



# Tell tale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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August, 2014

## Commodore's Corner

By Vic Roberts

First, I want to share some good news. Saratoga County Supreme Court Justice Thomas D. Nolan, Jr. has signed the agreement between the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club and the Town of Malta reducing the property tax assessment on our main parcel of land from \$1,050,000 to \$860,000. Under the terms of the agreement, the Town agrees to not raise our assessment for four tax years: 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. In return, we agree to not challenge the assessment for the same four years. We will shortly be receiving a partial refund for the County and School Taxes we paid in 2013 while this matter was being litigated.

The reduction in assessed value supports our goal of holding our membership fees at an affordable level. The other way we achieve this goal is to call on members to volunteer their time, energy and skills to help run and maintain the Club. I have some good news, and some not so good news, to report in this area.

Member participation in the Spring and Fall work parties remains very good. However, we do not do as well with the three major social events, race committee assignments, Wednesday night pot luck dinners, and overall clean-up of the club house.

Members who attend the social events are requested to help with setup or cleanup for one of the three events, based on the last name of the Primary Member. Please remember that setup includes preparation and cleanup includes washing all the pots and pans used to prepare the food. All too often, the same members who spent the day before the event purchasing and preparing the food are left to clean up the kitchen. This is not fair to those members.

Members who attend the Wednesday night pot luck dinners are reminded that everyone is expected to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. Each Wednesday night one of our Fleets is assigned to cook, while a second is assigned to clean up. On a recent Wednesday night, a lot of people ate dinner but no one bothered to clean up, leaving a mess that Kathy Johnston and Aaron Holland cleaned up. While I appreciate the efforts of Kathy and Aaron, this is not their job. If members want the Club to continue to support the Wednesday night pot luck with hamburgers and hot dogs, they must do their share.

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## Labor Day Lobster Boil

Monday, September 1, 2014

Appetizers at 4:00 - Dinner at 5:00

**Lobster Dinner \$23**

**Steak Dinner \$20**

**Surf & Turf \$28**

**Kids (hot dogs/burgers) \$7**

Soft drinks, Beer, & Wine are Included

**Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share**

*Members whose last names begin with  
the letters M through Z*

*Please sign up for set-up or clean-up when you make  
your reservation.*

*All members, please indicate appetizer or dessert with  
your reservation*

E-mail reservations preferred:  
[SLSCreservations@gmail.com](mailto:SLSCreservations@gmail.com)  
or contact Kathleen & Vic Roberts  
399-4410

**Reservations must be received by Friday, August 29**

## Upcoming Events

Aug 8-10.....Flying Scot Regatta  
Aug 30.....Stride Regatta  
Sept 6.....Ensign Regatta

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We have similar problems with general use of the kitchen. If you use a pot, pan, glass, plate, knife or spoon, please wash it when you are done. All too often people just leave their dirty dishes in the sink for someone else to clean up.

I would like to end with more good news. We recently had two special work parties that improved the Club facilities without the need to hire outside contractors. Rear Commodore David Hudson organized a work party to dig out the muck under the crane so boats could be launched more easily and with less damage to their hulls. Dave was assisted in this very unglamorous task by Peter Hudson, John Smith, Margaret Shirk, Dan Mehlman, and Mike Kitner. They removed ten loads of material in just over three hours. Those ten loads are in addition to another ten loads that Dave removed earlier with a smaller crew composed of Dave, Drew Welcome and Piotr Czajkowski. In a separate work party, Flag Lt. Grounds John Smith organized a group of members to move boats that did not have current year stickers to the meadow, and they also moved empty boat trailers from their winter locations to the meadow. This freed up a number of spaces for cars, which will somewhat alleviate our critical car parking situation. John will identify the members of his work party in a separate article. I want to thank all these members for their contribution to the Club.

Please read companion articles by Flag Lts. Race Bill & Yvonne Barringer, Flag Lt. Grounds, John Smith, and Social Committee Chair, Margaret Shirk.



Commodore Vic takes delivery of his recently won Ensign!

### Everything and the Kitchen Sink:

A few words from the Social Chair,  
Margaret Shirk

The bonus of Saratoga Lake Sailing Club is that we're much more than a marina, or a boatyard or a weekend racing organization - we're a club and as much a social club as a sailing club. We share our magnificent grounds and home and social events throughout the year. We're a collective endeavor and we depend on each member's participation and contributions, not just during organized events and activities, but every day throughout the year.

