

# Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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April 2020

## Commodore's Corner

By John Smith

I know that we are all looking forward to summer and lots of sailing, the social events and just getting back together with friends. Unfortunately, as I am writing this it looks like this may only be a dream.

The board has already held one emergency meeting (by phone) to start planning various options for this season. Our next meeting will be on Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. By then we hope to know more about what the future may hold. I am certain we will have more meetings prior to our scheduled docks-in work party on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are committed to do everything possible to operate the club as usual. As we all know government restrictions and concerns for our member's wellbeing will have the final say.

The board has approached this season's operations of the club with the health and safety, social functions and financial implications with members in mind.

### Health and Safety

- The club house is in lock-down. The access code has been changed until it is deemed safe to reopen. If you have a need to enter the house, you will need to contact a board member.
- A port-a-potty has been put in the usual location by the race shed in the boat park. I know they usually come equipped with sanitizer, however, you should come prepared with your own in case it has all been used or stolen. Yes, it is being stolen.
- A First Aid Kit and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) have been placed in the race equipment shed
- A second port-a-potty will be brought to the club as we get closer to May 1<sup>st</sup> if still needed.
- We will setup at least one wash station with liquid hand soap, most likely near the house on the north side. We may be able to get a second one set up by the pump shed in the boat park. We need to consider the environmental implications of the soap in that area.

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## Spring Work Parties

**Postponed because of coronavirus.**

**The work parties may be spread out over more days. We will be targeting only necessary work with a limited number of members.**

**Stay tuned for more information.**

## Commodore's Party

**The party has been postponed.**

**Hopefully, it will be rescheduled in the Fall.**

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You can come to the club to work on your boat or go sailing but please follow the CDC guide lines about social distancing.  
CDC Guide Lines

- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds**
- **Avoid close contact with people who are sick**
- **Put distance between yourself and other people**
- **Stay home if you are sick**
- **Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.**
- **Throw used tissues in the trash.**
- **Immediately wash your hands**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

### Social Functions

- The first function of the year, the Commodore's Party has already been postponed. We hope to be able to reschedule for some time in the fall.
- Docks-In May 2<sup>nd</sup> & May 9<sup>th</sup> – We are planning to spread the work parties over more days. To put the docks in requires 10 to 20 members in close proximity. We are reviewing the docks-in procedures to see if we can make this process safe. Our biggest logistical problem is getting enough docks in the water to accommodate the moored and slip boats. We will let you know if you need to pack your own lunch.
- Unless things change from the current projections, the Memorial Day Brunch will be cancelled. We will review the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bar-b-que as we get closer that date as well as the Lobster Boil for Labor Day.
- Wednesday night potluck dinners – even if we somehow are able to race, the pot-luck dinner after racing will most likely have to be eliminated. Again this may change if conditions change.

### Financial

The Board has extended the membership renewal deadline to at least April 30<sup>th</sup>.

We are aware that not all members have renewed their membership at this time. The Board has decided to extend the renewal to at least April 30<sup>th</sup>. We will continually review the situation, however we encourage members to renew or at least pay the storage fees. To clarify, storage fees mean your boat(s) fee.

Any members directly affected by the pandemic will be accommodated. Please contact me directly at either [slsc\\_commodore@sailsaratoga.org](mailto:slsc_commodore@sailsaratoga.org) or by my cell at 518-951-8792. Any contacts will be handled in a confidential manner.

We are looking at a plan to change the fee structure that could possibly apply some of this year's fees into next season. We will continue to review all options.

We do have ongoing expenses even if the club does not open. School taxes in September and our insurance will still have to be paid. We project reduced expenses by eliminating the social functions and the racing program. Utilities should also be lower if the house is not in use.

At the time of this writing the board has cancelled all special projects that have not been started. This means that the replacement of the front porch windows and doors are on hold. The pole barn is near completion and the contractor will have to be paid. Also, there is a leak in the club house roof that will have to be taken care of to protect this great asset.

Finally, I want to stress again that we are committed to do everything possible to make sure that all members can launch their boats, sail and enjoy time at the club. We are planning as best we can to provide a safe refuge from the stress of the situation for all of our members and their families.

## Grounds Report

By James Symon, Flag Lt Grounds

Well I am not quite sure what to write up for the Grounds Report for the April as things are moving and changing so quickly.

The lake ice has opened up and the snow piles are almost gone at the sailing club so that means the geese will be eyeing up the lawn. The goose fence is now in place with some help from George McNally. We tried to make temporary gates for lake access with thoughts of finalizing the openings during the work party. This current set up will keep the geese out for now.

The grounds are in pretty good shape. There are the usual limbs down, leaves everywhere, gravel on lawn. I have been helping Daniel (separately) tidy things up a bit.

