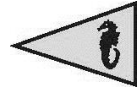
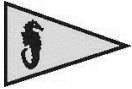


Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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March, 2019

Commodore's Corner

By Tony Cannone

On Sunday February 17th, around 35 members came out to the club to hear about what is planned at the club for 2019. There were 17 members who provided proxies which assisted in exceeding 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 2019 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 few house and grounds projects in 2019 and remain in strong financial shape. The Bylaws change, that now allows some flexibility in the membership maximum, 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 2019 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. We have worked hard at improving the membership renewal process, you now have three options available: 1. Renew online (can pay with credit card or check) 2. Print renewal form off the website and mail in with your payment or 3. Fill out and send the hard copy that was mailed to you along with your payment. Thank you, Andrew Murnan, Vic Roberts, Tony Massa and Anne Siedman, for all your hard work on developing the online renewal process!

Please RSVP for the 2019 Commodore's Party which will be the evening of Saturday, March 30th. This year's event will be held at The Century House Restaurant and Hotel. Sharon and I are looking forward to a fun evening planned to ring in the new sailing season. We will also be announcing this year's recipient of the Mary Elizabeth Hull Award. (Continued on Page 2)



2019

Commodore's Party

March 30th from 5:30pm – 9:30pm

The Century House Restaurant

997 New Loudon Rd, Latham

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 20th

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

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Upcoming Events

Mar 30.....Commodore's Party

Commodore's Corner (Continued from Page 1)

On April 14th the Race Committee is planning a meeting at the club to discuss the programs planned for this season. Finally, the last Saturday in April and the 1st Saturday in May will bring the much anticipated docks in and spring work parties. Let's all work together to make 2019 a fun, enjoyable and safe sailing season!

Grounds Report

By James Symon, Flag Lt Grounds

During this time of year a layer of snow makes everything seem peaceful at the sailing club. But there are many people already working hard to plan out the upcoming sailing season.

I have been working on a list of projects for the spring work parties. The driveway pot holes that seem to multiply each year are a priority. Organizing the barn would also be a good task to tackle. Some of the lawn equipment has seen better days, but we will see what can be running again for another season.

Soon the snow will melt and the club will out of hibernation for another great year of sailing.

New Caretaker

The Board is very excited to announce the selection of our new caretaker, Daniel Berheide.

Daniel is a lifelong resident of Saratoga Springs whose experience involves land management and environmental stewardship. Daniel's personal interests include many outdoor sports and recreational activities that align with our sailing club's mission.

We ask that you help Daniel learn the operations of the club and offer him some consideration while he gets to know us.



SAILING PROGRAM MEETING

APRIL 14, 2019 5:00 PM

Join Barbara & Allan for an evening of fun & **pizza** & a discussion about safety at our club!

We will show some short, interesting videos on the next America's Cup, the next generation of sailboats, and a very funny commentary on Olympic Sailing.

We will also discuss:
Our club's emergency procedures-
What to do IF?!!
A discussion of powerboat safety-
Avoiding Propeller Strikes
The Approach & Rescue Process
Q & A Session

A discussion on Race Committee Assignments and the Importance of Supporting our Racing Program

CSI Saratoga Lake True Crime Stories From Our Home Waters

written by Patrick King

*This is the first in a series of articles describing incidents involving the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), how these incidents were handled, and how they **should** have been handled. Each article is reviewed by a number of club members for accuracy, fairness, and bias. Names are not named without the individual's permission. The purpose of this series of articles is to increase the average member's knowledge of the RRS to increase our club's safety, competitiveness, and fun, in accordance with the goals of the [Fair Sailing Initiative](#).*

It was a beautiful Sunday early in the season in 2017. I was on port tack headed to windward and approaching a boat on starboard. I ducked behind him. No words were exchanged.

Several minutes later, we had both come about and were again approaching on opposite tacks, this time with me having the right of way.

I hailed "starboard" to no effect. I hailed again. Still the port tack boat held its course. Finally, I ducked astern of her for a second time and hailed "protest", at which point the skipper turned to me and said "we have to stop meeting like this" and sailed on.

Nonplussed by this response, I sailed on with no further comment. As neither boat had a particularly strong finish, I did not follow through on my protest, reasoning that the outcome would make no difference. Instead, I talked to the skipper's Fleet Captain who said he would talk to the individual. As far as I know, that conversation took place and I have had no further incidents with this person.

