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Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

By Vic Roberts

I am pleased to announce that Emmett McCarthy has agreed to serve as SLSC Historian, replacing Randy Rice, who passed away in December. Emmett has been a member of the Cub since 1989 and has held numerous positions, including Commodore in 2003 and 2004. More importantly, Emmett is tuned into just about everything happening at SLSC and, as many of you know, is an excellent story teller. Please join me in welcoming Emmett to his new position.

We have come to agreement with the Town of Malta to set the assessment for our main property parcel at \$860,000, down from the Town's initial value of \$1,050,000. \$860,000 is still substantially higher than the \$260,000 assessment for this parcel in 2012 and previous years, and will increase our property taxes by about \$13,500 per year. During the February 9, 2014 Budget Meeting, the Membership voted to increase dues by \$75 per Membership to cover this property tax increase.

In spite of this dues increase, membership in the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club remains an excellent value. One reason for that is that we are a volunteer organization. The club has no full time employees and most of the maintenance of the facilities and equipment is done by the members.

During the Spring and Fall work parties, it may seem like most of the work that needs to be done requires strength and stamina. Tasks like installing and removing the docks, moving boats, spreading gravel, moving picnic tables, raking leaves, cutting up old boats that have been abandoned in the meadow, washing windows, and cleaning the kitchen range hood, do tax the muscles, but they are not the only tasks that need to be done. On a year-round basis we can use a wide range of skills.

Do you like to cook? Are you an Excel wizard? Do you love interior decorating? Do you have electrical, carpentry, painting, or plumbing skills? Do you like to garden? Can you design and maintain web pages? Can you maintain and repair garden equipment? Do you love to work on small boats? Can you maintain and repair outboard engines? Do you like to teach sailing? Are you an attorney or an insurance agent? Are you an arborist or perhaps an accountant? Do you love photography? Do you understand hydrogeology? Can you maintain water systems? These are just a few of the many skills we can use to enhance the

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Start the Sailing Season Early at the Commodore's Party

Look for your invitation in the mail

*Sunday, April 6, 2014
12 Noon to 4 p.m.*

*The Edison Club
891 Riverview Road
Rexford, New York*

Piano Jazz by Marcus Benoit

*\$35 per person
Cash Bar*

Reservations with Entrée Choice by March 28:

*Sliced Roast Beef
Chicken Piccata
Stuffed Filet of Sole
Vegetable Lasagna*

*Kathleen or Victor Roberts 399-4410
Email: kathleenroberts@earthlink.net*

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Upcoming Events

April 6.....Commodore's Party (afternoon)
May 3, 10.....Spring Work Days

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Club for all members, while keeping membership dues at affordable levels. Whatever your skill, your hobby or your passion, we can probably put it to good use at the club.

So, please indicate your special skills on the membership renewal form. Or, if you have already sent that in, please contact a member of the Board and let them know how you can help.

As of February 28, 2014, there are 64 days until Docks-In!

Grounds Report

By John Smith Fl. Lt. Grounds

As spring approaches, it is time to start planning for our clean-up projects.

We are having the seawall repaired and having an arborist evaluate all of our trees and shrubs around the club house to develop a long term maintenance plan.

April - Reset the fence to keep the geese at bay.

May – work parties. Leaf racking, stump grinding, lawn mower oil and gas change, shrub cutting in the meadow, boat park space marking, picnic table repair & painting, trimming and landscaping. Let me know if there are areas of interest that you can handle.

