Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

By John Smith

On Sunday February 20th I presented the 2022 budget to 26 members in attendance at the annual Budget Meeting held on Zoom. There were also 4 proxies. The Budget Meeting presentation was emailed to all primary members for review.

The largest special project item for this year will be to purchase a new larger tractor that can be equipped with a front end loader, grader, mower and other attachments. This tractor will be primarily used for projects and to move boats. We will be looking to upgrade the motor on the skiff which is the oldest motor and the one that gets the most hours of use. There was discussion about the ice maker questioning the need and if it would work since the one we would be looking at would be water cooled to keep the heat out of the kitchen. There was also considerable discussion about the mark boats. A separate vote was taken on this item and it was approved.

There were several items that did not get presented in the budget this year but were considered.

- 1. Power and water for the pole barn.
- Separation of the house water system so that we do not have to treat water to wash boats and cannot accidentally drain our tanks if someone leave a hose on.
- 3. Extending the north ramp to make it possible to launch all the boats for the mooring field at the club. This final item is still being explored including the option of using the south ramp.

One idea that was presented was to explore having a sprinkler system installed in the house. This item will be researched and if it can be accomplished, we will call for a special members meeting for approval.

In summary, there will be no change in fees in this year's budget since our special projects will only reduce our cash surplus and our financial position is still very strong.

Please read Ann's article about the membership renewal process.

There were also two By-Laws changes approved.

With covid still an issue this year I am planning for the Commodore's Dinner to held at the club on Saturday May 21st. It will be a catered buffet. Weather permitting, we will be able sit on the lawn but our pole barn is a good backup since it can accommodate over 150. I will have full details by the next Telltale.

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Commodore's Corner (continued)

DOCKS IN – April 23rd – the date that we are all looking forward to and the first spring work party. This year we anticipate having traditional work parties unless there is another covid surge. The second work party will be Saturday April 30th. As we get closer to opening the club for summer, you can contact the various board members about volunteering for work. They will be happy to assign you a project.

The Race Committee has a meeting scheduled for Sunday, May 1st at 4:00 to discuss the coming season. Pizza will be served. The first Manning race is scheduled for Wednesday May 18th followed by the first Zephyr race on Sunday the 22nd.

The Yflyers will again be hosting a Kentucky Derby party on Saturday May 7th, then there will be regattas and sailing.

Current House Use Rules For Covid

Although our Governor has eased some mask mandates, we are remaining cautious and continuing to allow only minimal use of the house to protect our members. This means that no events are allowed to be held in the house and masks are required.

The COVID numbers are still in the High range, not just in Saratoga County, but surrounding counties as well. We will continue to monitor NYS and County sites every few days. Certainly, as the numbers go down, we will revisit our policy.

Barbara and Allan

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WHY SPEND THE TIME TO TAKE A BOATER SAFETY COURSE WHEN YOUR BOAT DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A MOTOR????

Boater Safety Courses are now required in most states to drive any boat run by mechanical propulsion of any kind. In New York, this requirement is being phased in and on January 1, 2025, any operator of a power-driven boat will need the training.

What about us at SLSC? If your sailboat has a motor, depending on your present age, you either already need the training or you will need it soon. If you ever drive one of our club power boats, then the training is needed also. But there are a lot of other really good reasons to take the training. You are not alone when you are out on our lake! Canoes, kayaks, personal watercraft (alias Jet Skis), power boats of all kinds and many pulling everything from old inner tubes to floats that look like there are 20 kids on them at one time.

Who has the right of way? How can you make a good judgement of how much they know and if they are doing it? The best answer is - invest a little time to learn what the proper safety practices are so you know the rules they should follow and when it seems they are not and making our lake less safe.

What would you do, if on a beautiful summer day, your kids are out in your boat in a beautiful light breeze that in a few minutes became much windier, with an approaching thunderstorm?

Do you know how to get the keys to our rescue/powerboats, start it, get the kids in the boat and safely back to the club?

