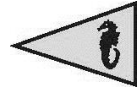
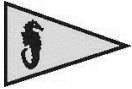


# Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

Web page: [sailsaratoga.org](http://sailsaratoga.org)



April, 2018

## Commodore's Corner

By Tony Cannone

Sharon and I would like to thank all those who attended the Commodore's Party the evening of March 10th. From all accounts, a fun time was had by all. The great food, company, and music made for a festive kick-off to the sailing season. In addition, we had an interesting talk regarding some historical perspectives on SLSC commodores over the years by our Historian, Emmett McCarthy and Mark presented his selection of the Commodore's Mary Elizabeth Hull Award. A big congratulation to Dan Mehlman and Margaret Shirk for a much-deserved recognition of their efforts and club spirit.

By now you should have already sent in your 2018 renewal. they were due by April 1st to avoid potentially losing your membership status. As a result of increased interest in sailing at our club we have a waiting list of potential new members. We want to see everyone return so if you are having issues please let Ann, Andrew or myself know ASAP so we can work with you, otherwise we will be left with few options.

On March 17 & 18 the club took part in the Adirondack Sports Summer Expo. A big thank you to John Smith for coordinating the booth volunteers and, of course, all the volunteer efforts that went in to making the event a success, your efforts are greatly appreciated!

On April 14th the Race Committee is planning a Race Management Seminar to be conducted at the club by US Sailing. 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 a few seats available. You must register through the [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org) website. Other exciting seminars are planned for Saturday April 22nd. In the morning, Race Starts and, in the afternoon, Upwind Tactics.

Other efforts going on at the club include; work has started on the construction of our new Club boat storage building. The site preparation has had a slow start due to the relentless winter weather. New school boats are on order and students are signing up. Planning has started for the work parties scheduled for April 28th and May 5th. Work on the Club house and grounds continue in an effort to make it a safe and enjoyable place for our members and guests.

(Continued on Page 2)

## The Club Needs You!!

### Spring Work Parties

**Saturday, April 28th & Saturday, May 5th**

It's everybody's favorite work parties.  
Mark them on your calendar now.  
We need your help.

**Work parties form between 8:00 & 9:00 am.**

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

**Boat stickers and membership cards will be given out.**

Good work, good fellowship, and good food.  
It's part of your obligation as a member.  
We'll see you there, and yes,  
we do take names!

## What's Inside?

Racing Seminars.....	Page 2
Laser Derby.....	Page 2
House Report.....	Page 3
Grounds Report.....	Page 4
On the Block.....	Page 4
Lake Development.....	Page 5
Sailing School & Foundation.....	Page 6
Pictures.....	Pages 2, 7

## Upcoming Events

Apr 14.....	Race Management Seminar
Apr 22.....	Racing Seminars
Apr 28.....	Spring Work Party 1
May 5.....	Spring Work Party 2

## Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

### LASER DERBY – SATURDAY, JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>

Registration STARTS AT 9:00 AM  
Price \$25

All sailors are welcome, you don't need to be an expert to have fun at this Race Event.

The typical field of 12 racers **allows** room for you, even if you are just getting the hang of your boat!

However, If you decide not to race, we hope you will come help out as a volunteer this year. **Your help will be greatly appreciated either before race day or for part of race day.** Once you see it's all good fun, we know you will join us on the water next year!

Breakfast snacks, fruit and homemade lunch with yummy dessert will be served.

Photos will be taken of you and your vessel.

Please contact David Burtis at [mailto:david\\_burtis@yahoo.com](mailto:david_burtis@yahoo.com) or Leslie Warner- Rafaniello at [Saillesson@nycap.rr.com](mailto:Saillesson@nycap.rr.com) or [518-301-4109](tel:518-301-4109).

We need a crew of 10 to help with sign in and putting out pre-ordered food and running the race boats!

#### Commodore's Corner (Continued from Page 1)

As we prepare for the fast approaching season I am hoping you are also preparing for your sailing adventures and how you can help the club be a great place we can all enjoy.

#### Men's Changing Room Bathroom Closed

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

Details are in the March issue House Report on Page 3.

