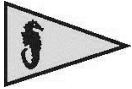


# Tell tale

## Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

Web page: [sailsaratoga.org](http://sailsaratoga.org)



June, 2019

### Commodore's Corner

By Tony Cannone

I'd like to thank all of you who came out for the two recent Saturday work parties to get the club ready for the sailing season that is now upon us. On the first Saturday nearly half of the club's membership came out on a cold-windy-muddy-damp day to get the club ready for the sailing season. The second Saturday was much more spring-like than winter-like when most of the remaining outdoor projects were completed.

James Symon put out the property stickers that Bernie Zabek made for us. 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, James Symon. 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 mid-June 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, the boats ready for lessons. The school recently acquired several gently used Flying Juniors from Fordham University Sailing Team. We will once again be hosting the annual Summer Sailstice open house this year. See the school website for more information.

A new member reception was held at the club on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The new members that came out were treated to Brunch fare and presentations from our board members in an effort to provide them with the information needed to enjoy the club. Thank You Ann Seidman, Membership Chair, and the rest of the club board members for your hard work putting on a very successful event.

June will see the start of the regatta season at the club, including the Laser Derby and Thistle Regatta. You may have noticed the return of Barbara Millers emails about the Wednesday Manning Series and Sunday Zephyr Series which are always an interesting read. 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

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### July 4th Picnic

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

Barbecued 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](mailto:SLSCreservations@gmail.com)**

or contact Lisa Ross 518-584-1332

**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**

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### Commodore's Corner

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ensure the races and follow-on potluck dinners go off as planned. Barb and Allan will soon kick off a Thursday cruising series that will coincide with the Sailing School's Adventure series. The cruising series will provide non-racers an opportunity to sail and enjoy a pot luck dinner together. Keep an eye out for announcements for kickoff of this fun series.

Finally, Margaret would like everyone to make plans to attend this year's July 4th BBQ. I'd like to thank Janet Hamilton for her hard work the last several years taking reservations for our social events. Lisa Ross has graciously volunteered to take on the role, please be sure to make your reservations early. 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.

### Grounds Report

By James Symon, Flag Lt Grounds

I wanted to start out by thanking everyone who came out for the two spring work parties. It seemed like there was a small army of people fixing up things all over the club. Lots of people came over for Grounds work items and cheerfully took in the tasks. Club members took on the never ending driveway potholes, raking out the lawns, getting the grounds equipment running, moving & chipping wood, working on the lawn, clearing drainage, setting up the chairs, tables, canopies, etc. When all was done the club was up and running for another season.

A few small Grounds changes for this year. The Kubota is for the use of the caretaker only. The Wheel Horse can be used for moving boats. Please see me for instructions if you need guidance on how to use the Wheel Horse. I am trying to get the Predator prepared for light duty jobs, such as carting stuff around. I don't think the Predator will be able to move boats without destroying itself.

It is very important to have your boat in your assigned spot in the boat park. The boat park list is on the front porch. Please don't take someone else's spot. Get in touch with me if you are unable to move your boat.

Final item. Please don't throw stuff in the wetlands area. The wetland area isn't a dump. Wetland areas are important for water resource management and local wildlife. Thanks.

### 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](mailto:david_burtis@yahoo.com) or Leslie Warner- Rafaniello at [Saillesson@nycap.rr.com](mailto: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!**

# SLSC Welcome New Members 2019

By Ann Seidman, Membership Chair

We have terrific new member additions to the Club this year. "Who are they?" you may ask?  
Well, wait no more, here they are!

## 2019 SLSC New Members

Justin Carofano	Ensign
Karen McShane & Rodney Bently	Flying Scot
Lenny & Felicia Lerner	Laser & Quest
Rick Manser & Katryn Whitenack	Y-Flyer
John & Diane Riley	Ensign
Bruce & Julie Way	Hobie 17
Christopher & Lindsay Mann	Ensign
Edward & Deborah Kokoski	Ensign
Edward & Joy Holcomb	Ensign
Jerome & Anna Fohet	Kestrel
Jared Kaczynski & Michelle Budge	Victoria 18
Justin Thomas & Katie Porter	O'Day 19.2
Michael & Nikki Crowe	S2 6.9
Shawne & Venessa Perkins	Thistle
Jeff & Valerie Robinson	Y-Flyer

If you go to the photo page on the SLSC web site, you will see them, thanks to Vic Roberts who took the photos at the New Member Brunch held on Saturday May 11.

The brunch was a fantastic success and the new members, along with the Board, were treated to bagels and lox, herrings, cheese, salads, fruits, cookies, brownies and mimosas. Out of the 15 new families, 13 attended. There were many kids and everyone had a grand time. After the Board members explained what they do at the Club. Peter Seidman gave a grand tour of the house, including, what is in the drawers in the kitchen. Did you ever try to find something and open every draw until you found it? Tony Massa made sure everyone had a log in to our web site.

Everyone joined in the cleanup and by the time I reached the kitchen, the dishes, silverware, glasses and everything else was in the dishwasher. You are going to really enjoy these new members.

With these new members, our Club has **181** regular memberships.

Say hello to our new members. It is easy, when you see someone at the Club you do not know, walk up to them and say, "hello, I'm ..., who are you". After all, we are one big family. 🤔

Let's keep the party going,  
If you have any questions, sailing related or others, please ask me.

