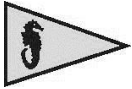


Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

By Tony Cannone

Happy 2018, As time marches on and interests change it seems the club, after 60 years, will be around for a while longer. The Annual meeting held on December 3rd, 2017 was well attended where we heard the officer's reports for 2017 and plans for 2018, the report will be available on the club website for those not able to attend. The new year brings the opportunity to reflect on the past and look forward to the future. In the past 25 years I've been a member of the club I've seen many changes but one thing seems to always stay the same- volunteerism. At every corner of the club, our member volunteers step up to the challenge of making Saratoga Lake Sailing Club the best it can be.

I feel honored to be taking the helm of the club at a time of growth and opportunity. Our current strong health is by no accident due to the efforts of those that have come before me. I will make every effort to keep the traditions and position us for the future.

I would like to first thank those rotating off the board: Mark Welcome for his steadfast pursuit of moving the club, school and new foundation forward while preserving the traditions and culture of the organization. We need to have more members working with Mark to learn and help evolve the club. Mark indicates he's looking forward to "just" keeping the school going and growing as his primary efforts at the club.

Mike Kitner for his efforts in keeping the club records and offering his talents in architecture for preserving the club infrastructure. His passion for the club and the sport of sailing is evident in everything he does for the club.

Sue Kohler for her efforts in keeping our gem of a club house going and thriving. The challenges of keeping a 100-year-old house that 180 families live in is no small task! Her efforts in preserving one of our most precious assets will be felt for many years to come.

I am pleased to welcome new board members John Smith, Paul Steve and Tony & Laura Massa. John is returning to the board as Vice Commodore after a short break from serving as Flag Lt. Grounds. I'm looking forward to having John on our team to assist with the Storage Barn project and many other areas.

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Annual Budget Meeting Followed By Bylaws Discussion/Vote and Sailing Video Sunday, February 18th, 5 pm at The SLSC Clubhouse

Please come to the Budget Meeting. After we act on the budget, Tony will lead us into a final discussion and vote on the bylaws change. Allan and Barbara will then follow with "Around Cape Horn", unique footage shot by Capt. Irving Johnson. A very short film - spectacular and exciting. The author's journey from a dry-lander to filming the actual journey around the Cape during a tremendous storm is beyond a miracle.

Please plan on staying for delicious chili and cornbread!

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Commodore's Corner (Continued)

Paul is coming aboard as Flag Lt. House with many house projects already under his belt. Tony and Laura Massa are coming aboard as Secretary with the experience as the website administrators for the last several years.

I am looking forward to continue working with our returning board members; Dave Hudson (Rear Commodore), Andrew Murnan (Treasurer), George McNally (Flag Lt. Grounds), Scott Meyer (Flag Lt. Boats), Barbara & Allan Miller (Flag Lt. Race), Ann Seidman (Membership Chair), Samantha Butler (Publicity Chair), Mark Welcome (Sailing School Programs) and Margaret Shirk (Social Chair).

The first order of business for 2018 is the budget meeting planned for Sunday February 18th at 5pm. Andrew will be presenting the 2018 budget followed by a discussion and vote on the proposed bylaws revision Mark presented at the Annual Meeting last month. After all that business Barbara and Allan will entertain us with a viewing of a special sailing video and Margaret will feed us with delicious chili and cornbread.

Grounds Report

By George McNally, Flag Lt Grounds

Members all,

Our wonderful editor of the telltale, Fred Barker, informed me my contribution to the January telltale had to be in by the 23rd of December, so I am jotting this down between my favorite black and white Christmas movies and sipping eggnog.

This is a slow time for grounds as for the most part no one is there to use the club. There is however planning and preparation for next year and this has already begun. The Commodore-elect Tony Cannone and our Treasurer Andrew Murnan, have wisely been after me to get things ready for the upcoming year at the club. Equipment needs to be repaired and maintained. Plans for improvement and/or maintenance of the meadow storage area, the boat park and access road, the club road, and trees that need to be taken down have to be considered and a budget made up. Fortunately the membership's participation and assistance with the numerous grounds projects seems to get things done.

