

Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

By Vic Roberts

On February 15, which was a sunny but very cold and windy day, about 40 people representing 28 Memberships attended the combined 2015 Budget Meeting and Special Meeting. Members attending also held twelve Proxies from members who could not attend. Both the 2015 Budget and the amendments to our Constitution were accepted, so we are ready to start the 2015 sailing season. The forecast is for below zero temperatures again tonight, but there is light at the end of this tunnel, because it's only two months until Docks in Day!

On January 17, Flag Lts. House Melissa Hatch and Greg Tkak hosted their second SLSC Movie Night at the SLSC club house. We had a very good turnout, and everyone seemed to have a great time.

The movie shown, Captain Ron, is a comedy about a Chicago family with no sailing experience that inherits an old sailboat and decides to fix it up and sail it from the island of Ste. Pomme de Terre to Miami with the assistance of Captain Ron (Kurt Russel). Captain Ron is not a typical "sailing" movie, but was just right for that evening, bringing together in funny ways many of the reasons why we choose to sail: the pleasure of quietly cutting through the water under wind power, the excitement for visiting new places, an activity the whole family can enjoy together, and the satisfaction and frustrations of boat maintenance and repair!

There is a rumor that a third movie night is being planned. I certainly hope so.

2015 Commodore's Party

*Sunday, April 19, 2015
12 Noon to 4 p.m.*

*The Terrace at The Water's Edge
Lighthouse*

*2 Freeman's Bridge Road
Glenville, New York*

Invitation with details will follow

Y Flyer Championships

Canadian Y Flyer sailor Richard Quinlan writes an engaging account of towing a restored Y Flyer to, and participating in, the International Championships held this past summer at SLSC. (Pages 3,4). Thanks to SLSC Y Flyer sailor Terry Fraser for suggesting including it in the Telltale.

Saratoga Lake Association

Page 5 is a description of the SLA and the challenges it faces in protecting Saratoga Lake. After reading it, if you feel moved to join the association, you can use the application form on page 6 to do so.

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Sailing School News

If you haven't done so lately, I encourage you to check out the Sailing School website. Several new, exciting programs have been added to our roster.

If you have ever thought about racing, there is an Introduction to Racing program that will run from evenings June 15-19. Even if you are not a competitive person, racing can make you a better sailor; get you out sailing more regularly, help you get to know the great group of racers we have and enjoy Wednesday night dinners lakeside. The cost is only \$50 per member, so it is a great way to see what racing is about and find out if it is for you with very little commitment.

For those that already race and are ready to take it to the next level, Strategic and Tactical Racing is for you. Running evenings June 22-26, you will cover topics such as starts, beats, reaching and running, finishes, tactics and strategy. If you are tired of trying to find something to eat on Wednesdays because all the good food is gone by the time you are done racing, this class is for you!

Our junior racing program has been very successful, but we realized not all kids are interested in racing. For those kids we have created the Adventure Sailing program. It is intended for juniors who have completed the intermediate sailing programs and are very comfortable sailing on their own. We will play around with as many types of boats as we can get our hands on such as keelboats, multihulls 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, 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. We understand that not everybody is able to make every session in a season long program given vacations, other commitments, etc. We try to offer a wide range of times so that all the juniors can get on the water regularly. 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). This would be an additional cost for those students interested in going. As this is our first year offering this course, we will work closely with the parents to work out the field trip details.

These are in addition to our regular adult and kid program.

The dynamic duo of Aaron Holland and Peter Hudson will once again be leading our team of dedicated and enthusiastic instructors.

The Sailing School, like the rest of the club, is run by volunteers. Our jobs are much easier if registrations are completed before the last minute. If you know you are going to attend any sessions, we request you sign up as early as possible. Not only does this make it easier on the staff, but it guarantees your space and eliminates any disappointments.

We are looking forward to another great summer of sharing our love of sailing.

Grounds

By John Smith, FI Lt Grounds

This is a slow time of year for grounds projects. We are currently taking bids from an arborist and landscape architects for a plan for the property. As soon as the snow melts enough for masons to look at the seawall, we will be getting bids for this work as well. The first work party for the year will be to install the fence along the seawall. We will need to do this by mid-April to discourage the geese. I will send an email to members for help as we get closer to April and can evaluate the lake ice and ground frost to set the actual date.

