

Tell tale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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June 2022

Commodore's Corner

By John Smith

May had several member-attended events starting with the Race Program Pizza party on the 1st that had two training sessions. One that covered running a race and the other on racing rules. The Yflyers sponsored a Kentucky Derby Party on the 7th. Ann Seidman hosted the new members reception on the 14th. All the events had great participation, especially by new members.

New stickers are on a table inside the house, so make sure to place them on your boat, trailer, or dolly. Lenny Lerner will be conducting a work party in mid-June to review boats on the property and check for stickers. Your cooperation will make this a much easier process.

The Helping Hands Initiative is back for the second year to support food insecurity and food donations are welcome. This year the Sunfish Fleet is organizing it. Soon there will be a flyer on the porch with the dates to drop off food along with dates for one or two ice cream socials after sailing to promote the food donation with the food pantry at Franklin Community Center.

The Sailing School is again operating at capacity with a waiting list and will be organizing in the pole barn. The school is an asset to the club since a large percentage of new members start with sailing lessons. We have had to scale back classes this year since we do not have enough instructors. There are US Sailing requirements to be an instructor and I am encouraging members to contact Mark Welcome to get qualified. Even if it is too late to help this year, there is always the future.

The 2022 Chicken Bar-B-Q will be held on Monday, July 4th. Details will be emailed and posted on the website when we finalize our plans.

The Sunfish and Lasers are going to have a combined one-day regatta on Saturday 6/4 and the Thistles will have their first regatta of the year on Saturday 6/18 and Sunday 6/19. You can check with the Fleet captains to see if they need any race committee assistance.

After two previous attempts in 2020 and 2021 we were finally able to have the Annual Commodore's Dinner on Saturday the 21st of May. I had planned to hold it outdoors this year to reduce the effects of covid and wanted it when I thought it would be warm enough. It was certainly warm enough for the 40 plus attendees, 90 degrees plus.

July 4th Bar-B-Q

Appetizers at 3:00 pm Dinner at 4:00 pm

Barbecued Chicken, Hot Dogs
Many Salads, Ice Cream Sundaes
Soft Drinks, Beer, Wine

**Pricing will be posted on the website calendar
Please pay on the Club website or by check
To REDUCE CONTACT, we are avoiding cash
Email to follow**

Everyone is requested to bring a ready-to-serve appetizer or dessert to share. This year there will be no Buffet serving. All food items will be served by individuals wearing mask. Masks are not required for attending, just meal prep and serving.

Members whose last names begin with the letters **G through L** are asked to volunteer for set-up, food preparation, or clean-up.

**Reservations can be made on the club website:
Click on News/Events>Calendar>
Annual SLSC Bar-B-Q on July 4th>Register Now
or contact Lauren Meyer 518-8523759**

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 29th

**All members—please indicate appetizer or dessert
G through L—please indicate preference to set-up, prep, or clean-up**

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Mary Elizabeth Hull Award

By John Smith, Commodore

I am pleased to announce that the 2022 recipient of the Mary Elizabeth Hull Award is Brian Rodems. I have memories of Brian asking the board if he could post the property line along the creek, in the middle of the winter! Talk about dedication. Brian is also indirectly responsible for the design of the dinghy rack; it was his idea about a roller system. Since he tirelessly works with the mooring field, I asked David Hudson for comments. They are as follows:

The Rear Commodore position at the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club oversees most everything that touches the water. One area of significance is the mooring field. Over the years I have been fortunate to have a few key volunteers assume the role of coordinator and problem-solver for the members who store their boats on a mooring.

The role was initially assumed for many years by Bruce Blackie. Bruce retired from the position whereupon Brian Rodems assumed the mantle of authority, on my behalf. Brian assumed this role at least as long ago as 2013.

Since that time Brian has managed the mooring field, keeping anchors in alignment, and helping members inspect their ground tackle and providing advice and counsel to all members with moored boats. Because both Bruce and Brian have their own boats on moorings, they have many years of experience, and Brian shares all his wisdom with our new members, each year, and tirelessly volunteers his own time and effort to help all members with their equipment. If you have joined the club in the last ten years, and have a mooring, Brian will have been there to assist you.

