

# Telltale

## Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

Web page: [sailsaratoga.org](http://sailsaratoga.org)



March 2021

### Commodore's Corner

By John Smith

On Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup> Jeff Robinson presented the 2021 budget to 38 members in attendance at the annual Budget Meeting held on Zoom. There were also 10 proxies. There will be no change in fees in this year's budget since we have fewer special projects and our financial position is still strong. The biggest projects for this year will be driveway work, keelboat storage area and house painting.

Andrew Murnan presented the membership renewal process for 2021. We are encouraging all members to renew through the website. In the past member's information has been entered into the website manually. The new site is integrated so that your information is being shared by the treasurer and the Membership Chair at the time of renewal. Renewals this year will begin on March 1<sup>st</sup> to allow for website completion but will not be invoiced until March 31<sup>st</sup>.

If you have changed any boat(s) since last year, PLEASE contact James Symon. You will not be able to make any boat change while renewing, you will need to stop and contact James Symon before you can complete the renewal process.

There are three ways to pay (1) Bank transfer (2) Actual check or (3) Credit Card. We prefer that you use the bank transfer since it eliminates a considerable amount of work for the treasurer and has a minimal transaction cost as compared to a credit card fee. Several members familiar with website security have researched the process that the web site uses and report that it is as secure as using a credit card. There is no financial information entered or retained on the club website. Please read Andrew's article about the membership renewal process.

With covid still an issue this year we are waiting for the vaccine to be widely distributed before we set the date for the Commodore's Dinner. As of now, I am looking at dates in either August or September.

The date that we are all looking forward to – May 1<sup>st</sup> – DOCKS IN and the first spring work party. Again, this year we anticipate have smaller targeted work parties. As we get closer to opening the club for summer, you can contact the various board members about volunteering for work. They will be happy to assign you a project.

The Race Committee has a meeting scheduled for Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 to discuss the coming season. Pizza will be served. The Yflyers will again be hosting a Kentucky Derby party later that day.

Hopefully by next month we will better understand how social we can be this season.

### Howard E. Ghee

Wynantskill-Howard E. Ghee, 90 passed away on Saturday October 12, 2019 at Samaritan Hospital.

Born in Poughkeepsie, NY, he was the son of Clarence Ghee and Charlotte Zettl Ghee and the loving husband to Janis Martin Ghee.

He worked for New York Telephone as a phone engineer for thirty-five years retiring in 1990. Howard was an avid sailor and member of the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club for 45 years.

In addition to his wife Janis, Howard is survived by his two sons Howard (Albert Chin) Ghee, Jr. of Woodbridge, Va., and Terry (Lisa) Ghee of St. Leonard, Md., his grandchildren Maureen Ghee and Aidan Ghee, his brother Robert (Terri) Ghee of Pleasant Valley, NY.

### Robert M. Ballinger

Robert Moore Ballinger passed away peacefully at the age of eighty-five on January 24, 2021. Robert was the son of Winifred Frazer Ballinger and Carl Jay Ballinger, Jr. He is survived by his loving wife of fifty-six years, Marcella Lemoine Ballinger, his children Robert and Nicole Ballinger, their spouses Robyn Angliss and Peter Warner, his brother Carl Jay Ballinger III, and sister Elizabeth Ballinger, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Robert lived with Marcella at the Cogir of Queen Anne Senior Living Community in Seattle.

When the Kaydeross club closed, Robert joined the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club and was an active member, eventually holding the post of Club Commodore.

**Please read the full memorial statements for both former members on our website under the top-line tab "Our Club".**

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## New Website and Renewal Process

By Andrew Murnan

In early February we launched our new website at [sailsaratoga.org](https://sailsaratoga.org). Please check it out if you have not already done so. With the new website comes a new renewal process. Please take some time to learn how to log into our new site by reviewing our online guides, which can be found here:

<https://sailsaratoga.org/guides>. Information on how to walk through the renewal process as well as details on the payment methods and related security is available. We hope you find the online renewal process straightforward and quick to complete.

