

Tell tale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

I apologize to our new members for not attending the New Member Reception on June 2. I was attending a family reunion on Long Island to celebrate my father's 90th birthday. Membership Chair Ann Seidman has planned a second New Member Reception on Sunday, July 28, after racing. I look forward to meeting our new members.

There is still a stack of boat decals on the front desk near the telephone. At SLSC, each boat must display a valid, annually renewable, boat decal affixed to the starboard bow or trailer. Members who have not placed a valid boat decal on their sailboats, kayaks, and/or canoes by July 15 will lose their boat park assignment and/or boat rack space(s) and be relocated to the meadow by the Flag Lt. Grounds. At that time, the spaces will be made available to other members in accordance with club policy. Also, please note—the ground level of the canoe/kayak board racks, as designed, are strictly for boats on dollies. All canoes and kayaks on the ground will be placed on the second or third levels.

Happy sailing!

Grounds Report

By John Smith, Flag Lt. Grounds

First of all, I would like to thank those who helped to clean out the boat racks on Saturday the 20th. I could use a few more volunteers to complete this process over the next few weeks.

The cooperation of all the land based sailors is needed to keep the geese out of the boat yard and lower meadow. This means keeping the three gates closed (main, laser and club house). There is a PVC pipe in the ground that holds the free side of the gate. The post that holds the fence goes into the pipe to close the gate. So far this has been working well.

Due to how wet it has been this year, if your boat is in a spot that is too muddy, we have several empty spaces along the end of the rows near the barn. Please use them until it is dry enough to use your assigned space.

I am looking for ideas for launching boats from the crane for a low water condition. This spring we had about 8 feet of sand between the crane and the water. This is a potential project for either the fall or spring work party.

Mooring Area Coordinator or Harbormaster

By Dave Hudson, Rear Commodore

Member Brian Rodems will be assuming the role handled for many years by Bruce Blackie. Bruce volunteered years ago to improve the operation and function of the mooring area and coordinate the users of that area for the installation, maintenance and removal moorings each season.

Bruce has decided to step back from this responsibility and I would like to graciously thank him for all the effort he put into making the mooring area a well maintained and trouble free facility of the club.

The harbormaster coordinates the installation and removal of the moorings in the Spring and Fall; recommends and inspects mooring equipment when requested; interprets the policies of the club and may recommend mooring area changes that would improve layout and maximize usage to the Rear Commodore. The assignment of moorings and resolution of problems remains with the Rear Commodore.

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SLSC MC Horserace Regatta

by Zack Clayton

Hello Race Fans! Chiming in from Eastern New York and wonderful Saratoga Lake with a quick regatta re-cap.

First and foremost, everyone must again thank the Howe family. Without Devon's and Cathy's dedicated preparations, registration, phenomenal food, trophy fabrication, and constant efforts to please, this regatta would never happen. In just a quick few years, the regatta has gone from nothing to 20+ boats competing in youth, women, under 50, master and grand master categories while emanating from NY, CT, OH, FL, Canada, NJ and more.. Great PRO work and help at the crane for daily launch and retrieval, plus plenty of room for camping and upstairs lodging at the club make this an inexpensive, leave your wallet in the car and your keys in your pocket type event!

The racing was good. Four races on day one with 2-12mph and one race on the final day in 3-8mph all from variants of S-SW. Race one was the lightest of the event and made for tough downwind sledding, but the fleet managed and Chris Norman came from 3 or 4 on the last beat to take the race win. Race 2 saw a freshening breeze for the last beat of the race and Chris Hawk, along with a mistake from Zack Clayton of not knowing the number of laps on the race board, allowed Chris to nip Zack at the line for the race win. Race 3 of the day had a bit of a steam on Zack's head after letting one slip away and he took race three.

Race four saw a big left shift off the starting line with Andre Marcotte from Montreal making the best of it after changing the lead several times with Bob Wynkoop and William Hudson. He got the gun for his first ever regatta race win and the ceremonial toss into the lake afterwards. The Montreal contingent led by former Olympian Will Hendershot is improving quickly, taking third and fifth in this event.