Brian is truly my "right hand man" in the mooring area and I have benefited from his knowledge in the creation of guidelines, rules and policy over the years, as well as good old-fashioned hard work. I hope all of you will recognize the importance of his contributions to the membership and thank him for his many years of dedication to the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club.

Laser & Sunfish Derby

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

SATURDAY JUNE 4th, 2022

OPEN 9:00 AM for registration

\$20. Early Registration (\$25. On day of event)

See SLSC website for details.

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 too. We have in the past had top competitors and top ranked sailors along with beginners. You are encouraged to come sail even if you are just getting the hang of racing your boat.

If you decide not to race, we hope you will come out to cheer on our other sailors, chat about rigging or volunteer this year and once you see it's all good fun, we know you will join us on the water next year!

Please contact Leslie Warner- Rafaniello
at LesliesHomes4U@gmail.com or

text or call 518-301-4109.



House

There are a number of items we need to share:

1. Please observe the CODE ORANGE RULES:

No more than 20 people in the house at any one time.

No eating on the porch or in the house.

You must wear a mask when on the porch and in the house, regardless of vaccinations.

2. Any trash accumulated by members must be disposed of by the members.

3. The door that leads from the kitchen to the Caretakers' porch is to be used for emergencies only.

4. There is a small hamper in the kitchen by the porch door for any towels and tablecloths to be washed. Washing those is the Caretakers' responsibility.

Power Boat Training

We are resuming training for any club member who wants to learn to safely drive our club powerboats. Please go to the Club website and sign up. We have a great group of members who will train you so you can comfortably drive our boats.

Additionally, anyone younger than 34 years old needs to have a Boating Safety Certificate from NY, another state, or another course approved by NASBLA. If you have the certification, please add your name to the list online.

If you would like to take a classroom Boater Safety Course, the next opportunity is June 25, 9 am to about 5 pm at the West Marine store in Latham. There is no charge for club members. The state does require a \$10 fee to get your permanent card.

If you have questions, please give me a call or send a text.

Allan 518-441-3899

May 1st Pizza Party

By Jordan Roberts, Publicity Chair

The May 1st Pizza Party, hosted by Terrence and Joanne Frasier was a successful and fun event. Here at SLSC we love our racing, and we want to get as many members involved as possible. Attendees met up outside the club for pizza, beer and soda sponsored by the club before splitting into groups to discuss topics around racing.

The 'Race Captain Training' session covered how races are managed at SLSC. The class was offered by long-time club Race Captain Barbara Miller and US Sailing certified Principal Race Officer Allan Miller. Club members take turns as race committee during the season, and it can be intimidating to take on this responsibility for many of us, but they brought it down to the basics and reminded us that it is a rewarding and fun opportunity. They presented step by step how to prepare for and run a race successfully with many helpful tips based in years of experience.

The 'Intro to Racing' session was presented by SLSC Flag Lieutenant of Race Terrence Frasier. He engaged new and established members in a lively discussion on racing, safety and the new mark set bots that will be trialed later this summer. These will give us the ability to remotely set marks with a weather station at the mark.



SailHope

By Vic Roberts

I think we all know that sailing is a great way to take a short break from the day-to-day pressures of life. I was therefore interested to read about this local program that offers this same benefit of sailing to people who do not own a sailboat or know how to sail.

An article in the May 11, 2022, Times Union, "Nonprofit sponsors sailing trips on Hudson River for those in need," written by Cloey Callahan, discusses a nonprofit organization named SailHope that uses sailing to "reach those who are facing personal, financial or emotional discouragement, stress and struggles, and bring them new joy and hope."

SailHope was founded by Stefany Coulter of Catskill and her cousin Rachel Knapp "as a way to introduce others to the joy of sailing, particularly those who are struggling emotionally or physically."

