

# Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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## Commodore's Corner

By Vic Roberts

New members are the lifeblood of any organization; they help stabilize the size of the organization and, most importantly, bring in new ideas and skills. Membership Chair Ann Seidman reports that this year we have accepted 19 new Regular Members, two Junior Members and one Student member. Many of these new Members developed an interest in the Club through the Sailing School. This is a testament to the efforts of Ann & Peter Seidman and everyone associated with the School.

On May 31 we held our annual New Members Get Together. Please read Ann's article in this issue of the Telltale for more information about that event. During the Get Together, Hunter Currin took individual photographs of each of the new Members, along with a group photo. By the time you read this, the individual photos will have been added to the web profiles of each of the Members present at the event. I encourage all Members to add photos to their profiles as an aid in getting to know one another.

At the June Board Meeting, Flag Lt.'s Race Yvonne & Bill Barringer reported that the 2015 Racing Program is off to a great start, no doubt aided by the wonderful weather we have been having. We can hold races only when some Members agree to work as Race Committee instead of racing themselves that day. We have enough Members participating in Race Committee that each Member has to work Race Committee only two or three times a season, leaving the other days open for racing. While Race Committee assignments are normally given only to those Members who race, working on the Race Committee is an excellent way for non-racing members to learn about racing. If you are not currently assigned to Race Committee and would like to see what racing is all about, please contact Bill or Yvonne Barringer at 518-399-8619 or 518-522-0841 or by email to [bill-yo.b3821@att.net](mailto:bill-yo.b3821@att.net). They will team you with another Member who has experience with Race Committee so you can see what all the excitement is about. At the very least, you will have an afternoon or evening on the water!

## Upcoming Events

June 20-21.....Thistle Regatta  
July 4.....Chicken BBQ  
July 16-17.....FJ Horse Race  
July 18-19.....Kestrel Regatta

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Chicken Bar-B-Q

Appetizers at 4:00 pm Dinner at 5:00 pm  
Bar-B-Q Chicken  
Hot Dogs  
Many Salads  
Ice Cream Sundaes  
Soft Drinks, Beer, Wine

**Adults: \$16 Children (12 and under) \$8  
pay at the door, checks please**

Everyone is requested to bring an appetizer  
or dessert to share

Members whose last names begin with  
the letters G through L  
are asked to volunteer for set-up, food preparation, or  
clean-up

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

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE  
RECEIVED BY JUNE 30**

**All members—please indicate appetizer  
or dessert  
G through L—please indicate preference  
to set-up, prep, or clean-up**

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## Club Survey

By Dave Hudson, Rear Commodore

Earlier this year, the SLSC Board administered a survey of the membership. The primary purpose of the survey was to gather information about the experimental slip/dockage program. Since we were going to be asking the membership questions about slips, it made sense to include a number of other questions about the general operation and state of the club.

I made a brief presentation about the survey at the Commodore's Party in April, summarizing my impressions of what our members thinking is on the various questions we asked. I hope by now that all of you have been able to look over the survey results so you also have the benefit of seeing what your fellow members are thinking.

We had 79 responses, which people who do surveys tell me is a good response rate. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to fill it out, and that so many of you put so much thought and effort into your responses. I think everyone who reads through it will come to a different conclusion about what it says, and all comments are welcome. Perhaps we should have a survey once in a while as a regular business practice.

Here is what stood out to me when I read through the responses:

The slip/dockage question was answered 2:1 in favor with about  $\frac{1}{3}$  indifferent. The comments both pro and con are very thoughtful, even those who declared themselves as indifferent had quite a bit to say on the question. This has been a remarkably polarizing issue.

Its clear that the question of how to assign a limited resource is the most difficult.

The cost of slip/dockage had a range of \$0 to \$5000 annually. The median value was \$375 and the average was \$707.

Many of the comments on new services related to making it easier to get boats into the water and back out, better parking, safety and general improvements to the facility. Some of the comments imply a desire for a much more luxurious facility.

The areas where we need to improve are mostly well-known, chronic problems, like water quality and availability in the clubhouse, water depth at the crane, ramp launching improvement and weed abatement.

There were quite a few comments that stood out about the demographics of the club, indicating a desire to get more younger members, providing more events for our youngest members and building a stronger sense of community among members.

