

# Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

April 2019



**LYSA Members gathered to raise a toast to Steve Leonard.**

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**Steve Leonard Memorial**  
Monday, April 15, 5 – 8 p.m.

# Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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**Submissions:**

**Deadline is the 22nd of each month  
Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line**

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We had a wonderful day out at the clubhouse for St. Pats Day. Good food, great weather and a chance to hang with some friends that we haven't seen for a while. Even when there are no boats in the water it's hard to top being out at the lake and socializing with friends. I bet all of you have friends who may not be sailors (yet), who would truly enjoy our members and surroundings. Invite them out for any of our functions.

I'm doing a little work to get our Boston Whaler shipshape for the upcoming season of Thursday night races, Sail Camp and the Regatta. It's a great boat and almost, but not quite, bullet proof. Speaking of the Regatta it would be helpful if we had another power boat or two in the water to help in case the wind cranks up like it did last year. We had a number of boats flip and need help. Anything from a ski boat to a tin fishing boat would fill the bill and would be helpful. Give me a call (209) 261-9617 if you've got a boat or a lead.

Sailing is only about a month out so hose off the boat, shake out the sails and get ready for another great season!



Spring finally feels like it is in the air and that means races are fast approaching! I hope you all are eager to get your boats in the water and participate in this year's races! I have been working on some new courses for this year's races and hope to share them at this month's board meeting due to racer's meeting being cancelled. I am unsure if or when the meeting will be rescheduled at this moment but will discuss it at the next board meeting as well.

Deb Harden has so graciously volunteered to take over in my absence during the Regatta so if anyone is free to help volunteer during the Regatta please consider helping out the race committee!

Lastly, I would like to take an opportunity to thank you all for your kindness and condolences since the passing of Steve Leonard. It means a great deal to all of us who held him so dear. He will be sorely missed by everyone.

## Steve Leonard

1946-2019

Our dear friend Stephen (Steve) Leonard passed away on Friday, March 15th. Steve was born on August 18, 1946 in Manhattan New York, to Viola (Cronin) and Stephen Leonard Sr. His sister Kathy was born two years later. The family moved from the Bronx to Hawthorn New York in 1954. While in high school, Steve worked two summers as a day camp counselor followed by two summers as a machinist. He graduated from Stepinac High School in 1964, and would have continued working as a machinist in the Singer Kearfott machine shop if it were not for the Vietnam War. Always practical, he elected to go to college so he could enlist as an officer in the military, instead of being drafted as infantry to fight in Vietnam. He attended the Westchester Community College in New York, and then finished his Bachelor's in Chemistry at Valdosta State College in Georgia. He joined the Air Force in February, 1970 where they determined he was best suited to be a Radar Navigator, flying the B-52 Bomber. He earned several commendations and medals throughout his military career and retired as Major Stephen F. Leonard after 20 years of service in February, 1990. He had made many friends during his two tours at Castle AFB, and he liked the weather and the sailing and mountain biking opportunities in the area, so he settled in his home in May of the same year.

Steve loved mountain biking. He rode his mountain bike to Snelling and back several times a week and out to Lake Yosemite to watch the sunset almost every evening. But what he really loved was to take his mountain bike up to the hills and take a long ride on a twisty, lumpy, bumpy dirt road or trail. He gleefully referred to the steep hills and lumps and bumps as 'Whoop De Doo's' and would often come back from a ride all scratched up and filthy, but smiling from ear to ear.

Steve also loved to windsurf. He spent many epic hours windsurfing at Lake Yosemite, the O'Neill Forebay, and other lakes in the vicinity of Merced. Steve met his wife, Rachel Hadley, in the summer of 1992 at Lake Yosemite while waiting for the wind to come up so he could go windsurfing. Periodically, if it wasn't windy enough for Steve to windsurf, he would crew with Rachel on her sailboat during a race. Steve enjoyed the races, and eventually purchased his own boat and was stiff competition for everyone else on the Lake. Steve and Rachel spent many happy

hours racing their boats in many venues, but Steve's favorite venue was racing his Ultimate 20 on San Francisco Bay. He loved the stiff winds, the fierce competition, and the challenging tides and currents, but more than anything he loved flying downwind with his spinnaker full and the boat planing, just barely in control. He had a memorable and infectious laugh, which was loud enough to be heard and recognized across the Raccoon Straits during a race!

