

Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

By John Smith

Believe it or not, one of the most difficult issues that I have as Commodore is writing the monthly Telltale article. Trying to keep the news sounding new and fresh when most of our year is very predictable. The dog days of summer are upon us and will soon be over.

This summer has felt more normal this season as the world has opened again. We had approximately 100 people attend the annual chicken BBQ on July 5th. This was only our second members social event this year and I believe that it was enjoyed by all who attended. This turned out to be Lauren Meyer's first event as the Social Chair. She and her volunteers did a great job.

The racing season is about half over for this season. The Zephyr Series has concluded, the Robinson Series has started and will end on Sunday the 15th. The Yflyer, Kestrel and MC Scow regattas are behind us. As usual all the sailing was done in winds that did not reflect the forecast, fortunately in most cases we had more wind. The sailing school racing program has hosted one regatta and traveled to another in Vermont. The Flying Scot and Multihull regattas are scheduled as usual for the month of August. There is one more regatta for August that needs special mention. The Sunfish NY Upstate Regional Championship the 21st and 22nd.

We have two social events for September, the Labor Day Lobster Boil and this year the Commodore's Party on Friday the 10th.

One final note. The stickers are in, so please place your sticker on your boat or trailer.

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.



2021

Commodore's Party

Friday, September 10th 5:30pm – 9:30pm

The Century House Restaurant

997 New Loudon Rd, Latham

Plated Dinner with Cash Bar

Mary Elizabeth Hull Award Presentation

\$45 per person

RSVP No Later than September 3rd

Full details will be in mailed invitation.

(518) 786-1340 or commodore@sailsaratoga.org

**The next SLSC wine tasting will be
Friday, July 30, 2021 at 5:30 PM**

**Please bring a bottle of Rose to share
*If possible, bring a chilled bottle***

We will have an ice chest to keep the wine cool
After the tasting, we will have a potluck dinner.

The Club will provide something TBD !!

Please bring a dish to share

**You can register online through the SLSC calendar,
and "buy" free tickets**

Questions: Ann Seidman, Ann.slsc@gmail.com

Y-Flyer Fleet 63 Elects New Officers

Fleet Captain: Charlotte Osborne

Secretary: Patrick King

Treasurer: Paul Weinstein

Fleet Measurer: Susanna Randall

Y-Flyers 2627 and 2701 are for sale. Each is listed for \$2500s. Both have been brought here from Massachusetts and are competitive boats.

The Fleet voted to accept the request to host the Y-Flyer International Championships in July of 2022. The exact dates will be determined.

The results of the Y-Flyer Thoroughbred Regatta:

YFlyer									
SAILORS	SAIL NUMBER	BOAT NAME	CLUB/ORG	NET	TOTAL	R1	R2	R3	R4
1 Terence Fraser Mark Stockrow	2679	None	None	5	5	1	2	1	1
2 John Smith Charlotte Osborne	2707	None	None	9	9	2	3	2	2
3 Patrick King Ethan Murnan	2584	Peggy's Washer	Saratoga Lake Sailing Club	14	14	5	1	3	5
4 Marek CZ Joanna CZ	2565	None	None	15	15	3	4	5	3
5 Dirk Neudorf Greg Cuda	2806	None	None	21	21	4	5	6	6
6 Rick Manser Kathryn Whitenock	2712	Simply Wild	Saratoga Lake Sailing Club	24	24	DNS - 8	DNS - 8	4	4
7 Suzanna Randall William Randall	USA TBD	Lime Freeze	Saratoga Lake Sailing Club	31	31	DNS - 8	DNS - 8	7	DNF - 8

Sunfish Fleet Sails to Midpoint of its Inaugural Season

By Tom Dunne, Fleet Captain

SLSC approved this new fleet a mere 5 months ago and it is clear the members are sailing their way to having it be an epic success. Now we don't mandate specific activities from our members but the activities of our members are helping our fleet thrive. For example:

- 33% (11 of 30 members) of our members attended a pre-season seminar.
- 40% (12 of 30) of the fleet has participated in at least one of our **"Tuesday Race 4 Fun"** events.
 - **"Tuesday Race 4 Fun"** events average 5 Sunfish racers per week and 8 short races per week.
- Our inaugural **Sunfish Regional MEGA BOWL Regatta** takes place August 21&22. 15 boats registered with expectations of 30-40 boats. 9 boats will be from SLSC.
- In June, we updated our Sunfish Fleet page with links for members to find all things related to Sunfish sailing.

Although we have had some great success there is still much more to be done. Our *Sunfish Mini Bowl Summer Series Regatta* has yet to materialize but will likely be intertwined into the Rice Series. It is our hope many of the Tuesday night racers will be comfortable enough to try their new skills by then.