Taking a Boater Safety Class is easy. I will give a classroom version to any members who would like to attend. Please send me a note and we will find a time and dates that are convenient for you. The next best way is to do it on-line at your timing. The course I recommend is the one provided by Boat US. The link is https://www.boatus.org/newyork/. The course is free, but it is worth the \$13 to get the NY State card when you have completed the course. I recently did this course and believe it is well put together, emphasizes the important information and provides a great basic boater education in an efficient way.

In addition to taking a boater safety course, our club will continue to offer on-the-water training to any member who wants to learn to safely drive our powerboats and to be able to rescue a person in the water. We will resume this training in the spring.

Please consider the value to you, your family and our club to take this important training.

Please call or send me a note if you have questions, thoughts, or ideas on this subject.

Thank you,

Allan, allancmiller48@gmail.com_518-441-3899

SLSC Membership Renewal - 2022

We hope that you will renew your SLSC membership for 2022, and that we all will be able to sail and fully enjoy our wonderful Club!

If you will not be renewing, or would like approval to change to or from a Corresponding Membership, please contact the Membership chair Ann Seidman membership@sailsaratoga.org as soon as possible.

With our use of our new website, powered by Clubspot, the 2022 membership renewal will be automated.

At approximately midnight on March 1st, 2022, you will either be issued an invoice via email for membership renewal or a receipt if you have enabled auto-pay and have a payment method on file. It will be easier for you and the Club if you have enabled auto-pay; there will be no further action that you would need to take. For more information see the How to enable/disable auto-pay document, found on our website https://sailsaratoga.org/guides.

If you do not have auto-pay enabled, you will be emailed an invoice and have 30 days to pay, which would put the due date at midnight on March 31st. Log into your account (see https://sailsaratoga.org/guides for more information). Edit and select your payment method. There is no cost to the member for any option; however, an online bank transfer is the most cost effective for the Club. Review the Payment Security and Methods document for further details, found on our website https://sailsaratoga.org/guides. Pay or Send Invoice.

For Offline payments, please make checks payable to Saratoga Lake Sailing Club and send to:

Sue Kohler, Treasurer 26 Joyce Road Mechanicville, NY 12118

Please note that your 2022 membership will be based on your information from 2021. If you want to change items such as US Sailing membership, please make those changes before March 1st, so the payment/invoice is correct. Any desired changes to the boat storage location, or type or number of boats, you would like to keep at the Club must be approved by the Board. If you would like any such changes, please contact the Flag Lt. Grounds Lenny Lerner grounds@sailsaratoga.org for boats stored Rear Commodore Dave Hudson land or the rearcommodore@sailsaratoga.org for moored boats and water racks.

Please review your member details, address, and additional information on your on-line account. In particular, edit your Additional Information, add any notes and select your preferences, as needed

If you would like to make a donation to the Foundation or to the Club, donations can be made any time of year with the following link: https://sailsaratoga.org/donate/MvrE9r3UmF. You can donate to the Club or the Sailing Foundation or can leave comments how to process the donation if you have a more specific request.

Thank you, and we hope to see you soon!

Ann K Seidman, Membership Chair, Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

David Burtis

Dear sailing friends, as you might know, our friend and long-time SLSC member David Burtis is suffering from ALS - Lou Gehrig's disease. We have been in touch with his wife Linda and she has said that help with meals would be something that we could do, and would be much appreciated. Their daughter has set up a Meal Train site for them. You can sign up to either drop off a meal at their house in Delmar, or choose a service like GrubHub to deliver. (please know you don't have to include a dessert, one homemade dessert usually lasts several days and they can pile up with food deliveries!) I hope you will join me in helping out Dave and his family! Here is the link - it includes the available dates and sign up info, as well as their home address and an Updates section with some pictures and updates written by Linda: https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/k12wz0

