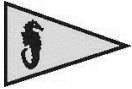


Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

Web page: sailsaratoga.org



May, 2019

Commodore's Corner

By Tony Cannone

By the time you read this we will have completed our first spring work party on April 27th. May 4th will see the second work party to get items completed that didn't get done on the 27th. These are important events in the process of getting the club ready for the sailing season. They are also great for getting back in touch with your fellow members, enjoying some delicious food provided by our Social Committee and making plans for how your sailing program will play out at the club this year.

Our Race Committee Chairs, Allan & Barbara Miller, held a seminar on Race Management at our club that included boating safety and Emergency Action Plans. The nearly 30 members that came out on April 14th to take part in the seminar were treated to some interesting video's and lively discussions regarding safe boating, rescues and Emergency Action Planning. These are important issues at any time on the water but especially when volunteering in our club race series. Allan will be offering Safe Boating Training to those interested in sharpening their skills. Please contact Allan if interested.

Of course, we will be kicking off the racing season with a Mother's Day Practice Race followed by the Wednesday Manning Series and Sunday Zephyr Series.

On May 11th our Membership chair, Ann Seidman, will be hosting a new member get together at the club. New and old members alike are invited to the information session and refreshments. Come learn about issues related boat storage, social events, club house usage and volunteer opportunities.

The end of May is the official start of Summer with our annual Champagne Brunch - be sure to get your reservations in early for this popular social kick-off to summer.

Other activities coming up that you may find interesting include the Saratoga Sailing School, The Laser Derby, and the annual Thistle Fleet Regatta.

We will be moving up the date for boat placement and stickers to be applied to June 15th. If getting this accomplished will be an issue, we need you to contact the Flag Lt. Grounds or another board member ASAP so we can make adjustments to the boat storage areas. John Smith

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SLSC

Annual Memorial Day Champagne Brunch

Monday, May 27
10:00 AM - Noon

Adults \$10 - Kids (12 and under) \$5
Champagne market price per bottle

**Reservations no later than May 22 to
SLSCreservations@gmail.com
Email reservations are preferred, and will be
acknowledged!**

or call
Lisa Ross
518-584-1332

**Members with last names A-F
are asked to help...**
Please indicate helping with **set up** or **clean up**
when you make your reservation
(To help **set up**, please arrive at 9:30)

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Upcoming Events

May 04.....	Spring Work Party #2
May 04.....	Kentucky Derby Party
May 11.....	New Members Reception
May 15.....	Manning 1
May 19.....	Zephyr 1

Commodore's Corner

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has outlined the challenges we face with boat storage, facility usage and parking as the club membership continues to grow.

The club board and I are very much looking forward to a great season that includes enjoyment of the club and fun on the water. Come on out and be a part of the action! -CT

Grounds Report

By James Symon, Flag Lt Grounds

By the time this telltale is published we will have April will be behind us, the first Spring Work Party will be completed, and the sailing season is quickly coming into view. Everything is turning green and the weather is warming up. This is a great time of year

The boat park assignments are posted on the club porch wall. You will most likely be in the same spot as last year. I was able to accommodate a few swaps as requested. We did have a number of resignations from the club so there are a few spots that have opened up. During this process, I favored fleet boats over non-fleet boats and grouped them together accordingly as openings occurred. I strived to keep a balance and overall fairness in the assignment process based on fleet, nonfleet. and first-come-first-serve basis. [See boat park map on page 3]. Even with some openings space is still at a premium in the boat park, lawn and mooring field.

Please make sure your boat is properly maintained whether it is in the boat park or stored on the lawn or racks. There is a lot of grounds work and maintenance being performed all season. Boats get moved for mowing and tree work as well as other projects that take place on the grounds. Boats and trailers that are not maintained in good order (i.e. tarps half off, full of water, flat tires etc) make performing routine maintenance very difficult and inconvenience the caretaker who is responsible for much of the work that gets done. Boats not maintained properly will be removed to the meadow.

SAILING PROGRAM INFORMATION

During our Sailing Program on April 14, we discussed the following:

The Emergency Plan

There is a red binder on the table on the porch which includes the Emergency Plan for both on shore and on the lake, directions on how to get to Saratoga Hospital and Malta Emergent Care and an Accident Report Form.

Rescuing a Person Who Has Fallen Overboard

We showed videos on the effects of cold water immersion and maneuvers on rescuing a person from both a powerboat and a sailboat. We will be posting the links to these videos on the website.