Coulter is quoted in the article: "For that time [you are sailing], you're not thinking about whatever problems you have. You're kind of in a different state of heightened awareness of getting the boat to go forward."

Both Coulter and Knapp have extensive sailing experience. The SailHope website, <https://www.sailhope.org/>, states that "Stefany Coulter is a USCG Licensed Master Captain with over 15,000 nautical miles offshore and inland. Rachel Knapp has a Navigation certification and has sailed over 5,000 miles."

The article also states "SailHope charts private sailing trips for paying customers to fund its nonprofit work of partnering with local charitable groups to offer free sailing excursions for those in need."

The full Times Union article may be accessed using this link: <https://www.timesunion.com/hudsonvalley/outdoors/article/sailing-therapy-sailhope-hudson-river-17160121.php>.

Helping Hands Initiative

By John Smith, Commodore

Helping Hands Initiative is back for the second year to support food insecurity and food donations are welcome. Right now, food is the priority however the Franklin Community Center appreciate and are happy to accept all donations.

Food

Any canned fruits and vegetables
Tuna and canned chicken
Mac and cheese
Canned pasta (Chef Boyardee type)
Juice/ juice boxes
Peanut butter and jelly
Pasta and Sauce
Mayo/Mustard/Ketchup/Cooking Oil
Individually wrapped snacks
Coffee (ground and pods)
Microwavable foods (Some clients are living in motels and only have microwaves)
Spices and Seasonings

Non-Food Items

Shampoo and conditioner (2 in 1 work well)
Body wash/ bar soap
Deodorant
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Large sized diapers (4/5/6/7)
Pull Ups (/4T and larger)
Laundry detergent (Liquid is very helpful; however, pods can be portioned to serve more families)
Liquid dish detergent
Toilet Paper
Paper towels
Tissues
Cat and dog food

What is a Mark-Set-Bot?

By Captain Terryble Fraser, Flag Lt Race

We soon will be receiving three Mark-Set-Bots to test for about a month. Mark-Set-Bots are remote controlled electric motorized inflated marks for racecourses. Our plan is to use them for about a month to see if they fit into our future racing program.

Each of the three "Bots" are dispatched from a computer tablet on the Committee Boat. The windward Bot will have a weather station on it that will transmit real time wind information to the Race Captain. The Bots can move at about 5 MPH as they travel to their destinations. After arriving, they maintain their exact location (without an anchor) in any wind velocity and wave heights in which we would want to race.

Down time between races, whether it be club races or multi-race regattas, will be cut significantly. After the last racing boat rounds a mark, that mark can be remotely moved to a new location for the next race. The Race Duty crews will no longer need to pull up mark anchors, be directed to a new location, and then reset the marks. Safety Boats would be concerned full time with assisting racers.

The Bots can work all day and then recharge overnight to be used again the next day. They will be available for all club races, regattas, as well as the school, if desired.

We will send them back after the Kestrel Regatta in July.

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

Kayak.....\$125

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

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

Commodore's Party



New Members Reception



Peter & Christina Berrian, Adriene, Louie



Ashley Metz



Ray & Karen Bodensieck



Saen & Abby Moynahan, Maeye, Clare



Dennis Brunnett



Patrick & Ann Carroll



Mark Pollander



Maryrose & Tim Bradley



Daphne Tuthill and Carol Meyer



Robert MacDonald & Laura Reiter, Walter, Alice

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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| Ensign..... | Tony Cannone 271-0246 |
| Flying Scot..... | Shirley & Paul Waterfield 584-5552 |
| Kestrel..... | Ken Choi 344-2670 |
| Laser..... | Leslie Rafaniello 301-4109 |
| MC Scow..... | John Kimball & Tony Massa 596-9246, 526-9121 |
| Thistle..... | Jerry Zell 518-928-9032 |
| Sunfish..... | Tom Dunne 253-6912 |
| Y-Flyer..... | Charlotte Osborne 699-7646 |

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