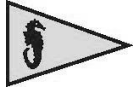


# Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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February 2020

## Commodore's Corner

By John Smith

As 2020 begins I am anticipating the coming sailing season. The planning for the upcoming sailing season and the future of the club are in full swing. 2020 is shaping up to be another busy year at the club and I am very excited to be a part of it. As I am writing this, I can report that the footings for the pole barn have been poured and inspected. We are anticipating the materials for the barn to arrive shortly.

The first order of business for 2020 is the budget meeting planned for Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Jeff will be presenting the 2020 budget followed by a discussion and vote. After all the business is complete Terry will have a presentation with stories about sailing on the road. Delicious chili and cornbread will be served.

On March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> the club will again take part in the Adirondack Sports Summer Expo at the Saratoga Civic Center. This event has brought several new members to the club in recent years.

Mark your calendar for April 17<sup>th</sup> when we will celebrate the upcoming season with the Commodore's Party to be held at the Century House Restaurant in Latham. Details to follow.

April 19<sup>th</sup> the Race Committee is planning a meeting and pizza party to discuss the upcoming racing season.

**DOCKS INN** Spring Work Party is on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and the second work party will be on the 9<sup>th</sup>. The New Member Reception will be held after the work party on the 9<sup>th</sup>. The club racing series starts with a Mother's Day practice race, Zephyr and Manning series and finally the Memorial Day Champagne Brunch. The Lasers start the regatta season on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

June will see the regatta season continue with the Thistles on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

July will be busy with 3 regattas, the FJ's on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, the Kestral's on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and YFlyer National's 13<sup>th</sup> thru the 17<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to plan on participating at the annual Independence Day BBQ. The Robinson series kicks off on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

August will begin with the Flying Scot regatta on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and end with the Multi Hull regatta on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The Kaydeross series begins on Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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## Annual Budget Meeting

Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 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!**

## 2020 Commodore's Party

April 17th

The Century House Restaurant

997 New Loudon Rd, Latham

Details to follow

## Upcoming Events

Feb 8.....Ensign Fleet No Gotta Regatta  
Feb 16.....Annual Budget Meeting

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As August ends, 3 of the 4 race series will have been completed with only the Kaydeross to go. Skippers will be making sure that they qualify for the club championship and the final races become all important.

September brings our largest club event, the Labor Day Lobster Boil. The Regatta season continues with the Ensign on the 5<sup>th</sup> and MC Scow Regatta on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The Rice Series (All-For-Fun) starts the 2<sup>nd</sup> and continues every Wednesday until docks out.

October, the sailing seasons winds down with lots of sailing. The Sunday Kaydeross series and Rice series see their last races. The Thistle regatta on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> is for the hardy souls who do not care about the cold or have real foul weather gear. Docks Out Fall Work Party on October 24<sup>th</sup> will be the first time to store the club and school boats in the new barn. No more lifting boats into the upper barn or covering with tarps. The start of Frost Biting Series begins after docks out and will continue until the water is hard.

December, we celebrate at the annual Awards Dinner on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> and the final club event of 2020 will be the Annual Meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

## NYS BOATER SAFETY CERTIFICATION FOR SLSC MEMBERS

By Allan Miller

Due to Brianna's Law, the new NYS Boating laws have changed. Everyone, driving any powerboat, by December 31, 2025, regardless of age, must have a NYS Boater Safety Certificate. We are trying to get most of our members certified well ahead of this date. Allan, who is a certified NYS Boater Safety Instructor, is teaching this course FREE OF CHARGE to our members.

Dates: February 22, March 21, March 28

Place: SLSC

Time: 9:00 am to approximately 4:00

If you have a child less than 14, please call Allan first. We will allow children on a space available basis only.

You will receive a temporary certificate at the end of the day. After you send in a \$10 check to the state, you will receive your permanent certificate. This is a forever certificate.

You **must** RSVP to attend these classes. RSVP for any of these dates to Allan at [allanmiller48@gmail.com](mailto:allanmiller48@gmail.com).

Our goal at SLSC is to have at least one member of every family with a Boater Safety Certificate. This is for safety and to support our racing program. Please enroll and help us meet this goal. We will resume on-the-water Powerboat Handling training in the spring as soon as our powerboats are available.

New requirements:

If you were born on or after:	You will need a boat safety certificate by:
January 1, 1993	12/31/2020
January 1, 1988	12/31/ 2022
January 1, 1983	12/31/ 2023
January 1, 1978	12/31/ 2024

All operators of motorized vessels, regardless of age, will need a boating safety certificate by the end of 2025.

Thank you all for your support of our safety initiatives.

## Your Flag Lt. Race Pontificates

By Terry Fraser, Flag Lt. Race

This month I'd like to discuss "playing by the rules" and "sail easy, not hard."

I heard Gary Jobson call the sport of sailboat racing "similar to tennis with invisible and moving lines."

With that in mind I can testify that the Racing Rules of Sailing are sometimes difficult to interpret and enforce especially in real time.

