

Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

By Mark Welcome

It's time to go sailing!

The Club is in great shape and the docks are all in as of the April 30th work party. We had 120 memberships represented at the first work party and were able to accomplish almost everything that was on our lists. Not to worry, we have more than enough work to add to our lists for Work Party #2 which will be on Saturday May 7th. Planned work details include getting the mooring field ready, more house cleaning, additional work on school boats and any number of projects on the grounds. We look forward to seeing many of you who couldn't make the first work party at the second work party so we can finish opening up the club and start the sailing season off right. If you are unable to participate in the work parties, please contact John Smith, Melissa Tkal, Greg Tkal, JT Fahy, David Hudson or myself to see if they need help with additional projects. Given that we are a volunteer run organization, there are always projects to do and we appreciate the help of all the members.

In addition to the work parties, we have a number of other events coming up now that the season is upon us.

The Commodore's Party will be on Saturday May 14th and Rose and I are looking forward to a great time. At this point we are very close to capacity for what the Golf and Polo Club can accommodate, so please contact me immediately with any last minute reservations. I'm working with them to see if it is possible to go beyond the approximate capacity of the space and still have a dance floor but we'll have to see what we can do. I apologize in advance if we cannot take late RSVP's.

For those of us who race, it is time to get the boats tuned and ready for the water. The first practice race will be this Sunday May 8th and official series racing starts on Wednesday May 11th.

The sailing school season will begin with our first classes on Monday May 9th and will continue through mid-August. As always, we ask that you please sign up as early as possible to guarantee spots. While we always try to make accommodations for members and the children of members who sign up "late-ish", we prefer to not have to juggle instructors and boats if at all possible. Also please remember that we offer instruction for both beginner and

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SLSC Annual Memorial Day Champagne Brunch

Monday, May 30
10:00 AM - Noon

Adults \$10 - Kids (12 and under) \$5
Champagne market price per bottle

Reservations no later than **May 22** to

SLSCreservations@gmail.com
Email reservations are preferred, and will be
acknowledged!

or call
Kathleen & Vic Roberts
399-4410

Members with last names A-F are asked to help....
Please indicate your preference to **set up** or **clean up**
when you make your reservation.

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Upcoming Events

May 7	Spring Work Party #2
May 8	Practice Race
May 11	Manning 1
May 15.....	Zephyr 1
May 15.....	New Member Reception
May 30.....	Memorial Day Brunch
Jun 11-12.....	Laser Derby
Jun 18-19.....	Thistle Regatta
Jun 25-26.....	MC Scow Regatta

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experienced racers to club members for next to nothing (\$50/week) as a service to the Club in support of the racing program. They are great classes and a bargain, so please sign up and have some fun racing. We also offer sessions for Learn to Sail and intermediate (aka Learn to Sail Better) so there is something for everyone. Please go to the web site and click on Sailing Instruction to get to our registration site.

We are also only a few week away from our Annual Memorial Day Champagne Brunch. This is a great event, and we look forward to seeing everyone there. Please send in your reservations soon so we can plan for the crowd.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to say thank you to Hunter Currin who has agreed to take pictures of members many of these events to upload to our online Member Directory. Our goal is to get head shots of all of our members in the directory so it is easier for everyone to get to know everyone, especially new members.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone out on the water.

Kentucky Derby Party

A reminder of the Derby Party
at 5:00on May 7th. (After the 2nd 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 wishes to welcome these new members:

Angela McNerney - *Daysailor 17*
Martin & Catherine Shields - *O'Day Widgeon*
Gregg Reilly - *Precision 16.5*
Gary & Leeanne Raga - *Seaward 17*
Shawn & Jennifer DuBois - *Catalina22*
Ellen Sweet - *Sunfish*
Thomas & Christie Hare

I will be hosting a New Member Reception on May15 at approximately 4:30 after racing.

At this meeting, our new members will learn how the Club is organized and run. Everyone is welcome. Our Board members will be in attendance and our mentoring program will begin. Remember when you first joined and did not know anyone else? We want our new members to have guidance and feel they can get their questions answered quickly.

If you wish to become a mentor to one of our new members, send an email to me, Ann Seidman, at slsc_membership@sailsaratoga.org

ATTENTION ALL LASER SAILORS!

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club
LASER DERBY – SAT, JUNE 11th
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 or Leslie Warner- Rafaniello at Saillesson@nycap.rr.com or [518-301-4109](tel:518-301-4109).

Racing News

By Barbara and Allan Miller, Flag Lt Race

Sailing Programs Meeting

While we talked about many things the highlights from the meeting were:

The super turnout of club members who were interested in all the sailing programs that will be going on this summer. It was standing room only.

Thanks to Margaret and Barbara for arranging the pizza and cookies. Thanks also to the Boyles and the Vandettas for contributing some desserts.