Thursday Night Cruising

Because Wednesday Night sailing has been such a huge success, we are offering Thursday Night Cruising for our members who don't especially want to race. Cruise the lake for a couple of hours and then join your fellow cruisers for hamburgers and hot dogs. Bring a dish to share and a beverage of your choice with cooking & cleaning done by the participants.

We will be there the first couple of Thursdays at 5:30 pm to see if Thursday Night Cruising works, beginning May 16.

Powerboat Instruction

We think it is of utmost importance that, at least, one member of every family learns how to operate our powerboats safely. You never know if someone is in trouble on the lake and you need to help rescue them. Allan is a Certified Powerboat Instructor and a schedule will be issued by May 1st with training sessions lasting about 1.5 hours.

Radio Use for Sailing & Racing

We are encouraging everyone to keep a waterproof and floatable radio on your boat. The porch radio will be kept on Channel 19 lo. For racing, Channel 25 will be used for communicating to competitors and Channel 16 is for emergencies. These radios can be purchased for around \$100 at West Marine.

Clarification of Sunday Starting Times

Racing for the day will NOT be abandoned before 2:30 pm. If no shore signal has been made by 2:30, The RC may make the decision to abandon racing for the day or watch conditions if a breeze seems to be developing. If a shore signal has not been made by 3:00 pm, racing will be abandoned for the day. However, if boats and the RC are already on the lake, the RC may commence the starting sequence as late as 3:30, if wind and weather conditions warrant.

Race Committee Assignments

The Race Committee Assignments are now final. Please check once again and put those dates on your calendar. We will send out reminders. If you cannot make your assignment, it is up to you to either switch with someone with the same experience as you or look at the Substitute List that will be posted on the website.

If you do not have an assignment, please consider adding your name to the Substitute List. It will be up to you, of course, to say yes or no, depending on your schedule. You do not have to be experienced. We will always put you with someone who is. Please send me (Barbara) a note and I will add you to the list: amille2@nycap.rr.com or text to 518-577-0998.

Barbara & Allan

CLUB HOUSE

Meadow>>>>>>>>>>

South Ramp

SLSC BOAT PARK PLAN
2019
123 Spaces

123 122 121 120 119

School Boats

PLAYGROUND

KEY SCHOOLS
FLYING SCOTS
THISTLES
KESTRELS
MC SCOW
YFLYER
NON-FLEET

Board Boat On Dolly

Kayak Rack

Board Boat On Dolly

Kayak Rack

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Laser Ramp

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Kayak Rack

Utility Shed

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RAMP

Race Shed	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
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Limitations on Membership

By John Smith, Vice Commodore

A committee was formed to consider the impact of the By-Laws change to the number of members that can be admitted to the club. Space to locate member's boats was determined to be the driving factor that limits the number of members. The limit on prime space – moorings, slips, Boat Park and lawn - is the most important factor. We also looked at the impact on parking, winter storage and the impact on the house. The following data is based on 2018 membership.

Mooring Field & Dinghy Rack - For quite a few years the mooring field has been held at 48 and was at capacity for the area being used. The dinghy rack that we built a few years ago holds 28 rowboat sized boats, a few more if members are using kayaks or canoes as dinghies. There is also the dinghy dock – we had 36 dinghies registered at the club last season.

2019 - *There may be some additional space to the south near the school Ensigns, however, it may congest the area too much for entry and exit from the docks. This area also has a rocky bottom keeping a mooring anchor secure, a problem.*

Slips - There were 5 slips also full.

2019 - *This is being expanded this season to 7.*

Boat Park - The Boat Park has been expanded over the last 5 years from 104 spaces to 124 last year and was also full.

2019 - *The number of spaces may change based on the sizes of boats in the park since we got to 124 by keeping the space between each at 18".* Lawn - We had 53 boats on dollies in 2018.

2019 - *The lawn has never had a number assigned but we feel that 54 boats on dollies plus the school boats is all we can handle.* The 54 spaces are made up of 4 under each of the 6 racks and 5 in front of each rack on the lawn. Using more space would limit usable picnic, camping and play space near the shore. We consider this the optimum use of this area. Consideration of reducing the playground area will be evaluated.

