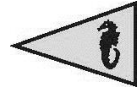
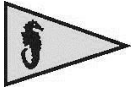


Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

By Mark Welcome

It's a wonderful time of the year when there is constant activity at the Club and always someone around to talk sailing with. I always find it hard to write these columns in the middle of sailing season, as there is simply so much going on at the Club that it is hard to focus on just a couple of things.

That said, here are a few highlights for me at this time of year:

The Sailing School is nearing the end of our season which is both sad but, also a little bit of a relief as it is a large undertaking for the Club every year. John Power and the whole team of instructors have had a great season so far and we are getting positive feedback from many parents and participants. Most gratifying of all is the number of people from the school who get hooked on sailing and pursue membership with the Club. We always hope to see many of this year's students at next year's New Member reception.

The STRIDE program has just started their annual program on Monday evenings. For those of you unfamiliar with the program, The STRIDE program is designed "to educate and empower individuals with special needs in life-changing sport and recreation programs to sustain healthy, active and fun lifestyles." Led by Skip Parry and supported by many members of our Ensign Fleet, they have been running a sailing program at the club for many years to get people out on the water and enjoying sailing. This is a wonderful program and it is great to see support for it among our membership.

As I look towards the end of the summer, I realize that the Labor Day Lobster Boil is just around the corner. Please see the notice elsewhere in this Telltale for details on RSVP'ing to this always popular social. Also please plan on sailing in this year's Summer Regatta on August 19th. Please invite your friends from off Lake as well to come out and enjoy some time at our Club. Details are in another part of this Telltale.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

LABOR DAY LOBSTER BOIL

Monday, September 4, 2017

Lobster Dinner \$23
Steak Dinner \$20
Surf and Turf \$28
Kids 12 and younger
(hot dogs and burgers) \$7

Soft drinks, Beer and Wine

Everyone is asked to bring a **READY TO SERVE** appetizer or dessert to share. Please indicate which you will bring when you make your reservation.

Members with last names M-Z please sign up to help **SET UP OR CLEAN UP**.

Email reservations preferred:
SLSCreservations@gmail.com

OR

call Janet Hamilton 518 877 5203

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
FRIDAY, SEPT. 1st**

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Sep 9.....	Ensign Regatta

SUMMER REGATTA 2017 AUGUST 19

Come out on Saturday, August 19 for a day of racing, food and fun. Skippers Meeting will be at 9:00. Please bring a lunch, a dinner entrée for yourself, and a dish to share. There are large grills and the kitchen is available to all.

This event is free to club members and \$25 for all others. Invite your racing friends from other clubs to join us for some fun.

SLSC will provide juice, coffee, bagels, and donuts for breakfast; soda, wine and beer for post-racing. Please be sure to bring refillable water bottles as the club does not provide single-use bottles. There is a water cooler on the porch and one in the kitchen.

Three boats make a fleet and will be scored as such. Boats with less than 3 will be scored in the Open Class.

Ann and Peter Seidman are with Barbara and me on the RC. We need some help both on and off the water. Please contact us to help.

Please let us know if you plan to sail so we can provide enough food and drinks, even if your plans are tentative.

B & A

Reply to Barbara:
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or 518-577-0998.

Strategic and Tactical Racing Week August 14 – 18, Evenings

We are getting good participation for our Race training week, but definitely can support more. Whether you have never raced before or consider yourself experienced, you will benefit from attending even one evening session.

The training will consist of on-land discussion followed by on-the-water practice and then a debrief. The tentative sessions will be Starts, Mark Roundings, Windward legs, and Downwind legs. Wednesday evening will be race night with all who want participating in the scheduled club race, but each team will have an assignment regarding the race.

Please come join Scott Meyer (top SLSC finisher at the recent Thistle Nationals) and me for a fun week of learning to race better.

Allan

Sign up on the Sailing School Website:
<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/SaratogaLakeSailingClub#/selectSessions/1724901>

Grounds Report

By George McNally, Flag Lt Grounds

Members, we have crossed the threshold of August but there is still plenty of boating season left to be enjoyed. The dog days of summer with high temperatures, humidity and pressure systems may be here now, but the back-to-school ads are here as well, so get out and enjoy your club while the season is ripe.

The boat registration sticker enforcement is ongoing with a good response, and most of the previously unclaimed registrations have been taken care of. There are still a few left on the table in the clubhouse. If you haven't taken care of yours yet please do so as soon as you can.

Recently there was a work party to maintain the meadow boat storage area. The meadow was cleaned up with mowing and reorganizing of boats and trailers stored there. It's surprising how much bigger it is after a little organization. I would like to thank members Bob Krull, Chris Schmitt, Andrew Murmansk, Ethan Murmansk, A Miller, Russ Otto, David Wardell, Bob Posson, Steve Healy, Anne Williams, Chris Smith, Tony Massa, John Kimball, Craig Petrekis, Paul Amedeo, and C Batzinger.

The scheduled tree removal has been moved back a week so as not to interfere with club activities. The tree work is now scheduled for August 21, 22 and will require closing the boat park and meadow. Please check your schedule if you plan to access your boat then as you will have to adjust around this.

