check out: <http://rozaliaproject.blogspot.com>. If you would like to support our efforts to clean up marine debris and inspire people to be part of the solution, donations are tax deductible and can be mailed to: Rozalia Project, PO Box 75, Granville, VT 05747, or join us for one of the legs of the Trash Tour this summer and see what a 60' round-the-world record holder feels like to sail (while making a difference).

I wish you all a beautiful, sunny, breezy (but not too crazy) sailing season.

Thank you again.

Rachael Miller

Sailing School Update

By Mark Welcome

We are quickly ramping up for the beginning of the sailing school season which is approaching fast. Thanks to everyone who helped prep the club boats at the work parties. There was quite a bit to do and we really appreciate all the effort. The new fleet of FJ's were cleaned up and rigged for the first time and we were all very pleased to determine that they are in even better shape than we hoped when we purchased them. The lasers and Optis were all cleaned up and prepped for the new season.

Kid's classes

At this point, all the kids sailing classes are full with waiting lists. If you still have a child that you would like lessons for, please let us know so that we can get them on the waiting list. We do get cancellations as peoples summer plans change, so it's best to get on the list as soon as possible. The other option will be private or semi-private lessons which can be scheduled to fit your calendar. We are thrilled with the response we have been getting for the kids classes and look forward to the year.

Adult classes

The adult classes traditionally fill up in May, once everyone has a chance to look at their calendar. At this point we have one Learn To Sail class that is completely filled up and one that has a few slots left. Both of the intermediate Sailing classes for adults are about half full now, so please let us know as soon as you can so we can get your name on the list before waiting lists start.

Instructor Opportunities

Given the popularity of the school offerings, the sailing school will be looking to hire members who are certified by US Sailing to be additional instructors during our evening adult classes. We hope to be finalizing the instructor schedules in the next few weeks, so if you have any interest in teaching please contact Allan Miller at atallan.miller@live.com to get your name on the list.

Gift Certificates:

At the request of a number of people, we are now offering gift certificates for any of our courses and private lessons.

For detailed information about the courses and registration information, please visit the web-site at <http://www.saratogasailingschool.org> or e-mail us at info@saratogasailingschool.org with any questions.

From the Flag LT. Race: To Racers and Non-Racers

The race committee assignments for May and June are shown below. Please review it carefully and if you are assigned, put it in your calendar. If you have a conflict, please switch with someone and call me to let me know of the switch. If you don't show up, it is possible the race will not be held due to lack of committee. Please don't let this happen.

Some non-racers are asked to help. It is the only way to have enough people to run races each week. The other members of the team for that race will brief you on everything you need to know. You will be an important part of running the race that day.

An instruction for running races will be posted to the website before May 10.

Thanks, everyone for helping to make our racing program safe and fun. - **Allan**

2011 SLSC Race Committee Assignments May and June

Date	Race	Race Captain		Committee	
5/11	Manning pract.	Allan Miller	Samantha Butler	Colin Studenroth	Allan Tedrow
5/15	Zephyr 1	Bill Barringer	Yvonne Barringer	Matt Sweeney	Garrett Hamlin
5/18	Manning 1	Jerry Burr	Mike Funk	Glenn Miner	Carmelo Kona
5/22	Zephyr 2	Jim Benson	Dave Burtis	Tony Bianchini	Mark Welcome
5/25	Manning 2	JT Fahy	Nat Corwin	David Miller	Misha Gutin
5/29	Zephyr 3	Steve Olsen	Bernie Zabek	Todd Crouch	Greg Tkal/B Maisel
6/1	Manning 3	Jim Benson	Dave Burtis	Walter Smith	Mel Chudzik
6/5	Zephyr 4	Peter Seidman	Ann Seidman	Kyle Jones	Vic Roberts
6/8	Manning 4	Dave Hudson	John Hudson	Matt Sweeney	Don Zeibig
6/12	Zephyr 5	Gene Auciello	Jeanne Auciello	Bill Hamilton	Janet Hamilton
6/15	Manning 5	James Nicol	Skip Perry	Walter Smith	Jim Fauci
6/19	Zephyr 6	Max Peter	Joe Choi	Rob Hayes	Colin McCulloch
6/22	Manning 6	Allan Tedrow	Tony Bianchini	Ed Lange	Barry Maisel
6/26	Zephyr 7	Paul Waterfield	Phil Booth	Frank Lyons	Dick Boutelle
6/29	Manning 7	Clark Cooper	Tom Kilcer	Don Railton	Harry Stein

First race and dinner May 11, Wednesday evening:

There will be a practice race to start the season Wednesday evening, May 11. The 30 minute horn will be at 6:00 PM. Come and shake out the cobwebs. There will be a pot-luck dinner after the race. Burgers and dogs are provided by the club. Please bring a dish to share. These dinners are open to all club members even if you are not racing. The racing is a bonus.

Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race:

There is no penalty for failing to sign up.

As a result of some very good suggestions we got at the Sailing programs meeting, there will be no penalty for failing to sign up for races. Please sign up as it is very difficult to assure we are getting you properly scored if we cannot correlate your boat number to who you are.

The Qualifier for the Season Championship is now half the races rounded up less three -just to make qualifying a little easier to accommodate everyone's busy schedules.

