



Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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May, 2014

Commodore's Corner

By Vic Roberts

The SLSC 2014 Spring Work Parties will be held Saturday, May 3 and Saturday, May 10. Work parties form between 8:00 am and 9:00 am. These are important events, as we not only clean up the dirt and debris that has accumulated over the long winter, but we reinstall essential equipment, such as our docks, crane and lake water intake, that we removed in the Fall in preparation for winter's cold temperatures. Please check the other articles in this edition of the Telltale for more information about various projects that have been planned. Participation in at least one work party each year is a requirement of membership, though many members participate in all three. And, we **do** take attendance!

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Commodore's Award

By Vic Roberts

The Commodore's Award, also known as the Mary Elizabeth Hull Award, was established in loving memory of Mary Elizabeth Everly Hull who nourished the vitality of the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club.

Mary Elizabeth was an active member of SLSC from 1976 to the time of her death on September 10, 1991. She volunteered for the Junior Sailing Program, chaired the Social Committee and managed Membership for many years. She was elected Flag Lt. House, Rear Commodore in 1980, Vice Commodore in 1981 and Commodore in 1982.

Mary Elizabeth was an enthusiastic sailor who competed aboard Windmills, and later, Thistles. The members of SLSC knew Mary Elizabeth for her welcoming smile and gracious beauty. She was a people person and friendly to all. Her welcoming presence at the club made SLSC a friendly place.

The Commodore's Award recognizes that special person(s) whose outstanding contributions to SLSC have improved and sustained the life of SLSC.

The Commodore's Award for 2014 goes to **Kathleen Johnston**. Kathy has been associated with SLSC for 16 years as our Caretaker. In addition to her formal duties as Caretaker, Kathy can always be found lending a helping hand with a warm smile at our major social events.

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SLSC

Annual Memorial Day Champagne Brunch

Monday, May 26
10:00 AM - Noon

Adults \$10 - Kids (12 and under) \$5
Champagne market price per bottle

Reservations no later than May 23 to
SLSCreservations@gmail.com

**Email reservations are preferred, and will
be acknowledged!**

or call

Kathleen & Vic Roberts
399-4410

**Members with last names A-F are asked to help....
Please indicate your preference to set up or clean
up when you make your reservation.**

The Club Needs You!!

Spring Work Parties

Saturday, May 3rd & Saturday, May 10th

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 and membership cards 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!

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I want to thank Hunter Currin for a generous donation to hire an arborist to survey our trees and start development of a planting plan to preserve and enhance the property. The retention of an arborist was one of the many excellent recommendations made by the Long Range Planning Committee in their 2014 report. Many of you may also know that funds for the gas fireplace insert in the clubhouse living room were donated by Hunter in the winter of 2010-2011. Thank you, Hunter!

I also want to thank Duane Nealon and Marion Wise for their donation of numerous sailing items to the Club. Duane and Marion are former members of SLSC, previously owned the Ensign now enjoyed by Hunter Currin, and donated a collection of sailing books to the Club in 2012. For the past several years, they've owned a classic DE 32, the "Gracie Emmett," which they've sailed on Lake Champlain. The Sailing Yarns section of the SLSC website contains a three-part article written by Duane Nealon that describes the trip that he and Marion took on the Gracie Emmett from Long Island to Lake Champlain via the Hudson River, plus additional information about sailing on Lake Champlain. Interesting reading.

Commodore's Award (Continued from Page 1)

Through her helpful attitude, generous sense of humor and friendly personality, Kathy has made the Club a warm and welcoming place for all members.

In recognition of her long and enthusiastic service to the Club, Kathy was recently elected by the Board as an Honorary Member of the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club.

I want to congratulate Kathy again for winning the 2014 Mary Elizabeth Hull Award.