Recently I came across an interesting video on YouTube. It was created by our own Piotr Czajkowski of the SLSC. It is seasonal and entertaining and makes me want to try ice boating. Hope you enjoy. <https://youtu.be/e04031gciZ4>

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

On the Block

Please visit our website to view more details and/or pictures of the following boats for sale.

Neptune 14.....\$1,000

A centerboard dingy. Includes a trailer, cover and one set of sails.

Contact Liz or Jon Hedman at [518 399-7849](tel:5183997849) (H), [518 369-7162](tel:5183697162)(Jon's cell) or [518 369-7849](tel:5183697849) (Liz's cell).
Email:jhedman@nycap.rr.com

1989 Hobie 17.....\$1,100

Trailer included. In good shape. No soft spots. Ready to sail but tramp needs to be replaced. Fast,fun and stable.

Contact: Jerome 518 387 9325

Dink, 8ft Sailing Dinghy.....\$1,800

Excellent condition, used twice in 3 years. Boat is at Galway Lake. Good safe sailing for 2 people.

Contact Arlen Westbrook at mc1947sf@aol.com.

Sailing School Report

By Mark Welcome

We are happy to announce that the 2018 Sailing Season schedule has been completed and registrations are now open. You may click on "Sailing Instruction" on our website to view offerings and get signed up. A few highlights for the upcoming year:

New Family Sailing Classes

New for this year, we are going to offer evening classes specifically for families who would like to learn to sail together. Each family will be on their own boat with an instructor. This idea came out of some of our free sailing sessions over the past several years when we saw how many families came out together to experience sailing for the first time. Our hope is that it will be very popular and will become a staple of our summer schedule.

Possible New Fleet of junior boats

For those of you who were at the annual meeting, you heard the proposed plans for a new fleet of Hartley 12.2s and a single RS Quest for our junior sailing programs. For those of you who were unable to make the annual meeting, please visit the web site to view a copy of the annual report and you will find all the details in there. We are working hard to minimize the financial impact on the Club budget and are appreciative of the Saratoga Lake Sailing Foundation for the commitment of a minimum of \$20,000 towards this proposed purchase. You will see an update from the Foundation elsewhere in this Telltale talking about the ongoing fundraising efforts. This initiative will be discussed in more detail at the upcoming budget meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Mark Welcome.

Malta Free Sailing Classes to continue

Once again this year we are very thankful to the GlobalFoundries Town of Malta Foundation for supporting the Free Malta Sailing classes with a grant. This program allows us to offer free Invitation to Sail lessons to any resident of the Town of Malta. We'll be publishing the schedule soon. We appreciate all the support that the Foundation has given us over the last couple of years. This program has resulted in hundreds of residents being introduced to sailing.

You may purchase gift certificates online

Simply go to the registration page and you will see gift certificates listed as an option. We have them in \$50 increments or in the amount of each session that we offer. If you don't see what you are looking for, please just let us know. Once we see the registration come in, Mary Kate will arrange to get the certificate to you.

We look forward to sailing with you and your kids in 2018. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at info@saratogasailingschool.org

Saratoga Lake Sailing Foundation

By Mark Welcome, Greg Tkal, Peter Hudson

As we conclude our second year of operations for the Saratoga Lake Sailing Foundation, we are pleased to report that the year was successful and that the Foundation is slowly but steadily growing. We feel that we have made very good progress at fulfilling our mission to "support and promote organizations and activities that educate amateur youth and adults in the sport of sailing and to develop, promote and advance the sports of recreational and competitive sailing in and around the Saratoga Lake New York region."

