

Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

By Vic Roberts

With the 2015 sailing season drawing quickly to a close, I want to encourage all Members to take advantage of the wonderful September and early October weather. Fall often has some of the best sailing weather, with warm water, cool days and brisk winds. I want to thank John Smith for organizing and promoting the late season All For Fun Wednesday night sailing events. I also want to remind all Members that our Fall Work Party is scheduled for Saturday, October 24. This is a critical event since we need to remove all the docks and prepare the Club in many other ways for the oncoming winter. Burr!

Please read Mark Welcome's article on the Saratoga Lake Sailing Foundation. For a number of years we have been discussing how we could implement a charitable arm of SLSC so Members and supporters could get a tax deduction for their contributions. The Foundation, which will be a separate entity from the Club, seems like the best way to go at this time. If you have comments or questions, please contact me or Mark.

On September 10, 2015 the SLSC Board voted to make Bruce Blackie an Honorary Member of the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club. Bruce has served as Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore of the Club. He was also SLSC Treasurer for 10 years, a job he did with such quiet professionalism that we did not understand how complicated the job of Treasurer was until he left the position. At sometimes contentious Board meetings, Bruce was always the adult in the room, providing just the right comment, at just the right time, to bring the issue to resolution.

Bruce also brought the first Ensign to SLSC, and was founder and first Captain of Ensign Fleet 72 at SLSC. We now have 26 Ensigns at SLSC, including the two owned by SLSC through the Sailing School. Bruce and Dave Miller beautifully and lovingly restored Ensign 114, now owned and being sailed at SLSC by Mary Beth and Paul Fowler and their children. This year Bruce and Dave have started work on one of the School's Ensigns, which should make #23 even more fun to sail next year.

The Club Needs You!

Fall Work Party Sat, Oct. 24

Mark it on your calendar now.

We need your help.

Work parties form from 8:00 to 9:00 am.

If you are working outside, bring gloves, hammers, crowbars, pliers, rakes, wetsuits and waders.

According to the SLSC By-Laws, it's part of your obligation as a member, and yes, we do take names!

Good work, good fellowship and good food.
We'll see you there!

Upcoming Events

Sept 26-27Indian Summer Regatta
Oct 03-04Thistle Regatta
Oct 10-11MC Scow Regatta
Dec 06.....Annual Membership Meeting

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Saratoga Lake Sailing Foundation Inc.

By Mark Welcome, Vice Commodore

On Thursday September 10th, the SLSC Board approved a plan to form a new 501(c)(3) charitable, not-for-profit corporation that will be known as the Saratoga Lake Sailing Foundation Inc. (SLSF). The Foundation will be a separate organization than SLSC (although obviously affiliated) and its primary function will be to raise funds to “promote and support sailing in the Saratoga Lake region”. Contributions to the Foundation will be tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

The idea of having a charitable non-profit organization at SLSC has been discussed for a number of years. Over the years the Sailing School has had a number of offers of donations in the forms of boats or cash, but many of these offers fell through due to the absence of a charitable organization capable of accepting a tax deductible donation. The board looked at several different ideas that had been proposed including changing the clubs status from 501(c)(7) to 501(c)(3) and separating the school from the club and re-incorporating it as a non-profit charity. In the end, these approaches were deemed to be either unfeasible or too complicated for a limited benefit. It was determined that a separate organization dedicated solely to fundraising was the best structure for the foreseeable future.

Over the next month or so, with the generous assistance of member Jim Fauci, we will be incorporating the new organization in New York State. Once the corporation is formed, we can then file paperwork with the IRS to request 501(c)(3) charitable organization status. Our intent is to have everything in place and be able to accept donations by the end of the year. Our first orders of business will be:

- Formally accept the donation of Ensign #23 from Harold and Carole Klein and provide them with the necessary paperwork
- Write a grant for the Town of Malta Foundation, a foundation funded by Global Foundries to support organizations benefiting the citizens of Malta
- Pursue Good Neighbor grants from State Farm. State Farm Companies Foundation awards a \$500 grant on behalf of each eligible State Farm® associate (active employee, agent, or retiree) who volunteered a minimum of 40 hours per calendar year to an eligible nonprofit organization. We do have a number of members who are State Farm employees or retirees who dedicate the required amount of hours to both the school and the club.

Funds that are raised will be used to support the club and the school in promoting the sport of sailing. In practice, this means a wide variety of activities including but not limited to:

- Provide scholarships to sailors who may not be able to afford sailing lessons for some reason. In the past, the school has simply covered the fees of some students who were in a situation where they would have to stop sailing due to financial issues.
- Help fund the SLSC Junior regatta programs. As the program has grown every year, the costs of running a race program throughout the season and traveling to regattas has well surpassed the amount of tuition that we can realistically charge.
- Supporting the club and school to run a yearly “Summer Sailstice” program to introduce non-sailors to our sport. This past spring the school ran a very successful “Open House” to get people out on the lake for a sail that resulted in a number of sailing school registrations as well as new memberships. Beginning next year, we intend to join the Summer Solstice program (www.summersailstice.com) to increase exposure

We are certainly open to more ideas and welcome everyone’s input. We will also be looking to expand the number of members on our board, and are specifically looking for SLSC members who have non-profit charity and/or grant writing experience to assist us. The current board consists of myself, Greg Tkal, Jim Fauci and Peter Hudson. If you are interested in helping, please just contact any SLSF board member.