Steve enjoyed a heated discussion about politics, was interested in and knowledgeable about many and varied subjects, could fix anything, and was helpful to anyone who needed help. He was an outgoing and sociable man, with friends wherever he went. He will be missed.

A Memorial Reception will be held at the Lake Yosemite Sailing Association's clubhouse on Monday, April 15, 2019, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lake Yosemite Sailing Association (LYSA) – PO Box 3994, Merced, CA 95344



## Membership Meeting

Join us in April!

LYSA Clubhouse

Tuesday, April 9th

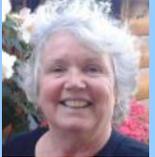
6:00 pm *Dinner / Social*

7:00 pm *Membership Meeting*

*Board Meeting to follow*



**House Captain**  
**Debbie Harden**



## Where does our garbage go?

At the LYSA Club House we have several alternatives for what might be considered garbage. We try to be environmentally friendly by providing **BIG BLUE BINS** for garbage that can be recycled.

**It seems that there is a need for clarification on how to use our BIG BLUE BINS.**

They are labeled **GLASS**, **PLASTIC** and **CANS/ALUMINUM**. That means that only **glass** should go in the **BIG BLUE BIN** labeled **GLASS**, only **plastic** should go in the **BIG BLUE BIN** labeled **plastic**, and only **cans/aluminum** should go in the **BIG BLUE BIN** labeled **cans/aluminum**.

All other materials need to go in the silver trash cans that are not labeled.

So here is a little test: Which **BIG BLUE BIN** would you put these things in?



If you replied glass, cans, plastic in that order, you are on your way to being a star LYSA recycler!

So here is a tricky one for you. Which can would this go in?



You've got it! The silver can.

Last one: What is wrong with this recycle bin?



Yes. The plastic and the cans should not be in the same container.

Thank you for your participation in this little "fun" question and answer. Now, please make sure your cans and bottles are empty before you put them in the appropriate **BIG BLUE BIN**.

It helps both the Earth and our budget as the money from the recycled materials goes to the Club budget.

LYSA t-shirts, hats and burgees are available for purchase.



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# LYSA's St. Patrick's Day Dinner



# SSS LYSA Ship 99

A new year is blossoming right before our eyes for Sea Scout Ship 99 LYSA. Meeting after meeting, our ship is learning how to work as a cohesive team while working towards our rank advancement.

We have many things planned for the upcoming month, We will be traveling to Martinez, CA to sail in the 2019 Seafarers Regatta. Our ship will also be helping in the 2019 Camporee. March was a fairly slow month for us because we were just planning for the upcoming year.

Three of our members Tiffany Costa, Sasha Tilakamonkul, and Tassha Tilakamonkul traveled to Vallejo, CA to attend CalMaritime Academy's "Women In Leadership COncference." This year we plan to advance everyone in our ship, have better connections with other Sea Scout Ships in California, and have a better sailing season this year.

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Sincerely,

Suchakris Tassha Tilakamonkul, SSS 99 LYSA Yeoman

# Sea Scout Ship 99 Cleans Up



# Super Bowl Soup Bowl Winner

On Sunday, February 3rd, Super Bowl enthusiasts were all winners, as they watched the big game and sampled a variety of delicious soup varieties made by LYSA Members.

Chris Martin's Zuppa Toscana took home the "Soup Bowl".



**Cruise/Social Capt.**

**Jay Sousa**



Spring at last! Now that it is finally starting to warm up and the days are getting longer I am sure that all of you, like Diane and I, are excited to get our boat in the lake for the season.

