

# Telltale

## Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

Web page: [sailsaratoga.org](http://sailsaratoga.org)

July 2022

### Commodore's Corner

By John Smith

As sailors we usually complain about too little wind. I know the Sunfish, Lasers and Thistles would be adding too much wind to their complaints. Both regattas had overpowering winds that limited the Sunfish/Laser regatta to 1 race and the Thistles had only one race on their second day. Both events had winds of 25 mph plus. We can only hope that the upcoming Yflyer, Kestrel and MC/Finn regattas have more accommodating wind.

Prior to the Thistle regatta 10 members shoveled, carted and dumped two feet of sand and gravel from under the crane. I am always thankful for the effort that dedicated members continually step up to perform. The amazing thing is that of the 10 members that worked very hard for about 3 hours, only 3 of us use the crane. That is true dedication to the club.

New stickers are on a table inside the house, so make sure to place them on your boat, trailer, or dolly. As of Wednesday 6/22, there were still 40 members that have not placed their stickers appropriately. Lenny Lerner (FL Grounds) and Charlotte Osborne (Vice Commodore) are going through the lawn, boat park, racks and meadow to remove unstickered boats to the meadow. This is a huge amount of work that would not be necessary if everyone co-operates. Also, the racks north of the race shed are for the exclusive use of the members using the mooring field for their dinghies to get to their moorings.

The Sailing School has started operations under the canopy this year instead of the pole barn. This is due to the limited staff. If you think that you can be of assistance, contact Mark Welcome. I know the Mark can always use the help.

The racing program is running along as usual on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday nights. The program has begun a trial of the Mark Bots which will run for a month. The bots are motorized marks that use GPS to hold their positions without anchors.

Last year we built a lift to assist retrieving or storing boats on the first tier of the racks. You start by placing the fixed wheels in a position that allow you to just turn the lift into the desired spot and push it against the rack. Make sure that you are clear of the boat on the ground and any kayaks above. Retrieve the boat, pull forward enough to turn and clear the boat on the ground, lower and remove.

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### 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 4<sup>th</sup>>Register Now  
or contact Lauren Meyer 518-8523759**

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

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The lift will be stored between the trees. If you need instruction on how best to use the lift, you can contact me. The blue dolly belongs to the club and is for all members to use. There are laminated instructions attached to the lift.

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. There will be two ice cream socials after sailing to promote the food donation with the food pantry at Franklin Community Center.

### Reminder from the Board Regarding Boats on the Lawn

Reminder for members who keep their boats on the lawn: Please limit the number of boats per row to 9 boats total, including the 4 boats under the kayak rack in your calculation. It is true that rows to the north hold fewer boats, and rows at the south can hold a bit more, so use your best judgement.

If you are not frequently using your boat, it would be courteous to use one of the spaces under the kayak rack. Your boat must have a sticker for identification, and tires on your dolly must be inflated in order for the caretaker to move your boat when mowing the lawn.

Your boat will be moved to the meadow if it lacks identification or inflated tires. The club has a pump you can borrow. It's located in the back room of the barn on the top shelf.

Thank you, **Jordan Roberts**

### House

We are beginning to see much more use of the clubhouse (like the "olden" days), now that the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted. To that end, we would like to remind all our members, new and old, regarding clubhouse use of any kind of the following:

Any member who wants use of the house for any event with more than 8 people, must submit a Member Sponsored Event Request to [House@sailsaratoga.org](mailto:House@sailsaratoga.org).

Please look on the [sailsaratoga.org](http://sailsaratoga.org) website for instructions as far as the timing of your request and the Request Form. This includes use of the bedrooms.

The large wooden door leading from the kitchen to the caretakers' porch is to be used for EMERGENCIES ONLY.

**ALL UNUSED ALCOHOL MUST BE TAKEN HOME!**

If you use the kitchen for any reason, please clean up by putting dirty dishes in the dishwasher, starting it, if necessary, and wiping down all surfaces.

You must adhere to the specific items regarding what can and cannot be put in the Recycle bin. We will be posting this list on the SLSC website as well as attaching a poster to the front of the large Casella bins.