Susan Kohler

Joseph G Choi

COLONIE — Joseph Goonhyon Choi, 89 of Colonie, died early Monday, January 24, 2022, following a short illness. Born in Tokyo, Japan, his mother returned the family to Seoul, Korea in 1940, which included his brother and two sisters. Goonhyon befriended and worked for American soldiers in the Korean War who encouraged him to pursue an education in the U.S. He came to University of Nebraska, where he received an engineering degree and played violin in the university orchestra. In New York City, he met his future bride, Gisela Koschitzki, during dance class at the YWCA, marrying in 1960; and earned a master's degree in nuclear engineering at Columbia University. In 1966, his family moved to Colonie and he began a 29-year career at Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory. He loved sailing his Kestrel at the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club, skiing, especially in Stowe Vt. and resorts in the Rockies and Europe with the O.C. Ski Club, and playing golf and lunching with fellow KAPL retirees. He enjoyed traveling. including several trips to Europe, Korea, and Japan. He loved opera and classical music, especially the Chamber Music Series at Union College in Schenectady and the Metropolitan Opera at Lincoln Center. Along with his beloved wife, Gisela, survivors include his daughter, Erika Choi of Colonie; his son, Kenneth (Joyce) Choi of Niskayuna; and three grandchildren, Claire, Thomas and Matthew. Calling hours were held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 27, at Cannon Funeral Home, 2020 Central Ave., Colonie. A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 28, in the Church of St. Clare, 1947 Central Ave., Colonie, followed by interment in Memory Gardens, Colonie. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Empire State Youth Orchestra, 432 State Street, Schenectady, NY, 12305.

Race Report

By Terry and Joanne Fraser, Flag Lts Race

The Race Committee Self-Scheduling sign-up sheet will be posted on the club website starting April 1st. Pick your dates for the 2022 season early!

Instructions on how to sign up are under the "Racing" tab on the website.

Alternately, you can email us at <u>captainterryble@gmail.com</u>, give us your choices and we will sign you up.

Starting May 1^{st,} we will fill the left-over spots. We will check with each assignee to make sure there is agreement.

The schedule should be filled by the first race on Sunday May 8th.

It is hoped that members will work twice during the season.

The survey we recently sent out to the membership showed us there is interest in racing among members who have not raced before. We plan on hosting seminars before and during the racing season to assist any interested member.

We also plan to set up individual mentorships with volunteer experienced racers.

DAVID BURTIS' LAST REGATTA:

A FORCE FIVE WIND HITS THIS SAILOR

by Linda Anne Burtis

On June 7th, our Alaskan daughter, who had just graduated from medical school and was on her was to Massachusetts General Hospital, stopped at our home. David showed her a few mild symptoms that had recently appeared. She knew immediately that her father had ALS. Our lives imploded on that day as he faced a brutal disease for which there is no cure. Despite the devastating news, David immediately chose to continue to follow his passions. Sailing has been a constant love in my husband's life and he remained committed to keep getting out on the water as long as possible.

A few weeks later David came home with the hard news that he was no longer strong enough to race his Laser. His heart was broken because he had to sell his boat. David took the edge off that loss by renting a Sunfish while our daughters' families, including our five grandchildren joined us at a lakeside cabin on First Lake in Old Forge. Although his ALS was still in the early stages, it was clear that sailing was getting harder. When we sailed together in the Sunfish, I became skipper and David became the sailing coach.

Then an unexpected opportunity came along--the NY Upstate Regional Championship Sunfish Regatta was scheduled for late August. David was thrilled at the chance to battle for a favorable position on a starting line with about fifty boats. He signed up for the Regatta and trained for what he knew would be the last sailboat race of his life. He found an up-to-date Sunfish parked in the field at SLSC, borrowed a racing sail and brought our grandkids to the club for a boat cleaning day, a job he could no longer manage on his own. Nothing was easy at this point. His fingers could no longer tie sailing knots and his energy levels were often maxed out.

My wonderful husband kept working around his body's ever declining physical limits. For example, he practiced capsizing over and over again until he figured out a way to right the boat despite a weakened left arm. By the weekend of the Regatta David was no longer able to suit himself up in his racing gear. I came along to dress him and make sure he had enough to eat.

