

Tell tale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

By John Smith

It seemed so strange to be at the club on a beautiful Sunday afternoon and only see about a dozen people. I know that it was the usual Sunday weather, no wind until 4:00 then filling in from the south. I truly hope that this is not going to be the new normal for the 2020 sailing season.

On the bright side, the docks are in, the laser ramp is in, the water racks are in, the plates on the north ramp are in, the boat park spaces are marked and the crane is functioning. We are set and ready to go sailing for 2020.

The clubhouse is still locked down and will remain that way until this region reaches safe enough condition to open. We have two port-a-potties, the usual one in the boat park and one on the lawn just west of the stairs. We will be installing a wash station near this unit. Since the last work party we have determined that we can place the picnic tables around the ground by keeping them spaced about 10 feet apart. If you want to use a table before we get these set you can move a table from the stack.

Two challenges that we have to figure out how to handle are the racing program and the sailing school. Mark Welcome and John Powers have been working hard to develop a safe program for this year following the best practice recommendation from US Sailing, our insurance carrier and local regulations. Terry and Joanne Fraser have been keeping on top of the changing situation in their planning for the racing program. Among the challenges are how can you maintain social distance on rescue boats, committee boat and the time spent at the docks.

Unfortunately, unless things change dramatically for the better, we need to postpone the Fourth of July Chicken Barbecue. We will see if there is an opportunity to have the event between then Labor Day.

I want to encourage members to come and enjoy the club. Get away from the stress of the time even if it is only for a few hours at a time. While at the club, please be safe and please follow the club guidelines posted around the club and listed in the box on the right.

SLSC

Annual July 4th BBQ

This event has been postponed

SLSC Covid Guidelines

- **Maintain 6' from other non-household members**
- **Wear masks if you are closer than 6'. The docks are only 6' wide.**
- **No group gathering other than household members**
- **Stay away from other member's boats. Do not help other members launching or retrieving boats unless it is an emergency, this includes helping on the dock with lines.**
- **Use sanitizer or wash your hands after contact with high touch areas such as:**
 - Trailer dollies
 - Crane controller
 - Boat hooks
 - Ramp hand rails
 - Hoses
 - Port-a-potty door handle
 - Tractor

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House Improvements

By Barbara & Allen Miller, Flag Lts. House

How I'm Spending My Covid-19 Quarantine and Having Fun at the Same Time:

Watching the guys from PENA Windows putting new doors and windows in the porch.

Painting the bathroom at the top of the steps, painting the mirror, and sewing a curtain.

Framing and hanging the Charter documents for our sanctioned fleets.

Allan and I hope you are all safe and healthy and hope you can see the House improvements soon!



Turn sideways! (Couldn't get this in right - Ed.)

Grounds Report

By James Symon, Flag Lt Grounds

The grounds projects are coming together and things are looking good at the sailing club. Club members have been reaching out to me to help get the many things done that we need to set up at the club each year. Feel free to join in if you see something that needs to be done.

The laser ramp has been successfully installed for the season using rollers while everyone involved remained socially distanced. The boat park locations have been marked out and the guidance map is posted on the barn. There have also been a lot of other smaller projects have been completed.

I want to thank everyone that volunteered their time to join in help get everything done. This club could not operate each year without all the help offered by the members.

Now let's enjoy the sailing club and get some sailing in.

Report From Half of the Race Department

By Terry Fraser, Flag Lieutenant Race

It's been a strange beginning to my term as Flag Lieutenant Race. There's no racing to be Flag Lieutenant of....

The Sheriff has signed off on a letter of "No Objection" to our racing plans and now our application for our state permit to conduct racing is in the hands of the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. We may be waiting for a while. Maybe until Phase 4.

In the mean time I will be posting my proposed Covid-19 Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions on the Forum Tab of the club's website. I'd like to see comments in the Forum related to racing this year.

I've been e-mailing club members for various reasons to prepare for the season and a couple of times I've been asked who I was, or who I am.

I am half of the Race Department at SLSC. The other half is Joanne, my wife, and she prefers to work on the nuts and bolts of the job while I like to talk, socialize and tell stories. I am the public face of the Department.

I'll introduce myself.

I'm a man of many names. It all started back on the farm where the three males in the family were named Gary, Terry, and Larry. The problem was that when Mom yelled out the back door for one of us, all three would answer.

I was called Terence for a while. However, my sister Karen would answer the call. Terence and Karen sound similar when yelled.

My brother Larry had the same problem but when Mom yelled "Laurence" my sister Lauren would think she was being called.

On a farm there's a lot of yelling and this was a big problem. Growing up I was called a lot of different things....I mean names.

For instance, my second grade teacher called me "Terry the Turtle." I liked that name. However, as I grew a little older I began to realize what she meant. Apparently I was a little on the slow side.