All garbage, including recyclables, must be thrown away in the Casella bins in front of the barn before you leave the club.

You are allowed to use the club's dish towels and tablecloths. Our caretakers, Lynn and Kevin Bates, are responsible for washing these. After use, please put these items in the laundry basket by the door that leads to the Bates' porch.

We need everyone's cooperation in keeping the clubhouse safe for all of our members.

Thank you so much in advance, **Barbara and Allan**

### Sailing School Update

By Mark Welcome

The Sailing School season is now officially in full swing as we have completed 4 weeks of adult instruction and are completing the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Junior sailing. We are looking forward to our head instructor John Power arriving next week in time for Junior Race Week and will be at the Cub for the duration of the summer.

A huge thank you to all the members who have dedicated so much time to getting our entire fleet (Scots, Ensigns and junior fleets) rigged and ready to go. An extra special thank you to Margaret Shirk who is taking care of all the registration work for the school, a very large task to say the least. We could not do it without all of your support and appreciate all your efforts.

As you may have noticed, the school is running a little more like it did in pre-covid times with the kids hanging out on the upper lawn and under the tent. While the barn was a god send during Covid and allowed us to continue running our programs, it is a welcome change to be back lake side and enjoying the view all day. We will re-evaluate as the summer progresses and certainly if the pandemic situation changes.

For those of you wondering about waitlists, they are still very long and realistically we will not be able to take too many people off of them. We are giving priority for private lessons to Members but even that list is long. We appreciate your patience.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at [sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org](mailto:sailingpgm@sailsaratoga.org)

## Race Department Report

By Terry Fraser, Flag Lt Race

The racing season is well underway with results posted on the website!

The Zephyr Series is the first of our three Sunday racing series and will be ending June 26th. On July 3<sup>rd</sup> we begin the Robinson Series. Each of our Sunday series is 7 weeks long, ending with the Kaydeross Series.

We plan on acknowledging the Zephyr Series winners at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Bar-B-Q.

We have been testing Mark-Set-Bots. Bots are remote controlled racecourse marks that can be moved and set in position from the Committee Boat. There are no anchors, they hold their GPS position by using electric motors. We have them for 1 month and they will be returned after the Kestrel Regatta. They have been successfully trialed at the Thistle Regatta and in the heavy wind they held firm. We are using them for regattas and regular club races.



(One of the Bots on the way to its assigned location at the Thistle Regatta)

## Helping Hands Initiative

By John Smith, Commodore

Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, July 6 (after racing) and Sunday, July 17 (after racing).

Place donations on porch July 1 to July 24.

The Sunfish fleet is sponsoring this event

Right now, food is the priority however the Franklin Community Center appreciate and are happy to accept all donations.

### **Food – Accepting items up to 90 days past expiration date**

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



Lift with blue dolly described in the Commodore's Corner

## **SAFETY ON THE WATER AT SLSC**

### **Rescuing a Person in the Water (PIW)**

The weather this season has included cool temperatures and high wind days. High winds are challenging for all of us who sail and sometimes we capsize our boat or even fall overboard.

**The priority if you need to rescue a capsized boat are the sailors.**

As you approach from down-wind, evaluate the situation, determine how many people are in the water and if anyone is injured. If someone is injured, evaluate if additional help is needed and call for it. If you think the injury may be serious, call 911 also.

The fundamental action of rescuing a person is to **keep the engine as far away from the person as possible and move slowly but efficiently.**

These two short videos will help you be ready for a PIW situation.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Updc-jCysXU&list=PL1hallzm5I7ZVE51ose9JHTwoz5\\_aPyEk&index=5](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Updc-jCysXU&list=PL1hallzm5I7ZVE51ose9JHTwoz5_aPyEk&index=5)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WA5HPVdPG9M&list=PL1hallzm5I7ZVE51ose9JHTwoz5\\_aPyEk&index=6](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WA5HPVdPG9M&list=PL1hallzm5I7ZVE51ose9JHTwoz5_aPyEk&index=6)

**The very important step is to turn off the engine immediately upon obtaining positive contact and control of the person in the water (PIW) and PULL The Key.**

This eliminates the possibility for a running engine to injure the PIW.