The club membership is currently full and at maximum capacity. This is good news but with so many members using the club, it will surely help if everyone is familiar with the club rules and regulations which can be found on the club website. Please pay particular attention to the boat park policy therein.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the club.

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.
Balco Trailer.....	\$500
Dink, 8' Sailing Dinghy.....	\$1,800

Y Flyer Fleet 63 2017 Results

By John Smith, Fleet Captain

Saratoga Lake's Y Flyers held their annual "Thoroughbred Regatta" on July 8th and 9th. On the first day, conditions were variable, to say the least, with winds from 2 to 15 knots, and 2 races abandoned as we dashed to shore to avoid thunder showers. Despite that, we got 4 races finished. Day two was beautiful, and the wind was more dependable, if shifty, and we got in 3 races before we had to clear the lake for the club's weekly Sunday race.

Place	Total	Skipper	Crew	Sail #	Finish								
					1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
1	8	John Smith	--- / Suzanne Huwe	2707	1	1	1	1	2	3	2		
2	11	Jake Greiner	Ben Vonder Reith / Gabe Stinson	2395	3	2	2	3	1	2	1		
3	19	Jake Huwe	Charlotte Osborne	2527	4	3	5	4	3	1	4		
4	20	Pat King	Chris Mann	2584	5	4	3	2	4	4	3		
5	26	Marek Czajkowski	---	2144	2	5	4	5	5	5	5		

One might not think so from the scores, but the racing was very competitive, with several very tight finishes, some high drama on the high seas as some of us reacquainted ourselves with the rules, and everyone managing at least a 2nd place at some point.



John Smith, as expected, took a commanding lead on the first day, and held onto it with newcomer Suzanne Huwe on the second. All the Flyers agreed that we learned a few things, and look forward to the return of the Frasers next year, when we may be able to show "Terrybull" a thing or two.

Beyond the Cove:

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

2017 U.K. Kestrel Nationals

By Mike Kitner

Two Saratoga Lake sailors found themselves in Dundee Scotland recently, competing with sailors from Scotland, England, Wales, and Corfu Greece. Larry King and I had a fabulous time getting acclimated to the River Tay, a tidal estuary off the North Sea. Seven races were sailed over the course of 4 days, in winds that averaged 15-20, sometimes up to 30mph, and sometimes lulls slower than the current. The weather gave us mostly cold, a lot of rain, grey cloudy skies, and a few lovely moments of sunshine often all in the same day. The races were long by our standards, with an interesting mix of both port and starboard rounding courses. Blend in a strong tidal current, a boat that wasn't quite set up as Larry anticipated (that's an understatement), two strong willed very competitive skippers trading off the helm for different races (we have sailed a Kestrel together for less than an hour, ever), against many of our competitors who had developed their crewing and spinnaker skills over years of training together, and you have a sense of the challenge before us.

Our performance was surprisingly competitive for the most part (we were up in the mix with the leaders often) but, between rigging surprises (Race 1 jib head untied itself and slipped down, Race 2 vang (kicker) wasn't holding until we discovered, after a few races, the lines were not thru the fairleads, Race 4 spinnaker halyard at one time was rigged to the boat not the sail, Race 1-7 a spinnaker pole that just didn't want to store neatly, catching jib sheets and creating a skipper hazard, and resisting a smooth setup way too often) and simple flubs (Race 2 inadvertent capsized, Race 4 missed an offset mark and had to go back, Race 6 fouled a start) and just enough hesitation at all the wrong times (Race 7 hoist spinnaker, no, no, hold off, no, hoist, no, hold off, damn!) we failed to demonstrate our true potential. The good news for the others is they didn't have to worry about "the Americans". Overall we finished 11th out of 18 boats, best race was a 5th, captured the highest placed Helm from overseas trophy, and the most improved over the course of the regatta trophy, perpetual trophies, and in race three captured the prize for highest finish by someone who hasn't finished in the prizes yet, a nice touch.

All in all it was an extremely rewarding experience. We were treated like VIP's, provided an apartment with a view of the water minutes from the venue, were fed well, given private tours of some historic sites, castles, museums, drove in a right handed car on the left side of the roads, met the Provost (head of the city council) wearing the second largest emerald in the world and a really heavy gold chain, visited with fabulous people, invited to beautiful homes, did some whiskey tasting, drank like a Scotsmen, and were treated to the most generous hospitality by so many people. One of the Scottish competitors insisted we wear Kilts at the awards dinner, and set us up in Kilts and Sporrans for the evening event. We looked great and were left so grateful for the wonderful time, the fabulous people, and the ridiculous opportunity being Kestrel sailors provided us.

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



Wednesday Night Racing



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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.

SANCTIONED FLEETS

Ensign.....	Tony Cannone 271-0246
Flying Scot.....	Shirley & Paul Waterfield 584-5552
Kestrel.....	Tony Bianchini 583-4514
Laser.....	Leslie Rafaniello 301-4109
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Thistle.....	Jerry Zell 767-9216
Y-Flyer.....	John Smith 786-1340

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