Ann Seidman will be sending out a link to renew with additional information on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### BEFORE YOU RENEW

If you have any boat changes this year, please reach out to James Symon on Grounds ([slsc\\_grounds@sailsaratoga.org](mailto:slsc_grounds@sailsaratoga.org)) to let him know first. All boat changes require board approval and need to be completed before you renew. If you have membership questions, please direct them to Ann Seidman, our Membership Chair ([slsc\\_membership@sailsaratoga.org](mailto:slsc_membership@sailsaratoga.org)).

I'd like to thank the dedicated club members who worked hard to quickly roll out the new site:

Dan Hesse  
Joanne Fraser  
Terry Fraser  
Rick Manser  
Scott Meyer  
Charlotte Osborne  
Jeff Robinson  
Ann Seidman  
John Smith  
Mark Welcome  
Kathryn Whitenack

I'm looking forward to seeing you all out on the water later this year.

## Racing Changes for 2021

by Terry Fraser, Flag Lt Race

The 2021 Notice of Race and the 2021 Sailing Instructions have been posted on the new club website. The calendar has been completed with all of the club racing dates as well as the sanctioned fleet regattas.

As we begin the racing season, we most likely will still be following the club's COVID racing policies that are based on the guidelines of the New York State Department of Parks and Recreation.

### New for 2021:

- Finding a supply of race duty volunteers was somewhat difficult in 2020 so we are adding an incentive to help in that regard. Any skipper can earn a race credit for each race served on Race Committee Duty up to a maximum of four race credits. The skipper will earn his/her end of year overall average score for each race credit as well as count each race credit as a "race sailed" in order to help qualify for a series and the season Overall Championship.
- We've also posted a download and printable "Checklist for Running Races at SLSC" on the new website. There also will be a copy on the Committee Boat in a binder. This checklist is intended to aid club members while running races. It was tested a number of times in 2020 and was helpful for less experience race committee members.
- Each Safety Boat will be staffed with two club members. PFD's must be worn while operating or riding on SLSC motorboats. Engine cut-off safety lanyards should be attached to each SLSC motorboat operator while the engine is running. Make sure the engine is off if anyone is in the water near the boat you are operating.
- We are going to use the Sailwave Scoring System this year. Our old XL system will be available as a back-up until we are certain Sailwave can serve our purpose.
- Lastly this year, we are going to try an on-line sign-up sheet for race duty volunteers on the new club website. Our objective is to make it easier for volunteers to find a spot to work as well as for us to get all the openings filled.

## Safety Article

By Allan Miller

Sometimes numbers and data make a point. Please forgive me for publishing the negative data, but hopefully it will reinforce how best to approach boating safety. We can never predict when a problem will happen. Erring on the side of conservatism is not a political statement, but a way of keeping your family, friends and yourself safe.

### Safety Data

In 2019, the Coast Guard counted 4,168 accidents that involved 613 deaths, 2,559 injuries and approximately \$55 million dollars of damage to property as a result of recreational boating accidents.

- The fatality rate was 5.2 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. This rate represents a 1.9% decrease from the 2018 fatality rate of 5.3 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.
- Compared to 2018, the number of accidents increased 0.6%, the number of deaths decreased 3.2%, and the number of injuries increased 1.9%.
- Where cause of death was known, 79% of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 86% were not wearing a lifejacket.
- Where length was known, eight out of every ten boaters who drowned were using vessels less than 21 feet in length.
- Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents: where the primary cause was known, it was listed as the leading factor in 23% of deaths.
- Where instruction was known, 70% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction. Only 20% percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had received a nationally-approved boating safety education certificate.
- There were 171 accidents in which at least one person was struck by a propeller. Collectively, these accidents resulted in 35 deaths and 155 injuries.
- Operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, excessive speed, and alcohol use rank as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.
- Where data was known, the most common vessel types involved in reported accidents were open motorboats (45%), personal watercraft (19%), and cabin motorboats (16%).
- Where data was known, the vessel types with the highest percentage of deaths were open motorboats (48%), kayaks (14%), and personal watercraft (8%).
- The 11,878,542 recreational vessels registered by the states in 2019 represent a 0.22% increase from last year when 11,852,969 recreational vessels were registered.

