



Telltales

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3rd of July Fireworks Fajita Fest

Every year the American Legion puts on a fireworks display across the lake, and for the last several years the club has hosted a Fajita Fest before the fireworks begin. Rain or shine, this year the Fajita Fest will get underway on Monday, July 3, at 6:00 PM. The event will be catered by Moe's of Auburn and entertainment will be provided by Meyer and McGuire Bluegrass Band. Each party/reservation is asked to bring a bottle of wine to share during the meal in celebration of the event. The meal will include chips and salsa, beer, wine, and non-alcohol beverages in advance of the meal. Remember to **BRING YOUR OWN GLASSWARE** for beverages. The fajita assembly line will feature beef, chicken, rice, beans, veggies, cheese, sour cream, guacamole, salsa, etc. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children under 10. No charge for children 5 and under.

To make your reservation, please contact Chrissy Bennett West at senecayachtclub@gmail.com or call 585-203-7102. Be sure to indicate the number of people in your party. The deadline for reservations is **SUNDAY, JUNE 25**.

The social committee would greatly appreciate assistance from 5-6 volunteers for set-up, check-in, serving, and clean up. Please contact Chrissy if you are willing to assist with the event. Thank you!

Australian BBQ

The Cruising Class will once again sponsor its annual Australian BBQ for all club members and guests on Saturday, July 15, at 6:00 PM. The event includes beer, wine, cheese and crackers as well as your choice of "grill your own" filet mignon or marinated chicken breast served with dinner rolls, tossed salad, potato salad, and a "make your own sundae" for dessert.

The cost for all of this is: beef filet: \$20 per steak (regardless of age), chicken breast: \$15 for adults, \$10 for children under 10, and no charge for children 5 and under.

To make reservations for this affair contact Chrissy at senecayachtclub@gmail.com or 585-203-7102 by noon on Thursday, July 13.

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle: BYO

We've all heard the saying "reduce, reuse, recycle". In the spirit of reducing costs and trash waste, the SYC Social Committee, with the support of the SYC and SSA Boards of Directors, has adopted a Bring Your Own glassware and tableware policy for all Club sponsored events - including punchbowls, beer keg use following racing, and dinner events. In addition, the Social Committee will provide beverages in bulk using reusable dispensers whenever possible.

Approximately 10 years ago or so, the Club began providing paper and plastic goods for Club sponsored events. As a result, SYC annually incurred costs upwards of \$2,500 (at BJ's wholesale club prices) to provide members and guests with disposable beer cups, wine cups, plates, napkins, silverware, and single serving beverages (water, soda, juice). While the costs are increasingly burdensome, the trash waste that occurs as a result of the disposable nature of these products and their packaging is even more so.

So please plan ahead and bring your own tableware and glassware for all Club related events.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chrissy by phone at 585-203-7102 or by email at senecayachtclub@gmail.com.

Commodore's Corner

Challenges, Challenges!

This Spring, for a variety of reasons is fraught with challenges for the Club. At this writing some have been satisfactorily resolved, others remain in flux. Your board is and has been working very hard to address these situations in the most efficacious and cost effective ways possible. A few examples:

The South Lot: Last fall, Stephen Fazio constructed a barrier/retaining wall East of the beach, South of the ramp. What was needed then was soil to back fill the area and grading/scraping of the surrounding field to effect a smooth transition down to the beach. Topsoil and seed, then straw to complete the job. Not cheap, but thanks to board member Darrin Magee, who owns a tractor with frontend loader and the skilled operation of Gennaro Fazio, the required machine work was accomplished, the area was graded and seeded at considerable savings to the club. Thank! Darrin and Gennaro.

Waterfront, South Beach: The platform dock along the south beach, which had become structurally compromised by the winter storms and waves, has been removed and the lumber hauled away thanks to the hard work of a small army of volunteers. The area under the platform was filled with concrete blocks and other riprap which has now been removed. The beach awaits sand and grading which we hope to have done prior to the start of Junior Sailing.

Tarmac, Northeast boat parking area: Extremely heavy spring rainstorms have highlighted some drainage issues in that area and severely undermined that parking lot area. We are looking into municipal versus club responsibility for remediation of the drainage issues and resurfacing the lot. Work in progress.

As I said, Challenges, Challenges! Alas that just seems to be a fact of life.

On a cheerier note, we have not suffered some of the issues our neighbors to the North on Lake Ontario are experiencing. Rochester Canoe Club, with whom we have had a long standing relationship amongst our racing members have been unable to get boats in the water and/or sail or race so far this season. They have always invited us to join them early in the season as they usually start earlier than we do. This year, at the suggestion of John Baker, we offered to return the favor and, as the RCC was scheduled to host the District Thistle Regatta and were unable to do so, we offered to provide the venue, race support and help hosting the event.

They joined us on June 3 for a day of racing and again on the weekend of the 10th/11th for the Regatta. 25 boats on the line, 75 sailors, dozens of support folks, both RCC and SYC and a fabulous 2 days of racing and camaraderie made for a great weekend. It was great to see the club grounds bustling with racers, families, kids and loads of sailing gear spread out on the lawn. And to the point of my last message, after the boats and the gear were stowed, sailing and racing was done it was a heck of a 'social club' party. It was a pleasure to host the RCC and we look forward to many more enjoyable days on the water together. Thanks to John Baker for suggesting it. It was fun.

Well, that's it! Some challenges and some awesome opportunities. We are looking forward to meeting the challenges and open to even more opportunities to share and enjoy our beautiful 'cottage on the lake'!

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