Skip and Cameron Parry talked about the relationship of the STRIDE Program and SLSC and how it has grown to provide kids a great end of summer experience, sailing and having fun. There is always work to be done to help this program, so contact Skip if you would like to help.

Dan Mehlman, Chairman of Cruising Programs, talked about the great ideas for events to get all SLSC sailors out on the water in their sailboats and canoes or kayaks. Members are needed to help make these programs really happen. Consider volunteering to help coordinate just one event and we will fill the summer with fun. There will be a place to sign up on the main bulletin board on the porch which will be divided to include all our programs Cruising and Racing.

Barbara and I talked about the Racing programs. All the information is now posted on our website in the racing folder.

For sailors wanting to participate in the Just for Fun racing you will need a blue pennant to attach to the end of your boom. You will be able to get these from Barbara or on the Race bulletin board on the porch.

Please remember Wednesday night potluck is for all club members. There is room and food for everyone. The first one is May 11.

Web Access and Getting on the Skippers and Crew Forum

If you have not been on the website, you need access to get to some of our Racing and Cruising programs information.

To access the private side of the SLSC website, you need to log in using your username and password. If you do not know your username or password, you can usually retrieve those using the Forgot My Username/Password option on the login page of the website. This will ask for your e-mail address and first name. You must enter the e-mail address and first name of the Primary Member of your family unit. This is usually the name and e-mail address of the person you listed in the Primary Member field of the Annual Dues Notice. If the Forgot My Username/Password link does not work, contact Tony Massa, our webmaster at slsc_admin@sailsaratoga.org and Tony will get you a password.

Forums

We currently have two Forums set up for use by the club membership. These are named Crew and Race. Crew is designed for people who are looking for crew or who are available to crew. The Race forum was set up to allow Flag Lt. Race to send frequent messages regarding the race schedule or results to those members interested in the race program, without inundating all members with these messages.

In order to participate in a forum you must log into your account, click on the Forums folder in the list on the left side of the page then click on the desired forum.

First Two Week's Race Support Assignments

These are the assignments for the first few weeks of the season. If you want to know your assignments for the season, the entire schedule is on the SLSC website in the racing folder.

<u>Date</u>		<u>Team Leader</u>	<u>Support</u>	<u>Support</u>	<u>Support</u>
5/8	Practice Race	Allan Miller	Paul Waterfield	Jim Benson	Dave Burtis
5/11	Manning 1	Allan Miller	Paul Waterfield	Greg Tkal	Don Railton
5/15	Zephyr 1	Bill Barringer	Yvonne Barringer	Jerry Danielski	Rob Hayes
5/18	Manning 2	Bernie Zabek	Andrew Murnan	Bob Glasser	David Glasser

First Two Wednesday Potluck Cooking and Cleanup Assignments

PLEASE REMEMBER: This is a guideline and it is everyone's responsibility to clean up after themselves! Kathy is not your mother.

	<u>Cooking</u>	<u>Cleaning</u>
May 11:	Thistles	Kestrels/MC Scows
18:	FS	Y Flyers/Lasers

A Quick Start to Knowing the Yacht Racing Rules

The first three rules are fundamental to racing and also the basic rules of the road.

Rule 10 – on Opposite Tacks - When boats are on opposite Tacks, Port tack boat shall keep clear of a Starboard tack boat.

Rule 11 – On the same Tack Overlapped - When boats are on the same Tack and overlapped, a Windward boat shall keep clear of a leeward boat.

Rule 12 – On the Same Tack Not Overlapped - When both are on the same Tack and not overlapped, a boat clear astern shall keep clear of a boat clear ahead.

If the definitions of some of these terms are unfamiliar look at

http://www.wayfarer-international.org/WIT/race.related/RacingRulesOfSailing/Rules.in.Pictures/definitions/Rules_in_Pics_Definitions.html

This is a good site that presents the rules in very understandable terms.

We will include more in future Telltales. Watch also for John Hudson's articles.

RACING 1.01

(Continued from the March Telltale)

By John Hudson, Thistle 3947

The First Leg

The first leg of the race will be upwind (assuming that there have been no wind shifts right before the start - a big assumption on many days on Saratoga Lake.) This will require tacking repeatedly on the way to the mark. Deciding when and where to tack has a major effect on your success in a race. It is important to avoid sailing close behind or to leeward of other boats, as the disturbed air from their sails will slow you down. You must also be aware of boats approaching you on opposite tacks or coming from other directions. This is where the importance of knowing the rules becomes important. If you get into a situation with another boat, and are unsure if you have right of way, it is better to be conservative, yield to the other boat, and discuss the situation with an experienced racer back on shore. As you approach the windward mark, try to avoid coming in on port tack very close to the mark. If there is a large group of boats coming in on starboard tack, it may be difficult to round the mark without fouling someone. Round the mark as close to the mark as you can safely. A lot of distance can be lost with a wide mark rounding.

