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***Dear Supporters and Friends of the Sturgeon Lake Sailing Club,***

Welcome to our annual SLSC Newsletter. We have gone electronic and are pleased to be able to send this to you via e-mail. Sending our communications electronically saves time and money. If you are receiving a hard copy of this and would prefer an electronic version, please let us know by email to [madgebarr@mac.com](mailto:madgebarr@mac.com). We will continue to mail newsletters once a year to those people who wish to remain informed of our activities but do not have access to e-mail.

This newsletter is filled with information that is relevant throughout the entire summer so we encourage you to save this somewhere and refer back to it over the course of the summer. We will also be sending a shorter mid summer newsletter, via e-mail, to update you again on the activities at the Sturgeon Lake Sailing Club. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions.

**Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!**

The Golden Gala was a wonderful party and a fitting tribute to 50 years of sailing on Sturgeon Lake. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our supporters who attended the Gala, the many donors who donated auction items and the buyers who bought the auction items! We also wish to thank the team of volunteers, young and old, who contributed their time and effort and helped make the event so special. If you would like to view photos of the event, Jamie Wisener has a selection available at [www.jamas.net/Gala/](http://www.jamas.net/Gala/).

One of the auction items was an original Joan Horsfall Young painting of the sailing club. The artist has given us permission to reproduce the beautiful image in note card form. We will be selling packages of note cards as a fundraiser so that others can enjoy this lovely image. The note cards will be available for purchase at Monday morning registration and other SLSC events during the summer.

The proceeds of the 2006 Gala have been used to purchase a new safety boat. The boat is a bright yellow inflatable and I would be happy to take anyone who would like a ride out for a spin. Just ask! We hope that you will have the opportunity to see this boat on the water - it will be hard to miss - a 14 foot yellow boat with S.L.S.C. in big letters down the side!



**Programs 2007**

We will be operating mornings and afternoons, Monday through Friday, starting July 2<sup>nd</sup> and ending Aug 24<sup>th</sup>. Our traditional learn-to-sail-and-race programs will run each morning. Introductory programs for local community groups will run in the afternoons.

## **Staffing**

We are pleased to report that **Adam Arscott** will be returning as our Head Instructor this summer. Adam is well known and loved and we look forward to another summer under Adam's leadership. Adam will be responsible for overseeing the morning Learn to Sail program and the afternoon outreach program. **Murray McCullough** will be returning to SLSC as Race Coach and he will be responsible for overseeing the race program. We are delighted to have Murray's expertise and experience and he will continue to enhance our racing program. **Mike Petrosniak**, **Sam Benson** and **Peter Nyhuus** will also be returning for the coming season. We are pleased to welcome a recent graduate and newly certified Green instructor, **Elizabeth Barr**. We are very excited about this slate of instructors and look forward to a fantastic summer.

We offer a home-cooked dinner two or three times a week for the instructors. If your family is interested in having a few of the team over for dinner, please speak to me at registration or send me an e-mail.

## **Highlights**

### ❖ **The Race Team**

We have an experienced race team, coached by Murray McCullough, who will be very active this summer training and attending regattas. We will be communicating with parents of these sailors to coordinate our efforts in getting as many sailors and boats to as many regattas as possible. We will make every effort to limit the disruption to the morning program when the race team is traveling to regattas.

### ❖ **Damage Policy**

A few summers ago, we instituted a damage policy to encourage sailors to take more care and responsibility for the boats and to provide some form of recourse for the Sailing Club should we experience significant damage or lost equipment. The damage policy is as follows and applies *to students in White Sail II and above*.

***All sailors will be instructed on proper rigging techniques. Prior to launching the boat they are sailing, and recognizing that students do not necessarily sail the boat they rigged, the students are responsible for checking that the boats they are to sail are rigged properly.***

***The cost of replacing or repairing lost or damaged equipment will be shared 50/50 between SLSC and the students, collectively, in the boats concerned.***

- ❖ **Wednesday Afternoon Races** will continue again this summer. We hope that all juniors registered in the morning programs will participate - whether they are at club for a week or a month! The Afternoon Races begin on July 11<sup>th</sup> and run over four Wednesdays: July 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The races run from 1:30 pm – 3:30pm.
- ❖ **Wednesday Pizza Lunches** at the club are back by popular demand! These lunches are hosted by the Directors and are for all junior sailors registered in the morning programs. Pizza lunch will start on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Please note that pick up time will be 1 pm on this day and all Wednesdays where there are no afternoon races or if your child chooses not to race. The price for a large slice of pizza, a drink and a treat will be \$7.50. Orders will be taken and money will be collected on Monday and Tuesday mornings each week as the juniors arrive.