After Day 1 there were plenty of sore bodies and a tie for the top spot between Chris Hawk and Zack Clayton. The next group had Will Hendershot and Chris "I snapped my hiking stick" Norman tied for 3rd and 4th. After plenty of free beer, a great meal and some bad card playing in the club's "game room" til 2am, the fleet retired for some well deserved rest to get ready for the final day of racing.

Day 2 dawned with spotty breeze and an on-shore AP flag. The wind filled a bit and we were off to decide the top spots of the Horse Race Regatta. Chris Hawk jumped out to a big lead only to see it fizzle while having to hold off a hard charging Zack Clayton at the very end. Chris Norman made a terrific late push to get into second in this one (third overall), but it was "Fast Willy" Hendershot showing us all that he knows light breeze and is willing to get to the correct edge of the course, taking this final race with a comfortable lead.

Overall we can easily see that the fleet is improving, the racing is much tighter and the results are more jumbled each season, which is great for everyone. Five races with 5 different winners makes for some IRG "Individual Race Glory" for all.

**Final Results: 1) Chris Hawk – Keuka, 2) Zack Clayton – LESC, 3) Will Hendershot – VDM,
4) Chris Norman - NJ 5) Andre Gagnon - VDM**

Get your boats packed and out to Clear Lake, IA for the Nationals later this week! Great job Saratoga and we will see you again in 2014. Finally, a big "Thank You" to David Glasser for loaning me a boat to sail!



Saratoga Laser Derby – Saturday June 8

By Dave Burtis

The annual Saratoga Derby Laser regatta was held at the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club on Saturday, June 8. Eleven competitors showed up, buoyed by the prospect of 10 mph winds, unlike the Derby regattas of the last couple years. As they sailed to the starting line, the light wind began to fade and part of the first race was in a near drifter – oh no, not another Derby regatta of slow motion “racing”. But then the winds steadily increased to near 10 mph and not too shifty or gusty, making for some fine, exciting racing. There were six races, with one throwout.

The excitement was enhanced for many sailors who found themselves tightly bunched and vying for a top position. In one race, the top 6 boats did a tight formation nose-to-tail parade around the leeward mark. Aaron maintained a commanding lead in the 1st race, won the first 3 races and coasted (with another first) to a first place finish. After 3 races, 2nd through 4th places were very much up for grabs, with only 5 points separating Scott Meyer, who came on strong with a 2nd, 3rd, and 1st in the last 3 races to finish 2nd, from Allan Miller, who finished 3rd, and Watchless Mike (usually late) Kitner, who finished 4th. Second and third place were determined by a tiebreaker, and 4th was one point behind. James Nicol sailed consistently well for 5th. Walter Smith, who had been missing in action so far this year and much of last year was 6th. David Burtis, who was in the running for a top 5 finish, submerged his chances by missing the hiking strap while hiking out hard after a tack and finished 7th. Peter Hudson, sailing in his first Laser regatta, was 8th. Bill Hamilton, who prefers practicing with a Flying Dutchman, ended 9th. Kira Munger, who was not given any bonus points despite driving 3 hours from Lake Oswego to join us, finished 10th. Peter Czajkowski was 11th.

Once again, thanks to Jerry Burr who toughed out an injury to run an excellent series of races and to the help of his assistants Dave Hudson, Charles Koiner, Ryan Decker and Lauren Borst. Also thanks to Paul Waterfield for another series of fine action and portrait photos, most of which were quite flattering.

