



Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

By Mark Welcome

Happy New Year! First and foremost, I want to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing members of the board for all of their service to the club over many years.

Vic Roberts has been at the helm for the last 2 years as Commodore and the previous 2 years as Vice Commodore all the while acting as SLSC webmaster. This is in addition to previous terms as Flag Lt. Grounds and Flag Lt. House, all of which earned him the Mary Elizabeth Hull award in 2009. There is simply not enough room in this article to detail the amount of hours Vic has dedicated to his positions and the many ways we have benefited from his service to the club. I personally want to thank him for all the assistance he has given to me over the years as both the Sailing School Chair and Vice Commodore. Based on the number of "countdown" e-mails I received from Vic as 2015 came to a close, I believe Vic is very much looking forward to a break from his SLSC duties and spending more time actually sailing while at the club.

Bill & Yvonne Barringer are completing a successful term as Flag Lt. Race after a number of years of service as PRO for countless races. This is in addition to their various stints on the Board over the years as joint Social Chair, and Bill has also been Flag Lieutenant Boats and Flag Lieutenant House. All of their hard work on behalf of the club was recognized in 2011 with the Mary Elizabeth Hull award. With the 2015 launching of Ensign 1177 "Razzle Dazzle", we look forward to seeing them out on the water enjoying racing again.

Fred Barker has been the Clubs publicity person for at least 10 years. I don't know exactly how long since Fred could not remember and I could only find Telltales dating back to 2006. In any event, it has been a very long and successful run and we appreciate his dedication. Fred has kindly offered to continue to work on the Telltale even after leaving the board and we cannot thank him enough.

I also want to welcome our new board members for 2016:

Tony Cannone has kindly agreed to return to the board as the new Vice Commodore and to assist with the many Sailing School duties. Tony has previously been on the board as Flag Lt. Grounds. I look forward to working with him closely over the next couple of years.

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Annual SLSC Budget Meeting

Followed By

Sailing Programs Discussion

Sunday, February 21st

5:00pm

at

The SLSC Clubhouse

Dinner will be served!

Please come to the Budget Meeting. After we act on the budget, Allan will be leading a discussion of your ideas for our 2016 Sailing Programs and how we can provide fun sailing for all members, both non-racers and racers. We need your ideas whether you have been a member for one month or 20 years. Everyone's perspective and suggestions are important.

A Chili Dinner will be provided! YUM!!

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Allan Miller returns to his position as Flag Lt Race after a couple of years of well deserved rest. He has served on the board in many positions over the years including Commodore (1977, 1997-1998, 2005), Vice Commodore (1976, 1987, 1996) as well Flag Lt. Grounds, Flag Lt. Race, and Membership Chair with his wife Barbara.

Sam Butler returns to the board as the Publicity Chair after previously serving in the past as Flag Lt. House and Secretary. She has also been active with the Sailing School over the past several years assisting with the schools publicity efforts via both traditional and social media outlets. We look forward her expanding those efforts for the benefit of the Club.

I am happy to report that all of our other remaining board members have agreed to stay on for another term. As I type all of this, I can't help but notice how many positions have been held by our board members over the years and how much time and effort they have all dedicated to our Club. It is truly a testament to the volunteer spirit of the Club and I personally want to thank everyone for their service.

I look forward to seeing everyone on February 21st at 5PM for the annual Budget meeting as the Clubhouse. This year Margaret Shirk and her kitchen team have kindly offered to serve us a nice chili dinner afterwards, so please plan on staying.

Saratoga Lake Sailing Foundation

By Samantha Butler

We are excited to announce the creation of the Saratoga Lake Sailing Foundation. The Foundation is a separate but affiliated organization whose primary function is to promote and support sailing in the Saratoga Lake region through its fundraising efforts. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation and donations are tax deductible.

Although recently formed, the foundation is already very active. We have received 3 donated boats. A member of the community who came to our open house last summer enjoyed it so much she made a donation to the foundation as part of her annual giving. Our first grant has been awarded.

Town of Malta Foundation and Global Foundries have approved a grant that will allow us to offer FREE sailing classes to all town of Malta residents.

