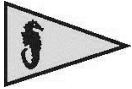


Tell tale

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Commodore's Corner

By Tony Cannone

As 2018 gets in to full swing some are enjoying the winter weather while others loath it. Whichever camp you're in one thing is for sure, planning for the upcoming sailing season and the future of the club are in full swing. Budgets, meetings, calendars, seminars, social events, regatta's, new buildings, new boats, equipment maintenance, club boats, school boats, taxes, insurance... the list goes on with things that need to be planned this time of year. 2018 is shaping up to be a busy year at the club and I am very excited to be a part of it.

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. 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.

The season will continue to wind up on March 10th, when we will celebrate the upcoming season with the Commodore's Party to be held at Longfellow's Restaurant in Saratoga. Details to follow but please mark your calendars for an event that is sure to set the tone for a fun sailing season! On March 17 & 18 the club will again take part in the Adirondack Sports Summer Expo.

April 14th the Race Committee is planning a Race Management Seminar to be conducted by US Sailing. This is an important step in bringing the clubs race management to the next level. Allan and Barbara Miller will be reaching out to fleets for participants who will commit to help run club regattas. April 22nd a meeting for fleet captains regarding the planned sailing season will be held by the Race Committee.

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Annual Budget Meeting

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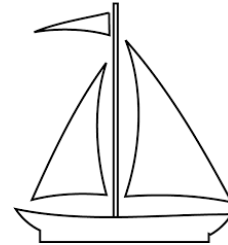
Bylaws Discussion/Vote and

Sailing Video

Sunday, February 18th, 5 pm

The SLSC Clubhouse

Chili and cornbread dinner to follow!



Commodore's Party

March 10th from 5:30pm – 10:30pm

Long Fellows Restaurant

Come and join fellow club members in celebrating the start of the 2018 sailing season.

Cocktail Party, Commodore's Award Presentation and Music with Dancing.

Invitations with all details to follow.

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Upcoming Events

Feb 10.....	Ensign Fleet No Gotta Regatta @ Club House
Feb 18.....	Annual Budget Mtg
Mar 10.....	Commodore's Party
Apr 14.....	Race Management Seminar
Feb 7.....	Sweet, Warm Wednesday

Commodore's Corner (Continued)

May will see the season kick off with the Spring Work Party on the 5th. The club racing series starts with a Mother's Day practice race, Zephyr and Manning series and finally the Memorial Day Champagne Brunch.

June, the regatta season starts with the Thistle, MC Scow Horse Race, and Y-Flyer National Regatta's. These regattas will be sure to bring tough sailing competition to SLSC.

The summer sailing season at the club will continue with the Independence Day BBQ followed by the club regatta on July 8th. Barb and Allan are planning a fun filled regatta that will be a highlight for the club racing program. The Robinson series kicks off and The Kestrel Regatta is planned for July 21st and 22nd.

August will be highlighted by the 32nd Flying Scot fleet 161 Invitational Regatta. The club racing program will be heating up with sailors attempting to secure their place in the club championship series.

September, the last sailing season social event, Labor Day Lobster Boil, is always a member favorite. The Regatta season continues with the Ensign and MC Scow Adirondack Regattas. Club sailing also continues with the start of the Kaydeross and All-For-Fun Rice Series.

October, the sailing seasons winds down with lots of sailing, The Sunday Kaydeross series and Rice series see their last races. The Thistle Fleet Regatta goes off with hats and gloves. Finally, the Docks Out Fall Work Party and the start of Frost Biting Series.

November, we give thanks at the annual Awards Dinner and the final club event of 2018 will be the Annual Meeting on December 2nd.

So, while you're enjoying the winter weather, or not, we will all be making plans for a busy & exciting sailing season - make sure you are a part of it!

Grounds Report

By George McNally, Flag Lt Grounds

Members All,

Our wonderful editor of the Telltale, Fred Barker, informed me my contribution for February was due the 23rd. I hadn't prepared anything due to the government shutdown but then at the eleventh hour, the government reopened so I went back to work.

This has been a humdinger of a winter hasn't it? The other day I was at the club to clear some snow from one of my pet boats and it was 60 degrees. The week before it felt like 60 below. I'm hoping for a mild rest of winter.

The club membership roster remains full and there is a waiting list of applicants to fill any vacancies that occur. This is good news for our club and sailing in general, but makes for close quarters in the boat park. Please get your renewal requests in early so we can begin the boat park assignments. In general, you will in all likelihood have the spot you had last year unless we can accommodate an improvement due to an unexpected opening. Persons with more than one boat park spot may be asked to choose which one to keep as it may become necessary to limit the members with multiple spots until all members have one spot for parking. This may or may not become necessary as we all fit last year and creating a few more spots may be possible. I am encouraging anyone with a catamaran in the boat park to please consider using a water rack. Catamarans are wide and take up a lot of real estate. This one practice could solve the parking issue with room to spare. A second option may be to ask United Airlines to book our boat park for us. Somehow they overbook all the time and it almost always works out. Scratch that idea - I was just thinking out loud.

