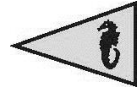
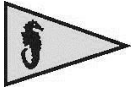


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October, 2017

Commodore's Corner

By Mark Welcome

I'm having trouble writing this column today as it is late September and it is 90 degrees out. I'm supposed to be reminding everyone that the season is almost over and it's time to start planning for the winter. What a strange year it has been....

We do need to start planning for the end of the season, so please put the following dates on your calendar: October 21st is on fall work party. For those of you who are new to the Club, this is when we take in the docks, and generally button everything up. As always please remember that not only is the work party a good time, but it is also part of our obligations as members of a volunteer club. Also please make sure you plan on attending the Sailing Awards dinner on Saturday November 11th.

Now that we have gotten that out of the way, the more important dates for your calendar all involve sailing (or talking about sailing)!

- The Kaydeross series on Sundays is still going strong and does not end until October 8th. Due to the weather, it looks like 4 races will qualify you for the series, so 2 Sundays can do it! Join the 43 skippers who have already qualified for a series

- The Rice series (Just for Fun Racing) does not end until October 4th, so plan on coming out and enjoying the Wednesday evening camaraderie and potluck dinner.

- Once the regular series ends, the kestrel fleet will once again plan on frostbiting on Sundays at 1PM. Boats are available for skippers who want to try out a Kestrel and crew spots are always available. We'll continue sailing until I need to pull my powerboats due to freezing temps. We'll send out more info as we get closer.

- We will resume the Warm Sweet Wednesdays on the first Wednesday of November. Please come on out and eat desserts enjoy a drink and talk about sailing or whatever.

Enjoy this wonderful fall weather and I hope to see you out on the water all fall!

The Club Needs You!

Fall Work Party Sat, Oct. 21

Mark it on your calendar now.
We need your help.
Work parties form from 8:00 to 9:00 am.

If you are working outside, bring gloves,
hammers, crowbars, pliers, rakes,
wetsuits and waders.

According to the SLSC By-Laws,
it's part of your obligation as a member, and yes,
we do take names!

Good work, good fellowship and good food.
We'll see you there!

2017 AWARDS DINNER

November 11, 2017

Longfellows Restaurant

Saratoga Springs, NY

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Oct 14-15.....	Thistle Regatta
Oct 15.....	Frost Biting Begins
Nov 1.....	Warm Sweet Wed Begins
Nov 11.....	Awards Dinner

2017 AWARDS DINNER
November 11, 2017

Longfellows Restaurant
Saratoga Springs, NY

\$40 per person
Cash Bar

6:00 pm Hors D'oeuvres
7:00 pm Dinner Buffet

Garden Salad with Italian Gluten-Free Dressing
Chicken Parmesan with Cavatappi Pasta and Marinara Sauce
Grandma Nettie's Homemade Meatballs
Italian Sausage, Peppers and Onions-Gluten-Free
Penne Alfredo Primavera-Gluten-Free
Chef's Seasonal Fresh Vegetable
Chef's Choice Dessert
Coffee, Tea, Assorted Sodas

8:00 pm Guest Speaker
8:30 pm Awards Presentations

RSVP on or before November 2, 2017

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Grounds Report - September

By George McNally, Flag Lt Grounds

Members all,

It's hard to believe August has slipped away along with Labor Day. This has to get us thinking about how much sailing season remains to be enjoyed. The cooler temperatures and early sunsets are telling me to get out and sail while you can. There are over 40 days until the first fall work party and the docks come in. Thankfully there are still the Kaydeross and Rice series of races to enjoy. Anyone who is new to racing or just wants to race in, shall we say, a less structured environment, should consider doing the Rice series. The Rice series was started by John Smith a couple of years ago for those of us who weren't ready to give up on Wednesday night racing due to earlier sunsets and cooler temperatures. Why not give it a try.

Anyone who has visited the club recently will no doubt notice there is a little more sunlight reaching the ground. The tree service the club uses has recently completed two full days of tree removal as per the arborist's report found on the website; tree #75 upper parking lot, #100 and #105 near the club house overhanging the caretakers cottage, #155 overhanging the laser ramp and tree #205 overhanging the water well shed next to the boat park were taken down. Tree #200 was going to be removed on the original schedule but tree #205 was found to be in worse condition than originally thought so was substituted for #200. Although it's a shame to lose such large mature trees, we must remember that they were examined by an arborist and were found to be in poor condition and unstable. All of these trees were a danger to life and property if allowed to remain.

