



Tell tale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

As the year draws to a close, so does my tenure as Commodore. I would like to thank the 2012 and 2013 Board members for their advice, inspiration, and dedication; our caretaker; the Fleet Captains; those members who have graciously served on various committees; and the entire membership for continuing to volunteer at social events and work parties. Finally, thank you all for your trust in me to have a steady hand at the SLSC tiller for the past two years.

Sincerely, Gene

Gwynfor Gummer Collection

By Gene Auciello

Jeanne and I recently visited with Joyce Gummer at her lovely home in Albany. Joyce told us Gwyn wished to donate his collection of sailing memorabilia to the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club.

The collection includes one-of-a-kind books on sailing, numerous sailing prints and watercolors, and a fine collection of unique hand-crafted sailboat models. The Gummer's fondest memory was attending the 1983 America's Cup in Newport, Rhode Island. Their tickets to the seventh race aboard the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter CHASE, along with a photograph of Liberty US-40, have been framed and placed on the mantle. The 1983 America's Cup collection also includes the Official Program Book, and magazines highlighting the 1983 America's Cup including Sail, Sailing, Cruising World and Sailing World.

On behalf of the entire membership at the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club, I would like to thank Joyce for the donation in memory of Gwyn.

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Nov 16.....Awards Party
Dec 15.....Annual Meeting

SLSC

Notice of Annual Meeting

Sunday, *Dec 15th, 3:00pm

at

Our Clubhouse

Election of the 2014 Executive Board

The Nominating Committee recommends
the following candidates:

Commodore	Vic Roberts
Vice Commodore	Mark Welcome
Rear Commodore	David Hudson
Treasurer	John Kimball
Secretary	Samantha Butler
Flag Lt. Boats	Misha Gutin
Flag Lt. Grounds	John Smith
Flag Lt. House	Greg&Melissa Tkai
Flag Lt. Race	Bill&Yvonne Barringer
Membership	Ann Seidman

Food & Beverage Provided

* Note the change from the date first posted on our website!

REMINDER!

SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 16 Sailing Awards Party

Ballston Spa Elks Lodge, Rt. 50 and Hamilton St.
6 PM cocktails, 7 PM buffet dinner, \$30/person

This party is for all members.

Reservations by Nov. 6, Barbara or Allan 885-5510

or email: amille2@nycap.rr.com

FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

RACHAEL MILLER

Speaking on: What's down there?

Not your usual marine debris presentation!

Sailing School 2013 Season Wrap Up

By Mark Welcome

Now that the school sessions have ended and the docks are out, it seems like a good time to give everyone a summary of the 2013 Sailing School Season. We had a very successful season with almost 70 adult students and 80 junior students taking part in the various classes that we offer. This does not include the many private lessons that get offered. For those of you keeping score at home, that is roughly a 20% increase in enrollments this year. Most of that increase was on the adult side. From a monetary point of view, the revenues of the school continued to grow again this year, which allowed us to invest some more money in upgrading the boats, including a new (to us) Flying Scot and 4 newer Lasers to replace some of the more tired ones in our fleet. Most importantly, we had a lot of happy sailors. I can't begin to estimate the number of e-mails, phone calls and comments I received this year from parents and students who were just happy and having fun sailing.

Highlights of 2013 include:

- **A large increase in the number of adults who attended one of our programs.**
- **Another increase in participation in the junior racing program. A number of them were also on the water racing on Wednesday nights.**
- **Some new US Sailing Certified members. The Club hosted another US Sailing Junior Counselor course this spring and we had 3 Juniors get their certification for the first time and 2 who took the course just as a refresher.**
- **As always, we are gratified to see the number of people who take classes with us who apply for and/or become club members.**

Of course, all of the success of the school program is directly attributable to all the people who are involved with the school and the hard work that they put into the program. I cannot let a season end without thanking everyone:

Aaron and Peter: I simply can't say enough good things. The parents love them, the kids love them, the adult students have a great time. We look forward to them returning next year.

Jen Tayne: Jen was kind enough to jump on board and help us out throughout the summer whenever we had too many kids or Aaron and Peter were away with the racers. She was a huge help and we hope to see her again next year.

The Sailing School Committee: The school committee is large, and it needs to be, in order to take care of the myriad of things that go into the school every year. It couldn't happen without the efforts of a team of dedicated volunteers. A huge thank you to Tony Bianchini, JT Fahy, Devon and Kathy Howe, Mary Kate McCarty, Emmett McCarthy, Allan Miller, James Nicol, Skip Parry, Laura Rappaport, Matthew Sweeney, and Greg Tkai for all of their efforts.

