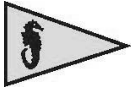


Telltale

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Commodore's Corner

By Mark Welcome

I find myself in a very reflective mood lately. Rose claims it is because I am about to turn 50 and may be having trouble accepting this fact when in my mind I still think I am 25 (meanwhile, she estimates my age somewhere in the teens based solely on maturity levels).

To be honest, I think the bigger reason for this mood is the recent passing of two long time members who have meant so much to the Club for so long. In the last month, we have lost both Hunter Currin and Elly Rice. I won't go into all the details of everything they have done for our Club here as there are better written pieces on both of their contributions in this Telltale and on our Memorials web page. However, I would like to say that they represent what is so great about SLSC. They (and their families) dedicated countless volunteer hours over the span of 40 and 50 years to our Club for no other reason than they loved sailing in general and more specifically SLSC and the people that they shared it with. In addition to their time, both also donated generously to the Club financially so that other members could enjoy the Club as much as they did. Hunter was very generous to the club over the years funding projects, most recently when he funded our efforts to evaluate our tree situation and to develop a plan for planting trees to be enjoyed for generations. Elly was very generous in a bequeath to the Saratoga Lake Sailing Foundation to support the Sailing School and future generations of sailors. We simply can't thank them enough for their dedication.

Elly's and Hunter's passings came at a time when the Club was actually very busy. While the water is still a little hard for sailing, this time of year is full of meetings (Board, Long Range Planning, Budget to name just a few) as well as the many informal planning sessions and actual work taking place to have everything ship shape for the spring. Looking at all this activity and the numbers of members involved reminded me that the spirit of volunteerism that was exemplified by both Elly and Hunter is alive and well in our members. It does not matter if people have been here for 50 years or for 5, we all pull together to keep improving the Club so that others may enjoy it as well. This bodes very well for the long term health of our Club.

I'd just like to take the opportunity to thank the entire membership for their dedication. I look forward to seeing you all at the Budget meeting on Feb 12th to take care of Club business and again at the Commodores Party on March 25th to just have fun and welcome in the new sailing season.

Annual SLSC Budget Meeting

Followed By
Sailing Programs Discussion

Sunday, February 12th, 5:00pm
The SLSC Clubhouse

Chili and Cornbread Dinner to follow!

Commodore's Party

March 25th 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. I promise good food, good drink and (hopefully) dancing!

Invitations with all details to follow

Upcoming Events

Feb 11.....Ensign No Gotta Regatta
Feb 12.....Annual Budget Meeting
Mar 25.....Commodore's Party

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Town of Malta Historian Talks about William Manning

One of the most prominent men to have played a role in Malta affairs was William H. Manning for whom Manning Cove is named. In what was a very busy life, Manning gained renown as a manufacturer, sportsman, politician, statesman and agriculturalist. Once asked to serve as Under Secretary of the Treasury in President Wilson's administration, he turned it down in order to raise prize winning chickens.

His beautiful home now serves as the headquarters of the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club.

On February 22 at 7 pm. Paul Perreault, Town of Malta Historian, will discuss Manning's fascinating life at a meeting of the Malta History Group at the Malta Ridge Methodist Church 729 Malta Ave. Extension.

Adirondack Expo

This year we are once again exhibiting at the Adirondack Expo, March 18th and 19th at the Civic Center in Saratoga Springs. The annual event draws 125 vendors and 8,000 attendees from all over the Upstate NY & New England Region.

We bring one of the Open Bics and always get a great response. Many new students have been introduced to the sailing school due to this event.

We are looking for volunteers to help man our booth. No special skills needed, just share your love of SLSC. By volunteering you will get to enjoy the expo and check out the other vendors without having to pay admission.

Please contact Tony Cannone if you are available either day.