Come to the organized social events - The Memorial Day Brunch, 4th of July Chicken BBQ, Labor Day Lobster Boil, bring appetizers and desserts to share with everyone, and sign on to help get everything prepared in advance and cleaned up and put away afterwards. Join your fleet's regatta, compete on the water and collaborate on land to make it happen. Come to the club often - sail, picnic, hang out with your family and friends. It's your waterfront property for less than \$2.00 a day!

Remember the Work Parties, spring and fall. We need everyone's participation, it's set up and clean up of everything from the docks to the dishes. This work makes the sailing season possible.

Summer is short, the wind mercurial, we all want to enjoy these days on our boats. So, when you're at our club, do your part and follow this simple axiom: Leave Everything Better Than You Found It.

And, if you have questions, need to know something, aren't sure what to do, or how to do it, or have a suggestion, Board members are most always around and accessible and easy to contact. We want you to join in and participate, and we all want to enjoy our club.

### Grounds

By John Smith, F.L. Grounds

I would like to thank the following members for their help with the work party on July 19<sup>th</sup>. We moved several boats from the boat yard and the racks that belonged to former members. We moved all of the empty trailers from the Ensign winter storage area to create more parking spaces and finally moved all but one boat in the meadow (hornet's nest) and mowed the area.

Matt Garabedian, Joe Liipfert, Anthony Cresswell, Anne Williams, Chris Zalucki, Ryan Decker, Robert Boromisa, Paul Stote, Norman Bovee, John Holmes and Joseph Pinto. If I missed anyone, I apologize.

This kind of help makes my responsibility much easier to handle.

## Race Committee Duty

By Bill and Yvonne Barringer, F. L. Race

SLSC is a volunteer organization and depends upon its members for it to have a successful season. Work parties, social functions and scheduled racing all require substantial help to make the events and the club itself work.

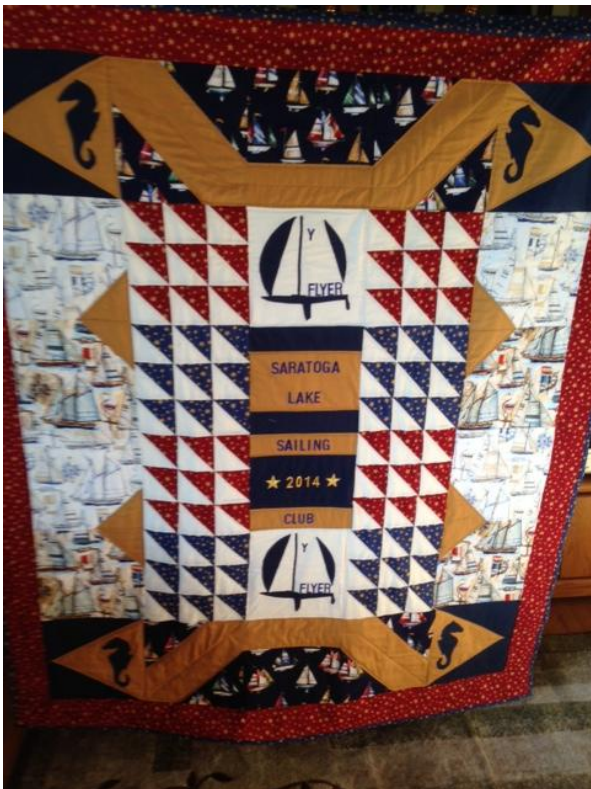
The race schedule is somewhat manpower intensive: a minimum of four people to man the Committee barge and one mark/rescue boat, each with only two on board. As I said this is the minimum and weather conditions can increase the requirements. It is a matter of safety for those competing to have adequate assistance if necessary.

Also, there is the skill set that these duties require. It can be difficult for some as they only do the jobs once or twice a year.

It is very important for each individual to show up for his or her duty or arrange for a replacement. It is a responsibility that comes with membership in the club.

If anyone wishes to have a review of procedures and requirements (in advance of their duty,) I and my wife Yvonne would be happy to set up a time to review them.

If we all work together, we can have a successful and enjoyable season.