Sailing School had 20 boats last year including several Flying Scots in the boat park and 2 Ensigns on moorings, not in the mooring field. Racks - We also had 92 boats in the 6 racks (all kayaks and canoes must be stored on the upper tiers of the rack, not on the ground.) An evaluation of the number of additional canoes or kayaks the racks can accommodate will be done.

2019 - *There are no plans for additional racks.*

Water Racks – There were 8 multi-hulls.

2019 – *The Hobies are looking to build more water racks. The use of more water racks could create a few open spaces in the boat park. Evaluation of the approximate capacity for multihull storage on racks will be performed.*

Meadow – There were 29 boats registered in the meadow.

2019 - *The Board has approved that project boats on the property have to be approved by the board and that all boats and trailers on the property must be maintained in a mechanically sound condition. Members will be notified if there is a problem and given a reasonable time to correct the condition or remove the unit from the property.*

That is 422 boats for 185 regular and 11 honorary members.

Members with -

(0 boats – 16) (1 boat – 87) (2 boats – 52) (3 boats – 29) (4 boats – 14) (5 boats – 7) (6 boats – 2) (7 boats – 1)

There are 35 members with multiple prime spaces. There are a total of 233 prime spaces. By limiting the number of memberships with boats to the prime space available, our membership could increase or decrease depending upon the number of members with multiple prime spaces.

2019 - *The Board will be admitting new members with boats based upon the available space in the Prime areas. If there are no Prime spaces available, a prospective new member may accept a spot in the meadow or wait until a space opens. No assurances will be made how long this may take.*

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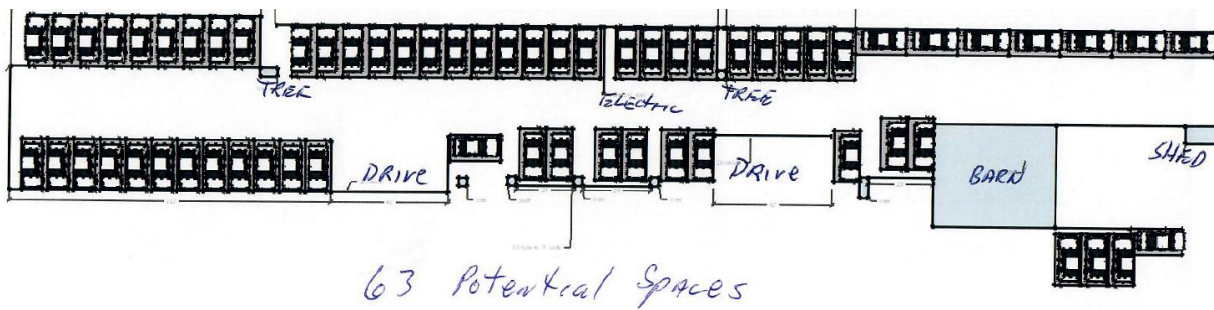
Limitations on Membership (Continued)

Parking – At certain times it is hard to find a parking space. It is especially difficult during work parties and social events.

We looked at the number of attendees for these occasions over the last three years. The chart below gives that breakdown. We also looked at the attendance for the Manning series on Wednesday nights. We had a high of 35 boats in 2018 and an average of 24. In 2017, we had a record number of boats that exceeded 40. It is likely that the work parties require the most parking as it is more an individual participation event.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE to SOCIAL EVENTS & WORK PARTIES						
	Champagne Brunch	Chicken BBQ	Lobster Boil	Spring	Fall	Average
2018	135	101	147	113	110	121
2017	175	153	157	105	118	142
2016	145	167	164	120	100	139
AVERAGE	152	140	156	113	109	134

It is a tight squeeze, but we get 23 spaces next to the house, 4 next to the barn on the south driveway, 12 by the barn on the north driveway to the first tree to the west and 10 on the south side between the two entries from the upper drive. Then we can get a few on the north side between the 2 trees when the Ensigns are launched. We can get 16 in this area if we use pull-in parking instead of parallel parking. This area already has signage stating car parking. This is 65 spaces.



2019 - We plan to line the area this spring to help get more parking. We are also going to try to line spaces in the rest of the area all the way to the meadow on both sides. If all of the boats in this area are in the water and their trailers in the meadow, we can get an additional 20 spaces. As per the ground policy, all storage boxes and stands need to be moved to the tree line. Empty trailers need to be moved to the meadow. (Please refer to the member's manual under Boat Park Policy.)

