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Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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LYSA MEMORIES



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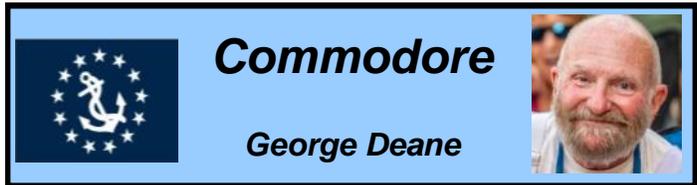
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All in all the sailing season is going pretty well considering our restrictions and hurdles. Thursday night races are my big get out of the house event for the week and I'd like to thank the extended race crew for all of their work and support. Craig Anderson has taken over as our "gardener" and all of his energy is sure showing results as the yard is definitely looking sharp. Our vice-commodore Dennis Pellisser is working his way through the fence project. To really do the fence right and maintain it on a long term basis is a lot more like painting the golden gate bridge than a once every 20 years or so project. Accordingly, fence repair and maintaince will become an ongoing annual budget item to get and stay ahead of the project.

The board has authorized a new cement slab in the storage shed next to the garage. Other improvements including kayak racks and other change were discussed and this is the first step along that road.

As most of you know, the proceeds from our Open House-Shrimp Feed are one of our main sources for funding of club maintaince and improvements. We are looking for ideas for other forms of fundraising to stay on top of the situation. If you have a suggestion let a board member know. We are always open to donations and contributions.

Finally, we have 12 new club members so far this year which appears to be a club record! If you see a new face be sure and introduce yourself and extend a hearty ahoy and welcome aboard.

See you at the lake.





Vice Commodore

Dennis Pellissier



We're almost there! Four new gates are completed and installed, several posts replaced, and three new sections of fence completely rebuilt and installed. What's left to do on our fence rehabilitation? A few pickets need to be replaced for now and we are ready to paint!

Thank you Craig Anderson and Matt Loeffler for your help with the fence. If you haven't been to the LYSA lately you are going to be amazed at the job Craig has done to clean up the yard and make the lawn "Great Again." Along with the fence repairs our headquarters is looking pretty spiffy if I might say!

As I had mentioned previously the fence repair will be an ongoing project in the next couple of years as

needed when more time and energy are available. Oh, did I just say I've run out of gas...



Just a note to those who use onsite winter storage for their boats, please be extra careful when backing your boats in so as not to hit the fence that we just replaced. Much appreciated!

Yours in the water.



we continuously seek out rotten posts, pickets and rails. What has been done this year is considerable though more replacement of damaged goods will be

Membership Meeting

Join us in August!

At the LYSA Clubhouse

Tuesday, August 11th

7:00 pm *Membership Meeting*

Board Meeting to follow

Observing COVID-19 safety guidelines



House Captain
Debbie Harden



I had an enjoyable weekend up at Huntington Lake and it was fun to see the boats out on the water. Beautiful!



LYSA Clubhouse business:

- LYSA Board has accepted a bid for the concrete floor in the part of the garage that is kayak storage. I don't have an exact date as to when that will happen, but soon.



- We have a new yard guy and he is doing a fantastic job. Next time you see Craig Anderson be sure to let him know how great the yard looks!

- The house has been well tended this summer. Thank you for cleaning up after yourself.

We have many new members (hooray!), so these are a couple of reminders for you:

- The paper supplies in the closet are for club sponsored events. If you are having a get together you must provide your own plates, cups, etc.
- Please make sure the inside and outside garbage are put in the dumpster at the end of your social. The dumpster key is in the drawer to the left of the stove.
- For a larger reserved event, use the form on the website. At this time, we are following COVID recommendations of size limits and social distancing. The web address is: <http://www.lakeyosemite sailing.org/clubhouse-reservation-application.html>

Any questions or concerns, call, text, email me at (209)777-4655, debra-harden@comcast.net



Upcoming Events

LYSA Summer Series—16 Thursdays, 5/14-8/20

August, 2020

- LYSA Summer Series, Thursday nights
- 15 LYSA Fun Race—Tentative
- Junior Regatta

September, 2020

- 10 LYSA Summer Series Awards Dinner
- Sea Scouts Appreciation

October, 2020

- 4-13 Fleet Week SF Bay
- 17 OYC Oktoberfest Regatta—Tentative
- End of Year Party - Awards / Election
- 31 RYC Great Pumpkin Regatta