The Grounds equipment has been slowly coming out of winter storage mode with no real issues. There are a few more items to finish for yearly lawn equipment maintenance that I will do over the next few weeks.

Space is tight due to the storage barn construction and the docks in the boat park. Both these areas need space for working so please don't move anything that effects these areas. If you come down to work on your boat, put any garbage in the dumpster by the barn or take it home. Please leave the sailing club cleaner than when you arrived and help reduce any extra work for someone else.

As things change, I will update everyone on boat park space, work party projects, etc. Please be safe.

## New Pole Barn Near Completion



## ATTENTION ALL LASER SAILORS!

### Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

**LASER DERBY - SATURDAY MAY 30<sup>th</sup> - Registration STARTS AT 9:00 AM\***  
**NOTE NEW MAY DATE!** (we are hoping more will be able to come from our club)

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!

However, 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! We need a crew of 10 to help with sign-in and putting out pre-ordered food and running the race boats! Thank you!

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.

\*Event dependent on Covid-19 pandemic status and resulting club policies.

**As Flag Lt Race I feel it's necessary for me to supply a column to the Telltale even when there is no racing going on. So, what follows is an entry from my sailing diary from many, many years ago. - Terry**

## **A Story From the Y-Flyer Internationals:**

Lake Ramsey, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada

Dear Diary:

I don't claim to be a tough guy, but I haven't cried since the day I was born when someone slapped me so hard it made me gasp.

So anyway, at the Internationals we had strong winds. So strong that my hand-held wind indicator jammed up. Some were saying base winds were at 30-35 clicks and gusts to 50 kilometers per hour on Saturday.

We raced the first two races on Saturday and did pretty well. But gosh old "Relentless" was taking a beating. A couple of jibes were so severe I thought the boom might corkscrew right around the mast 2 or 3 times.

After two races, we were hiding in the lee of one of those Lake Ramsey islands and we decided on a sneaky strategy.....we would quietly slither (yeah, we slithered) off the race course and take a DNS! Then when other the boats were too damaged and the crews were too sore or injured to compete on Sunday....we would be fresh to finish well in the lighter predicted winds of the three scheduled races on Sunday!!! And we would get to throw out our DNS!

We could win a trophy! Brilliant!

So we sneaked ashore....pulled Relentless out of the water....headed to the motel and got dressed in our finest dry clothes...I had my gloss white shorts and a nice silver-gray tie on, and Joanne was dressed up with make-up (well chapstick) and everything!!

Back at the club I mixed myself the most precise and finest dry gin martini and then we waited on shore as the racing fleet limped in after race three. We stood there like townfolk waiting for the fishing fleet to come in. Big grins on our faces....oh this was going to be good! (By the way, I swear this is all true!)

So up to the docks came the first of the Y's. Blood, guts, sweat and tears all over everything!!!! Our smiles disappeared! I kinda felt sorry.....well, kinda!

I set that fine martini down on the launch ramp and pitched in just like a Red Cross volunteer at a disaster. It seemed every Y had wounded on board. Joanne, and I dragged one poor fellow out of his boat. He was beyond exhaustion.....he couldn't even talk he was so tired....(yeah that's right, a Y-Flyer sailor who couldn't talk!!)

Others needed mouth-to-mouth, I took pulses, and Joanne tried to splinting stuff like broken legs and broken jaws. My bright white shorts got all smudged and dirty.

Yes, the Y fleet was nearly destroyed. Just as I had hoped. The winds were like a hurricane!

So everything was playing into our strategy. Everything in the world was good.....Until I turned to the spot where I had left my dry gin martini with two giant olives, stirred not shaken.

And there was tragedy.

The hurricane winds had blown that perfect martini over...there was nothing left!

That's right, I cried like a baby. For only the second time in my very long life.

And oh yeah, we only got in one race on Sunday, so no throw-outs. My brilliant strategy didn't work after all.....(This is my story and I'm stickin' to it.)



# Sailing School Update

By Mark Welcome, Sailing Program Director

As with everything in life these days, things are a bit odd this year as we approach our school season. The calendar tells me that we are just over a month from our planned Docks In party and a month and a half (give or take) until our first planned Adult sailing lesson. I don't know if all these dates will hold, so please just bear with us as we adapt and do everything we can to offer the best sailing programs possible.