Please remember, it is now the law to use the Emergency Cutoff Switch Lanyard while driving our (any) powerboats so equipped.

### **Becoming Familiar With SLSC's Powerboats**

There are three webpages posted on the club website to schedule powerboat handling familiarization. Record if you have taken the familiarization program and record if you have a NY State Boater Safety Certificate or the equivalent (NASBLA-approved) from another agency.

Please go to the club website, click on News and Events, then Boater Safety Instruction for the three sheets where you can find an instructor and enter your information.

[Familiarization Sign-up Sheet](#)  
[Powerboat Training Record SLSC](#)  
[SLSC Record of Boater Safety Course Completion](#)

We ask that every family have at least one member who is trained to operate our powerboats. It is impossible to know when rescuing someone on our lake will be necessary, but we can all be well prepared.

**Sail Safely, Allan**

**Laser & Sunfish Derby**  
**SLSC, June 4, 2022**  
by Allan Miller

It is always a good idea to start listening to the weather forecast a few days before a race to get an idea of what the conditions will be. Sometimes, it is discouraging because the prediction is for little or no wind, but occasionally the information is for strong winds. The forecast for our combined Laser and Sunfish regatta this year was strong winds. Frequently, they do not develop until well into the afternoon and we can get in a few reasonable races before things get too wild. This year was different. We launched the boats in about 12-14 mph and sailed out to the course. Not unreasonable, unless you weighed less than 120 lbs. The Lasers got off to an interesting start because the timer box malfunctioned. But all the boats were at or behind the line and despite the lack of the usual signals, the start was good. The RC wisely let it go and the Lasers were off and racing. The Sunfish start was done manually with a horn and that worked well. The course was an "F" and by the time the Sunfish were going up the second windward leg, the winds were into the low 20+ mph range. This proved really challenging for everyone, no matter what their skill level. Several of the Sunfish capsized but the mark-set boats were ready and close by to help. Racing for the Sunfish fleet was wisely abandoned after the race. The Lasers went on to two more very exciting and grueling races. Everyone made it back to the club safely as did all the boats. The entire Race team on the water did very well keeping track of skippers and boats and providing support as needed.

"We thank and compliment all the volunteers who made the regatta possible and successful. Your help was very much appreciated, and the participants were very happy with the fun day on the water (or in the lake;-) and good food."

Laser Fleet Captain, Organizer and Chili Chef, Leslie Warner-Rafaniello

The volunteers:

Tony Massa, Paul Waterfield, Andrew Murnan, Terence and Tom Dunn for assisting Ann and Peter as MCs on the water and in.

Bob Posson- general helper, assistance and ramp man

Paul Waterfield - Photographer for dealing with Cvs Computer errors with photos.

Allan Miller- Scoring & Write up

Terence for being our camping and Beer king

Sarah Hesse for being a great framer

James Symon and Sarah Hesse and Sunfish clean up team

Thanks for helping by making and bringing Great food:

Sue Kohler- Breakfast w hot Coffee and veggie chili

Felicia Lerner - lunch server

Carol and Daphne - Corn bread

Larissa -Coffee cake

Mary Kate- Chocolate cake

Bill Rafaniello- Head bargain shopper and Sandwich King

Racing results

Laser (Full Rig)

1. Peter Bushnell, Willowbank Yacht Club
2. Ray Cudney, Willowbank Yacht Club
3. Brad Dunn,
4. Dave Filiberto, Ithaca, Yacht Club

Laser (Radial)

1. Mike Kitner, SLSC
2. Lenny Lerner, SLSC

Sunfish

1. Scott Meyer SLSC
2. Jon Williams, Lake Delta Yacht Club
3. Peter Gregory,
4. James Symon, SLSC
5. Allan Miller, SLSC
6. Jordan Roberts, SLSC

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:Skater233r@gmail.com)

Laser & Sunfish Derby



## 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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Laser.....	Leslie Rafaniello 301-4109
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Thistle.....	Jerry Zell 518-928-9032
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