



# Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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April, 2016

## Commodore's Corner

By Mark Welcome

As I sit at the club in front of the fireplace and write this column in mid-march, the lake is free of all ice and there is not a trace of snow on the grounds. My boys and I have already moved the cars out of the garage and pulled in the boats for the usual repairs and clean up. It really feels like the sailing season will get off to a quick start this year.

Of course, the first step to getting us all out on the water is the Spring Work Parties. This year they will be on Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup>. In addition to these work parties, there will be some smaller work parties on April 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. John Smith needs some help with some grounds projects on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Myself and JT Fahy need some help pulling the boats out of winter storage on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Since we are an all-volunteer club, participation by each member in at least one of the work parties each year is an obligation of membership. However, one of the great things about our club is that these work parties don't feel like obligations. They are a great time to catch up with sailing friends who you may not have seen all winter, talk about sailing, help open the club and enjoy some great food provided by Margaret Shirk and the whole Social crew. I look forward to seeing everyone at the parties.

While the club has seemingly been quiet for the winter, rest assured that the various board members have been busy all winter to prepare for the upcoming season. Vice Commodore Tony Cannone led a team of members in promoting the club at the ADK Outdoor Expo in March and is also working on our Summer Sailstice open house in April. Rear Commodore Dave Hudson is working on revisions to the dock layout and, as in past years, also building a new dock section. Treasurer John Kimball and Membership Chair have been working on the piles of renewals as well as the new applications. By the time you read this, we look forward to welcoming a number of new members to our club. Flag Lts. House Melissa Hatch and Greg Tkal have been updating the downstairs bathrooms, installing a new sink in the kitchen and are working to repair the steps that were rotting out last year. Flag Lt. Grounds

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## Upcoming Events

- Apr 10 .....Sailing Programs Dinner
- Apr 16 .....Special Work Party (Fence)
- Apr 23 .....Special Work Party (Boats)

## The Club Needs You!!

### Spring Work Parties

**Saturday, April 30th & Saturday, May 7th**

It's everybody's favorite work parties.  
Mark them on your calendar now.  
We need your help.

**Work parties form between 8:00 & 9:00 am.**

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

**Boat stickers and membership cards will be given out.**

Good work, good fellowship, and good food.  
It's part of your obligation as a member.  
We'll see you there, and yes,  
we do take names!

## Commodore's Party

**May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm – 10:30pm**

### The Saratoga Golf and Polo Club

Come and join your fellow club members to celebrate the beginning of the 2016 sailing season with some good food, good drink and good music.

Invitations with all details to follow

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John Smith has been talking down dead trees, and is planning for many other improvements, such as new racks in the Dinghy area. Flag Lt. Boats JT Fahy is ready to pull all the boats out of storage prior to the work parties so we can get them ready for another season. Flag Lt Race Allan Miller has been working on a revised summer race schedule as well as working hard with members to promote non-racing activities. Congratulations to Dan Mehlman for "volunteering" (or being "voluntold" depending on who you listen to) to head up the planning for a series of non-racing sailing and paddling events on the lake. Social Chair Margaret Shirk was kind enough to supply a great chili dinner at the annual budget meeting and Sailing programs meeting, and is planning for this year's work parties and three in-season social events. Publicity Chair Sam Butler has been working on expanding the promotion of the club via various area newsletters as well as social media and e-mail. Secretary Mike Kitner is dutifully keeping track of the board's discussions and actions to document our actions and Caretaker Kathy Johnston is doing everything that she always does to keep the club running so smoothly.

Quite honestly, everyone is probably working on a hundred of other things but I have no room to detail them all.

Lastly, I'd just like to remind everyone that the annual Commodore's Party will held on the evening of Saturday May 14th. This year's event will be held at the Saratoga Golf and Polo Club and formal invitations are forthcoming. Rose has modified her last request for me to refrain from dancing at the party to also include no singing. Apparently my singing is worse than my dancing. There may be some rum (and thus "Painkillers") available at the party, so again, I can make no promises.

Here's to a great 2016 season!

## ATTENTION ALL LASER SAILORS!

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club  
**LASER DERBY – SAT, JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 am Registration - \$25**

All sailors are welcome. You don't need to be an expert to have fun at this race event. The typical field of 12 racers allows room for you, even if you are just getting the hang of your boat!

However, If you decide not to race, we hope you will come help out as a volunteer this year and once you see it's all good fun, we know you will join us on the water next year!

We can always use more hands. If you want to help out with the race or in other ways, please send us an email.