The "Invitation-To-Sail" is designed for those new to sailing who would just like a little taste of what it is like to be out in a sailboat. This will be a one session class designed to introduce the student to sailing to decide if it is something they would like to pursue. The class can be taken by individuals or we can take groups or families so you can experience sailing together. Classes are scheduled for evenings in May and June.

Your employer may award grants to an organization where you volunteer or match donated funds. As a 501(c)(3) charitable, community oriented corporation Saratoga Lake Sailing Foundation, meets eligibility requirements for most employers. We have many fun upcoming volunteer opportunities!

September Grounds Report

By John Smith, Flag Lt Grounds

As we roll into 2016, the planning for projects begins. This year the priority will be to clean up the dingy area and install a rack system for the canoes, kayaks and lighter dingys. The process will be to grind out all of the stumps and remove a couple of trees. Then we will build a 1 tier rack for the entire 75 foot area. Last year there were 30 boats stored in the area and allowing 5 foot per we would need 150 feet. It is open for discussion about assigning rack spaces just like the moorings. We may want to consider putting matting down under the rack and covering it with sand to eliminate some of the mud. I would appreciate any and all input to make this as easy to use as possible.



The rack would be 4 to 6 feet deep based upon your input. There will also be stringers available to go front to back as shown in the far left rack.

As everyone must have noticed, there is a pipe under the driveway that was raised by last year's deep frost. As soon as the frost is out of the ground this spring, we will be repairing this drainage pipe. It will mean that the driveway will be closed for a day. There will be an email to everyone once we have a date.

If the lake freezes, we will be scheduling a work party to reinstall the fence when the ice breaks. If it does not freeze, we will plan on a Saturday in the middle of April since the first work party will be April 30th this year. The fence has been working at keeping the geese at bay.

SEA STORIES

We all have our own sea stories. Here is a chance to share yours and perhaps learn something new about your fellow members. Each month we ask two members to share their answers to the following four questions:

How did you become a sailor?
Do you have a favorite sailing memory?
What is your sailing fantasy ?
What is your favorite boat?

Our new Commodore and Vice Commodore have graciously volunteered to start us off.

Mark Welcome, Commodore

How did you become a sailor?

My father taught me to sail on Cape Cod Bay. He had a blue sunfish that he absolutely loved and we would spend our vacations sailing around our little stretch of the bay.

Do have a favorite sailing memory?

One of my favorite stories is how I got my first Hobie 16. Due to a long series of unfortunate dumb teenage decisions on my part, my father's beloved blue sunfish ended up in a million pieces on a rock wall. When he saw it, I expected him to rant and rave and ground me for the rest of my life, all of which I deserved. Instead, he just looked at me and said calmly "Do you know what boat I've always wanted that you are about to buy me?". He wanted a Hobie 16 and I agreed to spend all my summer money to buy him one. We bombed around Cape Cod Bay for years on that boat and he even let me take it to college for the 2 years I lived on Fairfield Beach. All great memories.

What is your sailing fantasy (ie sail around the world, live aboard, build your own boat)

After my boys head off to college in a few years, I'm planning to get a little cruiser and spend some of my winter months down in the Caribbean just poking around and seeing what's out there. No grand plan, just sailing in the moment.

What is your favorite boat?

That's a hard one. The specific boats I'm sailing (whether it be racing with Tony in the Kestrel or flying a hull on the Hobie with Drew) are often secondary to the experience. I'm just happy to be out sailing.

Tony Cannone, Vice Commodore

How did you become a sailor?

I had a girlfriend who grew up sailing sunfish on Lake Erie where her parents lived so I became interested in sailing and she taught me the basics. I soon bought a Force 5 and began to learn about going fast. She may be history but sailing stuck with me!

Do you have a favorite sailing memory?

I would have to say sailing with my son on Saratoga Lake when he was a boy, seeing the smile on his face as we sped through the waves is something I'll never forget!

What is your sailing fantasy?

I would love to sail around the islands of New Zealand – it's on my bucket list.

What is your favorite boat?

I would have to say the Ensign has become my favorite boat. To me, the combination of day sailer and racer is what appeals to me.

Now it's your turn. Send your answers to Samantha Butler at SadieLeeward@gmail.com.

