



Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

One of my favorite times at the club is working in the meadow on Hunter Currin's Ensign. In the spring, members help each other with fiberglass repair, brightwork refinishing, and gear set-up. Many members are intimidated and overwhelmed by such tasks. As a result, sailboat repair and refinishing clinics have been arranged for members interested in learning these skills.

Tony Bianchini will conduct a fiberglass repair clinic in the spring. Tony conducted a similar clinic for Kestrel sailors several years ago, and it was a resounding success. If you are interested in learning about fiberglass repair, please let Tony know via e-mail at tbianchi@nycap.rr.com.

Emmett McCarthy will conduct a clinic in brightwork refinishing this spring. Refinishing brightwork correctly makes the difference between a head-turner and just another varnish job. Emmett is extremely knowledgeable about refinishing products through his association with West Marine. If you are interested in learning brightwork refinishing techniques, please sign-up via e-mail at emmettmccarthy@verizon.net.

Don't be intimidated by sailboat repair and refinishing. Remember—engineers built the Titanic...an amateur built the Ark.



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The Club Needs You!!

Spring Work Parties

Saturday, May 5th & Saturday, May 12th

It's everybody's favorite work parties.
Mark them on your calendar now.
We need your help.

Work parties form between 8:00 and 9:00 am.

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

Boat stickers, membership cards and pocket calendars will be given out.

Good work, good fellowship, and good food.
It's part of your obligation as a member.
We'll see you there, and yes, we do take names!

Mary Elizabeth Hull Award

Nearly 80 members and guests were on hand to watch Cissy Hull Allen, daughter of Mary Elizabeth and John Hull, present the Mary Elizabeth Hull Award for 2012 to Charlie and Kathy Koines at the Saratoga National Golf Club on March 25.

Prior to the presentation, Cissy's son, Stev, read the Mary Elizabeth Hull Memorial Statement written by Randall Rice, SLSC Historian. The Mary Elizabeth Hull Award, also known as the Commodore's Award, recognizes special persons whose outstanding contributions have improved and sustained the life of SLSC.

Past Commodore's Award winners in attendance at the gala included John Hudson, Hunter Currin, David & Trudy Hudson, Nancy & Bruce Blackie, Harry Redgrave, Ann Seidman, Shirley Waterfield, Vic Roberts, and Bill & Yvonne Barringer.

Congratulations to Charlie and Kathy—the award is well deserved!

Gene Auciello, Commodore

Sailing School 2012

By Mark Welcome

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The lake is now free of ice, so it must be time to start talking about the sailing school. As always, there is quite a bit going on.

Summer Classes:

We are very happy to report that our classes for the 2012 season are filling up very fast. Once again this year we have added new classes to our schedule to accommodate as many people as possible. We ask that any members who are interested in the classes please notify us as soon as possible. Many of our registrations to date are from non-members and we want to be sure we accommodate all members who are interested. Some of the classes have waiting lists already, so please contact Mary Kate McCarty (info@saratogasailingschool.org) as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

In addition to our traditional Learn to Sail and Intermediate courses, we have 2 major changes:

1. A new course for adults called "Learn to Crew" which is designed for those people who are interested in getting involved with racing, but are not interested in skippering or maybe want a little racing experience before considering skippering. The class will teach students the basic concepts of racing, what is expected of race crew, and will give students the opportunity to try some races with experienced skippers at the helm. This class is **FREE** for all members, so please sign up early.

2. Expanded Junior race program. We expanded it last year, and now we are expanding it a little bit again. This years junior racers will come for a full week of instruction to kick off the season and then will continue on throughout the season on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. We are working with Allen Miller to work out the specifics of having the juniors race on Wednesdays, but are very excited to see them out on the water. We are also looking to add a regatta or 2 to the junior schedule.

Instructor Opportunities

As in the past, we are always looking for members who are certified US Sailing instructors to help us out with the adult classes. Please contact Mark Welcome (slsc_sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org) to confirm if you are interested in teaching this year and your availability.

Also, Allan Miller has been kind enough to arrange for SLSC to host a US Sailing Instructor Level 2 Coach course for anyone interested. Anyone who is not Level 1 certified can still take the course for all the knowledge, they will simply not receive certification unless they later take the level 1 course. It will be run at the club on Saturday and Sunday May 12th and 13th. It looks like a great course, and you can get all the details from Allan or the US Sailing web site.

Junior Assistants

We certainly appreciate all the assistance from our Junior Assistants who help us out all summer long with the kids classes. As part of this program, we are bringing a US Sailing "Sailing Counselor" certification course to the club on May 19th and 20th to get the kids the first level of US Sailing instructor certification. It is open to all juniors age 14 and up. The Sailing School will be reimbursing the cost for those juniors who help us out during the summer as a way of showing our appreciation. Please contact Mark Welcome for more information, or sign up at the US Sailing website (ussailing.org)

Boats?

