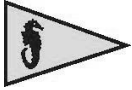


# Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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January, 2015

## Commodore's Corner

By Vic Roberts

Members who were not able to attend the Annual Meeting on December 7, 2014 may want to read the 2014 Annual Report. The Annual Report can be downloaded from the SLSC website by logging into your account, clicking on "Documents" in the left hand menu, then the folder labeled "Annual Reports" and then the file labeled "SLSC 2014 Annual Report."

As discussed in the Annual Report, SLSC ends 2014 in very good condition. We have made numerous improvements to the house, grounds and waterfront, with more planned for next year. The Sailing School had a productive year and continues to grow. And, our financial situation is solid. I want to thank all the members of the 2014 Board and all the other members who helped to make 2014 a successful year.

I want to welcome Michael Kitner as our new Secretary and JT Fahy as Flag Lt. Boats. I want to thank outgoing Secretary, Samantha Butler and Flag Lt. Boats, Misha Gutin. Your service to the Club is very much appreciated.

As announced at the Membership Meeting, Rear Commodore David Hudson has been elected an Honorary Member of the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club in recognition of his many years of service to the Club. David is the exception to the rule that no one is indispensable. David, who was Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore and Commodore, and then returned as Rear Commodore for an additional fourteen years (and counting), not only supervises waterfront activities for both Spring work parties and the Fall work party, but also cooks at all three in-season social events, personally installed the original water system in the House many years ago, and continues to help with just about every crisis we have at the Club, including such unglamorous jobs such as digging out the muck under the crane so members and visitors can launch their boats when the water level is low.

It has been an honor to work with David, and I hope our association continues for many years.

## Annual SLSC Budget Meeting

Followed By

## Special Membership Meeting to Consider Amendments to the SLSC Constitution

Sunday, February 8th

3:00pm

at

The SLSC Clubhouse

Refreshments will be served!

## Notice of Special Meeting

In accordance with Article VI of the SLSC Constitution, a Special Meeting has been requested by at least 10% of the voting memberships of SLSC and scheduled to be held immediately following the annual budget meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> at the SLSC clubhouse. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote on the following proposed changes to the SLSC constitution:

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## Upcoming Events

Feb 5, 3:00 pm.....Budget Meeting  
Jan 24.....Ensign No-Gotta Regatta  
Apr 19.....Commodore's Party

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## Notice of Special Meeting (Continued from Page 1)

**Change 1:** - To add the following language to "Article IV Membership" under the section "B. Class of Membership" . This will add a new membership class for youths not yet of college age but whom the club feels would be a benefit to the club. Membership sometimes receive Student Membership applications for juniors who do not meet the existing "Student Membership" requirements and this change will fill that gap.

**7. Junior Member:** An individual who is of secondary school age (typically age 19 or under), who is active with the Sailing School. Their privileges are limited to their use of Club facilities during the sailing season and receipt of Club mailings; they cannot bring guests, vote, or hold office. Their application must be cosigned by a parent or guardian, who must also execute an Agreement and Waiver provided by the Club.

**Change 2:** - A revision to the following language to "Article IV Membership" under the section "B. Classes of Membership" to clarify full time status. Deleted language is in strikeout, and additional language is in italics.

**2. Student Member:** An individual up to age 25 ~~whose primary occupation is that of student attending an educational institution~~ *who is a fulltime student at a recognized institution of higher learning* may have a membership with all the obligations and privileges of membership. Minors must have parental consent.

**Change 3:** - A revision to the following language to "Article IV Membership" under the section "B. Classes of Membership" to make the age requirement consistent with the student membership. Revision is in italics.

**1. Regular Member:** An individual, or family unit and any children under the age of 21 *or* who are fulltime students at a recognized institution of higher learning *up to age 25*, are members and constitute a membership. They have all the attendant obligations and privileges, except that only one person from a membership may vote on any issue or hold elected office at any one time.

### Grounds

By John Smith, FI Lt Grounds

The barn roof repair was completed in early December. The valleys were replaced. We need to find a way to keep the pine needles from collecting on the roof. The acidity from the needles is eating through the metal.

