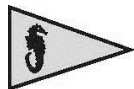


Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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June, 2018

Commodore's Corner

By Tony Cannone

I'd like to thank all of you who came out on two Saturdays to get the club ready for the sailing season that is now upon us. I am also amazed at the work that gets done on a regular basis by our caretaker, board members and volunteers that may sometimes go unnoted but is very much appreciated.

There are still quite a few stickers remaining on the table in the Club House entry. Please make sure you pick yours up and make sure they get put on your Boat, Trailer, Dinghy or Jack stands. If you are not sure where the appropriate location is for your sticker please check with our Flag Lt. Grounds, George McNally. This may seem like an inconsequential exercise but it is very important in our efforts to ensure the property on our grounds is in fact yours and is located where it should be. Starting in early July we'll start reviewing boats and other property. Being at full membership capacity and having limited space puts a strain on storage.

Our Sailing School has been busy getting our instructors certified, getting the existing boats ready for lessons that have already started and anticipating the delivery of our new boats. They will be selling some of the Lasers and O'Pen Bic's. If you know someone who may be interested, let Mark Welcome know. We will once again be hosting Malta Days Intro to Sailing sessions and the annual Summer Sailstice open house this year. See the school website for more information.

June will have several regattas at the club, including the Laser Derby, Thistle Regatta, MC Scow Horse Race Regatta and the International Y-Flyer Regatta. We are very fortunate to have such great regattas held at the club. Of course, being a volunteer club, they could not happen without the volunteer efforts of many. We are asking that the events be held as "Green Regattas". Our Flag Lt. Race can assist with the knowledge needed.

The SLSC Wednesday Manning Series and Sunday Zephyr Series are in full swing. Hopefully you will take part in these fun but competitive races. The race committee has spent a lot of time getting the committee assignments made as well as the cooking and cleaning assignments for Wednesday night. Please take note of your assignments to ensure the races and follow on potluck dinners go off as planned.

A New Member Reception will be held at the club on June 3rd following the Sunday Racing, Please contact Ann Seidman for more details. (Continued on Page 2)

July 4th Picnic

Appetizers at 3:00 pm Dinner at 4:00 pm

NOTE NEW TIME THIS YEAR

Pulled Pork and Pulled Chicken

Hot Dogs

Many Salads

Ice Cream Sundaes

Soft Drinks, Beer, Wine

Adults: \$16

Children (12 and under) \$8 (Hot Dogs)

Pay at the door, checks please

Everyone is requested to bring a ready to serve appetizer or dessert to share

Members whose last names begin with the letters G through L are asked to volunteer for set-up, food preparation, or clean-up

E-mail reservations are preferred

SLSCreservations@gmail.com

or contact Janet Hamilton 518 877-5203

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 1

All members—please indicate appetizer or dessert

G through L—please indicate preference to set-up, prep, or clean-up

Upcoming Events

June 1.....Laser Derby
June 3.....New Member Reception
June 16-17.....Thistle Regatta
June 23-24.....MC Horse Race Regatta
June 23-24.....Open House and Summer Sailstice
June 26-28.....Yflyer Regatta

Finally Margaret would like everyone to make plans to attend this year's July 4th BBQ which will be starting an hour earlier than usual. Being that July 4th falls on a Wednesday this year, the Manning Race that would be held that day will be held on Thursday July 5th.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the club enjoying a safe and fun time on the water or just hanging out in the club house or on the grounds.

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

LASER DERBY – SATURDAY, JUNE 2nd

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 or Leslie Warner- Rafaniello at 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!

NOTICE: Laser and Sunfish meeting AFTER the **APRIL 28th** work party at **1:30 pm**. **Please** join us if you are a small sailboat owner!

Yflyer Internationals

By John Smith, Yflyer Fleet Captain

Plans are moving forward for the 2018 Yflyer Internationals. The first boats will be arriving on Saturday 6/23. We will be holding a practice race Monday night 6/25, 4 races planned for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 6/26-28. The current number of boats that may be participating is hovering around 20. This means 14 off-lake boats and most of them will be staying at the club.

We have 4 of the 6 club members that we will need for race committee; Peter and Anne Seidman, George McNally and John Kimball have already volunteered. We can also use some help with meal service and clean up. We can also use a couple of members that could crew. If you are available to help on any day please contact me.

We will be raffling a homemade quilt to help defer the cost of the regatta. Tickets are \$2.00 a piece or 6 for \$10.00



New location for club sign!

