

# Telltale

## Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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May 2021

### Commodore's Corner

By John Smith

By the time you read this we will have completed our first spring work party on April 24th. The turnout was totally unexpected with many of our new members participating. Due to the high turn out quite a few of the spring projects got completed. May 1st will see the second work party to get items completed that didn't get done on the 24th. Please reach out to Fl. Lt. Boats, House, Grounds, Rear Commodore or Sailing School to see what they still need to have completed. We are still trying to assign work in small pods or socially distance projects. These are important tasks in the process of getting the club ready for the sailing season. They are also great for getting back in touch with your fellow members and it was especially enjoyable to see some of our more senior members that did not come to the club last year. As the vaccine becomes more widely distributed, we will have more opportunities to gather this season.

Allan Miller has conducted two NYS Motorboat Safety courses. I had the privilege to take mine on the 25<sup>th</sup>. We need want to have at least one member from each family certified but there is no reason anyone in your family that comes to the club should not get certified. Allan has several other members qualified to teach boat handling as well. You just never know when you may need this knowledge to be able to save someone on the water. We have less than 4 years until every member will have to be certified to operate any of our power boats.

The Board is pleased to announce the approval of a new sanctioned fleet – Sunfish. The Sunfish held their first regatta in 2020 and have scheduled their second one for this year. Tom Dunn has established a solid base of members and we wish them all the success that their efforts shall bring.

We will be kicking off the racing season with the usual Mother's Day Practice Race followed by the Wednesday Manning Series and Sunday Zephyr Series. Our Saratoga Sailing School is booked and preparing for the 2021 classes. The club regatta season begins with the Laser Derby and the annual Thistle Fleet Regatta in June.

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### SLSC Annual Memorial Day Brunch Monday, May 31 12:00 Noon

#### Mary Elizabeth Hull Award Presentation

Bring Your Own Picnic

Kitchen with limited access

Grills available on the back deck

### SARATOGA LAKE SAILING CLUB

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

Registration STARTS AT 9:00 AM

Price \$25

Please contact David Burtis  
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or Leslie Warner- Rafaniello  
at [Saillesson@nycap.rr.com](mailto:Saillesson@nycap.rr.com) or [518-301-4109](tel:518-301-4109)

### House Report

Our caretakers, Lynn and Kevin Bates, are using part of the left side of the barn to store their belongings. Please be respectful of and do not use anything marked "Caretaker" or any and all property that is not yours.

We will continue to abide by CDC Guidelines in keeping to 10 people in the clubhouse at any one time. Please read the instructions on the bulletin board to the left of the front door as to how to use our tag system.

Thanks for your cooperation in keeping people's belongings and everyone safe.

Barbara and Allan

**Saturday, May 1st  
2<sup>nd</sup> Work Party**

## Commodore's Corner (Continued from Page 1)

Stickers will be issued again this year and the date to have them applied is June 15<sup>th</sup>. An explanation for the new members from 2020 and this year, the club issues a sticker for all boats stored on the property. They are printed and usually left on a table in the club house. It is your responsibility to affix the sticker per the club manual – starboard side of your boat or trailer. If you need assistance contact any Board member.

The end of May is the official start of summer with our annual Champagne Brunch. However, this season for the obvious reason it will have to be cancelled again. I would still like to encourage members to come to the club for Bring Your Own picnic this Memorial Day. The Club House as of now stands will still be limited to 10 people inside at a time but the kitchen will be available for limited use as well as the grills on the back deck. If that changes between now and the end of May we will adjust accordingly.

I plan to announce this year's Mary Elizabeth Hull Award on Memorial Day and not wait until the Commodore's Dinner this September. The Mary Elizabeth Hull Award recognizes a special person(s) whose outstanding contributions to SLSC have improved and sustained the life of SLSC.

On a more serious note, I feel that I need to remind members that it is unacceptable to move or use another member's equipment or tools. This includes our caretakers.

## Grounds Report

by James Symon, Flag Lt Grounds

I wanted to thank everyone that came out and helped set up the grounds at the sailing club for another great season on the lake. Club members helped set up the goose fence, the picnic tables, Adirondack chairs, the small boat ramp, cut back trees along the driveway, cleaned up the gardens, raked the lawns, installed a sump pump and the many other things needed to keep the sailing club going for another season. I will try to put any additional items on the whiteboard on the barn in case people want to help out.

We do plan to have boat stickers this year. This is a good time to remind everyone to make sure your boat is in its proper place. Boat space is limited so don't take anyone else's spot. The keel boat dingy rack is only for mooring field boat owners and one dinghy is allowed. The lawn is going to be fully booked too. Random and mysterious boats will be relocated to an undisclosed location.

Thanks again to everyone who helped out with the grounds projects. Now it's time to enjoy some sailing.

## Using the Emergency Safety Cutoff Switch (ECOS)

By Allan Miller

This month's safety information concerns using the Emergency Safety Cutoff Switch. This is a device that can save lives. We are requiring that it be used anytime one of our club powerboats is being driven for any reason.

All our powerboats have this device. When using it clip it low so that it will not tangle on the steering wheel while driving the boat.

Please watch this short video.

<https://app.frame.io/presentations/2b9dc759-fbc1-4d0d-b94b-7b4dbff80fb0>

Thank you for helping us be safe on the water.



NY Boater Safety Class

## SUNFISH Sailing 2021

Are you ready, we will help.