Junior Counselors: Last year we began certifying many of our juniors as part of the US Sailing Junior Counselor certification program. All we ask was that they help us when they can with the junior programs. Many of them then donated weeks of their time this summer to assist at the junior classes. There is no way we could accommodate the number of junior sailors that we do without their help. Our thanks to Piotr Czachowski, Peter Hamlin, Brett Howe, Helaina Howe, Jack McCarty, Hannah Merrill, Cameron Parry and Drew Welcome.

Adult Member Instructors: A number of our members are also US Sailing certified instructors, and have given us many hours of their time to make the adult program a success. Watching our membership teaching others to sail and improve their sailing never gets old. Thanks to Mike Funk, John Kimball, Scott Meyer, Allan Miller, Glenn Miner, Greg Tkai, Jerry Zell for all their help.

With the 2013 season officially over, we have already started work on the 2014 season. In 2014 we will continue to streamline the process for running the school so that we can offer all of the services we do now, but with less stress on the resources/manpower of the club. At the same time, we will continue to refine and expand our offerings to suit the needs of the membership.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions or would like to help, please don't hesitate to contact Mark Welcome at slsc_sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org or 587-9041.

Water System Update

By Vic Roberts, Vice Commodore

During the docks-out work party we removed the lake water intake, as we do each Fall. The house is operating entirely on well water until we reactivate the lake water intake in the Spring of 2014. The well has limited capacity. For that reason we ask that house water not be used to wash any boats until the lake water intake is reactivated next Spring. The lake water intake is normally reinstalled at the first docks-in work party in early May. However, if people want to start work on their boats before then, we can arrange a special work party in April to reactivate the lake water intake. The only limitation is that threat of a hard freeze must be past.

Property Tax Update

By Vic Roberts, Vice Commodore

Our challenge to our new Real Property assessment remains unresolved. In mid-October, Attorney David Rowley met with the judge assigned to hear our property tax appeal and a representative from the Town of Malta. With Board approval, Rowley presented an offer to the Town of Malta with the goal of settling the case without the need to go to trial. The Town has not yet responded to our offer.

We have also received our 2013-2014 School Tax bill. This is the first of two property tax based bills we receive and pay each year, the second being the County and Town Tax bill. The amount of our 2013-2014 School Tax is in line with the estimates we made and reported to the membership in the June 2013 Telltale. We hope to have more definitive information by the date of the December Membership Meeting.

Our Bald Eagles



On the Block

FLYING SCOT WANTED

We are looking to purchase a Flying Scot. We would prefer to purchase a boat from SLSC members should any become available this fall or next spring. If none are available, we may consider something else. Please contact Bob Boromisa at [\(518\) 877-0912](tel:5188770912).

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\$695.00 buys boat, trailer.

Please call Carroll F. Cook at 484.553.3736 for details.

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.

ENSIGN #170

Watercolors is for sale! \$8,000 to \$10,000 invested. Two sets of sails, ground tackle, stands, dinghy and more included. Will accept best offer by end of summer. Call Doug McGivney at 518 755-6994 or email dmcgivney@nycap.rr.com

LASER FOR SALE

Laser in great condition for sale. Has upgraded outhaul and cunningham, standard vang with swivel added for ease of use. Hull boards and sail in very good condition. Asking \$3500

Contact Greg Tkai [518-496-4650](tel:5184964650) gtkal@nycap.rr.com.



2013 Ensign Fleet 72 Regatta

On September 7th 2013 Ensign Fleet 72 held its 5th annual fleet regatta. The race committee, made up of Yvonne Barringer (PRO), Bill Barringer, Joe Choi, Gene Auciello, George McNally and Bob Barringer, managed to set 3 long courses and a short 4th course before the rain came in. The racing was well matched with each competitor putting together a crew that performed well, each of the four races had a different winner.

The day was capped off with a BBQ Chicken dinner and raffle to benefit the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. Thank you to all the sailors who came out to participate and raise money for LLS. New Member Allen Anderson was the top sponsor getter and received a handmade half hull replica of "America" The 1851 Yacht that started the America's Cup. -**Tony Cannone, Ensign Fleet 72 Captain**





2013 Ensign Fleet 72 Regatta Results							
Finish	Race # 1	Race # 2	Race # 3	Race # 4	Final	Boat	Total Points
1	1726	530	672	557	557	150	33
2	530	557	2016	672	530	177	26
3	557	1726	530	177	1726	530	11
4	1054	1054	557	1726	672	557	10
5	1008	2016	1726	530	2016	672	19
6	2016	1008	1008	1008	1008	1008	23
7	672	177	150	2016	177	1054	28
8	177	150	177	2017	1054	1726	13
9	150	672	2017	DNF 150	150	2016	20
10	2017	2017	DNS 1054	DNS 1054	2017	2017	37

Fall Work Party



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Frostbiters!



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
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