I think it's a little early to start the "docks in countdown" this month, but I'll be thinking about it anyway.

David Hidingier

We met Dave and the Hidingier family at SLSC. They were well established members and very much involved with the success of the club. This history may not be totally accurate here but my recollections are that Dave and Jan sailed an International 14 for a time but when the club made the transition to Manning Cove, they moved to a Kestrel. I got more familiar with his expertise sailing against him in Lasers and he was clearly one of the best in the club. I believe Jan had a Laser also and was one of the first women in the club to sail singlehanded.

Dave's talents and knowledge extended to his service as a club officer and eventually Commodore in 1975. He was part of the transition team that moved the club from Kaydeross Park to our present location. The club records show he was Rear Commodore in 1973, the first year at Manning Cove. At that time the property suffered from many years of deferred maintenance. The road was barely one car wide, with many overhanging branches. The waterfront was so overgrown with trees and bushes that it was difficult to see the lake from the lower lawn. Dave was in charge of clearing this jungle, the first step to the wider road and lake views that we have now. He was Vice Commodore in 1974. In 1975 he was the third Commodore at the new location. As was the case with all our leadership during that building period, he led us through the challenges well.

Dave's support and help got me interested in serving the club also. Sometime in that period, Dave wrote an article he called the Winds of Saratoga. It was the product of his astute observations and analysis of the wind characteristics on the lake. That article was a great help to learning the lake for racing and it was a source of review each year before the racing season to get ready to race against and with him. This is where the memories get a little less clear but our families both skied also. I think Dave and the family were also among the people that introduced us to Hickory Ski Center. This was a place that always seemed like the winter residence of many club members and had that same kind of feel where the contributions of all the members like Dave made it run successfully. Our final commonality was that we both worked for Knoll Atomic Power Laboratory and while we had many good conversations about the place, nothing can be repeated here because it was all classified.

Dave and the family are among the longest member families in our club. The character of our organization today is in part a result of the contributions he made to it.

Allan Miller and John Hudson

Race Management Seminar at SLSC

The one day Race Management Seminar is a classroom-based course to help everyone on our Race Committee team run better races.

The course will help us learn to select courses, set starting and finish lines, and handle all kinds of situations that can occur during races.

This will elevate the quality of all the races we run including our regular series races and the regattas we have during the season.

The course will not only help you to run races but will help your understanding of the entire race process and that will help your own racing as well.

Saturday April 14, 8:30 to 5 PM, at SLSC

Please bring your lunch and beverage.
The club will provide a light breakfast and snacks after the seminar.

Seminar fee is \$30 (You must be a US Sailing member to attend. There is a \$10 new member discount if you join US Sailing as part of registering for the seminar).

Register at the US Sailing website:
<http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/find-a-seminar/race-officer-seminar-calendar/>

If you have questions please contact
Allan at 518-441-3899.

The registration will open on February 1.
We would like to fill the class with SLSC members,
so please register early.
The class is limited to about 25 participants.

2017 Awards

For those of you unable to come to our Awards Dinner and you qualified for an award, they are on the overstuffed chair in the main entry room at the club.

Please pick up your award and your crew's award, if applicable, as soon as possible. Names are on the back of the collars.

To Our Fellow Members of the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club:

Y-Flyer Fleet 63 at Saratoga Lake Sailing Club will be hosting the 2018 Y-Flyer International Regatta. We are anticipating 20 to 25 Y-Flyers will participate. Fleet 63 is in need of your support to make this a successful event. The regatta events are planned for Monday 6/25 through Thursday 6/28.

We can use help in 4 major areas: Food service, meal clean-up, housing and race committee.

We will be serving food and need server and cleanup for:

- Dinner on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
- Lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Breakfast on
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

If anyone could host a competitor, we may be able to attract a few more boats.

Racing is planned as follows: Monday evening practice race and up to 4 races each day on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We would need help on the committee boat as well as three rescue boats. The Class Secretary will be acting as the PRO.

Finally we are doing 3 fund raisers. A tee shirts sale, a quilt raffle and an on-line rebate program.

If you wish to help in any of the areas, please contact John Smith at john.smithyflyer@gmail.com or at [518-786-1340](tel:518-786-1340), Patrick King at slowthought@gmail.com or [518-669-0757](tel:518-669-0757)

If you shop on line, you can help our cause by registering at <http://www.igive.com/Y-FlyerFleet63>. At this site there are over 1000 on-line stores that provide funding for sporting events.

John Smith Patrick King
Y-Flyer Fleet 63 Captain Y-Flyer Fleet 63 Secretary

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:518-399-7849) (H), [518 369-7162](tel:518-369-7162) (Jon's cell)

or [518 369-7849](tel:518-369-7849) (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.

Home-Made Ice Boat For Sale

Built by member Bill Hamilton. Works great!
\$250

Contact Devon Howe

[518-867-7770](tel:518-867-7770)

howe_family@hotmail.com

Sailing School

By Mark Welcome

I had the pleasure of sitting down with Commodore Tony (no longer just Captain Tony) Cannone the other day for a beer to go over some Club business. We were laughing about the amount of work that needs to get done in the "slow season" in order to be ready to go by the time we are actually able to sail.