Y-Flyer Fleet 63 News

By John Smith

Y-Flyer Fleet 63 is hosting the 2014 Y-Flyer Internationals this July 28th through the 31st. As of this date we have 16 off-lake boats planning to attend. We are expecting this to increase as we get closer to the event. We have already received offers of help for race committee and food service, but we are in need of a few more. We will be sending an email schedule to all members of time slots that we need to fill. You can contact me if you are available at:

john.smithflyer@gmail.com or
518-786-1340

SLSC 2014 Budget Meeting

There was an excellent turnout for the SLSC Budget meeting on February 9, 2014. The meeting started with consideration of changes to our Bylaws. Those changes included moving the due date for annual dues from April 15 to April 1, eliminating the Equity Bond purchase requirement for new members starting in 2014 and replacing it with a non-refundable, one-time Initiation Fee. The proposed Initiation Fee for 2014 was \$300. Additional, less important, changes included moving the date of the Annual Meeting from the first Sunday in December to the first Sunday in December following the first Saturday in December. (This was done to avoid occasional conflicts with Thanksgiving weekend, as we would have had last year.) In addition, we proposed changing the word "club" to "Club" each place it appeared in the Bylaws. The proposed changes to the Bylaws were approved by the Membership.

We then heard an excellent presentation from Paul Waterfield on the work of the Long Range Planning Committee. Paul was Chair of the group, and other members included John Hudson, Allan Tedrow, Hunter Currin, Gene Auciello and Samantha Butler. Rather than summarize Paul's presentation here, members are encouraged to read the report of the committee, which can be found in the Documents\Long Range Planning Committee folder on the SLSC website, which can be accessed by logging in and then clicking on the Documents link on the left side of the page.

Vic Roberts then gave a short update on our property tax assessment case with the Town of Malta. As of the date of the meeting, we had proposed an assessed value of \$775,000 as a counter offer to the Town's last offer of \$860,000, but had not yet heard back from the Town. (The Town's original assessment for the property was \$1,050,000. Since the date of the meeting, we learned that the Town was holding fast at \$860,000, so we agreed on that number to close this issue before we incurred additional attorney fees.)

The property tax discussion was followed by the 2014 Budget presentation by our new Treasurer, John Kimball. The 2014 budget, which was based on property taxes consistent with an \$860,000 property tax assessment, showed Expenses of \$146,950 against Income of \$138,900 with no dues increase, or Income of \$151,100 with a \$75 per membership dues increase. The complete set of budget documents is available on the SLSC website in the folder "Annual/Budget Meeting Minutes" which is under the Documents folder. You need to log in with your member name and password to see this folder.

After John's budget presentation, the Membership voted to increase dues by \$75 for Regular, Senior and Young Adult members. The dues structure for 2014 is:

Regular	\$675
Senior	\$625
Young Adult	\$625
Student	\$200
Crew	\$25
Corresponding	\$25

Per the Bylaw change, dues must be paid by April 1, 2014 to avoid a late payment penalty. A \$25 Early Bird Discount for Regular, Senior and Young Adult members, and \$10 discount for Student members is available if dues are paid by March 7, 2014, a change from the March 15 date we have used in previous years.

The meeting was then adjourned.

House Report

By Greg Tkal & Melissa Hatch, Flag Lts. House

It has been a long cold winter and we are looking forward to a long warm breezy sailing season! The house is in good shape but as with all houses there is constant upkeep and improvements to be made. Work on the men's changing room bathroom has recently been completed by Menno Burmeister (and Jack) of Greater Saratoga Remodeling, painting and decorating was done by Melissa Hatch (Design Directions) and lighting was supplied by me (Two if by Sea Gallery). If you have need of this type of service please contact these club members for information. There are always projects to be worked on at the house so if you have spare time or can't make it to the work parties and want something to fulfill your work party obligation, just contact us and we'll point you in the right direction!

There have been several requests lately for member sponsored events and many people are unsure of the policies for such use. These policies and guidelines are published in the Member Manual and are available on the club web site. If you have questions please don't hesitate to contact us (slsc_house@sailsaratoga.org) and we can send a copy of the rules and a request form. Also a note to Fleet captains there is also a *Regatta Facilities Use Policy and form* which can be found under Member Manual on the web site. Fleets holding Regattas are asked complete the Information Statement and submit it to Flag Lt. House (slsc_house@sailsaratoga.org) at least one month prior to the regatta.