It's up to each sailor to follow the rules and then self-impose a penalty for a violation.

It's difficult for me to name another sport where this is done. So, that's why "playing by the rules" is so important in our sport.

I'll propose two scenarios for ponderance. Your boat is in the lead. You accidentally brush up against a mark. No one else saw it. Would you do a penalty turn? In the second instance you've fallen off the pace to the back of the pack and the same thing happens. Would your answer be the same?

And now, one of my personal experiences from the racecourse. Or, how I learned to sail "easy not hard."

The year was 1987. We were at the Lake Norman Yacht Club near Charlotte, North Carolina for the Y-Flyer Midwinters. The wind was blowing in the high teens and low 20's. Temperature was in the 60's but raining hard. In the words of Seinfeld's friend George Costanza, "The seas were angry that day, my friend."

We were working very hard, hiking out and struggling to keep the boat on its feet. "Sails out! Sails in. Hike, hike! Come inboard!"

Someone on the boat mentioned that she was never going to forget this race!

All we had left was to finish that windward leg, go back downwind and then only half of a windward leg to the finish. We had settled into 9<sup>th</sup> position with both the boat in front of us and the boat in back of us far away and out of our worries.

"All we have to do is just survive and go eat supper," I pronounced!

Well then, it seemed out of nowhere, we got passed by the race leader! We got lapped! Lapped!!

As he went by I saw both sailors sitting calmly on the rail upright, steady, and going very fast.

I suddenly realized I had a lot left to learn about racing a sailboat. That evening we asked questions because I wanted to learn how to sail "easier." After all, sailing hard isn't easy.

It turns out there is a speed that a one-design boat reaches the fastest that, by design, it can physically move through the water. For example, a wind blowing at 16 MPH might be what allows your one-design to reach its top speed going to windward close hauled.

The way to sail easier is to let the sails spill all the extra wind you don't need to keep the hull moving at its top speed.

It's a matter of learning what other sailors in your one-design class do to "de-power" their boats. For example, in our Y-Flyer we pull the boom vang hard to bend the mast. We can also let the traveler out and the mainsail keeps its shape but opens like a door and steadily spills some of the air while maintaining top speed.

Working hard is what we were doing at Lake Norman. We were hiking hard, but then having to "pop" the mainsheet out to dump the mainsail to keep from tipping over. When that happens, the boat slows down drastically and then it's a bit of a struggle to get back up to race speed. Sailing hard is hard.

Don't hesitate to approach any of the better sailors in your fleet and ask questions.

A sailboat race, even in heavy conditions, is much more pleasant when you race easier, not harder.

## **Sailing School News**

By Mark Welcome, Sailing Program Chair

As I noted in the last Telltale, the school is still very busy even though the lake is frozen. Registrations and answering questions from prospective students and/or parents is the focus at this time of year. Here are a few answers for the most commonly asked questions these days:

When should I register?

Now would be best. Believe it or not, a few of our classes are currently full with waiting lists. It seems like this comes earlier and earlier these days, but I suppose that speaks well to our programs. Every year I urge members to please register as soon as possible as it helps us plan for the season. Every year in June or July I get calls from members asking how to bypass waitlists and get into classes. Please register early.

What are my chances of getting in off a waiting list?

It depends on when you go on the waiting list. We do everything we can to try to accommodate all people on the waiting lists, but we are not always able to do it. At this point our classes are sized at their minimum size until we can confirm exactly what instructors will be coming back. Once we know our staffing capabilities, we will add some spots to different classes as appropriate. Again, please register early and don't hesitate to add you or your kids to the waitlist. If people don't use the waitlists, we don't know that we have enough demand to expand the classes.

Are grandchildren of members eligible for Member rates?

Absolutely. There is nothing we like more than to see members introduce their grandkids to sailing.

What if I'm unsure what class my kids or I should be taking?

Please just drop us a note and we will be happy to look up our notes, talk to the instructors or do anything else necessary to make sure that you select the right class.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to reach out.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:gheehe1@twc.com)

### Beach wheels.....\$200

Will fit a Hobie 16.

**Contact** Scott at [ScottMeyerone@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jkelly@usawood.com)

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

Great condition.  
Race ready and sitting in the SLSC boatyard.  
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](mailto: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](mailto:kellwasserevent@yahoo.com)

### Laser for Sale

Low hours very competitive race ready Laser with covers,  
sails, & galvanized trailer.

Full rig with 2 upper sections. 2 North sails, one regatta,  
one practice. Sail and hull number 167416.

All white hull. Trailer has bearing buddy's.  
Sietech dolly in great shape. Blade bag.

Top and bottom trailering covers.  
Excellent condition.

**Contact** Scott at [ScottMeyerone@gmail.com](mailto:ScottMeyerone@gmail.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.

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Ensign.....	Emmett McCarthy	899-9785
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Kestrel.....	Tony Bianchini	877-5062
Laser.....	Leslie Rafaniello	301-4109
MC Scow.....	Andrew Murnan	420-5368
Thistle.....	Jerry Zell	767-9216
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