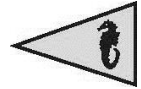
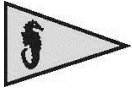


Tell tale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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March, 2018

Commodore's Corner

By Tony Cannone

Happy Chinese New Year! 2018 is the year of the Dog. On Sunday February 18th, around 40 members came out to the club to hear about what is planned at the club for 2018. There were 23 members who provided proxies which brought us considerably over the number needed to reach a quorum. Our Treasurer, Andrew Murnan, did a terrific job with the budget report and the presentations. After some discussion on the major issues, the 2017 budget was passed. We are very fortunate to be in strong financial shape and through the careful planning of the ad hoc Finance and Budget committees, we will be able to take on a couple of major projects in 2018 and remain in strong financial shape.

The Bylaws change, that now incorporates a personal property release, passed as well. Members should familiarize themselves with the club's Bylaws. By paying your membership dues, you are agreeing to the terms of membership that is spelled out in this important document. It is easily found on the club's website under the Member Manual tab on the left hand side of the dashboard.

You should have already received your 2018 renewal notifications. Please note that all renewals are due prior to April 1st to avoid potentially losing your membership status. It is very important that we hear from all members as soon as possible as it affects our planning for the season. We have a waiting list of potential new members that we would like to begin accepting as soon as possible and we need to know how many openings we have available. We want to see everyone return but we can't wait for the season to start to hear from you.

Please RSVP for the 2018 Commodore's Party which will be on the evening of Saturday, March 10th. This year's event will be held at Longfellows Restaurant and Hotel. Sharon and I are looking forward to a fun evening planned to ring in the new sailing season. Mark will also be announcing his selection of the Mary Elizabeth Hull Award.

On March 17 & 18 the club will again take part in the Adirondack Sports Summer Expo. John Smith is coordinating volunteers this year. The Expo is fun and when you volunteer you get free entry to enjoy the expo before or after your time slot. As always, all volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated!

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2018

Commodore's Party

March 10th from 5:30pm – 10:30pm

Long Fellows Restaurant

500 Union Ave, Saratoga Springs

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

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

\$40 per person (NYS Sales Tax & Gratuity included)
Cash Bar

RSVP No Later than March 2nd

(518) 271-0246 or slsc_commodore@sailsaratoga.org

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Mar 10.....	Commodore's Party
Mar 17-18.....	Adirondack Sports Expo
Apr 14.....	Race Management Seminar
Apr 22.....	Racing Seminars
Apr 28.....	Docks In :-)

Commodore's Corner (Continued from Page 1)

On 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 club's race management to the next level. Allan and Barbara Miller are planning a fun day devoted to sail boat race management where you'll probably pick up some pointers on improving your personal race program as well. As of the writing of this report there were still several seats available. You must register through the www.ussailing.org website.

Let's all work together to make 2018 a fun, enjoyable and safe sailing season!

Men's Changing Room Bathroom Closed

Due to Plumbing issues the bathroom in the men's changing room on the 2nd floor will be closed until further notice.

Details are in the House Report on Page 3.

Race Management Seminar nearly full

As of Feb. 20, we have 17 SLSC members signed up. That leaves just 8 open seats for the April 14 seminar.

If you would like to sign up, go to the US Sailing website and follow the links to the Race Officers seminar schedule. If you have difficulty, let me know and I will help.

Allan: allan.miller@nycap.rr.com / 518 441 3899

Ensign Fleet – No Gotta Regatta



RACING SEMINARS

Starting and Upwind

COST: Super cheap at \$30 per each 3 hour seminar

TIME: Sunday, April 22

Seminar 1: 9am - noon

Seminar 2: 1pm - 4pm

REGISTER: Limited seating.

Reserve spot by sending check payable SLSC to:

Andrew Murnan

1 Sherwood Trail

Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Instructor: Brad Dellenbaugh

Brad grew up in Fairfield, Connecticut, sailing on Long Island Sound. He has been involved in three Olympic campaigns in the Soling class, as well as serving as tactician or helmsman in numerous national, continental and world championships in a wide variety of one-designs and offshore boats.

Brad has been a teacher, lecturer, and coach for over forty years, including coaching sailing teams at Brown University and the U.S. Naval Academy. He recently retired after twelve years as the Sailing Director at the New York Yacht Club. He is an International Judge and Umpire and has been involved in the America's Cup competition as an umpire since 2002.

