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Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

By Vic Roberts

A number of Members have asked me about the boat sitting in the lake about 500 feet in front of our Club House. They ask if that is one of our boats, and if the mooring has perhaps drifted. That boat is, in fact, Ensign #23, one of two Ensigns that have been donated to our Sailing School during the past 12 months. The school has acquired these boats to give students experience with small keel boats, and an opportunity to learn boat maintenance.

The first Ensign is #88, Greaty Mates, donated by Sandra and Jed Shivers of Scarsdale, NY in the Fall of last year. Vice Commodore and Sailing School Director Mark Welcome picked up #88 at the New Rochelle, NY Municipal Marina in November, 2014 with the assistance of Emmett McCarthy, Allan Miller, Glenn Miner and Jerry Zell. Once the boat was at SLSC, Bruce Blackie and Dave Miller, who recently completed a beautiful restoration of Ensign #114, gave #88 a full inspection so Mark would know what needed to be addressed on the boat before it could be sailed.

The second Ensign is #23, Daddy, donated by Harold and Carol Klein of Plattsburgh, NY. On May 13 of this year I accompanied Mark, Bruce Blackie and Dave Miller to Mooney Bay Marina near Point Au Roche on Lake Champlain. Bruce and Dave inspected the boat before we loaded it on the trailer, and determined it was fit for use without any major repairs. The Ensign #23 photo album on our website includes photos of Dave & Bruce inspecting #23 at Mooney Bay and getting her ready for transport, along with some interesting photos of #23 itself, the transfer from its cradle to our trailer and Harold Klein, one of the previous owners.

Ensign #23 was launched on July 21. Once the boat was motored to the Club by Mark, her mast was stepped by Mark, Bruce Blackie and Aaron Holland, and the team then took her out for a sail. The boat has already been used by Sailing School staff and students. A video of the mast stepping operation will be posted as soon as I do some post-production editing. (Continued on Page 2)

Labor Day Lobster Boil

Monday, September 7, 2015

Appetizers at 4:00 - Dinner at 5:00

Lobster Dinner \$23

Steak Dinner \$20

Surf & Turf \$28

Kids 12 and under (hot dogs/burgers) \$7

Soft drinks, Beer, Wine

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share

**Members whose last names begin with the letters
M through Z**

**please sign up for set-up or clean-up when you
make your reservation.**

**All members, please indicate appetizer or dessert
with your reservation**

E-mail reservations preferred:
SLSCreservations@gmail.com
or contact Kathleen & Vic Roberts
399-4410

**Reservations must be received by
Friday, September 4th**

Upcoming Events

Sept 12.....Ensign Regatta
Sept 26-27Indian Summer Regatta

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So, why is Ensign #23 moored 500 feet in front of the Club House? The mooring field is rather full, and Mark wanted the students to be able to practice sailing on and off the mooring. Mark and Rear Commodore Dave Hudson decided that a location in front of the Club House would solve both problems. The water close to the House is too shallow for an Ensign mooring, and we have permission to moor boats out to the distance where #23 is located. If you look carefully, you can see a second mooring in the same general area waiting for Ensign #88.

I want to thank everyone who participated in taking down, transporting, inspecting, and setting up these boats. This is yet another example of how the time and skills of our Members has been used to enhance sailing at SLSC.

Indian Summer Regatta

By Bill Barringer, Flag Lt Race

Upcoming on Sept. 26 & 27 is the Club's annual Indian Summer Regatta. Skipper's Meeting is at 9:30 am.

Coffee, and donuts will be provided to participants before the meeting. Please bring your own lunch and beverages for while on the water. Regatta Fee will be \$25.00.

Please sign up! There will be a sheet on the RC board at the Club.

ALSO, we need a couple of people to help out with RC for this regatta. As there has been real wind in the past for it, we would like an extra rescue/mark boat.

Please come and sail in September.

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).

Race Committee Duty

By Bill Barringer, Flag Lt Race

As Race Chair for the club I would like to bring up two subjects.

First, we have had a couple problems with no-shows for Race Committee Duty. This makes it difficult for those that do show up for their duty. To have a successful racing program, it takes a contribution of a minimal amount time and effort for all members.

We have scheduled the smallest number of people, which is four people per race. Two for the RC "flattop" and two to run a mark / rescue boat for each race. In some inclement weather conditions we occasionally need more for safety. Luckily, not too often.

But we need to have those on the schedule to be there. If they have conflict, they should try to find a substitute, if at all possible. I realize that sometimes that can be difficult, but they should contact me or another club officer to let me know if they cannot.

