

# Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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**The new concrete pathway from the front of the house to the back patio is in!**

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Deadline is the 22nd of each month.

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**Commodore**

**Suzanne Johnson**



*Two people are out sailing when suddenly a hand appears in the sea.*

*"What's this?" asked the skipper, "It looks as if someone is drowning!"*

*"No," explained his crew, "It's just a little wave."*

Hopefully, we will get a little wave or two at Lake Yosemite in the near future. However, we will not truly know the effects of the drought for several weeks. According to MID, our season could run from April through August rather than from May through September. The water may fluctuate 3 to 4 feet throughout our 2014 season. However, MID has informed us that we will have water for our May Regatta.

Speaking of Regatta, please encourage other sailors from other clubs to participate. Please get the word out. Also, it would be nice to see more of our LYSA members participating in the Regatta. We need racers as well as other volunteers to make our first big event of the season a success. Please contact Mike Strealy and/or myself if you are interested in volunteering your services.

A big thank you to Mike Strealy for the big role he played in getting a new cement walkway poured around the Club House. Although I have not seen it personally, it looks great from the photographs. As LYSA members, we all might want to be thinking about any future improvements to the house and/or grounds that might enhance our facilities.

Tickets will soon be available for our upcoming Shrimp Feed being held on Saturday June 21. We encourage all members to do as much pre-selling as possible. The more the merrier. Our Shrimp Feed last year was such a success. It will be even more of a success this year! Maybe we can encourage Dennis Wainwright to bake some more pies. We made a lot of money on those delicious desserts!!!

Also, our Third Annual Chili Fest will be held at the Lake on Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>. Get out those crock pots and surprise us with your culinary skills.

Our season will be here before you know so start getting those boats in tune.

See you at the next General Meeting on April 8, 2014 at the Club House. Please bring a pot luck dish to share with our members. Prizes will be awarded to those who can answer any of the three sailing questions that will be posed at the beginning of our meeting. See you there!!

*Think you make a mean bowl of Chili? Prove It!*

**LYSA 3rd Annual**



**Chili Fest**



**Saturday, April 5th**

**Bring your best crock of chili to share, we'll provide the fixins' Festivities begin around 5 p.m.**

**Don't Miss It!**

**Look for the upcoming E-Vite in your email**



**Vice Commodore**

**Peggy Lawler**



The Board meeting was not only informational with a guest speaker from MID but it was a lively conversation, again, about the UC students and how they will fit into our sailing club.

I believe the outcome is that everyone should be treated the same but if that truly is the case then everyone should pay the same. I am certain further discussions will be down the road regarding this. One thing to keep in mind is that we can always change our mind as situations come up and as we all grow as a club. Nothing should ever be completely set in stone, we should try our very best to remain flexible and fair. Anyone who has raised children or ran a company will agree that you can always change your mind to see if something else will work better, let's keep that thought.

Regarding the water situation in the lake, at least we are not depending on it for our livelihood, sailing is a sport and I am sure I am not alone when I say the concern is squarely with the farmers, dairies and anyone involved with agriculture. Let's just keep doing our rain dances and hopefully we will all be enjoying our lake!

So for now, see you in the yard.



**House Captain**

**Linda Sorensen**



If you come out to the LYSA club house you will see some changes. There is now a sidewalk along the north side of the house from the front gate to the back. The fence has been repaired by Darrell and me. All the pickets are fastened by screws and the bad wood has been replaced. I got pretty good at using the cut off saw making new pickets. Now we need a paint party to paint the fence. We'll need around 20-25 people to get it done in one day. The fence will need to be scraped and some sanding before the paint goes on. The "Paint Party" date will be posted on the LYSA web site soon. Please come help if you can, no painting skills required!

While we were working on the fence on March 25<sup>th</sup> Channel 30 news came out to the lake. They were finishing up a segment on the drought. They interviewed Darrell on how the drought was affecting our use of the lake. Toward the end of the end of interview they showed us working on the fence. 2 ½ hours later we were in the club house, along with Tim Packwood, watching our 30 seconds of fame on the 4:30 news.

The past and present Commodores of LYSA need to call Jay Sousa (209) 723-1832 to make an appointment to have your picture taken for the Club House. We need:

**Scott Foster**

**Thom Grimaldi**

**Craig Anderson**

**Debbie Dietz**

**Suzanne Johnson**

**Peggy Lawyer**

It would be nice to have all commodores' pictures up before our Opening Day May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

For club house reservations, please fill out the online reservation form on our website at:

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See you around, Linda

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## Past Commodore

Mike Streatly



I've got several items I want to hit this month. Let's start off with the new concrete work at the clubhouse. VC Concrete of Atwater did an outstanding job with the work along with Davin Mosher who moved all of the offending sprinklers and valves. I think this is a great addition to the club and will make it much easier to get to the patio.

Next, we will soon have water (at least for a while) and our Spring Regatta is just around the corner. MID has assured us we will have the proper levels for our event. I would like for every one of you to attend the Regatta! Let's try to break some kind of record for attendance this year. We will have two days of racing and a great BBQ dinner on Saturday night. If you can't make all the racing, I ask that you come to the dinner. I promise the food will be good, and the company will be even better.

