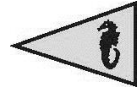
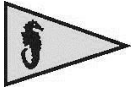


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January, 2019

Commodore's Corner

By Tony Cannone

Goodbye 2018 and hello 2019! As with each start to a new year, we have some changes and many hopes for the coming season. I look forward to working with the club board and membership to move the forward in 2019 to make it the best it can be.

I would like to thank all those who attended the Annual Meeting on December 2nd to vote on the slate of officers for 2019. Prior to voting on the 2019 Executive Board and suggested committee members each of the 2018 board members presented their annual reports. The individual reports have been compiled into one report and is available on our website after logging in.

I'm happy to report the 2019 slate of officers voted in as follows:

Anthony Cannone	Commodore
John Smith	Vice Commodore
Dave Hudson	Rear Commodore
Andrew Murnan	Treasurer
Anthony & Laura Massa	Secretary
Norman Bovee	Flag Lt. House
James Symon	Flag Lt. Grounds
Scott Meyer	Flag Lt. Boats
(Jake Greiner Assistant)	
Allan & Barbara Miller	Flag Lt. Race
Committee Chairs are:	
Ann Seidman	Membership Chair
Charlotte Osborne	Publicity Chair
Mark Welcome	Sailing Program Chair
Social Chair	Margaret Shirk

I would like to thank the outgoing Board Members, George McNally served as Flag Lt. Grounds for 3 years, doing an outstanding job of maintaining and improving our outdoor land-space. Samantha Butler as the Publicity Chair which she has held for 5 years. Sam's effort to promote the club and its members has been a contributing factor in the growth of the club. Paul Steve completed a year of Flag Lt. House efforts that have been significant in the long term health of the Club House.

The first order of business for 2019 is the budget meeting planned for Sunday February 17th at 5pm. Andrew will be presenting the 2019 budget followed by a discussion and vote on the proposed bylaws revision presented at the Annual Meeting last month. After all that business Barbara and Allan will entertain us with a special sailing video and delicious chili and cornbread.

Annual Budget Meeting Followed By Bylaws Discussion/Vote and Sailing Videos

Sunday, February 17th, 5 pm

at

The SLSC Clubhouse

Please come to the Budget Meeting. After we act on the budget, Tony will lead us into a final discussion and vote on the bylaws change. Allan and Barbara will then follow with "How Has Foiling Made Boats Much Faster," a short, fun, video (8 min.). In addition, they will show a 4 min. video from the World of Sailing that features the first American challenger in the next America's Cup called American Magic.

Please plan to stay for delicious chili and cornbread!

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2018 AWARDS DINNER

Despite the forecast, 112 very enthusiastic people arrived at Longfellow's looking forward to the delicious food but, especially, to Tucker Thomson's 2018 Volvo Ocean Race presentation. After waking at 3, having flights delayed and/or cancelled, Tucker made it to the restaurant. Mike Cusick, one of our Kestrel sailors who just happens to own SAVI, a fabulous AV business, was able to set up the extensive sound system that Tucker needed to enhance his presentation. And we are so grateful to Mike as he did this gratis!

Tucker certainly did not disappoint! We were glued to the screen with some of us thinking, Oh Lord, thank goodness, I'm not on those boats!! Others, braver than I, were thinking the exact opposite! Some of our members wanted to be there, in all the excitement!...How fun does that sound - showering once a month, eating disgusting MRE's, a constant shower of salt water in your face? WHOO! HOO!

Anyway, Tucker was a fabulous presenter and had so many nice things to say about the people he met that night.

After we said farewell to Tucker, Mark Welcome gave out Junior Awards and John Smith gave out his ridiculously cheap Rice Awards. We keep telling him we have a budget for awards but he doesn't care.

Allan and I had decided that, after observing an incident on the lake, we needed a special award for extraordinary actions by a member. To that end we created the SLSC Corinthian Award that we gave to John Kimball. You can read our presentation on the website which includes why John received this award.

The very noteworthy awards were:

Club Champions to Scott & Lauren Meyer & Jenny Borshoff AGAIN.

Ethan Murnan won the Murray Hollister Junior Trophy

Marek Czajkowski won the trophy for sailing the most races with 37 out of 41.

77 skippers and crew qualified for an award.