This is a good time to segue into our in-house would-be, wanna-be lumber Jacks and Jills. There is still some work to be done this fall for those with some tree felling skills. There are a number of trees which can be safely handled by ourselves. These are located along the entrance road and along the boat park road. I am asking anyone with experience with a chainsaw or can assist those who have experience, to please email me so we can set up a schedule.

I have recently received a few compliments on how well the grounds look. I appreciate hearing this of course but let me say that this is due to the steady efforts of our caretaker, Kathy Johnston - thanks Kathy.

Grounds Report - October

By George McNally, Flag Lt Grounds

Members all,

It feels like August outside as I write this for the October Telltale. The weather service is reporting the latest heat wave on record as we break temperature records (date, season) that have held for decades. There are 23 days remaining until the first club work party which is scheduled for October 21. Your participation in the work parties is not only appreciated but is expected per the constitution and bylaws of the SLSC. Please reserve this date as there is much to do to get the club ready for the long winter. Members with outdoor tools or equipment are asked to bring them. Leaf blowers, rakes, work gloves etc.

The Commodore has asked me to do a reconciliation of boats on property and boat registration stickers. There are still registration stickers on the table. Please take care of this if you haven't done so already. If you are not familiar with the boat registration policy please familiarize yourself with the boat park policy located on the club website located under the member manual. I have been dragging my feet on this since June, when enforcement normally begins, due to the stickers getting out later than usual. However, complaints of unregistered boats or not bearing up-to-date registrations can't be ignored. Boats not bearing registration stickers are supposed to be moved to the meadow. Please address this if you have not done so. If anyone needs assistance complying with this club mandated policy, please contact me and I will assist in any way I can.

If anyone has used the boat crane this year, you probably noticed the difficulty moving your boat to and from it due to the loose stone condition there. This came about a couple years ago from an attempt to improve the boat park. Since then attempts have been made to "fix the fix", but none have worked out as planned. Past Commodore and current Rear Commodore Dave Hudson has come up with a sure fire fix for this situation. The material there will be removed and reused elsewhere and the area will receive fresh material next year. This should take care of this annoying problem and improve the boat park, making it easier to maneuver the trailers near the crane.

Last month's Telltale article included a piece about the club lumberjacks. These hard working volunteers have done a lot this year and I hate to go to the well again so soon, but the club needs you. If anyone can spend a little time on this ongoing project please email me so we can form a work party or two to take care of some "leaners" along the entry road, boat park and meadow. The sooner the better, as boats are already being pulled and stored which will limit what we can safely do.

As always if anyone sees a situation which grounds should be aware of please let me know so it can be looked and remedied.

Flying Scot Regatta

By Samantha Butler

We had Wind!

The Flying Scot regatta took place August 12th and 13th with 17 boats in the Championship Division and 9 in the Challenger Division and enough wind to get in 4 races on Saturday. Sunday's squirrely wind meant 2 races for the Champion division but only one for the Challenger as the race committee had to reset the course after a 180-degree wind shift between starts.

Saratoga Lake sailors swept the weekend. Mark Swanson and Scott Meyer won the Championship division and Samantha Butler and Portia Phillips Studenroth won the Challenger division. Our juniors made a great showing with Tim Hayes and Senya Matson second in Challenger and Brett Howe and Ari Hadhan taking 4th.

The results counted towards the NY Lakes District championship and SLSC sailors took the top 5 spots! Mark Swanson with Scott Meyer was first, followed by Bernie Zabek / Dan Hess, Paul Waterfield / Allan Miller, Peter & Ann Seidman and Greg Northrop / Steve Northrop.

Great food and better company made for another memorable regatta on the books.

Sailing with your sailmaker has its perks. Not only did Ryan Malgram of Mad Sails come in third in the Champion division, he found time to do some on the spot sail repair.