Members all,

Welcome the month of June. Now that we have crossed the Memorial Day starting line for the official start of summer, sailing season is in full swing. June is a busy time in and around the club and that includes the grounds and boat park. As members bring their boats from winter storage and place them in their summer quarters, there are a few things to keep in mind. The following is from the Member Manual located on the club web site:

"Each boat must display a valid, annually renewable, SLSC boat park decal. A valid decal shall be affixed to the boat or trailer before the boat is placed in the boat park, or no later than June 30. The decal shall be affixed to the starboard bow, or to the front of the trailer on the starboard side."

- *Members failing to affix a valid SLSC boat decal by July 15 will lose their boat park assignment, and their boat(s) will be moved to the meadow for storage.*
- *Members who do not place their boat in their assigned boat park space by July 15 will lose their assignment and the location will be made available to other members.*
- *It is the responsibility of each member to ensure their boat(s) area in their assigned space(s).*

Loss of Boat Park Space

Members who have a boat park assignment but have not placed their boat in the boat park by June 30 will be contacted by the Flag Lt. Grounds. Members that do not place a boat in their assigned boat park space by July 15 will lose their assignment and the location will be made available to another member in accordance with the above policy. Additionally, members failing to affix a valid SLSC boat decal to the starboard bow, or front of the trailer starboard side, by July 15 will lose their assignment and the location will be made available to another member in accordance with the above policy.

Also, I must say again that boats kept in the boat park and board boats kept on the lawn must be maintained in proper condition. This means boat tarps or covers must be affixed properly and not falling off, blowing loosely in the wind, or partly on the ground. Boats should not be full of water and leaf debris, and tires should be properly inflated, with trailers and dollies in good working condition. Boats not maintained in proper condition are a hazard and nuisance, and prevent the performance of routine maintenance by the caretaker and or member volunteers throughout the season. Boats not properly maintained will be removed from the boat park and placed in the meadow. Also, kayaks and canoes belong on the racks provided, not stored on the ground or in your boat park slip. If they are not properly stored, they will be removed to the meadow.

When coming or going to and from the club, please notice the condition of the club access road. Member volunteer Ryan Decker has spent numerous hours operating the road maintainer and the road is in pretty good shape. The best way to keep the road in good shape is to **slow down** when driving on it. The road has a posted speed limit of 15 - Please observe it. If anyone has any interest in helping to maintain the road on a regular basis, please contact me so we can set something up.

Please familiarize yourself with the member manual located on the club website for all the rules regarding membership and facility use.

In conclusion, please come to the club, get your boats in order and go for a sail. You'll be glad you did.

Sailing School Update

By Mark Welcome

It is still only May but the Sailing School is now well underway. As I write this we are wrapping up our second Adult Learn to Sail class of the season and have also run some Malta Free Invitation to Sail sessions. I hate to jinx it, but the wind and weather have been wonderful so far and so have the students. We look forward to seeing many of them come back as they are quite enthusiastic about sailing.

As we look forward to the junior classes that start in a few weeks, the big news is that our new fleet of boats has finally made it out of Customs! They were delayed for unknown reasons for the last few weeks in a container stuck in a NJ customs location. I got word yesterday that they are on their way to Zim sailing in RI at this point and will be delivered next Wednesday May 30th sometime in the late afternoon. Please be on the lookout for an e-mail asking for assistance in the unloading of the boats from the truck. We are very excited to get them on the grounds and start sailing them!

Last weekend US Sailing was on site to provide Sailing Counselor training to 10 of our juniors. If you recall, Sailing Counselor is the first step in the certification process and allows the juniors to come and assist with classes as they can throughout the summer. It allows them to see if they like teaching sailing and gives us the opportunity to train them in the ways we like to teach at SLSC. Congratulations to Sara Eberlin, Liam Enright, Ari Haddad, Will Lenkowitz, Senja Matson, Ethan Murnan, Lewis Sulkin, Caroline and Rosie Versaci and Zoe Zubrick on successfully completing the course. We look forward to having them work with us this summer and hopefully well into the future.

House Report

By Paul Steve, Flag Lt House

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Ledge. It can be a blessing and a curse. Not the sort of ledge that a person who's become disheartened might think of crawling out on – although in trying to look after our club house I've gained my share of familiarity with that feeling. When I say "ledge," I mean it in a different sense. But as the clever Scheherazade might caution us, "It is ill-advised to begin the telling one story before finishing the telling of a prior story." So, let's go back upstairs together and go to the bathroom.

The men's bathroom. When last we spoke, the $\frac{3}{4}$ " CDX plywood had been laid on the floor and I promised that a waterproof polyethylene membrane, like Schluter® "Ditra," would be laid on top of it. Promises, promises. We didn't do that. After conferring with my tile and stone expert, Tony Marchio of D & M Tile in Albany, we (he) decided that we'd use a brushable liquid membrane instead. I turned 64 this month, but Tony was laying tile, terrazzo, and stone a year before I was born, so I rightly defer to him on such things.