That is certainly the case in the Sailing School as we prep for the upcoming 2018 season. A few things that are happening:

New Web Site:

The Sailing School is pleased to release an updated website for the 2018 season. Please visit www.saratogasailingschool.org to check it out. If you find any issues or have suggestions on how to improve it, please just shoot me an e-mail. We want to thank the Howe Family who set up the original site a number of years ago and who have maintained (and paid for) the site ever since. We can't thank them enough for all their efforts.

Potential New Junior Boats:

As I'm sure you know, we have our annual Budget meeting coming up in just a couple of weeks. This is just a reminder that one of the initiatives on the agenda is a new fleet of Hartley 12.2s and a single RS Quest for our junior sailing programs.

We appreciate all the support that the membership has given the Sailing School over the years and we hope you agree with us that this is a worthwhile expenditure. We are working with the Saratoga Lake Sailing Foundation to try to minimize the financial impact on the Club budget. If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss before the budget meeting and vote, please feel free to reach out to Mark Welcome

Junior Racing Program

It looks like we will have a great group of juniors racing with us this summer with some new faces on the team. This year we have been in contact with all the other regional coaches and actually have the Regatta schedule set very early:

7/12-7/13 – Our home regatta, the FJ Horse Race, kicks off the season in early July. We are always looking for assistance with RC, so please let us know if you can help.

7/19 – 7/20 – We'll be heading to Lake Champlain for the Champ Chase regatta in Mallets Bay

7/23 – 7/24 – Later that week, we hope to head east to New Hampshire for the Rig it Up Regatta at Lake Sunapee YC.

7/26 – 7/27 – Northern Lake George YC will be the host for this year's Cheeseburger Regatta

In addition, we look forward to the juniors racing with the Club every Wednesday evening starting in mid-June.

If your child/grandchild/junior might be interested in racing, please just drop a note to Mark Welcome. For kids who are unsure if they would like to pursue it, we often have them come out to some of our more informal early season practice sessions and have them try it out in a no pressure setting.

Registrations

As always, we appreciate your signing up for all classes sooner rather than later. It helps us plan and also helps if we don't have to work to fit members and/or their children into classes that are already full right before the season begins.

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

Sailing Foundation Update

By Mark Welcome

At this point in the season, our major focus is on fundraising in support of the proposed purchase of a new Junior Fleet for the SLSC Sailing School. We have launched a new web site,

(<http://www.sailsaratogafoundation.org/>),

as well as a Facebook page,

(<https://www.facebook.com/SailSaratogaFoundation/>),

where we are currently accepting online donations. A huge thank you to everyone who has already donated to support our efforts to buy a new fleet for our Junior Sailing program! We certainly appreciate all of your support. If you are considering donating towards this effort and have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us and we'd be more than happy to discuss the new fleet and our plans for the season.

We are also actively researching potential grants and other large sponsors to assist in our efforts. We have applied for one grant so far and hope to have a couple more applications done in the coming month. If you know of any grants or potential donors who would be appropriate for the Foundation to reach out to, please let us know. Also, if you are experienced in grant writing or have fundraising skills, we would love some assistance. To be honest, we are neophytes in this field and are learning as we go so any assistance is appreciated.

In addition to those efforts, we are also continuing a few programs from previous years:

Sailboat Donation Program

The Foundation accepted an additional 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. In the past, we have also accepted donated boats which are used by fleets at SLSC for fleet building and promotion purposes.

Employer Donations

A number of local companies have programs where they will donate cash to non-profits who are supported by their employees. Many of these programs are donation matching programs whereby the employer matches any donations that an employee or retiree makes to a qualified non-profit. Still others will donate cash to non-profits where their employees donate time as a volunteer. We have been fortunate to have many SLSC members donate their time to the Foundation (cleaning boats, teaching, promotion work, etc.) and also have their employers donate money to us on their behalf. Please check with your employer to see if they sponsor programs such as these.

ADK Outdoor Expo

The Foundation will be funding the booth at the Adirondack Outdoor Expo on March 17th and 18th to promote local sailing. We are always in need of sailors to help staff the booth and talk to potential sailors.

As always, if you have any questions at all, please feel free to reach out at slsc_foundation@sailsaratoga.org and thank you for your support.

Winter at the Club



Ever wonder how the road is kept clear of snow during the winter months?
John Davis is our neighbor who has been plowing our driveway and parking lot for years
with his 1957 tractor.

Dan Mehlman took this picture after a recent snowfall.

Fall Boat-Moving Party



Annual Meeting



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
Flying Scot.....	Shirley & Paul Waterfield 584-5552
Kestrel.....	Tony Bianchini 583-4514
Laser.....	Leslie Rafaniello 301-4109
MC Scow.....	Andrew Murnan 420-5368
Thistle.....	Jerry Zell 767-9216
Y-Flyer.....	John Smith 786-1340

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