The Second Leg

Let us assume that we are sailing a triangle course. In this case, the second leg will be a reach. Here you will not need to tack, and can sail directly to the mark. Again, it is important to keep your air clear, and try not to sail close to leeward of other boats. As you approach the second mark, you will have to prepare to gibe as you round the mark and head for the leeward mark. As you approach the mark, be aware of the boats close to you. The rules dictate that as boats approach the mark, the regular right of way rules do not apply to boats that are overlapped with each other. Instead, the boat closest to the mark must be allowed to round the mark without interference from the outside boat. (The rule is actually a little more complicated than this, and I will discuss it in detail in a later article, but for now it will suffice to say that if you are on the outside in a situation like this, it is best not to interfere with boats on the inside.)

The Third Leg

This will also be a reach, but on the opposite tack. Again, maintaining clear air is a priority, and again the rule favoring the inside boat will apply at the leeward mark. It is alright to sail a course that is a little above the mark, but beware of getting caught so far up that it is difficult to come back down to round the mark.

The Finish

Assuming that this is a once-around course, you will now be headed to the finish line. You will again be heading directly upwind, and again will have to tack to get to the finish. The same principles that I mentioned for the first leg apply here as well, as far as when and where to tack. At the finish you will sail directly across the line. It is a good idea to sail a little farther before you relax, to make sure you don't interfere with other boats finishing behind you.

Windward-leeward Courses

The windward-leeward course starts out just like the triangle course. The start and first leg are identical. The difference starts at the windward mark. Often there will be a small offset mark a few boat lengths from the windward mark. This mark must be rounded before heading down wind. The purpose of this mark is to avoid interference between boats that are still going upwind and those that are starting to go downwind. The next leg will be a run. Again it is important to keep clear air, but in this case it is the boats behind you are the ones that will slow you down.

The run differs from the reaches in that all boats will no longer be on almost the same course, in a single line. Boats will spread out over the course, looking for the fastest way to the leeward mark. Depending on the wind direction and strength, the fastest course may not be the one that involves sailing straight from the windward mark to the leeward mark. At the end of the run, rounding the leeward mark will be similar to that in the previous case. The main difference will be that boats will be coming into the mark from a much wider range of angles, and often on opposite tacks. Again, the same rules apply as at other downwind marks – the regular right of way rules are superseded by the “closest to the mark” criterion – even if boats are on opposite tacks. Once you are around the leeward mark, the course to the finish is the same as in the previous example.

Summary

I hope I have not confused you by the amount of detail I have gone to in this article. I have tried to describe the sequence of events in a typical race, and to emphasize the behavior that will lead to a safe and successful experience. There are many fine points that I have not gone into here, as I will cover many of them in detail later. For the present, the best thing you can do is to get out on the race course, either in your own boat or with an experienced racer. A lot of what I have covered will make more sense once you have sailed a few races and have seen what the situations I have described look like in practice.

Grounds Report

By John Smith, Flag Lt Grounds

I would like to thank all of the member and families that help in the spring work parties. For those that had not noticed, two pine trees near the dock fell into the lake in April and were removed to the swamp behind the Kestrels. In our effort to control the geese we have installed a 2' high plastic fence. There are gate openings near the club house and for the Lasers. Please close the gates if you are there near the end of the day. We have also planted 50 lavender plants to grow into a hedge along the ramp by the club house and on both sides of the Laser ramp. We hope we can enjoy these through the coming years.

The new Boat Park space assignments are posted on the bulletin board by the north door. You will notice that all fleets are now grouped. If you care to shift your space within your fleet, check with your fleet captain. Please let me know if I missed anyone, and if your decal was missed, both Gene and I can help.

We are adding an additional handicap parking space next to the club house. For the Champagne Brunch, 4th of July barbeque and the Labor Day lobster boil, the club house side of the parking circle will be reserved for handicap parking. This should give us 6 spaces to better serve our members and guests.

On the Block

SEEKING SUNFISH DOLLY!

We are looking for 2 used dollies or instruction/assistance building them the good old SLSC way. Please contact Laura if you can lend a hand: LYRappaport@gmail.com
Thanks! Laura Rappaport & new member Ellen Sweet