Please contact David Burtis at [david\\_burtis@yahoo.com](mailto:david_burtis@yahoo.com) or Leslie Warner- Rafaniello at [Saillesson@nycap.rr.com](mailto:Saillesson@nycap.rr.com) or [518-301-4109](tel:518-301-4109).

## Kentucky Derby Party

A reminder of the Derby Party  
at 4:30 on May 7<sup>th</sup>. (After the 2<sup>nd</sup> work party)

Bring your favorite snack to pass, whatever you like to drink and some one dollar bills.

The Y-Flyer Fleet (Joanne Fraser) will have a tote board to record your picks. We are still working on having a large screen for viewing. There will be mint juleps! What could be better after a hard day of work but a party?

Be sure to join us, even if you are not at that day's work party.

## SLSC IS ELIMINATING SINGLE-USE WATER BOTTLES

The SLSC board in February approved a resolution to stop providing single-use water bottles at club functions including fleet regattas. We suggest that all members find a refillable bottle that meets your needs. We will increase the availability of pure drinking water by adding another water cooler that will be placed on the porch for easy refill of your bottles. We are also purchasing "Official" SLSC bottles that members can purchase.

## SAILING PROGRAMS AND RACING PROGRAMS MEETING MOVED TO MAY 1

This is another dinner meeting featuring pizza etc. to entice you to attend. The meeting originally planned for early April is moved to May 1 to be closer to when we are all ready to sail. The meeting will include a discussion of the Sailing Programs for Fun from our new Flag Lt. Fun, Dan Mehlman, and a briefing of the Race Program by our Flag LT Serious and Intense Race.

Dan Mehlman  
[518-475-0412](tel:518-475-0412)  
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## US Sailing Certification

Ever thought about teaching sailing? Just interested in learning more about sailing from a different perspective? US Sailing will be running a level 1 instructor certification course at the club during the weekends of May 7/8 and 14/15. The Sailing School has been very fortunate over the years to have so many members become certified and help teach in the school. There is no obligation whatsoever to teach if you become certified, but we do have a great time. Please consider taking the course and giving it a try.

For more information or to register, please go to:  
<http://www.ussailing.org/education/sbinstructor/level-1-instructor/>

## New Members

SLSC welcomes:

Greg & Rena Northrop: Flying Scot

Jacob & Julia Greiner: Y-Flyer

Jake & Suzanne Huwe: Y-Flyer

Christian & Lee Jamison: Ensign

Jacqueline Matson, Christopher VanDelta & Senja Matson: Laser

## Share the Love

Being a new member can come with a lot of questions and getting to know people can be difficult if you are not a member of a fleet or a racer.

We would like to start a mentoring program, connecting new members with current members who can act as a resource, answer questions, even just giving new members somewhere to sit for their first social event. This does not have to be a big time commitment, and you and your new member can work out what works best for your team.

If you would like to volunteer to share the love with a new member, please contact **Flag Lt. Ann Sideman**.

## Sailing School Update

By Mark Welcome

The school committee has been hard at work all winter long preparing for this years school season. Here are just a few highlights:

### Instructors:

We are happy to report that member John Power will be taking over this summer as our head Instructor. John has run the sailing school in the past and went off to run much larger programs down on the shore for a number of years. After assisting the school over the past couple of years on an as needed basis, we look forward to having him work with us all summer. Aaron Holland will be spending much of the summer working on his new house, but he has graciously agreed to return to the club to run the Junior Racing program along with Jenny Borshoff, who is new to our sailing school but has been crewing at the club for Dan Hess. We are also very pleased to have Piotr Czajkowski and Drew Welcome returning this summer to work with both the kids and the adults.

As is mentioned elsewhere in this issue, the club is hosting a US Sailing Level 1 Instructor Certification course at the club. We know that we have a number of juniors as well as adults who will be pursuing their certification and we look forward to working with them this coming summer.

### Racing Classes

We are happy to announce that we will once again be offering two of our racing classes to members for only \$50 for a weeks worth of instruction. You simply can't beat that price as non-members pay the usual rate of \$245 for a weeks class. The school offers this discount as a service to members and to help promote more involvement in the racing programs at the Club.

"Introduction to Racing" 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" 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.

For more information and to sign up for any classes, please go to <http://saratogasailingschool.org/>

### Time to sign up your friends, family, kids and grandkids

Traditionally members are always the last people to sign up for all of our classes, whether it is the adult or junior programs we offer all summer long. Every year (and this year too) we beg you to please sign up sooner rather than later. We always try to accommodate members requests to get into classes that are full, but it take a lot of time and effort to juggle schedules and instructors to accommodate these requests. We would appreciate everyone going to <http://saratogasailingschool.org/> now and signing you and your family up for all of their classes for the season.