Winter Reading List

By Allan Miller

One of our members asked for suggestions of good sailing books to read over the winter. So we put together this list and agreed it would be worthwhile to share it with all club members. There are two lists. Our Historian, Emmett McCarthy suggested the books on history, good overall sailing, and just fun, enjoyable stories of the sea. I, of course, put in the books on racing, rules, tactics and strategy. So pick one, curl up in your favorite place to read, enjoy, learn and have a great winter.

For the cruisers, historians, and those just wanting a good book about boats and the sea:

- Joshua Slocum, "Sailing Alone Around The World"- First published in 1900, it's still a great adventure story.
- "The Seven Voyages of Sinbad The Sailor." From Scheherazade's tales to the Sultan from 1001 Arabian Nights.
- "In The Heart Of The Sea", Nathaniel Philbrick- Now a movie, and the inspiration for "Moby Dick."
- "The Voyage of St. Brendan, Journey To The Promised Land." This is the real discovery of North America in the 6th century.
- "Catching The Drift Of Why We Sail", an eclectic group of essays.
- "Brightwork, The Art Of Finishing Wood," Rebecca J. Wittman, Devoted to perfect varnishing, (Thanks to Dan Mehlman for this one)
- "The Complete Cruiser," L. Francis Herreshoff, "The Art, Practice, and Enjoyment of Boating".
- "This Old Boat", Don Casey's classic.
- "The Physics Of Sailing", John Kimball. That's right, John is a member of SLSC.

For the racers and those interested in racing in the future:

- "Getting Started in Sailboat Racing", Adam Cort, Richard Stearns. As the title suggests, a great place to start or brush up.
- "Positioning", The Logic of Sailboat Racing, Stuart H. Walker. All his books are worth reading, from an on-the course perspective.
- "Sailing Smart", Winning Techniques, Tactics, And Strategies" Buddy Melges. From one of the most successful racing skippers ever.
- "Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing through 2016", Dave Perry, making what seems complex understandable.
- "Speed and Smarts", David Dellenbaugh's newsletter of Sailboat Racing, periodically providing a great way to keep your racing knowledge current.

This is our list. Very likely many of you have your favorites. Please send Emmett or me a note with your suggestions and we will keep the list growing through the winter.

Happy sailing, even if only in your dreams for a while,
Emmett and Allan

Board Boat Ramp Removed Before The Ice Did The Job For Us

Many thanks to the brave members that came early to the annual meeting and helped to carry the remaining sections of the board boat ramp up on shore. It was a much easier task than doing it when the lake level was up.

The helpers were,
Paul Amodeo
Barry Maisel
George McNally
Dan Mehlman
James Nichol

And a few others who came to help but were not needed because the above group got the work done too quickly.

Thanks again to all of you,
Allan

Y-Flyer Fleet 63

By John Smith, Fleet Captain

The third annual Y-Flyer regatta will be the 9th and 10th of July. This year should see 5 to 10 off-lake boats. We are positioned as the first of three regattas spanning two weekends with an International Regatta in the middle. We are expecting boats from Atlanta, Indianapolis, Little Rock and a few others.

We will be looking for help for race committee, kitchen and just help in general. The club came through for us in 2014 and I know they will be there this year.

As we get closer, we will have schedules for the help that we need to fill. If you are available, you can contact any member of the Y-Flyer Fleet, John Smith, Terry Fraser or Marek Czajkowski.

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)

Adirondack Expo

By Samantha Butler

We will once again be manning a booth at the Adirondack Expo. The Expo takes place March 5th and 6th at the Saratoga Springs City Center. Regional business and organizations that cater to active, outdoor lifestyles are all gathered in one place and on display for the weekend. A pool, a rock wall and a sailboat are just some of the attractions.

Last year we had a great response to our booth which attracted several students to the school and our open house, some of whom became great new members.

Manning the booth is a lot of fun. It seems everyone who comes by has a great childhood memory involving a sunfish, a lake and long summer days. So many people are surprised at how fun and accessible sailing really can be. If you are interested in seeing the expo and taking a shift at the booth, contact Tony Cannone, Vice Commodore or Samantha Butler, publicity chair.

We are also looking to create a video we can play in our booth. Many people have taken great photos and videos of sailing on the lake. If you have the skills to compile these into a video and would like to help, or have photos/video to share, please contact Samantha Butler.

Annual Membership Meeting



Saratoga Stryder's Party



Awards Party



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Awards Party



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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.

SANCTIONED FLEETS

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