February Budget Meeting and Sailing Programs Ideas

By Barbara & Allan Miller, FI Lts Race

After the business of the budget is done, as we did last year prior to the season, we are again asking for your ideas of other activities to make SLSC inclusive for all our members. Last season, we had some fun paddling events as well as a very colorful Fourth of July parade with prizes and we look forward to incorporating other on and off-the-water activities into our summer.

Toward this end, and because we not only love to sail, but love to eat as well, we are extending our Wednesdays to what we are calling...Sweet, Warm Wednesdays. Everyone is invited to come to the club the 1st Wednesday of every month outside of the season beginning in March (March, April, November, December, January, February) at around 7:00 with a dessert to share and wine or other beverages of your choice for an evening of sweets and camaraderie and perhaps a movie.

So, come one, come all to the February Budget/Sailing Programs meeting. Eat delicious chili, talk to friends you haven't seen in a while, vote on the budget, and let the ideas flow!!

Eleanor "Elly" Lennie Cornelson Rice

By Allan Miller

Elly Rice was a part of our club that represented all the things we truly love about SLSC. From the early days of our membership, it seemed that there were some families that helped new members feel they were part of the club, no matter what your background or boat you sailed. Elly and the Rice family were this kind of family. It didn't seem long after we joined that we were taken under Elly's wing. She helped us become more active in the governance of the club. Elly always seemed involved in how the club ran. We had many meetings and although some were held at the homes of different members, the ones I really remember were the ones at her home "the Rice Paddy".

In 1976, I was on the board and was nominated for Commodore. The thought in my mind was who might be the best person in the club for Vice Commodore. The answer was clear to me that Elly's knowledge of the club, her good sense and open mindedness and her easy going personality was a great fit. This worked out perfectly and in 1978, Elly became our first woman Commodore and, most importantly, had the first budget at the new location that actually had a positive cash flow.

Several years later, Elly came to the club to propose a donation in honor of her mother that would be used for the purchase of boats for the sailing school. The result was that the club obtained five Windmill Class boats that for many years served as the principal boat used for our school and the boat on which many members had their first sailing experiences.

For as long as I can remember, Randy was club historian. I wasn't totally sure but suspected it was Elly's organizational skills that helped Randy keep track of the club's history. They certainly had great stories of the club's earliest years (even when there were powerboats) and how the club went to Kaydeross Park, then Manning Cove.

Barbara and I had many good times with Elly and Randy going out to dinners along with the Goldstein's and Henkes' and sailing on Lake George in the Greenwich 24. In the history of our club, the Rice family, Elly, Randy, Lisa and Linda will be forever remembered as an important part of what makes SLSC so special to so many of us.

Hunter Currin

By Samantha Butler

The Saratoga Lake Sailing Club community has suffered a great loss with the passing of Hunter.

Hunter was a member for over 45 years, serving twice as Commodore in 1981 and 1990 then serving as Treasurer for many years in the 1990's. Most recently Hunter served as our unofficial photographer, chronicling sailing club events and capturing moments between members with his candid photos.

Hunter loved sailing and our sailing club. He donated the gas fireplace in the trophy room so members could enjoy the club year-round. He was especially pleased to come in one early June Wednesday night that had been especially windy to see sailors drying off and warming up by the fire in the summer. Hunter also donated funds, and more importantly spurred the action, for an arborist report. He wanted to make sure our club remained beautiful for generations to come.

In his obituary, his daughter Callie wrote "Hunter's philosophy of life was that it is richer with people in it. In each of his interests, he found ways to be a part of a community. Everywhere he went, whether around town or while traveling abroad, he sought to find and build connections with people". This is evident when looking at the photos Hunter took at club events. Whether dressed in their finest at the Commodore's ball, hip deep in mud at a work party or sweating in the kitchen while cooking for a social event, every member has a big, genuine smile on his or her face. Because they were smiling at Hunter.

In the spring, a celebration of Hunter's life will be held at SLSC. Details will be posted on the website and shared in the Telltale when available.



Candid Photo by Hunter

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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