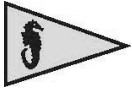


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Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

By Mark Welcome

Thank you to all the members (48 in person and 30 memberships by proxy) who came out on December 4th for the Annual Meeting. For those of you who were not able to attend, I would suggest you read the Annual report which is available on the web site. It can be accessed by logging into your account, clicking on "Documents" in the left hand menu, then the folder labeled "Annual Reports" and then the file labeled "SLSC 2016 Annual Report." As I say in the Annual Report, we enter 2017 (our 60th year!) in a very good position. Membership is very strong and our grounds, house and waterfront are all in wonderful condition and our financial position is excellent. I would like to take this opportunity again to thank every board member for their service to the Club during 2016. The success of the Club is a direct result of the countless hours of work performed by the dedicated members of the board.

I would like to especially thank those members of the board who will be leaving the board at the end of 2016 for their dedication to the Club: Treasurer John Kimball, Flag Lieutenants House Greg Tkal and Melissa Hatch, Flag Lt. Grounds John Smith and Flag Lt. Boats JT Fahy. I am grateful for all of the work they have put in over the years so that we may all enjoy the Club.

I also want to welcome the incoming Board members: Treasurer Andrew Murnan, Flag Lieutenant House Sue Kohler, Flag Lt. Grounds George McNally and Flag Lt. Boats Scott Meyer. I appreciate your willingness to serve the Club.

As we head into winter, I'd like to remind everyone that the Club is not closed during the winter. Please feel free to come on out and enjoy the lake, the grounds and the clubhouse. While we can't sail, there are still plenty of opportunities to skate, cross country ski, snowshoe, enjoy a book by the fire or maybe have dinner with friends and family. It's your club, so feel free to use it all season long. I will admit that I spend more than a little quiet time in front of the fireplace while "checking on the boats". I suspect Rose knows that I really don't check the boats, but she lets it slide and that's good enough for me. If you let Kathy know ahead of time of your plans, she can usually warm the house up a little in preparation.

Thanks to everyone for a great 2016 and I'm looking forward to 2017.

Annual SLSC Budget Meeting

Followed By

Sailing Programs Discussion

Sunday, February 12th

5:00pm

at

The SLSC Clubhouse

Please come to the Budget Meeting. After we act on the budget, Allan will lead a discussion of your ideas for our 2017 sailing programs and how we can provide the same level of fun for all members, racers and non-racers. We are interested in all ideas and perspectives regarding our sailing season. We got a great start in 2016 with a record number of races, a fabulous Fourth of July parade and paddling events but there is more to do, so get your ideas flowing!

AND plan on staying for delicious chili and cornbread!

Upcoming Events

Feb 11.....Ensign No Gotta Regatta
Feb 12.....Annual Budget Meeting

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Sailing School Report

By Mark Welcome, Commodore

We are happy to announce that the 2017 Sailing Season schedule has been completed and registrations are now open. We appreciate the patience of everyone who has been contacting us asking for next year's dates and gift certificates. You may click on "Sailing Instruction" on our website to view offerings and get signed up. A few reminders for the upcoming year:

You may now purchase gift certificates online

Simply go to the registration page and you will see gift certificates listed as an option. We have them in \$50 increments or in the amount of each session that we offer. If you don't see what you are looking for, please just let us know. Once we see the registration come in, Mary Kate will arrange to get the certificate to you.

Adult Racing Classes

We continue to offer Race classes to members for only \$50 per session (as opposed to the nonmember cost of \$255). We have offered the introduction to racing crew for a few years now, and it is designed for people who are new to racing and would like to get involved on a boat handled by an experienced racer. We also offer a skills improvement class for those who have been racing with us. "Adult Race Improvement" 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.

More Early Season Adult Classes

At the request of many of you, we have added more evening classes for adults in the months of May and June. Hopefully this will make scheduling easier and not interfere with the usual summer madness. It will also give you more time during the summer to try out your new sailing skills!

We look forward to sailing with you and your kids in 2017. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at info@saratogasailingschool.org

Hunter's Trees

Over the years, as we lost trees to age or weather, many remarked about replanting trees to help preserve the aesthetics of the grounds. As with all good intentions, it takes a plan and someone to start the ball rolling to make the plan a reality. Not for the first time, Hunter Currin was the man with the plan for our club. Hunter donated the funds for an arborist to make a long-range plan for the club grounds; not just an assessment of the trees we have, but a plan for the type and location of replacement trees.

This year we planted the first tree as part of that plan. It is a Cortland Apple tree in keeping with the goal of using hearty, native species.

Thank you, Hunter!