Brad wrote: MANY, many years ago, Dave Perry and I drove up to Saratoga Lake spur of the moment on a Friday night to sail a Laser regatta. Arriving late at night and not having a clue where to go, we "car-camped" somewhere alongside the lake so that we could look for sailboats in the morning!! A few years later, but with a bit more planning, I was back there for a 470 regatta.

Each seminar is 3 hours long and will not be focused on just one class of boat.

Seminar 1: STARTING. Covered topics include pre-start planning, picking the favored end, the importance of line bias, using a line sight, defending your hole, making your final approach, coming off the line (after the gun), evaluating risk, key racing rules, starting philosophy + more!

Seminar 2: UPWIND. This seminar explains the strategy and tactics of racing Upwind. Topics include how to pick the favored side of the beat, wind shift strategy, risk versus reward, lay lines, current, strategic rules of thumb, light versus heavy air, tactical positioning, covering, wind shadows, fleet management, key rules, and more!

House Report

By Paul Steve, Flag Lt House

To paraphrase the famous 18th century Scottish poet, Robert Burns, “the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry.” I’m sure that, over the years, the Manning mansion has been the subject of many such plans by both men and mice, and so it is again this year.

I began my tenure as club Flag Lieutenant House with a plan for the restoration of the rooms on the third floor of the mansion. And I continue to believe that it’s an important project to undertake. The Manning house is the crown jewel of Saratoga Lake. There’s nothing that could rival it. So, anything that can be done to improve the parts of the house that need repair most seems to me to be more than just a good idea, it’s almost an obligation on us.

Imagine what it would cost to build a home of its size on the lake today. Imagine what it would cost to buy one. The club is blessed with a treasure of an asset and I feel that behooves us to keep it looking its very best.

The third floor is in dire need of restoration. Most of that would involve stabilizing its plaster walls and ceiling, while replacing the parts that are too far gone to be saved. Every year, more and more of the room plaster falls into the latter category.

So, that was the principal aspect of my plan for the Manning mansion for this year: fix the walls and ceiling of the third floor stairwell and bedroom, along with some railing improvements and window repairs. A few fresh coats of paint, and the rooms could look like new once more.

But the questions posed by a sagging ceiling in the house’s first floor entry room and the deterioration of the floor in the bathroom of the Men’s changing room have caused me to shift my priorities from the third floor to second floor bathroom plumbing, floor replacement, and – oddly enough – front porch stabilization.

A portion of the ceiling plaster in the first floor entry room has separated from the lath to which it was originally attached. It could possibly come away from the lath altogether. What makes this simple and relatively common situation a concern, though, is that it is below the bathroom in the Men’s changing room on the second floor, very nearly under the shower there.

The floor in that bathroom is spongy now and shows signs of water damage. We will ascertain the full extent of that condition soon. The source of the water that seems to have soaked the subfloor will be determined, too. Water issues like this rarely resolve themselves and shouldn’t go unaddressed for very long.

Possibly, the bathroom’s water issues have had an adverse effect on the entry room’s ceiling.

A substantial portion of that bathroom is cantilevered out over the front porch as a large, second-floor dormer in the east side (front) of the house. Greg Tkai and Melissa Hatch commissioned a preliminary structural assessment of the house in 2015. It’s been a great help to us in this case.

The engineers who performed that assessment pointed out that the easternmost side of the porch is supported just by blocks on the ground. I’m told that, over the years, the outside edge of the porch sank slowly and was re-supported by these blocks. As the porch end slowly went down over time, the porch ceiling joists that cantilever over the first floor wall of the house levered upward, causing the floor in the bathroom to develop a noticeable “hump.”

I’d like to make the necessary corrections a long-lasting solution. My thoughts at this point are to secure the outside edge of the front porch with concrete piers that go well below the local frost line, so that the porch is stable and shouldn’t ever sink as easily as it has in the past. And once that’s been done, the entry room ceiling/Men’s changing room bathroom floor issues can be addressed.

In the case of the entry room ceiling sag, I’ve noticed that the sag seems to have increased slightly over the past year, so I think that that section of ceiling should be taken down soon. Once that section is removed, we’ll be able to see what’s happening above it.

In addition, I don’t feel that the second floor bathroom should be used again until we get all this work done. The water-damaged bathroom flooring has to be taken up, and that will also help us to assess the full extent of the situation. Luckily, we’re fortunate enough to have two other full bathrooms on the second floor and two very convenient half bathrooms on the first floor, all of which are unaffected by any of this.

