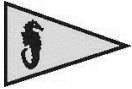


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Commodore's Corner

By Mark Welcome

If there is any theme to the monthly rambling that I put into this column, I suppose it is volunteerism. It is one of the things that I love so much about the Club; this dedication by so many members to make the place better for all of us. I'm thinking about it today because Vice Commodore Tony Cannone and I had the pleasure this afternoon to unveil the new name of the primary school Ensign (#23). It's previous name shall not be mentioned as I understand it is bad luck to ever utter the name again, but rest assured that I said every incantation that I could find on the internet to appease Neptune and Poseidon and whatever other god might be displeased by the renaming of a boat. I think the gods will be pleased with the new name which is "BlackMill". This is a concatenation of the names of Bruce Blackie and Dave Miller, both of whom dedicated more time and effort than any of us will ever know to restore her to her previous glory. We simply can't thank them enough for volunteering their time to this cause, and the students of the school will enjoy the boat for many years.

While talking about volunteers, I'd like to thank Vic and Kathleen Roberts for the many years they have spent taking reservations for all of our social events. They will be passing on the duties to someone yet to be determined (please feel free to volunteer) starting with the next social, but we certainly appreciate all of their efforts.

A huge thank you to the entire crew of volunteers who put on the July 4th BBQ, which was a great success. While I was unable to attend, I understand the new menu was a big hit and I have been enjoying the leftovers with many of our sailing instructors the past week. It is time to mark your calendars for the next big social event at the Club: The Labor Day Lobster Boil. This is still a ways off and I am not wishing away summer, so I will just mention it and ask that you plan on attending. We still have a lot of sailing to do before Labor Day, so I would remind everyone to please come out to the Club on Wednesday evenings for a wonderful mid-week sailing break. Many of us are racing (it seems like we are getting 30-40 boats regularly!) but you don't have to race to come out for a sail and hang around to socialize at the potluck dinner afterwards.



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July 15-16.....	Kestrel Regatta
July 29.....	Hunter Currin Celebration
Aug 12-13.....	Flying Scot Regatta
Aug 19.....	Summer Regatta
Sep 4.....	Labor Day Lobster Boil

A Reminder

By Mark Welcome

I really wish that we did not need to put this reminder in our newsletter, but here goes. If you did not pay for something, please do not use or take that something. That applies to a wide range of things at the club from a shackle or a pin, to rudders, tiller extensions, dollies and even to the food and drink in the fridge. We have had a number of reports of people helping themselves to food, soda and beer from the fridge on race days as well as random weekends. My experience at the club indicates that we are a sociable group and that there is usually someone around who will be happy to share if you just ask. Please don't assume that someone wants to share, just ask.

We also are getting reports of people finding parts missing on their boats that were there when they left them. While I'm sure we can all relate to the frustration when you set aside time to sail, drive all the way to the club, and start rigging only to find that you forgot something back home, or that you forgot to replace a broken piece over the winter and that your boat cannot be sailed. That does not give you the right to look over your neighbors boat and see if there is something you can "borrow" to save your sailing day. I'm sorry that your planned sail may be ruined, but you must ask to borrow anything or else drive home or to the store to get what you need. It really is a simple rule, and I hope that we never have to publish this reminder again.

Hunter Currin Celebration of Life

We would be honored if you would join us to celebrate our Dad, Hunter Currin, at one of his most cherished places on Earth, the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club on **Saturday, July 29 at 4:00 PM.**

We will have a brief memorial service with a light fare reception immediately following. We hope you can join us!

RSVP to Chad Currin at
518-542-7959 or chad@webv5.com

Warmly, Cailie Currin, Zan Currin, and Chad Currin

Sailing School Update

By Mark Welcome

If you have been around the club during the weekdays, there is no doubt that the sailing school is in full swing. The Club is abuzz with kids running around the lawn or out on the water, and the porch is inevitably piled with their gear. We appreciate the members understanding that we try to keep the children's stuff contained, but it's an uphill battle. As I write this, over 200 people have already been to the Club for sailing lessons this season. This includes the 40+ people so far who have already taken advantage of the Malta Free Sailing Lessons program (6 sessions left to go!) as well as 53 people who came out for the Summer Sailstice event to introduce people to this great sport. We have just over 300 people signed up with the school to take a lesson, so the place will be hopping for at least another month.

Congratulations to our Junior Racers on a successful FJ Horse Race Regatta held last week. We had a group of 8 sailors come down from Malletts Bay Boat Club in Vermont and the kids had a great time. We have quite a few new skippers this year so we teamed them up with experienced crew and had some very good races and a lot of progress. Congrats to our teams:

Kristen Wurth/Corbett Churan (3rd)
Izzy Czajkowski/Helaina Howe (4th)
Luka Newton/Ari Haddad (5th)
Senja Matson/Tia De Wolf
Caroline and Rosie Versaci

We look forward to seeing more of the Juniors out on the course on Wednesdays and Sundays.



Laser Regatta

By Leslie Rafaniello

On Saturday June 10th, eleven Laser sailors gathered at the club for the annual Saratoga Derby laser regatta. Eight club members and three from out of town; the furthest sailor drove from Potsdam. The weather promised a nice day for racing, with winds out of the south at 6 to 8 and mostly sunny. The skippers meeting came and went with the lake as flat as a pancake. Was this to be another tease and switch by the weather that is so typical of lake sailing? Fortunately, an hour later the wind perked up and oscillated between 8 and 1 mph, although somewhat shiftily, the rest of the day.

