

Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

By Mark Welcome

The season is upon us!

We have now just completed both of our opening work parties of the year, and the Club is in great shape. We had 105 members come out on April 29th and another 67 members on May 6th and we were able to accomplish almost every single item on our job boards. We still have various tasks to be done around the club, so if you were unable to make the work parties please don't hesitate to reach out and volunteer.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Lois Haignere for her very generous donation of new Adirondack chairs for relaxing on the lawn. I had the opportunity to relax a little yesterday afternoon in them and I look forward to many years of members enjoying them as they look out at the lake. Thank you Lois for all your contributions to the Club over the many years.

One of the highlights at this time of the year is the admittance of new members. Several new members I knew through the school and I was able to meet many others at the work party and I look forward to getting to know everyone better as the season progresses. Ann Seidman (Membership Chair) has included a list of all our new members in this issue, so please make sure to be on the lookout for new faces and introduce yourselves.

Now that the docks are in, we have many events in May to kick off our season.

Allan and Barbara Miller will be hosting the annual Sailing Programs meeting and Pizza Party on Sunday May 7th at 5PM. This is a great event to attend to learn about a variety of sailing programs held throughout the season.

For the racers in the Club, it's time to get the boats tuned as the first practice race will be held on Sunday May 14th and the Manning Series racing starts on Wednesday May 17th. Whether you race or not, Wednesday evenings are a great time to come out and sail and enjoy the camaraderie of the Club. A potluck dinner is held every Wednesday evening after sailing with the Club providing hamburgers and hot dogs and members providing all the sides and desserts.

The sailing school season will begin with our first classes on Monday May 8th and will continue through mid-August. As always, we ask that you please sign up as early as possible to guarantee spots. While we do our best to accommodate the members (who always seem to sign up a little late) it is much easier on everyone if we don't have to. Please remember that we offer instruction for both beginner and 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.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all on the water very soon.

SLSC

Annual Memorial Day Champagne Brunch

Monday, May 29
10:00 AM - Noon

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

**Reservations no later than May 24 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
Please indicate your preference to **set up** or
clean up when you make your reservation**

Upcoming Events

May 7Sailing Programs & Pizza Party
May 14.....Practice Race
May 20-21.....MC Scow Regatta
May 29.....Champagne Brunch
June 4.....New Member Reception
June 10.....Laser Derby
June 17-18.....Thistle Regatta

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Grounds Report

By George McNally, Flag Lt Grounds

First Work Party Day: members started showing up early starting around 7:00am. As I had hoped all were eager to get going. Most went about the business of the club doing the various jobs automatically. Raking, sweeping, and cleaning up after the long winter. We put a good day's work in and got most of our list crossed off.

Special thanks to caretaker Kathy Johnston for keeping our efforts focused and Gerry Danielski who kept the willing and ready workers connected with the job list on the board.

Thanks to all.

Sixtieth Anniversary

As the work parties commence and the docks go in, we start our 60th sailing season for the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club. Six decades of fun, friendship, hard work, dedication, an endless array of boats and a boundless love of sailing.

We have several occasions to mark the event. There will be commemorative glasses at the brunch, our second annual 4th of July Parade of Boats, and special features in the Telltale.

If you have old photos or stories you would like to share for future articles or to add to our archive,

please contact Samantha Butler at
slsc_publicity@sailsaratoga.org.

SLSC wishes to welcome these new members:

Trevor Barr	Laser
Mary Brock	Laser
Francis Hegener	Flying Scot
Steve Heyman	Flying Scot
Sara Lagalwar	Sunfish
Chris McCormack	Laser
Rick Moore	Kestrel
Laurie Murphy	Ensign
George O'Donnell	Zuma
Sean Reilly	Highlander
Lisa Ross	Ensign
Michael Sandison	Laser
Peter Scannell	Int 505
Dave Shacket	Snug Harbor 15
Vincent Versaci	Optis
David Wardell	Hobie 16

I will be hosting a New Member Reception on June 4th at approximately 4:15 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

Need Mahogany Wood for 13' Club Crash Boat

Some club members would like to restore the wood on the 13' club motor boat and we are asking if anyone has any spare Mahogany wood that you can donate for the project.

Please contact Devon Howe:
howe_family@hotmail.com or [518-867-7770](tel:518-867-7770).

ATTENTION ALL LASER SAILORS!

