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Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

By John Smith

For the second year in a row the Lobster Boil became just another social event that did not happen. I know that I missed these events as much as most of you. Hopefully 2022 will return to normal.

Due to continued concerns about large groups indoors, we are considering to again having the annual meeting to elect next year's board via zoom. There will be more information about this as we get closer to the meeting.

The racing season will finish with the Kaydeross series on Sunday October $3^{\rm rd}$, Wednesday night Rice will continue until the $13^{\rm th}$ and the Thistle regatta on Saturday the $16^{\rm th}$ and Sunday the $17^{\rm th}$

We will be removing the dock on Saturday October 23rd. This day is usually the final work party of the year. Again this year, in order to keep members safe we ask that you contact one of the following to see if they need assistance. We are still planning to keep the work parties small and working in close groups. There will be work that can be performed either before docks out or after.

Allan & Barbara Miller – House Jake Greiner – Boats James Symon – Grounds Mark Welcome – Sailing School David Hudson – Docks

Fall Work Party

Saturday, Oct. 23

We need your help.

To comply with the New York Dept. of Health recommendations, please contact one of the following for a work assignment. We will be trying to schedule work over several days to limit the number of members at the club any given day.

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Upcoming Events

Oct 15-17	Thistle Regatta
Oct 23	Docks Out & Fall Cleanup

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.

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Mary Elizabeth Hull Commodore's Award

I am pleased to announce the 2021 recipient of the Mary Elizabeth Hull Award – James Symon. James has been the Flag Lieutenant Grounds for the last 3 years. The responsibility of assigning boat park spaces and managing the rest of the property is a considerable task in normal years when we can have our usual three full work parties. James successfully got creative and managed smaller and more frequent work groups to get the work done.

As I followed the emails from members to James, I realized that he fielded more complaints than usual about space assignment, the driveway and meadow storage. It is not easy to satisfy all of the issues, but James was able to handle nearly all of them to a satisfactory end. James certainly qualifies for this award as described.

The Commodore's Award recognizes a special person(s) whose outstanding contributions to SLSC have improved and sustained the life of SLSC.

Congratulations James.

Flying Scot Regatta, August 14-15

Wife/Husband Teams dominated the podium at this years' regatta which was won by former Rolex Yachtsman of the Year and Lightning World Champion Jeff Linton (Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL) and his freelance writer wife, Amy. Former winners John and Connie Eckart and Greg and Diane Kampf (Massapoag Yacht Club, Sharon, MA) were second and fourth respectively. Charlie and Cindy Clifton (Sarasota Sailing Squadron) and Lynn and Bill Bruss (Privateer Yacht Club, Chattanooga, TN) were third and fifth. Future fleet captain Bernie Zabek and Andrew Murnan won the New York Lakes Districts (not Bernies' first time) and Ethan Murnan, Grace and Hudson Carnahan were the Junior winners. Not surprisingly the Lintons went on to win the Wife/Husband Championship at Massapoag on August 21-22. It was the proximity of this regatta to ours that brought the Florida and Tennessee folks to SLSC but I can report that all our well-traveled guests (we had an Illinois boat too) were very impressed with our club and even threatened to come back!

We had a great kitchen crew lead by Shirley Waterfield that included Jerry Danielski and future fleet captains Bob and Laurie Boromisa, Barbara Prince Miller, Olga Gutin and Ann Seidman. Thanks also to Fleet Treasurer and future fleet captain Rob Hayes for handling registrations and scoring and future fleet captain James Symon for securing the beer and organizing the grounds for visiting boats and campers. Also to future fleet captains Pete Ebert, Jim Benson, Andrew Murnan, Steve Healey and Allan Miller for their help with other operations and all the other future fleet captains I may have overlooked.

The Race Committee lead by Dave Hudson was outstanding as usual. Compliments from a World Champion (and others) were well-deserved. The RC ran five races Saturday in breezy and shifting conditions and one on Sunday in a dying wind. Though we had time for a second on Sunday the fleet applauded Dave's decision to call it a regatta after one.