Carol Hudson



Carol Jean (Greenhill) Hudson, of Niskayuna, passed away at Ellis Hospital on Sunday, September 13, 2015 after a sixty year battle with rheumatoid arthritis. Carol was born in Troy, New York on August 18, 1935 to Jack K. Greenhill and Jean Dorothea (Winne) Greenhill, both deceased. She is survived by her devoted husband of 58 years, John B. Hudson.

Carol spent her early years in Pittsfield, MA before moving to Corinth, NY . She graduated from New York State Teachers' College in Albany, NY in 1957. She taught English in the Duaneburg School District for one year, then retired to raise a family. Despite being crippled by increasingly severe rheumatoid arthritis, she rejoined the work force in 1978, accepting a position at the Schenectady Museum where she was Director of Public Information and Publications. She remained at the museum until her retirement in 1997. In her retirement years she developed a passion for genealogy research, and published books on the origins and history of both sides of the Greenhill and Hudson families, going back to the first European settlers of this country. She was also able to indulge her passion for opera and theater, and to accompany John and David to sailing regattas each Summer. She spent her final winters in Florida, where she found many new friends.

Carol is also survived by her three children Robert Hudson of Fulton, NY; David (Trudy) Hudson of Niskayuna and Jean (Chip) Copper of Hummelstown, PA. She leaves three grandchildren, Amy Hudson, Peter Hudson and Katherine Copper. She is also survived by sisters Barbara (Don) Eckenfelder of Queensbury, NY, and Joanna (David) Bock of Newfield, NY, and brother Jon (Karen) Greenhill of Oakland, MD and numerous nieces and nephews. Her sister, Nancy (Fran) Casey of Lake George, NY predeceased her.

She was an outgoing person for whom acquaintances soon became friends. She will be remembered for her ability to connect with people of divergent backgrounds. Her courage in going on in the face of incessant pain from her arthritis, even when confined to a wheelchair in her final years, is an inspiration for us all.

STRIDE Sailing at SLSC



STRIDE Inc. would like to express our most sincere gratitude for the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club's generosity in hosting our 2015 Sailing Program. And to the members of SLSC for your selfless participation in the 2015 STRIDE sailing program, for instructing the STRIDE participants, and for being such good role models for the Junior volunteers. Thank you for your time, for use of your boats, and for use of your wonderful facility. The program was a great success, and it could not have happened without you. For me personally the STRIDE program has been a great way to spend time with some of the finest members that the club has to offer, to brighten the day of our STRIDE participants and their proud parents, and to witness the progress of our participants throughout the program.

If you want to learn more about STRIDE, please join us for STRIDE's 30 Years Gala Celebration. Saturday, November 14th at 6pm. Renaissance Hotel, Albany. www.stride.org or contact 518-598-1279

Michael Perrotti
Mary Ellen Whitney, CEO

September Grounds Report

By John Smith, Flag Lt Grounds

As the season draws to a close, we have to start thinking about winter storage and buttoning down the hatches. This fall work party will need to complete the usual tasks – racking, fence storage, sign storage and canopy storage. To this list for this year I would like to have the upper barn swept before we store the fence and canopies.

The other large project will require cooperation of any member that has a boat stored in the middle of the meadow. We will be putting 3 loads of gravel on matting to make this area a better storage area. If you have a boat there, please move it to the outside edges until we have the gravel spread. We will move boats and trailers if necessary. I know this is going to make the meadow very tight until the project is complete, but this is going to make the meadow a better place to store your boats.



We have 4 bat houses that need to be installed this fall. This will allow the houses to age over the winter and hopefully attract bats in the spring. This should mean that we will have fewer mosquitoes. After the season winds down, the pipe that was raised by the frost last winter will be reset. This will disrupt the driveway for one day.

2015 Ensign Regatta

By Tony Cannone, Ensign Fleet 72 Captain

September 12th, 2015 the annual Ensign Fleet 72 Regatta ended up having 12 boats enter the regatta on Saturday. With crew and Race Committee there were over 40 participants ready to sail!

Alas, the wind cooperated just long enough for the RC to get the course setup and competitors to get onto the lake and then completely dropped to a 1/2 knot "breeze". We went back to club for an early lunch with anticipation of an afternoon breeze. The breeze never came on and the decision to tap the keg @ 2pm lighted the spirits of all. At 3pm the final call was made to abandon sailing for the day. At 4pm the wind started to make a return along with the rain.