Barbara and Allan

2018 SLSC Corinthian Award

There is no good preparation for being a hero, for demonstrating extraordinary sportsmanship and for doing acts of valor that take courage. We give trophies for sailing expertise, but, something happened this summer that caused us to think about the kinds of recognition we give and we made the decision to establish a new award.

After looking in the dictionary and the Thesaurus, we came up with the word, Corinthian, that we felt encompassed the actions of the person receiving this new award tonight. One of the meanings of Corinthian spirit in sailboat racing goes well beyond anything competitive. It means having an especially high standard of sportsmanship.

So, we created the SLSC Corinthian Award. We know that, in the past, there have been extraordinary actions by members that would have certainly earned this award. This season, something happened that stirred us into action.

During the Summer Regatta, there was quite a lot of breeze. A situation developed where one of our members had decided to retire and was sailing into shore. The skipper of the boat fell overboard. He seemed to be having difficulty getting back into his boat and, at the time, was not wearing his PFD.

Before any of the rescue boats arrived, the sailor so deserving of this award, having observed what was happening and disregarding his own safety, left his boat to drift, swam to the sailor in the water and helped him back into his boat.

So, we have the pleasure this year of recognizing JOHN KIMBALL with the 2018 SLSC CORINTHIAN AWARD for his actions in potentially saving the life of another sailor.

B & A

Grounds Report

By James Symon, Flag Lt Grounds

I wanted to thank everyone for the warm welcome to the Grounds position at the club. George McNally has done a great job with trying to get me up to speed with all the responsibilities that come with the position. There are a lot of lawns, equipment, driveways, trees, etc to keep an eye on at the club. I am glad I have the winter to get organized.

The Grounds equipment has been safely stored away for the winter in the barn. A big thank you to Dan O'Sullivan for helping out with winterizing the equipment. The snowplowing service is set up and has been coming to the club as needed. I am already starting to think about spring time and all that will need to be ready for another great year at the sailing club.

Not too much else to report at this point. I hope everyone has a great New Years!

Sailing School Update

By Mark Welcome

The sailing school had a successful season this year with a little bit of growth, but not an unmanageable amount of growth. As I have said in previous years, one of our largest challenges was trying to determine the right size for the school that fulfilled our mission while still staying small enough that it can be run by volunteers. We seem to have found a good balance of manageable size while trying to accommodate all the demand.

A few season highlights include:

- Number of students was up slightly from the previous year with 365 people registering for classes.
- Revenues were up significantly with a little over \$71k as of this writing as opposed to \$58k last year. This increase is due to increased tuition as well as increased number of paid registrants
- The "Free Invitation to Sail" events continue to be a success with 144 registrants signing up for one of our free events. A huge thank you to the Global Foundries Town of Malta Foundation which provided the funding.
- We are happy to report that 12 of the free event students went on to sign up for full classes through the school. Because we were full for memberships, we could not admit any of these participants into the club, but we hope to be welcoming sailing school students into the Club in 2019.
- Congratulations to Ethan Murnan on winning the Murray Hollister award as the junior champion for the second year in a row! We were very happy to see 3 juniors qualify this year.
- We are continuing our efforts to educate our juniors in teaching sailing so that we can have a good supply of home grown instructors in the years to come. We had 5 instructors get certified as US Sailing Level 1 instructors and 9 completed their Sailing Counselor certification.
- The biggest initiative in 2018 was the purchase of a new fleet of boats for Junior Learn-to-Sail and Intermediate classes. We purchased 5 Hartley 12.2 and 1 RS Quest sailboats.
- I am very pleased to report that the new fleet met or exceeded our expectations on many key points:
 - Low maintenance rotomolded hull
 - Solid construction
 - Relatively simple rig for beginners
 - The ability to use them in the intermediate classes (jib, spin options, etc.)
 - Can fit 3 kids reasonably well (3 is a nice number as it reduces the number of boats we need and gives us flexibility in pairing kids up)
 - Kids can recover them after capsize
 - Sailed very well
- As was discussed last year, our main concern was the cost. We are thrilled to report that the approximate cost of \$48,000 was almost completely covered in 1 year!
 - Approximate total cost: \$48,000
 - Offset with
 - a \$22,500 donation from the Saratoga Lake Sailing Foundation
 - \$10,300 received from the sale of the O'Pen Bics and Lasers which were no longer needed
 - Approximately \$11,800 in operating surplus from school operations which can be used to offset costs

- This means that the Clubs outlay for the new fleet was less than \$4,000 as opposed to the \$14,000 to \$17,000 that was budgeted.

