

Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

By John Smith

I'd like to thank all of the many club members who have been working to prepare the club for the coming winter months. It has been strange to not have everyone at the club on the same day for the work party. Tables have been stacked, the laser ramp removed, leaves raked, school boats stored and the dock stored in the boat park all by small work parties on different days. We have added another 2000 sq. ft. of matting and gravel to the meadow on the northwest corner.



All Members are invited to attend the SLSC Annual Meeting, scheduled for Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 3:00 pm. The agenda will include the traditional reports by all Board members and election of the Executive Officers and Flag Lieutenants for 2021.

This year's meeting will be held virtually on Zoom. The traditional reports from Board members will be posted to the club web site for review prior to the meeting. The login or call in procedures will be emailed to members for security reasons. If you want to participate and do not have email, please contact me so we can get you the reports and information to call in. During the meeting you will be able to ask questions and to vote for the 2021 Board.

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SLSC

Notice of Annual Meeting

Sunday, Dec 6th, 3:00pm

Virtual via Zoom

Annual Report given by each board member.

Election of the 2021 Executive Board

The Nominating Committee recommends the following candidates:

Commodore	John Smith
Vice Commodore	Scott Meyer
Rear Commodore	David Hudson
Treasurer	Jeff Robinson
Secretary	Susan Kohler
Flag Lt. Boats	Jake Greiner
Flag Lt. Grounds	James Symon
Flag Lt. House	Allan & Barbara Miller
Flag Lt. Race	Terry & Joanne Fraser

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

J. Murray Hollister Award

Our Racing Awards Banquet has been canceled this year due to COVID.

The racing season has ended.

As a result, the Race Department has decided to announce the award winners in the Telltale.

This month we present our first award, The Murray Hollister Trophy.

This award is given to the junior skipper who has met the following conditions:

- In high school or graduated in June of the season of consideration.
- If sailing with crew, the crew is in high school or graduated in June of the season of consideration.
- Has sailed in at least eleven regular Sunday or Wednesday evening races (if more than eleven have been sailed, the best eleven will be scored).

This year our winner is Laser/Radial sailor Ethan Murnan.

Ethan repeats as the Hollister Award winner. This year competed in 24 races and tied with another member for the most races sailed.

Murray Hollister lived from 1939 to 1977. Along with his wife Ann, the Hollisters were very active in the club as Jet 14 sailors.

In 1968 Murray served as Club Secretary and in 1969 was elected Rear Commodore.

He often volunteered to take on club projects.

Murray was a member of the original Property Committee. According to an article written in 1977 by Randall Rice when Randall was the club Historian he noted that Murray "traveled the entire Saratoga Lake shoreline by land and sea to locate a site for our permanent abode."

Murray was an architect by profession.

Randall also mentioned that because "Murray was so interested in children and was so active with junior sailing, SLSC named the Junior Sailing Championships as the Hollister Series."



Congratulations, Ethan, from all of us at the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club!

Safety – What do you think about before going out to sail?

This may seem a foolish question but in terms of safety, it is extremely important. There are a few questions that need to be answered before venturing out sailing anytime we go.

One item that is continually important is – Is the boat in a condition to be sailed? Sounds quite basic but the answer is very important. Is there maintenance that you have been putting off that impacts the safety of your boat? Items like a frayed line, loose fitting, torn sail or a long list of other items can send a fun day in a very different direction if they choose to fail at the wrong time.

Another question to ask is what will the predicted weather be? Many of us have favorite sources of weather information. The ones that seem the most useful are those that are as local as can be obtained and as time detailed as possible. An hourly prediction can make the difference between sailing in a pleasant light wind or in a full-on gale. While the accuracy of the predictions is not perfect at predicting when the rain or wind will pick up, they are good enough generally to use as a conservative guide.

The last item to consider is what is the capability of the Skipper and each crew and does their temperament fit the expected conditions. Before going out, consider your crew or passengers and ask yourself, will they enjoy sailing in this weather? Both extremes are important to consider. Sailing in very light air, while not terrifying, can become very uncomfortable if you are very far from shore and have no acceptable way to propel yourself back to dry land before dark. Usually this does not get the same consideration as sailing in strong winds with inexperienced passengers but both are important.

The last item to consider is your capability, especially with respect to strong winds and changing weather. Be realistic and avoid going out in conditions that are at the limit of your own experience. While it is important to be confident in your ability, admitting that sailing in windy, gusty conditions scare you, think of the impact it has on your passengers. Your nervousness will reflect to them whether you think it is or not.

The bottom line on all this is to plan every sail you take and make it fun while maximizing the safety of your passengers, yourself and your boat.

Your questions, comments and suggestions are very welcomed.

Allan

On the Block

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

Beach wheels.....\$200

Will fit a Hobie 16.

Contact Scott at ScottMeyerone@gmail.com

Standard Horizon Eclipse + VHF Marine Radio

Price: \$45

This is a fully functional dash mounted, high output (25W) marine VHF radio that was in an Ensign I purchased last year.

The package contains:

- 1) The radio + handheld microphone.
- 2) A whip antenna.
- 3) Coax cable + VHF connectors.

Contact: Jeff Robinson 518-310-9606.

Pearson Ensign 841.....\$5500

"Dawn Treader 2", full keel boat, white deck, navy blue hull, white waterline, red bottom paint (needs attention), teak cockpit deck, teak bilge cover, mahogany seats,

Includes:

Newer Quantum jib and Quantum mainsail, rolled and stored in waterproof storage bags

Schaefer SnapFurl roller furling system

Spinnaker

Spinnaker pole

Canvas boat cover with tie downs

Rescue paddle

Bilge pump

All required hardware, including winch handles

Red bottom paint and painting supplies

Water Tender 9' 4" rowing dingy

Aluminum oars with oar locks

5-HP Honda outboard with reverse gear

Rebuilt outboard motor bracket

New 3 gallon low permeation above-deck fuel tank

Almost new gas line hose and fittings

New 15" diameter mooring buoy with hardware

Mooring tackle including new chain, plus swivel and mushroom anchor

Heavy-duty jack stands

Full winter tarp

Contact: James Ross (518) 584-1332
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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

#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

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

6 hp Yamaha OB

Main, 110 Jib, 150 Genoa,

Trailer

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

WANTED.....Sunfish

Contact: Allan Miller 518-441-3899

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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
	271-0246
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	877-5062
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