Given the popularity of our adult classes, we are always in need of Flying Scots (perchance an Ensign?!) to teach with. While the school has several of our own boats, we do rely on the kindness of the members who allow us to use their boats during the classes so that we can accommodate more students. If you would like to help out and allow us to use your boat for some classes, please let us know and we certainly appreciate it.

Private lessons:

In addition to the group classes, we are working to expand our offerings of private lessons to accommodate those people who prefer more individualized lessons, or lessons that fit their schedule. We can teach on one of the school boats or your own boat if you prefer. We are already busy booking private lessons for the season and we expect to be teaching as soon as our docks hit the water at the end of April.

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. You also always contact Mark Welcome (slsc_sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org) with any questions or concerns.

Spring Work Party Days

By Don Zeibig, Flag Lt. Grounds

May 5 and 12

It's time?? Already??? Yes, Virginia, those proverbial **SLSC Spring Clean Up Work Party Days** are just around the corner. And even though this has been a mild winter, there is plenty of work that needs to be done so we can all get to the **REAL FUN-SAILING!** I am asking for "volunteers" who would be willing to pre-register now for some of the upcoming work. If you have the tools / talents and are willing to take care of any of the following jobs, **email** me to let me know you will handle that job:

- Power equipment maintenance (oil, spark plugs etc)
- Hedge trimming (around steps and deck)
- Repair of 6-8 picnic tables (replacing damaged/old boards)
- Painting picnic tables
- Clean up of tool shed
- Meadow clean-up (this will be primary focus to get rid of garbage and old trailers, etc)
- SLSC sign install (need pickup truck?)

ALSO:

If you have a boat on a trailer please make sure the tires are inflated before the 1st work day to facilitate moving them if needed.

Please also remember when decals are made available (1st work day):

Each boat must display a valid, annually renewable, SLSC boat park decal. A valid decal shall be affixed to the boat or trailer before the boat is placed in the boat park, or no later than June 30. The decal shall be affixed to the starboard bow, or to the front of the trailer on the starboard side.

- Members failing to affix a valid SLSC boat decal by July 15 will lose their boat park assignment, and their boat(s) will be moved to the meadow for storage.
- Members who do not place their boat in their assigned boat park space by July 15 will lose their assignment and the location will be made available to other members.
- It is the responsibility of each member to ensure their boat(s) are in their assigned space(s).

NOTE: All old trailers and equipment that are not claimed and have no identification (decal, license, etc) will be removed this year and either scrapped or sold (?) to any interested club member. If you are interested in any of these let me know.

You can email me through the club website.

Proposed Changes to SLSC Dues Structure

By Gene Auciello, Commodore

Changes to the SLSC dues structure were proposed and approved at the December 2011 Board Meeting, and were briefly outlined at the 2012 Budget Meeting. Changes have been proposed for both the young adult and senior membership levels.

Years ago, SLSC established a senior dues discount of \$150 for members age 60 and older to keep senior members affiliated with the club. These long-time members no longer sailed, but still enjoyed the benefits of club membership, including social activities. At that time, senior memberships accounted for 5 percent of total club membership. Today, senior memberships are approaching 50 percent of club membership, and many members remain active sailors throughout their 60's and into their 70's. In fact, new members are entering the club at the senior rate, which was not the original intent of the senior discount.

After several years of discussion, the Board proposed a single membership rate by the year 2015. Under this proposal, next year, in 2013, the young adult and senior membership discount will be \$100. In 2014, the young adult and senior membership discount will be \$50. By 2015, all members will pay the same dues rate.

These proposed changes will be voted on by the membership at next year's Budget Meeting.

In Memoriam

We are saddened to report three members of Saratoga Lake Sailing Club, John B. Sweeney III, Robert Berry and Allan Foster, have recently passed away.

Obituaries for them can be found on the SLSC website, using the Memorial Statements link on the main menu.

Printed and Electronic Telltale or Electronic Only - Your Choice

By Vic Roberts

One of the benefits of the SLSC website is that we now make copies of the Telltale available to members in electronic (PDF) format. As opposed to the printed version of the Telltale that arrives in your mailbox, the photographs in the PDF version are all in stunning color. Plus, each PDF Telltale takes up so little space on either home computers or our website servers that we can all now save old copies for future reference.

Some members have asked us to stop sending them the printed copy because they download and read the PDF version of the Telltale, and do not also need the printed copy. Up until this year we have been unable to honor those requests because we did not have a convenient means to stop delivery of the printed version of the Telltale to some members while continuing distribution to other members. I'm happy to report that we have now established a method that allows members to easily opt out of the printed version of the Telltale, if they want to.

The 2012 Membership renewal form had a fill-in box where each member could indicate if they wanted to stop delivery of the printed version of the Telltale. If you missed the question, or want to change your answer at any time, you can turn delivery of the printed version of the Telltale On or Off simply by checking a button in your Profile on the SLSC website.