We had a great turnout for our St Patrick's Day dinner last month. Forty club members and guests enjoyed a great afternoon at the lake. Warm weather, great food and good company made for a very nice day.

Our next club event is our April social/potluck and membership meeting. The date is Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> at our LYSA clubhouse. Social starts at 6:00PM, potluck dinner at 6:30 and the membership meeting around 7:00. Please bring a dish to share and your own beverage.

I am still working out plans for the Lake Don Pedro cruise the first weekend in May. The dates are the dates are Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> through Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup>. Right now we have two boats interested. If you are interested please call me at (209) 617-1384 by the middle of April. I need to have a count to secure slips in the marina.

I wanted to remind club members of a very important benefit of your LYSA membership.

LYSA is a member of the PICYA, Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association. As members of this network of yacht clubs throughout Ca and the Pacific Northwest we have reciprocal privileges at fellow PICYA clubs. If you are traveling, with or without a boat, you are welcome at these other clubs as a guest. Over the years Diane and I have enjoyed the warm hospitality at several yacht clubs in CA and one in Portland as well. Many clubs have great dinners, which are very inexpensive. Nice bars if you want to stop in for a drink. Many have guest slips available, at very inexpensive rates, for visiting boats.

We have taken advantage of guest slips at the Morro Bay Yacht Club and the Santa Barbara Yacht Club on our way with our Cal 34 to Mexico several years ago.

One last item for my April column. Just a reminder to save the date for our annual opening day kickoff. The date is Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>. On this day many club members launch boats for the season. Everyone helps each other with mast raising and getting into your slip for the season. Afterward we enjoy a potluck dinner.

Watch for more details in the May newsletter and a flurry of emails that I will be getting out in late April.

**Upcoming Events**

**April, 2019**

- Make A Wish Event
- 7 Livingston Kite Festival—8:30 to 4
- Strictly Sail Pacific, Richmond
- Camellia Cup Regatta

**May, 2019**

- 3-5 Don Pedro Cruise
- 11 **LYSA Opening Day**
- 16 LYSA Thursday Night Summer Series Begins
- 18-19 **LYSA Spring Regatta**

**June, 2019**

- 6 Thursday Night Racing
- 13 Thursday Night Racing
- 20 Thursday Night Racing
- 22 **Open House/Shrimp Feed**
- 27 Thursday Night Racing

**July, 2019**

- 4 Independence Day Potluck Lunch BBQ & Fun Sail
- High Sierra Regatta, small boat, Huntington Lake
- High Sierra Regatta, large boat, Huntington Lake
- Special Needs Sailing Day 3—7 pm

**August, 2019**

- Racer's Dinner
- Junior Regatta

**September, 2019**

**October, 2019**

- Fleet Week SF Bay
- End of Year Party - Awards / Election

**November, 2019**

**December, 2019**

- 14 Christmas Party

**January, 2020**

- Monthly Membership Meeting

**February, 2020**

- Super Bowl Party - LYSA Clubhouse, 2 pm**
- Monthly Membership Meeting
- Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch Series

**March, 2020**

- 17 St. Patrick's Day at the Lake—Dinner at 6 pm
- Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch Series

**Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.**

**Knights of Columbus 8<sup>th</sup> Annual "Time to Fly" Kite Festival  
SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2019 8:30am to 4:00pm.**

The Knights of Columbus is proud to host the 8th Annual "Time to Fly" Kite Festival Sunday April 7, 2019. The Merced County Sheriff's Huey Helicopter will land to kick of the event and the **First 500 Kids get a free Kite.** The Kite Festival is presented by First Five Merced County, Hot 104.7 and Radio Lobo. 98.7 **Admission is FREE.**



Activities include GIANT Kite Flying Demonstrations, Kite Building Workshops, Kite Building Contest, a Rubik's Cube solving contest, the Rotary Club of Livingston Pie Eating Contest, Face Painting, Bounce Houses, Crafts, Kite, and Vendor booths. The Livingston Police, Livingston Volunteer Fire, Merced CHP, Merced County Sheriff and PG&E will provide safety demonstrations and tips. Livingston Community Health will provide **free preventative screenings** and resources for the community so come get your **FREE** blood glucose and blood pressure checks. When the weather is ideal, crowds can exceed up to 4,000 people.