2017 Spring Work Party pictures to get us in the mood!



# House Report

By Paul Steve, Flag Lt House

May 16, 1927. What is the significance to us of that date? It was a Monday, almost 91 years ago. Well, to put that date in proper perspective, four days later, on May 20, 1927, Charles Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Fields in the *Spirit of St. Louis* on his historic flight to become the first person to complete a nonstop trans-Atlantic flight from New York to Paris. Also that same day, the nation that was later to become known as Saudi Arabia was formally recognized by the United Kingdom in the Treaty of Jeddah. But those aren't why May 16, 1927, is significant.

What is significant about May 16, 1927, is that that is the day that the porcelain pedestal sink in the ladies' changing room bathroom was cast. The date was imprinted into the underside of the sink. Whoever it was who made it that day, they built that sink to last. You can tell just by trying to pick it up!

It is safe to assume that sometime around 90 years ago, that sink and its original faucet were installed in the bathroom that later became the SLSC ladies' changing room. Well, both the sink and faucet were showing their age, but the faucet – one of the most elaborate constructions I've ever seen (a plumber's life apparently wasn't an easy one in the 1920's) – had pretty much lived out its reasonable life expectancy. The hot water valve hadn't been functioning properly for some time and more water seemed to pour down the outside of the cold water supply pipe when its valve was opened than flowed up inside that line.

So, it was time for replacement. And after seven hours of work and a couple side trips (as always) to the hardware store, we did just that on February 24. The replacement is as close to a look-alike unit as I could find, a new piece manufactured by Kingston Brass as part of its Vintage Collection. We preserved as much of the original plumbing as we could and tried to use suitable-looking replacements if we couldn't.

For the most part, the 90-year-old faucet and drain fittings were willing to come apart gracefully with only a few exceptions. I will admit, though, there were a couple of harrowing moments in the process, and it looked at one point as if the sink, itself, was going to have to be replaced as well. But I'm happy to state that luck (along with a good-sized pipe wrench and crowbar) was on our side and the sink survived unscathed. Not surprising, when you see how strongly it was made back then.

The photos show some of what was involved and how the replacement faucet compares to its predecessor. The new unit has quarter-turn valves, one side opens in a clockwise direction, the other side opens counterclockwise, and it's a heavy-duty fitting worthy of such a well-made, old sink.

You can learn something from every project you undertake. For example, how much dust grime could build up under a heavy, virtually immovable, pedestal sink base after 90 years? Try to imagine how much . . . then double it!

There were a couple of things about this job that I can say I'm grateful for. The first is that I was fortunate to have the help of my 21-year-old son, Colin, without whom I could never have done it. I'm certain of that. Mark Twain once said, "When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years." I'm finding out how right Mr. Twain was.

The second thing I'm grateful for is that this sink is in the ladies' changing room bathroom, which of course is typically off-limits to men, because if I never see that substantial, back-breaker of a sink again, honestly, I think I would be okay with that. Things were a little "touch-and-go" at certain points in the replacement process and it was more than a little daunting to take something so old (and HEAVY) apart and put it back together again.

But I hope you like the way things turned out and enjoy the replacement faucet for a very – VERY – long time. It's a top-quality, very old, and practically irreplaceable sink that it harkens back to times long gone by.

With respect to the house porch/dormer concerns I raised in last month's issue, I can say that things are progressing. David Smith, the Professional Engineer involved in the design of the new storage barn project, consented to take a look at the situation and shared his insights with us. And we've managed to have three contractors - one a possible porch contractor, a company that has experience with helical piers – come out and look at the house. The plan is to have a few more come in and offer their thoughts about how to stabilize the east (lakeside) edge of the porch.

From there we can move toward the rehabilitation of the men's room bathroom and the entry room ceiling. The hope is to begin the removal process in that bathroom soon.

I have searched without luck for some answers to a couple of questions. The first is the entry room, or entry foyer, ceiling. It was covered at some point with drywall (a/k/a/ wallboard or Sheetrock), as opposed to the original hand-laid plaster-on-lath ceiling. That's the ceiling that's now sagging. The second concerns the four concrete piers that are currently supporting the east edge of the porch. The two northernmost ones almost certainly seem to be sitting on the ground, but it's not as easy to tell with the two southernmost piers. If anyone knows anything about how the entry room ceiling came to be covered in drywall or how the four concrete porch piers were installed, I would very much appreciate hearing about it. It would be a great help to us in planning how best to go forward with the house repairs.