Not all was lost however; the Fowlers have developed a new "snow fence" approach to keep waterfowl off their boat while on their mooring. There were many tales and stories told of past regatta's and club sailing events, hardware improvements made and wildlife encounters. It was all capped off with a delicious BBQ chicken dinner.

Since no races were completed during the "official" regatta we have decided to compete a REPLANNED Ensign regatta during the upcoming Indian Summer Regatta (ISR) put on by the club on September 26th and 27th. All fleet members are encouraged to participate and are eligible to win the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies that had been made up for the original 2015 Ensign Regatta.- CT



Fall House Report

By Greg Tkai and Melissa Hatch, Flag Lts. House

Well it is hard to believe it but it is the end of September and time to think about wrapping up the season. Once again the Summer has flown by leaving me the feeling I didn't get out sailing even half as much as I wanted! Along with that there were all those projects on the list that got put off because we didn't want to miss out on a beautiful day on the water...

A few issues to note are that the Woman's Changing room bathroom is out of service due to a leak in the waste water system. We are still assessing the issue but hope to have it operational as soon as possible, please use the other bathrooms until we can get that repaired. The North steps going out of the porch have settled and are temporarily out of service. For safety's sake please do not enter or exit through that end of the porch.

The Fall work party is scheduled for October 24th to get the club ready for the winter. There is always a lot to do on the house so please lend a hand! At the work party the house will need a good cleaning and organizing and things will need to be sealed up to keep the cold at bay. There are also a few maintenance projects that could use addressing such as repairs on some of the railings and stairs, cleaning and putting away the grills, cleaning and staining the grill deck, etc. If you have carpentry or other skills please contact us so we can utilize the resources of the membership.

Thank you all for helping out around the club and making the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club such a great place to sail and socialize!

Decapod Crustaceans

By Margaret Shirk, Social Chair

One hundred and six lobsters and 60 steaks, 30 heads of romaine lettuce, 12 liters of white and red wine, not to mention a good percentage of a keg of Labatt's beer were enjoyed on a beautiful late summer afternoon by 150 members and their guests. They all had room left for ice cream sundaes and a groaning board of desserts. There weren't many leftovers.

To the crew of members who stayed to clean up, and those who walked all the appetizers and desserts on and off the table, and those without whom..... THANK YOU, one and all. Thank you especially Greg Tkai for volunteering at the last minute to pick up the lobsters with your truck when I realized the only way to fit them in my Yaris would be to wrangle them into it loose.

I want to thank everyone for all the good cheer at our Social events, and for the enthusiasm many of you have all expressed for our new catboat. And, thanks to Josh Nixon, the 2 masted Sea Pearl with beautiful lines still graces the lake.

We'll feed you breakfast and a hearty lunch at the work party too. And if kitchen cleaning and organizing interests you, there's lots to do.

On the Block

CL 16 SAILBOAT FOR SALE

Excellent shape with trailer, boat cover, main, jib and 2hp Yamaha outboard motor. I bought this boat in Canada two season ago and have not been able to sail it due to health reasons. \$2500

Would consider a trade for a Laser in similar condition.

Contact Ed at [518-469-1638](tel:518-469-1638)

All For Fun Series

By John Smith, Y-Flyer Fleet Captain

By this printing of this Telltale we hope to have sailed at least 9 races. Our first night was on August 19th and had 15 racers. The instructions to the race committee were few. 2 races, minimum time between races and make it fun. We had 15 racers, including a few that have not raced in any of the club series. We sailed a W1 course followed by a new course. We did a downwind start with a gate once around finishing at the gate.

Our second week started with the downwind start and finished with a W1. We had 17 races participate.

Week 3 started with no race committee volunteers, but still got 1 race for 11 racers.

Week 4 started with the threat of lighting. We delayed the start until 7:00 and were able to complete on race for 5 racers.

Week 5 saw the wind drop for about 6 at 4:00 to 0 at 6:00. Several people left right before the wind started to fill back in. The wind only filled in on the east half of the lake. After the marks were set, the committee boats towed boats to the start line. Again, we did not get started until 7:00. Since we were not prepared for night sailing, we called the race once the first boat crossed the finish line. The other boats were scored in place.

As of this writing, we had postponed the 23rd races until the 24th. We are hoping to get some moonlight sailing in since we are only a few days off of full moon.

We have continued to have a potluck dinner after racing. If this is published before the 30th, come and join us. Racing will start promptly at 6:00 for the first race. There is an opportunity for moonlight sailing again.

We have had race committees that have had no experience before this series. More experience for less experienced sailor and running a race.

Since this is ALL FOR FUN, the scores do not count. I will pick a winner based upon a random number picked by the computer. Actually I think that everyone that participated and had fun, are the winners.

MORE SAILING. Looking forward to Frost Bite racing.

Lobster Boil



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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