Also, as you can see elsewhere in this newsletter, we have the tickets for this year's Open House and All-You-Can-Eat Shrimp Feed. Buy early! Buy many!

The last thing I want to update you all on is the dock and water situation. At a recent board meeting, MID water operations manager John Wiersma was in attendance. He got us up to speed on the drought situation and how it will impact us. The good news is that we will have water. The bad news is that it looks like we will have a shorter than normal season. The tentative dates for water in and out are April 15th and August 15th. Another issue will be water fluctuations that will be much more drastic, from 0-3 feet. He did say that if the water does go down, it will come back up much quicker than in the past - in a day or so. Because of this, the board voted to not have any requirements for when (or if) you put your boat in (**for this year only.**) If you do decide to launch, please check your lines often. We will do our best to give everyone email updates as to the water level changes as we receive them from MID. Also, all slip assignments and moves have been completed. The updated slip holder list can be found online and at the clubhouse bulletin board.

Until next month . . .

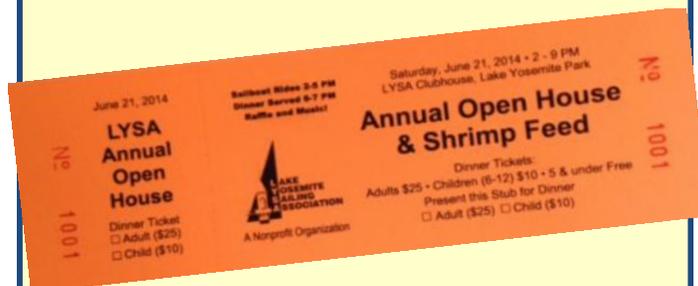


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# Shrimp Feed Tickets Are Here!



**The Open House and All You Can Eat Shrimp Feed is June 21st. Contact Mike or any board**

**member to get your tickets early. Be sure and get some for your friends too! Help make this year's event the BEST ever!**



This bench was put in near the Fish and Game Building at the lake in memory of former LYSA member Jim Streatly. It was paid for and installed by Jim's friends in the kiting community. Jim would like it.





## Cruise/Social Capt.

Matt Loeffler/Ryan Schwartz



Hello from Cruising and Social,

We had our first event with the Saint Patrick's Day dinner. A good group showed up for corned beef and cabbage along with various other dinner items supplied by those attending. I'd like to give a special thanks to Craig Anderson for tons of help cooking. Patricia Piethe also deserves a special thank you for helping getting things ready for people, as well as all the help she gave with clean up at the end. Another notice can be given to a wonderful green cake, made with a "Stout" base that was brought to the party. If you come to an event attended by its maker you will be glad you came.

Our next gathering is coming up on the April 5<sup>th</sup>, the Chili Cook Off. I know that there are already people getting recipes tested for this. I am hoping to see lots of people there for some great food. Dinner should start at 6 so please arrive early enough to get your chili warmed up if needed. The stove has 4 burners to get stuff cooking.

Also in April is strictly sail on the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun event to go to at Jack London Square. There will be lots to look at and enjoy, and perhaps a sailboat ride on the estuary.

Remember they will start filling the lake for the 15<sup>th</sup> and we will be having our opening day party on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please plan to attend this event. There may not be lots of water this year, but we still have a lot of people in the club with lots of spirit and energy.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the lake, bye for now.

Matt and Ryan.



### SCHEDULE FOR 2014

(Always a work in progress, see the online calendar For updates throughout the year)

#### JANUARY

1 Frostbite Regatta & Chowder Fest

#### MARCH

15 St Patty's Dinner (Corned Beef and Cabbage)

#### APRIL

5 3rd Annual Chili Fest

10-13 Strictly Sail Pacific (Bay)

27 SF Opening Day Week end cruise (Bay)

#### MAY

3 **LYSA Opening Day**

8 LYSA Thursday Night Summer Series Begins

17-18 **LYSA Spring Regatta** (Welcoming Friday 16<sup>th</sup>)

31 Jack & Jill Race (Woman Skipped)

#### JUNE

21 **Open House/Shrimp Feed**

28 One Design: Dick Gardner Race #1 of 4

#### JULY

4 Independence Day Potluck BBQ & Fun Sail

19 One Design: Dick Gardner Race #2 of 4

19-20 High Sierra Regatta (Keel Boats)

\*Maybe Plan a cruise to coincide with the HSR

26 Special Needs Sailing Day

#### AUGUST

16 One Design: Dick Gardner Race #3 of 4

?? Racer's Dinner

#### SEPTEMBER

20 One Design: Dick Gardner Race #4 of 4

#### OCTOBER

4 Octoberfest/End of Season Awards & Election Dinner

25 Halloween Costume Theme Party

#### NOVEMBER

7-10 Cruise: Monterey Bay

#### DECEMBER

6 Lighted Sailboat Parade in the Bay

13 LYSA Christmas Party





**2014  
Spring Regatta  
May 17-18**

*2 Days of Racing!*

*Saturday Night BBQ Dinner!*

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