



# Tell tale

**Saratoga Lake Sailing Club**

Web page: [sailsaratoga.org](http://sailsaratoga.org)



**January, 2012**

## **Commodore's Corner**

Happy New Year! I would like to thank the members for placing their trust in me to serve as Commodore. The 2012 SLSC Board I have the privilege of serving with is another top-notch slate of Executive Officers, Flag Lieutenants, and Executive Committee Members. Special thanks to outgoing Commodore Tony Bianchini, and outgoing Flag Lt. Grounds Jerry Zell for their service and commitment to SLSC during the past two years.

Vic Roberts returns to the Board as the newly elected Vice Commodore, and will retain the responsibility of Webmaster. Vic served the membership well as Flag Lt. House from 2008 to 2009, earning him the Mary Elizabeth Hull Award. During his tenure, he updated the hood exhaust fan in the kitchen, installed a new water system for the clubhouse, coordinated the removal of the lower barn, the outside painting of the clubhouse, and the installation of high-speed wireless Internet. He also served as Flag Lt. Grounds.

Dave Hudson remains on the Board as Rear Commodore, and has served in this position for the past six years. He formerly served as Rear Commodore (1990), Vice Commodore (1991) and Commodore (1992). Over the years, Dave has served in numerous Board positions including: Flag Lt. Grounds, Flag Lt. House, Flag Lt. Boats, Flag Lt. Race, and Social Chair with spouse Trudy. He has also served as Captain of the Thistle Fleet. You can usually find Dave constructing new dock sections and canoe/kayak racks, repairing the hoist, driving the Bobcat at all work parties, and cooking at most club social events. For his outstanding contributions to SLSC, he was awarded the Mary Elizabeth Hull Award with wife Trudy in 1997.

John Kimball returns to the Board as Secretary, and Board members look forward to his timely, clear and concise meeting minutes and action items. This is one of the more difficult positions on the Board, and John does it with humor and clarity.

Bruce Blackie returns to the Board as Treasurer, and has served in this position for the past seven years. He oversees the distribution of your membership dues right down to the penny. Over the years, Bruce has served the club in numerous capacities including Flag Lt. Grounds, Membership Chair with spouse Nancy, Vice Commodore (1992) and Commodore (1993). He also served as Captain of the Ensign Fleet for many years. For his

(Continued on Page 2)

## **Annual Budget Meeting**

**Sunday, February 12th**

**3:00pm**

at

**Our Clubhouse**

Please Attend.

Refreshments will be served!

## **Upcoming Events**

Feb 12.....Budget Meeting  
Mar 25.....Commodore's Ball

## **What's Inside?**

SLSC History.....Pages 3-4  
On the Block.....Page 5

## **(Commodores Corner – Continued from Page 1)**

outstanding contributions to SLSC, he shared the Mary Elizabeth Hull Award with wife Nancy in 1999.

Allan Miller returns to the Board as Flag Lt. Race. He was installed as Vice Commodore in 1976 and Commodore in 1977, followed by Vice Commodore (1987, 1996) and Commodore (1997, 1998, 2005). Over the years, Allan has served in many other capacities including Flag Lt. Grounds, a five-year stint as Flag Lt. Race, and Membership Chair with spouse Barbara. He also served as Captain of the Laser Fleet for many years. For his outstanding contributions to SLSC, he was awarded the Mary Elizabeth Hull Award in 1994.

J.T. Fahy returns to the Board as Flag Lt. Boats for the third year. He was responsible for the purchase of the new Race Committee pontoon boat, and keeps the fleet of rescue powerboats in excellent operating order. JT has formerly served as Flag Lt. Race, and as Social Chair with spouse Lucy.

Our new Flag Lt. Grounds is Don Zeibig. Don is relatively new to the club, but has assumed a significant workload during the past two years. He has assisted in many club improvement activities including painting the hoist, and the clubhouse living and meeting rooms. For 2012, Don's major initiative will be to clean-up and rearrange the meadow.

Samantha Butler returns for her third year as Flag Lt. House. Samantha has been involved in many clubhouse improvements including the recent remodeling of the second floor ladies bathroom, installation of the gas fireplace donated by Hunter Currin, interior painting, chimney repair, and improvements to the caretaker's apartment. She is also Co-Captain of the Flying Scot Fleet.

Ann Seidman returns to the Board as Membership Chair. Sorting through countless membership applications each year is a difficult task, but she manages to fit new members into available slots. Over the years, Ann has served the club in numerous capacities including Social Chair, past Membership Chair, Sailing School Director, Quartermaster, Rear Commodore (1998) and Commodore (1999, 2000). She also served as the Captain of the Flying Scot Fleet for many years. For her outstanding contributions to SLSC, she was awarded the Mary Elizabeth Hull Award in 2002.

Fred Barker returns as Publicity Chair for his seventh year, and serves as the Editor of the Telltale, the club newsletter. He is the eyes and ears of the club, reporting to you on our various programs, work parties, social functions and meetings. Fred is always looking for new ideas, articles and photos from the membership.

