

# Telltale

## Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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By John Smith

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### Grounds Report

By James Symon, Flag Lt Grounds

Summer is in full swing. It's time to get to the sailing club and get out on the lake. The grounds are looking good. The docks and ramps are all in place. The tables and chairs are out. Most of the boats are in their proper locations. Thank you to everyone that came out and helped to get the place looking great.

As a reminder, please identify your stuff. This can be as simple as writing your last name on your stuff with a piece of tape and a sharpie. There will probably be no stickers this year. I hate moving other people's items but anything that can't be identified will go to the meadow and may eventually end up in the junk pile. This is a constant battle as additional items appear overnight and the amount of stuff on the grounds has to be reduced. Please don't bring random items to the club thinking we could use it. We have plenty of stuff.

The sailing club is run by volunteers that donate their time. Please make things easier for all of us. Make sure your boat can move, tires inflated, trailer in good shape, everything identified. Thank you to everyone who has been helping make things easier to keep the sailing club going.

It's time to to sail!

### 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**

### Race Report

By Terry Fraser, Flag Lt Race

As of June 22<sup>nd</sup> we still have not received our Regatta Permit from the State. We need that permit for any organized club sponsored racing. I surmise we may not get it until our area is in Phase 4.

The 2020 Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, and "How To Run Races" documents are posted on the club website.

The Race Duty Schedule for 2020 is abandoned. I will be looking for "same household" pairs to work the Committee Boat and to work Safety Boats. Once we get the Permit, I will be putting out a call for volunteers.

There will be no dinners served after Wednesday evening races. The posted SLSC Covid policies will be followed for racing activities.

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## Commodore's Corner

By John Smith

Congratulations to this year's Mary Elizabeth Hull Award recipient Andrew Murnan. Anthony Cannone, last year's commodore made the presentation at a small event at the club. To explain the award to new members - The Commodore's Award recognizes that special person(s) whose outstanding contributions to SLSC have improved and sustained the life of SLSC. I would just like to add that I am not in the least surprised since I first met Andrew at a work party and he was not even a member at the time.

To paraphrase the Grateful Dead, "What a long strange time it is. The club is starting to come to life with more members finally making an appearance. We are still in a holding pattern concerning the racing program, the house is still locked and social distancing will have to be the norm for the balance of the season.

We have taken the following steps for our member's safety, spreading the picnic tables over 6 feet apart, an outside sink for hand washing along the wall north of the house and sanitizer by the crane. In reference to the sink, if someone has accidentally turned off the water, the line comes from the house



next to the stairs to the side deck. The shut off on the right (black hose) is the line for the sink. The sanitizer pump has a very short pump stroke to conserve the contents. It does not dispense at the same rate as a ketchup or mustard dispenser at a hot dog stand.

Just as a reminder, covid19 is still with us. PLEASE try to maintain social distance from anyone not in your household and wear a face mask when you cannot. This especially applies to the docks - the docks are only 6 feet wide

One bright side to this strange season has been the ability to get some badly needed house repairs completed. Usually, we have to work around very tight time constraints between weather and the club opening or closing. Barbara and Allan are making the most of this time, porch windows, porch skirts, second floor painting, etc.

We are nearing the end of a three year saga – the pole barn. The contractor is expected to have the barn completed by the time of this publication. Once the contractor has removed his equipment we will be arranging the meadow by adding more gravel area to the west and actually painting lines for spaces.



## Mary Elizabeth Hull (Commodore's) Award 2020

Presented to Andrew Murnan by Tony Cannone

*In loving memory of Mary Elizabeth Hull who nourished the vitality of the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club.*

*Mary Elizabeth was an active member of SLSC from 1976 to the time of her death on September 10, 1991. She volunteered for the Junior Sailing Program, chaired the Social Committee and managed Membership for many years. She was elected Flag Lt. House, Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore and Commodore (1982).*

*Mary Elizabeth was an enthusiastic sailor who competed aboard Windmills, and later, Thistles. The members of SLSC knew Mary Elizabeth for her gracious beauty and welcoming smile. She was a people person and friendly to all. Her presence at the club made SLSC a happy home.*

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**Left to right: Ethan, Joshua, Elizabeth &  
Andrew Murnan  
Photo taken by Charlotte Osborne**

The 2020 Mary Elizabeth Hull, Commodore's Award, recipient has been a member of the club for five (5) years and sails a Laser, Mc Scow and Thistle.

While active in the Mc Scow fleet, Andrew's good-natured personality, sailing enthusiasm and volunteerism got the attention of many in the club leadership. He was recognized as a smart and trustworthy Engineer who would make a great club officer. In 2017, Andrew was elected to the club board serving as Treasure and quickly began taking the clubs finances to the next level.

As treasurer, Andrew implemented many processes to enhance our financial status including:

- Utilizing software that's integrated with our financial bank services.
- Implementing improved accounting software to track income and expenses.
- Completing comprehensive audits of the club and sailing school to ensure the integrity of our finances.
- Developing strong finance committees to develop budgets and presenting them to the membership in a clear understandable manner.
- Worked closely with our membership committee to implement online membership renewals and payments.

