

# Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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



July 2021

## Commodore's Corner

By John Smith

Happy something closer to what we knew in the past as normal. All Covid restrictions have been lifted by the State of New York. I think someone, maybe David Hudson got to the governor to make sure this happened before the Thistle Regatta on Father's Day.

May wrapped up with the new members reception which was the first event held in the house since last year. The weather was too cold and wet to stay outdoors. The weather was better for the Memorial Day picnic and approximately 50 individuals came, and it felt SO GOOD to see everyone.

July will be a busy month with three regatta, Yflyers, Kestrels and MC Scows. Unfortunately for the Yflyers the border with Canada is not expected to be open in time for our Canadian friends to attend. Hopefully, they can be here next year. The Manning Series has reached the mid-point and we can now resume the potluck dinner after racing. All members may attend even if you do not race. This is a great place for new members to get acquainted with some of the most active members of the club.

The Sailing School is at capacity again this year. If you think that you can be of assistance contact Mark Welcome. I know the Mark can always use the help.

Now that I have related current and future events, it is time to get to the most important part of this article. We are a volunteer organization. All members are expected to contribute time and talent to maintain the operations of the club. As I am writing this article there are 96 open positions for race committee. Without volunteers to run the races and staff the safety boats, the racing program may have to be pared back. Safety on the water comes before the fun. I know that there are members willing to jump in if we do not get enough volunteers to keep the program operating but most of these members have already served. So, please go to the web site under the Racing tab and sign in on the Race Duty Sign Up Sheet. If you do not feel that you are qualified, there will be experienced members to work with you.

Our Board members serve on a one-year basis except for the Commodore and Vice Commodore positions who serve for two years. Most Board members serve for two or more years in most cases which give continuity and allow for

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## 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 5<sup>th</sup> > 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

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training replacements. Elections are held at our December Members Meeting. This year we have an unusual situation, my two years will conclude in December and the Vice Commodore will not be available to serve as Commodore. We also have openings for Treasurer, Flag Lieutenant Grounds and Publicity Chair. A selection committee of Ann Seidman, Mark Welcome, Anthony Cannone, Brian Rodem, Jerry Zell and myself will be interviewing members to fill these positions. Please contact one of us if you are interested in serving.

When the stickers arrive get them on your boat, trailer or dolly as soon as possible. With the boat park at near capacity, make sure your boat is in your designated space. The lawn is at capacity. Since spaces are not assigned on the lawn, please adhere to the policy of no more than 6 boats in each row aligning with the racks. Make sure that no one will need to move your boat to use theirs. If you happen to damage another member's boat, trailer or dolly, make sure to notify that member. If you cannot determine the ownership, contact a Board member for assistance.



We have built a lift to assist retrieving or storing boats on the first tier of the racks. You start by placing the fixed wheels in a position that allow you to just turn the lift into the desired spot and push it against the rack. Make sure that you are clear of the boat on the ground and any kayaks above. Retrieve the boat, pull forward enough to turn and clear the boat on the ground, lower and remove. The lift will be stored between the trees. If you need instruction on how best to use the lift you can contact me.

## Covid Protocol

All members and guests must adhere to the current CDC guidelines. All non-vaccinated individuals must always wear a face mask when in the house including the porch except when eating or drinking. Those failing to follow these guidelines will be asked to comply or leave the property.

## Grounds Report

By James Symon, Flag Lt. Grounds

It's great to see the sailing club coming back to life. The house has opened. There are sailboats out on the water. People are sitting out on the lawns or working on their boats. Racing is going strong. Regattas are happening. Burgers are cooking on the grill. People are enjoying the club again.

The small boats on the lawn are particularly popular this season. The lawn is packed with small boats. We should all try to keep the small boats as tidy as possible, so things look nice. Please check your dolly or trailer to make sure it can be easily moved so the grass underneath can be cut. Flat tires mean a lot of work for someone trying to move your boat.

Work on the keel boat winter storage area continues. We are taking down a couple of dead trees in that area and clearing out the last of the keel boat stuff. Next will be fabric, gravel and then grading. This should be a great improvement for winter storage. The club is an ongoing project, so we need to make gradual improvements each year to keep things going.

Thank you to everyone that has reached out to me to complete projects that they noticed and wanted to help with. Please reach out to me if you see a small project you would like to help with. And most important, let's all enjoy this summer and our great sailing club.

## New Member Reception



## Saratoga Derby Laser (ILCA) Regatta June 5, 2021

The breeze more than made up for the lack of a regatta last season. Ten competitors came to sail in challenging conditions that started in a near perfect 8-12 mph and built to 12-18 with gusts into the mid 20's. The fleet split into 6 full rig and 4 radial boats. The conditions certainly pressed the stamina of the sailors as three of the radials and two of the full rigs failed to finish the 4 races sailed. Kudos goes out to Michael Kitner for helping a fellow sailor in the middle of his race, whose boat needed righting!

