

Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

It was a picture perfect day for SLSC's 2012 Memorial Day Champagne Brunch. The Social Committee set up for the event Sunday afternoon, and started arriving at the clubhouse by 7:00 a.m. Monday to prepare brunch for 180 members and guests.

Thank you to Social Chair Margaret Shirk and the many members of her Social Committee, and others, who assisted with the shopping, food preparation, and cooking, including: Jeanne Auciello, Bill Barringer, Bruce & Nancy Blackie, Chester & Sharon Brearey, Clark Cooper, Hunter Currin, Jerry Danielski, JT & Lucy Fahy, Mike Flanigan, Dave & Amy Hudson and Sam, Charlie Koines, Dan Mehlman, and Leslie Sikora. Also, many thanks to the dozens of members with last names A through F who made the clean-up look easy.

At the Memorial Day social event, I received numerous comments from members and guests on how beautiful the club grounds and clubhouse looked. We owe a big thanks to our caretaker, Kathy Johnston, and the 172 members (representing 140 individual and family memberships) who attended the two spring work parties on May 5 and May 12. In fact, nearly two dozen members attended both work parties. How do I know this? The club has maintained an Excel spreadsheet on member participation at work parties for the past six years.

SLSC does not have paid professional staff, and relies on the active participation of its members to maintain the club facilities. There are two work parties each spring, one work party in the fall, and special projects throughout the season. According to the SLSC Bylaws, *"Each member is expected to contribute their time to work parties and other activities of the club."* In general, the club rule is that members are expected to participate in at least one work party each year, and sign-up sheets are maintained.

If you are an able-bodied sailor and have not attended a spring work party, the Board looks forward to your participation at the fall work party scheduled for Saturday, October 20. If this date does not fit into your schedule, please contact Flag Lieutenant Grounds Don Zeibig or Flag Lieutenant House Samantha Butler, to obtain a list of special projects you can complete at your convenience, availability, and ability.

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 pay at the door, checks please

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 475-0412

Upcoming Events

June 16	Laser Derby
July 4	Chicken BBQ

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MC Horse Race Regatta By John Kimball



Seventeen hardy MC scow sailors, including four Canadians, fought bravely against incessant drizzle and eccentric winds at the second Saratoga Horse Race Regatta on June 2-3. Since challenges build character, the cold rain-in-the-face winds coming from everywhere made this a most successful regatta.

Thanks to a skilled and nearly waterproof race committee, four good races were held on Saturday. Race Committee PRO Peter Seidman with Ann Seidman, and volunteers Fred Barker, Jim Benson, David Burtis, Bob Glasser, J.T. Fahy and Allan Miller managed to figure out what direction was "windward," even when many of the racers were confused. Sunday had no wind.

Special credit for this regatta goes to Devon Howe's leadership. Devon and Connecticut sailor Bob Wynkoop have initiated a regatta tradition that we hope will last for years. Credit also goes to Devon's wife Kathy and daughter Helaina who, along with help from Charlie Murphy, kept everyone happily well-fed. Good cooking from a good team. Despite our best efforts, no one really had a chance against hot-shot Zach Clayton. At last year's Horse Race Regatta, Zack gave a sailing seminar before the races. If we had listened to him more carefully, he might not have won three of the four races this year.

Second place went to Bob Cole, one of the good MC sailors from Keuka Lake (one of the New York finger lakes). Trisha End was third in our regatta. She lives near Lake George and sailed a borrowed boat named "Floyd." Floyd is more or less pink. Several MC sailors pooled their funds and bought Pink Floyd. It will reside at SLSC, hoping that someone who can't find a crew will try it out. Better yet, someone might buy this fast and colorful boat. Finally, how did the MC sailors from Saratoga (Devon Howe, David Glasser, John Kimball and Charlie Murphy) fare? The best that can be said is: "There's always next year."



SLSC Alcohol Policy

The Saratoga Lake Sailing Club (SLSC) must comply with the state liquor laws of New York as they relate to the purchase, service, consumption and storage of alcohol at the club in accordance with our annually renewed New York State Liquor License.

It is the policy of the Club that the responsibility for the conduct of each member, his or her family and guests, in all matters including the provision, storage and consumption of alcoholic beverages on SLSC premises, lies with the individual member and that responsibility is not, and cannot be assumed by SLSC. No alcoholic beverages should be consumed by or served to anyone who appears to be intoxicated.

No one under the age of 21 will be served or may consume alcoholic beverages of any kind. There will be no exceptions, and all members have the obligation to intercede should they observe this to occur. Appropriate identification may be required.

SLSC members may bring beer, wine, or liquor onto SLSC premises and store it in the SLSC refrigerator while they are there. Any alcoholic beverages must be removed by members or guests and not left unattended at SLSC when departing.

When alcohol is to be provided in conjunction with an SLSC event (regattas, social events) someone associated with the event must be designated beforehand as the event alcohol officer to ensure compliance with our regulations. The alcohol officer must secure the alcohol (lock the keg, remove the wine, etc.) at a reasonable time at the end of the evening or event. An open keg or bottles of alcohol should never be left unattended, and it is the responsibility of the designated alcohol officer to ensure that this does not happen.

Members and their guests using the house with the approval of the Flag Lieutenant House must adhere to these regulations at all times.

Gene Auciello Commodore & Alcohol Officer

SLSC Archive Room Taking Shape

The third floor bedroom is in the process of being renovated and transformed into a repository for club archives dating back to 1957. The club thanks Dr. Michael Perrotti for donating a new four-drawer metal file cabinet, desk, and bookshelf. The majority of club historical files are currently stored in boxes in the clubhouse attic. Over time, they will be sorted and filed chronologically, with the most pertinent information scanned and added to our website. If anyone has an interest in assisting with this special project, please contact me. If you have not yet attended a work party, it would be an ideal way to complete your annual obligation at your convenience.

Gene Auciello Commodore

Bright Work Clinic

By Emmitt McCarthy

I'm going to do the Bright Work Clinic in conjunction with a colleague from West Marine.

Location: West Marine, Latham. Time: 6-7 PM, 6/21.

The interesting thing will be contrasts: Dave Tourt is a bluewater sailor; I'm a local lakes guy. So we'll have some different approaches to share, as well as some physical examples.

On the Block

Kestrel

Hull #1000. This is an older boat in decent shape. Newer trailer included. The boat and trailer can be viewed in the SLSC field – look for a sticker with "Burgess". The sails are at the owner's home. \$1100.

Call Fred Burgess @ 783-6786 or email fburges1@verizon.net

Champagne Brunch





New Member Reception









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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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