Y-Flyer quilt raffled at last race of the Thoroughbred Series. Winner – Justin Barton from Atlanta

## On the Block

### ENSIGN FOR SALE

Ensign #150. Recently painted, newer sails, roller furler, Honda 2HP outboard, electric bilge pump, solar cell battery charger, boat stands, and much more. Complete list of equipment available through link at On The Block on SLSC website or by contacting Vic Roberts. Asking \$6500

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### 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

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

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

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### WANTED: SUNFISH SAIL

Call Bill Dever 374 8532 or [wdever@nycap.rr.com](mailto:wdever@nycap.rr.com)

### LASER FOR SALE

Low mileage, one owner - only driven by a little old lady on Sundays in light air. Purchased new in 2002, includes dolly, boat cover and new sail. Equipped for racing. Stored indoors every winter and barn storage is prepaid for winter 2014-15. \$3600

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

### WANTED: RADIAL RIG FOR LASER

I would like to trade my full Laser rig for a radial rig, or perhaps buy a radial rig outright. Contact Sue Kohler at [skohler00@gmail.com](mailto:skohler00@gmail.com)

## 2014 Kestrel North American Championship

By Bob Barringer

The Kestrel Fleet held their 2014 regatta on the weekend of July 19-20. On Saturday, we had one morning race before the wind died in the noon period, and were able to hold 3 more races in the late afternoon. At the end of day one, first and second place were separated by 3 points with Joe Choi leading and Mike Kitner as the contender. Three boats were tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Tony Bianchini, Ken Choi and Bob Barringer). After our day of racing we had an evening social gathering with dinner from PJ's.

Day two began with no wind, but we were able to get in one late morning race to sort things out. Mike Kitner and his crew Portia Kitner won the regatta by 1 point. Joe Choi and his crew Erika Choi took second place and Tony Bianchini and his crew Mark Welcome came in third.

Many thanks to our race committee, provided by the Ensign Fleet, consisting of Jim Benson, Vic Roberts, Tony Cannone, Frank Cannone, Bruce Blackie and Al and Mary Jean Tedrow.



## Y-Flyer Internationals

By Terry Fraser

The 2014 Y-Flyer International Regatta was held July 28th through July 31st at Saratoga Lake Sailing Club. SLSC Y-Flyer Fleet 63 hosted the event. Sailors from the USA and Canada competed for the trophy. The Internationals event was part of a three regatta series that started the weekend before at Chippewa Lake in Ohio and finishes this weekend at Lake Lashaway in Massachusetts which is where I am writing this article. The three regattas make up the Thoroughbred Series and a trophy for the highest scores will be awarded at the Lake Lashaway Kenyon Cup Regatta.

As of this time Shelby Hatcher with father Nile Hatcher of Atlanta have the lead in the series. Shelby won 4 of the 7 races at Chippewa Lake's Midsummer Madness Regatta and finished in 3rd overall at Saratoga Lake.

On Monday the competitors arrived on the SLSC grounds (many arriving from Ohio) and registered, set up tents and got to know their way around the club. The scheduled practice race was canceled for lack of wind.

Tuesday was a day of moderate to heavy wind and three races were sailed. Mark Barton (Little Rock) sailing with sister-in-law Jill Barton (Atlanta) won the first two races with Kevin and Wanda Black (Indianapolis) winning race three.

Wednesday started and finished with no wind. No races.

Thursday saw the heavier air return and in the first race Canadian "Fast Eddy" Hone, with son Justin, of Belwood Lake in Ontario surprised the fleet and took the win. The second race was abandoned when lightning was seen in the area. After the storm cleared the area it was too late to restart the racing and the regatta was over.

Mark and Jill Barton won the championship by 0.25 points over Kevin and Wanda Black. Four Saratoga Lake Sailing Club boats participated. Allan Miller was crew for a Canadian from Quebec, Bob Somek.

John Smith was the Regatta Chairman and did a great job organizing the event. Jackie Smith was in charge of food and also did a fantastic job. Volunteers from SLSC helped both on the water and on shore.

The Race Committee consisted of Paul White (Indianapolis) and Peter and Ann Seiden (Saratoga Lake).

The competitor traveling the farthest was a Canadian from Alberta Province. USA claimed 6 of the top 10 places. The highest placing SLSC boat was Terry and Joanne Fraser at 6th.

In the event the Y-Flyer National Champion cannot attend the Championship of Champions Regatta then the International Champion will attend. This year the C of C is to be held at Indianapolis in Thistles.





The Ensign Fleet 72 Leukemia Cup Regatta is scheduled for Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> at SLSC.

Sailors and crew are encouraged to get sponsors in the effort to raise funds for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. Even if you do not plan to participate as a sailor you can support our efforts by sponsoring a competitor (helmsman or crew) or by donating an auction item.

If you are interested in crewing or joining us for the BBQ dinner please let me know.

Please Contact Fleet 72 Captain, Tony Cannone, for details at [sho\\_94@yahoo.com](mailto:sho_94@yahoo.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
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Y-Flyer.....	John Smith 786-1340

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