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Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

By John Smith

Farewell to 2019 and hello to 2020. This coming year will see the new pole barn completed and SLSC hosting a national regatta for the Yflyers along with the usual regattas. I know that the board will be able to count on the usual support from the membership. The annual meeting was well attended and the new slate of officers were voted in after the annual reports were presented.

I'm happy to report the 2020 slate of officers voted in as follows:

John Smith -	Commodore
Scott Meyer -	Vice Commodore
Dave Hudson -	Rear Commodore
Jeff Robinson -	Treasurer
Anthony & Laura Massa -	Secretary
Open -	Flag Lt. House
(Allan & Barbara Miller have volunteered to fill this post)	
James Symon -	Flag Lt. Grounds
Jake Greiner -	Flag Lt. Boats

Committee Chairs are:

Ann Seidman -	Membership Chair
Charlotte Osborne -	Publicity Chair
Mark Welcome -	Sailing Program Chair
Open -	Social Chair

I would like to thank the outgoing Board Members, Anthony Cannone as Commodore, Andrew Murnan as Treasurer, Norm Bovee as Flag Lt. House and Margaret Shirk after 10 years of serving us food as Social Chair. I am sure that we will be able to keep you involved.

Annual Budget Meeting

Sunday, February 16th, 5 pm

At the SLSC Clubhouse

Followed By

“Reports from the Road”

Please come to the meeting. After we act on the budget Terry Fraser will then follow with a short report about sailing at places other than SLSC.

Please plan to stay for delicious chili and cornbread!

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Focus on Safety

By Terry Fraser, Flag Lt. Race

I'm grateful that Joanne and I have been given the chance to serve the club as Flag Lt(s) Race for 2020. We have a tough act to follow but Allan and Barbara Miller have left everything in excellent order and they've spent an appreciable amount of time preparing us for the 2020 season.

I will be the contact person and focal point for the racing activities while Joanne will concentrate on the statistical aspects of the job.

It's time to start thinking about the upcoming racing season. The focus on safety will continue.

Take a moment now and make sure your PFD is Coast Guard approved. US Sailing has found a surprising number of the newer racing vest designs are not Coast Guard approved. So, joining other sailing clubs from around the country, I have added this requirement into the SLSC Notice Of Race (NOR) and Sailing Instructions (SI) for 2020. Coast Guard approved PFD's are the standard for safety.

The New York State Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, Brianna's Law in 2019. The new law will be phased in over the next few years. Operators of mechanically propelled boats on New York State waters will be required to have taken an approved boater safety course. Obviously, we need legally credentialed operators for our safety boat fleet. The timeline for implementation of the law is based on the boat operator's age and more information can be found at this website:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-signs-briannas-law-strengthen-boater-safety-0>

It might be a good idea to take this course as soon as you can to avoid a last minute rush.

Later when the ice is off the lake you could consider joining one of the club's trained SLSC Motor Boat Operating and Safety instructors for a 2 hour session in one of our Safety Boats. I've attended the session and found it very useful and quite informative. How to turn an outboard motored boat within its own boat length, how to approach and rescue a person in the water, and many other topics are covered.

Check your own safety equipment on your boat. Many of us don't carry our cell phones out on the water so another method of hailing help might be necessary. A waterproof VHF marine radio could be helpful but having a whistle attached to the PFD (that you are wearing) might be the most useful way to summon help in the event of a capsize.

Make sure your on-board "throwable" still can float, that you can get to it quickly and that it isn't tangled in something.

The Coast Guard Safety Check-List can be downloaded at this website:

https://help.coastguardfoundation.org/boatingsafety/?qclid=Cj0KCQiA89zvBRDoARIsAOIePbApzF0gJAJTb-hEhnMRz1Iu6orWIRaSeJ57qE_HXa_BG_3bbv7kZucaAkJpEALw_wcB

Another idea is to consider taking a CPR course this winter.

It would be one thing to feel very bad if one of our fellow club members comes to harm out on the water, but it would be truly tragic if we are not prepared if the time comes.

The club's Emergency Action Plan is available inside the front cover of the blue, three-ring binder on the Race Sign-up Desk on the clubhouse porch.

I'm confident that we can and will continue to be the showcase for safety on Saratoga Lake.

Saratoga Lake Sailing Foundation

I hope everyone is enjoying their holidays and looking forward to the New Year. I wanted to share some very exciting news.

The Saratoga Lake Sailing Foundation is extremely happy to announce that we have received a grant for \$8,500 from the Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust. This grant will be used to replace the last 3 of the Club FJ sailboats used by the SLSC Junior Race program. This is in addition to the grant which we received last year from the Alfred Z. Solomon trust to replace the first 3 boats so our Junior racers go into 2020 with a complete new set of Club FJ's all made possible by the Alfred Z. Solomon trust.

