

Tell tale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

By Vic Roberts

With the sailing season in full swing this may seem to be a strange time to be thinking about membership renewals for the 2015 season, but we do need to do some advance planning.

Some members have asked us to implement online renewal and dues payment, as an option, while retaining the paper forms for those who wish to use the traditional renewal method. Online renewal should be relatively easy to implement since the website already has that feature. Online payments are more difficult.

Our website can accept online payments. We currently have the function disabled since there is a fee of about 3% for each transaction. This is the standard merchant fee for credit card transactions, but since we collect about \$100,000 each year in dues and boat storage fees, we could lose \$3000 per year if all our members decided to pay their dues by credit card. I do not think we want to give up that much money for the convenience of online dues payments.

There are other options. There is at least one company, Square Cash, which provides online payments at no charge as long as the payments are funded by a debit card instead of a credit card. However, Square Cash has a weekly limit of \$250, which is not enough to cover a dues payment unless you provide the company with more information, such as your Facebook account and the last four digits of your Social Security number, or your full name, date of birth and the last four digits of your Social security Number. I'm not sure how many members will want to provide this information to Square just for the convenience of paying their dues electronically.

If you use online renewal and already use online banking, you can ask your bank to send your dues check to our Treasurer. This is not integrated with our website but does remove the need to write a check, address and stamp the envelope and mail it.

One final option is to allow online payment with credit cards but only if the member covers the 3% fee as an extra charge. Some government agencies allow credit card payments using this option and some people choose to use it. The fee would be about \$19.50 for a \$650 dues payment, or more if the fee is higher.

As you can see, we do not have a simple, low cost, method to enable online dues payments. I am interested in your

thoughts on this topic. How important are online dues payments? Would you be willing to pay the 3% fee for the convenience of using a credit card? Would you be willing to sign up with a company such as Square to enable electronic payment, or to ask your bank to send a check to our Treasurer, or would you prefer to write a check and mail it the way you have always done it? Please let me know.

2014 Ensign Class Association Raffle Winner!!

I am very pleased to announce the winner of the brand new Ensign is Vic Roberts! On June 15th SLSC Commodore Roberts's ticket was drawn at the Houston Yacht Club from the 453 tickets sold. The Ensign Classic, hull number 2032, will be delivered to Vic at the club in early July by the Ensign Spars builder himself all the way from Marquette Michigan.

I would like to thank all the club members that supported the raffle which will benefit the Ensign Youth Sponsorship program. – Captain Tony



Upcoming Events

July 4.....Chicken BBQ
July 19-20.....Kestrel NA Championship
July 29-31.....Y-Flyer Internationals
Aug 8-10.....Flying Scot Regatta

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Laser Derby 2014

By Barbara Brown

The Saratoga Derby is the regatta where the skippers go racing around the course on their Laser steeds. Regatta day—Saturday June 8—was a balmy, nearly windless day, so there was little racing and a lot of drifting. The race committee finally was able to get the first race going around noon. After an extended period of snoozing and snacking and just before the 3pm deadline, everyone spotted the wind filling in...sort of. The race committee rearranged the course, let the wind “settle in” and, anxious to get one more race in, initiated the start sequence. Then the wind lightened and got shifty. The last few seconds before the start, the wind was —well, a reach or maybe downwind or maybe it depended on where one was on the starting line. The race was mostly reaching around the triangle.

In spite of lots of luck in finding wind puffs and shifts, the rankings turned out pretty much as one would have predicted before the races. The Ithaca-based Williamson team (Chas the father and Chip the son) tied by trading the 1 and 2 spots. Jerry Zell, master of the rules, awarded Chas 1st place since he won the second (last) race. (He was also the senior, which is only fair.) Chip received 2nd place. Mike Kitner, Allan Miller, and James Nicol took 3rd, 4th, and 5th places, respectively. Kurt Ofer of Cooperstown was 6th. David Burtis and Bill Hamilton finished 7th and 8th. Ray Cudney of Cazenovia was 9th. (He came in 4th in the first race and had to leave before the start of the second race.) Bob Posson was 10th and Tom French of Potsdam was 11th.

