



# Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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## RESERVE SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 12

### Sailing Awards Party

Ballston Spa Elks Lodge, Rt. 50 and Hamilton St.  
6 PM cocktails, 7 PM buffet dinner, \$26/person

**FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER  
JOHN KIMBALL**

On his book The Physics of Sailing

(Don't let the Physics part scare you) John is a great speaker/teacher and won't be too technical for anyone.

John will talk before we give out the awards.

**This party is for all members.**

**Reservations by Nov. 3, Barbara or Allan  
885-5510 [amille2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:amille2@nycap.rr.com)**

## The Club Needs You!

### Fall Work Party, Sat Oct. 22

Mark it on your calendar now.

We need your help.

Work parties form from 8:00 to 9:00 am.

If you are working outside, bring gloves, hammers, crowbars, pliers, rakes, wetsuits and waders.

According to the SLSC By-Laws, it's part of your obligation as a member, and yes, we do take names!

Good work, good fellowship and good food.  
We'll see you there!

## Labor Day Lobster Boil 2011

By Margaret Shirk

While there might be some fair weather sailors at SLSC, there are certainly no fair weather eaters. The rain on Labor Day deterred not one of the 150 members and their families who came for the feast. Even the lobster boilers, Dave and Peter Hudson and John Sweeney said not a word about the weather; Dave maintains that boiling lobster is just like cooking in the rain, even when it isn't raining.

Many thanks to all those who volunteer to make these events fun and delicious no matter what the winds blow our way: Dave and Peter Hudson, John Sweeney, Shirley Waterfield, Charlie Koines, Jim Benson, Lorrie Anthony, Jerry Danielski, Brenda McEwing, G&J Auciello. Thanks to Randy and Eleanor Rice at the registration table. Much appreciation to everyone M-Z who helped with set up and clean up, with special recognition to Tedrows, Darla Zabek, Lois Haignere and Emmett McCarthy for potato, tomato and first aid detail, and to Vic Roberts for endurance dish washing. Kathy Johnson, as always, makes the club a clean and cheerful home for all of us.

You can work off all those desserts at the work parties on October 22- 23.

Hope to see you there. Breakfast will be waiting for you and lunch served when your chores are finished!

## Upcoming Events

Oct 8-9.....Indian Summer Regatta  
Oct 15-16.....Thistle Regatta  
Oct 22.....Fall Work Party  
Nov 12.....Award Party

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## Flying Scot 161 – Invitational Regatta Aug. 13-14, 2011

By Mary Kate McCarty, Co-Captain, FS Fleet 161

FS Fleet 161 celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Invitational Regatta with a great weekend of good sailing, great food and, of course, libations aplenty. Regatta Chairman Rob Hayes spread the word far and wide, and we welcomed back eight boats from out of town and counted eight of our own competitors, making ten challenger and eight competition contenders. The Thistle fleet once again graciously served as Race Committee, under the direction of PRO Nelson Snowden.

Friday's reception proved a feast with Bernie honoring us by making a brisket so good that he was told he's in the wrong profession. Shirley Waterfield rallied from recuperating from pneumonia to serve sumptuous breakfasts of pancakes and French toast.

Due to lack of wind on Saturday, we had to wait until three to sail. But sail we did, getting in two races, after which Ann and Peter Seidman rewarded us with their infamous kamakazi cocktails. Dinner was followed by Peter's attempt at fireworks, but they were doused by the powers that be. No problem, though, since there was a full moon, which many enjoyed with a moonlit sail.

Sunday's wind cooperated and we were able to get in two more races, with impressive results: The Championship was won by Jim the Unbeatable Cavanaugh of Massapoag Yacht Club; all of the remaining trophies were won by members of our own fleet: Tom Adomat and Dan Hess took second in Championship, with Bernie Zabek and Bill Metz winning third. In Challenger, Misha and Olga Gutin sailed their very first SLSC FS Regatta and were awarded third place. El Senor Hayes and yours truly placed first and second respectively, both with crew representing the next wave of serious competitors: Timmy the Terrible Hayes and Nickolai the Sly Mavashev with Team Hayes; and Cameron the Spinnaker Maven Parry and SlapJack McCarty with Team McCarty.

As always, the sailing widows made sure everyone was well-fed – our thanks to Judy Ebert, Darla Zabek, Sue Hayes and, of course, our Shirley.