Let's start the discussion with my big mistake. It is absolutely untrue that a proper application of the rules would have made no difference. Had the offending skipper either ducked me or tacked, I might have finished a place or two better. Had he done his penalty turns after fouling me, perhaps a couple of boats behind us might have done a bit better. Had I taken the case to the protest room and he had been disqualified, *everyone* behind us would have been a bit better off. And as this was one of a *series* of races, in which cumulative results matter, my inaction affected the *season* of everyone behind us.

I gave the offending skipper a talking to, which may have involved some embarrassment. Had I insisted on the proper application of the rules, I might have gotten him disqualified from that race, again only one in a series, one in which he wasn't doing particularly well, anyway. A punishment arguably no worse than a talking to and an outcome that would reinforce the RRS, not undermine them.

So, having hopefully established that the rules do (or at least should) matter, let us review the rules relevant to this situation. First, obviously, we have Rule 10 (R10), a port tack boat shall keep clear of a starboard tack boat. In the first encounter above, R10 was observed. In the second, it was not.

Our next step is to consider the rules about violating the rules. There are two cases to consider, when the offending boat acknowledges the violation and when she does not.

The first case is covered by R44, taking penalties at the time of an incident. Without digging into the two pages of text, R44 says an offending boat may exonerate herself by performing two turns in the same direction, a turn consisting of a tack and a gybe, while keeping clear of other boats. Alternatively, she could take a scoring penalty by flying a yellow flag and informing the Race Committee (does anybody carry a yellow flag at SLSC?). Either penalty, voluntarily taken, is less drastic than potential disqualification after a protest hearing, described next.

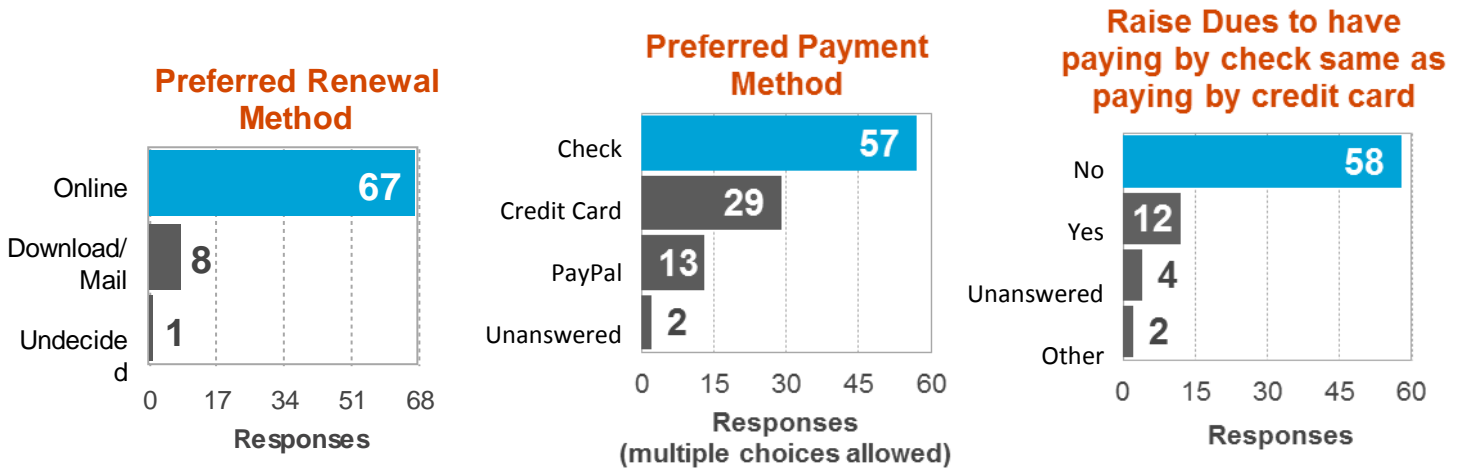
Protest procedures are covered in Part 5 of the RRS. Probably most important for the racer to know is R61, protest requirements. Very briefly, the protestor must inform the protestee (ie, hail "protest"), and the protestor must submit his protest in writing. As covered in R64.1, the usual penalty for losing a protest hearing is disqualification.