Before



After



Ick



Ahhh



Not Much Left



90 Years Later



Done



## Grounds Report

By George McNally, Flag Lt Grounds

4

Members All,

Ah, April at long last. The weather is turning in our favor and the docks go in on the 28th. We will be enjoying the club fully and enjoying the wonderful grounds of the Saratoga Sailing Club and beautiful Saratoga Lake. That being said, please be sure to plan on attending the club work party on Saturday the 28th. The grounds will need a good cleaning up after the long, hard, snowy winter. The grounds fared pretty well over the winter and with a good turnout of volunteer workers we will be cleaned up and back in service quickly.

We are planning to have this year's boat registration stickers available at the work party. You will probably have the same assignment you had last year as the club membership roster is full. Should spaces become available due to resignations, there is a waiting list of applicants wishing to join our ranks. Existing members will be given preference if spaces become available.

I have floated the idea of an informal group to meet on a given day to discuss ways to improve and beautify the grounds. The formal work parties work great and we get the big jobs done and the club opens for the season. However there are always small things which should or could be done. There is always something that could use a little attention somewhere. Such things need not be limited to grounds as I'm sure the other flag/Lt's may have a job jar list we could chip away at. Please contact me via the club email or let me know while you're at the work party on the 28th.

### Sailing Program/Pizza Cancelled

We are cancelling the Sailing Programs meeting scheduled for April 22. There are no substantial changes to our racing procedures, but should anything change, a special emailing will be sent.

With respect to cruising programs, we would still like to find members who would run a poker sail, long distance sail, or cruise to Lake Local or Browns Beach for lunch or dinner or any other activity that would be fun. Soliciting volunteers at these meetings has not worked. Dan Mehlman did such a great job the last two years leading paddling activities and we are pleased that he will continue.

If anyone is willing to volunteer to run one of these activities, please contact us.

Think warmth and wind,  
B & A

### **Wanted – Depth Sounder or Fish Finder**

Someone suggested we have a device on each of our powerboats to indicate the depth to help setting anchors for marks and anchoring the Flat Top. We would prefer not to purchase these but if you have one from your powerboat that you no longer use, please consider donating it to the club.

Contact Allan [518-441-3899](tel:518-441-3899)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:mc1947sf@aol.com).

#### **17' Day Sailor.....\$3,500**

Refurbished – Great condition, Sails in good condition. Trailer has new wheels. Brand new boat cover (excellent condition). Boat accessories: 4 life jackets, boat ladder, (2) seat cushions. Miscellaneous boat fixings all included.

**Contact** Angela @ 518-275-5032

or email: [mcnerney.angela@gmail.com](mailto:mcnerney.angela@gmail.com)

#### **Flying Scot.....\$2500**

Built in 1972. Hull #2161, red, two sets of sails, spinnaker, everything to take it sailing including two life jackets.

**Located in Mosinee, Wisconsin**

**Contact** Shirley @ [715-359-7956](tel:715-359-7956).

## **Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District**

By Laura Rappaport

The Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District (SLPID) was created by the state legislature. Its mission statement is paraphrased below:

Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District (SLPID) was formed by the New York State Legislature in 1986 in the best interests of the people of New York State. SLPID is the lead government agency responsible for the protection and well-being of Saratoga Lake and the lands that surround it.

The SLPID district is within the Towns of Malta, Saratoga, Stillwater, and the city of Saratoga Springs in the County of Saratoga. SLPID ensures the preservation of real property values within the district, improves the water quality of Saratoga Lake, thereby enhancing the opportunities for public water-related recreational activities, and conserves the fish and wildlife while enhancing the scenic beauty.

SLPID Commissioners are residents within the Saratoga Lake tax district, and are elected for a three year term. SLPID provides programs to ensure long-term stability of water quality and environmental health as well as educational programs. SLPID is a vital governing body of Saratoga Lake that helps ensure the beauty of Saratoga Lake as the jewel in Saratoga County.

SLPID is a "vital governing body of Saratoga Lake" and the commissioners need to weigh in on the cumulative impact that the development mentioned in the March Telltale is having on this "jewel" of Saratoga County.

Please join us in voicing our concerns to our legislative representatives and the commissioners of SLPID (email addresses below) to develop some means for taking a holistic view of development around the lake and the resulting impacts on both the lake and state-controlled Route 9P.