We began by mixing thinset mortar with plaster and using that to fill all the openings around the room where the walls met the floor and around any plumbing opening in the floor, thereby mating the new floor to the walls and closing any spot where water could get through easily. Then the liquid membrane was painted onto the plywood floor and about 4" up the tiled walls. Where the walls met the floor, where the plywood seams were, and around every pipe coming up through the plywood floor, a special waterproof fabric – usually used in making custom shower pans – was embedded into the liquid membrane and recoated with more liquid membrane. This made a complete waterproof barrier that included the entire floor and base of the walls.

After it all dried, the tiling began. We chose a white, 1x1", porcelain hexagon tile, with a black accent tile included. At the time that the house was constructed, this was the sort of tile they'd use for a bathroom floor. Back then, they'd typically use a ceramic tile, but porcelain has a higher density, is more durable, and is a more water-resistant product, superior for floors in every respect but otherwise indiscernible from its ceramic counterpart. The Miami-based Roca Tile USA's USCT CC Porcelain Hexagon White and Black 1X1" on 12X12" Sheet Mosaic, UFCC105-12M. We mixed the standard dark gray thinset evenly with a white thinset to get a resulting light-colored gray tile adhesive. Then we grouted the tile with a light gray grout to match the tiled walls. When all was done it looked original to the house in every respect. That was our goal.

Supplier mistakes meant that we didn't receive certain baseboard pieces (outside corners) as we'd ordered, so they had to be rush-shipped to our supplier. But we lost several days because of the supplier's oversight. Nevertheless, we installed the baseboard pieces that we had before stopping to wait on the supplier. Once the outside corners arrived, the tile project continued without further delay. The outside corners were installed, along with a genuine marble threshold for the shower pan and a small piece of engineered marble to complete the threshold to the door. And then we set and leveled the toilet onto its flange using a Fernco Wax Free (rubber) Toilet Seal and grouted the toilet to the floor for stability, since it's actually located outside the house and over the porch. With that, D & M Tile's work was done and the rest was up to my wife, Robyn, and me.

It's done, as of today (May 23), we finished the project this afternoon. We leveled the sink base and caulked it into place, secured the sink top to the base and caulked it to the wall behind, connected the water supply lines to the sink faucet and the toilet, connected the sink drain to the roughed-out plumbing, installed an electrical outlet (GFCI) near the new sink location, hung a new mirror over the sink, flushed the pipes, and tested everything for leaks. There weren't any. We went back a couple of hours later and tested for leaks again. There still weren't any. If any ever show up, call a plumber, because I'm done with that room.

Hope you like how it came out. We're pleased with the result. And once again, I left stuff out of the story!

Back to the ledge. Literally. But in this instance, I'm referring to bedrock. I asked Matt Reagan, of Techno Metal Post in East Berne, N.Y., and his son, Matt, to stabilize the front porch for us. The east (lakeside) edge of the porch had never had a proper foundation beneath it. I brought in other businesses to look at the project and give repair estimates, too, but Matt's offer was the most compelling, although he probably had cause to regret it later, I think.

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House Report (Continued from previous page)

Matt, Will, and the crew came in, jacked the porch up hydraulically and put it on temporary bracing. During this brief phase of the project, the front door and porch weren't usable, so the side door on the grilling deck was the only access to the house. Then they removed the meager, but heavy, chimney block that had been masquerading as piers for the porch and began excavating the – I don't know what to call it – that was in the ground below them.

It was a jumbled up hodge-podge of cement, football-sized boulders, bricks, other debris, and empty beer cans (Miller High Life tall boys). The beer cans sort of put into perspective what had been going on there. Matt, Will, and the crew dug out rock after rock, drilling the mess when they had to and using a jack hammer when they needed to. Matt told me it was one of the most frustrating installations he'd ever done in all the years he'd been in this business.

Finally, the debris level was cleared and the hydraulic installation of the helical galvanized metal piers could begin. Four piers, on helical plates, corkscrewed into the ground below the porch. We had no idea how far down they'd have to go before the piers encountered sufficient resistance. On a prior project at the south end of the lake, they'd had to go down 32 feet with each pier before they reached a stable and solid base.

Not this time, though. At around 6 to 6½ feet down, the hydraulic drilling machine began to buck and jump like rodeo bronco. Each time. Ledge, a/k/a bedrock. Turns out, the house is sitting on a giant ledge of bedrock. Maybe that explains why the basement was built the way it was (you'd have to see it sometime), and the way it wasn't, and why water seeps in down there almost all the time. We could see the water move over the bedrock in the holes we'd left open overnight. The soil at the bottom of those holes turned dark and wet every time. Water – whether from run-off or rain – seeps down to the ledge and then just sits there until it can work its way off the bedrock somehow. Often, that path seems to lie through the house's basement.

