

Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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June 2021

Commodore's Corner

By John Smith

I want to thank all of the members that have come to the various work parties over the last month to get the club open for the season. We got the grounds raked, docks in, and a new Laser ramp installed. We have one more project that we would like to accomplish, grading the winter storage area on the north side of the north driveway. This can only be accomplished with the cooperation of the members with boats stored in that area. Once their boats have been launched, they will need to move storage boxes, stands, etc. to the south side of the driveway or to the meadow. All winter storage equipment both along the driveway and on the lawn must be moved to the tree line.

New stickers will be in soon and will be on a table on the porch, so make sure to place them on your boat, trailer or dolly. James Symon will be conducting a work party in mid-June to review boats on the property and check for stickers. Your cooperation will make this a much easier process.

The Sailing School is again operating at capacity with a waiting list and will be organizing in the pole barn. The school is a valuable asset to the club since a large percentage of new members start with sailing lessons.

Ann Seidman will be hosting a new member reception for 2020 and 2021 new members. The event is to help get the new members the information they need to enjoy the club and their responsibilities to the club. All members are welcome, so join us in welcoming the new members.

Now that Covid restrictions are being lifted by the State of New York, we will be able to conduct the many regattas that fill our season. We start with the Laser Derby followed by the Thistle Regattas in June. July will have the Yflyer's, Kestrel's and the MC Scow's regattas. The Flying Scots, Sunfish and Multihull regattas will be in August. The regattas will conclude with the Ensign regatta in September and the Thistles again in October.

The 2021 Bar-B-Q will be held on Monday July 5th. This will be Lauren Meyer and her committee's inaugural event for 2021. Please make your reservations and pay through the club web site if possible.

July 5th Bar-B-Q

Appetizers at 3:00 pm Dinner at 4:00 pm

Barbecued Chicken
Hot Dogs
Many Salads
Ice Cream Sundaes
Soft Drinks, Beer, Wine

Adults: \$16

Children (12 and under) \$8 (Hot Dogs)

Please pay on the Club website or by check.
To REDUCE CONTACT, we are avoiding cash.
(email to follow)

Everyone is requested to bring a ready-to-serve appetizer or dessert to share.

This year there will be no Buffet serving. All food items will be served by individuals wearing masks. Masks are not required for attending, just meal prep and serving.

Members whose last names begin with the letters **G** through **L** are asked to volunteer for set-up, food preparation, or clean-up.

Reservations can be made on the club spot website:
Click on News/Events > Calendar >
Annual SLSC Bar-B-Q on July 5th > Register Now
or contact Lauren Meyer 518-852-3759

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 1

All members - please indicate
appetizer or dessert
G through L - please indicate preference to
set-up, prep, or clean-up

IT'S A GO!

LASER DERBY - SATURDAY JUNE 5th, 2021

Registration Starts At 9:00 AM : Skipper's Meeting 10:00, First Race 10:30

Price \$25

(SPECIAL! Bring a friend to race and pay \$40 for 2 racers!)

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!

Bring your own Coffee.

Light Breakfast snacks will be served along with individually wrapped sandwiches, chips, fruit and drinks.

Please let us know if you have dietary restrictions.

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
or Leslie Warner- Rafaniello at LesliesHomes4U@gmail.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!



Prize Shirt for Derby Winner

Why Buy or Sail a Sunfish?

Club members are buying and sailing the Sunfish for the awesome opportunity it offers and because we have the best people. If you are still on the fence here is a snapshot of what we are up to;