On race day things went awry as soon as the gun went off. This seasoned sailor, who had raced over the years in National Regattas, held a good position on the starting line. Sadly, David no longer had the strength to keep up. He fought not to quit and crossed the finish line with the very respectable result of competing in all five races and never coming in last.

When the races were over it was a moving sight to see fifty Sunfishes with their colorful sails all heading back to the dock. Among them was a man who, unbeknownst to everyone on a boat or standing on shore, was battling far more than wind and waves--he was keeping his sails filled as much as he could, with all the grace, good will and sweetness imaginable.

Paul Weinstein

Paul Mark Weinstein, 58, of Albany, died suddenly on Sunday, January 16, 2022, while hiking.

Paul was born on March 30, 1963, in Louisville, Kentucky, the son of the late Dr. David and Joan Weinstein, of White Plains, NY. Throughout his lifetime, he lived in several areas of the state, including in Larchmont and Binghamton, where he graduated from the State University of New York in Binghamton in 1984, before settling in the Albany area. He retired in 2018 after more than 30 years as a Disability Analyst with the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA).

Paul enjoyed many hobbies. He loved nothing more than to take advantage of the outdoors, sail on his boats, keep busy mastering new skills, and attend local events. Paul never missed an opportunity to share his immense pride in his two children, who were his life.

Paul is survived by his beloved children, Samuel, currently attending City College in New York City, and Delia, of Albany; his brother Jonathan (Adrienne Arnst) Weinstein and sister, Anne Shaul, both of Boulder, Colorado; two nieces, Emily Rebecca and Olivia Grace Shaul; and a nephew, Jacob Shaul; his former wife Nicole Weinstein of Ballston Spa; as well as countless friends who mourn his loss.

Mourners may share their memories of Paul in person with the family at the Levine Memorial Chapel, 649 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12206 on Tuesday, January 25, at 12 noon. Friends are invited to visit with the family from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. prior to the service. Masks are required for all in-person mourners, per COVID guidelines. For those attending the service casual attire is preferred by the family.

Interment will follow services in the Beth Emeth Cemetery in Loudonville, New York

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider

Sailing School Update

By Mark Welcome

I hope everyone is having a great winter. I have been lucky enough to be able to take a couple of trips to warmer climates to do some sailing, so I am very much in a sailing mood and looking forward to the season. As I write this, I am sitting in Great Harbour in the BVI thinking about the upcoming season and the state of sailing schools in general. What prompted these thoughts are a series of conversations I've been having with random people sitting in sailing bars. As you can imagine, sailors on vacation often sit in bars and start talking to anyone sitting there about boats. I've been chatting with sailing instructors, school directors, and club members and the recurring theme is that our schools simply can't keep up with the demand for sailing instruction. Most everyone thought that the bump we have seen over the last 2 years would subside and that this year would most likely return to pre-pandemic levels. Instead, everyone I spoke to is seeing demand that is exceeding even the levels we saw in 20 and 21. Long term it is a fantastic trend if it can be sustained, but short term we'll have some challenges as we try to satisfy some of this demand.

Instructors needed

As we look toward the upcoming season, one of our biggest challenges is how to keep up with the demand for adult instruction. We do not normally see the bulk of adult registrations until April or May, but this year we already have wait lists for almost all our adult programs and we are still in February. I'm not sure what to expect once we get into the Spring, but I know we don't have the capacity for it. With that in mind, we wanted to let members know that the Saratoga Sailing Foundation will be covering the cost of US Sailing Certification/re-certification for any Club Member who will take the time to get certified. We only ask that you help the school out and teach a couple of classes this year. This will give you a little experience and let you to see if you like teaching and it will help us get more people into sailing. Most importantly, it's fun! Teaching sailing is a wonderful way to get out on the water and share your love of the sport. You can read more about the program at: https://www.ussailing.org/education/instructor/small-boat-instructor-programs/level-1-instructor/ and please reach out to Mark Welcome (sailsaratoga.org) if you are interested or have any questions.

Registration update:

As was noted last month, we are well into wait lists for almost every single session we have. The only sessions with open spots are the adult racing classes. We will allow additional juniors in racing or Adventure for members at the discretion of the instructors. We're starting to get the calls from members who missed the sign ups and all I can say is please reach out to us and we'll see what we can do.

