



Tell tale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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From the Commodore

The 2011 sailing season is well underway. The Memorial Day Brunch was a great success. We had perfect weather, a good membership turn out and great food. Thanks go out to Margaret Shirk and her team for a great job in preparing this and all the social events. It is true that many hands make light work. That adage also applies to the first two work days. A high member turn out can quickly return the house and grounds to its sailing season status. Be sure to check out the Fourth of July festivities at the club.

Despite several rainy days, the racing is going well. The early preparation for racing headed by Allan Miller is obvious. The new scoring program will allow the results earlier than in the past. A special thanks also to Carmelo Kona for the hours he has spent working with Allan.

The committee boat and the rescue boats are now a pleasure to use. Thanks to JT Fahy there is a new committee boat and four-stroke engines on all our frequently used boats.

Lastly I just wanted to mention the work in the house. If any of you were in the house in the last few months you probably noticed the work that was done. Under the direction of Samantha Butler, the front room was painted last year. This year she oversaw major work in the living room, including plaster work and a new paint job.

Did I mention that we are at nearly full membership? The sailing school has a waiting list and the budget is balanced. In all we are off to a great season.

Happy Sailing, Tony Bianchini

July 4th Chicken 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 Margaret Shirk
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Upcoming Events

June 18-19.....Thistle Adirondack Invitational
July 4.....Chicken BBQ
July 15.....Flying Scot Moonlight Sail
July 16.....Ensign Clinic
July 23.....Kestrel NA Championship

MC Scow Regatta at Saratoga Lake

By John Kimball

The very first MC regatta at Saratoga Lake was a great success. Fifteen boats, all lacking a jib and a pointed front end, participated. This included five SLSC boats. They were sailed by John Collins, David Glasser, Devon Howe, John Kimball and Charlie Murphy. Charlie is the newest member of our MC fleet, thanks to a fair amount of arm twisting by other enthusiastic MC sailors.

We were pleased that six sailors from the nearest MC fleet at Keuka Lake, NY came to our regatta. Their strong and growing fleet gave us more than enough competition. Some of us will soon see the Keuka sailors again because they are hosting the MC national championship on September 14-17 of this year.

We had five successful races over the June 4-5 weekend, thanks to regatta PRO Clark Cooper and his able assistants: Jim Benson, David Burtis, Joe Choi, Ryan Decker, Bob Glasser and Barry Maisel. The race committee had a challenging job since winds were uneven at best.

An excellent racing clinic was held on Friday afternoon before the regatta. Zack Clayton, a champion sailor and sailmaker, demonstrated some of the tricks needed for fast MC sailing.

Devon Howe, his wife Kathy, daughter Helaina and son Brett did almost all the work for this regatta. This meant everything: preparing food, arranging lodging, dealing with complaints and even washing dishes. The rest of us could sit back and enjoy the sailing.

How did the racing go? Well, Saratoga boats did not win, but we were respectable. Devon's racing was the most memorable. He showed sparks of brilliance, leading by a fair amount in one race. Devon also experienced some extraordinary bad luck, misplacing the finish line in one case and finding a hole so deep that he dropped from first to nearly last in another race. Clearly Devon Howe will be the boat to beat in future races.

Competition for first place in the regatta was very close. Patriotic Americans will be saddened to learn that the winner by one point was Will Hendershot, a Canadian from Montreal. Maybe this should not be a surprise since Will is the best MC sailor in Canada. However, Will is also the only MC sailor in Canada. Maybe we can beat him next year.



Commodore's Ball Pictures



How to really improve your sailing, have even more fun, and get out sailing more often:

There is an adage that states that if you have no goal, you will never get there. Saratoga Lake is a great sailing lake, but realistically, there are few places to go. One way to change that is to try racing.

Think about what may be keeping you from giving it a try. Don't know the rules? US Sailing puts all you need to know on a card you can fit in your pocket and any of your racing friends can tell you the essentials over a soda or beer. Afraid of the other boats? You do not need to be right on the line the first time. Success the first time is just getting around the course. Improvement is measured by how close you come to the rest of the fleet each time out

Like most that we do, we start out knowing little if anything and proceed through the learning process to whatever level we feel comfortable with. No matter how far you decide to take it, whatever you do, should always be fun. Come out on Wednesday or Sunday and give racing a try.

Allan

Windsurfing Equipment

Some OLD unmarked windsurfing equipment was removed out of the lower barn and placed on the racks in the meadow.

Please feel free to take what you can use.

Anything left after Labor Day, it will be disposed of.

Also the complete Windglider learning board is in the lower barn and can be taken by anyone who wants it.

Gene Altman

Laser Regatta

By Allan Miller

If we let the weather deter us from doing the things we wanted to do, we never would do anything. Looking at the weather Saturday morning would certainly discourage any sailor from getting out of a nice warm bed and going sailing in a cold downpour. Maybe that is why at 0830 there was only one competitor at the club for the Laser Regatta.

The weather did not improve very quickly but people started showing up including some who drove through the rain including Chas Williamson from Ithaca, Chris and dad Bill Wilson and Aaron Holland from Seneca, Andy Hudson and Erick Beck from Nyack. Combined with the SLSC Laser sailors, we had 14 competitors who sailed four very shifty races in the rain and mist.

It turned out really fun thanks to a great race committee of Jerry Burr, Jim Benson, Fred Barker, Devon Howe and Mike Hall. Paul Waterfield was the, on the water, photographer who got some great shots of each competitor that were framed by Dave Burtis for the trophies. Thanks also to Maggie Lock, our registrar and shore staff who made sure everything on shore went smoothly. Thanks also to our fleet captain, Barbara Brown, who worked behind the scenes to get everything organized.

The racing turned out to be challenging and fun to read the shifts and try to stay on the favored side of the course. This was executed nearly flawlessly by Dan Hesse who won the regatta with three firsts and a second. Chas Williamson who always sails really well was second with a first, 2 seconds and a third. Our Sailing Instructor for this season, Scott Meyer, was third. In fourth place and first Master was me. The rest of the field was Aaron Holland 5th, James Nichol 6th and second Master, Michael Kitner 7th (he sails boat #7 too), Chris Wilson 8th and first Junior, Dave Burtis 9th, Matt Beck 10th, Erick Beck 11th, Andy Hudson 12th, Bill Wilson 13th and Steven Olsen 14th. Despite a grey day, we had a great time sailing.

Laser Regatta Pictures



Champagne Brunch Pictures

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Another beautiful day and delicious brunch.

As is the tradition at SLSC, participation and team work carried the day.



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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