We continue to be thankful for the fantastic support from the members of the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club (SLSC) and the Global Foundries Town of Malta Foundation. The SLSC membership has been extremely generous from both a financial and volunteerism standpoint. The Town of Malta Foundation continues to generously support our Free Malta Sailing program. Highlights of our year include:

- Malta Free Sailing Days - This program introduced 118 people to the sport of sailing at no cost to them.
- Sailboat Donation Program - The Foundation accepted an addition 9 boats in 2017. Some will be cleaned up and made available to the sailing school for use in programs while others will be resold to raise funds
- Positive Financial Growth – as we head into 2018, the Foundation has approximately \$22,000 In the bank to be used to support local sailing efforts

We have a very ambitious plan for 2018, as there are a number of projects that the Foundation would like to support. Highlights include:

- The Foundation has committed a minimum of \$20,000 to support the Sailing Schools proposed purchase of a new fleet of Junior Learn to Sail boats. As we would like to help support this project as much as possible, the Foundation will start a fundraising campaign that will include not only SLSC members, but our entire database of past and current school families.
- Identify additional grants that may be available to the Foundation. As part of this, effort we will also need to identify people with the skill sets for grant writing and procurement to assist us.
- We will conduct a formal year-long campaign intended to both educate people as to what the Foundation is, what we do and to solicit donations to support our efforts. We have just launched a web site (<http://www.sailsaratogafoundation.org/>) as well as a Facebook page and hope to be accepting online donations shortly.
- We will be improving and refining our process for soliciting and accepting boat donations. While there is no shortage of people looking to donate old boats, we need to improve the process of evaluating boats so that the Foundation accepts only boats that can either be donated to the Sailing School or local fleets for use or easily re-sold.
- We plan to prep our current inventory of donated boats that are not being used by fleets or the Sailing School for re-sale this spring.
- We will be funding the booth at the Adirondack Outdoor Expo in March 2018 to promote local sailing opportunities.

Please look out for e-mails in the coming week with more detail on how you can help the Foundation help local sailing. We appreciate your continued support.

Bylaws Revision Vote

By Tony Cannone

We will have a brief discussion and vote on the bylaws revision that was presented at the Annual meeting will be held at the Budget Meeting to be held at the Club on February 18th at 5pm.

The current language being looked at is:

Resignation - *If at any time a member wishes to resign from the Club, he or she shall give written notice to the Executive Committee.*

1. *There shall be no refund of dues.*
2. *All monies owed the Club in the form of either dues or services shall be payable immediately.*
3. *Equity Bonds will be returned upon request within 2 years of resignation from the Club.*

The proposed revised language is:

Resignation - *If at any time a member wishes to resign from the Club, he or she shall give written notice to the Executive Committee.*

1. *There shall be no refund of dues.*
2. *All monies owed the Club in the form of either dues or services shall be payable immediately.*
3. *Equity Bonds will be returned upon **specific written** request within 2 years of resignation from the Club.*
4. ***Members of the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club, Inc. (SLSC) agree that upon separation from SLSC, they shall remove all items of personal property, including but not limited to all boats, vessels, sails and equipment that Members own or any property that Members caused to be placed upon SLSC premises, from all SLSC premises, within 30 days of such separation date.***

In the event item(s) of personal property are left by Members after thirty days, Members agree that SLSC and/or its successors and assigns may dispose of any personal property remaining on any SLSC premises in any manner that SLSC sees fit, including destruction, sale, or other remedy. In the event that any Member's property is so disposed of, Member waives any monetary reimbursement whatsoever for such disposal, sale, retention or other remedy and understands that Member may be liable to reimburse SLSC for the reasonable costs of such disposal, sale, retention or other remedy.

This Personal Property Release shall be enforceable by SLSC and its successors and assigns. Member hereby releases and holds harmless SLSC and its members, representatives, agents, attorneys, Officers, Directors, employees, successors and assigns from any claim or liability, loss, cost, or expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, for any and all personal property left on the Property after the separation date.

Members hereby waive any rights they may have pursuant to the New York Abandoned Property Law, the Navigation Law, and all other applicable laws and rules. This release does not automatically create a vesting in ownership or title to any property, but merely creates an election of remedies on the part of SLSC.

This change would enable the club to legally deal with abandoned property on the club grounds as we see fit and in the best interests of the members. Please plan on attending the Budget Meeting on February 18th in order to vote and to enjoy a short sailing video. If you are unable to attend, please arrange to give your proxy to another member.

Awards Dinner



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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.....	Vic Roberts 399-4410
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Kestrel.....	Tony Bianchini 583-4514
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MC Scow.....	Andrew Murnan 420-5368
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