You may be wondering, “Where is the leak in that bathroom coming from?” So am I. We’ll know more soon. Could be a supply line, or even the radiator up there, but I’m leaning toward the thought that it’s one of more waste water (drain) lines. I’ll let you know the probable source of the water when we finally figure it out.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we tackle these issues, and I’m sorry for any inconvenience that the work might cause. The Men’s changing room is not affected, so it can continue to be used.

Grounds Report

By George McNally, Flag Lt Grounds

Members All,

I am away in sunny Florida as I write this contribution to the monthly newsletter. The thermometer says 80 degrees here but the sun feels much hotter. A check of the calendar shows it will be 59 days until the docks go in during the first work party. Let's hope for a mild remainder of winter and an early spring.

As you all know the pole barn project was passed at the annual meeting and construction will begin this spring. Vice Commodore John Smith is taking the project over from the former Vice Commodore Anthony Cannone (now Commodore). Vice Commodore Smith has scheduled a work party to begin the site preparation. This will include cutting down trees, brush and dragging it out of the way to clear the area where the barn will be built. We will need the assistance of as many club members as we can get to accomplish this. We are fortunate though as we have many very capable and hardworking members who can perform these tasks and who are generous with their time, equipment and strong backs.

Vice Commodore Smith has scheduled a work party for Saturday March 3rd. Please contact him if you have any questions or can attend the work party.

If you are using the club this winter please use caution as you drive the club's access road and parking area. The numerous freeze, thaw and refreeze cycles have made the road and parking lot slippery at times. We have of course plowed, salted and sanded the area to make it safe but please be careful.

New cabinets in the attic!

Thanks to John Smith for donating them and installing them.



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.

Home-Made Ice Boat For Sale

Built by member Bill Hamilton. Works great!

\$250

Contact Devon Howe

[518-867-7770](tel:5188677770)

howe_family@hotmail.com

Laser Parts Wanted

Looking for a used Laser 4.7 sail and lower mast section for our junior sailor.

Contact Rick Castle

[518-337-3642](tel:5183373642) or rcastle1@mac.com

Sailing School

By Mark Welcome

I want to start off by saying Thank You! Thank you to all the members who came to this year's budget meeting and voted in support of the proposal for the Club to purchase a new fleet of junior boats for the school. By the time you read this, we will have placed the order and look forward to taking delivery of the new fleet in April. I also want to thank all the members who spoke on behalf of the school during the meeting and all of the very nice things they said. For those of us involved with the school, it is always gratifying to know that the club members appreciate what we try to accomplish every year.

Other things we are working on:

Junior Sailing Counselor Training

We will once again be having trainers from US Sailing coming to the Club this spring to train a number of our junior sailors to become Sailing Counselors. Becoming a counselor is the first step to becoming an instructor at SLSC and is open to juniors who are turning 14 or older this year. Counselors volunteer the sailing school instructors throughout the summer as they are available. It is a great way for us to introduce juniors to the process of teaching sailing so that they can see if they like it and we can begin training them for becoming paid instructors once they become Level 1 instructor certified. For more information you can visit US Sailing at <http://www.ussailing.org/education/sbinstructor/sailing-counselor/> or contact Mark Welcome with questions.

US Sailing Level 1 Instructor Training

We also have a couple of requests for also running a US Sailing level 1 instructor course at the Club this year. This is open to both juniors (age 16 and above) and adults. We are very fortunate at SLSC to have a large number of members who are certified and who assist us with teaching the many adult programs we run every year. We need 6 people to make the course a reality, so please let Mark Welcome know if you might be interested. You can also visit <http://www.ussailing.org/education/sbinstructor/level-1-instructor/> for more information.

Registrations

Registrations are progressing nicely, so we anticipate a full house for most classes. Please visit <http://www.saratogasailingschool.org/> for all the information and to register.

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

As was discussed last month, our main focus is on fundraising in support of the 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. At this point, the Foundation has committed no less than \$22,000 in the form of a grant to the Club to offset the purchase price. 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. Other programs we are working on include:

Sailboat Donation Program

In addition to monetary contributions, the Foundation also accepts donations of sailboats. To date we have accepted donations of well over a dozen boats from both SLSC members and non-members. Some of the boats that are donated will be used by either the SLSC Sailing School or individual fleets when they are appropriate. Other donated boats are cleaned up and fixed in order to be sold to raise money for other Foundation efforts, such as supporting the new fleet of junior boats for the sailing school. There are multiple ways that you can help with this program:

1. **Donate a boat:** If you have a boat that you would like to donate, please contact any Foundation board member (Mark Welcome, Greg Tkai, or Peter Hudson) to discuss. Please keep in mind that we simply can't accept all boats that are offered to us, as we are a volunteer group and project boats that require a lot of work before they are usable or saleable are hard for us to accept. If there's any doubt, please reach out and we'd love to take a look and discuss. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization so we can offer a donation letter for tax purposes.
2. **Work on boats:** We can always use help cleaning up and prepping donated boats for sale. We will be looking for assistance in the spring to uncover boats and get ready to try to sell them this spring.
3. **Buy a boat:** We hope to have a number of boats available for sale this spring. They will all be posted to the "on the Block" section of the SLSC web site as well as the Foundation web page.