Y Go East?

The **2014 International Y Flyer Championships** were held in late July at the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club, New York. I was not planning to go. Why make an 8800km round trip to sail when you can do it at home? My home is in Lethbridge, Alberta. I sail at St. Mary's Sailing Club in the Alberta foothills at the western end of the prairies within sight of the Rockies.

Alberta has a rich history of Y Flyer sailing. In the 1950s and 1960s there were several clubs with active Y fleets and some regattas sometimes had 50 Y Flyers in attendance. The Edmonton fleets included wood and fiberglass boats built by John Booth and Son ("Boson" boats) while the Calgary boats were home-built woodies. But by the mid '70s the Y flyer fleets were in steep decline, falling prey to mass-produced fiberglass classes and new single-handers such as the Laser. By the late '80s they had disappeared from the competitive sailing scene in the province.

I sailed Y's as a teen and young adult until our Y 248 died of dry rot. I continued to sail in Lasers and Fireballs but always missed sailing the Y and wanted to find one. Last winter I finally tracked down an old Y in good shape and decided I would restore it (see restoration article) and sail it in the western Y Flyer Regatta in Manitoba. I just about had the trailer hitched when I heard the regatta was cancelled. Now what? Well...I realized I could leave home at the same time and just drive a little further to New York for the Internationals. My wife said "that would be crazy" and refused to crew for me. John Smith, the regatta chair, offered to find me a crew. Bob Somek, the Canadian Y class secretary encouraged me to come.

I left with a new trailer and 3 spare tires. Alberta has great highways – smooth with wide paved shoulders, and the motoring was easy. Saskatchewan was a bit more of a test for the suspension in my new trailer. But it was still divided highway with the bonus of seeing native grasslands rolling to the horizon. Driving the next morning in Manitoba was bumpy with the past winter's frost heaves but still on a divided highway. The scenery had changed: as my 8 year old son said years ago when we were passing through Manitoba "who decided Manitoba is a prairie province? I've never seen so many trees". Ontario arrived in the middle of day two. Whereas the Trans Canada Highway is a big deal in the west and gets the designation #1, in Ontario it's called #17 and seems to be given about that level of maintenance priority. Upon entry to Ontario the road becomes a narrow snake of two-way traffic in narrow lanes, bounded by skinny and sloping soft gravel shoulders. But the scenery is unique. I love the long stretch between Thunder Bay and Sault St. Marie, with red and green Canadian Shield and appealing glimpses of Lake Superior. So I just settled down, reduced my speed, put on my favourite tunes and enjoyed the ride. On my second day I slept on the north shore of the world's largest lake. By midnight of day three I was back in the rat race on Toronto's 401, but that brought me to my friendly Kingston in-law's Sara and Chris's house at 2am. After a day of rest I set off on the final four hours to Saratoga Springs. The US customs agent was interested in my boat but when he saw my license plate and asked what I was doing he stated in an authoritative tone: "you must be crazy". I asked him if he had been speaking with my wife. He grinned and waved me through.

I arrived to a friendly welcome from Saratoga's young sailing instructors Piotr and Drew. They helped me step my mast and then commented on my trapeze rig. They had been unaware of the more enlightened and permissive nature of our Canadian Y rules. Regatta chair John Smith arrived shortly afterwards and gave me a grand tour of the lovely old Saratoga S. C. clubhouse and spacious club grounds. My rudder had not yet arrived (Doug Kinzer brought me one of the "new" design the next day) so I jumped at the invitation to go with local new Y sailor Mark Czajkowsky (Piotr's dad) on an evening sail around Saratoga Lake.

The night slumber was interrupted at 4AM by the first of several thunderstorms of the week. I got up early to watch the sunrise and then finished my rigging to the rhythm of squirrels dropping acorns onto a

tin roof. Around noon several other sailors arrived including my crew, Dirk Nieuwdorp. He had crewed with John Smith in the Y a few times and prior to that raced J24s. Dirk and I got on well and did as much prep onshore as we could. We were keen to hone our skills in the practice race, but alas, another thunderstorm led to it's being cancelled. The evening was pleasant with our first regatta meal, tapping of the first keg, and the opportunity to meet other CAN and USA Y Flyer sailors for the first time.

