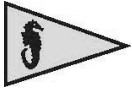


# Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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April, 2017

## Commodore's Corner

By Mark Welcome

I want to thank all the members (85 in total) who came out on March 25th to celebrate the beginning of a new sailing season at the annual Commodores Party. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves, as I know I did. Once again dancing the night away with Gisela Choi was a great time.

The big highlight for me was presenting my first Mary Elizabeth Hull award. Congratulations to Aaron Holland for receiving this year's "Commodores Award". Aaron received the award in recognition for his many years of dedication to the Sailing School and going way above and beyond the call of duty. Aaron certainly embodies the spirit behind the award which is to "recognize that special person(s) whose outstanding contributions to SLSC have improved and sustained the life of SLSC." Over 10 years as the Head Instructor of the sailing school he has been an integral part of the growth and expansion of the school. Most importantly for SLSC was Aarons ability to transfer not just his knowledge, but also his love and enthusiasm for sailing, racing and SLSC to over a thousand students who came through the school during his tenure. Many of those students are now our fellow members, racers, cruisers, and the next generation of the Club. We look forward to seeing Aaron again this summer as a visiting Thistler, but will miss him in the school.

Now that the season is ramping up, please plan on coming on out for a number of upcoming events including Warm, Sweet Wednesdays and the Sunday Sailing Seminars. The big upcoming events will of course be the Work Parties!

This year they will be on Saturday April 29th and May 6th. I would expect that we may be having a couple of smaller work parties prior to that to get ready for the main event (pull the boats from storage, put in the geese fences, etc.) so please watch for e-mails requesting help. 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.

## The Club Needs You!!

### Spring Work Parties

**Saturday, April 29th & Saturday, May 6th**

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!

### Upcoming Events

|             |                                |
|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Apr 5 ..... | Warm, Sweet Wednesday          |
| Apr 23..... | Fleet Captains' Mtg            |
| May 6.....  | Kentucky Derby Party           |
| May 7.....  | Sailing Programs & Pizza Party |

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## Sailing School Update

By Mark Welcome

We are only 5 weeks away from our first sailing class of the season! That must mean it's time to sign up. Historically members are the last to sign up for sailing classes, a trend I would love to reverse. As the school fills up, it gets harder and harder to make adjustments to get members and their kids or grandkids into the sessions that are almost full. A few options of special note:

### Racing Classes for both new and experienced racers:

We are happy to announce that we will once again be offering two of our racing classes to members for only \$50 for a week's worth of instruction. You simply can't beat that price as non-members pay the usual rate of \$245 for a week's 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/>

### Free Sailing Lessons

Many thanks to the Global Foundries Town of Malta Foundation for once again providing a grant to support a series of free "Invitation to Sail" classes for all residents of the town of Malta. We would appreciate our members helping us to fill these classes by promoting this program to friends, family and acquaintances who live in Malta. Over 150 Malta residents took advantage last year and we had a great time introducing everyone to sailing. A number of people who took the class opted to continue sailing with us in other lessons and a few families even joined the Club so we KNOW they enjoyed themselves. The class is very relaxed and we try to spend most of the evening out on the water enjoying a sail.

## Bylaws Revision Vote

By Mark Welcome

Just a reminder that the vote on the bylaws revision that has been discussed at the Budget meeting and the Sailing Programs Discussion meeting, will be held at the Sailing Programs and Pizza Party to be held at the Club on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 12PM.

The current language being looked at is:

**"Only Club-owned power boats are permitted to dock or moor in the Club mooring area. Privately owned power boats are not to be used or left at the Club."**

The proposed revised language is:

**"Personal power boats are not to be stored on Club grounds or used at the Club for recreational purposes under any circumstances. All other uses, docking or mooring of power boats will be at the discretion of the Rear Commodore or the Executive Committee in his/her absence."**

This change would move responsibility for specific regulations to the Rear Commodore who oversees waterfront. Please plan on attending the Sailing Programs and Pizza Party in order to vote and to enjoy the Sailing Program. If you are unable to attend, please arrange to give your proxy to another member.