With docks in only a few weeks away (optimism) it is time to start planning for the spring work parties.

This year we need to build several new Kayak racks. The current racks need to be modified to make them easier to use. We would like to develop a plan the storage lockers that are by the racks. We can leave room between the racks and the boats along the driveway and or organize them in the space between the trees closer to the playground. Any and all suggestions about how to make this area better are welcome.

If we can get the boats and trailers removed from the center of the meadow, we will install matting and gravel in that area. As we get closer the first weekend work party, we will determine where the temporary storage will be set up. Over the coming years we can continue this process for the entire meadow.

There will still be the usual cleanup along with setting up the canopy and fence long the seawall.

Bid requests have been sent to Landscape Architects and Arborist to develop a plan for the grounds.

The major areas in need of repair on the seawall will be repaired as soon as the weather permits.

See you in May.

## Sailing School News

We are happy to announce that the 2015 Sailing Season schedule has been completed and registrations are now open. We appreciate the patience of everyone who has been contacting us asking for next year's dates and gift certificates. You may click on "Sailing Instruction" on our website to view offerings and get signed up. A few exciting new things for this year:

### You may now purchase gift certificates online

Simply go to the registration page and you will see gift certificates listed as an option. We have them in \$50 increments or in the amount of each session that we offer. If you don't see what you are looking for, please just let us know. Once we see the registration come in, Mary Kate will arrange to get the certificate to you.

### New Junior Adventure Sailing Class

We have been speaking about adding this class for the last couple of years with a number of parents and are very excited about being able to offer it. The Adventure Sailing program is a new program for juniors who want to explore the many different aspects of sailing outside racing. We will play around with as many types of boats as we can get our hands on such as keelboats, multi-hulls and a variety of dinghys. We'll cover a wide range of sailing skills related to day sailing and cruising including motoring, docking, anchoring, navigation skills, boating safety and mostly just sailing for the fun of it.

The program will run throughout the season and includes a full week of sailing from July 20th - 24th. The group will also meet on Thursday evenings throughout the summer from July 2nd through August 20th. If there is enough interest, we do intend to offer an optional field trip at the end of the season where we will take the kids sailing on Lake Champlain on chartered "big boats" (i.e. boats in the 40 foot range). We will work closely with the parents to work out the field trip details.

### New Adult Racing Class

We have offered the introduction to racing crew for a few years now, and we are happy to now offer a skills improvement class for those who have been racing with us. "Adult Race Improvement" is designed for those people who are already racing and are interested in improving their skills in a small coached environment. Where possible, we hope that racing teams will take the course together in their own boats so that the skills are directly applied to their own racing. The class will cover topics such as starts, beats, reaching and running, finishes, tactics and strategy.

### More Early Season Adult Classes

At the request of many of you, we have added more evening classes for adults in the months of May and June. Hopefully this will make scheduling easier and not interfere with the usual summer madness. It will also give you more time during the summer to try out your new sailing skills!

We look forward to sailing with you and your kids in 2015. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at [info@saratogasailingschool.org](mailto:info@saratogasailingschool.org)

### Important observations from Games magazine

By John Kimball

Sailor's dessert:  
KEELLIMEPIE

Belowdecks astronomer:  
GALLEYLEO

Man the tiller:  
TAKEONESSTERN

Docking speed:  
BERTHRATE

President Hayes's nautical nickname:  
RUDDERFORD



## Fall Work Party



## Mooring Work Party & Awards Dinner



## Annual Meeting



## On the Block

### 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

**Price Reduced - \$4000**

Email: [raubws@nycap.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:wdever@nycap.rr.com)

### LASER FOR SALE

Fully equipped for racing. Stored indoors every winter. Low mileage, one owner - only driven by a little (110 lbs) old lady on Sundays in light air. Purchased new in 2002, includes dolly, boat cover and *new* sail.

Please make a reasonable offer for spring 2015.

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)

**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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