The fact that we try to inconvenience as few as possible leads me to the second subject of this article. Signing up and recording the finishes accurately and clearly also is a "necessary evil." If the signup sheet is illegible or has truncated sail numbers, and for those that sail multiple classes and sail numbers, not entering the correct data, makes it difficult, if not almost impossible, to do the scoring. Please sign up correctly, completely, and legibly.

Those taking finishes must be as accurate as they can, but still keep the sheets legible. Sailboat class, sail number, and finish time (elapsed minutes and seconds) are all that are required, but legibly, please. By elapsed time, we mean the time from the 1st division's start to the time a boat crosses the finish line. For those that ask, the stopwatches should be started at the start of the race, that is, when the horn sounds as the first division crosses the start line for their race. Please do not subtract for different divisions, or convert to decimal minutes. The software the club uses does ALL the calculations.

My wife, Yvonne, and I do RC duty once each month and some additional regattas. We would be more than happy to have someone with us that feels they need some experience, before being "in the barrel." Being on the RC also gives one a different, sometimes educational look at racing, tactics, and problems of "RC."

Grounds Report

By John Smith, Flag Lt. Grounds

We are more than half way through the sailing season. **HOW SAD!** This means we need to start thinking about winter and putting our toys away and preparing the grounds for hibernation. There are several of the projects that need to be completed before winter.

1. The removal of a dead pine tree along the north end of the boat park by the water shed.



2. Relocate all of the boats and trailers that are in the center of the meadow to prepare for gravel.



Outlined area to be empty

3. To build and install bat houses, hopefully 2 in the boat park and 2 in the meadow.

4. There is planning that needs to be worked on to find a solution to the overcrowded dingy area. Either finding a way to get more dingies on the dock, expand the area of build racking. There are currently 29 boats in the dingy area and that is n 70 feet of shore line. For those members that use this area, please feel free to make suggestions.



5. The bell stand by the flagpole has to be replaced. We are looking into getting the original plans for this since it was built as a memorial. If any member has the talent for this, let me know since I do not.



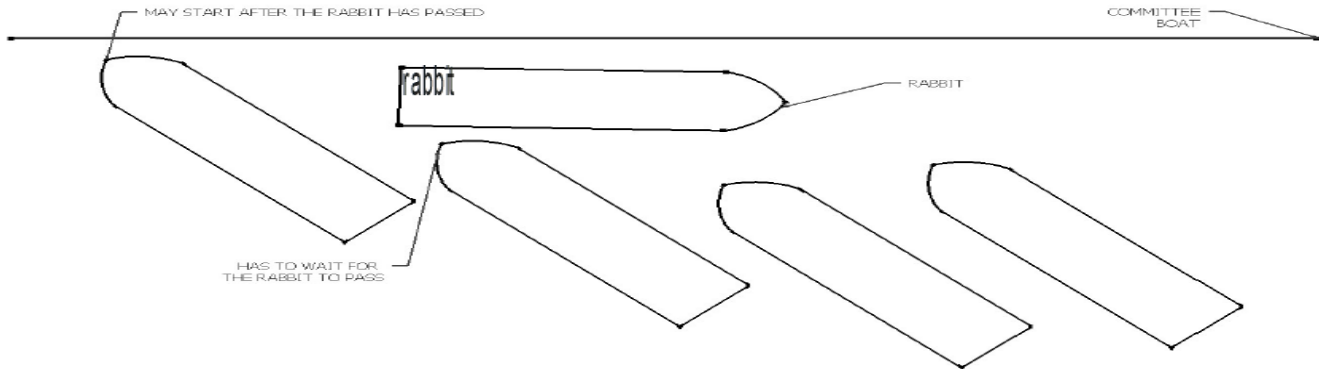
6. We will be getting a contractor to look at the driveway drainage pipes. I am sure you have noticed the one that the frost pushed to the surface last winter and created a speed bump. The ditch along the south side of the driveway needs to be trimmed. Looking for volunteers! If you know an excavator, please get me their information or have them contact me.

As always, if you see something that needs attention, take care of it or let me know. Also if you have any suggestions that will make the club better bring it to our attention.