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club
LASER DERBY - SATURDAY JUNE 10th-Registration
STARTS AT 9:00 AM with Skippers Meeting at 10 AM

The affordable Price of \$25
Buys you an awesome starter Breakfast,
Lunch w/ Craft beer and
Snacks thru the day.

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!

And even if you are racing, we could use some volunteer help before or during the regatta. We need a crew of 10 to help with sign-in and the other tasks that make the regatta a success.

Please contact David Burtis
at david_burtis@yahoo.com
or Leslie Warner- Rafaniello
at Saillesson@nycap.rr.com or 518-301-4109.

2017 SLSC Paddling

By Dan Mehlman

This season, we'll again have some paddling events at the Club, open to solo and tandem kayak and canoe paddlers at any skill level.

The typical trip is North along the shore, around Sand Beach and up the Kayderosseross as far as the group wants to go. Last year we did this twice: once on a less-than-beautiful day when I had just one paddler join me. Later in the season, we had a group of nine for a fine, sociable time. It's a fun, easy trip of about two hours. It's really the best paddle from the club, although the "real estate" tour going South would be another possibility. We could also just go straight across the lake if you want to do some open water paddling, at some time when there is not a lot of motorboat traffic.

If we should get a little more ambitious, I'd be amenable to leading a trip that involves shuttling boats, either on car roof racks if there are enough, or with the Sailing School's boat trailer. This opens up some possibilities, such as:

- Parking at the Lake Lonely Boat Livery on Rt. 9P; paddle on Lake Lonely and then down the little connector creek to the Kayaderosseross and back to the club, then take a car back to the livery to retrieve vehicles. Margaret and I have paddled to Lonely a couple of times as a round-trip, but a one-way would be a less-strenuous option.

- Spot cars at the Local Restaurant; paddle there from the club for lunch on a weekday (less motorboat traffic on Fish Creek); drive home with the boats.

- Drive boats down to Round Lake, launch at the new put-in or at the launch on Rt.9. Paddle around the lake, visit Little Round Lake, explore the Anthony Kill. A popular day trip with local paddlers.

I'm also willing to run a kayak skills practice session. I won't call it a class, as I don't have teaching certification, but I'm confident we could go through some of the basic kayak strokes and skills in a way that would make your paddling surprisingly more fun, efficient, and safe.

I'll take care of organization and communication for the program. I have an email list of members who requested to be in the loop last year. I will send one message to the group soon. If you receive that message you are on the list. If not, please email or talk to me and I will add you. What I need is feedback! Please let me know what activities interest you and especially what times work for you. Weekends are busy at the club, with regattas and all, but I think Saturday mornings still work. Tuesday or Thursday evenings would be good, especially earlier in the summer with the longer days. And I'd also be willing to do weekday trips when the lake is quieter. I don't want to make it unavailable for those who work, but I'm also aware that there a lot of retired folks who'd be available to paddle weekdays.

Also, Margaret would like to do a swim across the lake, with kayak support. If this is of interest to you, talk to her.

So please let me know what trips and what times are of interest to you. I'll schedule a first trip in June, and be in touch via the paddler's email list. So get out your kayaks/canoes from winter storage, wash the spiders out, and let's get paddling!



We are having short-sleeved T-shirts (made in technical fabric) with our race courses printed upside down so you will know immediately which way you need to point your sailboat AND use your shirt to make sure you're going in the right direction! We will be selling them for \$15 each with the proceeds benefiting the Sailing School. We hope to have the shirts by our second Docks-In on Saturday.

Talk to **Barbara Miller** if you would like a shirt. You will have a choice of either blue or gray in sizes small to 2XL.

amille2@nycap.rr.com or [518-577-0998](tel:518-577-0998)

Fleet Captains' Corner

By Paul "Trash Talk" Waterfield
Flying Scot Fleet Co-Captain

I thought this article by the class historian about Sandy Douglas and the Flying Scot might be of general interest. The Scot's a friendly, fun to sail racer/cruiser sailed by some of SLSC's most handsome sailors. If you're aging out of your Thistle, or relish the idea of a low maintenance alternative to an Ensign, or just want to sail with better looking people, our fleet members will be happy to help you get acquainted with the Flying Scot.