The Board has not had an opportunity to discuss the survey results yet as we have all been very busy getting the club up and running for the season, although, you may have already noticed some changes or new projects that are, in part, due to the survey responses.

The next step in the survey process will be for the Board to spend some time going over the survey data, as a group, to see what the common impressions are among Board members. A prioritization of the issues that require action, like physical improvements to the property or buildings, and finally a discussion of policy issues that could drive changes to the operation of the club, or membership. Please excuse the vagueness of this last statement, because I really don't know where the discussion will go regarding many of the policy-related comments.

## Sailing School News

By Samantha Butler

### Classes

Don't forget the great opportunity being offered by the sailing school for members who are interested in learning about racing or improving their skills. Each class is a full week of evenings and is offered for only \$50 per member!

"Introduction to Racing", June 15-19, 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", June 22-26, 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.

Space is limited to keep class size small, so sign up now!

### Instant Replay

Race QS is a racing application for sailboats that the school and many of the racers are trying out this season. All you need is a smart phone or GPS.

The free application requires you to download the application to your phone. You start tracking before the race and stop when you are finished. The program does the rest.

Race QS will compile all the tracks from the same time and location to create an animation of the race. When you go to the Race QS website you can view the animation, compare your race vs. other boats, see your tacking angles and speed, how often you were in the groove, your speed and many other data points. If you are fancy and have a time stamped GoPro, you can even have a real time view that plays along with the animation.

This can be a powerful tool to help improve your racing. It is free and simple and requires no personal information to use. The more of us using it, the more information we will have to compare. It is really a lot of fun to use.

### Open House

The weekend of May 30<sup>th</sup> the sailing school held an open house and invited the community to come sail with us. Many misconceptions about sailing and sailing clubs abound; we wanted to allow people to come see how fun and accessible sailing really is.

On Saturday we found a window between storms to take twenty six people out on Flying Scots. Once on shore the eagle made an appearance and the afternoon ended with a rainbow. Everyone had a great time and all were excited by their first sail.

Sunday's sailing was postponed due to heavy winds. On Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> we had six participants join us, including Kathy who finally went for a sail after all these years. The morning started becalmed but the wind picked up to give everyone a fun sail.

The event was a great success. In the first week we have had one new membership application and four new students signed up for classes. Several others are still in communication with us.

Special thanks to everyone who volunteered to help out: James Nicol, Tony Bianchini, Drew Welcome, Peter Hamlin, Devon Howe, Paul Waterfield, Misha and Olga, Jerry Zell, Samantha Butler, Tony Cannone, and Fred Barker for taking people sailing; Kathy for doing all the shore work; and especially Mark Welcome who organized the whole event.

## New Members's Reception 2015

By Ann Seidman, Membership Chair

This seems like a banner year for new members at SLSC. We must be doing everything correctly because everyone wants to join us.

The date was set for Sunday May 31 at 4:30ish after racing and the place was the Clubhouse. All the new members for this year, along with some new members from last were invited, the Board of SLSC and any SLSC sailor around the grounds were able to attend the New Member's reception. Name tags were affixed to shirts and the table was set with tons of goodies and libations. Good fellowship and conversations ensued. New members introduced themselves and the Board members described their responsibilities at the Club. New members were informed about the rules and regulations of the Club. Everyone had a fabulous time. We are looking forward to a wonderful and exciting sailing season.

We have proudly taken in 22 new members this season including two Junior and one student.

Here are the membership numbers: 170 regular, 9 honorary, 16 corresponding, 3 crew, & 1 academic membership.

At present we have 4 sanctioned openings and 1 non-sanctioned.

### Welcome New Members.

Amodeo, Paul & Maggie	Designers Choice 15
Buchanan, Bruce	Hobie Cat
Murnan, Andrew &Liz	MC Scow
Symon, James & Jennifer	Flying Scot
Enright, Patrick & Janet	Laser
Saar, Aleksander	Laser
Fisher, Eli	Force 5 Junior
Clancey, Larry & Margaret	West Wight Potter 19
Brenenstuhl, Ryan &n Megan	
Petreikis, Craig	O'Day 23 & Sunfish
Steve, Paul & Robin	20' O'Day
Tarrant, John & Kathy	MC Scow
Churan, Corbett	Junior
Kuruzovich, Jason & Briana	Laser
Fowler, MaryBeth	Ensign
Ytterberg, Phil & Marci	Ensign
Mariotti, Kala	Laser Student
Magnant, Jerome	Hobie 14
Tollman, Rachel	O'Day Javelin 14
Hayes, Bob & Jean	Flying Scot
Braman, April &James	Y-Flyer
O'Sullivan, Daniel & Debra Townsend	23' O'Day