In honor of Mr. Solomon and his generosity to our programs as well as the Saratoga community as a whole, the Junior Race program began awarding the Alfred Z. Solomon perpetual trophy for the SLSC annual FJ Horse Race Regatta. The winning skipper and crew names of each years Horse Race is engraved on the trophy which is 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 Garlanda and Harry Snyder, trustees of the Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust for their continued support of our efforts.

Please look for our racers out on the lake in all the new boats in 2020! You can see a preview below with some pictures of the new boats with the racers in 2019.

Mark Welcome, Sailing Program Chair



Sailing School News

By Mark Welcome, Sailing Program Chair

FOUNDATION RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE TOWN OF MALTA GLOBAL FOUNDRIES FOUNDATION

We are pleased to announce that the free Invitation to Sailing lessons for Malta residents will be returning in 2020. Last Thursday the GlobalFoundries Town of Malta Foundation held their annual awards presentation and we are pleased to announce that they will be supporting this program again this year. We at Saratoga Lake Sailing cannot thank them enough for their continued support of our Free Malta Sail Days for 2020! As many of you know, the Town of Malta Foundation has supported us for a number of years and this program has introduced hundreds of residents to the joys of sailing.

The sailing schedule for 2020 is now online and the SLSC Sailing School is taking registrations at <http://www.saratogasailingschool.org/registration.html>

If you have a group of 9 or more residents (perhaps a bunch of neighbors and friends?) who would like to all try sailing together and have a great evening on the lake, please just reach out to us at slsc_foundation@sailsaratoga.org and we'll be happy to set up a date for just your group.

On a related note, the Foundation is actively seeking people to help with grant writing and also to help oversee the boat donation program. If you are interested, please reach out to us at slsc_foundation@sailsaratoga.org.

SAILING SCHOOL UPDATES

While we haven't even reached 2020, the Sailing School is extremely busy. Our 2020 schedule has been posted and as I write this we already have 72 registrations! I know I sound like a broken record, but please sign up early and it will save us all some headaches down the road. In 2019 we had a record number of prospective sailors who were left on waiting lists because we simply could not accommodate them. The earlier everyone signs up, the more time we have to add resources (instructors, counselors, boats, etc.) to get as many people as we can on the water.

We are happy to report that John Power will be returning as Head Instructor in 2020 and we are working on confirming the rest of the full time instruction staff in the next couple of months. We are also looking to expand the number of members who are certified to teach the adult Learn to Sail classes and hope to run the certification classes in the spring. If you are interested in learning more about what this entails, please reach out to Mark Welcome at slsc_sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org

As you can imagine, the school takes a lot of time to administer and we are always looking for assistance. A huge thank you to Margaret Shirk and Barbara Miller who have volunteered to join the team and to Emmett McCarthy and Mary Kate McCarty who have helped for many number of years. We are looking to expand the team to help with much of the back end administration such as registration, scheduling, gift certificates and countless other tasks. If you are interested, please reach out to Mark Welcome at slsc_sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org

On the Block

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

Neptune 14.....\$600

A centerboard dingy. Includes a trailer, cover and one set of sails. End of season price reduction.

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

'86 Catalina 22..... \$5000

6 hp Yamaha OB
Main, 110 Jib, 150 Genoa,
Trailer

Howard Ghee
518-283-3203 (Leave a message)
Or email gheehe1@twc.com

Beach wheels.....\$200

Will fit a Hobie 16.

Contact Scott at ScottMeyerone@gmail.com

Thistle.....\$12,500

#3848, Built by Great Midwest
John Baker custom made trailer w/spare
Sheets, halyards etc., all in good condition
Primary suit of sails in good/very good condition
Located in Utica, NY

For pics & more info
Email Jonas Kelly jkelly@usawood.com

Y-Flyer 2527.....\$2000

Great condition.
Race ready and sitting in the SLSC booyard.
Originally from the Indianapolis Sailing Club
with a great racing history.
Priority given to someone who will keep it racing
in our Y-Fleet.

Contact Terry Fraser at elfraser@hughes.net

Standard Marine HX150 handheld marine radio.....\$95

Opened but never used (bought two only need one).
Standard Horizon is one of the best manufacturers of
marine radios.

This one has all the bells and whistles and it floats!
This was purchased in June 2019 and is a bargain at \$95.

Contact Jeff Robinson Tel: 518-690-0391

CL 16.....\$2,000

Hull # 2324 Canadian-made 16-foot dinghy
based on the British Wayfarer.
Trailer and 1-year-old Sailor's Tailor boat cover.
Currently at SLSC.

Contact Eric at (518) 618-8982
or kellwasserevent@yahoo.com

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.....	Emmett McCarthy
	899-9785
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.....	Terence Fraser
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