## **Registration**

Enclosed you will find a registration package for the coming summer. As in past years, we strongly recommend pre-registration to ensure a spot in the program(s) of your choice. Priority will be given to families who pre-register. The purchase of a sailing manual is recommended for all White and Bronze sailors and these manuals can be purchased on Monday mornings. Please note that a whistle attached to each sailor's lifejacket is recommended. There will be whistles available for purchase at registration. In an effort to move to electronic communication, which reduces the cost of photocopying and postage, we have included a request for your e-mail address on the application form. ***A reminder to all sailors to bring the following on the first day at club: lifejacket (PFD), water shoes, bathing suit and towel, hat, change of clothes, sunscreen, water and a snack.***

## **Fees 2007**

- ❖ **Program Fees** will be \$160 per week per junior. We continue to try to move the club towards a financial position where operating expenses are covered by operating revenues, leaving donations and proceeds from the “Gala” to build our capital fund which in turn allows for *gradual* fleet replacement.

As always, no one will be turned away due to the fees. If you require assistance with the fees, please call me at (905) 815-8252 or e-mail me at [madgebarr@mac.com](mailto:madgebarr@mac.com). There are a limited number of bursaries available. All conversations will be confidential.

- ❖ **Family Membership** fees remain at \$100 again this year. This membership fee is for families who do not have children in the morning sailing programs. The family membership fee gives these families one vote at the Annual General Meeting and helps to defray the cost of running the Sunday Afternoon Race Series in which we encourage participation from sailors of every age. A family membership is also a requirement for those taking private lessons or renting a boat for the Civic Holiday regatta. (Note: All families with children in the morning programs have the benefits of membership without paying this fee.)
- ❖ **Private Adult Lessons** are available with any of the instructors after 4:00 pm on weekdays, or on weekends. The instructors will charge an hourly rate. For adults who do not have a child registered in the morning program, payment of the Family Membership will be requested. Please drop by the club to arrange your lesson with an instructor!

## Racing

- ❖ **Sunday Afternoon Series: July 1<sup>st</sup>, July 29<sup>th</sup>, August 12<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup>:** These races are open to all classes of sailboat. Adults and juniors alike are welcome. The first race will start at 1:30 pm. We hope to sail three races each Sunday. A Notice of Race for this series will be available at the club and will be posted on the Sturgeon Point notice boards (outside the Village Office and by the mailboxes) by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ **Civic Holiday Regatta: Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007** Juniors and adults alike are encouraged to participate in this annual SLSC regatta! For adults who wish to borrow a club boat, there may be some available. The Family membership fee will apply to these sailors without a family member registered in the morning programs. Registration starts at 9:00 am and the skippers’ meeting is at 10 am. The regatta fee will be \$5.00 per person.

***The regatta BBQ will be at Rosehill at 6 pm on August 5<sup>th</sup> and everyone is welcome. Dinner is \$15/adult and \$10/child and you may pay at the door.***

## Boat Slips

There are a number of slips available for rent. Rates are as follows:

- Season (May – Oct ):     \$250
- Monthly:                 \$125
- Weekend:                \$25

Please contact Colleen Moloney at 416-233-3694 (until June 30) or at 705-887-5061 (from July 1) to reserve your slip.

We are setting funds aside to have the boat slips repaired in the autumn. In the meantime, we will do some minor repairs to make the docks safer. If you are able to assist us, please e-mail Dave Robson [dave\\_robson@sympatico.ca](mailto:dave_robson@sympatico.ca)

## Fundraising

### ❖ **Sobey’s Cash Register Tapes**

Sobey’s in Fenelon Falls offers a rebate program for organizations that turn in stacks of cash register tapes. We will receive a percentage of the total amount of the tapes we are able to collect as a rebate off future Sobey's purchases. Please save your cash register tapes starting now! You can hand them in to Leslie at registration or to any of the instructors. We will let you know, in a later newsletter, how much we are able to earn in this way. Thank you for helping out and thank you to Sobey’s for this program.