The Flying Scot, Sandy Douglass's Crowning Design Achievement, Celebrates 60 Years

By Debbie Cycotte, FSSA Historian

This year the Flying Scot celebrates its 60th anniversary, which seems like a great time to celebrate its designer, Gordon K. Douglass, or Sandy, as he is known to thousands of sailors who own one of his boats. Sandy is considered one of the best small boat helmsmen this country has produced and a brilliant boat designer.

He is best known as the designer of three different one-design dinghies, in addition to the 19-foot Flying Scot, he also designed the 17-foot Thistle (launched in 1945, with about 4,000 boats built so far), the 20-foot Highlander (launched in 1951, 1,100 boats built so far). All three classes are boat names that reflect Sandy's Scottish heritage.

Sandy was a colorful, energetic man who lived his life in pursuit of excellence and was unafraid of innovation. He said of himself, "If it can be done, I can do it better." He brought the concept of a planing hull to the United States and the Thistle, the Highlander and the Flying Scot all reflect that.

Sandy believed that the more specialized anything becomes, the fewer people will enjoy it. So his goal was to build boats with a broad appeal, and that included family use.

By the time Sandy designed the Flying Scot, he had had 20 years of experience building wooden boats. The Flying Scot was one of the first one-design boats made from fiberglass. Sandy only designed a new boat to fill a void. With the advent of fiberglass, which was lower maintenance than wood and had greater design potential, Sandy now saw a reason to build an attractive alternative to the Lightning.

Designing the hull was no problem for Sandy because he had a clear idea of what was needed for a planing family boat. Such a boat should have the safety of wide side decks and also a roomy cockpit. Wide side decks help keep the boat from filling up in a knockdown but leaves little cockpit space. Sandy conceived the idea of having both wide side decks and a roomy cockpit by lowering half of a wide side deck and giving it the shape of a comfortably inclined seat, which provided for a roomy cockpit. He "wondered why no one had thought of this before"?

Unfortunately, it turned out that none of the salesmen or engineers of fiberglass who called on Sandy knew much more than he did. Sandy had to teach himself how to build with this new material. Sandy, the gregarious, optimistic and supremely confident and accomplished man he was, stepped right up.

Sandy's goal was to design and manufacture a boat that was well built, but exciting and able to be sailed by a wide range of people, in size, number and skill level. He always felt that a strict one-design boat was in the best interest of all purchasers, past and future, and was the truest test of one's sailing skill.

Advertised as the "culmination of the best features of the other Douglass designs," the Flying Scot quickly caught the eye of small-boat racers. The Flying Scot is larger, has more beam and is more stable than the Thistle. The prohibition of hiking straps was an effort to make the boat more competitive for smaller-sized people, like Sandy and his wife, Mary, who crewed for him for 30 years.

With more than 6,100 boats built and a continuous primary builder throughout its history, the Flying Scot is one of the leading one-design classes in the US. A strong class association ensures strict one-design competitive racing to attract top-caliber sailors. The class also enjoys family camaraderie and teams are often comprised of family members. They are the only one-design class to host a Wife-Husband National Championship each year.

The Flying Scot was inducted into the American Sailboat Hall of Fame in 1998.

Beyond the Cove:

A new feature to share sailing adventures that current or past members are having outside of the sailing club.

As sailors, we all love the water and have a vested interest in keeping our waterways clean and safe. Rachael Miller, sailing school alumna and daughter of Barbara and Allan Miller, along with her husband James Lyne, founded Rozalia Project to focus on the issues of marine debris in our coastal waters. They work from their sail boat, American Promise, which is equipped with an array of scientific equipment including 2 ROV's that can dive 1000 feet to view debris on the ocean floor. They are working to make American Promise the greenest research vessel with techniques that can be replicated by other sailors.

Combating marine debris means understanding how the debris ends up in our waterways and finding ways to keep it from ever making it to the ocean. One large but virtually invisible problem is the plastic micro fibers shed from all our beloved tech fabrics and fleeces that get washed into the waterways from our laundry. Fish ingest the particles then we eat the fish. We are "eating our fleece". Rozalia Project has invented the Cora Ball to help catch the fibers before they get in the water. You just throw it in the washer with your clothes. Their Kickstarter campaign was wildly successful, over \$350,000 in pledges by over 8,500 backers.

If you want to learn more about the Rozalia Project, you can check their website <http://rozaliaproject.org>.

What is your sailing adventure? We can't all be saving the ocean, but I know many of us have been on charters, gone to sailing schools or taken cruises that other members would be interested in learning more about.