Dirk and I got our first sail together in the first race on Tuesday. My spinnaker rigging is sort of unique and was hindered by a halyard that wouldn't run freely. The jamming became worse as time wore on. Eventually we learned the hard way that it had been catching on a frayed wire jib halyard. In the first race we were in the upper half of the fleet at the windward mark but slipped back as the race wore on. In the second race our finish position was much the same, but Dirk was getting the hang of the spinnaker and I was pleased to see it was starting to make a difference for us against the whisker-pole encumbered US boats. But to counter that I had made some poor tactical decisions and was also getting frustrated by noticing we lacked upwind boat speed. Our first breakage happened on a general recall when the jib fairlead track snapped in half, leaving the jib car dangling in mid air. We did a quick repair, then a more permanent fix at lunch. After lunch we got in one more race in dying winds. Dirk and I were starting to sail as a team by that time and got our first top ten finish. It was a good social evening as folks were happy to have completed the first day of racing and loosened up a little.

The next day was frustrating. There was no wind. A few of us went out but just chased zephyrs. We hung around waiting, but the wind only came in time for an evening club race. A few Y's sailed in that (non-scoring) race. I joined a small group of Canucks – Bob Somek, Rich Hart, and Carl Swail, with my New Jersey crew Dirk as DD, and we took off to town under the leadership of our international hosts. Peter and Anne steered us on a direct course to the Saratoga Brewery for an upstate New York beer tasting session, spiced with a late evening meal of Thai food.

The final day started with strong "John Smith coffee" and a hearty Saratoga Sailing Club breakfast. My old crank-up halyard system had been annoying me because I couldn't get my jib luff tight enough. So I had the forestay pulled while I turned another circle with the crank. That worked and gave us much more speed upwind and for the first time we could also point our half-century old boat like the newer Turner boats. Our Y was finally flying! We got a decent finish mid fleet amongst other boats. Then in the fifth race we were holding at third or fourth all the way around, well ahead of boats that we had previously only got transom views of. Then on the second upwind leg we heard "SNAP" - the fray on the jib halyard had parted, throwing the jib into the lake. The whole fleet sailed by while Dirk carefully retrieved the jib to avoid it tearing. Meanwhile another thunderstorm was rumbling in. We limped to the shore and later learned the race was abandoned anyway - just as the leaders were approaching the finish! I gather the abandonment affected the top positioning in the regatta. But race committee members, including Peter and Anne, along with American Y Flyer Secretary Paul White, had made the right decision under difficult circumstances. They had been making good race management decisions all week in challenging conditions.

Closing ceremonies were informal and fun. At one point us northerners were prompted to be patriotic and belted out a rousing rendition of "Oh Canada!" A quieter rendition of "Dixie" was reputedly heard coming from the Georgia/Arkansas corner of the clubhouse. Some of the northeasterners were mumbling some other tune about rockets and stars and bombs, but we couldn't quite make out what it was.

The next morning we pointed cars and boats homeward. I left with a bottom cover, generously gifted from John and Terry Fraser to help me avoid tar and rock chips on my cross-continental drive. The 8800 km round-trip was the culmination of my living a dream of restoring a vintage Y and then sailing it in a major regatta. A big "THANKS" to Saratoga Lake Sailing Club and the American and Canadian Y Flyer Associations. It was great fun and I hope I'll cross tacks with cross-continental Y flyer friends again soon.

Saratoga Lake Association



Dear Friends,

November, 2014

Almost 700 families committed to the protection, preservation, and improvement of Saratoga Lake, joined the Saratoga Lake Association (SLA) in 2014. Although we have made great strides, we are faced with many new challenges – the popularity of the lake has grown and the growth and development is unprecedented. We need to keep our momentum going and the best way to do that is through your support as a member.

Our community has expanded well beyond the lake borders and the newly developed areas are also enjoying Saratoga Lake. For many of you, this will be your first invitation to join SLA. You don't have to live on or own property on the lake to be part of the association. SLA has an annual meeting in July, two informational meetings in the fall and spring, and others when needed. We hope that you will consider yourself part of the lake community as we move forward to face and resolve issues that concern us all.