Terrific news from the Sunfish Mega Bowl Advisory Committee! As many of you know, this is our first official season as a fleet in 40 years. We want to make an immediate and memorable impact on those who choose to join our fun, refreshing and easy-going sailing style. We have a spot for you, whether you just want to cruise the lake, try a few series races, or go all in by competing in the Sunfish Mega Bowl Regional Championship.

To that end, come join us for a brief one-hour instructional seminar from **6-7pm on Tuesday, May 11 at 6pm on the lawn. This discussion will focus on appropriate boat rigging.** Most sailors ask one of the following questions around rigging:

- *"So I bought this Sunfish...where do these lines go?!"*
- *"I know the main halyard always goes on the starboard side, but the down haul goes where and can I make it easier to adjust?"*
- *"I know how to rig but I want to rig like a pro!"*

The presenter is a regional Sunfish expert who grew up cruising and racing the Sunfish and still races it at the highest level. He will assist the beginner, intermediate or expert to rig their Sunfish and answer general questions. There is no charge for this instructional seminar. Please arrive 15 minutes early to start rigging your boat. This way the expert can easily see and make any suggestions/changes when we start at 6pm. Bring a mask and be prepared to follow social distancing guidelines. Please rsvp to [tomdunne56@gmail.com](mailto:tomdunne56@gmail.com) by Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and feel free to send questions in advance. We are not sailing on May 11<sup>th</sup>, just rigging up.

If the Sunfish Mega Bowl Advisory Committee continues to gain inquires into different types of educational seminars or training we will do our best to provide them. Our best understanding of your needs come when we hear from you and we are listening. In return we hope you are inspired to step out of your comfort zone and extend yourself to go a little further on the water this season.

## Race Report

by Terry Fraser, Flag Lt Race

The May 1<sup>st</sup> Kentucky Derby Party has been canceled due to COVID restrictions. Perhaps the Y-Flyer Fleet can host another event later in the year.

The Race Orientation/Pizza Party scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> has also been canceled. Instead, we will host a "Debriefing" in the boat park after the Practice Races on May 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be an open question and answer session with some of our experienced sailors giving their thoughts on the day's racing.

The Race Duty Self-Scheduling Calendar is filling up nicely. As of this writing only two empty spots remain for the month of May.

The exact nature of how we will conduct the Wednesday Manning Series after-race parties is still under review. We are watching NYS guidelines as they are updated. When and if a proposal is approved by the Club's Board, we will send out the final plan in our first weekly Race email on Monday May 11<sup>th</sup>.

All racing documents have been updated and are posted on the new website under the "Racing" tab. Open the "Race Management" and "NOR--SI" tabs to review the information.

We are eagerly looking forward to a season full of wonderful racing. Everyone is invited, and encouraged, to join us on the racecourse.

## Helping Hands Food Pantry Drive Project

In the last year, our community joined together through social distancing and shutdowns to keep our families and friends safe from Covid -19. Many of us have faced challenges in different ways and will continue to face challenges even though the shutdowns are being phased out and the vaccine is showing encouraging signs. While the economy will take time to flourish again, many in the Saratoga community are faced with temporary food insecurity. It is in the area of food insecurity that my son and I are hoping to do our small part.

We have tentatively scheduled the *Helping Hands Food Pantry Project* food drive with the **Franklin Food Pantry of Saratoga, NY**, with the approval of the SLSC Board. The details for this food collection are being coordinated and a detailed summary will follow in the coming weeks. Our goal is that with a (pending) donation from Stewarts we can kick off the *Helping Hands Project* food drive with an Ice Cream Social as a way to offer a special thanks to members who would like to be involved with food donations for the pantry, but all members are welcome to come by for an ice cream (Covid protocols not withstanding).

Originally, my son was trying to have Stewarts donate food for a kickoff BBQ, but with current Covid restrictions, an Ice Cream Social appears to be the best fit under our current guidelines. Please note, members are not required to make a donation of food. Items suggested are non-perishable food, toiletry and or hygiene items.

Lastly, I wanted to thank my son for asking me, "How can we do our part?" He had the motivation to get involved, but, as a parent I needed to guide the way. Look to the next Telltale Newsletter for more information as we might need some young hands to make the ice cream cones and milkshakes. As always, thank you and much respect to the members of the SLSC community.

Coordinated by Nicolas & Tom Dunne

## Mooring Work Party



## 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.....\$5000 or reasonable offer

"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)

### Thistle 3255.....\$4250

Clark manufactured sailboat in excellent condition, complete with trailer, ready to be sailed.

Two (2) sets of sails: one set good, the second set fair.  
New running rigging installed in 2020.

All Harken blocks and fitting. Many spare parts included.

Contact: Rob Shadlock at (518) 281-1440 or  
[Rshadlock@nycap.rr.com](mailto:Rshadlock@nycap.rr.com)

### 3 Kestrels for sale

#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

### WANTED.....Lasers

Some students in the sailing school need Lasers.  
If you have a Laser you would like to donate or sell,

Contact: Mark Welcome at 518-928-6187  
or [slsc\\_sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org](mailto:slsc_sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org)

### 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)

### Jet-14 1062.....\$1300

Boat is in solid condition with nice hull paint.  
Decent sails and trailer with registration.  
Extra steel centerboard

Contact: Rick Castle at 518-337-3642

### Kayak.....\$250

Old Town Dirigo 120, green hull with comfortable seat and paddle.

8 yrs. old, very good condition. Kayak at SLSC.

Contact: Joe Boudreau at 518-384-1978  
or [jboudre3@gmail.com](mailto:jboudre3@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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877-5062  
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