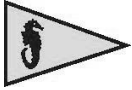


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Commodore's Corner

By Vic Roberts

In December 2011 I visited past Commodores Randy and Elli Rice at The Rice Paddy. Randy had invited me over to transfer some old SLSC documents. Some of the documents provided by Randy were used to create the History section of the SLSC website. One of the items Randy gave me was an India ink drawing labeled Saratoga Lake Sailing Club; we could not read the name of the artist.

Kathleen and I were so taken by the drawing that I added it to the home page of the SLSC website. At the time I posted the drawing I thought the view was from our current location.

In April of this year we received a letter from past Commodore Dave Hiding. Dave told us that the drawing was part of a publicity brochure put together by John Hause and a person with the last name of McGraw in 1971. This is when the Club was at the old Kaydeross Park site. We searched the Club records, including the Equity Bond Register, and could not find any person with the last name of McGraw who was a member at our current location.

In June, Dave solved our problem in a second letter, which had a copy of the text side of the brochure attached. Dave had determined that the artist was John McGraw, and had searched old Club rosters that yielded interesting additional information. For example, John McGraw and his wife Maureen joined the Club in 1970 and sailed an International 14 named Taboo. They are listed on the 1971 & 1972 rosters, but in 1972 no boat is listed. John Hause is listed on the 1969 roster and also sailed an International 14. Dave does not have earlier rosters so we do not know when John Hause joined the Club. Hause is listed on the 1971 & 1972 rosters, but in 1972 his listing included the name of his wife, Diane, and he now sailed a Thistle named Mello. In 1972 John Hause was head of the Publicity Committee and served on the Executive Committee as Member at Large. (A position we no longer have.)

Dave told us that he was so taken with the drawing that he framed an original brochure with the drawing side out and has it hanging in his home. The copy of the brochure sent by Dave Hiding, which is only the text side of the original, has been posted to the History section of the SLSC website.

We want to thank Dave Hiding for his research and for providing this information about the drawing. It is no longer artist and date unknown. If anyone has more recent information about John McGraw or John Hause, please contact me.

Stride 2015



Upcoming Events

Aug 7-8.....Flying Scot Regatta
Sept 7.....Lobster Boil

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Y-Flyer Thoroughbred Regatta

By Terry Fraser

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club's Fleet 63 of the American Y-Flyer Sailing Association held the 2015 edition of the Thoroughbred Regatta on July 11th and 12th.

The wind started out light on Saturday morning and racing was postponed for an hour. The time was spent tuning and re-rigging some of the Y's in the boatyard.

By 11 AM the wind had picked up to about 5 MPH and the racing began. PRO's Peter and Ann Seidman worked some magic and the fleet was able to get in 5 races on Saturday as the wind built in strength all day long.

A very nice dinner grilled by Jake Greiner and Jules VR included both chicken and beef.

Sunday morning the racing started in moderately heavy wind and the Sunday PRO, John Kimball, enabled 2 more races for a total of 7 races for the weekend regatta.

Final Scores (average finish):

1	Terry and Joanne Fraser	1.28
2	Ian Berke with John Smith	1.66
3	John Smith with Ian Berke	2.2
4	Nick Biles with Sean O'Neill	2.75
5	Sean O'Neill and Nick Biles	3.0
6	Jake Greiner and Hong Lau	4.28
7	Marek and Isabella Czajkowski	4.4

Kestrel N.A. Championship

By Tony Bianchini, Fleet Captain

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club's Kestrel Fleet Number One held another successful North American Championship Saturday and Sunday the 18th and 19th of July.

Yvonne and Bill Barringer, with the help of Fred Barker, Tony Canonne and Gene Auciello, were race committee for the most memorable races in recent history. We had a record ten boats for the event, and winds averaged 8 mph throughout the day. We were able to get three races in before lunch and another three after lunch. We retired to a lovely dinner around 5:30 and many of the members hung around just enjoying each other's company until well after 8:00.

Sunday morning we picked up with similar southerly winds and were able to get off two 1-2 races before the club races began at 1:00. We concluded with a brief award ceremony, just in time for several Kestrels to participate in the regular Sunday races.