There were 6 races with one throwout. Peter Bushnell of Cazenovia and Mike Kitner were at the front of the pack and vying for the overall lead, with Mike winning by one point. David Burtis and James Nicol battled for 3rd place, with David edging ahead at the end by one point, thanks in part to a capsized during a roll tack by James just after a superb start. Allan Miller was also in the lead group with a 5th place finish. There were many other close races, leaving only a two point spread between 7th and 9th place.

A special thanks to: Bob Posson for working all day to cover all the small details, also thanks to the Race Committee of Barbara Prince-Miller, Swannie and Lillian, George McNally, John Kimball, Jerry Zell, and Shawn DuBois, Paul Waterfield our photographer, Susan Kohler, Maggie Lock and Leslie Warner-Rafaniello for supplying all the great food and drink, and to Mark Holtzman, Ron and Jacoba Taylor for helping to launch and retrieve boats!

The race results:

1 st Mike Kitner	1 2 2 2 1 5	8
2 nd Peter Bushnell	2 1 4 1 3 2	9
3 rd David Burtis	5 3 3 3 5 1	15
4 th James Nicol	3 5 1 4 4 4	16
5 th Allan Miller	4 6 5 6 2 3	20
6 th Brad Dunn	7 4 8 5 6 12	30
7 th Tom French	11 7 7 9 7 8	38
8 th Bill Hamilton	6 8 6 8 12 12	40
9 th James Symon	10 9 9 7 9 6	40
10 th Marek Czajkowski	8 11 11 11 8 7	45
11 th Nick Behuniak	9 10 10 10 12 12	51



Grounds Report

By George McNally, Flag Lt Grounds

Members all, June is behind us and hopefully, the above average rainfall. A quick check of available records revealed that the month of June in the Saratoga County area receives 4.3 inches of rain on average a year. This year 6.4 inches of rain fell and that didn't even include the full month as the data for the last few days had not updated yet. It sure seemed like more than that to me.

The membership has expressed concern regarding ticks at the club. Fortunately there are steps that can be taken to minimize your risk of exposure. Vice Commodore Anthony Cannone has shared this information from NYS so please use this link to review this valuable information and be better prepared <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/Lyme/>

In addition to the educational information, the club has contacted a pest control service to advise us how best to manage our grounds to control or limit tick exposure. The problem seems to have a three part solution. Education, preparation, and treatment of area where people will congregate.

The club is continuing to work on the tree problems at the club. The club has scheduled more trees for removal per our arborist recommendations. Trees numbered 75, 100, 105, 155, 200 are scheduled to be taken down the second week of August. The tree removal process will require the boat park and the road from the meadow from the boat park to be closed to all members. To review the arborist report or to view the tree map see the documents section on the club website. This closure is necessary and due to the tree work being performed and is expected to take two days. An Email will be sent out as a reminder with the exact dates of closure.

July starts boat park enforcement. Please review the boat park policy located on the web site under member manual. The boat park assignments are posted on the bulletin board on the club porch, posted in the racing shed and is also on the club web site in the documents folder.

Members who keep board boats, canoes and kayaks on the lawn and rack area, it has been brought to my attention that there are numerous board boats, canoes and kayaks in storage that need immediate attention. Said boats are in disrepair with flat tires, full of water, have tarps half on and off. This makes the caretaker's job very difficult and prevents her from maintaining the grounds properly. Members should familiarize themselves with the boat park policy which can be found in the clubs "Member Manual" located on the Club web site. Board boats can be stored in the space under the racks. Canoes and kayaks should be stored on the racks above the ground. Boats left in disrepair and or blocking will be moved to the meadow out of the way. Members with boats in this area please check them and take care of any issues. Thank you for your attention.

Looking forward to seeing you at the club.

Beyond the Cove:

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

Performance Race Week

By Larry King

What were you doing in last week of April? I hope you were sailing. JT Fahy, Archie Quarrier, Charles Wait (President Adirondack Trust, but so far not coaxed into joining SLSC) and I went to the Performance Race Week, run by the Olympic Sailor Steve Colgate and his Offshore Sailing School. Each year this event is held in Captiva, Florida. 40 students attend, and we all trained and raced 10 Colgate 26's in crews of four. Our foursome was assigned a coach, Nick Turney, a World Champion on the J24, former North Sails sailmaker, and current coach on many professional sailing teams. He was terrific, sharing many tips and suggestions that helped each of us. These tips included controlling other boats, race starts, focusing on boat speed above all else, except of course keeping the boat chatter only productive when in the boat. Each boat had a private coach. We felt lucky to have Nick.

We were on the water twice each day with Nick, and after each sail we reviewed video clips of the performance with Bill Gladstone, author of many sailing instruction books and chief instructor at "North Sails University." The final day, April 29th, the school held an eight-race regatta with no coaches on board. There were many excellent sailors who were tough competition, but we fought to make our home team look good against those from the Great Lakes, Nantucket, NY Harbor and Florida. We took five first places of the eight races. Still, we left a few points on the water; 3 other scores of 4, 7, 8 pulled our overall finish to 2nd place.

Each of us will agree that it was a wonderful week, full of learning tactics, rules and sail trim. The difference in our performance from Monday to Saturday was rather breath taking; we simply were not the same team when we left, nor the same sailors, than when we had arrived. I won't forget sailing in Captiva with JT, Archie and Charles.

Ask any of us about the experience. We are happy to share, and I have some books and CD's if you'd like see some of the material.

See you on the water :-)

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

July 4th BBQ



July 4th Boat Parade



On the Block

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

- 1974 Flying Scot.....\$4,100
- Neptune 14.....\$1,000
- 1989 Hobie 17.....\$1,100
- Laser w/Dolly.....\$2,300 or b.o.
- 1986 14' Hobie Holder.....\$1,000
- Balco Trailer.....\$500
- Dink, 8' Sailing Dinghy.....\$1,800

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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