

Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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April 2022

Commodore's Corner

By John Smith

2022 renewals are in progress. Renewals were due by April 1st to avoid potentially losing your membership status. Renewing members have until April 15th before the board considers any new members. As a result of increased interest in sailing at our club we have a waiting list of potential new members. We want to see everyone return so if you are having issues, please let Ann (Membership), Sue (Treasurer) or myself know ASAP so we can work with you.

DOCKS IN April 23rd . The second work party will be held on April 30th. This means that it is time to open the club for the summer. Unlike the last two years when we had organized small work parties as much as possible for members in the same bubble, this year I believe that we can get back to more typical work parties. For newer members that have joined the last two years, I will explain. The work parties are really the first social events of the season. Members come out to get together as much as to work. The Social Chair and her committee prepare lunch for everyone on both Saturdays. The following list of board members gives a basic area of their responsibilities.

- Rear Commodore, David Hudson – for docks, ramps, slips and mooring field. The most important tools to bring with you are 9/16 wrenches and or sockets. A dry suit or waders would also be helpful for some tasks.
- Flag Lt Boats, Jake Greiner – for preparing the motor fleet.
- Flag, Lt Grounds, Lenny Lerner – installing the geese fence, raking, mowing, setting up the picnic tables, cleaning the old barn, filling potholes in the driveway, small motor repair, installing the canopy, tree trimming and or removal. Grounds usually supervises the installation of the laser ramp.
- Flag Lts House, Barbara & Allan Miller – Interior and exterior projects on the house, usually consisting of window and floor cleaning, dusting, etc.
- Flag Lts Race, Joanne and Terry Fraser – preparing boats for the racing program, making sure that all of the motor fleet has the proper flags and signally devices needed to run our races.
- Sailing Program Chair, Mark Welcome – preparing boats for Sailing School. Boats need rigged, hulls cleaned, trailers repaired to name a few items.
- Social Chair – prepare and serve food to the help and cleanup
- Caretaker, Lynn & Kevin Bates – planting of flowers and plants in the gardens and planter

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The Club Needs You!!

Spring Work Parties

Saturday, April 23rd & Saturday, April 30th

They're everybody's favorite work parties.

Mark them on your calendar now.

We need your help.

Work parties form between 8:00 & 9:00 am.

If you are working outside bring gloves, hammers, crowbars, pliers, rakes, wetsuits and waders.

Boat stickers and membership cards

should be ready

Good work, good fellowship, and good food.

It's part of your obligation as a member.

We'll see you there, and yes,

we do take names!

2022

Commodore's Party

May 21st

from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

At the Club

Please join fellow club members in celebrating the upcoming 2022 sailing season.

Catered Buffet - \$50 per person

RSVP No Later than May 15th

Music

Commodore's Award Presentation

Full details will be in mailed invitation.

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This should help you to decide where you can be the most help. You can reach out to the above board members to get an assignment if you are unable to attend the work parties.

2022 Commodore's Party – For the third year as Commodore I believe that the best option for the Annual Commodore's Party is to have the event at the Club, outdoors. Therefore, I have contracted a catering company to serve us on the lawn, weather permitting or in the pole barn if necessary. The dinner will be served buffet style on Saturday May 21st starting at 1:00 pm.

Mary Elizabeth Hull Award - The two great honors and responsibilities of Commodore are serving the membership and awarding the May Elizabeth Hull Award to a deserving member. I have been blessed and cursed to have several truly deserving members to be considered for the award. This award will be presented at the Commodore's Party. Be on hand to celebrate this deserving club member.

Present House Use Rules: 3/28/22

1. Unvaccinated persons must still wear a mask in the clubhouse.
2. No limit on house/porch occupancy.
3. Self-service buffet of shared food is allowed.

Please go on the SLSC website to review the rules for Member-Sponsored Events, and remember, that even small events (less than 8), should still go on the calendar to avoid conflicts.

The Board

Grounds Report

By Lenny Lerner, Flag Lt Grounds

The weather is warming up and this can only mean one thing - Spring Cleaning season is here! At the time of writing this, Covid situation seems to be getting better, so we will try to have our standard full work parties on Saturday, April 23rd and Saturday, April 30th. If anyone thinks that they are not ready for a full work party, feel free to come to the club any time during the month of April and work solo or in small groups. Some of the projects that can be worked on include:

- Cleaning up fallen tree limbs and other debris on the grounds
- Raking leaves and putting them on leaf pile by old barn
- Raking gravel from the lawn back onto the driveway
- Filling driveway potholes

Please let me know if you have any questions or favorite projects you want to work on. At the work parties we will have whiteboard on the side of old barn with the list of projects. Bring gloves, rakes, eye protection, wear proper footwear and dress for the weather.

Hopefully this year's boat registration stickers will be available at the work party. You will probably have the same spots assigned as last year. If you have any questions regarding space assignments, please let me know. Current members will be given preference if spaces become available.

Laser & Sunfish Derby

By Leslie Warner-Rafaniello

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

LASER & SUNFISH DERBY - SATURDAY JUNE 4th, 2022 - 9:00 AM

All sailors are welcome; you don't need to be an expert to have fun at this Race event. We are expanding to cover Sunfish sailors, so will decide based on attendance how starts will be handled.

We have in the past had top competitors and top ranked sailors. You are welcome even if you are just getting the hang of racing your boat.

If you decide not to race, We hope you will come help out as a volunteer this year and once you see its all good fun, we know you will join us on the water next year!

Volunteers needed!

WE need about 15 people, to help with sign in and putting out pre-ordered food and running the race boats.

Organizers Needed for:

1. Race boat
2. Food purchase or assembling- 2 hrs
3. Breakfast and sign in- 2 hrs
4. Race rules and start- 1 hr
5. Lunch put out & clean up- 2 hrs
6. Prize order & assembly -2 hrs
7. Final vacuum & clean up- 2 hrs

If you are sailing, can you ask your family (kids welcome) or partner to sign up to help? You can help to make it a Great Race Day. (PS it's our wedding anniversary, So my husband will really appreciate any help you can give me J)

Please contact Leslie Warner- Rafaniello at LesliesHomes4U@gmail.com - text or call 518-301-4109.

Sign up Details will be sent out in the May issue and posted thru sailing club sites and on the board at club.

Sailing School Update

By Mark Welcome

The ice is off the lake and the season is getting closer. Just a few reminders from the school:

Assistance needed at Spring Work Party

The work party is only a few weeks away and I'd love to pre-arrange some assistance with opening up the school. Since the meadow barn is the backup location for this years Commodores Party, we will need to get all boats removed from the barn, cleaned and covered which will take some hands. If you are interested in helping out with school tasks at the work party, please reach out to me (sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org) so I can plan. Thanks!

Instructors needed

Just a reminder that the school is looking for members who are interested in teaching our adult programs. We are working with US Sailing to run a Level 1 Sailing Instructor course at the Club, hopefully the weekend of May 14-15. As we noted last month, 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 (sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org) if you are interested or have any questions.

Registration update:

Our wait lists continue to grow in all sessions. 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)

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

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

1990 Laser.....\$1500

2 sails, one newer, Seitech Dolly, new cover,
2 rudders, one newer, Foil Bag

Contact: Bob Posson Txt/Call 518-265-7646 or
Email Skater233r@gmail.com

Kayak.....\$125

Quest 9'-6", red poly with skirt.

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Email Skater233r@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
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Thistle.....	Jerry Zell 518-928-9032
Sunfish.....	Tom Dunne 253-6912
Y-Flyer.....	Charlotte Osborne 699-7646

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