Paul Waterfield, Fleet Captain (for now)



From left to right: Bernie, Andrew, Amy & Jeff Linton, Cindy & Charlie Clifton, Bill & Lynn Bruss, Diane & Greg Kampf, John & Connie Eckart. Missing: Ethan, Grace and Hudson

SLSC Comes Up Big for Upstate NY Regional Sunfish Regatta

By Tom Dunne, Sunfish Fleet Captain

On August 21 & 22 the Upstate NY Regional Sunfish Championships were held by SLSC and the results reinforced the strong sense of community that our club offers. Every guest I spoke with complimented the great racing, our commitment to safety and our efficient implementation of the Covid protocols. Additionally, they loved the grounds, the house, the welcoming attitude from the SLSC members and of course the food! Many guests have been to the club for previous regattas and now many newcomers said they look forward to being back in the future for FS, Sunfish, Laser or Thistles regattas.

Total registrations reached 58 boats which included guests from 5 states and over 15 clubs with SLSC leading the pack with 12 registrants! To be clear there was no expectations that 12 members would jump into such a competitive regatta but there was no stopping them. They all started and finished the regatta with the same enthusiasm they arrived with. To witness the sense of accomplishment from the newest of the new to the most experienced demonstrates that as a fleet we are on a proper course.

As far as local results, the short answer is Scott Meyers crushed it with a 5th place finish along with Jim Daus and Allan Miller rounding out the top three finishers from SLSC. Overall. Mike Ingham took top prize with Eric Gessner and Jeff Olson finishing second and third. The boat owned by Dan Hesse was not to be denied and raced to 8th place finish skippered by Erich his older brother. In addition, there were strong finishes by Gerald and Sarah Hesse to the delight of Dan and his mom who ran Race Committee. Again, thank you to all members of the RC. We appreciate the 2 long days you spent with us to provide a fun, safe and efficient regatta that included 4 races. We also want to thank the volunteers in the house and those helping racers get their boats in on out of the water.

Other key points of interest were everyone loved the new "Pick Your Place" contest which gave prizes to any racer who successfully predicated their final position in the regatta. There were 2 winners with one being our own Jordan Roberts. Ursula Olson from Sarasota, Fl also won and she hopes to incorporate this contest at the Women's Masters Sunfish Championship later this year. Additionally, many of our members took initiative and found ways to add their own touch to the overall experience of our guests. Clearly, it is the racing that makes a regatta a success but the efforts, coordination and creativity of members that brings it all together. Saturday night we had the pleasure of hearing "Shameless" perform for 3 hours. What a tremendous band! Almost every guest stayed to the end of the performance and enjoyed this talented new band. Thank you to our very own Rob Hayes and his band "Shameless."

We had excellent racing, food, and entertainment and everyone had a great time. Thank you again to everyone who contributed to making the Sunfish Regatta a success.

SAFETY

WHAT IS THE ONE EASY ACTION YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM A SERIOUS TRAGEDY ON THE WATER?

WEAR YOUR PFD ALL THE TIME YOU ARE OUT THERE!



Allan

Ensign Fleet 72 Regatta, September 11, 2021

By Tony Cannone, Fleet Captain

The 2021 Ensign Fleet 72 Regatta was a day of remembrance and of celebration. The day started off with a moment of silence for those who lost their lives 20 years ago during the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington DC and Shanksville. The day ended with a celebration of the 20th anniversary of Fleet 72 charter in the Ensign Class Association. In between, the fleet of 13 Ensign's enjoyed a wonderful day of sailing with a total of four races for the day. Winds ranged from 5-8 mph in the morning to 13 mph in the afternoon. A heartfelt thank you to the Kestrel fleet and the Barringers for providing Race Committee support and to Emo Castle for providing photographer service that made for a really special occasion.

The top 5 finishers were: First- Mark Welcome, Jerry Zell, Carlton Elmer & Nelson Snowden in School Boat Ensign 114 Restored by Bruce Blackie & Dave Miller donated by the Fowlers, Second- Tony Cannone, Laura Rappaport & Tony Massa, Third- Bruce Blackie, Laura Blackie, John Power & Spencer Castle, Fourth- EJ Holcomb, Joy Holcomb & Andrew Murnan, Fifth- Justin Carofano, Ryan Brenenstuhl and Kevin Kressner. Of special note was the school team led by Ethan Murnan at the helm in Ensign 23, also restored by Bruce Blackie & Dave Miller.