As our membership and participation grows, our key motivation is to move boats off the lawn and onto the lake. Sailing for pleasure, practice or to race is our hope for every member. If you need motivation to move your boat from sitting in the yard to sailing, want to build your sailing confidence or want to jump into racing maybe a Sunfish is for you. If you are not sure, come down and ask any of our members on a Tuesday night because we want to help. As one member said to me "No boat left behind."

In conclusion, thank you to all our Sunfish members. Your excitement to try new things, improve your sailing skills and support other sailors on the water is an inspiration to all and we commend you for it.

Comments provided by the Sunfish Fleet and Jackie Moon (Mega Bowl Founder)



SLSC Helping Hand Food Pantry –A Success!

By Tom Dunne

During the month of June, SLSC rolled out the "Helping Hands Initiative." Joining forces with the Franklin Food Pantry and Stewarts Ice cream, the club gave back to the community in a strong way.

As a group, SLSC collected over 200 pounds of food donations and a generous cash donation. The coordinator of the pantry was extremely appreciative to all those who were able to contribute and he wrote as much in his personal letter which is at the club.

The generosity of our members is inspiring and the donations went to local families with the greatest need.

Additionally, a special thanks goes to Stewarts Ice Cream for their ice cream donation which was used to kick off the program and motivate club members during the well-attended ice cream social.

Special note of appreciation goes to Nicholas Dunne and Ethan Murnan for leading the way in the creation, coordination, and marketing of this wonderful initiative.

Safety on the Lake

You have probably noticed that the number of powerboats on Saratoga Lake is up. Nationally, the overall number of recreational boaters is up more than 25%. Stay aware of the powerboats on the lake around you. Do not assume that a powerboat is being driven by someone who knows the Rules of the Road. If you are unsure of an approaching powerboat's course, alter yours so it is early and obvious. Respect those fishing by giving them plenty of room. If you are operating a club powerboat for a race and a boat is on the course, motor over and explain what is going on and politely suggest they move.

If you have not completed a Club powerboat familiarization, you can do this by going to the Club website, click on News and Events, then Boater Safety Instruction, select an instructor, contact them, and set a time for a session. Please also document completion of your Boater Safety Course if you have taken one.

Thank you,
Allan

The 57th Annual North American Kestrel Regatta

By Tony Bianchini

July 17th and 18th saw the completion of the 57th Annual North American Kestrel Regatta. Despite threatening weather, seven boats showed up for one of the best Kestrel regattas in recent years. Bill and Yvonne Barringer, as the PRO, got us out early, and set a variety of courses throughout the day. The Ensign fleet graciously provided support in the rescue boats.

The winds averaged around nine MPH and were quite consistent all day long. Five races were completed, with some clear front runners being established. The second day things just got even better. The winds rose to 12-19 MPH. After two more races, the results were clear. The returning North American Kestrel champions were Larry King and Archie Quarrier. Of significant note was our second-place team of Jim Daus and Justin Thomas. This was only their second or third time in the boat. What a nice demonstration of sailing skill. Third place went to the father and son team of J.T. and Aidan Fahy.

After racing, the sailors returned to the club house to discuss some new happenings in the Kestrel fleet. Recognizing the discrepancy in performance between the older boats and the new boats, we have established a new award for the Kestrel Mark I. With a desire to honor, probably the finest Kestrel sailor in the history of the club, we have named the award the Joe Choi Choice Award. This year's winners were Mike Kitner and Allan Miller for best performance in an older boat.

As many of you know, Joe Choi was the Kestrel Fleet Captain for many years. Nearly twenty years ago, he handed the helm over to me, and it's with great pleasure and honor, that I return it to a Choi, only this time it's Ken Choi. Ken has many good ideas for advancing the fleet, and I have every confidence that he is the right man for the job. It has been a great privilege serving as fleet captain all these years, and I look forward to many years of success and growth for the fleet under Ken's direction.

Congratulations to all the participants for the success of a great regatta.

Kestrel Regatta



July 5th Bar-B-Q



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Our Bald Eagle



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

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

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

Wanted..... Used Sunfish

Looking for a used sunfish. A trailer is not necessary. However, would like a Seitech type dolly.

Contact: Barry Maisel
518.573.8356
barrymaiselm414@gmail.com

3 Kestrels for sale

#1559, Red, Owned by sailing school.....\$7000

#1550, White, Owned by sailing school.....\$7000

#823.....\$2500

Winner of 2016 Kestrel N.A. 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 captainterryble@gmail.com

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

Trailer Tongue Jack.....\$25

1500# Trailer Tongue Jack with double wheel.

Call or text Jerry Zell at 518-928-9032
Leave a message if I don't pick up.

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.

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Thistle.....	Jerry Zell
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