## Sea Stories

### Samantha Butler

Flying Scot

#### How did you become a sailor?

I had only been sailing a few times when I became regular Wednesday crew for Jim Ferris. He is the reason I am a member of the Sailing Club and the reason I sail a Flying Scot; two things that have brought more to my life than I could have imagined 17 years ago. Jim's patience and generosity changed my life immeasurably.

#### Do you have a favorite sailing memory?

My first time sailing was a weeklong bare boat charter around Martha's Vineyard. The weather was rough, rainy and cold. Everything, even the sheets, was damp. We were clammy in our foul weather gear. I had no clothes that weren't wet and smelly. It was almost too cold to drink beer. It was the best week ever.

#### Do you have a favorite boat?

I love my little blue Flying Scot. Everything I know about sailing I learned on that boat. I can't imagine ever parting with it. It would be like giving up a pet.

#### What is your sailing fantasy?

I would love to spend a year or two cruising all the way down the coast of South America.

### John Power

Sailing instructor extraordinaire

#### How did you become a sailor?

I grew up in Worcester, right near Regatta Point Community. Sailing - I was always fascinated by the boats.

I was taught to sail by a guy named Al Fearn, who interestingly beat out Stu Walker for the Firefly Nationals on Saratoga Lake (before I was born) when the club hosted them from the old site at Kaderossaras. The Laser was just becoming really popular and all the kids were getting them. Al told me I was too big for one and convinced me to buy an old Firefly from MIT. That boat led me to Thistles. I met the Barringers and Hudsons at Nationals one year, and that's how I ended up at SLSC...small world. The chapter in Walkers book about the inland land mass is supposedly inspired by that Firefly Regatta and the big wind shifts near Snake Hill.

#### Do you have a favorite sailing memory?

I have many, but most of them are blasting around in the Thistle with the kite up (when it was probably too windy) on the lake, with Steve, Charlie, or Nelson.

#### What is your sailing fantasy?

To get job as a schooner or charter boat captain as soon as I can get my pension. I want to finally be able to live near the water.

#### What is your favorite boat?

Anything based on Uffa's original Fourteen... plumb bowed speed machines...Thistles, Flys, J70s, anything that goes fast and looks pretty while doing so. Currently have a J28 and love that boat for a ton of other reasons....when she goes back in next year, all SLSC friends are welcome aboard.

Isn't this fun? You know you want to send your answers to Samantha Butler at [sadieleeward@gmail.com](mailto:sadieleeward@gmail.com).

## Adirondack Summer Expo

By Tony Cannone

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club participated in the 2016 Adirondack Sports & Fitness Summer Expo March 5th & 6th, 2016. The Expo was held at the Saratoga City Center in the heart of downtown Saratoga Springs, NY. The annual event draws 125 vendors and 8,000 attendees from all over the Upstate NY & New England Region.

The SLSC effort was organized by Commodore Mark Welcome and Vice Commodore Tony Cannone. Mark and Tony would like to thank the volunteers that helped set up and staff the exhibit which included a Bic O'pen sailboat. Those volunteers include Bruce Blackie, Mark Welcome, Tony Cannone, Doug McGiveny, Brian Rodems, John Smith, Terry Freser, Andrew Muran, Liz & Jon Hedman and Tony Bianchini.

The photo on the Left show John Smith and Mark Welcome and on the right is Andrew Muran, Liz Hedman & Jon Hedman.



The SLSC exhibit provided information about the Sailing Club & School along with a chance to win a 3 hour sailing lesson. Visitors were also encouraged to sign up for our open house on June 18th & 19th.

## 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 seasons 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)

### 2005 OLD TOWN CANOE FOR SALE

1 owner Old Town Canoe  
#XT3811241102

Dark Green Old Town Camper Canoe  
– lightly used

Wicker seats; Always stored upside down, hung in the barn/garage, never outside; Varnish and wicker seats in excellent shape; spare seat included; 2 paddles (Pictures on our website)

Price: \$800 or best offer  
Doug Johns: 203-313-5202 (cell);  
dajohns.johns@gmail.com

### 1960 OLD TOWN CANOE FOR SALE

2 owner – all original canoe (I inherited it) – Lightly used

Original canvas/wood canoe with original paint/patina

Always stored upside down, hung in the barn/garage, never outside; Paint has some cracking/flaking due to temperature fluctuations; 3 paddles (Pictures on our website)

Price: \$1800 or best offer  
Doug Johns: 203-313-5202 (cell)  
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## Y-Flyer News

By John Smith, Fleet Captain

Fleet 63 has added two new members to our fleet for 2016. We would like to welcome Jacob and Julia Greiner with boat 329 and Jake and Suzanne Huwe with boat 2114. Both boats are woodies.

