



# Telltales

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## Commodore's Corner

Sunday whilst having brunch at the Ramada in Geneva, it was painful to look out at the Club Racing going on with me sitting there on shore with a cheeseburger! Seven Thistles and Seven Cruisers, sails bright in the sunlight. It was a good cheeseburger, but....

The season is in full swing, the Commodore's Dinner ... after considerable discussion... is being held this coming Saturday, we're all doing a sustainably good job at Covid prevention, and we're signing up a number of new members with boats!

Two bits on Covid prevention since it's obviously not over yet and safety is top priority. The latest news flash is that Buffs/Gators...the stretchy fabric many sailors wear as a mask, seems to be somewhere on a scale of minimal protection to worse than nothing (breaks up droplets into a fine mist which travels longer distances). Wearing them on boats is an option, but in consideration of other members, other more effective masks are most welcome.

Second bit is kids and masks. We're obligated to follow NYS guidelines which state that anyone over the age of two (yes...2!) must wear a mask in public. While we often think of the Club as an oasis from such things as Covid, we're far from immune, and kids can transmit it just as easily as anyone else. However difficult or tiresome it may be, parents are our first line of defense...you don't want strangers yelling at your kids. In the water, no masks, on the beach/sand, no masks, anywhere else, masks. Other venues absolutely require it, and we must do the same. Understanding that our small wiggly friends are ... well...kids, playing in the sand on the beach, swimming or other water activity might be a strategy. Setting up your tables on the edges of the picnic area another that I've heard suggested.

We don't want to create more rules that make it difficult for parents and kids to visit the Club, and kids aren't the only category of distracted members. My little wiggly one is now 30 and will attest that her father is the one in the family easily distracted and forgetful, and he'd prefer not to have more rules to remember.

Over all we're doing a great job, and as you've seen in a recent special announcement, the Commodore's Dinner will be preceded by a cocktail hour featuring two traditional cocktails prepared for your pleasure by the Commodore. Dark & Stormy's (Dark Rum floating on Ginger Beer), and Painkillers (Pusser's Rum, Coconut and other magical ingredients). Both have many a seafaring a story to tell...and many seafaring tellers of stories. Perhaps you'll have one too after this Saturday!

Finally, if you have a boat ... or can beg, borrow or steal one ... come down Saturday Morning for our Distance Race from the Club to Roy's Marina, then across to High Banks, and back up to the Club. There's no starting line...every boat is assigned its own time to cross the start line based on a complicated formula of type of boat, age of boat, etc. that only the Race Committee understands. Any boat can join in and it's a lovely distance for an enjoyable couple of hours on the water... then a short rest before the Commodores Dinner!

Cheers!

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## PIZZA POSTO & GENEVA GELATO

Thursday, August 27, is the final night of Pizza Posto at the Club. As a special treat Pizza Posto will be joined by Geneva Gelato. Both providers will be on site at the Club beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please stop by and support these local businesses.

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## SYC Hosts Guests

The Seneca Sailing Academy hosted over 30 Boy's & Girls Club youth this past week at SYC. They were introduced to sailing and boating, swimming and other water recreation. We started our community outreach over five years ago with five kids for Summer Sailing Camp. Due to the pandemic, SSA changed the format of programs being offered. Both the B&GC and SSA require daily temperature checks, and other preventive measures, so everyone was safe and enjoyed a week on the water and beach.





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## Former Member Exploits

We received this message from a former member:

"Hear ye, hear ye, intrepid members of the hallowed SYC. KNow that Jesse McKnight, former junior sailor and instructor at SYC, did, on September 20-23, 2019, WIN the North American J30 Championship with a crew of seven aboard boat named TOTALed MAYHEM from Annapolis, Maryland." Sincerely the proud parents, Russ and Janie McKnight, SYC members 1980-1992.



An article about this race can be found [here](#).

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## Just Sayin...

Did you know on the Canary Islands there is not one canary? And on the Virgin Islands, same thing. Not one canary there either.

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