

Tell tale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

Web page: sailsaratoga.org

May 2022

Commodore's Corner

By John Smith

Oh happy day! On Saturday April 23rd we had our first real work party in over two years and had nearly 90 members and families participate. For all of the older members, it felt like a home coming. I know that I got to see and work with members that I had not seen in the past two years. Everyone that I talked to was excited to finally be back together. Many of the large projects got completed such as and most important, the docks are in. April 30th will see the second work party to get remaining items completed. If you are unable to attend either work party, please reach out to Fl. Lt. Boats, House, Grounds, Rear Commodore or Sailing School to see what they still need to have completed. We are a volunteer organization and everyone is expected to pitch in.

The club will be in full stride starting with the Race Program pizza party on Sunday May 1st followed by a practice race on Sunday May 8th (Mother's Day) then the Manning Series on Wednesday May 11th. Hooray pot luck dinners. The end of May is the official start of summer with our annual Champagne Brunch. This year's first regatta will be the Laser and Sunfish Derby on Saturday June 4th.

As a reminder, the 2022 Commodore's Dinner will be a catered buffet served at the club on the lawn – weather permitting on Saturday May 21st. We are planning to use the new barn if we must. Appetizers will be served at 1:00 with the meal at 2:00 followed by desserts. There will be beer, wine, soda and coffee.

I plan to announce this year's Mary Elizabeth Hull Award at the Commodore's Dinner. The Mary Elizabeth Hull Award recognizes a special person(s) whose outstanding contributions to SLSC have improved and sustained the life of SLSC.

As a final note, this is the club's 65th year.

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SLSC

Annual Memorial Day Champagne Brunch

Monday, May 31 10:00 AM - Noon

Adults \$10 - Kids (12 and under) \$5
Champagne market price per bottle

Reservations no later than May 26
Web site reservations are preferred or email to
social@sailsaratoga.org

Members with last names A-F are asked to help...
Please indicate helping with set up or clean up when
you make your reservation
(To help set up, please arrive at 9:30)

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

Appetizers at 1:00

Dinner at 2:00

RSVP No Later than May 15th

Music

Mary Elizabeth Hull Award Presentation

Make your reservation through the club website
or

Commodore@sailsaratoga.org or 518-951-8792

House

We would like to thank:

Justin Thomas for putting the additional louver in the pantry door. This will allow the heat generated by the freezer to escape the pantry more easily.

Lenny Lerner and Bob Posson for helping to position the intake system into the lake...in very cold water on a very unpleasant day. Also, Vic Roberts for his assistance getting the lake intake in and starting up the system.

Also, thanks to the many people who helped get the clubhouse in sparkling order. Jerry Danielski did a wonderful job directing people here and there. There are still things to do so, but hopefully, they will all get done next Saturday, our second Docks-in Day.

Lastly, please do NOT bring any new or used items to the club! Just because you don't want them, doesn't mean that the clubhouse wants or needs them. This includes furniture, lamps, artwork, tchotchkes and any type of sailing books. If you have things you want to donate, please direct them to Schenectady City Mission, Habitat for Humanity or the Salvation Army.
Thank you for your understanding.

Barbara & Allan

Safety and Training

CPR and First Aid Class:

This is needed by anyone who will be attending the US Sailing Instructor Class and for returning instructors who have not renewed in two years. A class will be run for these members and anyone else who wants to renew or get certified. Please send a note indicating what training you need and when you are available. A class can be done before Sunday racing starts, on a Saturday or in two evening sessions.

NYS Boating Safety Certification:

Not much interest was generated in a class just for SLSC members. If you want to attend a classroom session, you can sign up for any of the classes I am teaching at West Marine.

These are scheduled for Saturdays 5/7, 5/21, 6/11, 6/25 and 7/9.

There is no charge for the class for SLSC current members. Please sign up through the NY Parks, Boating website and send me a note which class you are attending.

Thank you,
Allan

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Racing Begins May 8th

By Terry Fraser, Flag Lt Race

The sailing season is here! Racing starts on Sunday May 8th with two practice races.

Participation in the practice races is a good way to get your skills sharpened for the racing season.

The following Wednesday, June 11th is the start of the Manning Series. There will be a Manning race every Wednesday evening for 16 weeks in a row.

Afterwards, join us for hot dogs and hamburgers supplied by the club. Bring a side dish or dessert to pass. Bring your own drinks.

The "Racing" tab on the web site is up to date and there is a lot of information available there. Check out the frequently updated "Breaking Racing News."

Every Sunday evening, we will send out a reminder if you are on Race Duty for the following Wednesday and Sunday. Information about Race Duty will be included in the email.

Safety is most important in our sport. If the weather conditions are wrong for you, don't sail.

When you do sail, wear your PFD with a whistle attached. NY State requires a sounding device on your boat and a whistle qualifies.

Every kind of sailboat can participate in racing because we use the Portsmouth Yardstick handicapping system. Give it a try!

Pizza Party

May 1st, 4 pm

You can still register for the May 1st Pizza Party training classes. Click on the calendar link on the club website and register.

No cost/free pizza, and when you get there, you can attend either Race Captain/Committee Boat Training" or "Introduction to Racing 101."

Register so we know how many pizzas we need.

Sailing School Update

By Mark Welcome

Thank you to all of the members who helped kick off the season on the opening work party! As you can imagine, getting 20+ boats ready for the school is a daunting task and we truly appreciate all the help. If you were not able to attend the work party, there will be another one on Saturday April 30th to finish up some work. Please reach out to Mark Welcome (sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org) if you are able to attend so that we can plan.

We are looking forward to start teaching and our first classes starting just a few weeks (May 16th). We are very excited to be sailing again!

At this point, 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. Please reach out if you have any questions.

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.



Nancy Dowd

Saratoga Springs, NY - Nancy C. Dowd died peacefully on Sunday, November 14, 2021, at home in Saratoga Springs after a short illness. She is survived by her husband, Edward (Ned) Fanning, two sisters, Kathleen Smith and Mimi (John) Carusone, and two brothers Patrick (Shauna) and William (Mary Ann). She was predeceased by her parents and a brother John (Casey). Nancy is also survived by many nieces and nephews and was known throughout the family as the "fun aunt".

Nancy was born in Saratoga Springs to her parents, Helen and John Dowd of Nelson Avenue on July 12, 1949, when her mother announced to her older sisters that they had to leave the carousel at Kaydeross Park so Mommy could go to the hospital.

Nancy was a graduate of Sea Pines School for Girls, Westbrook Junior College and Boston University. She spent several years living and working in Paris. Nancy established Albany Intertravel, a travel agency which she ran for many years. She enjoyed summers working at the Saratoga Racecourse and was employed by Sodexo at General Electric Research Center.

She spent her retirement years working at Kane's Fine Wine & Spirits. Ned and Nancy enjoyed great travel adventures, from finding Fanning Island in the Central Pacific Ocean, to locating Ned's grand uncle's military grave in France, to attending family weddings in County Kerry, Berlin, and Santiago de Compostela.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, November 27, 2021, at St. Peter's Cemetery on West Avenue. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to the Saratoga Hospital Foundation, 211 Church Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Online remembrances may be made at www.burkefuneralhome.com <https://www.lastingmemories.com/nancy-c-dowd>

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.

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

Spring Work Party



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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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Sunfish.....	Tom Dunne 253-6912
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