## US Sailing Certification

By Mark Welcome

As has become our tradition, SLSC is talking with US Sailing about holding Small Boat Instructor certification classes at the club again this spring. For those members who are already certified, we know that we will be running a **Level 2 class** on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> (subject to change, but probable). Any person who currently holds a US Sailing Level 1 is eligible to take the course.

We also have some interest in running another Level 1 class, but not enough to fill the class yet. If you have ever thought about teaching sailing, or would just like to get a new perspective on sailing, this class is well worth the time. 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.

Please contact Mark Welcome at [slsc\\_sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org](mailto:slsc_sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org) if you have any questions or interest in taking these classes.

## Sailing Season Prep

By Barbara & Allan Miller

### OUR 2<sup>ND</sup> SWEET, WARM WEDNESDAY ON APRIL 5

Come to the club with a delicious dessert to share and a beverage of your choice at 7:00-ish for a wonderful evening of sweets, talk, and laughter! We can talk about the fun events ahead!

### The Sailing Season is coming soon!! BE PREPARED!!

We are going to hold several seminars at the club to help you have fun on our lake. We want these to be as much social as they are informative. We will meet from 2:00 PM to about 4:30 PM on the following Sundays:

**April 9:** Helping to Run Races at SLSC – We will walk through the process of preparing for and helping to run races. We will familiarize you with the equipment, the courses and what you need to know to feel comfortable helping create fun on the water on Sundays and Wednesdays.

**April 23:** Basic Racing – Whether you intend to or not, when another sailboat is travelling in the same direction, you are very aware of their speed relative to you. This IS racing! Why not join us on the racecourse? We will go through the basics of racing and take as much of the nervousness out as we can. If you are an experienced racer, come and lend your knowledge to our discussion.

**April 30:** Understanding the new racing rules and changes that will be in effect from 2017 to 2020 as well as a discussion of the Racing Rules of Sailing. If you are a cruiser, the fundamental racing rules parallel the Rules for Avoiding Collision at Sea.

Please bring your own refreshments to these discussions.

**May 7:** This is a reminder for all SLSC sailors to come to the Sailing Programs Meeting on Sunday, May 7 at 5 PM. We will be serving delicious pizza, cookies and soft drinks to whet your appetite for the exciting discussion on this season's racing and non-racing activities.

Please BYOB if that is more to your liking.

It would be very helpful to have some idea of attendance so please RSVP to Barbara at [amille2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:amille2@nycap.rr.com)

## SUBSTITUTE LIST FOR RACE COMMITTEE

By Barbara & Allan Miller

If you did not see your name on the Race Committee Assignment sheet but would like to add your name to the Substitute List, please let Barbara know at [amille2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:amille2@nycap.rr.com) or text to [518-577-0998](tel:518-577-0998). We would like to build this list to include members that are not already assigned to help run races.

Thank you all for helping to make our sailing programs successful.

Mel Chudzik: [chudzik@nycap.rr.com](mailto:chudzik@nycap.rr.com) [518-225-9923](tel:518-225-9923) (c)  
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## On the Block

Please visit our website to view details of the following boats for sale.

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Hunter 216.....         | \$4,500 |
| 2005 Precision 15K..... | \$5,250 |
| Ensign 841.....         | \$7,000 |
| 1974 Flying Scot.....   | \$4,100 |
| Neptune 14.....         | \$1,000 |

## This is the long-awaited Racing and Cruising Crew List:

By Barbara & Allan Miller

To add your name or additional information,  
 contact Barbara,  
[amille2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:amille2@nycap.rr.com)

### I NEED A CREW!

**Emmett McCarthy**  
 Ensign 174  
 Wednesdays & some Sundays  
[emmett174@yahoo.com](mailto:emmett174@yahoo.com)

**Pat King**  
 Y Flyer  
 Most Sundays &  
 Wednesdays  
[Slowthought@gmail.com](mailto:Slowthought@gmail.com)  
 669-0757