My city cousins came to visit often. One time they were all calling me "Rip." I laughed but didn't get it. They laughed too. We all laughed but I didn't get it even after a few hours. My Uncle Eddy took me aside and explained it to me. "Ter" is like ripping something. Then I got it...Ter..."Rip!" Funny.

In high school Coach McAvoy, the basketball coach, couldn't remember my name. If your coach can't remember your name you don't get much playing time. He kept telling me "Hey, slide down the bench and make room for the starters." I'd often slide so far down the bench that there was no more room except for the water jug so I'd sit on the floor. Finally every once in a while he would point and say..."Hey, get in there."

One time I remember Coach McAvoy (he was also the soccer coach) came out the door of the school and yelled across the soccer field...."Hey, you've got to go home, your cows are out!" Well everyone on the soccer field started to run for their cars! That sorta' shows you how far out in the "country" I'm from. I kinda' think Coach maybe couldn't remember anyone's name.

In college I was known as "Country Kid." Well this was at an Agriculture college. When other country kids call you "Country Kid" I gather that the other Ag students considered that I came from waaaaaay outside of Hick Town.

Then there was the time when I became known as "el Presidente for Life" of the Lake Lashaway Sailing Club. Well, that Presidency finally ended after a long time and a new life began as just "el Presidente" of the American Y-Flyer Sailing Association. That was just for two years.

And then.....for some reason.....people started thinking I was crashing into other boats a lot. Someone started calling me Captain Terryble. That was funny.....and then a lot of people started calling me Captain Terryble.

The crashes were never my fault. Yes, one time I punched a hole in the port side of a brand new Y-Flyer in its first race. It was very windy that day and it's amazing how fast Y-Flyers move in heavy wind. Too much wind!

And then there was the time I backed my Y into a brand new Thistle in the Grande Maumelle Yacht Club parking lot at Little Rock. Well, someone was directing me and didn't yell "stop" loud enough for me to hear.

Then at Chippewa Lake in Ohio I got hit in the transom so hard it spun me into a same tack-windward boat and I punched a hole in the port side of his wooden boat. He was the regatta leader at the time and nearly sunk before he got to shore. See? That wasn't my fault.

Terry, Terence, Terry the Turtle, Hey, Country Kid, el Presidente, Captain Terryble, oh well.

So, when you see me at the club just call me anything you want.

Sailing School Update

By Mark Welcome, Sailing Program Director

As always, we appreciate everyone's patience as we wait to find out if we will be running our popular sailing school this year in light of the Covid-19 situation. We are waiting on guidance from the Governor's office as they have yet to release guidelines for summer kids programs. In the meantime we are discussing opening up the summer adult programs and hope to have an answer within the next week. We would like to run our sailing programs if possible, but only if we can do so safely and effectively. In the meantime we are continuing to plan for the summer as we normally would so that we are prepared. Head Instructor John Power and I have developed a draft opening plan in the event that the Club decides to move forward. It is currently under review by our entire instruction team, the board and several other advisors.

A few things we have done or are doing that are of note:

- All sessions on our registration site have been switched to "waitlist only". This is because we owe our registration company for every registration regardless of whether or not we cancel the class. We felt there was no reason to continue to allow registrations other than waitlists (and incur cost) until we are sure the classes will run. Interestingly, we have taken roughly 30 more waitlist registrations after the Covid situation started, so apparently everyone is itching to get on the water which bodes well for the future.
- US Sailing has modified their Level 1 instructor course so that 2 of the 4 days of the class to an online format. We currently have 4 of our Juniors taking the class. If you would like to explore teaching sailing (it is a ton of fun!), please go to <https://www.ussailing.org/education/instructor/small-boat-instructor-programs/level-1-instructor/> for more information. We have a number of members who help out teaching adults and we'd always like to have more.
- We have been in contact with the directors of other local junior programs to share thoughts and plans. Unfortunately the junior regatta schedule has been cancelled for the season but we are exploring some virtual regatta options using the Virtual Reality technology we have been playing with.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the water soon.

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

Water Tender 9.4 Rowing Dinghy.....\$250

Original price at West Marine \$599. Now asking \$250.
 Location: Saratoga Lake Sailing Club.

Call 518-409-4245

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

Kestrel.....\$450

Great boat! Comes with a great fleet of other boats and
 friendly, competitive sailors. This is a great opportunity for
 someone to get started in racing at
 Saratoga Lake Sailing Club or to join the "Frost Biters"
 Boat is priced to sell \$450. Many accessories are also
 available and are priced to sell as well.

This good old boat has a story.
 See online listing at SLSC web page for more details

Contact gmcnallyd68@gmail.com

Outboard motor.....\$400

2.5 hp/ 4 stroke Yamaha long shaft. Excellent condition.

Contact: Charlie 518-858-3337

May 7th



Docks In Party



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Memorial Day Weekend



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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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