### ❖ **Additional Fundraising Ideas Welcome!**

We welcome your fundraising ideas! If you have a great idea that you think would work for our sailing club, please let us know. If you are interested in organizing a fundraising event and donating a portion to the sailing club, please let us know how we can help.

## **Gala 2007**

Set aside August 11 for Gala 2007, which will be held at the Sturgeon Point Golf Club. We are planning another fun evening with food and drinks and hope you can join us! The ticket price is \$50 and tickets will be available from all the Directors starting in July. We are looking forward to a lovely evening with food catered by BE Catering from Peterborough and an auction coordinated by Leslie Thomas. As always, Leslie is looking for auction items, the crazier the better! If you have an item to donate, please contact Leslie [leslar.thomas@smpatico.ca](mailto:leslar.thomas@smpatico.ca). See you there!

## **Mid Ontario Regatta July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

We are running the Mid Ontario Regatta again this summer and expect over 100 sailors to arrive at the sailing club on July 13<sup>th</sup>! Can you offer your front lawn to some of these sailors to camp on? If so, please e-mail me and we'll set you up with a nice group of young people. The sailors have lunch and dinner provided but we ask the host cottagers to provide breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Thanks in advance to all of our volunteers who help out with the regatta. It really is a lot of fun!

## **Adult Learn to Sail Workshop**

If there is sufficient interest, we will run an adult learn to sail workshop. What a great way to get out on the water and learn the same things that your kids are learning. If you are interested, please speak to Leslie or Adam at registration on Monday mornings.

## **SPA Website**

We are currently working on getting our own SLSC website up and running but, in the interim, the SPA website ([sturgeonpoint.com](http://sturgeonpoint.com)) has a page with our current registration forms and other useful information on it. If you are interested in helping us set up a website, we would love your assistance. Please contact me.

## **Mid Summer Mixer July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

This is something new! You are cordially invited to our Mid Summer Mixer at the club on July 27! We are going to have a party for parents outside while the kids have their Friday night dance upstairs! All parents are encouraged to come and have a free drink, meet other parents, meet the Directors and share a laugh. There will be music, from the dance upstairs, drinks and nibbles. Remember your insect repellent! Come one, come all!

Wow! What a wonderful summer it will be! I hope that you are able to join us for some of the various activities that we have planned. As they say, 'Ready, Set, GO'!



Please call or e-mail me if you have any questions, concerns or comments.

Kind regards,

*Madge Barr*

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## ***SLSC CALENDAR – SUMMER 2007***

Post this on your refrigerator – and be sure to mark the dates in your calendar!

| <b>Event</b>  | <b>Dates</b>  | <b>Contact</b>                                |
|---|---|---|
| • <b>First day of Sailing Club</b><br><b>8:30 am</b>  | <b>July 2</b>   | <b>Leslie Thomas</b><br><b>705-887-2821</b>   |
| • <b>Sunday Afternoon Races</b><br><b>1:30 pm</b>   | <b>July 1</b><br><b>July 29</b><br><b>August 12</b><br><b>August 19</b> | <b>Hugh DesBrisay</b><br><b>705-887-3962</b>  |
| • <b>Civic Holiday Regatta</b><br><b>Registration 9 am</b><br><b>Skippers' Meeting 10 am</b>    | <b>August 4</b>   | <b>Adam Arscott</b><br><b>705-887-5110</b>    |
| • <b>Parent-Child Race</b><br><b>Registration Noon</b><br><b>Skippers' Meeting 1 pm</b>         | <b>August 5</b>   | <b>Adam Arscott</b><br><b>705-887-5110</b>    |
| • <b>Prizegiving &amp; BBQ</b><br><b>Rosehill 6 pm</b><br><b>\$15/Adult - \$10/Child</b>        | <b>August 5</b>   | <b>Madge Barr</b><br><b>705-887-5992</b>      |
| • <b>Prizegiving &amp; Annual</b><br><b>General Meeting 7 pm</b><br><b>Everyone is welcome!</b> | <b>August 24</b>  | <b>Madge Barr</b><br><b>705-887-5992</b>      |
| • <b>Boat Slip Rentals</b>  | <b>May – October</b>  | <b>Colleen Moloney</b><br><b>705-887-5061</b> |