**CANDY DROP:** "The Jim Streatly Memorial Sugar-Free Candy Drop." Presented by Fluetsch and Busby Insurance Agency.  
**ENTERTAINMENT (CULTURAL PERFORMANCES):** South Pacific/Hawaiian Dance, Philippine Dance, Punjabi Dance, Kids and Adults Folkloric Dance, Aztec Dance, and Los Viejitos Dance Groups. We will also have the Livingston High School Band, Kids Ballet Groups, Kids Karate/Kickboxing Demonstrations, and many more.



**Secretary**

**Chris Martin**



**LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order:** A combined meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on March 12, 2019 at the Lake Yosemite Sailing Association Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:00 pm, Commodore Tom Cooke presiding.

**Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, Chris Cooper:** Chris welcomed members to the meeting. He is looking forward to a good year with a good team, good ideas. Invited Board / Committee Members to report.

**Approval of Minutes: Motion:** Moved by Craig Anderson to dispense with reading of the minutes. Second by George Deane. **Motion carried.** Minutes were approved by acclimation.

**Commodore, Chris Cooper:** Nothing to report.

**Vice Commodore, George Deane:** The Committee Boat is in reasonable condition. Repairs discussed: remove rub rail, fill and replace rub rail, fiberglass and paint. Possibly invest in an on-board trickle charger for Winter storage. Committee Boat drivers need to be trained.

**Past Commodore, Tom Cooke:** Regatta forms are online. Jay designed a logo for the event. Darrell: trophies are



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done. Food is taken care of, Linda and Diane do lunches. Deb will fill in for Miranda. Need: camping. Need: courses (Miranda will discuss at Racer's Meeting). Need: swag. T-shirt order by April 15.

Open House: Increase price to \$35.

**Treasurer, Diane Sousa:** The Treasurer's report was shared.

**Dock Captain, Dan Farmer:** Not present. Chris Cooper mentioned someone is interested in renting a slip.

**House Captain, Deb Harden:** Nothing to report.

**Cruise / Social Committee, Jay Sousa:**

- St. Patrick's dinner 3/17
- Club members Jimmy and Jeannie Schriber, who keep a boat in Marina Bay in Richmond, have invited everyone to stop by for a visit during the sailboat show in Richmond on April 4-7
- Don Pedro 5/3 – 5/5, sail, potluck in the campground
- Sea Scouts Sasha and Hunter will be graduating from High School. Chris Currier will be graduating from UCM and then will race in our Regatta
- Opening Day 5/11
- Fish & Game reserved for 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in December.

**Race Captain: Miranda Hadley:** Racer's Meeting to discuss / create short and medium courses. Meeting to be held 3/17, before the St. Patrick's Day dinner.

**Junior Sailing, Matt Loeffler:** Not present.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** Due to the weather, the flagpole is still down. Tim and Thom will fix it. Also, Rick has a section of fence that the club owns that he will install for \$70. George will dispose of the two old barbecues.

**Good of the order:** Craig: two boats sold. One Member's Mom passed away, one Member's Dad passed away. Discussed Steve Leonard's health.

Chris Cooper asked for a volunteer to take over Sunshine. Linda Sorensen volunteered.

Jerry Rokes will be running a spinnaker clinic.

**Discussion:** Sail Camp: a new ROTC group from Salinas will be attending. The Turlock group will continue. We will use the old registration system. Brigitte Farmer will teach.

**Adjournment:** The next LYSA General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at the LYSA Clubhouse. Potluck at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm, Board following. **Motion:** Moved by Tom Cooke to adjourn, and seconded by George Deane. **Motion carried.** Membership meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Catalina swing keel 22 with trailer, many new parts, 4HP Mercury longshaft, boat has new bottom paint \$3000.

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