**About Jacob and Suzanne Huwe:** Jacob Greiner has been crewing with me on Wednesday nights for the past few seasons, but is excited to race his own boat this year. His wife Julia has been wanting to learn how to sail for years, and is looking forward to taking lessons through the sailing school, as well as racing this summer. They found their boat on craigslist a few years back, and have been gradually bringing it back to racing trim. The latest round of upgrades include taking the entire hull down to bare wood, re-taping the seams, sealing the hull with penetrating epoxy and repainting, removing leaking bailers, installing an appropriate jib halyard tensioning system, and building a traveler. Currently 329 looks like this

**About Jake and Suzanne Huwe:** Thanks for the warm welcome. A little bit about us – My wife, Suzanne, and I have always loved the water. We're both avid scuba divers and have had the good fortune to spend a few weeks as passengers on a 60-foot Ketch, sailing throughout the Bahamas. Prior, we sailed with friends and family on various vessels. To gain some hands-on experience, I searched for a small dinghy that Suzanne and I could easily learn on and was lucky to find 2114 on Craig's List. The ad featured a beautiful photo of a pristine boat. Come to find out, this particular shot was taken when John owned it. Unfortunately, the new owner abandoned the boat in a field, where it became the final resting place for two fallen trees. Never one to turn down a challenge, I bought the boat for \$50, returned home to get my chainsaw, and the rest, as they say, is history. With the fleet's help, I hope to restore her to her former glory. We look forward to meeting everyone and seeing you out on the lake! (The boat is in need of some serious rehab (new foredeck) and upgrading. We are currently looking for a current mast since this boat has the old pivoting 3 stay rig and the rail on the foredeck.)

### John:

2114 was my old boat. I sold it when I purchased and refurbished 2707 in 2009.

The addition of these new members brings our fleet to 5 members with 9 boats.

I am currently restoring the centerboard trunk of 376. The front of the center board trunk was leaking due to rot and had to be replaced. When that is complete it will be available On the Block. I hope to have it ready for the sailing season. There is a lot more room in a Y-Flyer without the centerboard trunk, an extra 16 inches. When the repairs on 376 have been finished I will be starting to refurbish 825, another woody. In his case the keel behind the center board trunk has been removed and is ready to be replaced.

Terry and Joanne Fraser represented our fleet at Midwinters in Atlanta March 19 -20<sup>th</sup> and finished in 15th place out of 24 boats.



Y-Flyer 329



Y-Flyer 329



Y-Flyer 2114



Y-Flyer 376



Y-Flyer 376

## Grounds Report

By John Smith, Flag Lt Grounds

The ice is gone and the grass is about to turn green. The concrete ramp by the race shed has had grooves cut into it to hopefully give better traction when retrieving boats. A second plate has been ordered to smooth out the 3" difference between the old concrete slabs and the larger ramp section. This should be ready to place on the April 30<sup>th</sup> work party.

The first work party of the spring will be on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Two projects need to be completed that day.

- The first project is to install the fence to keep out the grazing geese. The fence is in the upper barn.
- The second project is to replace the drain pipe under the driveway that gave us a speed bump last year. I have ordered a backhoe, pipe and gravel, all to be delivered the before the 16<sup>th</sup>.

I have heard from a few members about these two projects, but could use a couple more volunteers.

April 30<sup>th</sup> will be the first major work party.

- We will be grinding tree stumps from several trees that were removed over the winter.
- Trimming branches from the pines along the boat park and from the trees going into the meadow. I will be bringing in a lift to get to these branches.
- The dingy area will have a rack system installed to help member find enough room for their boats. The front rail will be setup as a roller (pipe over pipe).
- A hand rail has to be installed on the stairs leading to the north lawn.
- Repair the bottom of the tool shed by filling concrete into the gaps next to the wall along the driveway and replacing the rotten siding above the wall
- Reinstall the light on the upper side of the barn. New backing material has to be installed.
- Install a spot light on the post north of the porch to light the flag after dusk
- There will also be the usual spring cleanup tasks, raking, cleaning and setting up the canopy.

The second work party will be on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

- We will cleanup any of the projects not completed the previous week.
- Chip all of the branches that were cut down the week before.

If you see something that needs to be addressed, or you want to volunteer for any of the above listed projects, please contact me.

**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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Laser.....	Leslie Rafaniello 301-4109
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