All in all, a fabulous 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## MC Regattas

By John Kimball

MC sailors from Saratoga competed in two regattas on beautiful Keuka Lake this September. Keuka is the "Y"-shaped finger lake -- famous for its wines from Dr. Konstantin Frank, Bully Hill and other vintners.

At the first regatta on September 10, 11 (called the Nor'easter) Saratoga sailors showed a respectable, if not a spectacular performance. Our finish positions (charitably called "mid-fleet") were John Howe #13, Devon Howe #14, John Kimball (that's me) #15 and Charlie Murphy #16. Only 6 points separated John Howe from Charlie Murphy.

These Nor'easter results don't seem right. How can John Howe (who sailed a borrowed boat with defective boards, who capsized at a finish line, and who isn't even eligible to drink Dr. Frank's wine) beat us all?

MC fleets often grow as Laser sailors notice that single-handed sailing need not be uncomfortable when it is done on an MC. John Howe's performance, which humiliated us all, makes me hesitate when it comes to inviting Laser sailors to join our MC fleet.

The second regatta on September 15, 16 and 17 was the MC National Championship. This is a serious regatta with some pretty serious sailors. For Saratoga MC sailors Charlie Murphy, Devon Howe and John Kimball, this regatta had two phases. Phase one consisted of three interesting races. Phase two was a catastrophic fourth and final race. In phase one, Charlie showed himself to be a potential champion. He was in the running for a trophy. Devon Howe was also doing well. My miserable performance embarrassed everyone.

These results also don't seem right. How can Charlie's performance change from "struggling" to "impressive" in just four days? Is someone giving him lessons? Will Devon's more gradual improvement never end? The answer appears to lie in these sailors' backgrounds. Charlie is a famous (or infamous) Thistle sailor. Devon has a background sailing E-scows, which are MC's on steroids (LOTS of steroids). Good sailors stay good sailors, even when they change boats.

The second phase of the Championship regatta (race #4) revealed the perversity of Mother Nature. There was very little wind, and what wind there was blew mostly on me and never on Charlie or Devon. Being near the front of the fleet at the first mark, I had to develop a more imaginative way to lose. Poor boat handling was the method. At the end of some complex and illegal maneuvers in a very crowded fleet, my mast became intertwined with the mast of another boat. Our two boats waltzed about in broad circles until we were passed by everyone -- except Devon and Charlie.

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### MC Regattas (Continued from previous page)

Thankfully, there is more to a regatta than losing. The Keuka people are top notch and they worked hard to produce successful regattas. A representative from Melges Performance Sailboat was at the regatta, giving advice and showing off the latest equipment. We learned that a new boat is "only" \$12,000, with a 10% discount if you buy one right away. Of course there are a few extras, like sails and a trailer. No one from Saratoga bought one.

The regatta hosts provided excellent food and even a raffle. Devon Charlie and I each bought one \$10 ticket. Charlie won nothing. I won a floating keychain, worth about 50cents, and Devon won a new sail. Is that fair? It is fair, because Devon (being the sort of guy who gets things done) arranged for the three of us to stay in a lake camp adjacent the club. Our lodging was the best.

MC sailors are unusually friendly and downright cheerful. All problems are forgotten at the end of a race. Even my dancing partner in my racecourse fiasco was pretty mellow about the experience. Long after I forget my bad sailing, I will remember the sailors. I was talking with one of the older sailors when his father stopped by. This 97 year old gentleman told stories about General Electric in the "old days," which were the 1930's. The next day, I met a sailor with 17 stones in his kidneys. He takes gallons of water along every time he goes sailing to keep his system flushed. He has a video camera mounted near the stern of his boat, so he can review his racing. He could also get a pretty interesting medical video if he started to pass a stone.



## Ensign Fleet 72 Regatta Sept. 10, 2011

By Tony Cannone, Fleet 72 Captain

The remnants of Hurricane Irene were not enough to dampen the spirits of this year's Ensign Fleet regatta sailors. Besides the extra water in the lower lawn, boat park and launch ramps, you could not have asked for a better day to hold a regatta. The breeze started building out of the Northeast at about 9am and held steady all day between 6 and 8 mph. The flooded grounds made for a little late of a start but we had lunches on the water and got 4 quality races in. Speaking of Quality, The Race Committee of Yvonne Barringer, JT Fahy, Bob Barringer, Joe Choi and Michael Aikey did an outstanding job, Thank You! We also had a special appearance by John Power who helped out on various boats throughout the day. Last but certainly not least we raised \$320 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society during a fabulous raffle organized by Callie Currin. I would like to thank all that participated and helped to make it a wonderful day!