Let's first be safe, then have fun.

Allan

## Sailing School Update - Mark Welcome

We appreciate your patience as we have been working diligently to move our registration system over to the new platform. We are happy to announce that the new ClubSpot registration platform is up and running and we are taking registrations for all kids, adult and family programs. We have been doing registration tests with our Junior Race families the last couple of days and that has gone very well so we are now opening up the registrations to all SLSC members.

Please note that we expect to be running all of our classes following last year's Covid protocols with one exception. We are going back to full day sessions for all kids' classes so let the parents rejoice! We are comfortable that the kids can handle the necessary restrictions at lunch and while on shore as they have been doing so in school for the last year.

The combination of Covid enrollment restrictions and the full day program does mean that **space will be very limited** in all our programs as we will essentially be cutting the number of spots in half from last year. Last year we left 70+ people on wait lists and we expect it will be much worse this year if restrictions do not ease. **This is a not-so-subtle way of asking you to please sign up immediately** before we open up the registrations to the general public next week. We want all SLSC families to have first pick up all the slots and make sure everyone gets into the programs that they want. If you don't sign up this week, we can't guarantee that you will get into the sessions you want or even that you can get in at all.

To register:

- Log in using the email address on file with SLSC
- Go to <https://sailsaratoga.org>
- Hover over the Sailing School link on the top menu and you will see the "Registration" drop down menu
- Note, if you can't log into the [sailsaratoga.org](https://sailsaratoga.org) website, you can access the registration page directly at <https://sailsaratoga.org/register/camp/zTkyZPngBD/class>
- For members, please make sure you enter the e-mail that SLSC has on file for you. Sometimes this might be an older one, but it will only recognize you if you use the email on file.
- Follow the prompts
- We think it is pretty straightforward but a few notes:
  - If you are signing up one person for multiple sessions, Don't click "Register" after you added the session to the cart. Close that window and add the other sessions and click "register" only when you are all set. Otherwise you'll have to fill out the form multiple times.
  - If you are signing up multiple people, You'll need to go through the process from the start for each person
  - As with last year, we will be running a session every week that includes beginner and intermediate so take your best guess as to where they should be and we'll move them around if necessary.

If you have any problems or notice any issues, please reach out to either [Margaret Shirk](#) or [myself](#).

We are looking forward to the coming season!

## SARATOGA LAKE SAILING CLUB

LASER DERBY - SATURDAY JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Registration STARTS AT 9:00 AM  
Price \$25.

All sailors are welcome, all levels will have fun and serious competition at this Race event. The typical field of approximately 12 racers allows room for you, even if you are just out for fun or into learning faster Laser tricks by observation of racers in front of you!

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!

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](tel:518-301-4109).

David is stepping back this year from helping the day of event and my busiest workdays are weekends.

We can use more hands, if you can help with the race boat or in other ways.  
Please send us an email!

\*Race event is dependent on NYS Covid Guidelines and resulting club policies at the time.



## 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](mailto: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  
[jross17006@aol.com](mailto:jross17006@aol.com)

### 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

'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](mailto:gheehe1@twc.com)

WANTED.....Sunfish

Contact: Allan Miller 518-441-3899

Y-Flyer 2627.....\$2500

This is a South Carolina "Lundquist" built fiberglass boat that I used to race, for example, at the Internationals in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada. It was a multi-time Kenyon Cup winner in Massachusetts with Doug Sabin at the helm and with his son George crewing.

It has come to my barn for rehab this winter from Marblehead. It now has a "bar" traveler instead of the bridal traveler. (Pictures on our website.)

\$2500 complete with trailer and 2 sets of sails and intentions are for it to be sold to a current or future club member.

Contact: Terry Fraser at [elfraser@hughes.net](mailto:elfraser@hughes.net)

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

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