Membership to the Saratoga Lake Association comes with some very nice benefits. *Shore Lines*, our award-winning newsletter, brings our lake community together with events, neighborhood news, photographs, issues of concern, and much more. The newsletter is electronic, so it is important that we have your correct email. Let us know if you have difficulties receiving our emails and we can confirm that we have the correct email or obtain an alternate.

Additional benefits to SLA membership are educational, community service and social gatherings! These events allow you to meet your fellow lake neighbors, to network, and to make new friends. While our functions vary, we try to offer a wide array of events that appeal to all. Our annual favorites include boat safety classes, paddle safety instruction, chestnut pulls, roadside clean-up, a Good Morning Breakfast at Mangino's Ristorante, Cocktail Party on the Veranda at Saratoga National, and our Holiday Party with old and new friends and neighbors.

For the eighth successful year we are offering businesses the opportunity to be listed in our on-line business directory. In 2014, we listed almost 170 businesses. This year, the directory will include governmental agency and emergency contacts. Please fill out the enclosed form exactly as you wish to be listed. The list is only available in a convenient format on our web site at http://saratogalake.org/business_services.html.

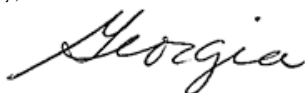
Our membership year begins on January 1 and ends December 31. We must receive your membership dues prior to February 1 in order for you to continue receiving SLA communications.

Beginning this year, only individual memberships are available. Family memberships are no longer offered. Please fill out the enclosed form without delay and return your \$20 individual membership fee in the envelope provided. Use a separate form for each individual. If you have a change of address or email, make sure we receive that. If you no longer wish to be on our mailing list, let us know by returning the enclosed form or by emailing our Membership Chair, Georgia Hinchman at gtbythewater@aol.com. SLA is an IRS charitable not-for-profit organization; however, dues are not tax deductible because of incidental benefits that may be provided. Any amounts in excess of the dues are tax deductible.

We hope you will stay or become a member of this great community.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year!

Sincerely,



Georgia Hinchman
Membership Chair



Alan B. Richer
Board President

Saratoga Lake Association

Individual Membership Form

GEORGIA HINCHMAN, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR - gtbythewater@aol.com

MISSION STATEMENT: The Saratoga Lake Association (SLA) is a Not-for-Profit Organization. The Association's purpose is to promote and enhance the health, safety, sanitation, recreation and environmental quality of Saratoga Lake and its extensive watershed.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES – JANUARY 1, 2015 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015 \$20

NOTE: 2015 dues will remain at a reduced rate of \$20. If you choose to, you can pay now for both 2015 and 2016 by making a payment of \$40 for both years. This will save you from any possible dues increase for 2016. Any amount in excess of the normal dues we receive will be applied as a donation.

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT OF DUES IS JANUARY 1, 2015.

\$___ 2015 Only (\$20) \$___ 2015 and 2016 (\$40) \$__ Charitable Donation \$__ Total Amount Enclosed

Although SLA is an IRS charitable not-for-profit organization, dues are not tax deductible because of incidental benefits that may be provided. Family memberships are no longer offered.

Please use a separate form for each individual.

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Permanent Home Address

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Lake Address

Email Address (print clearly) _____

ON-LINE BUSINESS CONNECTIONS LISTING – Would you like to list your business or service in our annual On-Line Business Connections Listing? If your listing in last year's directory is unchanged, you can check "Same as Current Listing." View the directory at: http://saratogalake.org/business_services.html. For new listings, print your information exactly as you wish it to appear (or enclose a business card).

Name of Business _____

Same as current listing New or modified listing

Type of Business _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Your Position _____

Comments _____

If you have an interest in any of the activities listed below, please place a check next to the item.

Events Historic preservation and education Community roadside clean-up events
 Water chestnut control Outreach committee Environmental and recreational education
 Membership committee Governmental relations Other interests (specify) _____

Budget Meeting



On the Block

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

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:5184640991) or 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

FLYING DUTCHMAN FOR SALE

1988 Lindsay, excellent condition, 100% race ready, set up by Paul Forester for use in 1988 Olympics. White hull with gray deck and interior, kevlar-nomex honeycomb-epoxy construction. Forte carbon mast, trailer, dolly, Lindsay carbon centerboard and rudder, top and bottom covers, many sails (some almost new). Asking price \$13,000.

Phone [518-877-5203](tel:5188775203) email wchamilton2@verizon.net

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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