NYS Assemblywoman, Carrie Woerner: [woernerc@nyassembly.gov](mailto:woernerc@nyassembly.gov)

NYS Senator, Kathleen A. Marchione: [marchione@nysenate.gov](mailto:marchione@nysenate.gov)

### SLPID Commissioners

City of Saratoga Springs, Chairperson Cristina A. Connolly (term expires 2018):  
[caconnolly@nycap.rr.com](mailto:caconnolly@nycap.rr.com)

County At Large, David Wallingford (term expires 12/2019): [dwallingford@nycap.rr.com](mailto:dwallingford@nycap.rr.com)

Town of Saratoga, Tom Carringi (term expires 12/2020): [tommycarr50@yahoo.com](mailto:tommycarr50@yahoo.com)

Town of Malta, Walter Supley (term expires 12/2020): [walter@thecreativeadvantage.com](mailto:walter@thecreativeadvantage.com)

Town of Stillwater, Karl Hardcastle (term expires 12/2019): [khardcas@nycap.rr.com](mailto:khardcas@nycap.rr.com)

## Sailing School Update

By Mark Welcome

By the time you read this we will be just about 1 month away from Docks In! That is both exciting and scary all at once. Exciting because it's great to be so close to another sailing season. Scary because that means we only have about 6 weeks until the sailing school sessions begin and there is still a lot of work to do!

Here are the early season highlights:

### We Need Volunteers!

As you know, we have a lot of school boats that all need to get up and running quickly so that we can start offering our classes as soon as the docks go in. This includes 6 Flying Scots as well as 2 Ensigns. The kids boats can wait until the instructors come for the summer, but the adult boats are rigged and readied by volunteers every year. If you are willing to help, please contact Mark at [slsc\\_sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org](mailto:slsc_sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org)

### Malta Free Sailing Programs

Please tell everyone you know in Malta about this program, as it really is a great deal. For Malta resident, we are once again very thankful to the Global Foundries 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 currently have 8 classes scheduled and you can go to [www.saratogasailingschool.org](http://www.saratogasailingschool.org) for details. 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.

### Adult Sailing Lessons

We will start with our Adult learn to Sail and Intermediate classes in May again this year. A few years ago we moved them up to the beginning of the season at the request of many students who wanted to get a jump start on the season and also because their schedules get much busier when the kids get out of school. Please go to [www.saratogasailingschool.org](http://www.saratogasailingschool.org) for details and to register.

### Summer Sailstice

We will also be hosting our annual Summer Sailstice event this year on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Anyone can go to [www.saratogasailingschool.org](http://www.saratogasailingschool.org) for details and to sign up to come on out and go sailing with us. The purpose of the event is to introduce everyone to the joys of sailing with an experienced skipper at the helm. Sails are about an hour and a half (maybe longer if the wind is beautiful!) and it's a lot of fun. We encourage everyone to bring their family and friends and have a great time out on the water with us.

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](mailto: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.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to reach out at [slsc\\_Foundation@sailsaratoga.org](mailto:slsc_Foundation@sailsaratoga.org) and thank you for your support!

Thanks!

### The Thaw Has Started



### Boat Storage Bldg Site Prep



## 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

## 2017 OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

Commodore.....	Tony Cannone slsc_commodore@sailsaratoga.org.....	271-0246
Vice Commodore.....	John Smith slsc_vicecommodore@sailsaratoga.org.....	786-1340
Rear Commodore.....	Dave Hudson slsc_rearcommodore@sailsaratoga.org.....	370-4894
Secretary.....	Anthony & Laura Massa slsc_secretary@sailsaratoga.org.....	526-9121
Treasurer.....	Andrew Murnan slsc_treasurer@sailsaratoga.org.....	420-5368
Flag Lt. Boats.....	Scott Meyer slsc_boats@sailsaratoga.org.....	248-1229
Flag Lt. Grounds.....	George McNally slsc_grounds@sailsaratoga.org.....	439-5186

Flag Lt. House.....	Paul Steve slsc_house@sailsaratoga.org.....	489-3501
Flag Lt. Race.....	Allan & Barbara Miller slsc_race@sailsaratoga.org.....	885-5510
Membership.....	Ann Seidman slsc_membership@sailsaratoga.org.....	877-8731
Newsletter/Publicity.....	Samantha Butler slsc_publicity@sailsaratoga.org.....	587-0659
Sailing Program.....	Mark Welcome slsc_sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org.....	587-9041
Social.....	Margaret Shirk slsc_social@sailsaratoga.org.....	475-0412
House Attendant.....	Kathy Johnston k Morrisjohnston@gmail.com.....	583-9646
House Phone.....		584-9659