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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Space #	last_name	Boat Class	Space #	last_name	Boat Class
58	Adomat, Thomas	Flying Scot	38	Kite, Chas	Flying Scot
85	Amodeo, Paul	Designer Choice 15	29	Kitner, Michael	Kestrel
94	Auciello, Gene	Kestrel	62	Krull, Robert	Catalina 14.2
26	Barringer, Robert	Kestrel	16	Liipfert, William	MC Scow
93	Bates Jr., William	West Wight Potter	54	Link, Thomas	Flying Scot
101	Behuniak, Nicholas	Laser II	49	Luttinger, Daniel	Flying Scot
50	Benson, Anthony	Flying Scot	68	Magnant, Jerome	Hobie 14
37	Benson, James	Flying Scot	97	Maisel, Barry	Precision 16
23	Bianchini, Tony	Kestrel	100	Maisel, Barry	Windrider 15
52	Boromisa, Robert	Flying Scot	31	Massa, Anthony	MC Scow
87	Boudreau, Joseph	Capri 14.2 Day Sailor	55	Massa, Anthony	Flying Scot
89	Bovee, Norman	Trimaran	78	McCarty, Mary Kate	Flying Scot
59	Boyle, Kevin	Flying Scot	19	McNally, George	MC-Scow
11	Buchanan, Bruce	Holder 14' Hobie	95	McNally, George	Kestrel
98	Burr, Jerry	Hobie 16	69	McNerney, Angela	Day Sailor
79	Butler, Samantha	Flying Scot	5	Meyer, Scott	Thistle
92	Castle, Richard	Jet 14	42	Miner, Miner	Flying Scot
27	Choi, Joseph	Kestrel	45	Mittleman, Gary	Flying Scot
25	Choi, Kenneth	Kestrel	32	Murnan, Andrew	MC-Scow
24	Chudzik, Mel	Kestrel	88	Nicol, James	CL 16
96	Cusick, Michael	Kestrel	53	Northrop, Greg	Flying Scot
13	Czajkowski, Marek	Y-Flyer	71	Olson, Stephen	Vanguard 15
21	Danielski, Gerald	Harpoon 5.2	83	Parry, Albert	Flying Scot
77	Dunne, Tom	Flying Scot	7	Peter, Max	Thistle
44	Ebert, Peter	Flying Scot	63	Pinto, Joseph	Daysailer
103	Ernst, Jesse	Hobie Getaway	107	Raga, Gary	Seaward
4	Fahy, James	Thistle	102	Randall, Chuck	Vagabond 14
81	Flanigan, Michael	Flying Scot	46	Redgrave, Harry	Flying Scot
90	Fletcher, Steve	ODay Daysailer	106	Reilly, Greg	Precision 16.5
34	Flynn, Brian	Flying Scot	10	Seidman, Peter	Flying Scot
12	Fraser, Terence	Y-Flyer	105	Shields, Martin	O'Day Widgeor
67	Fraser, Terence	Y-Flyer	108	Skidmore, College	420
40	Funk, Michael	Flying Scot	109	Skidmore, College	420
18	Glasser, David	MC Scow	110	Skidmore, College	420
86	Glasser, Robert	Daysailer	1	SLSC, School	Flying Scot
15	Greiner, Jacob	Y-Flyer	74	SLSC, School	Flying Scot
39	Gutin, Mikhail	Flying Scot	75	SLSC, School	Flying Scot
33	Hamilton, William	Flying Dutchman	14	Smith, John	Y-Flyer
33	Hamilton, William	Laser	30	Smith, Walter	Kestrel
91	Harfmann, Tom	Daysailer	8	Snowden, Nelson	Thistle
60	Hayes, Bob	Flying Scot	76	Stote, Paul	Flying Scot
43	Hayes, Robert	Flying Scot	56	Swanson, Mark	Flying Scot
35	Healey, Stephen	Flying Scot	48	Sweeney, Matthew	Flying Scot
99	Hedman, Jonathan	Neptune 14	72	Sweet, Ellen	Sunfish
51	Hegener, Paul	Flying Scot	57	Symon, James	Flying Scot
9	Hesse, Daniel	Thistle	47	Threlkeld, Thomas	Flying Scot
17	Howe, Devon	MC-Scow	28	Tkal, Gregory	Kestrel
2	Hudson, David	Thistle	84	Toleman, Rachel	Javelin 15'
3	Hudson, John	Thistle	41	Waterfield, Paul	Flying Scot
66	Huwe, Jake	Y-Flyer	70	Welcome, Mark	Hobie 16
104	Keller, John	JY-15	80	Willett, Fred	Flying Scot
64	Kilcer, Thomas	Hobie 16	61	Williams, Anne	Wayfarer
65	Kilcer, Thomas	Thistle	36	Wintsch, Walter	Flying Scot
20	Kimball, John	MC Scow	82	Zabek, Bernard	Flying Scot
73	Kimball, School	Flying Scot	6	Zell, Jerry	Thistle
22	King, Larry	Kestrel	0	,	0

**SLSC BOAT
PARK PLAN**
110 Spaces

Skidmore	Skidmore	Skidmore
110	109	108

SCHOOLS

FLYING SCOTS

THISTLES

KESTRELS

MC SCOW

YFLYER

NON-FLEET

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Utility Shed NO PARKING

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Race Shed	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
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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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