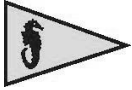


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Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

By Vic Roberts

As I write this column on April 5, most of the lake still has a coating of ice and the last piles of snow on the parking circle and meadow are still melting. However, we know that the start of the 2015 sailing season is one month away.

Working with the fleet captains, Flag Lt.s Race Yvonne and Bill Barringer have planned another challenging racing calendar for 2015. Flag Lt. Grounds John Smith has already had the seawall repaired, and has plans in place for other improvements, such as a new board boat retrieval system and an easier to use board boat ramp. Flag Lt.s Melissa Hatch and Greg Tkai have been working on improvements to the House all winter long, and are preparing lists of clean-up and fix-up tasks for the Spring work party. Rear Commodore Dave Hudson is hard at work on the plans for the new dock system and, as in past years, also building a new dock section. Flag Lt. Boats JT Fahy and Vice Commodore and Sailing School Director Mark Welcome are ready to take the flat top, rescue boats and School boats out of winter storage and get them ready for another season. Mark has also been recording reservations for new students for the past few months. Membership Chair Ann Seidman has been talking to prospective new members, many of which will have been accepted by the time this is published, while Social Chair Margaret Shirk has checked and updated the menus and shopping lists for the food to be served at the three work parties and three in-season social events, while Treasurer John Kimball has been dealing with mounds of renewal forms and checks. Secretary Mike Kitner, Publicity Chair Fred Barker and Caretaker Kathy Johnston have been actively working all year long to help keep the Club in operation.

In spite of all this excellent preparation, we cannot start the season without your help at the two Spring work parties: Saturday May 2 and Saturday May 9. Work groups form between 8:00 am and 9:00 am on each day. Please see other articles in this issue of the Telltale for more information. Participation in work parties is an obligation of membership, and we do take attendance.

The Club Needs You!!

Spring Work Parties

Saturday, May 2nd & Saturday, May 9th

It's everybody's favorite work parties.
Mark them on your calendar now.
We need your help.

Work parties form between 8:00 & 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!

Upcoming Events

April 19.....Commodore's Party
April 23.....Fleet Captain's Mtg
May 3.....Sailing Program Mtg
May 10..... Practice Race

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FLEET CAPTAINS MEETING

The annual fleet captains meeting will be held on THURSDAY April 22 at 7pm at SLSC.
The agenda will include:

1. The upcoming racing season.
2. Issues and concerns about race committee staffing.
3. The possibility of increasing the number of required race committee assignments.
4. Any issues brought by fleet captains.

If you cannot attend please try to send a representative from your fleet.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

SLSC House

By Greg Tkal

The ice will soon be gone (hopefully!) and as we look forward to an active sailing season, it's time to roll up our sleeves and get our property in tip-top shape! Looking ahead to the spring work party on May 2nd, we will be posting a list of tasks to be accomplished. There are always a lot of projects to do on the house to get it ready for the season! If you are not able to attend, please contact us and we will give you a job to do when you *are* available. Remember that this is a volunteer organization and it is your obligation to help keep the club in good shape.

We will have cleaning supplies on hand but please bring your tools as there is always something that needs to be cut, nailed, fixed or painted. We are looking for a volunteers to paint the bathroom at the top of the stairs and some of the window trim throughout the upstairs needs a bit of touch up, so if your good with a brush or roller let us know!

Important notice- Do not use the House's exterior water spigot to wash your boats until after the pump gets installed in the lake.

Sailing School News

By Samantha Butler

Boogity! Boogity! Boogity! Let's go racing!

The sailing school has developed two new courses aimed at racing and they are priced at a steal at just \$50 per session for members.

"Introduction to Racing" is designed for those people who are interested in getting involved with racing. The class will teach students the basic concepts of racing, what is expected of race crew, and will give students the opportunity to try some races with experienced skippers at the helm.

"Strategic and Tactical Racing" 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.

If you have ever wondered about racing, here's your chance to find out without a big commitment. You may be surprised how much you love it.

If you are tired of making do with the leftovers on Wednesdays, come take the Strategic and Tactical class. Improve your racing skills and your dining experience.

Register soon to assure your space.
See you on the water.