***This Club is the best thing Saratoga has to offer.***

### New Member Reception





# CSI Saratoga Lake

## True Crime Stories From Our Home Waters

written by Patrick King

*This is the third 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 pleasant Sunday afternoon with moderate winds. I was headed for the leeward mark with John Smith ahead of me about two boat lengths, both of us in Y Flyers, and Drew and Mark Welcome were in their Kestrel to our right by a couple boat lengths, ahead of me, but behind John. We all were on starboard tack.

Suddenly, Mark gibed onto the port tack. I swerved right to avoid his stern as he passed between me and John. Some colorful language accompanied the maneuver. Now a couple of boat lengths to our left, Team Welcome gybed back onto starboard tack, and I hailed "Starboard, by the way." Mark laughed and replied "We thought we had room" and we sailed on.

Now I should not have hailed with my poor idea of wit. That accomplished nothing. I should have hailed "protest" because, to my mind, the Welcomes violated R10 of the RRS, port vs starboard, and I had felt forced to maneuver to avoid them. I'm quite certain that they would have contritely spun about twice, still sailed the pants off of me, and left me feeling that at least justice had been served.

Instead, let's assume that they felt no contrition whatsoever. After all, Mark "thought he had room", and perhaps he had. I "felt" that I had to maneuver because I was surprised. There was no thought at all. And now we'll never know for certain what would have happened had I held my course. And so, we shall pretend, Mark brought this argument before the protest committee.

But by the time I would have gotten to the protest room, I would have had time to think, too. My written complaint would of course cite R10, but my oral presentation would focus on *my* obligation under R14 to avoid contact, and I would note how vulnerable Mark's rudder would have been to the Y-Flyer's sturdy bow. Under R14(b), had we made contact and Mark's boat been *damaged*, I would *not* have been exonerated just because I had the right of way. Therefore my instinctual feeling to change course was perfectly justified.

These are not the philosophical arguments a reluctant Protest Committee wants to consider late on a Sunday afternoon. Luckily they have another resource besides the RRS, and that's the Case Book, an approved set of rulings on past protests that have been vetted at the highest level of the sailing community. We are not going where no one has gone before...

Section I of the Case Book more or less reflects the structure of the RRS, and is an index to, and synopses of, the cases that apply to a particular rule. Scrolling down to R10, it is easy to find that it is mentioned in cases 9, 23, 43, 50, 75, 87, 88, 99, 105, and 123. The synopses clue us in that cases 87, 88, and 99 may be relevant (often as a PC member, I have found the synopses' pithy wisdom sufficient guidance; again, reluctant PC late on a Sunday). Our mythical PC is more dedicated, so it's on to Section II, and the guts of the individual cases. I encourage you to read them, available here, as well as case 50, to which case 88 refers. Although the situation in case 99 is perhaps closest to our situation in geometry, the advice the Casebook gives in case 50 is the pithiest summary of how PC members should judge things.

*"When a protest committee finds that in a port-starboard incident S did not change course and that there was not a genuine and reasonable apprehension of collision on the part of S, it should dismiss her protest. When the committee finds that S did change course and that there was reasonable doubt that P could have crossed ahead of S if S had not changed course, then P should be disqualified."*

So was it reasonable for me to swerve to the right while swearing a blue streak? If you think so, then you would have ruled against the Welcomes. They would have been scored DSQ in that race per R64.1 and Appendix A. Knowing this, would they have chosen to go to the protest room if I had hailed "protest", or would they have done their turns under R44?

Mark has suggested a possible third course. Suppose they had warned me they were gybing, and advised me to hold my course? Forewarned, and watching more closely earlier, I might not have had to maneuver. Of course, the Welcome's hail would not remove my obligations under R14. I couldn't allow a collision to occur if Drew truly had misjudged things, but both our actions would be reasoned ones. I also might have hailed back "no room" before their gybe, giving them a chance to reconsider. Or I might have gybed with them, in an attempt to blanket them and stay on the inside at the mark.

We have a couple of lessons this month. Nobody wants a protest hearing every week, but if nobody ever protests, are there really any rules? And a few well-chosen words before you act may prevent a lot of colorful words after you act. As always, fair sailing to you, in all senses of the word.

## 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](mailto: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

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:larryking52@yahoo.com)

### Yellow Hobie 14.....Free

Needs some work, but is ready to sail.  
 Trailer free with boat.  
 Water-rack available.

**Call** Ryan Decker **518-366-5482**

### MC Scow.....\$4200

2001 MC Scow hull number 2116 with four sails,  
 Sailors Tailor cover, trailer, compass, and timer. .  
 Saratoga Lake Club, Balston Spa, NY.

**Call** Joe at **518-409-4245** or [joliip@aol.com](mailto:joliip@aol.com).

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

Hull #1733 with 3 sails, cover and trailer. Great condition.

**Contact** Chris at **518-583-6939**  
 or [sunonsaturday@gmail.com](mailto:sunonsaturday@gmail.com)

### Two small outboard boat engines for sale

These have been stored for a while but ran well in the past. The deal is - buy one or both and if you cannot get it to run, I will buy it back.  
 3.5 HP \$150  
 7.5 HP \$225

**Call** Allan Miller **518-441-3899**





Work Party 1



Work Party 2



## 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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Laser.....	Leslie Rafaniello
	301-4109
MC Scow.....	Andrew Murnan
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Y-Flyer.....	John Smith
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