2017 HERE WE COME!

By Barbara & Allan Miller, FI Lts Race

We had so much fun being Race Committee in 2016 that we are doing it again in 2017! Our goal for the new season is to serve our members, both racers & day-sailors, but we need your ideas. Looking back at the 2016 season, were there things you loved & things you did not love? For 2017, what would you like to do, not just Sunday afternoons & Wednesday evenings, but Saturdays & perhaps during the week as well?

So, please send us your ideas, whether they are well-developed or detailed-just a line or two of an idea that might be interesting & fun either on the water and/or on shore.

We have plenty of time between now & May to develop your ideas & improve on the 2016 season. Of course, we would also appreciate your willingness to help develop or take the lead in forming any ideas into viable programs. We will NOT force you to become a "leader" if that is not what you want to be-really, we promise!

We wish you all a happy & healthy 2017 & toast the New Year!

"Here's to being in a boat with a drink on the rocks rather than being in the drink with a boat on the rocks."

Awards Dinner

By Samantha Butler

Barbara and Allan Miller hosted a lovely awards dinner on November 12 at Longfellow's. The guest speaker was our own local celebrity Bob Kovachick who gave a great talk and seemed impressed with the level of knowledge sailors have about weather.

Congratulations to this year's club champion, Scott Meyer along with Lauren Meyer and Jenny Borshoff and our Junior champion Corbett Churan.



Club Champion Scott Meyer with able crew Lauren Meyer and Jenny Borshoff



Junior Club Champion Corbett Churan with coaches Aaron Holland and Jenny Borshoff and Commodore Mark Welcome.

Ensign Fleet 72 Happenings

By Tony Cannone, Ensign Fleet Captain

On September 10th, 2016 the annual Ensign Fleet 72 Regatta saw 11 boats enter the one day regatta.

That Saturday morning we had a gentle breeze build from the south to about 4 knots which wasn't ideal but after the previous year's no-show we set out to complete two races. 1st race was an Olympic course and won by Team Keeling Time (530) with Tony Cannone, Fred Barker and Laura Rapport.

The second was a I-1 course and was also won by Team Keeling Time with stiff competition from Team Sundance (557).

Once the breeze started falling off it was time to head in for lunch. The breeze must have gone in for lunch also because just as we were rapping up lunch and contemplating the afternoon's on-shore activities we noticed a nice breeze filling in so we prepared for our 3rd race of the day.

Well the breeze just kept filling in and we ended up with a 13 to 18+ knot breeze which was won by Team Sundace (557) Bruce Blackie, John Power & Nelson Snowden .

The fleet decided that the last race had beaten them up enough that we called it for the day. This year was special because we had a group of students from our sailing school compete with our commodore and school director, Mark Welcome as skipper aboard #123.

The interesting thing about our fleet regatta is that we get fleet members teaming up on boats that don't race regularly and we end up with high fleet participation which makes for a very fun day on the water and off!

Thank You to Ann & Peter Seidman, John Kimball, Pat King and Jerry Danielski for their excellent Race Committee support.

2016 Ensign Fleet 72 Regatta Results

Finish	Race # 1	Race # 2	Race # 3				Final		Total Points
1	530	530	557				1	530	5
2	557	557	170				2	557	5
3	114	177	530				3	1726	14
4	1726	174	177				4	114	15
5	2017	1726	1726				5	177	16
6	170	114	114				6	170	17
7	23	2017	2017				7	2017	19
8	654	123	123				8	123	23
9	177	170	2032				9	174	24
10	174	654	174				10	654	30
11	2032 DNS	2032 DNS	654 DNS				11	2032	31
Wind	1 to 4	1 to 4	15 to 20+						
Course	F Olympic	I 1	F Olympic						



Tumblehome Boatshop

By Samantha Butler

Located in Warrensburg, Tumblehome Boatshop does high end restoration and new construction of classic wooden boats. Our own Jake Greiner is one of their craftsmen. This November Jake invited the members of the sailing club to attend an open house at Tumblehome. It was a great event.

Owners Ruben and Cynde Smith made the event welcoming and friendly. Every detail of the shop speaks to the care and attention they put into every aspect of the business. Ruben led a tour of the shop and the current projects. He is an engaging speaker as only those who are truly passionate about their craft can be. We learned about everything from the best weather conditions for growing cedar to the filter specifications for the high end custom paint booth and everything between. Even attendees that have no real interest in boats or woodworking found him fascinating.

While the open houses have ended for the season, I can't wait to go back in the spring and see the progress on the sailboat you can see under construction in the photos. I would encourage everyone to attend if you have the time. Thank you to Jake for making us aware of this opportunity.



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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