- We are now doing fundraising to upgrade the Junior Racing FJ fleet. We will work with the Budget Committee to finalize these numbers and will make a formal proposal at the February Budget meeting.

As always, the success of the school is entirely due to the quality of the instructors and involved members. We simply can't thank the following people enough:

- John Power for a great season as the head instructor.
- Our returning full time instructors: Tim Hayes, Jack McCarty, Luka Newton, Jacoba Taylor and Drew Welcome.
- Our newest full time instructor Jake Welcome
- Our Junior Counselors Sara Eberlin, Liam Enright, Ari Haddad, Will Lenkowitz, Senja Matson, Ethan Murnan, Lewis Sulkin, Caroline Versaci, Rosie Versaci and Zoe Zubrick.
- Jenny Borshoff for volunteering to help coach the Junior Racers all season
- Jen Tayne for agreeing to take over the Junior Adventure program this year.
- Our members who are certified instructors and who helped throughout the season: Tom Adomat, Tony Bianchini, Corbett Churan, Rob Hayes, Brett Howe, Helaina Howe, Allan Miller, James Nicol and Jerry Zell.
- The many members who volunteered to help with our free sailing days including Bruce Blackie, Tony Cannone, Dave Miller, James Nicol, Victor Roberts and Paul Waterfield
- The countless members who dedicate their time to the school in so many ways including working on boats, handling registrations, and any of the countless tasks associated with the school. I won't name names as every year I forget someone as there are so many of them.

As we look forward to 2019, we have a number of things in progress:

- We have opened up our registrations for 2019
- We are working to firm up our returning instruction staff.
- Along with the "Saratoga Lake Sailing Foundation" we have submitted grant requests to the Alfred Z Solomon Foundation as well as the Stewarts matching gifts fund.
- We plan to continue to offer US Sailing certification classes to members at the Club to continue to develop in house instructors.

As always, we are looking for members who are interested in assisting with the school in any way. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sailing School preparing for a great 2019 season.

By Mark Welcome

We are in the process of wrapping up the paperwork on a great 2018 sailing season. By all measures, 2018 was a record season both in revenues and number of enrollments. As has been discussed in this newsletter a number of times, this type of growth is both a blessing and a curse. From the blessing standpoint, it is always gratifying to see so many people want to learn to sail and/or improve their sailing skills. That is what we are all about and we are thrilled to see so much support for our local sailing community. This level of interest bodes well for the clubs future. From the curse perspective, it is not always easy to manage this type of growth and demand an all-volunteer club setting.

With that in mind, as we look forward to 2019 we will be focused less on growth and more on better management of the programs we currently have. Towards that end, I was able to spend a great weekend up in Burlington VT this fall attending a US Sailing Regional Symposium as well as a US Sailing Level 3 certification program. It was extremely useful to be able to spend a few days with other program directors learning how their programs work and discussing best practices to make programs run smoothly. Similarly, in January Dave Hudson and I decided to attend the National Sailing Programs Symposium put on by US Sailing and entirely focused on sailing education. It is our hope that we will be able to come back with a number of ideas to help us improve our programs from both management and a user perspective.

We are pleased to announce that we have already heard from a number of our instructors that they will be coming back in 2019. We look forward to John Power coming back as head instructor to run the junior programs. Helaina Howe and Luka Newton have signed on to work with both the junior and adult programs. We welcome Senja Matson, Caroline Versaci and Zoe Zubrick on as new instructors this year, after previously volunteering with us as Sailing Counselors. We look forward to welcoming back additional instructors as we get closer to the season .

We will continue to update you on progress as the new year progresses. Please remember to tell your friends and family that 2019 registrations are open and classes are filling.

Happy New Year!