Congratulations to Mike Kitner for his record setting 8 out of 8 aces. In second place were Drew Welcome and his crew Corbett. In third was a perennial favorite, Joe Choi and his crew Chuck Batzinger. How does he do it? Third place and sixth place were separated by only five points, making for the closest racing we have ever seen. Congratulations to all the participants. Truly, a good time was had by all.



Grounds Report

By John Smith, Flag Lt. Grounds

We had a successful work party on Saturday July 18th. The boat park was aligned and numbers were painted in front of the spaces. The number stakes at the back of the spaces may not be in line with the spaces and will be realigned at a later date. There are few empty spots that I will be assigning to new members in the next few days. There were six volunteers working on this project.

It was brought to my attention that some member moved another Flying Scot and damaged the tiller. The owner is doing additional inspection to see if there is any more damage. Please do not move another member's boat without myself or someone I appoint to assist. This will avoid this situation in the future.

The meadow had all but 3 boats moved and the entire area mowed by another 6 members. You will notice that the center of the meadow is almost completely empty. All of the boats and trailer have been aligned around the perimeter and can be accessed without moving any other boat or trailer. This was by design. One of the projects for the fall work party will be to place matting in the center and to cover this matting by 3 inches of stone. We feel that this will go a long way toward firming this storage area. This is the same process that has been used near the crane.

If you have a trailer in the meadow that does not have your name on it, please make it before the fall work party. This will allow us to get rid of junkers and give us more room.

We did not have time to go through the dingy area and the lawn and boat racks to check for boats that no longer have current memberships. We will be sending an email looking for help. This will most likely be an evening project of 4 -5 members for about 2 hours.

One final note, the volunteers thank all of the members that have air in their tires.

On the Block

FOR SALE: ZUMA SAILBOAT & ALUMINUM TRAILER

Newer sail and aluminum trailer. Willing to sell boat separately. Boat would work well on a dolly. Trailer would work well with a Laser, Sunfish, or modified for canoes/kayaks.

Parked in the SLSC meadow for viewing. Best reasonable offer.

Contact Bob @ [\(518\) 877-0912](tel:5188770912).

Mosquitos

By John Smith, Fl. Lt. Grounds

A club member has suggested having martin houses installed as a way to control the mosquitos. The following information is from the Purple Martin Conservation Association.

“Martins, like all swallows, are aerial insectivores. They eat only flying insects, which they catch in flight. Their diet is diverse, including dragonflies, damselflies, flies, midges, mayflies, stinkbugs, leafhoppers, Japanese beetles, June bugs, butterflies, moths, grasshoppers, cicadas, bees, wasps, flying ants, and ballooning spiders. Martins are not, however, prodigious consumers of mosquitoes as is so often claimed by companies that manufacture martin housing. An intensive 7-year diet study conducted at PMCA headquarters in Edinboro, PA, failed to find a single mosquito among the 500 diet samples collected from parent martins bringing beak full of insects to their young. The samples were collected from martins during all hours of the day, all season long, and in numerous habitats, including mosquito-infested ones. Purple Martins and freshwater mosquitoes rarely ever cross paths. Martins are daytime feeders, and feed high in the sky; mosquitoes, on the other hand, stay low in damp places during daylight hours, or only come out at night.”

“Housing should be placed in the center of the most open spot available, about 30-120 feet from human housing. There should be no trees taller than the martin housing within 40 feet, preferably 60 feet.

“ For more information at <http://www.purplemartin.org/main/mgt.html>

An alternative would be to setup some bat houses.



The following information is from the Organization for Bat Conservation web site <http://www.batconservation.org/>

Bat houses in the Northeast United States should be

- Attached at least 15 feet high
- Free from obstructions with at least 20 feet of open space
- Facing south to southeast to gain exposure to sunlight
- Painted black or left natural
- Receive at least 6-8 hours of sunlight each day

Bats return from migration and awaken from hibernation as early as March in most of the U.S. They will be abundant throughout the summer and early fall. Approximately half of all bat houses are occupied within the first summer and up to 80% are occupied within the first 2-3 years.

We could place bat houses in the meadow and at the north end of the boat park.

Chicken BBQ



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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.

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