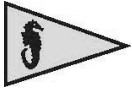


Telltale

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Commodore's Corner

By Mark Welcome

I know in this issue of the Telltale, I am supposed to be reminding everyone that the season is over and that we have some work parties coming up. However, before I do that, I have to talk about all of the great sailing that is STILL going on and ask everyone to please not miss out on all the great fall sailing.

On the racing front the Sunday Kaydeross series still has two weekends to go as it ends on Sunday 10/9. We still had close to 20 boats out for week 5 so the series is still going strong. Of course, the end of the Kaydeross series also means the end of the Season Championship. We currently have 15 people qualified with a few more close if they race these last 2 weeks so I'm looking forward to large fields. Also still going on is the Wednesday evening Rice Series. This is not part of the season championship and is completely meant to be relaxing and fun. We still had 19 boats out last week and we've got a few more weeks to go. Please come on out and enjoy the usual Wednesday sailing and camaraderie afterwards. Please remember to bring a dish.

Once these series are over, we will sadly need to start breaking down for the winter. Brian Rodems has organized a mooring pulling party the morning of October 15th. One week later on Saturday October 22nd we will have our annual fall work party to pull the docks and clean up the club in preparation for winter. As always please remember that not only is the work party a good time, but it is also part of all of our obligation as members of a volunteer club.

Once the docks are pulled and the club boats are put away for the season, the Kestrel Fleet would like to invite everyone to go sailing! Larry King has kindly offered to once again coordinate an informal frostbite series on Sundays. You do not need to be a part of the Kestrel fleet to participate as we do have extra Kestrels for people to sail and we can always find spots for people who want to sail. Please plan on coming out and sailing with us on Sundays starting on October 23rd. We'll continue every Sunday until the weather gets too bad, or I need to pull my safety boats for fear of them freezing up. More details will be sent out as we get closer.

Thanks to everyone for a great summer, but let's not call it a season just yet.

The Club Needs You!

Fall Work Party Sat, Oct. 22

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!

RESERVE SATURDAY EVENING

NOVEMBER 12

Sailing Awards Party

Details in the November Telltale

Upcoming Events

Oct 15-16.....Thistle Regatta
Oct 22.....Fall Work Party
Oct 23.....CPR/AED, First Aid Class

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Sailing School Update

By Samantha Butler

As we wrap up our season, we would like to share some of the accomplishments of our Sailing School.

To give you an idea of the scope of our school, the sailing school had a great year, sharing our love of sailing with 361 new sailors. Thanks to the Town of Malta Foundation, 159 Malta residents got to try their hand at sailing for the first time for free. So many of our neighbors did not even know we existed. Sixteen of them went on to sign up for full classes. Three of our students went on to become members this year.

Our junior sailors continue to be a point of great pride. Watching the progression from kids at camp, to capable racers, counselors and junior sailing instructors is a remarkable journey. Another group has moved on to college. It seems impossible but kids I remember as campers and instructors are now college graduates and newlyweds. The juniors bring an energy to our club that can seem overwhelming when in full swing but leaves a void when they are gone.

The dedicated volunteers and employees of the sailing school have created a tremendous program. Our sailing school continues to bring diverse and enthusiastic new members to our club. The amount of time, work and finesse that goes into such a program is staggering: registrations, scheduling, keeping kids safe on the water and entertained on land, boats in good repair, parents reassured, and adult learners encouraged. It is a year round endeavor and while we are wrapping up sailing, they are beginning the planning for next year. (It is never too early to register!)

If you want to share in the fun, there are so many different needs for volunteers and all help is appreciated. In the short term we are looking for assistance putting the school boats away for the winter. Mark Welcome is not only our commodore but is the man behind the curtain at the sailing school. You can contact him if you can assist with the boats. If boat work is not your thing but you can set up a mean spreadsheet, are a scheduling wizard or a kid whisperer, or just want to be a part of the sailing program, he's the man to contact.

Thank you to all the staff, students and volunteers for another great year.

Roll Tacking "Demo" During 2011 Laser Derby



Grounds October 2016

By John Smith, Flag Lt Grounds

Oh the disappointment of having to put the summer toys away. Unfortunately we have to take the docks out on the 22nd. This means that we will have our usual fall work party tasks of storing the canopy and geese fence. There is also some debris in the meadow to be placed into the dumpster to make room for a couple of more boats.