These are just a few examples of Andrews tireless work during his time as treasurer of the club which has resulted in the strong financial position that the club enjoys today and will continue to enjoy into the future.

While his efforts as treasurer alone are worthy of receiving this recognition. In 2018 and 2019 Andrew also stepped up to fill the MC Scow Fleet Captain role, demonstrating that it is Andrews dedication to the sport of sailing and strong volunteerism that underlines the true nature of the Mary Elizabeth Hull Award.

# **A Sad Thing Happened On The Way To The Sailing Season**

By Captain Terryble

In my work on US Sailing's Championship of Champions Committee, I made mention in an e-mail that in my pre-retirement, I worked at a Medical Center and had seen head injuries from boom strikes.

I pontificated about my complaints about how ineffective current racing PFD's are for unconscious sailors. I mentioned that the unconscious sailor who enters the water without wearing a life jacket has a poor chance of survival.

The next thing I knew the Adult Programs Outreach Coordinator asked me if I would participate in a phone meeting to discuss PFD's and helmets.

It turns out the phone meeting was just me and the Coordinator and a PFD manufacturing representative from Massachusetts.

Yikes! I thought it would be a whole bunch of sailors on the phone call.

I learned how expensive it is to make changes in PFD design and to test the changes in order to get Coast Guard approval.

Sailors who race want a life jacket that is light, small, won't restrict movement and won't get caught on blocks or rigging.

Some racing sailors, I was told, obtain their lifejackets from overseas and they are not US Coast Guard approved.

US manufacturers think this is unfair. US Sailing is writing "Coast Guard approved" into the Notice of Race documents for their major regattas. I've written the same requirement into the 2020 SLSC NOR.

US Sailing also has written the requirement that these PFD's must be worn at all times while racing but can be removed long enough, and only long enough, to add or reduce clothing. I didn't go that far in our club NOR.

I learned certain types of life jackets have head support but there is no guarantee that an unconscious person will end up face up in the water. There is a chance that someone might just as easily end up face down. Competitive sailors generally won't wear those PFD's.

During the phone conversation it was suggested the answer might be floatation built into helmets. And that very suggestion has now been spread to the powers-that-be inside US Sailing.

There might very well be a joint effort of US Sailing and a helmet company.

A sad thing happened on the way to the sailing season.

The very next day it was reported that in Colorado a top sailor, and a good friend of US Sailing, was knocked unconscious into the water and his body was recovered the next day. It was a boom strike on a Star during an uncontrolled jibe. It happened as the fleet was heading to shore as a storm was approaching. He was not wearing his PFD, but it was in the boat. He was not wearing a helmet.

## **House Improvements**

By Barbara & Allen Miller, Flag Lts. House

The porch is just about done, thanks to the hard work of Dan Mehlman, Bob Boromisa, and Valerie Robinson, all of whom helped to paint the porch ceiling, walls, and house side windows and doors. The new windows and doors are quite lovely other than the damn bugs who keep making their way in!

And a giant thank you to Justin Thomas who, again, showed his extraordinary construction skills in measuring, buying and completing the outside of the porch with vinyl wood and lattice. He also replaced some of the rotting wood on the front. Allan learned a thing or two about construction, including how valuable it is to have the right tools!

Allan helped Justin on the two Saturdays and helped setting up the pieces to be painted...by me. Painting lattice is not fun and I am done painting for a long while... until I decide which room to attack next.



## On the Block

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

### '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)

### 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

### 1987 Laser.....\$1500

Updated racing rigging  
Complete Full and Radial rigging and sails  
\$1500 - or trade for a Sunfish

**Contact** Susan Kohler  
518-727-9648  
[skohler00@gmail.com](mailto:skohler00@gmail.com)

### 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)

### 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](mailto:gmcnallyd68@gmail.com)

### Outboard motor.....\$400

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

**Contact:** Charlie 518-858-3337

### 4 Kestrels for sale

#### #1635, Black.....\$9975

Winner of 2017, 2018, 2019  
Kestrel North American Championships.  
Who will sail her and win it in 2020?  
This is the boat featured on the builder  
website, [hartleyboats.com](http://hartleyboats.com)

#### #1559, Red .....\$7000

Owned by sailing school.

#### #1550, White.....\$7000

Owned by sailing school.

#### #823.....\$2500

Winner of 2016  
Kestrel North American Championships.

**Contact** Larry King 518-421-7597  
or Mark Welcome 518-928-6187

June 7th



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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.

## SANCTIONED FLEETS

|                  |                                       |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Ensign.....      | Tony Cannone<br>271-0246              |
| Flying Scot..... | Shirley & Paul Waterfield<br>584-5552 |
| Kestrel.....     | Tony Bianchini<br>877-5062            |
| Laser.....       | Leslie Rafaniello<br>301-4109         |
| MC Scow.....     | Andrew Murnan<br>420-5368             |
| Thistle.....     | Jerry Zell<br>767-9216                |
| Y-Flyer.....     | Terence Fraser<br>495-4037            |

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