A little rowing practice before the regatta!

Place	Sail Number	Skipper	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Points
1	530 Keeling Time	Cannone/Barker	1	1	1	2	5
2	557 Sundance	Blackie	3	3	2	1	9
3	118 Impulse	Tedrow	2	2	3	5	12
4	150 Kathleen Too	Roberts	5	4	4	8	21
5	177 Lady B	Miller	6	10	6	3	25
6	174 B&B	M-Carthy	8	6	8	4	26
7	654 Dark Star	Fauci	4	7	10	9	30
8	1677 Wind Runner	French	11	9	5	6	31
9	2017 Wind Sand Stars	McEwing	9	5	7	10	31
10	170 Watercolors	Barringer	7	8	9	7	31
11	857 Fitch's Point	Breary	11	11	11	11	44





**3rd Place: Impulse (118) Al, Marry Jean & David Tedrow**



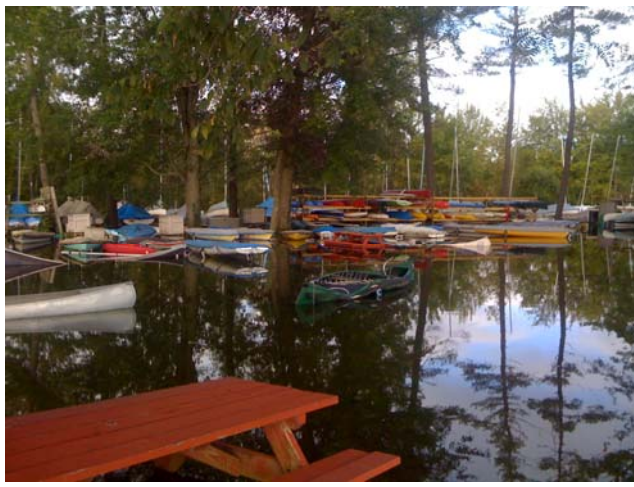
**2nd Place: Sundance (557) Bruce Blackie, Tony Bianchini & Mark Welcome**



**1st Place: Keeling Time (530) Tony Cannone, Fred Barker & Frank Cannone**

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## Sailing School 2011 Wrap-up

By Mark Welcome

The Sailing School has wrapped up a very busy but very successful season. As we have noted in previous TellTales, we were able to accommodate over 120 students this year (both adults and juniors) and we are very happy with the feedback we've received. We have already had numerous registration requests for next year, so the new schedule will be finalized soon.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who works so hard to make the school run. The success that the school is enjoying is directly attributable to the efforts of the committee that donates so much time and effort to the school:

Tony Bianchini  
Devon and Kathy Howe  
Emmett McCarthy  
Mary Kate McCarty  
Scott Meyer  
Allan Miller  
James Nicol  
Greg Tkal  
Matthew Sweeney

Given the amount of work that is necessary to run the school, we are always interested in new people joining the committee or volunteering in whatever way they want. We always need assistance with boat maintenance and we are also looking to add another co-registrar next year to help spread out the work. If you are interested in getting involved, please feel free to contact any of the committee members or Mark Welcome at [slsc\\_sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org](mailto:slsc_sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org)

As always, the school is looking for assistance in the form of volunteers and/or equipment donations. Our current wish list includes: a serviceable Flying Scot cover, spinnaker and related equipment for the white club Scot, any and all useable spare parts for Scots and Lasers. Any boats that we can fix up and use or sell to buy other equipment is appreciated as well.

### Windsurfing Equipment

We are trying to help in removing junk from our limited storage areas.

In the sail room our a few windsurfing sails, booms and masts. I believe they have been abandoned years ago. If they are yours, please claim them. Either remove them or mark them clearly.

Next spring, unclaimed stuff will be disposed.

- Gene Altman

### On the Block

#### Capri 22

1988 Capri 22, EC, with trailer, motor, head sail furling, center cockpit traveler, cabin top and outboard genoa tracks and cars, lifelines, swim ladder, many extras. \$5,000. Call 222-4956

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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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