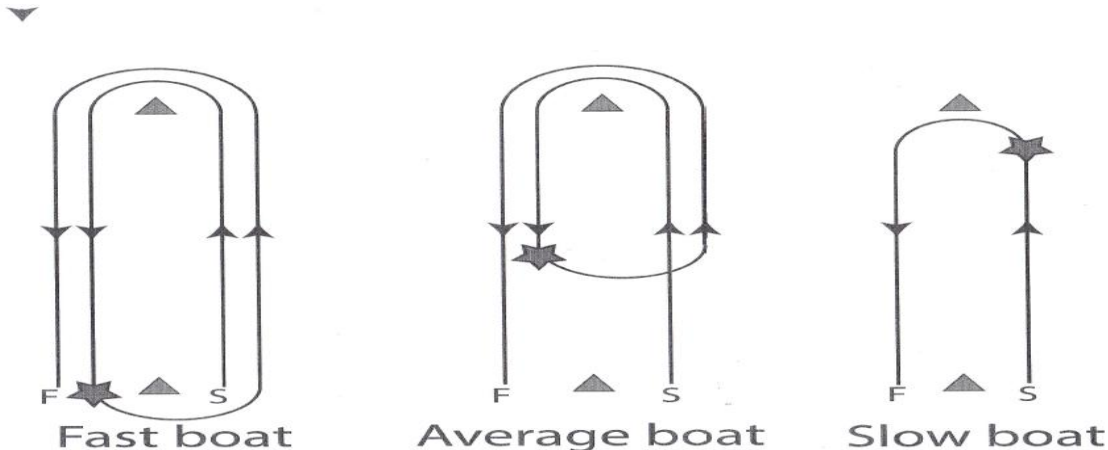
All For Fun Racing Series

By John Smith

Starting Wednesday 8/19 an unofficial racing series AFF (All For Fun) will be starting. The AFF series will have the harbor horn at 6:00 and racing at 6:30 and run until 9/2. We will be doing a short course. We are in need of volunteers for race committee. This is a great opportunity to learn about running a race since it will be **VERY** informal. We may be doing rabbit starts, where one boat is the rabbit and starts on port while all other boats must start on starboard and must start after the rabbit passes them.



Dock to mark to dock where everyone leaves the dock at the same time, sails to the defined mark or marks and returns to the dock to finish. There may be other interesting courses such as...



When the first boat passes the final mark all boats turn for the next mark or the finish line.

If you do not feel comfortable racing in the club races, but would like to gain some experience in a less competitive environment, this is your chance.

So join us, bring something for a potluck dinner after racing. Since this is not club sponsored bring your own meat for the grill.

Notice of Race for All For Fun Racing Series

There will be a race.

Races will be held on Wednesday evenings starting on 8/19 followed by races on 8/26 and 9/2. 9/9 can be added if there is enough interest.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for AllForFun Series

1. **RULES**
The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing
2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**
Notices to competitors will be made clear to whoever wants to know.
3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
Any changes to the sailing instructions will be rare and probably just won't happen.
4. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
The harbor horn at 6:00 pm weather permitting
5. **SCHEDULE OF RACES**
The race will be at 6:30 pm
6. **COURSES**
The course for the evening's race will be defined ashore by 6:00 pm. These will be unique courses, so pay attention or you could get lost.
7. **THE START**
Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the start signal.
8. **THE FINISH**
The finish line will be between the flag staff of the committee boat (if there is one) and the finish mark, or maybe the dock. Who knows? We will let you know before the race finishes. NO really we will let you know before we start the race. REALLY!
9. **PENALTY'S**
If you foul someone and do not exonerate yourself, we will flog you. You may get to pick the switch.
10. **PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**
Protest forms are readily available in your wallet. Just pull out the largest bill you have and write on it.
11. **SCORING**
There will be no throw outs. Actually we will be scoring this by the rule of Who's Line Is It Anyway. Points for your finish but the scores do not count. Just have fun.

POWER BOAT DRIVER TRAINING

By Allan Miller

You may find it unusual for the club to request that every member become familiar with driving our club power boats. It really makes lot of good sense though. None of us know when we may see a member on the water in distress and in need of rescue. We also ask all of our members to help run races as part of our race program, and that usually entails setting and retrieving marks and also may require helping to rescue a racer in need.

While many of us can safely get the boats into and out of the slip, do you know the proper sequence of rescuing a person in the water? Do you know how you approach them at minimum control speed while still being able to control the boat and make a safe rescue? Do you know how to turn a power boat in its own length (pivot turn)? This is a critical skill for setting and retrieving marks and anchors without snagging the tackle in the prop. Can you approach and leave a dock without banging the boat against the dock?

While many of us have driven power boats, we have never been trained in these maneuvers. I was not and as a result, really had to admit that I did not have the skill level to drive a power boat that I thought I did.

Our training program is informal and takes less than two hours. We have been doing it Sunday mornings at 10:30 but will work to accommodate members at times of their convenience in groups of up to 4.

Please contact me if your objective evaluation of your power boat driving skills results in your conclusion that two hours of your time could make a difference in your power boat handling.

Please contact Allan Miller (allan.miller@live.com or 518-441-3899) to set up a session.

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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