Please send Samantha Butler any ideas at slsc_publicity@sailsaratoga.org.

On the Block

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

- 2005 Precision 15K.....\$5,250
- 1974 Flying Scot.....\$4,100
- Neptune 14.....\$1,000
- 1989 Hobie 17.....\$1,100

SLSC THROUGH THE YEARS

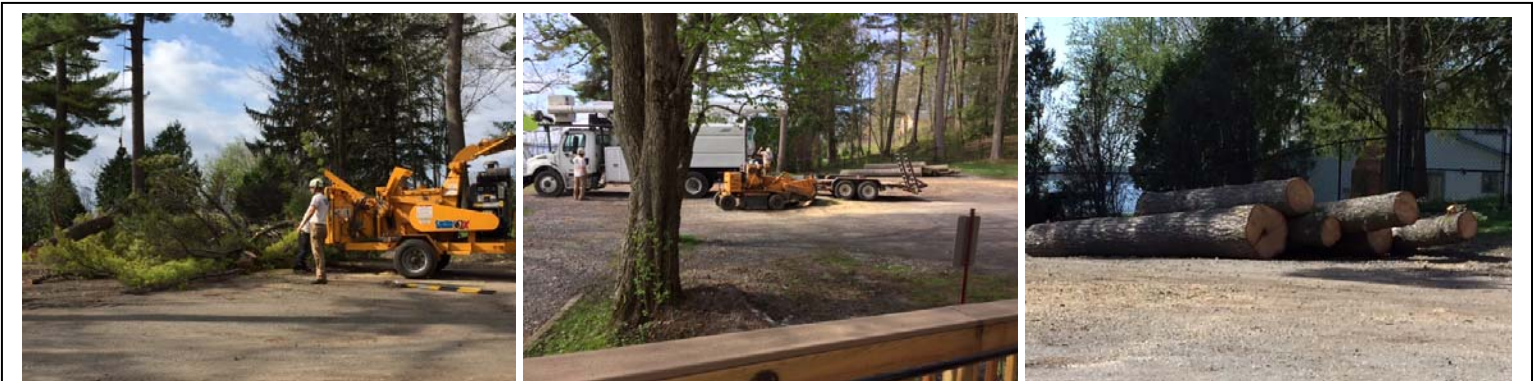
I have put together old photos and Commodore Ball invitations from 1977 to 1984 into a scrapbook at the club. I am looking for any photos or other artifacts for the scrapbook so please look in your dusty boxes of information or photographs of events at the club (We all have them!) and put them on the table on the porch.

Thank you in advance, Barbara Miller

Tree Removal

As part of our long range landscaping plan, Earth Care was on the grounds removing trees this spring. The trees were reviewed by the arborist and were removed because they were unhealthy or advanced in age to the point they posed a hazard to people or property.

Thanks to Hunter Currin, we have a plan in place replace them. – **Samantha Butler**



