



Telltales

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Commodore's Comments

(Note: Our Telltales Editor, Charlie Hartman, has managed to injure his hand so, in addition to being the go-to when the heads are backed up, your Commodore is learning how to get the Telltales out ... a shadow of the quality that Charlie would produce, but with his patient counsel...here we go...and remember to wish Charlie a very rapid recovery!)

With the Commodore's Dinner coming up this Saturday we're looking forward to the largest gathering of members of the year. Considering that we're celebrating our 90th Anniversary, our Social Committee Chair, Chrissy Bennett West says to get ready to party like it's ... 1929!

Many members have been commenting on our planning process, particularly the "values" that we want to maintain, or add, to ensure the Club sails on into another 90 years of vitality. Members have been coming at it from several directions. There's the "top down" approach that identifies the values then what it means in practical terms. Then there's the "look at what's going on and what value (or lack thereof) does it reflect" approach. Some of the clear values SYC wants to maintain include diversity and inclusivity, which is reflected in our dues structure. In order to keep dues as low as possible (which encourages all types of diversity), another value, volunteerism, is required. We've always been a "DIY Club" with everyone helping out. We'll be spending more time organizing various committees and teams to take on projects around the club that can only be done with many hands...and hearts!

A related value to keeping dues low is that being inexpensive doesn't mean looking it! Keeping the Club House, Grounds and Waterfront looking shipshape is a value that we'll be putting more attention on. The Clubhouse needs a coat of paint, storage for chairs needs some rethinking, members have suggested a lecture series or other activities during the off season, and several have suggested the addition of social games (we guessed the number of palm trees on Tom West's pants at a recent party)! To be sure, the board and volunteers are working hard and keeping it all working, but taking it to the next level is something we'll all benefit from and enjoy. The work party's are actually fun and a chance to get to know other members (did I mention the food and beverages that always follow the work...?!). More on a variety of new, member driven, initiatives will be suggested, so thanks for all the ideas and keep the thoughts coming!

Upcoming Events Not to be Missed!

- This Friday at 3 to 7 PM is the **Seneca Sailing Academy's End of Season Celebration**...all the students from this season, their families and friends, members and wayfaring strangers are invited to give a round of applause to our newest sailors, who will demonstrate their new skills. Big Boats (Cruisers) will offer rides. Food and fun will be had by all.
- Coming up on Saturday at 1PM is the **Poker Run sailing race**... any boat can win. Show up with your boat, fill it with crew and guests and set sail on Seneca Lake.
- This Saturday evening at 6PM is the annual **Commodore's Dinner** for all members. It's always a great gathering so let Chrissy know you're coming and see you there for our 90th version.
- **Sunday Club Racing** will be happening from 9 - 1 this Sunday so again, grab your boat, crew, guests and get out on the water!
- The **Pizza Posto Food Truck** will be at the Club from 5-7ish on Thursday...always a great time to enjoy the club and great pizza!
- Next weekend - Aug 24-25- SYC is hosting the **Sunfish Upstate Regional Regatta** ... come down and enjoy the show!
- Over Labor Day weekend will be our club **Labor Day Series Regatta on Saturday, Sunday and Monday**. This will mark the end of our formal weekly Sunday Fleet racing season, but the fall is a wonderful time for informal "pick up" racing and beautiful autumn cruising...and the Around the Barge Race yet to come.
- Monday of Labor Day Weekend is the **Punch Bowl** ... the Club's secret punch recipe has been elevated to new heights with the recruitment of our new Punch Master Drew ... the best in our 90-year history (... if anyone can remember). Bring a dish to pass, and an empty cup from 1PM till the punch bowl runs dry.
- On Saturday, Sept. 7th (Sunday rain date) is the annual **Around the Barge Race**, a great time on the water for all boaters, crew and guests!
- The **Star Chili Regatta** is on for the 22/23rd of September... it's always exciting to watch these thoroughbreds compete.
- **Fall Clean Up Day** is October 26th... always a great gathering ... followed by...
- **SYC's 90th Annual Hauling Out Party** at 6 PM at the HWS Faculty Dining Room...there will be some special awards, awkward moments, and forgettable quotes so be sure to sign up! More next newsletter.

It's been a great season and much more to come! Lots more sun and fun and the real value of the Seneca Yacht Club ... getting together with old and new friends.



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