As part of the 20th anniversary celebration of the fleet charter, an announcement was made for the establishment of the Blackie Cup, to be awarded to the top Ensign sailor for the season in the club series.





Ensign Fleet 72 Season Champion Award, The Blackie Cup- Sept. 11, 2021

By Tony Cannone, Fleet Captain

Twenty years of fleet building started by Bruce Blackie, the father, mentor and champion of fleet 72.

The Fleet Charter from the ECA is dated March 18, 2001, which Bruce was instrumental in establishing. Fleet 72 became a SLSC sanctioned fleet in January of 2002. There were four Ensigns when we were approved for a ECA fleet charter in March of 2001.

Those members included Bruce, who brought 557 to SLSC in 1989, followed by Larry Smith with 174 in 1994 (now Paul Weinstein), Dan Lacey 711 followed in 1998 and then Jerry Griggs who joined SLSC with 530 in 1999.

2004 - #118 Barringer to Tedrow (now Sean Finnegan), #530 Kemmerer to Barker/Cannone, #654 Henson to Andersen, New Boat #170, McGivney, now owned by Joy & EJ Holcomb. There were 12 Ensign's total in the fleet at the time.

2009- First Ensign Fleet 72 Regatta with 11 fleet members competing. Fleet members totaled 18

2010- New boats Blackie/Miller #114 and Barringer #1177. Total of 20 fleet members this year.

2011- Tony Cannone becomes Fleet 72 Captain with 21 Ensigns on the roster.

2021- Ensign Fleet 72 sailors in SLSC 27, plus 2 former club members (Sacandaga & Schroon Lakes) for a total of 29.

Bruce's more significant contributions that enabled the fleet to grow beyond all expectations:

- Gin Pole designed and built for Mast stepping.
- Mooring field management and documentation.
- Fleet webpage development. Extensive information referred to by Ensign owners around the world.
- Winter storage layouts
- New Fleet member mentor
- Renovation & Maintenance ideas
 - o Ensign 114 rebuild with Dave Miller, sold to Fowlers, donated to Sailing School.
 - Ensign 23 rebuild with Dave Miller for the sailing school.
- School Ensign program support

During this time Bruce also served as Commodore and club Treasurer. It should also be noted that Bruce received the Commodore's Award along with Nancy in 1999.

It is with great honor to announce the establishment of the Ensign Fleet 72 Club Season Champion Award, The Blackie Cup, to be awarded to the skipper who wins the most club races in the Ensign class for the entire season.



Image by Emo Castle

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

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

barrymaiselmd414@gmail.com

Flying Scot #2431..... For Sale

Boat is set up for racing or leisure. Two sets of sails including 2 spinnakers. The newer set is about 7 years old with plenty of life in them. Boat is Blue and could be raced/sailed tomorrow as everything you need is there. Boat comes with a trailer and the lights were updated 3 years ago.

Contact: Tom Dunne Text, call or email

518-253-6912, tomdunne56@gmail.com.

Flying Scot #4884.....\$3,900

Boat is in solid condition and comes with an excellent SailorsTailor cover and trailer with new light system. Includes a set of used sails and one extra sail with reefing points.

Contact: Chuck Batzinger at

(518) 429-4476 or cbatzinger@nycap.rr.com

3 Kestrels for sale

#1559, Red, Owned by sailing school\$700	0
#1550, White, Owned by sailing school\$700	0
#823\$250 Winner of 2016 Kestrel N.A. Championships	0

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.

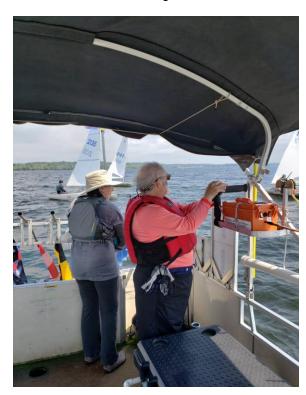
Multihull Open Regatta







MC Regatta







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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