Margaret Shirk has officially accepted the role of Social Chair for 2012. Along with the Social Committee and other members, Margaret plans lunch for three work parties and coordinates the Memorial Day Champagne Brunch, the July 4<sup>th</sup> Chicken Barbeque, and the Labor Day Lobster Boil. Working in the kitchen with Margaret and the Social Committee members is a treat. If you want to have fun and meet more members, please consider joining the Social Committee.

Mark Welcome returns as Director of the Saratoga Sailing School, a program of SLSC, for the second year. Mark and the Sailing School Committee of volunteers have turned the Sailing School into a money-making venture for the club, and recently purchased a fleet of JY14s. There were waiting lists for both junior and adult learn to sail classes last summer, and many classes for 2012 are nearly booked. Many new individual and family memberships are the direct result of this program.

Please join me in welcoming the 2012 SLSC Board.

## **History of SLSC Added to Website**

By Vic Roberts

Many of you know that the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club was founded in 1957, but you may not know that the history of the club can be traced back to at least the 1930's. This was one of the many interesting things I learned when I sat down with SLSC Historian Randy Rice to gather material for the new History section of the SLSC website.

When you click on the History of SLSC link on the menu, located on the left side of each page of the SLSC website, you can currently access four different types of historical information: the early history of SLSC, written by SLSC Historians Cyril Chapman and Randall Rice; a list of Commodores, Vice Commodores and Rear Commodores from 1957 to 2011, information about the Mary Elizabeth Hull Award, and a section devoted to memorial statements.

The History section will make this information easily available to members and visitors, and will also provide a means to archive this data for future generations.

Almost all of the information currently posted in the History section of the website was provided by Randy Rice, and I want to thank him for making this information available. Randy also provided an India ink drawing of the SLSC waterfront, though he did not know the name of the artist or the date when it was drawn. A copy of this drawing has been added to the home page of the SLSC website. I hope to post some additional information provided by Randy in the near future.

If any members have documents or recollections that can be used to fill out the History section of the SLSC website, please contact me and we can work together to get this information posted.

Fred Barker has suggested that we post information from the new History section as installments in the Telltale. The first installment is included below.

## **SARATOGA LAKE SAILING CLUB HISTORY PART 1 – 1930's to 1960**

### **FORWARD**

The Saratoga Lake Sailing Club as it exists today is the result of several attempts over the past thirty years to establish a sailing club at Saratoga Lake.

In 1957, a group of people interested in sailing organized the present Saratoga Lake Sailing Club. They analyzed the reasons for the failure of the former clubs and decided to eliminate the faults, to establish a social program and to promote the interest of the members, wives, and families. On these principles, this club has grown from a few members in 1957 to 85 in 1965.

### **HISTORY, ANCIENT and OTHERWISE**

Back in the middle nineteen-thirties, in the mid-depression era, a group of rag and stick boys and stink-pot addicts joined forces to form a common bond in the interest of boating in general. A club was formed known as the Saratoga Lake Boat Club and Joseph Duval, a Saratoga Springs attorney, was elected Commodore. The first meetings were held in the Saratoga Springs City Hall second floor court room. The anchorage was at Rogers Boat Livery located at the east end of route 9P bridge and the fleet consisted of various types of boats. Sail boats were Old Town, Sun Class, several flaties and a sneak box; power was inboard and outboard and included boats of many kinds including small racing craft.

This was the period when power was coming of age and outboard motors had grown out of the kicker, put-put stage into roaring power plants. The power boys far outnumbered the sailors and after the first season some of the sailors were converted and bought buzz-bombs and stink-pots, including the Commodore, who traded his Old Town lapstrake sailboat for an inboard job.

The Albany to New York City power boat race was an annual event, as it still is today and the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club had several entries each year.

(Continued on Page 4)

### **SARATOGA LAKE SAILING CLUB HISTORY (Continued from Page 3)**

The combination of power and sail in the same club didn't work out well since the sailors being outnumbered were outvoted and so the club split. There was no definite program of events or social activities, so enthusiasm waned. The threat of World War II spelled the finish of this club.

After the Second World War was over, a club for sail only was formed using the same anchorage. Although Dan Kelley, who was one of the dynamic leaders and the first Commodore of the present club, was the driving force behind this group, the club was never really organized and dissolved after several seasons' effort.

The present Saratoga Lake Sailing Club was started at a gathering of interested people on July 8, 1957 and at this time elected Dan Kelley Commodore, Leo Hoge Vice-Commodore, David Jones Treasurer, Antonio Versaci Secretary, Racing Committee Leo Hoge, Legal Committee John Brown, Publicity Marcel Zucchini, Constitution and By-Laws Dan Kelley, Social Committee Walter Peterson and Membership Committee Dave Jones.

At a meeting on September 2, 1957 the aims of the club were discussed and a one dollar charge per boat for each day of racing was proposed and carried. Yearly dues of ten dollars for adults and five dollars for junior memberships were assessed on October 8, 1957.

