



# Telltales

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## Commodore's Party

This year's Commodore's Party will take place Saturday, August 18, at 6:00 p.m. at the Club. For a handful of years the party was catered by Dinosaur BBQ costing the Club several thousand dollars annually. Recently the Club Social Committee has explored alternatives to Dinosaur BBQ in order to keep Club costs and dues stable, including having Chad Kayser cater the meal last year. (Thank you, again, Chad!) This year the Social Committee, with the support of the Board of Directors, will return to the original Commodore's Party format by bringing back the potluck dinner. The Club will provide beer, wine, lemonade, water, carved Steamship Round and baked chicken and invites each party of members to bring an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert to share, serving 10 - 12 people - see assignments below.

- Appetizers - members with last names ending A - H
- Salad - members with last names ending I - N
- Side Dish - members with last names ending O - T
- Dessert - members with last names ending U - Z

While there is no cost for this event, reservations and a dish to pass are required.

RSVP by Monday, August 13, to Chrissy at [senecayachtclub@gmail.com](mailto:senecayachtclub@gmail.com) or call her at 585-203-7102. Be sure to indicate the number of people attending. Thank you.

## Commodore's Corner

Finally!! Summer, it seems, is in full swing. Warm has arrived. A small group of us had an informal "Solstice Party" on the 21st and watched the sun go down on the "official" first day of summer. Racing is happening on the weekends and Ken Nott seems to be (so far) unbeatable in the cruising class. I'm in church on Sunday mornings so I get race results 2nd hand and I have not heard of the Thistle standings as yet.

Speaking of Thistles; the Thistle Great Lakes Championships were hosted by Seneca Yacht Club the weekend of 29 June thru 1 July. SYC fielded 8 of the 35 boats, or a little less than 23% of the field. 3 of our sailors placed in the top 1, led by Chris Wilson for a 30% share of the glory. That's just one more indicator that this club has sailors who can compete competitively with the very best and hold their own. Two of our Top 10 finishers are Seneca Sailing Academy Alums and the third was Chief Instructor for, I don't know how many, years. The chief fallout, beyond the racing, is all of the activity at the club to prepare and run the event. Lots of Thistle sailors and others raked, shoveled, power washed, repaired docks, moved racks, moved boats and generally, got the club 'Ship Shape' for our guests. We had in the

neighborhood of 15 - 20 on water volunteers for race committee, 5 members provided their own boats to equip the race committee and shore side, 4 additional volunteers worked the event. None of this could have happened without the hours and weeks of hard work by Joy Martin, the event coordinator for the regatta. She was a recruiter, coordinator, manager and wore perhaps a half dozen other hats put this regatta together and to present this club in such a favorable light. All who attended were impressed with the club. The PRO (Principal Race Officer) said "I'm moving here. This is a great club, don't change a thing." So . . . To Joy, my heartfelt thanks for being such a shining ambassador for Seneca Yacht Club. Again, I am constantly amazed by the awesome cadre of dedicated volunteers in this club. It is truly gratifying to see so many folks, sailors and non sailors alike, come together and work so hard for this club.

As many of you may (or may not) know, for the past year, SYC has been engaged in the process of dissolving our long term relationship with Stivers' Seneca Marine. You may have noticed that the storage lot containing many 'eyesore' boats has been cleared. There are a few things left to be settled before the process is complete. Once these things are taken care of, we will be putting up post and chain barricades to prevent further unauthorized use by other than SYC members. Access to this area will be available to members wishing to place their boats for short term storage, i.e. winter storage, transient owner repairs, or boats for sale. Members who have motor homes or RV trailer/campers who wish to place their units on site will be afforded the opportunity to do so. As we charge a nominal fee now for winter storage of boats on the club property, those fees will apply to the newly vacated lot as well. The board will consider whether or not to impose such fees for RV/Campers. The board is also currently considering to what future use that area might be put. We want to be sensitive and considerate of not only the short term, but the long term impact on the club property and financial health. We will keep you updated as things progress.