### I WANT TO CREW!

**Ellen Sweet**  
 Wants to crew for cruising.  
 518-409-0929

**Suzy Haslup**  
 Available to crew  
[skoakwood@aol.com](mailto:skoakwood@aol.com)

**Marty Shield**  
 Eager to learn. Interested in  
 crewing on a FS or Ensign.  
 Athletic & will bring beer!  
 518-720-3333 x105  
[mshields@bouchey.com](mailto:mshields@bouchey.com)

Mike Egerman  
[MEgerman@gmail.com](mailto:MEgerman@gmail.com)  
 518-886-8855

Lewis Sulkin  
 Very enthusiastic junior.  
 Took sailing school at the club.  
 518-605-8197

## 2017 Adirondack Sports & Fitness Summer Expo

By Tony Cannone

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club participated in the 2017 Adirondack Sports & Fitness Summer Expo March 18th & 19th. The Expo was held at the Saratoga City Center, 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 an Pic O'Pen sailboat. Those volunteers include Andrew Murnan, Tony Bianchini, Mark Welcome, Tony Cannone, Jerry Danielski, Barbara Miller, Berry Maisel, John Smith, Drew Welcome, Piotr Czajkowski, Jean & Gene Auciello, and Emmett McCarthy.

Each of the volunteers where able to take advantage of the free entry to visit all the exhibitors as we only ask that they staff the booth for a few hours.



Photo Taken by Andrew Murnan

The SLSC exhibit provided information about the Sailing Club & School along with a chance to win a 3 hour sailing lesson. Out of over 100 entries, this years winner is Damien Cetnar. We received several applications for membership in addition to making the community aware of us.

Visitors where also encouraged to sign up for our Summer Sailstice open house on June 24th & 25th.

### Commodore's Party



## 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.

## SANCTIONED FLEETS

|                  |                                       |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Ensign.....      | Tony Cannone<br>271-0246              |
| Flying Scot..... | Shirley & Paul Waterfield<br>584-5552 |
| Kestrel.....     | Tony Bianchini<br>583-4514            |
| Laser.....       | Leslie Rafaniello<br>301-4109         |
| MC Scow.....     | Devon Howe<br>867-7770                |
| Thistle.....     | Jerry Zell<br>767-9216                |
| Y-Flyer.....     | John Smith<br>786-1340                |

## 2017 OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

|                       |  |          |
|-----------------------|--|----------|
| Commodore.....        | Mark Welcome<br>slsc_commodore@sailsaratoga.org.....     | 587-9041 |
| Vice Commodore.....   | Tony Cannone<br>slsc_vicecommodore@sailsaratoga.org..... | 271-0246 |
| Rear Commodore.....   | Dave Hudson<br>slsc_rearcommodore@sailsaratoga.org.....  | 370-4894 |
| Secretary.....        | Mike Kitner<br>slsc_secretary@sailsaratoga.org.....      | 505-8790 |
| Treasurer.....        | Andrew Murnan<br>slsc_treasurer@sailsaratoga.org.....    | 420-5368 |
| Flag Lt. Boats.....   | Scott Meyer<br>slsc_boats@sailsaratoga.org.....          | 248-1229 |
| Flag Lt. Grounds..... | George McNally<br>slsc_grounds@sailsaratoga.org.....     | 439-5186 |

|                           |   |          |
|---------------------------|---|----------|
| Flag Lt. House.....       | Susan Kohler<br>slsc_house@sailsaratoga.org.....        | 727-9648 |
| Flag Lt. Race.....        | Allan Miller<br>slsc_race@sailsaratoga.org.....         | 885-5510 |
| Membership.....           | Ann Seidman<br>slsc_membership@sailsaratoga.org.....    | 877-8731 |
| Newsletter/Publicity..... | Samantha Butler<br>slsc_publicity@sailsaratoga.org..... | 587-0659 |
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| House Attendant.....      | Kathy Johnston<br>kmorrisjohnston@gmail.com.....        | 583-9646 |
| House Phone.....          |   | 584-9659 |