On December 1, 1957, at a general meeting, the reasons for the failure of former clubs were discussed as mentioned in the forward. This was a very important meeting in the history of the club because it shows the members recognized the faults and shortcomings of previous organizations and would hereby try to avoid and correct them. The success of the tack charted at this time has been proven by the steady growth of the membership from seventeen in 1957 to eighty-five in 1965.

On January 5, 1958, the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club was accepted as a member of the Central New York Yacht Racing Association, dues twenty dollars per year, five dollars of which goes to the North American Yacht Racing Association.

A committee composed of Dan Kelley and Leo Hoge was named on February 9, 1958 to contact Senators Cusick and Seely about restricting the speed of power boats in the North Channel of Saratoga Lake.

Regatta plans were constituted on June 8, 1958.

The club improvement committee report of January 4, 1959 stated that a plot of ground near the mouth of Kaydeross Creek, consisting of 400 feet on the lake front and 430 feet on the creek would cost \$10,000 for 4.7 acres. The main problem with this site was clearing the lake of weeds and silt.

On July 18, 1959 the land committee reported a possible lease with Kaydeross Park Corp., with arrangements as follows: \$400.00 for the first 15 boats, price over 15 boats not arrived at, \$700.00 maximum with 20 to 30 boats over 15. A five-year lease could be arranged with renewal yearly. Lease void if club dissolves. A motion was made and carried to move to the Kaydeross Park site. This site is located at the north end of the lake immediately adjacent to Kaydeross Park. Improvements to this site up to the present time include the club house, which was built in 1960, is directly on the lake front and members moor their boats in front of the house and grounds. A launching ramp is on the grounds and a dock extends 180 feet directly offshore. There are picnic tables and charcoal grills for member use and numerous tall trees for shade. The only power boat allowed is the club launch.

In 1960 it was proposed that power boats be taken into the club to increase the membership. Some very heated debating followed and it was decided that because of the past joint power and sail club failures and that the sailors would lose control of the club, the proposal was rejected and the club continued for sailing only.

Cyril H. Chapman, Historian

End of Part 1.

## On the Block

### Hunter 23

Purchased new, 1987; Wing keel – Displacement 2,450 lbs.

Equipment:

Motor – 1992 6HP Mercury Outboard – electric starter – gasoline and oil mix

Sails – Main fully battened, lazy jacks; Roller furling jib

Features:

New canvas bimini over cockpit

“Tiller tamer”

Running lights & cabin lights

Depth guage

Cabin & cockpit cushions

200 lbs of buckshot in cabin storage chest

Porta potty

Boom vang & boom kicker

Trailer: Galvanized – newly replaced lining and bedding

Comments on Sailing:

All sail controls lead to cockpit

Carries six adults comfortably

Will sleep six Very friendly people!

Always stored in a building or covered – 2009-2012 “shrink wrapped” outdoor storage

Contact: **Bob Thomson, 518-869-1020**



## 2012 OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

Commodore.....	Gene Auciello
slsc_commodore@sailsaratoga.org.....	583-9558
Vice Commodore.....	Vic Roberts
slsc_vicecommodore@sailsaratoga.org.....	399-4410
Rear Commodore.....	Dave Hudson
slsc_rearcommodore@sailsaratoga.org.....	370-4894
Secretary.....	John Kimball
slsc_secretary@sailsaratoga.org.....	439-1174
Treasurer.....	Bruce Blackie
slsc_treasurer@sailsaratoga.org.....	583-0759
Flag Lt. Boats.....	JT Fahy
slsc_boats@sailsaratoga.org.....	753-9829
Flag Lt. Grounds.....	Don Zeibig
slsc_grounds@sailsaratoga.org.....	793-1803
Flag Lt. House.....	Samantha Butler
slsc_house@sailsaratoga.org.....	587-0659
Flag Lt. Race.....	Allan Miller
slsc_race@sailsaratoga.org.....	885-5510
Membership.....	Ann Seidman
slsc_membership@sailsaratoga.org.....	877-8731
Newsletter/Publicity.....	Fred Barker
slsc_publicity@sailsaratoga.org.....	280-4194
Sailing Program.....	Mark Welcome
slsc_sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org.....	587-9041
Social.....	Margaret Shirk
slsc_social@sailsaratoga.org.....	475-0412
Historian.....	Randall Rice
.....	785-7965
House Attendant.....	Kathy Johnston
kmorrisjohnston@aol.com.....	583-9646
House Phone.....	584-9659

## 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.

### ACTIVE FLEETS

Ensign.....	Tony Cannone
	271-0246
Flying Dutchman.....	Bill Hamilton
	877-5203
Flying Scot.....	Samantha Butler
	587-0659
	Mary Kate McCarty
	279-4205
Kestrel.....	Bob Barringer
	882-6087
Laser.....	Barbara Brown
	446-0426
MC Scow.....	Devon Howe
	423-0230
Sailboards.....	Gene Altman
	393-6713
Thistle.....	John Hudson
	374-0228