Picture by Hunter Currin

SLSC Calendar

By Vic Roberts, Commodore

The Board has decided to forgo publication of the paper pocket calendar for 2014. In its place, we will post the 2014 SLSC Social and Race Calendar as a PDF file on the website, in both 8 ½ inch x 11 inch format, and 3 ½ inch by 6 ¾ inch format, which can be printed and folded to make a pocket calendar.

In addition, there will be two online calendars. We will continue using the calendar on our website, and this year will start using a Google Calendar that can be linked to your personal Google Calendar. If you use Google Calendar, you can view events from the SLSC on your personal calendar by adding SLSCReservations@gmail.com to the "Add a friend's calendar" box under "Other Calendars," found on the left-side menu of your Google Calendar. Contact me if you have any problems.

Lake Water Treatment

By Vic Roberts, Commodore

We have been notified by the Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District (SLPID) that they plan to treat sections of the lake with the herbicides Renovate OTF (triclopyr) and Aquathol K (endothall) in late May as a weed control measure. We will be required to stop drawing water from the lake for about 14 days once treatment is started. During this period, we will rely on water from our well, and lake water we stored in the large outdoor water tank before the treatment started.

Since we will have a very limited supply of potable water during this period, no house water can be used to wash boats while the lake water intake is closed. Members who wish to wash their boats during this period should use the water hose near the crane. That system supplies raw lake water, which should not be used for drinking, but can be used to wash boats.

We will notify members about the dates of treatment via an email blast as soon as we receive that information from the SLPID. More information about the lake water treatment can be found at <http://slpid.org/content/Generic/View/21>. The SLPID Treatment Notice will be posted on the front door of the clubhouse.

House Report

By Greg Tkai & Melissa Hatch, Flag Lts. House

The ice is gone and as we look forward to an active sailing season, let's roll up our sleeves and do the work to make our property in tip-top shape! Looking ahead to the spring work party on May 3rd, we will be posting a list of tasks to be accomplished. If you are not able to attend, contact us and we will give you a job to do when you are available.

Important notice- Do not use the exterior water spigot to wash your boats until after the pump gets installed in the lake at the first work party.

Also sometime in late May: According to the Saratoga Lake Protection & Improvement District the lake water is scheduled to be treated with aquatic weed control chemicals. We should not use the lake water for potable or domestic uses for a period of up to 14 days after treatment. For that period we will be back on well water and so we will limit water usage to essential uses only, further notices will be sent out as we get more details.

There will be a member requested event on May 31st, with a large group and a caterer. Feel free to come and use the property, just be aware of that there will be a large graduation party for two club members graduating from high school. Congratulations to Peter Hamlin and Jack McCarty!

Email Issues

By Vic Roberts, Commodore

Many Email providers, such as Yahoo, Road Runner, Earthlink & AOL, have recently instituted new measures to reduce unwanted email messages, known as SPAM. One unintended consequence of this is that email sent from ClubExpress, the company that hosts our website, has been, or is still being, blocked.

An email message I sent to all members on Friday, April 11, titled "JT Fahy, Ice, Water and Work Parties" was blocked by a number of email providers. I sent a second copy of that message on Monday, April 14, after ClubExpress had fixed many of the problems, but some messages may still have been blocked.

Please contact me if you did not receive the email message titled "JT Fahy, Ice, Water and Work Parties" on Monday, April 14.

Grounds Report

By John Smith Fl. Lt. Grounds

We are just days away from docks- in, but we have to work before play. There are several work projects that need to be addressed in addition to the usual grounds clean-up. If you can volunteer for any of the items on the list, please let me know.

- Power equipment maintenance
- Picnic table repair
- Meadow clean-up especially cutting saplings from center area
- Assembling and installing a new race shed door
- Installing fencing to keep the geese off the lawn
- Mark boat yard spaces
- Grind stumps around the house

If you know of any other items that need attention, let me know so that they can be addressed.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO AFFIX YOUR DECAL, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FIRST WORK PARTY

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 into the boat park, or no later than June 30th. The decal shall be affixed to the starboard bow, or front of the trailer on the starboard side.