First, log onto the SLSC website using your Username and Password. (If you have forgotten your Username or Password, try the Forgot My Username/Password link. If that does not work, contact me using the link on the Board Contacts page of the SLSC website, or call me at 518-399-4410. Once you are logged into the SLSC website, click on the Profile link right under the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club banner to the top of the page. Then click on the Contact Info link under the Personal Info header. Then scroll down to the third section of this page, labeled Other Contacts. At the bottom of the Other Contacts section you will see "Newsletter" and then two "radio buttons." The text next to the upper button reads "I want a printed newsletter" and the text next to the lower button reads "I will download the newsletter from the website." If you do not want the printed version of the Telltale, click on the lower of the two buttons. Then click Save at the bottom of the page. Your request will be active with the next issue of the Telltale.

All members will continue to receive notification by e-mail after each new issue of the Telltale is posted on the website.

As an owner of a sailboat, you already save fossil fuel by using a wind-powered boat. By checking this button you will be using recycled electrons to save paper and additional fuel.

Sailing Programs Meeting

April 22, 2:30 PM at the Club

By Allan Miller, Flag Lt. Race

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Running Races and Operating the Powerboats

As nearly all our members at some time operate the power boats and help on race committee, this year's meeting will be a discussion to help everyone be comfortable doing both. The session will cover safe operation of the powerboats and the various actions needed to set courses and run races.

The afternoon is intended for all members, regardless of experience, as the more experienced people will help by adding their experience and insight into the discussion.

We intend to follow this up with some on the water training after the work parties in May.
Please plan to attend.

US Sailing Level 2 Sailing Coach Course

May 12 & 13 (enroll by April 13)

Taught by Rachael Miller

This is a great opportunity to learn coaching techniques and improve your own racing skills and performance.

Small Boat Level 2 Coach Workshop Goals

The US SAILING Small Boat Sailing Level 2 Coach Workshop is designed to provide coaches with information on how to effectively develop performance boat handling and racing skills and to instill in athletes the importance of ethical behavior and sportsmanship in the sport of sailing. Topics covered include performance boat handling, on-water skill development, race training drills, tactics and strategies, the racing rules of sailing, program planning, coaching theory and effective communication.

Prerequisites for entrance

1. Current US SAILING Small Boat Sailing Level 1 Instructor certification is needed to gain certification. Candidates who do not have Level 1 certification may attend, but will not be certified until they successfully complete Level 1.
2. If Coach Candidate is under the age of 18, one season of experience as a US SAILING Small Boat Sailing Level 1 "Sailing Assistant" is required.
3. Current USCG approved CPR and First aid certification. CPR and First Aid certification are not required to take the course but are required for certification as an instructor. A state licensed EMT or physician whose CPR certification is renewed annually is also accepted. Please bring copies of your cards to the course. (A CPR First Aid course will be run at the club in the spring for those that need to complete this requirement)
4. Current US SAILING Adult Individual Membership.
5. Experience in racing small boats such as prams, dinghies, mutihulls or daysailing keelboats.
6. Completed Application Form accompanied by appropriate course fees. (Available online from the US Sailing website – course calendar.)
7. Completed Medical Form provided to the Coach Trainer before the course begins.

Course length and capacity

The workshop is two full days. Recommended number of coach candidates per course is 8-18.

Course Fees

\$300 Small Boat Sailing Level 2 Coach Course; a \$50 late fee will be added for late registrations (after April 13).

House Report

By Sam Butler, Flag Lt House

As sailing weather approaches and things at the club get busier, I thought this would be a good time to review the rules for use of the house and member sponsored events.

Members are always welcome to use the club, even during club sponsored events such as work parties and regattas as well as during member sponsored events. Please be aware of these events, especially if you are planning on using the kitchen, hoist or ramps as there are peak times that they will be in use during these events. They are listed on the club calendar and you can always contact the Flag Lt House or fleet captains if you have any questions.

Member sponsor events are those times when you would like to bring guests to the sailing club. Any time you bring non-members to the club, it is a member sponsored event. As there are fees involved in club use for group sizes greater than seven (including members and non-members), please consult the member manual. Additionally, groups of this size require notification and/or approval of the Flag Lt House.

If you are planning a member sponsored event, please check the calendar to see what other events may be occurring at the club. Member events will not be scheduled to conflict with club sponsored events and usually only one member event per day will be scheduled, all on a first come, first served basis. 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.

As the sponsoring member, you are required to be in attendance at all times, including overnight, and insure that the club rules and policies are followed. This includes the alcohol policy which can be reviewed in the member manual. The house and grounds should be left at least as clean as found and there should be no excessive use of club resources, such as paper products. This is true any time you are at the club, member event or not. Following these guidelines should ensure that everyone has an enjoyable time while at the club.

Happy Sailing!

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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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