Left to Right: Eli Fisher, Corbett Curran, Mary Beth Fowler, Paul Fowler, Janele Fowler, Paul Steve, Rich Edwards, Alison Edwards, Margaret Amodeo, Paul Amodeo, James Symon & Andrew Murnan

## Saratoga Laser Derby

By Dave Burtis

The annual Saratoga Laser Derby regatta was on Saturday, June 6. We had a great attendance of 13 Laser sailors from all over NY state, including Cooperstown, Ithaca, Potsdam, and even as far as Rochester. Upon arrival, all were in great spirits as the sun was breaking out and white caps were breaking out on the water! The winds, although not super shifty, were out of the northeast at mostly in the upper teens with sustained gusts over 20 mph and the waves built during the course of the day. Physical conditioning paid off. No one escaped capsizing, but the order of finish closely matched the number of capsizes. There were several DNFs, including Peter Hudson, who was knocked out of contention when his mast snapped in half during the first race.

Doug Kaukeinen aced the course with 3 firsts. Scott Meyer was also rock solid with 3 seconds. James Nicol was consistently near the front. The rest of the pack pretty much struggled to one degree or another with the gusts and the waves.

The results were:

Finish		Race #1	2	3	Total Points
1	Doug Kaukeinen	1	1	1	3
2	Scott Meyer	2	2	2	6
3	James Nicol	4	3	3	10
4	Drew Poster	6	6	4	16
5	Mike Kitner	5	4	8	17
6	Charley Williamson	3	5	DNS	20
7	Piotr Czajkowski	8	8	6	23
8	Allan Miller	7	7	DNS	24
9	Kira Munger	9	10	7	26
10	David Burtis	DNF	9	5	27
11	Tom French	10	11	DNF	33
12	Mark Holtzman	11	DNF	DNS	35
13	Peter Hudson	DNF	DNS	DNS	

A big hearty thanks to all those who helped with making the regatta run so smoothly. The race committee was headed by Jerry Burr and assisted by Jerry Zell, Charlie Koines, and Emmett McCarthy. The photographer was Paul Waterfield and the boat was driven by Steve Olsen. Others who helped were Leslie Rafaniello, Allan Miller, David Burtis, Bob Posson, Janet and Bill Hamilton, James Nicol, Maggie Lock, and Mike Kitner.

Notice to all laser CLUB members: this is a great time to get your Laser out on the water with other laser sailors and trade rigging tricks and tips. Please plan to attend our Laser regatta next year; we plan on seeing you in JUNE!

## Wednesday Night Racing / Potluck

Please remember that we are a volunteer organization and check for your Fleet's night to cook or clean.

Here is the Fleet Roster for the kitchen duty on Wednesday night.

If you come to sail, please bring a dish to share and help out. Every person's efforts and contributions are greatly appreciated as Wednesday's competition level has about the best showing for the season.

Your help IS greatly appreciated by everyone.

Bill & Yvonne  
RC Chairpersons

Please remember: That this is a guideline and that it is EVERYONE'S responsibility to clean up after themselves!  
Kathy is not your mother!

### COOK

6/3	Thistles
6/10	Flying Scots
6/17	Ensigns
6/24	MC/YFlyers
7/1	Laser/Kestrels
7/8	MC/YFlyers
7/15	Flying Scots
7/22	Thistles
7/29	Barringers
8/5	MC/YFlyers
8/12	Ensigns

### CLEANUP

Laser / Kestrels
MC / Yflyers
Thistles
Juniors
Thistles / YFlyers
Flying Scots / Kestrels
Juniors
Ensigns
Laser / Kestrels
Juniors
Everyone



2015 Laser Derby

## Champagne Brunch



## New Members Reception



## 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](mailto: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](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.

## SANCTIONED FLEETS

Ensign.....	Tony Cannone 271-0246
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