Sailing Foundation receives grant from the Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust

By Mark Welcome

The Saratoga Lake Sailing Foundation is extremely happy to announce that we have received a grant for \$13,500 from the Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust. This grant will be used to replace 3 of the Club FJ sailboats used by the SLSC Junior Race program. This is part of an ongoing plan to replace the entire fleet of FJs in the racing program as well as associated equipment used for travel to and from regattas. The Junior Race team currently races using six Club FJ sailboats built in the 1980's. While these boats have served the team well for a number of years, they have reached a point where they need to be replaced. This would not have been possible without the support of the Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust. In honor of Mr. Solomon and his generosity to our programs as well as the Saratoga community as a whole, the Foundation will be donating the Alfred Z. Solomon perpetual trophy for the SLSC annual FJ Horse Race Regatta. The winning skipper and crew names of each year will be engraved on the trophy which will be kept at SLSC in the Trophy Room.

The Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust (Saratoga Springs, N.Y.) was established to benefit nonprofit scientific, medical, educational, cultural, religious, and charitable organizations by funding project and programs in memory of the Trust's founder, Alfred Z. Solomon. Mr. Solomon, a leader in the fashion industry, a horse racing enthusiast, and a philanthropist in Gansevoort, N.Y. and New York City, died on Sept. 4, 2004, at the age of 104, and founded the Trust in his Last Will and Testament.

We would like to personally thank Victoria Garland and Harry Snyder, trustees of the Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust for their support of our efforts.

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

Laser.....\$2000

Includes Dolly, Sail # 154475 Excellent condition – very clean
Year built ~1995 by Sunfish/Laser Inc

Call or Text Tony at 518-265-9615

Laser.....\$4200

2001 Vanguard, Excellent condition. Stored inside when not
sailed. Includes radial rig & full sized rig with all necessary
hardware. Updated Harken vang and outhaul
Race condition, class legal, full sized sail & practice radial sail.
Road ready galvanized Karavan trailer.
Seitech dolly, deck cover, padded rudder and daggerboard bag.

Contact Ric Klug at 518-275-9004

MC Scow.....\$3,900

Hull #1733 with 3 sails, cover and trailer. Great condition.
Contact Chris at 518-583-6939 or sunonsaturday@gmail.com.

Ensign 170 “WATERCOLORS” For Sale

The boat was owned by John O'Connell, one of the original
founders of the Ensign Class Association and its first National
Champion (1962 in Ensign #60.) The boat (#170) was part of the
second run of the first year of production by Pearson. She's in
good shape with a complete re-rigging (running gear) in 1989 and
lightly used since.

She has black topsides, white boot stripe, and green bottom. The
topsides were repainted (two-part epoxy) four years ago.
Mahogany bench seats, Teak cockpit sole, complete racing gear
(new 1989)

Sails (two sets), non-skid cockpit seat cushions.

Compass – 5 Aqua Meter Tripod Stands – Mooring, buoy,
anchor, chain and rhode.

Anti-fouling paint 2018, blue Motor, Tohatsu/Mercury 4hp 4-cycle.

Cockpit cover - custom canvas @ \$750 2016

\$6500 or best offer

\$500 discount for SLSC members

Contact

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Kathy's Farewell Party



Annual Meeting



Online Renewal Survey

We'd love to know your thoughts on using online renewal with SLSC through our website and credit cards as a Dues payment option. If you could take a minute to respond to the questions below and mail them back to the SLSC club address, we'd appreciate it. Alternatively, visit <https://ajmurnan.typeform.com/to/wcVtZO> for an online version of the survey and save the stamp. Thanks for considering.

Name and email address: _____

1. What is your preference for your renewal options with SLSC?

If you currently receive a paper telltale, you will also receive a paper renewal in the mail unless you let us know otherwise.

- A) Give online renewal a try (through SLSC website)
- B) Download paper renewal (from SLSC website)
- C) Paper renewal mailed to me
- D) Other _____

2. What is your preferred payment method for online Dues renewal? When you select to pay by check, you will receive a 3% discount when you enter a discount code.

Other options may be available in future years outside of our website.

- A) Check (3% discount)
- B) Credit Card
- C) Other _____

3. Would you prefer to raise dues 3% to make paying by check (or other options) the same as paying by credit card?

- A) Yes (okay to raise dues 3%)
- B) No (keep discount for paying by check)
- C) Other _____

4. Are there any comments or suggestions you'd like to share with us?

Please mail survey to:
Saratoga Lake Sailing Club
163 Manning Road
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Or email your version of the survey to:

slsc_treasurer@sailsaratoga.org

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
	877-5062
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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