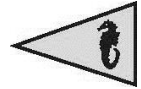
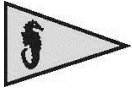


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April, 2019

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 30th. 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, Emmett McCarthy gave an interesting talk and historical perspectives on SLSC commodores over the years. It was my pleasure to present the 2019 Commodore's Mary Elizabeth Hull Award. A big congratulation to Barbara Miller for a much-deserved recognition of her efforts over the years.

By now you should have already sent in your 2019 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 16 & 17 the club took part in the Adirondack Sports Summer Expo. A big thank you to Charlotte Osborne 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. Allan and Barbara Miller are planning a fun day devoted to sail boat race management aiming to improve safety on and off the water at the club. Whether or not you race your participation will enlighten you on safety and emergency planning at the club.

Other efforts going on at the club include. New school FJ's are in the works and students are signing up. Planning has started for the work parties scheduled for April 27th and May 4th. Work on the Club house and grounds continues in an effort to make it a safe and enjoyable place for our members and guests. **I would like to thank Vic Roberts for his recent donation of a new DVD player to be used with our A/V system.**

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.

The Club Needs You!!

Spring Work Parties

Saturday, April 27th & Saturday, May 4th

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
should be ready**

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!

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Grounds Report

By James Symon, Flag Lt Grounds

Spring has finally sprung. The snow is melting off, the lake ice going fast. It's time to start thinking about sailing! But first we need to get the club back up and running. At the end of the month we will have the first of the two spring work parties. As usual there will be many projects to get completed to help get the grounds ready for the season. The driveway potholes, uncover plants, raking leaves, seeing if the lawn equipment starts, and setting up the canopy are some things to get done. Bring gloves, rakes, and dress for the weather. There will be a whiteboard list inside the club or find me near the barn if you want to join in on getting the grounds ready.

We are hoping to have this year's boat registration stickers available at the work party. You will probably have the same assignment you had last year. Current members will be given preference if spaces become available.

On another topic, with our preparations for the proposed storage barn building we will need to start thinking about thinning out some of the items in the meadow. Do you have a rusty trailer that has not moved in years? How about a freeze damaged boat that has not been on the water for many seasons? This is a good time to sell, recycle, or dispose of the item. Please get in touch with me if you have something in the meadow that we can find a new home for.

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!

Sunday, APRIL 14, 5 PM

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
Starting an Evening Program for Cruisers
On Thursday Evenings
Q & A Session



Mary Elizabeth Hull Award Winners

Mary Elizabeth Hull (Commodore's) Award 2019

Presented to Barbara Miller

In loving memory of Mary Elizabeth Hull who nourished the vitality of the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club.

Mary Elizabeth was an active member of SLSC from 1976 to the time of her death on September 10, 1991. She volunteered for the Junior Sailing Program, chaired the Social Committee and managed Membership for many years. She was elected Flag Lt. House, Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore and Commodore (1982).

Mary Elizabeth was an enthusiastic sailor who competed aboard Windmills, and later, Thistles. The members of SLSC knew Mary Elizabeth for her gracious beauty and welcoming smile. She was a people person and friendly to all. Her presence at the club made SLSC a happy home.

The Commodore's Award recognizes that special person(s) whose outstanding contributions to SLSC have improved and sustained the life of SLSC.

This award, in her honor, was quickly established with the 1st recipient being in 1992.

The 2019 Mary Elizabeth Hull, Commodore's Award, recipient has been a member of the club for over 45 years coming from the Kaydeross Club in 1972 to where SLSC is located today.

Barbara has been the Race Committee Officer on & off over the span her time at the club. In her early years volunteering on Race Committee began with another parent, Stephanie Olsen, out on the RC boat encouraging their children. The need for a consistent RC Officer emerged and Barbara stepped up to the task with great enthusiasm. Learning the rules and courses and of course RC management.

More recent years as Flag Lt Race with Allan and constant RCO. Related activities include developing the club calendar, organizing committee assignments and the Wednesday night pot luck assignments.

Barbara had also served as Membership Chair for a number of years, Rear Commodore (in 1995), Organized Movie Nights and served on the caretaker selection committee.



CSI Saratoga Lake

True Crime Stories From Our Home Waters

written by Patrick King

*This is the second 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 windy autumn evening during the 2018 Rice series. Terry Fraser and I were conducting our own private Y-Flyer battle way over on the port side of the starting line, hoping to take advantage of a wind shift that the rest of the fleet had overlooked. With less than 30 seconds to go, it appeared that we were both set up for a decent start, with Terry slightly to leeward and ahead on the port tack. I worried that he might luff up and force me over the line early, but the clock was quickly winding down.

Terry didn't have to force me over. In the unfamiliar Rice series 3 minute starting sequence, I got confused by all the final beeps and boops coming from the committee boat, and headed up over the line ten seconds early. Terry headed up at the proper time, and I found myself to windward and slightly ahead of him as the committee boat hailed me.

I eased sail to fall behind Terry, planning to bear off behind him and dip below the line as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, either I didn't ease sail enough before I bore off, the wind shifted, or I just plain misjudged the distance between us. As I bore off, my sails filled, and *Peggy's Washer* accelerated like a rocket, striking *Code Blue* solidly near her stern!