As I said earlier in the piece, boat storage racks have been moved to their new location on the South lot. WE have put down landscape fabric and stone to provide (hopefully) weed free access to the racks. We have one request, however. We would like to keep the lower two tiers on the first three racks (nearest the club) for the SSA boats. We have young people storing and removing boats and do not want to place them in harm's way by having to lug heavy boats over long distances and then try to raise them over their heads. Lasers are quite a bit heavier than molded kayaks and so we would like to be considerate of young bodies. If you have a boat/kayak in one of these locations, please relocate it to a higher position on the rack or to one of more Southern racks. We can do that for you. It may involve the loss of one link of your chain, should you have your boat chained to the rack. Thank you.

On a related subject, we requested, in the previous Telltales, that all, member owned, boats display a numbered SYC sticker. (These are not the same burgee stickers you place on your vehicle) Said stickers will be cross referenced with the member's contact information and boat type/description. Again, the intent is to be able to notify members in case of an untoward event involving their boat or to contact them should the boat need to be moved to accommodate necessary work in the area. Our Treasurer Dr. Chuck Wisor, has stickers (for which there is a nominal, one time, fee) and is available most Sundays at the club or can be reached by phone at 315-789-6754. Thank you for your cooperation.

So . . . With the summer well underway, get out, enjoy the weather, the lake and our own Seneca Yacht Club. Hope to see you there.

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## Notice to Boat Owners

**Unidentified Boats:** Per the notice on the bulletin board at the club and in the last two Telltales, **All Boats** stored on club property MUST have a Seneca Yacht Club identification sticker and number affixed to the boat. The deadline for this is July 31. Request forms for stickers are located by the lock box in the corner to the right of the big stainless steel cooler in the clubhouse. Unidentified boats will be removed to the parking area across the street from the club grounds. Once stickers have been obtained, boats may be brought into the grounds and placed on the racks provided. Boats left on the ground can become home to unwelcome guests and also make it difficult for our groundskeepers to keep the area properly mowed. The requirement for stickers is a long standing one, which has unfortunately not been

enforced in recent years. With the current influx of kayaks and SUP's, the need to know 'whose is whose' and 'whose is where' is important for everyone's protection. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Rack Usage:** We have requested that the first two levels from the ground up on the first three racks be reserved for SSA boats. The recent augmentation of the SSA program and procurement of boats to support that have made this a necessity. Many of our young sailors will not be able to lift boats to the third level without placing themselves in jeopardy so please be sensitive. If your boat is in one of these slots, please move it to a proper spot. Should any boats remain in these slots by July 31, they will be moved. If the boats are chained, the chains will be cut to minimize loss of length, but they will be cut. We apologize for the inconvenience but do appreciate your cooperation.

The Board

## SSA Updates

Hopefully you had a chance to read the SSA update sent out last week. The program is going very well and over 40 kids have participated so far. Justin, Jeff, and Nicole are doing an incredible job making it fun and engaging. However, there are still slots available for each week. Additionally, there are scholarships available. Just email [senecasailingacademy@gmail.com](mailto:senecasailingacademy@gmail.com) for additional information. These scholarships are NOT need based. Rather, they are intended to help children continue to develop a love of sailing.



We are also looking to purchase several Flying Scot sailboats. These boats will help enhance our program and provide the next step for students as they come with spinnakers. Also, they are the perfect learning platform for adults to learn how to sail. A few members have already offered to either share the purchase cost of a Flying Scot or purchase one outright for SSA. If you are interested in donating to this fund, please email SSA at [senecasailingacademy@gmail.com](mailto:senecasailingacademy@gmail.com). Remember all donations are tax deductible.

Finally, if you are interested in some SSA clothing, our store is open. Please go to [www.senecasailingacademy.org](http://www.senecasailingacademy.org) to order!

Please see the SSA updates email for more information related to Seneca Sailing Academy. You can also follow SSA on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/senecasailingacademy>.

## Pizza Posto Visits

Sam Solomon, Hobart class of 2017, would like to thank the members of Seneca Yacht Club who attended Pizza Posto on Memorial Day weekend and Thursday, July 12. He was very excited to serve to a near sell out crowd both times and welcomes you all to return, or experience it for the first time, on Thursday, July 19, or Thursday, August 9. The August 2 event has been cancelled due to a conflict. If you'd like to have Pizza Posto at your own event - wedding, birthday party, office picnic, etc., please contact Sam at [sam@pizzaposto.com](mailto:sam@pizzaposto.com)



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