The results, by position and score, were:

1	Aaron Holland	8
2	Scott Meyer	14
3	Allan Miller	14
4	Mike Kitner	15
5	James Nicol	21
6	Walter Smith	25
7	David Burtis	30
8	Peter Hudson	38
9	Kira Munger	40
10	Bill Hamilton	45
11	Pietr Czajkowski	52



Aaron

Ensign Fleet 72

5th Annual Regatta

By Tony Cannone

Ensign Fleet 72 will hold its 5th annual regatta on September 7th at the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club. This year's regatta is the Ensign Fleet's second annual Leukemia Cup Regatta. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Leukemia Cup RegattaSM is a series of sailing events that combines the joy of boating with the important task of raising money to cure cancer. Since its inception, The Leukemia Cup Regatta has raised millions of dollars for lifesaving research and patient services, bringing help and hope to patients and their families.

At events held at yacht clubs across North America, skippers register their boats and recruit friends and colleagues to help crew and to raise funds. Crew members seek donations from friends, family, co-workers and employers to sponsor their boat. National and local event sponsors also support Regatta.

Nearly 1,012,533 Americans currently battle blood cancers. Every four minutes, someone is diagnosed. They are men, women, children, of every race and every age. Every ten minutes, someone dies from these cancers. Participation in The Leukemia Cup Regatta helps save lives.

Funds raised through The Leukemia Cup Regatta advance LLS's mission: cure leukemia, Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma and myeloma and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS carries out its mission by funding leading-edge cancer research; providing information and support services for patients, and education for health care professionals; and advocating for patients at national and state levels.

We are excited to part of the 2013 Leukemia Cup Regatta and to have the opportunity to support this effort. Participants will receive a commemorative Leukemia Cup Burgee and have the chance to win prizes provided by the national sponsors.

As part of the event we will be providing a BBQ dinner catered by Giffy's BBQ which will be open to guests and supporters who may not be sailing. In addition we will have silent auction which will include fun sailing related items as well as certificates donated by local businesses..

Please go to the SLSC website and click on Regatta Information, [2013 Ensign Regatta Notice Of Race for more information](#) on our event or www.leukemicup.org [What is The Leukemia Cup Regatta?](#) for more information on the Leukemia Cup Regatta.



2012 Leukemia Cup: Hunter Currin, Maureen O'Brien Thornton & Tony Cannone

Property Tax Update

By Vic Roberts, Vice Commodore

In late June we were notified that the Town of Malta Board of Assessment Review had rejected our request for a reduction in the new \$1,050,000 assessment of our main property. The SLSC Board has therefore decided to retain David Rowley, a partner at Cooper Erving & Savage LLP, to pursue a judicial review of our assessment under Article 7 of the New York Real Property Tax Law. We will pay Mr. Rowley on a contingency basis, where he will receive a portion of any first year's reduction in real estate taxes he is able to obtain for us. We will be obligated to pay for a professional appraisal of our property that can be presented to the Court, plus certain small out of pocket expenses.

U.S. Sailing Membership

By Vic Roberts, Vice Commodore

Prior to this year, members of SLSC could join U.S. Sailing, or renew their membership in U.S. Sailing, as part of their annual SLSC membership renewal process. SLSC members would add their U.S. Sailing dues to their SLSC membership dues and fees and send one check to our Treasurer.

Starting this year U.S. Sailing established a new membership renewal process. Each member of U.S. Sailing is now expected to send their dues and membership information, including the name of their home sailing club, directly to U.S. Sailing.

The process has not worked very well. Many members of SLSC have not renewed their U.S. Sailing membership, and their existing memberships will expire on July 31, 2013.

If you did not renew directly this year with U.S. Sailing, or if you are a new member of SLSC and want to join U.S. Sailing, you can do so by using the "Join U.S. Sailing at a Discounted Rate" link found on our website on the Links page that is accessible from the Menu on the left side of each page. [Your web browser may report that this web page has an invalid certificate, but it was OK when tested on July 13 so you can tell your browser to open the page.]

When you join or renew through the SLSC page at U.S. Sailing you get a discount and the club receives funds that we can use for support of the Sailing School and other activities.

If you would rather send in a check, please contact me and I will send you a paper renewal form.