- Members failing to affix a valid SLSC boat decal by July 15th will lose their boat park assignment, and their boat(s) will be removed to the meadow for storage.
- Members who do not place their boat in their assigned boat park space by July 15th 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 member. You can email me through the club website.

2014 Ensign Class Association Raffle!!

Win a new, **Ensign Classic** (hull number 2032), standard Ensign Spars racing package, including a Ensign Spars deluxe trailer, a Honda 2.3 outboard, and a set of sails. **Package valued at \$46,000.**

"The Ensign is an outstanding day sailor, a great family boat, and a fun boat to race! Proceeds will help fund the Youth Sponsorship and Ensigns Forever Programs." - Mike Macina, ECA Commodore

Raffle tickets are only \$100, maximum of 650 tickets will be sold.

Raffle Drawing: June 15, 2014

Complete Ensign Class Association raffle details can be found at <http://www.ensignclass.com/win-an-ensign> or you can contact Fleet 72 Captain, Tony Cannone @ H 271-0246, email sho_94@yahoo.com



NYS Boater Safety Course

**Taught by Glenn Miner and Allan Miller
Saturday May 24, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM at SLSC**

Ages: 10+. This is a comprehensive boating safety course, including the fundamentals of safe boat operation. Anyone operating a personal watercraft in New York State is required to have this training. Independent operation of a motor boat for anyone older than 10 and under 18 years old requires a NYS Boater Safety Certification.

After completion of this class, those under 18 years of age will receive a NYS Boater Safety Certificate. Those over 18 will be entitled to apply to NYS Parks for their certificate.

The NY State Law changes May 1, 2014 requiring that anyone born after 5/1/96 is required to have a boater safety certificate to operate any power boat in NY State.

Fees: \$25 for club members, \$45 for non-members. Registration in advance is required. Please bring your lunch as we will have limited time for eating.

Please contact Allan at 441-3899 or Glenn at 925-0920.

Yflyer Fleet 63

The Yflyer fleet now consists of 4 boats and has 3 available for sail for anyone wanting a stable and fast boat.

Our fleet has the honor of hosting the 2014 Yflyer Internationals this coming July 28th through the 31st. We are in need of a few volunteers to help with food service and race committee. To volunteer please contact John Smith @ john.smithyflyer@gmail.com or 518-378-9751 or Terry Fraser @ elfraser@hughes.net or 518-495-4037

		Monday 7/28	Tuesday 7/29	Wednesday 7/30	Thursday 7/31	Friday 8/1
Breakfast	Cold Breakfasts - cereal, bagels, yogurt and fruit					
Served 7:00 to 9:00						
Lunch	Tuesday - tuna & chicken salad sandwiches Wednesday - lunch meat Thursday - catered burger and dogs					
Served approximately 1:00 to 2:30						
Race Committee	Monday night practice race weather permitting No more than 4 total races per day					
Proposed start of 10:00 with up to 3 races weather permitting						
Dinner	Monday - Sloppy Joes Tuesday - Chicken-ala-King Thursday- Catered Pig & chicken roast					
Served at approximately 6:00						
Setup Boat Park & return club boats						
Tent Setup & removal along with grounds and house cleanup						

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](mailto: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

Used Jet 14 Main and Jib

Well-used but not torn. Useful as practice or cruising sail.
Free to good home.

Vic Roberts, [518-399-4410](tel:518-399-4410), vic@victorroberts.com

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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.

SANCTIONED FLEETS

Ensign.....	Tony Cannone 271-0246
Flying Scot.....	Misha & Olga Gutin 542-6922
Kestrel.....	Bob Barringer 882-6087
Laser.....	Barbara Brown 446-0426
MC Scow.....	Devon Howe 867-7770
Thistle.....	Jerry Zell 374-0228
Y-Flyer.....	John Smith 786-1340

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