Luckily, nobody was injured, and both boats were undamaged (the Y is a sturdy beast). I continued back to the line to restart (keeping in mind R29.1's 4 minute time limit) and then did my 720° penalty turn as required by R44 as penance for violating R11(windward/leeward) and R14 (avoiding collision). As I did my turns, somebody on the committee boat remarked, "are you spinning for practice?". Most likely he didn't see my offense, but I was kind of surprised later when Terry expressed the same sentiment, thinking that the Rice series races weren't "counters".

Was I practicing spinning? Well, yes and no. On the one hand, you can say that the Rice has no prize (at least none based on results), and so I was not taking anything from anyone if I had not done my turns. But even if this were so (and I shall soon argue that it is not), I choose to be guided by my Air Force experience, during which we were always urged to "train like you fight, and fight like you train". If the Rice series is truly only practice, do we want to use that practice time reinforcing a mindset of ignoring the rules, of not having any penalty for excessive, possibly dangerous, aggression in our boat handling? I think not.

On the other hand, there is no doubt that I was taking the race seriously. I wanted to win, I certainly wanted to beat Terry. Prize or no prize, this contest was a counter for me. But what kind of win would this have been had I not followed *all* the rules. I once was active in tournament chess, but in "fun" games I did not forgo touch-move, or en passant, or castling (except perhaps when teaching someone). When you're playing a game, you follow all the rules, or you're not really playing. A "win" without following the rules is not a win at all, and nothing that I would take pride in. Sailing is one of the last sports that is largely self policing, self regulating, "gentlemanly" if I may say that in this PC age.

So, no, I wasn't practicing, I was playing. Fair play means following *all* the rules. Again, fair sailing to you, in all senses of the word.

Sailing School Update

By Mark Welcome

As I write this, the ice has just left the lake as of yesterday. I rigged up my little Hobie AI and sailed around for a bit just to get back on the water. It really drove the point home that the Sailing School will be up and running soon! The biggest thing we are working on right now is registrations.

As is usually the case, most of the registrations to date are from non-members. I would kindly ask that all members please sign both themselves and their juniors up for classes sooner rather than later. While we always bend over backwards to try to fit members and their kids into classes that are full, it would make our lives much easier if members could signed up for classes early. That saves us trying to juggle waitlists, add staff, etc. We try to take care of everyone, but the reality is that this is very hard for late registrants if we don't have adequate time to adjust.

For the junior classes, we currently have

- 1 spots left in Learn to Sail session 1 and 2 spots in session 2
- 2 spots left in the Junior Race program
- 1 spot left in Adventure Sailing
- 3 spots in Intermediate Sailing session 1 and 1 spots in session 2

So we have a total of 10 spots left in any junior programs for the season. The most important thing I can tell you is please don't be scared away by wait lists and please sign up even if a class has one. We have enough time at this point to adjust if we know there is demand as we are ramping up our staffing right now and can add instructors as necessary.

For the Adults, our first class is only 5 weeks away! We do have spots in the adult learn to Sail classes in May and June, so please help spread the word. For those of you who would like to get involved with our adult race programs, we will once again be offering our Intro to Race program during the week of June 9. For members it is only \$50 for the whole week! This is a great way to come out and learn the basics of how to be a crew member for SLSC racing.

Thanks for all your support of the school programs and please remember to register early and register often!

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

LASER DERBY – SATURDAY, JUNE 1st

(Open to standard, radial and 4.7)

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!

Breakfast and a **Super Yummy** homemade lunch with Jo's Chocolate Cookie bars will be provided after sailing

If you decide not to race, we hope you will come help out as a volunteer this year and once you see **it's all good fun, we know you will join us on the water next year!**

Photos will be taken of you and your vessel.

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

Lots of fun is had by all, come learn some new tricks of sailing! We can always use more hands, if you want to help with the race boat or in other ways.

Please send us an email!

On the Block

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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

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
DOUG MCGIVNEY 518-755-6994 E MAIL:
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Aluminum Universal Side Rail Mounted Roof
Cross Bars for Canoe or Kayak
New in Box...Never Used \$100
Manufactured from high-strength, lightweight aluminum.
150 lb. weight capacity.
Each bar measures 53-3/8" L x 2-1/8" W x 7/8" H.
Adjusts to fit roof rails up to 50" apart.
No tools required-- secures to roof rails with rubber-coated clamps and knobs.
Adjustment knobs include key locking mechanism.
Includes two rooftop cross bars.

Call Gene Auciello (518) 583-9558
or e-mail gene.auciello@gmail.com

POLE BARN UPDATE

By John Smith, Vice Commodore

The Army Corp has asked us to remove the piles of wood from the clearing and adjacent area and send photos as the next step in the permitting process. We had a work party on Saturday March 31st and managed to get anything that was not frozen to the ground moved to the edge of the meadow or along the driveway. We will have to complete the removal at the docks-in work party. We are hoping that once this is completed we will get their approval. DEC will not approve anything until the Army Corp grants a permit.

Please feel free to take some or all of it home.



Empty Trailers

There are currently 8 empty trailers in the meadow without names and 5 other empties.

These 3 photos are of the same 2 trailers.
The tag says Spooner 2011



The two photos below are of the same trailer



The next 2 photos are the same trailer



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
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