Lastly, we are planning a Movie Night at the club on March 28th at 7PM. We have a collection of sailing related movies so for the first (of many) movie night we will be showing the film ***Morning Light***-

Fifteen rookie sailors have one goal in mind – to be part of her crew, racing in the most revered sailing competition on Earth, the Transpac Yacht Race. From start to finish, it's a roller coaster ride of emotions and physical challenges, beginning with six months of intense training. Only eleven will survive to race in the grueling 2,225-mile Transpac. Rated: PG. Directed by Mark Monroe and executive produced by Roy E. Disney. The film was released on October 17, 2008 by Walt Disney Pictures.

Please plan on joining us, we will send out a reminder in mid March.

Wine Tasting

Interested in the possibility of participating in a wine tasting at the club house sometime in January? Jerry Danielski is thinking of organizing one, and would like you to share your thoughts with him.

If interested, please call him at [518-466-6054](tel:518-466-6054)

Time to Sign up for Sailing School

By Laura Rappaport

The Saratoga Sailing School has a host of instructional programs for kids and adults. Everything from Beginner to Advanced & Racing skills. Private and group lessons are available.

All classes are taught by US Sailing Certified instructors. So, if you're 9 or 99, why not brush up on those spinnaker skills -- or get started tacking and jibing? Instruction is open to club members and non-members, so bring your friends!

Newsflash: The school's new online registration system is up and running! To register, go to the school website: www.saratogasailingschool.org. Find the class that's right for you. Then click the Registration Site link on the left hand column. Payment is online too! Easy!

Adult classes begin in May -- just a couple of months away! You can see the full schedule of classes and fees at the school site: www.saratogasailingschool.org. For adults, it's fun social sailing and will get you in shape to race or cruise the waters of Saratoga Lake and beyond.

For kids, the program is fun, safe and adventurous. Teaching our youth is one of the key ways to build and strengthen the club membership. If you've ever wondered how to get your kids, grandkids or other family members on the water, this is the place to do it. Slots are filling fast, so it's time to jump on board.

A safe and comfortable learning environment - managed by responsible, experienced instructors is the mission of the Saratoga Sailing School. You will find this reflected in our US Sailing curriculum, the attitudes of our instructors and our club members as well. The Saratoga Sailing School is a program of the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club.

Questions? Email: info@saratogasailingschool.org

BRUCE BLACKIE: A TRIBUTE

Many members of the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club know that Bruce Blackie, winner of the 2013 Ensign Regatta, has been the Club encyclopedia of all things financial for many years. The answer to money questions has always been, "ask Bruce."

Few are aware of the work Bruce did in his attempt to train a new treasurer. He wrote a "treasurer's manual," patiently administered private lessons on accounting and the use of Quickbooks, and he produced examples for every possible required government document.

After all the work he has done, only a fool could mess up Bruce's work. We shall see. Thank You, Bruce.

- John Kimball, Treasurer

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 Tkal 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.

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 Tkal 518-496-4650 gtkal@nycap.rr.com.

BALBOA 26

Excellent condition - complete, clean and ready to go, with: Sails, Trailer (electric brakes), Evinrude Yachtwin 9.9 long shaft outboard, Sleeps 5, Swing keel for low draft / trailerability \$7500

Email: raubws@nycap.rr.com

Brochure: <http://www.msogphotosite.com/MSOG/pdfpage/balboa26bro.pdf>

1984 GLOUCESTER 19, "Circe" FOR SALE

Excellent family daysailer with trailer, 5 hp outboard, and excellent mooring gear.

*New main and 130% genoa in 2008 by North Cruising Direct, very lightly used

*New mast and standing rigging in 2006 by Dwyer

*New kick-up rudder in 2009 by Ida Sailor

*New trailer wheels and tires in 2008

Specs: LOA 19' 3", Beam 7' 6", Draft 2' 3", Disp 1650 lbs, Ballast 550 lbs lead shoal keel, "sleeps four" (sort of)

The boat is not particularly competitive due to its shoal draft keel, but is fun, extremely easy to sail, stable, and great for family sailing with a long, uncluttered cockpit. \$2,200.

Ed Lange, [518-439-0139](tel:518-439-0139), edlange33@gmail.com

Ensign No Gotta Regatta



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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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