A few updates as we stand now:

- We have received some questions about whether our summer schedule would be adjusting due to the school closures. At this point we are still over 100 days away from our first junior Learn to Sail class, so we are not making any adjustments at this point. We will re-evaluate as we get closer to the season and have more information about when school years will be ending. The Adult classes are coming much sooner so we will make a decision on those in the coming weeks once we get a little clarity on the situation.
- In the meantime we will continue to plan as if the school sessions will go forward as planned. We know many of you have junior sailors who are on wait lists as our junior classes filled very rapidly this year (thank you!). We are planning on opening more spots in some of our classes in the next week or so to try to alleviate some of the wait lists. You will get notified if and when your junior is moved off a wait list and into a class. We appreciate your patience, but it has been a little crazy as we work with our instructors to nail down their summer schedules. As many of you may know, John (our head instructor) is a schoolteacher and many of our instructors are in college, so it's a bit of a fluid situation.
- We do still have some room in our Junior Race and Adventure Sailing for kids who have been through the intermediate level and are very comfortable sailing. They are great programs and a ton of fun, so please check them out. We also have just a couple spots left in our Junior Intermediate session 2 class. As always, we encourage people to sign up for wait lists as that is the only way we know there is demand that we need to figure out how to fulfill.
- With regards to Adult classes, we do have room in our adult learn to Sail and other programs (intermediate and several racing programs). We normally fill these classes at the annual ADK Summer Expo which was scheduled for this past weekend next but unfortunately had to be postponed. We'd appreciate you help in getting the word out to people that might want to learn to sail or improve their skills. The adult classes are a major part of our program and we could use help getting them filled so tell all your friends! Please register soon so you have something to look forward to this summer J
- We have now posted a full schedule of dates for free sailing lessons for the residents of the Town of Malta, courtesy of the Global Foundries Town of Malta Foundation. If you live in Malta (or know people who do) , please call your friends and neighbors and make a night of it! If you don't live in Malta, please tell all your friends and relatives who do about this great program.

As we wait for sailing season to get here, we could really use some help. Both the Sailing School and the Sailing Foundation have an awful lot of boats that need to be commissioned for the season. We have been truly blessed to have people volunteer in the past to "take ownership" of certain boats to make sure they get the attention they need. **Bruce Blackie and Dave Miller** take wonderful care of our Ensigns. **Bernie Zabek** is kind enough to oversee our Scot Fleet. **Dan Mehlman** has graciously volunteered to work on our new Herreshoff America (a recent donation). We could really use some additional hands to work on a few other boats we need to clean up for either use or sale. Off the top of my head, we have a Victoria 18 and a Cape Dory Typhoon recently donated that could use some attention. In addition we are looking for someone to oversee the whole process of accepting and selling donated boats. Please reach out to Mark Welcome if you can help.

## Emmett

MALTA, NY - Emmett McCarthy, 77, passed away of natural causes at home in Malta on March 6, 2020. He was a beloved father, grandfather, friend, and member of his community.

Emmett was born in Somerville, Mass., the son of the late, James and Maureen McCarthy, on January 20, 1943. He and his late wife, Jayne had been residents of Malta since 1990 and had previously lived in Rotterdam for many years while raising their family.

Emmett was a proud Boston College Golden Eagle, class of 1964, was active in the alumni Community and was a member of the Alumni Board. He had a distinguished career with the NYS Department of Social Services. Emmett was active with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and with Pop Warner football, where he was President of Rotterdam Pop Warner, before becoming Game Commissioner for the league.

Emmett always enjoyed the outdoors; you could often find him golfing or cross-country skiing. Most of all, Emmett loved boating. His passion began as a kid when he first learned to sail on Monponsett Pond in Massachusetts. From his first Sunfish, to rowing the Hudson in a currach with the Albany Irish Rowing Club, to hoisting his sails on Saratoga Lake, Emmett's favorite pastime was being on the water.

The Saratoga Lake Sailing Club was his second home since 1989, where he served as a board member and Commodore. He loved racing sailboats and volunteered with the STRIDE program, teaching autistic children to sail.

Music was also an important part of Emmett's life. He had a special fondness for classical music and Little Richard. He had an unmatched love for corny jokes and meeting new people. To Emmett, no one was a stranger, only a friend he hadn't met yet.

Emmett is survived by his sons, Brian and his wife Cathleen of Clifton Park, and Christopher of Saratoga Springs. He is also survived by his grandchildren Michelle and Daniel. He is predeceased by his wife of almost 54 years, Jayne (O'Neil) McCarthy and his sister, Anne Discenza of Poquoson, VA.

Interment will be in the family plot at St. Peter's Cemetery.

Due to ongoing public health concerns of the COVID-19, services will be postponed until a later date.

For those who wish to make a memorial gift, we would suggest Community Hospice, Inc., the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club, Boston College student scholarships, or any other charity near to your heart. Online remembrances may be made:

[atwww.burkefuneralhome.com](http://www.burkefuneralhome.com) <http://www.lastingmemories.com/emmett-mccarthy>

## 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.

## SANCTIONED FLEETS

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Kestrel.....	Tony Bianchini 877-5062
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