Scoring System:

Special thanks to Carmelo Kona who has spent countless hours working and getting a computer based scoring system worked out to simplify and speed up the calculations.

Come sail Sundays and Wednesdays. It is way more fun than mowing the lawn or watching someone else have fun at their sport. Fair breezes and sunshine, **Allan**

Sailing books you might like to read to start the sailing season:

Titles contributed by
Paul Waterfield, David Hudson and Allan
Miller

Physics of Sailing

by John Kimball, SLSC member

Sailboat Racing with Greg Fisher

by Tom Hubbell
Hathaway & Jones

The book is very specific to our kind of sailing, and I know and have sailed against both of the authors. (David)

Aero-Hydrodynamics of Sailing

by C.A. Marchaj
Dodd Mead

Classic work of theory and design. Very technical.

The American Practical Navigator

originally by Nathaniel Bowditch
Classic work on navigation and plotting.

The Ashley Book of Knots

by Clifford Ashley
Doubleday

Originally published in 1944, it contains illustrations of every knot known to man, and some that aren't! A true classic.

Dave Perry's 100 Best Racing Rules Quizzes

by Dave Perry
published by US Sailing

A great way to learn the rules by analyzing situations we all get into.

Any Book by Dr. Stuart Walker

All of his books provide both instruction and examples.

There is even a chapter on Saratoga Lake in his Wind and Strategy book.

The Loss of the Ship Essex, Sunk by a Whale

by Nathaniel Philbrick,
Great story

Start to Win

by Eric Twina

One of the first racing books I read and still one of the best.

What are your favorites?

Laser Fleet News

By Barbara Brown

If you wanted to say that Laser Sailors are good at food, you'd be making a great understatement. Our Spring Potluck was more than just a light snack...it was a full meal – appetizers, an entrée, sides and dessert. The only things missing were bone china and digestifs.

While we ate, we planned the 2011 Laser Regatta, which will be on June 11. Most of the roles we needed to fill were snapped up by enthusiastic members, though there are still a couple of positions available. Please contact fleet captain Barbara Brown if you'd like to volunteer for one of them or for more information about the Regatta.

The agenda included the topic Where Lasers Should Be Parked. We will ask Kathy to plant a flag in the area that has been mowed. That flag will serve as the marker for the Current Laser Parking Area. When she moves the flag, we will move our boats accordingly. If a sailor isn't at the club when the flag is moved, other courteous Laser sailors will move that boat as well. As in years past, Lasers should NOT be kept on trailers. These are too heavy to haul back and forth for mowing. As courteous as Laser sailors are, they do have their limits. Please be respectful in this regard.

To make it easier to Get Lasers Off the Upper Racks, the racks are being rebuilt. They will be deeper and spacing on the lowest row will be such that Lasers on Dollies can be pushed all the way in, making it easier to access the Lasers above.

Once again, we will have Tuesday Night Coaching that will begin on May 17th at 5:30. When the Junior Racing Program begins in June, the two groups will be combined. It sounded like these sessions will be as educational as they will be entertaining.

Finally, we discussed the possibility of Creating a Radial Division for sailors who are more comfortable with a radial rig. We are exploring the level of interest among the fleet and we'll decide how to proceed as we move along. Overall, it was nice to have so much enthusiasm for the coming season and we are all looking forward to getting back out onto (and maybe unintentionally, into) the water.

Happy Sailing.



2011 SLSC SHIP STORE ORDER FORM

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 E-Mail _____ Telephone Number _____

CIRCLE items, colors, and sizes**UNISEX ¼-Zip Sweatshirt**

Colors: Heather Gray, Navy
 Sizes: S, M, L, XL

Item F253

Cost \$26 (add \$2 for 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL)
 Subtotal \$ _____

UNISEX ½-Zip Fleece Jacket

Color: Royal Blue
 Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL

Item 9501

Cost \$28 (add \$2 for 2XL, 3XL)
 Subtotal \$ _____

UNISEX Long Sleeve Denim Shirt

Color: Faded Denim
 Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL

Item S600

Cost \$27 (add \$2 for 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL)
 Subtotal \$ _____

MEN'S Short Sleeve Polo Shirt

Colors: Royal Blue, Light Blue
 Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL

Item K420

Cost: \$20 (add \$2 for 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL)
 Subtotal \$ _____

WOMEN'S Short Sleeve Polo Shirt

Colors: Royal Blue, Light Blue
 Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL

Item L420

Cost: \$20 (add \$2 for 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)
 Subtotal \$ _____

Canvas Boater Tote

Color: Canvas w/ Royal Handles/Bottom
 Size: 16"H x 22"L x 7"W

Item Anvil 301

Cost: \$24
 Subtotal \$ _____

Performance Low Profile Baseball Cap

Colors: Royal Blue, Khaki

Item AD969

Cost: \$11
 Subtotal \$ _____

MERCHANDISE TOTAL

\$ _____

Sales Tax (3.0%)

\$ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT

\$ _____

Checks payable to Clare's Embroidery Mail check and SLSC Ship Store Order Form to Clare's Embroidery, Country Club Plaza, 418 Geyser Road, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. *All sales are final.* Your order may be picked-up at Clare's Embroidery (583-6557) after 10 business days, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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.

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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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