2017 Ensign Regatta

By Tony Cannone, Fleet Captain

September 9th, 2017 the annual Ensign Fleet 72 Regatta had 8 boats enter the one-day regatta. With crew and Race Committee there were over 35 participants ready to sail!

The wind cooperated enough for the RC to get the course set up and competitors to get onto the lake and then completely dropped to a 2 knot "breeze". It's a funny thing that when the lake is completely flat, because there are no power boats on the lake, a 2 knot breeze moves the boat along fairly well. While we sailed around the RC boat waiting for the breeze to pick up, we made the decision to sail the I-1 course that they had set up for us. We managed a slow but deliberate sail around the course with Team Blackie (557) with the Auciello's and John Power coming in 1st, Team Cannone/Barker (530) with Bob Fornasiero and Laura Rappaport taking 2nd and Team Fowler (114) taking the 3rd spot.

We came in for lunch (Under Aux Power) and a 4-5 knot breeze came up so we went back out for more fun and the RC set an I-2 (wishful thinking!). However the breeze again dropped to an abysmal 1 knot so again we managed to drift around the course and the RC shortened the course to finish at the windward mark. When it looked like Team Blackie (557) had a lead at the leeward mark, with team Cannone/Barker literally inches off their stern, Team Blackie stayed on port to a wisp of air and Team Cannone/Barker tacked away to get clear. Unfortunately (for team Blackie) the air filled in from the west and lo and behold, Team Cannone/Barker marched on to the finish line matching tacks with Team McCarthy (174) and managed a 1st place finish while Team McCarthy took 2nd and again Team Fowler took 3rd.

By the time the lake filled it completely and everyone managed to finish, it was well after 4pm and everyone had enough so we went in for cocktails and dinner. In the end Team Cannone/Barker came away with the 1st overall, Team Fowler taking the 2nd place and a tie for 3rd between team McCarthy and Team Blackie was given to Team McCarthy. Interestingly enough there was a 3 way tie for the 4th spot! That's why I don't like even-numbered races in a regatta!

Thanks to the RC of Bill & Yvonne Barringer, Al & MJ Tedrow, John Kimbal , John Smith and Jim Benson for running two light air races.



Beyond the Cove:

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

This month we are looking beyond the cove in a slightly different way.

The Volvo Ocean Race is a one-design around the world race. To quote their website “the race sits, just as it always has, at the intersection of human adventure, and world-class competition. It takes place every other year and starts October 22 in Alicante, Spain.

As they round the globe, the on-board reporting and photography is riveting. Last year a boat ran aground and had to abandon ship in the middle of the night. There was an all-women’s team that caught the imagination of a new generation of female sailors. The racing is so tight that at times the finishes are within minutes after two weeks of racing. You can follow the race on-line and on Face book.

You can also sign up for Virtual Regatta and try your own hand at the race from your phone. Throughout the race, the teams stop at various ports and have in-port races. The US stop is in Newport on May 19, 2018. They put on a great village at Fort Adams and the race is so close to shore you can see all the action. I attended last time and it was a fantastic event.

If there is enough interest, I thought it would be fun to put together a bus trip to Newport for the in-port race in May. Check out the race, let me know what you think, and if there is enough interest we will make it a road trip! All the fun without trying to find parking in Newport.

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

On the Block

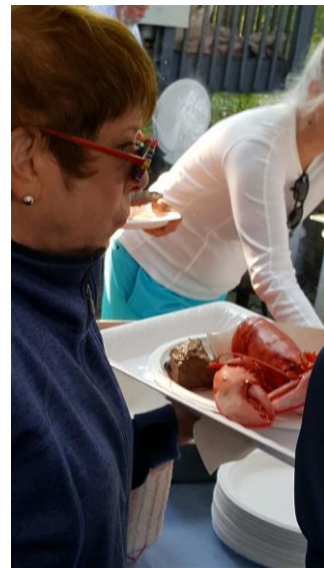
Please visit our website to view details of the following boats for sale.

- Neptune 14.....\$1,000
- 1989 Hobie 17.....\$1,100
- Dink, 8’ Sailing Dinghy.....\$1,800

Labor Day Lobster Boil



Labor Day Lobster Boil



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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