4th of July Chicken BBQ Thanks

By Vic Roberts, Vice Commodore

The Saratoga Lake Sailing Club is a volunteer organization, and our in-season social functions are run entirely by our members. The success of our recent 4th of July BBQ was a credit to the hard work of a lot of members, plus the enthusiastic assistance of Kathy Johnston, our caretaker.

I want to start with Charlie Koines, who accepted overall responsibility for the event and was involved in just about all activities, from menu planning, food preparation on July 3, to cooking and management of the whole process on July 4. Dave and Trudy Hudson purchased over 125 half chickens and Dave was in charge of the BBQ grill during the event, while Trudy worked in the kitchen after dinner on clean-up detail. Steve Hadcock and Jerry Danielski were on chicken detail with Dave. Jim Benson split wood to be used to start the charcoal to cook the chickens and worked with Skip McEwing to make sure the hot dogs and burgers were perfect. Cindy Benson and Kathy Koines collected money and gave out the tickets.

Devon Howe helped keep the beverages stocked, Kathy Warlow helped in the kitchen and Helena Howe, Cameron Parry, and Caroline Parry helped with the ice cream and clean-up. A number of people helped to set up and take down the tents we used to cover the food. These included JT Fahy, Emmett McCarthy, John Smith, and others. I also went to thank Lorie Anthony, Kyle Jones, Sue Kohler, Lois Haignere, Howard Hart, Steve Healey, Frank Lyons, Brenda McEwing, and Charlie Smith for their help with setup and clean up. I apologize if I left anyone off this list.

We are always short of clean-up staff and I want to thank everyone who helped with clean-up and encourage everyone to help with clean-up at the next event. It may not be the most glamorous job but it is one of the most important.

One more thing ... Kathy Johnston was not only helping everywhere during the event, but when I was at the club for the Wednesday night race on July 3, I found that Kathy had tilted all the picnic tables on their side and was using the leaf blower to clean insects and cobwebs from under all the tables. That's why a spider did not fall into your lap during dinner.

New Member Gathering

New member get together on **Sunday, July 28** after racing at SLSC.

This will be a general orientation about the sailing club and you will receive your manual at this meeting.

Refreshments will be served.

MC Horserace



Laser Derby





On the Block

KESTREL #498

Has a 505-style spinnaker setup, new cover, all new lines, lots of new hardware, the world's simplest homemade mast ram, a really exceptional rudder, new hiking straps. The trailer has been thoroughly rebuilt, with new bearings, wheels, bearings, tires, bunks, and electricals. Only issue is a leaky flotation tank.

Call David Duquette, Princeton, NJ for more details and to make an offer at (917) 757-9102.

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\$695.00 buys boat, trailer and 150lb mushroom anchor, ground tackle and buoy.

Please call Carroll F. Cook at 484.553.3736 for details.

SUNFISH

I have a Sunfish for sale. Complete, Sail, Mast, Rudder, Daggerboard, rigged and ready to go. Asking \$600

Please call Gene Altman at 518-858-3353.

FLYING SCOT

Great Day Sailer, great shape, fully equipped. Hull # 4406. Two sets of sails including main, jib, and spinnaker. Tee-Nee trailer and Sailor's Tailor cover included. \$4300

Contact Erik Eddy 366-3996; eeddy@siena.edu

LASERS WANTED

The Sailing School is in need of Lasers to support the youth program. If you know of someone storing a Laser in a barn that might consider selling or donating it to SLSC or if you have a boat that you are considering selling please tell us. Lasers are the world's most popular class and finding good used boats for our program is becoming increasingly difficult. Contact Greg Tkai or Allan Miller

2 KAYAKS FOR SALE

Perception Carolina 13.5, red and yellow one-person kayak with rudder. Foot pedals and cockpit cover are missing. Selling as is. With paddle - \$600.

Ocean Kayak Pro SI 129, yellow one-person kayak with rudder. With paddle - \$675.

Both kayaks are on the racks closest to the fenced children's playground, right side of rack, 1st and 2nd shelves, have "Burgess" stickers. See pictures on club website. Call Sharon Burgess at 729-2043.

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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