2019 - There is also a policy change for the moorings and the boat park. We have moved up the date for all boats to have their stickers on and in their space to June 15th. If a member has a problem and cannot comply by that date, the member will need to notify FL. Lt Grounds. If they do not comply with this policy, their space will be reassigned. (Please refer to the member's manual under Boat Park Policy.)

Conclusions and Actions:

For the immediate future, membership admissions should be limited to availability of prime boat location spaces available based on the above numbers (48 moorings, 7 slips, 124 boat park spaces and 54 dolly park spaces). Upon implementation of the June 15 boat location policy, we should reevaluate the availability of additional space to accommodate potential members whose boat fits in these spaces.

Sailing School Update

By Mark Welcome

I think as you read this, our docks will already be in the water and the sailing season will have officially begun! Here are a few quick updates:

Junior Registrations:

We have been able to add a few spots here and there to the junior classes to try to accommodate wait lists and we still do have a few spots in some classes. I know we can make room for a couple more kids in our Junior Racing Program as well as our Adventure Sailing program. Please go on in the next couple of days if at all possible and register your kids as we are getting down to the wire in terms of being able to accommodate additions.

Adult Sailing Classes

These begin in just over a week! It's hard to believe that we will be doing our first "Invitation to Sail" on May 6th and then our first full Adult Learn to Sail starting on May 13th. We've got a few different programs for adults running throughout the season, so please go to <http://www.saratogasailingschool.org/> and check them all out. In addition to our usual Learn to Sail programs, we offer an Introduction to Racing program as well as a Family Sailing. The Introduction to Racing program is designed to give you enough knowledge to come out and be crew on a race boat with an experienced skipper. It is a great way to get out on the water, have some fun and learn quite a bit. Our races at SLSC are casual and fun, so please consider joining us. The Family sailing program, as the name implies, is designed for families of all ages to come out and learn to sail together in your own boat with your own instructor aboard.

Now that the weather is improving it is time for the adults to start thinking about sailing and get registered.

New Junior Race Fleet

Speaking of racing, we are pleased to announce that we are finalizing the purchase of new FJ sailboats for our Junior Racing Program. We expect to have them at the Club by mid May and they will be a fantastic upgrade for the program. This would not have been possible without the support of the Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust who generously funded the purchase of half of these boats as well as the membership of SLSC who agreed to fund the rest of the purchase. We can't thank everyone enough for their support.

Boats for Sale

The Saratoga Lake Sailing Foundation accepts donations of sailboats as part of its fundraising efforts. Some of these boats find their way into the Sailing School programs as appropriate, while others are fixed up and sold as a means of fundraising to support school activities. In the next few weeks, we should have a number of boats available for purchase, including but not limited to a Laser, a Phantom (very similar to sunfish), an MFG Whip performance boat, a Victoria 18. Please reach out to Mark Welcome at slsc_sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org for details on boats for sale or to donate your boat.

We look forward to this season!

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 Saillesson@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!



Sailing Program Meeting

Kentucky Derby Party

Sponsored by Y-Fleet 63

Saturday, May 4th

5:00 pm to about 7:00 pm

In the clubhouse

Open to any and all club members.

Bring dollar bills to place bets on your horse(s).

Come dressed in your race day finest and bring a snack to pass and your drink of preference.

Top notch Mint Juleps will be provided along with video coverage of the race on the big screen.

It will be so exciting you'll think you're actually at Churchill Downs!

Captain Terryble Fraser

On the Block

Please visit our website to view more details and/or pictures of the following boats for sale.

Neptune 14.....\$750

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.

FOR SALE

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

Kestrel 1635\$9,950

Built in 2015
2017, 2018 North American Champion
Includes North American and European Spinnakers
Set of sails used one year
Located at Saratoga Lake
This is the Kestrel featured in video
at <http://www.kestrel.org.uk> home page

Contact Larry King at larryking52@yahoo.com

Y-Flyer 2144.....\$1,500

Fiberglass Helms built boat from the 1970's.
This boat was a multi-year fleet champion at the Westhampton
Yacht Club on Long Island.
Then I sailed it to a fleet championship at the Lake Lashaway
Sailing Club in Massachusetts
Last fall: Refurbished, trailer painted, good sails, top cover,
modern bendy mast, updated traveler.

Contact Terence Frazer at elfrazer@hughes.net

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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MC Scow.....	Andrew Murnan
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Thistle.....	Jerry Zell
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Y-Flyer.....	John Smith
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