Grounds

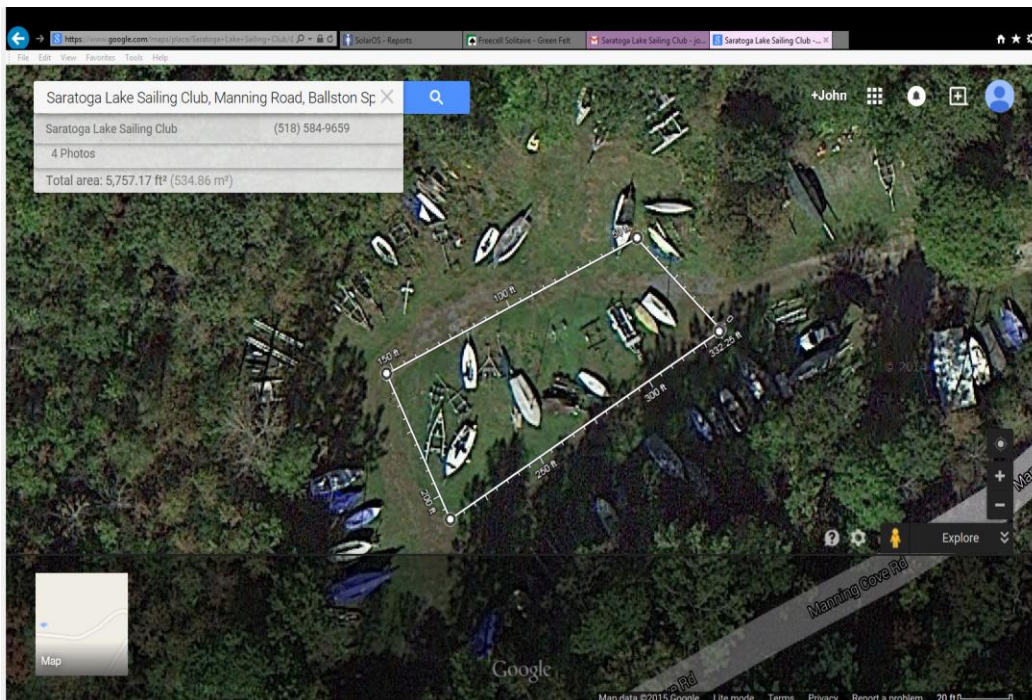
By John Smith, FI Lt Grounds

It is time for us to get ready to sail. Unfortunately we have to work first.

The seawall repairs should be completed by the time of the first work party and we should have the beginnings of a master plan from an arborist.

If the weather permits, I would like to get the fence for the geese installed as soon as the ground thaws. I am looking to have a small work party on the 11th or 12th. If the lawn is still frozen, we could reschedule for the weekend of the 18th or 25th. The sooner we get the fence up, the better control we will have over the geese.

Prior to our work party on the May 2nd, we need to have the boats that are stored in the center of the meadow (outlined area below) moved to the edges. We will be spreading 3 loads of gravel to make this area.



During the first work party, we need to clean the 20x40 canopy and install it on the lawn south of the house.

At the top of the laser ramp we are going to install a 4x4 post with a winch to assist pulling the boats up the ramp.

Since we move the kayak racks last fall, we have room for some additional racks. I am planning to build at least 2 and maybe 3. We will build the 2 next to the playground first. These will only be a 3 tier rack not 4 like the existing racks. We will also be making some modifications to the existing racks by adding a center beam to make it easier to slide the boats into the rack.

We would like to try to move some of the large rocks that are in front of the ramp by the house. This will help to reduce the wear and tear on the school boats. We will also be doing some improvements to this ramp.

I know that this is an ambitious list, but if we get the same participation that we have had in past years we will get it done. If you would like to work a particular project please bring appropriate tools. You can contact me to see what tools would be useful. John.smithflyer@gmail.com or 518-378-9751.



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

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:518-877-5203) email wchamilton2@verizon.net

ENSIGN FOR SALE

The restoration of Ensign #114 is nearing completion. The boat will be available this spring and is offered now at \$15,500. For further information and pictures see our website www.ensign114.weebly.com.

For anyone with a serious interest in #114, there is still ample time to customize the layout to suit your sailing specifications and requirements. For instance, if you would prefer a roller furler installation and new Genoa and/or main, we can add those items at cost with an allowance for the sails now planned. Control line layout could also be installed to meet individual preferences.

Email: Ensign114@gmail.com
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Daggerboards Anyone?

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Could one of these be your daggerboard?

There are several daggerboards (see picture) in a barrel in the barn that appear to have been untouched for a long time. If you own one of them, please place your name on it. If you don't own any of them, but would like one, please contact David Burtis (david_burtis@yahoo.com).

The club is trying to reduce the amount of abandoned stuff. Please claim yours this spring. Any daggerboards in the barrel that are unidentified by name by July 15th will be removed and disposed of.



Members Devon Howe and Piotr Czajkowski having fun iceboating on the lake.

Follow this link to see a video of Piotr sailing the iceboat.

https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B28mKdWqKjt9RE5vV3I5SGU1OGc/edit?usp=docslist_api

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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