This and the next few articles are based on my experiences, either as a skipper or a member of the Protest Committee. I look forward to hearing of other sailors' experiences which may find their way into future articles, if other parties' view of the situation can be fairly discovered and represented.

Fair sailing, in all senses of the word.

Membership Renewal Survey Summary - 2019

Response rate near **40%** (76)



Comments - Summarized (and filtered)

- I'm happy to renew online and use the US Mail to send a check to help the Club avoid the 3% credit card processing fee.
(3 more comments similar to this)
- Thanks for setting up online renewals. I expect it'll be much better than paper forms.
(3 more comments similar to this)
- If processing checks for the club is a problem, why don't you set up for bill pay via electronic funds transfer like we use to pay most of our bills.
(1 more comment similar to this)
- Since we are away at dues time, the e-mail is a much better choice. I won't miss the regular mail and have to pay a penalty.
(1 more comment similar to this)
- If people want or need to pay with a credit card, let them pay the difference.
- How can you be sure the credit card information is secure?
- Would like to know what procedures are used to protect against stolen card info.
- If in the future we have a budget surplus like we had last year, we can use it to make our payment process more convenient. I do not support raising dues.
- While I appreciate the ease of online renewal and registrations, it lacks some of the personal element. SLSC is a special place and I would rather stay connected to the members and friends directly rather than electronically.
- As an all-volunteer organization, we should make the task of collecting and processing dues as easy and as automated as possible.
- I like airline points which will offset the three percentage point additional cost.
- I need to use the club more in 2019.. it's really a great place.
- I would be willing to pay extra to receive paper telltale.

Sailing School Update

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 assist in the purchase of a new fleet of Flying Juniors. As was mentioned in previous Telltales, the Foundation received a very generous donation from the Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust which funded approximately 3 boats that we would like to purchase. However, all the fleets that we can find are in groups of 6, so we needed additional funding. With the support of the additional funds in the budget, we are presently negotiating for six 2016 Flying Juniors. Our hope is that we will be able to find a buyer for the extra FJ's to recoup all of the costs to the Club.

A few things we are working on:

- ADK Outdoor Expo

The Club will once again have a booth at the Adirondack Outdoor Expo at the Saratoga Springs City Center on March 16th and 17th to promote the Club and Sailing School. We are always in need of sailors to help staff the booth and talk to potential sailors. This is being coordinated by Publicity Chair Charlotte Osborne slsc_publicity@sailsaratoga.org.

- US Sailing Level 1 Instructor Training

We will be running a US Sailing level 1 instructor course at the Club this year. This is open to both juniors (Those turning 16 this year 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 visit <https://www.ussailing.org/education/instructor/sm-all-boat-instructor-programs/level-1-instructor/> for more information and to register. It will be run on the weekends of May 11/12 and 18/19.

- 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

The Sailing Foundation Needs your Help

By Mark Welcome

The Foundation has been active over the winter continuing to raise funds to support the various sailing initiatives. We could really use help with a few things:

- Assistance with Grants

The Sailing Foundation has been fortunate to have some success receiving grants over the last several years despite our lack of experience in grant writing. That said, we could really use someone with experience in locating and writing grant proposals to take the lead with these efforts moving forward. We are hoping that there is someone within the club who has experience in grant writing and is willing to help. Please contact Mark Welcome, Greg Tkal or Peter Hudson if you are interested.

- SeaBags of Maine

Thanks again to everyone who donated old sails to the Foundation for this fundraiser. We are still accepting old sails for future fundraisers if you want to clean out your old piles of boat gear this spring! In return for all of the clubs donated sails, SeaBags provided us with 9 Vintage Medium Totes with fleet insignia for sale as a fundraiser. We now have 2 Scot and 2 Laser bags still available. You can get information on the bags in general at <https://seabags.com/vintage/medium-totes.html> . Seabags sells their generic medium totes for \$160-\$180 plus tax and shipping. The Foundation is selling these bags for \$150 even to raise money for the sailing school. Please let Mark Welcome know if you would like one and we will put it aside.

- 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. If you have a boat that you would like to donate, please contact any Foundation board member (Mark Welcome, Greg Tkal, 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.

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

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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.

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
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	767-9216
Y-Flyer.....	John Smith
	786-1340

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