1. In early May Dan Hesse lead a *“Rigging and How to Update your Sunfish”* discussion. **Eleven** Sunfish Skippers showed up and all 11 boats were rigged and got one on one suggestions from Dan on how to make the set up better and ideas for what equipment needed to be updated and or upgraded. It's a fleet effort and anyone needing assistance should contact me because our goal is to leave no boat on the lawn this summer! That's my promise and my email is tomduhne56@gmail.com
2. Newly announced **Tuesday night Sunfish/ Laser practice and fun racing**. Starting **Tuesday, June 1 from 6pm to dusk**. The set up will be short 10-15 minute races from 6pm until dusk. Show up on time, early or late but show up. Likely fit in 6 short and fun races each Tuesday into July.
3. **Mega Bowl Summer Series** racing during the regular Wed. and Sunday race series! It's exciting just saying **“Mega Bowl”** and no other SLSC fleet even offers this option. All Sunfish sailors are invited and encouraged regardless of skill. The particulars of the Mega Bowl Series are a fleet secret! The dates will be sent directly to Sunfish fleet members each time the series will occur.
4. **SUNFISH MEGA BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP** to wrap up our epic first season **August 21 and 22**. This colossal battle of up to **40 boats** will include the top Sunfish sailors in the northeast. Many of these outsiders would love to win this event to elevate their chances to qualify for the Sunfish worlds later this year in Italy. Sadly, their hopes will be dashed because so far we have Hesse, Meyer, Symon and Miller and those four play for keeps. This regatta requires class legal sails so if you want entry in this race make sure your sail is class legal. For this event we are accepting any SLSC volunteers for RC and many other land based activities.

In conclusion, thank you to all the Sunfish sailors and let's get on the water!

-Scott Meyer Sunfish Fleet Captain in waiting 2022

Racing Etiquette

by Terry Fraser, Flag Lt Race

The Rules of Racing should be learned and followed.
However, racing etiquette is important too.

Here are a few of my observations and experiences that demonstrate etiquette on the racecourse.

1. Keep away from the starting area when another racing division is within their five-minute countdown. Allow them the means and opportunity to have a fair start.
2. After finishing a race, stay above and away from the finish line. Be certain that all other competitors have finished before sailing back onto the course and most certainly never re-sail across the finish line until all racers have been given a finish.
3. Before the start there is almost always a pattern of sailing behind the starting line. Boats on starboard tack usually sail nearest to the line. They can turn into the wind to take compass readings or they may want to practice coming up hard to practice a start. Port tack boats should never sail down the line. When port tack boats are returning to the Committee Boat end of the start line, they should be steering a course well below the line.
4. Take care to sail by the rules. If you break a rule, self-impose your penalty.
5. Right-of-way is not a reason to “stay the course” that results in a collision. In fact, protest committees can impose a penalty on a right-of-way boat that does not do everything it can possibly do to avoid a collision.
6. Keep a good watch at all times. Give approaching boats plenty of warning to plan an evasive maneuver. When you are hailed by a right-of-way boat, make it clear that you hear the hail and then make any necessary alteration in your steering early.
7. Never yell in anger at another boat. Yes, yell loudly to be heard to impose the rules but never berate a fellow competitor.
8. Never knowingly yell false information at a more inexperienced competitor. That is considered borderline cheating.
9. Do not initiate any non-urgent communication with the Committee Boat. Radios are allowed on sailboats as an emergency tool. Do not interfere with the workings of the race committee. In the same vein, don't sail by the Committee Boat asking for information that should be more properly obtained by asking other competitors.
10. Thank the race committee crew for donating their time and effort. They work so we can play.

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. While the economy will take time to flourish again, many in the Saratoga community are faced with temporary **food insecurity**.

My son Nicholas Dunne, Ethan Murnan and I are hoping to do our small part. We have developed and scheduled the *SLSC Helping Hands Food Pantry Project* food drive with the **Franklin Food Pantry of Saratoga, NY**, with the approval of the SLSC Board. This program will collect food donations during the month of June. Anyone interested can leave non-perishable items on a specifically marked table on the porch. As suggested by the Franklin Food Pantry a list of possible items will be on the patio table. In order to help kick start the *SLSC Helping Hands Project* we will have an **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** on **Sunday, June 6 & 13 from 4pm-5:15 pm** and on **Wednesday, June 9 from 7:30pm-8:30pm**. Stewarts has donated the ice cream and we hope all of you can attend.

You can bring your non-perishable donations at that time or any date from June 1- June 27 and placed in the porch. No donations are required to attend the Ice Cream Social. Items suggested are non-perishable food, toiletry and or hygiene items. The *SLSC Helping Hands Food Pantry Project* looks forward to providing this opportunity for our members and helping our community.

Coordinated by Nicolas & Tom Dunne
tomdunne56@gmail.com



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.....\$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

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

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

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

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

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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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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