Final results were:

Full Rig:

1. Drew Porter – Cooperstown
2. Brad Dunn - Saugerties
3. David Fillaberto – Ithaca
4. Michael Kitner – Saratoga (Loudonville)
5. Joe Miller – Willow Bank (Fayetteville)
6. Tom French – Potsdam

Radial:

1. Ethan Murnan – Saratoga
  2. Allan Miller – Saratoga (Ballston Spa)
  3. Bill Hamilton – Saratoga
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1. First Woman – Abby Lunetta – Saratoga (Niskayuna)

The Saratoga Fleet thanks all the volunteers who helped run the regatta:

Shore side - Leslie Warner-Rafaniello, Maggie Lock, Bob Posson, Dave Burtis.  
Water side – Ann Seidman, Peter Seidman, Andrew Murnan, Barry Maisel, Jim Benson, Jerry Zell, Tom Dunne, James Symon.

We were very happy with our turn out from all across the state this year. We will continue to host both a full rig and radial fleet regatta. Hope to see even more club members next year for this fun event! So mark you calendars now for the first Saturday in June.

Have a safe, fun summer on the water,  
**Allan Miller and Leslie Warner-Rafaniello**



## Please Help Us Maintain the Water Supply at SLSC

The water system at our club is sound but somewhat fragile. This past winter, we were unable to get the house water quality sufficient to use it for bathing and drinking. As House LTs, Barbara and I are very careful with the system, working for all of you to assure you have water to use anytime you go to the club. To help avoid a water overuse problem, I attached a water timer to the line that goes to the meadow. This was intended to avoid overuse and prevent a leak in the hose from disabling the system. Shortly after it was installed, someone removed the timer from the system. I would like to have the opportunity to talk to this member, understand their concern and also retrieve the device. Please understand that all your club officers are members first. We work to help you enjoy our club and have the resources you need to enjoy sailing. We need your help to tell us if our actions create problems for you. You can call me at 518-441-3899 please. - **Allan**

## Boater safety Information

There are now three webpages posted on the club website to schedule powerboat handling familiarization. Record if you have taken the familiarization program and record if you have a NY State Boater Safety Certificate or the equivalent from another agency.

Please go to the club website, click on News and Events, then Boater Safety Instruction for the three sheets where you can find an instructor and enter your information.

[Familiarization Sign-up Sheet](#)  
[Powerboat Training Record SLSC](#)  
[SLSC Record of Boater Safety](#)  
[Course Completion](#)

## Safely Rescuing a Person in the Water

The weather this season has been really unusual with a large number of high wind days. High winds are challenging for all of us who sail and sometimes we capsize our boat or even fall overboard. We appreciate all those who volunteer to help run our racing program and are providing this safety information for how to rescue a person in the water.

Please watch this short video.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Updc-jCysXU&list=PL1hallzm5l7ZVE51ose9JHTwoz5\\_aPyEk&index=5](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Updc-jCysXU&list=PL1hallzm5l7ZVE51ose9JHTwoz5_aPyEk&index=5)

**The step in the procedure not mentioned but very important, is to turn off the engine immediately upon obtaining positive contact with the person in the water (PIW) and PULL The Key.**

This eliminates the opportunity for a still-running engine to injure the PIW.

Please remember to always use the Emergency Cutoff Switch Lanyard while driving our powerboats

**Sail Safely, Allan**

## When bad things happen, exemplary individuals shine

By Michael Perrotti

I wanted to relate a recent experience that I had in the mooring field, and the ultimate outcome. I have been messing around on boats for over 40 years. First sunfish, then Comets, then bigger boats. I recently experienced my first collision. I was leaving my mooring as I have countless times. My rudder was fully down as I have learned that is best for navigating the mooring field when it is windy. But it must have been just a bit lodged in the sandy bottom of our shallow mooring, and it took an extra few moments to make way....just enough time for my kayak to swing back in front of our bow, causing me to foul the motor in the kayak bow line once we were under way. What I did right: I shut the motor. What I did wrong: I turned my attention to the fouled motor, even though the boat was underway. My crew member was watching me. When we approached the boat in our path, my crew member softened the blow by reaching out to the vessel in our path....but we hit it. What I should have done after I shut the engine was have my crew put our bumpers out, and grab 2 paddles and our boat hooks and I should have been on the tiller with heads up until we were out of danger of hitting another vessel.

But the real lesson is in how the owners of the boat that we hit handled the situation. Have no mistake, they let me know that they were not happy, and they were not happy that I did not notify them when this happened. I called myself an idiot and they didn't argue with that assessment. They calmly asked me what happened. They asked me if anyone on my boat was injured. We settled the repairs on the owners terms and I accepted full responsibility. And I expressed my recognition that there is a significant amount of mental anguish and suffering that comes when something special to you is damaged and I expressed my sincerest apologies. They said, "it's OK, accidents happen, fortunately no one got hurt".

We are encouraged from the time of childhood to get out there, join teams, join clubs, compete, race, jump, run, sail. And in those experiences we learn a great deal, not only about the sport or activity, but also about how participants interact. We observe bad behaviors, and we observe behaviors that are to be emulated. We meet people that in their behaviors become role models. How the owners of the damaged boat reacted to this unfortunate event is one of those exemplary behaviors. I gained a lesson about humility, grace, restraint and composure in response to an unpleasant, unexpected event.

### Memorial Day Brunch



### First Wednesday Potluck



## 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.....\$4000

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

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
Sunfish.....	Tom Dunne 253-6912
Y-Flyer.....	Terence Fraser 495-4037

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