Space #	last_name	Boat Class	Space #	last_name	Boat Class
1	SLSC,	Flying Scot	57	Adomat, Thomas	Flying Scot
2A	Hudson, David	Thistle	58	Heyman, Steve	FlyingScot
2B	Hudson, David	Thistle	59	Hayes, Bob	Flying Scot
3	Hudson, John	Thistle	60	Olson, Jeff	Hobie Holder
4	Fahy, James	Thistle	61	Kilcer, Thomas	Thistle
5	Meyer, Scott	Thistle	62	Kilcer, Thomas	Hobie 16
6	Zell, Jerry	Thistle	63	Williams, Anne	Wayfarer
7	Peter, Max	Thistle	64	Krull, Robert	Catalina 14.2
8	Snowden, Nelson	Thistle	65	Pinto, Joseph	Daysailer
9	Hesse, Daniel	Thistle	66	Smith, Chris	MC Scow
10	Seidman, Peter	Flying Scot	67	Hare, Thomas	Catamaran
11A	Smith, John	Y-Flyer	68	Bryant, Eric	CL 16
11	Buchanan, Bruce	Holder 14' Hobie	69	Perrotti, Michael	Daysailer 17
12	King, Patrick	Y-Flyer	70	Welcome, Mark	Hobie 16
13	Huwe, Jake	Y-Flyer	71	Olson, Stephen	Vanguard 15
14	Czajkowski, Marek	Y-Flyer	72A	Nicol, James	CL 16
15	Greiner, Jacob	Y-Flyer	72B	Duchessi, Peter	MC Scow
16	Lipfert, William	MC SCcow	72	Reilly, Sean	Highlander
17	Howe, Devon	MC-Scow	73	Kimball, John	Flying Scot
18	Glasser, David	MC Scow	74	SLSC,	Flying Scot
19	McNally, George	Kestrel	75	SLSC,	Flying Scot
20	Kimball, John	MC Scow	76	Stote, Paul	Flying Scot
21A	Welcome, Mark	Kestrel	77	Dunne, Tom	Flying Scot
21	Danielski, Gerald	Harpoon 5.2	78	McCarty, Mary Kate	Flying Scot
22	King, Larry	Kestrel	79	Butler, Samantha	Flying Scot
23	Bianchini, Tony	Kestrel	80	Willett, Fred	Flying Scot
24	Chudzik, Mel	Kestrel	81	Flanigan, Michael	Flying Scot
25	Choi, Kenneth	Kestrel	82	Zabek, Bernard	Flying Scot
26	Barringer, Robert	Kestrel	83A	Czajkowski, Marek	Thistle
27	Choi, Joseph	Kestrel	83B	Townsend, David	Thistle
28	Tkal, Gregory	Kestrel	83	Parry, Albert	Flying Scot
29	Kitner, Michael	Kestrel	84	Toleman, Rachel	Javelin 15'
30	Smith, Walter	Kestrel	85	Amodeo, Paul	Designers Choice 15
31	Massa, Anthony	MC Scow	86	Glasser, Robert	Daysailer
32	Murnan, Andrew	MC-Scow	87	Boudreau, Joseph	Capri 14.2 Day Sailo
33	Hamilton, William	Flying Dutchman	88	Corwin, Nathaniel	RO Dinghy
33	Hamilton, William	Laser	89	Bovee, Norman	Trimaran
34	Flynn, Brian	Flying Scot	90	Fletcher, Steve	ODay Daysailor
35	Healey, Stephen	Flying Scot	91	Harfmann, Tom	Daysailer
36	Benson, James	Flying Scot	92	Castle, Richard	Jet 14
37	Symon, James	Flying Scot	93	Bates Jr., William	West Wight Potter
38	Gutin, Mikhail	Flying Scot	94	Moore, Rick	Kestrel
39	Funk, Michael	Flying Scot	95	McNally, George	MC-Scow
40	Waterfield, Paul	Flying Scot	96	Cusick, Michael	Kestrel
41	Swanson, Mark	Flying Scot	97	Maisel, Barry	Precision 16
42	Mittleman, Gary	Flying Scot	98	Burr, Jerry	Hobie 16
43	Hayes, Robert	Flying Scot	99	Hedman, Jonathan	Flying Scot
44	Ebert, Peter	Flying Scot	100	Maisel, Barry	Windrider 15
45	Redgrave, Harry	Flying Scot	101	Behuniak, Nicholas	Laser II
46	Threlkeld, Thomas	Flying Scot	102	Randall, Chuck	Vagabond 14
47	Sweeney, Matthew	Flying Scot	103	Ernst, Jesse	Hobie Getaway
48	Hegener, Paul	Flying Scot	104	Wardell, David	Hobie Cat 16
49	Boromisa, Robert	Flying Scot	105	Scannell, Peter	International 505
50	Boyle, Kevin	Flying Scot	106	Reilly, Gregg	Precision 16.5
51	Batzinger, Charles	Flying Scot	107	Raga, Gary	Seaward 17
52	Wintsch, Walter	Flying Scot	108A	Shacket, Dave	Snug Harbor 15'
53	Northrop, Greg	Flying Scot	108	Shields, Martin	O'Day Widgeon
54	Prostick, Arthur	Flying Scot	109	Skidmore,	420
55	Luttinger, Daniel	Flying Scot	110	Skidmore,	420
56	Kite, Chas	Flying Scot	111	Skidmore,	420

SLSC BOAT PARK PLAN

120 Spaces

Skidmore	Skidmore	Skidmore
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SCHOOLS

FLYING SCOTS

THISTLES

KESTRELS

MC SCOW

YFLYER

NON-FLEET

Utility Shed

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BOAT HOIST

LANE	1	2A	2B	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	11A	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

RAMP

Race Shed	21	21A	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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