The Derby could not have happened without the behind-the-scenes efforts of lots of people. Thank you very much to Allan Miller, Barbara Brown, Bob Posson, Charlie Koines, David Burtis, James Nicol, Janet Hamilton, Jerry Burr, Jerry Danielski, Jerry Zell, Jim Benson, Mike Kitner, Misha Gutin, Paul Waterfield, and Stephen Olson for all their efforts in making it as great an event as it was.

Y-Flyer Fleet 63

By John Smith

We are now less than a month away from the 2014 Y-Flyer Internationals being held at Saratoga Lake Sailing Club on July 29th through the 31st.

Early commitments to attend started at 23 boats, but we have lost a few due to work or health reasons. We are still expecting at least 20 boats. There will be at least 5 from Canada, 3 from Atlanta, 2 from Indianapolis, 1 from Little Rock, 1 from Lake Mattoon, IL, 1 from Lake Chippewa, OH, 1 from Keowee and 4 Saratoga boats.

We are also the second of a three regatta series. The first regatta is at Lake Chippewa, OH on Saturday July 26th and Sunday the 27th. The third will be at Lake Lashaway, MA on Saturday August 2nd and Sunday the 3rd. At least 8 boats will be competing in all three regattas.

Finally, I would like to thank club members volunteering to help our small fleet make this a great event.

Grounds

By John Smith, F.L. Grounds

I want to thank everyone for their patience while awaiting the stickers this year. We ordered them a little later this year in order to capture most of the new members.

Last year we had a work party after the 15th of July to go through the boat park, racks, dingy area and meadow to remove boats that do not belong. We removed 15 boats last year. In anticipation of this effort, I am looking for volunteers for Saturday July 19th.

It would be greatly appreciated if everyone has their stickers applied by then and hopefully moved into their assigned space. If your assigned space is occupied, you can contact the boat owner in the space to work out a solution.

STRIDE Sailing at Saratoga Lake Sailing Club, 2014

STRIDE Adaptive Sports is a volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to providing year-round programs to individuals with special needs in a safe, fun and educational environment. With that mission, it is easy to understand why STRIDE is so excited to kickoff another season of sailing at the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club this year. SLSC and its Members have been very gracious in providing us with such a wonderful location for our sailing program. We are looking forward to another fun, educational and safe sailing program in 2014.

STRIDE sailing will be held on Fridays at 5:30pm from August 1st through August 29th (no session August 8th). Our Regatta will be held on Saturday August 30th with a meeting time of 9am. There will be didactic instruction on land and water. The SLSC community has provided great volunteers each year and we hope that this year will be no exception. Volunteer positions include Junior Instructors that would provide one-on-one instruction for our STRIDE athlete participants, a Member(s) to man the safety boat each week, and individuals who will provide their boats for use during some or all of our sessions. We anticipate a program of sailing around buoys in various boats that would provide gradations of skill requirements for our athletes.

Those that have participated in the STRIDE program know the great joy that this program brings to our athletes, and have felt the immense satisfaction of volunteering one's time to such a great cause. We are looking forward to another great season. Please call or email to sign up to help, or with any questions that you may have. We look forward to having you join in our effort.

Michael Perrotti

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On the Block

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

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 \$5200

Email: raubws@nycap.rr.com

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

USED JET 14 MAIN & 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

KESTREL FOR SALE

Two main sails, two genoas, one jib, one spinnaker and trailer included.

The boat and rigging are in good repair. Asking \$2,000

Contact Tim or Sharon at 488-4151 or 488-4121

WANTED: SUNFISH SAIL

Call Bill Dever 374 8532 or wdever@nycap.rr.com

LASER FOR SALE

Low mileage - only driven by a little old lady in light air on Sunday afternoons and an occasional Wednesday evening. Dolly and cover included. Sail is almost new. Equipped for racing. Stored indoors every winter and barn storage is prepaid for winter 2014-15. Asking \$3800.

Contact Lois at [518 464-0991](tel:518-464-0991)
or haiguer@nycap.rr.com.

Memorial Day Brunch



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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

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| 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 767-9216 |
| Y-Flyer..... | John Smith 786-1340 |

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