For our purposes on the porch project, however, ledge was a gift. 6½ feet down and the piers were, uniformly across the entire east side of the porch, sitting on bedrock. The bedrock is huge, stable, and it doesn't ever move.

Each pier was then welded to two 16-foot-long pieces of 4-inch-by-4-inch galvanized angle iron that is about ½ inch thick, and galvanized angle iron brackets were then welded to the piers and to the big angle iron above them. Lastly, the two 16-foot pieces of angle iron were bolted numerous times to the two-ply beam of 2x10s that forms the east end of the porch.

And with that, Matt was finished with his part of the project. It took him two days of back-breaking work, but the porch shouldn't ever (I hope) suffer from frost heave again. Each pier is encased in a thick plastic sleeve which can slide up and down the pier. When the water that's trapped on the bedrock freezes and expands, it will grab the plastic sleeve and the sleeve should slide up and down the pier. That's the intended outcome, anyway.

Each pier is capable of supporting 33,000 lbs. of weight, so if it all goes according to plan, the porch, the roof above it, and the gable dormer above the porch should be safe, secure, and well-supported for a very, very long time.

All that remains is that I'd like to replace the porch skirting with new lattice at some point. And I'd especially like to thank Ryan Decker, who single-handedly managed to get rid of over 97% of the unwieldy debris that came out around those piers. Thanks, Ryan, you're a life saver!

The end.

Oh, yeah, also, I bought a new Char-Broil gas grill at the request of Charlie, Margaret, and Dan. The prior grill was too far gone to save. It's now free to a good home. Once the new grill arrived, I put it together and installed it on the grilling deck. It's under the black cover. Enjoy.

And there's a new lever latch on that exterior side door from the dining room to the grilling deck. The old latch there was also too far worn to repair. I added a reinforcing plate behind the new latch because that door has seen some mean treatment in its lifetime and it needed a little extra TLC. It's irreplaceable.

Hope you like what we've managed to accomplish. The total cost was a LOT less than one might assume. The club's Treasurer, Andrew Murnan, has all the numbers if you're interested.

See you on the water.



Pole Barn & Tree Projects

By John Smith, Vice Commodore

Pole Barn

As I am writing this, we still have to have at least one more work party to finish removing the last of the wood from the site. I have been spraying weed killer so that we can see what is left and insecticide to reduce the number of ticks.

We are also looking for an excavation company to remove the stumps, fill and level the site for the barn. If you know of one that you could recommend, please let me know. I am looking for at least 2 more to get pricing.

I will decide this weekend if I am going to have a work party on Saturday 6/2 to finish clearing the site. We will need a four wheeler to pull the wood to a chipper and the logs to the meadow.

There is a considerable amount of good firewood for the taking in the area. If you need it, please feel free to take it.

Trees

Since the last work party the arborist has planted 4 trees, 2 pictured between the house and the barn and 2 on the lower lawn near the crane and the boat racks.

We are also having 5 removed, the last 2 pines in the row of pines in the boat park and 3 trees near boat park space 53.

There are 3 more suspect trees that will need more evaluation to see if we can save them or have them removed.



In the foreground is a "Bloodgood" variety of London Plane. In the background is a Burr Oak.

Human-Power Boating At SLSC

This year I again plan to organize some canoe/kayak trips on the lake, for members who occasionally may care to forsake the tiller for the paddle.

In the past two years we've had some fun, easy trips with half-dozen to a dozen congenial canoe and kayak paddlers going up to the mouth of the Kayaderosseras and a short way up the creek. This seems to be a comfortable distance for our group, averaging about 2 1/2 hours round-trip. It's a good destination, which includes a varied bit of paddling on the shoreline, the creek, and a bit of open water as we return across the cove. I'd also be willing to head up some slightly more ambitious trips, and/or a skills practice session if there is interest.

Trips will be announced through my SLSC Paddlers email list. Note that this is not an official SLSC list, but just a "group" in my personal email address book.

If you've received these emails in the past, you're still on the list (unless your email has changed.) If you wish check in or be added, please contact me. I've sent an email to the group to verify who is on the list.

Of course, I am always grateful for feedback, suggestions, or comments, especially regarding the best days and times for you.

Dan Mehlman 518-475-0412 Dan@MehlmanDesign.com

Spring Work Party



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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.....\$999

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.

Thistle.....\$3500

Hull #3452, Orange

Call or Text Jerry at 518-928-9032
jfz98@yahoo.com

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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