This year we will be continuing placing matting and stone on another section of the meadow. The plan is to cover the southern portion between the tree line and the middle section that got gravel and matting last year. During the July work party this area was filled with all of the empty trailers. When you trailer your boat, please place it on the gravel in the middle or the north side of the meadow. This will be a tight squeeze. You can move your boat back into the area after the gravel has been spread. We would like to have the area clear by Sunday the 16th. This will allow us time to get the matting installed before the gravel is delivered on Thursday the 20th. I have outlined the area on the photo below.



For the last 3 years we have been working to get an evaluation and to develop a long range plan for our trees. We hired an arborist give us an evaluation of our trees and to recommend what trees to plant for replacement of trees that we have had to remove over the year. The evaluation has been completed and the board is reviewing the details at this time and we are getting clarification to a few of the questions the report has posed. You may see numbers painted on some trees around the house, lower lawn and trees with an "X" marking along the area where the Ensigns store their boats for the winter. These trees were identified as posing the highest risk for causing damage to persons or property. These trees either need dead branches removed, to receive treatment that will eliminate problems such as insect infestations and disease, or potentially to be removed. Other trees have been identified to have trimming and treatment as well but are of a lower risk. Recommendations of replacement trees are based upon how the area is used, such as parking, camping or boat storage.

If you want to see the raw data, let me know and I can forward it to you. We should have the plan available in a final form for all of the members by the Annual Membership Meeting in December.



2016 STRIDE Sail program

We had 14 kids this year - a record after nearly 10 years – in that time, we have taught an average of 10 kids five lessons each or 500, over 9 years as we complete this season's effort. This also provides parents "respite" of two hours per each kid, so their child gets a safe, reliable, life-impacting experience, and they (parents) can have a little time alone not to worry and maybe get out to dinner shop, read, sleep, whatever, because they can't find typical babysitters for an evening out, but STRIDE Sail provides that opportunity as an added benefit.

August brought us four successful nights of a little socialization, basic water craft handling safety, knot tying and eventually sailing in nice light conditions except for night three which followed the club regatta in which the wind was too much for us to race the day before and carried through. Our regatta day was windless so we had to do what we always do when there is no wind and make the most of it. I'm not sure the kids really minded. We paddled, played games, ate some burgers and dogs and a big congratulatory cake.

Many of these kids struggle to participate in typical little league or team sports; they are simply too impulsive and have trouble processing and focusing on game progressions, as they are easily distracted. My son was that way and you wouldn't know it today thanks to STRIDE, he can even play adaptive baseball currently with another group on Saturday mornings.

Where would this program be without the support of the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club – much more than a partner? It is the people who make everything so great and people who make the STRIDE Sail program a success. I need to mention them, before I forget, and over the years there have been several dozen who have sustained this effort such that naming them all would take a page alone. This year we had the continued support of veterans - Emmett McCarthy, Tony Canone and Mary-Kate McCarty and Anthony Benson - without whose generosity, in so many ways, this program would simply not work. We also had a great group young people volunteering, their time, and their knowledge, year over year to sustain this program - its good to see young people so generous Luka Newton, Peter Cjaikowski, Corbett Churan. Abby and Emma Benson.

Thank you again all for another successful effort, Skip Parry



Participants, Sailors and Volunteers on regatta day. Mary Kate and Tony to the left, STRIDE founder Mary Ellen third from right.



Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3



Picture 4

Picture 1: Alex a 25 year old downs challenged boy has been with us for nearly 9 years, at the helm at the dock before we head out.

Picture 2: Henry a new 11 year old with autism and another new boy named Robert similarly affected.

Picture 3: Tony Cannone with Henry and Robert as they sail past Snake Hill (a favorite topic) in the background. Tony has been a tremendous supporter of this program over the years, since the beginning.

Picture 4: Emmett McCarthy generously gives of his time and knowledge to lead a boat of six kids with everything from down syndrome to one boy with no use of the right side of his body from an ATV rollover in which he suffered traumatic brain injury leading to speech delay and limited mobility – we put him on the right side of the boat so he can use his left hand and steer. There is no other sport he can be so independent in participation. My 16 y/o Cameron serves as another aide on this crew as she has since she was about 8.

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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