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. This is being coordinated by Vice Commodore John Smith who can be reached at slsc_viccommodore@sailsaratoga.org

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

Lots of Development In the Saratoga Lake Region

By Laura Rappaport

Our dear Saratoga Lake spans several towns, each with its own zoning and planning regulations, and political power brokers. The towns are Stillwater, Saratoga, Malta, and the City of Saratoga Springs. I'm hoping to call club members' attention to the impact of poor planning on water and environmental quality of the lake and its surroundings as development pressures heat up.

Last summer, I happened upon a pamphlet left at the club by Stillwater resident John Cashin, who has been closely monitoring the development projects that will affect the lake region. I got myself on his email list and have paid "virtual" attention to the issues. I spoke with John on the phone after his last update and he gave me permission to reprint it here.

I'm not asking the Club as a whole to "take a position on development," as I realize there are as many opinions as there are patterns of spinnakers. Rather, I just hope to raise club members' awareness of what is going on around us. We mostly zip up here on Wednesdays or Sundays, sail our races, cruise around, marvel at our bald eagles, delight in our diving kingfishers, enjoy the purpling of the evening sky and the silvery moon rises. Many of the precious natural wonders that we take for granted are threatened if development goes on apace in the towns that surround us. There's been a decades-long effort to clean up this lake, but if the ridges above the lake are cleared of trees and covered in asphalt driveways, silt will drift back in, weeds will tangle as never before and garbage will litter the lake's bottom once again.

Here is John's email update to a large group of local residents, edited for length but not substance:

"At the Stillwater Town Meeting Thursday Feb 15, two proposals for Planned Development Districts in the 9P Corridor were on the agenda. The White Sulphur Springs PDD would result in 21 single family homes on the steep slopes overlooking Saratoga Lake at the intersection of Luther Road and Route 9P. The other PDD, called Winding Brook, is located off of Route 423 just east of Route 9P and would include 76 condominiums in 19 separate buildings, plus parking. Currently the areas where these PDD's are proposed are zoned for two-acre lots. The developer has asked the Town Board to consider amendments to the zoning code to allow for their development.

"Based on the comments offered by members of the public who spoke during the public hearings, the sentiment of the community is for less density and greater consideration for the cumulative impact these and other planned developments will have on Route 9P traffic and sediment/erosion run-off into Saratoga Lake. There is no coordination among the four principal towns that border the lake shore as these and other subdivisions are considered by the Towns of Stillwater, Malta, Saratoga and the City of Saratoga Springs. The Saratoga Springs Planning Board will soon be considering a proposal that would add 24 condominiums to the area adjoining the Regatta View and Interlaken Developments; In addition, the Town of Saratoga Planning Board is considering a 32-lot single-family subdivision above the lake at Cedar Bluff Road, as well as a smaller subdivision bordering Fish Creek. Unfortunately, the at-large community only learns of these subdivision plans when town or planning boards post their agendas, and more or less word of mouth circulates the information from one town to another. This is hardly a practical means of monitoring this activity.

"The cumulative environmental impacts of these developments are simply overlooked by the piecemeal approach the individual municipalities take to subdivision approvals. The degradation of the quality of life surrounding Saratoga Lake will continue to decline at an accelerated rate if this myopic approval process is allowed to continue. A holistic approach to subdivision approvals is necessary, yet no political body or institution appears to be either empowered or inclined to take up this challenge."

The Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District (SLPID) was created by the state legislature. Its mission is to protect the well-being of Saratoga Lake and the lands that surround it. John is asking folks to voice their concerns to the SLPID, asking to develop some means for taking a holistic view of development around the lake and the resulting impacts on both the lake and Route 9P, a state-operated road.

I don't know a lot about all the projects and approval processes. But I do know I will be paying closer attention. For more information, John can be reached via email: saratogaopenspacep@gmail.com

(Coming next month from Laura: More information about SLPID – Editor)

Lake Ice at the Club



Budget 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.

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