A few reminders about wait lists:

- Please do not hesitate to sign up for wait lists as we do try to expand our classes over the original size when
 possible. We set the class size conservatively when we first open up registrations so that we have time to see
 what instructors are coming back and make sure we have a safe and well-staffed camp.
- If you want to get in but don't sign up for the waitlist, there is no way for us to know that we need to be working to expand that particular class.
- The following sessions have availability:
 - Adult Introduction to Racing (Week of 6/13)
 - Adult Strategic and Tactical Racing (Week of 8/8)
 - Junior Racing Program (acceptance is at discretion of instructors to ensure kids are safe at this level)
 - Junior Adventure Program (acceptance is at discretion of instructors to ensure kids are safe at this level)

SLSC Has a New Email Server

By Jeff Robinson

When we launched the new Clubspot billing system and website at the start of 2021 we were aware of the fact that it had no inbound email capabilities. The adoption of Clubspot for billing has certainly greatly simplified dues collection as I can personally attest as the last Treasurer using Club Express and the first Treasurer using Clubspot, but the absence of inbound email was obviously a problem.

We tried using email forwarding for the first year by directing club email addresses to people's private emails. However with the increased measures now being enforced by all the major email providers to cut down on spam, this did not work well and most mail was either rejected or ended up in the recipient's spam folder. To remedy this situation we decided to implement our own email service which is housed on a server in a data center in NYC. It became operational in mid January 2022 and it enables us to not only handle inbound email without issues but provides some additional services to generally improve communication in the club.

One of the new services is fleet based email lists. Every fleet now has an account for the fleet captain (ie ensign_captain@sailsaratoga.org) and a fleet mailing list (ie ensign_captain@sailsaratoga.org). Other fleets that have already set up mailing lists include MC, Multihull, Sunfish, YFlyers, Flying Scot and the others will follow in the next few weeks. Under this system you will be able to access fleet captains by sending an email directly to the respective captain's email address. Fleet captains can, in turn, address their fleet by using the fleet mailing list. We are working on adding some additional software to allow fleet members to use these lists but for now they are only available to fleet captains. Going forward as fleet_captains change or fleets have two captains etc the address you need to use doesn't change - it just keeps life a little simpler.

The table below lists other email addresses that you might find useful.

board@sailsaratoga.org	Anyone can use this email address to communicate with the board
commodore, grounds, house, membership, publicity, race, rearcommodore, sailingpgm, secretary, social, treasurer, vicecommodore	For direct communication with a board member. Each of these has the @sailsaratoga.org domain
webmaster@sailsaratoga.org webadmin@sailsaratoga.org	Either of these addresses will access the current webmaster. The old admin@sailsaratoga address is now defunct.
postmaster@sailsaratoga.org	For any email issues you might have
editor@sailsaratoga.org	For articles and the like you might want to submit to Telltale.
<fleet> captain@sailsaratoga.org</fleet>	To access a particular fleet captain

In addition to the above, if there are mailing lists you would like to create for a regatta or similar competition then send them to the postmaster and we will implement them for you.

On a final note there are 265 email addresses and 37 different mail services that you, our members, use. By far the most popular are gmail (49.8%), nycap.rr.com(11.6%), yahoo(10.6%), aol(6%) and 33 others with mostly a single user. We can send mail to 234 of these but the 31 on the 'nycap.rr.com' domain (Spectrum) are having their mail blocked. We are not alone with this issue with Spectrum. Other entities including SalesForce.com, ConstantContact, and many others including our old Club Express, have similar problems. If you use the 'nycap.rr.com' domain, we would ask you to either let Spectrum know that you want to receive mail from sailsaratoga.org and to stop blocking it, or simply send an alternate email to postmaster@sailsaratoga.org.

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			
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.

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

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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C	271-0246
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MC Scow	John Kimball & Tony Massa
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Thistle	Jerry Zell
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Sunfish	Tom Dunne
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