November, 2020

December, 2020

- Christmas Party—\$15 per Adult

January, 2021

- Merced Running Club's Fog Jog / Annual Meeting

February, 2021

- Super Bowl Party

March, 2021

- RYC Big Daddy Regatta
- St. Patrick's Day at the Lake
- OYC Rites of Spring Regatta

April, 2021

- 54th FLYC Camellia Cup Regatta
- Make A Wish Event
- Livingston Kite Festival—8:30 to 4
- Strictly Sail Pacific, Richmond

May, 2021

- Friday Social / Saturday - LYSA Opening Day
- LYSA Thursday Night Summer Racing Series Begins
- LYSA Spring Regatta

June, 2021

- GCYC—Go for the Gold
- LYSA Dick Gardner Memorial, 1st Day of Summer, Race
- SSC Delta Ditch Run
- Open House/Shrimp Feed

July, 2021

- LYSA Summer Series, Thursday nights
- Raft-Up / Fun Sail — 2 pm
- Special Needs Sailing Day 3—7 pm

Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.



Race Captain
Rachel Hadley




Guest Columnist
Craig Anderson



If you have not yet joined the Thursday Night Races, you should consider joining us in this year's Summer Series 'beer can' races! The 'beer can' races are a wonderful opportunity to hone your sailing skills and increase your knowledge of the 'rules of the road.'

We only have 8-10 boats participate each week, so there's lots of elbow room on the course for novice sailors to maneuver without fouling the more serious racers. We are going to continue racing through this month of August; take a week off, and plan to host an awards ceremony on Thursday Night, September 10th.

Please forward your recommendations for the annual Crew Person of the Year award.

We have been in contact with the County Parks and Rec Department, trying to get permission to put in permanent Racing Marks around the Lake, which will alleviate a great burden from our Race Committee having to set and collect the Racing Marks every week. We will keep you posted as to the outcome of our petition, as soon as we receive final determination from them.

May the seas be smooth before you; may a gentle breeze fill your sails; may sunshine warm your face; and may kindness warm your soul.



Ahoy mates,

I have recently taken the job of LYSA groundskeeper. As a new retiree, I needed to keep active and I wanted to make a positive contribution to our fantastic club. So what better way than to take on the duties of gardener. I hope that you notice an improvement to our facility and I intend to make more enhancements to our little slice of paradise here in Merced.

This fall we will plant new trees on the grounds with donations from Rachel Hadley in memorial to Steve Leonard. Dee Near is also donating to plant a tree for Guy and the Wharf Rats which includes Tim Packwood, Ed Green and Jim Streatly.

The shed has been cleared out and we are pouring a concrete floor to keep out the vermin. As a matter of fact, we had to scare a skunk out when we were moving the kayaks. After we get a solid floor we will build racks for the kayaks.

It is now time to clean and organize the garage. If you have any personal

items stored in the garage, they need to be removed as soon as possible. I will be doing a deep cleaning the week of August 3rd so please help out and take care of your stuff. Don't hesitate to contact me if you need a hand. Thank you.

Fair winds

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Secretary
Chris Martin



from her database. Rachel will send George a letter. Diane will print labels and letters, will stuff and mail them.

Motion: Moved by Deb to send letter. George will write letter, cc board. **Second** by Rachel. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer, Diane Sousa: No report.

Dock Captain, Kendall Nightengale: Not present.

House Captain, Deb Harden: Kudos to Craig Anderson, our new yard guy. We can see a great improvement in the appearance of our property. Diane reminded Craig he needs to submit a monthly invoice to be billed. Rich and Craig cleaned out the shed next to the garage. There was a skunk that Craig chased off. There were wood floors, under the wood there were holes where animals have burrowed. Bombs were set off to kill fleas. We would like to pour concrete to create a floor, Deb took a bid of \$1800 to pour a concrete slab. Jay asked to have metal posts installed in the concrete where we could install kayak racks. Craig has material to build freestanding racks. Kayaks were labeled with LYSA, and are available to LYSA Members.

Motion: Moved by Dennis to install slab (\$1800) in the kayak shack. **Second** by Diane Sousa. **Motion carried.**

Discussion about tree maintenance. Bids at \$400 to trim dead branches and remove mistletoe. Steve's memorial organization is willing to pay for new trees. Craig, Deb, and Rachel will research and submit a proposal to the Board on the types of trees.

LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A combined meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on July 14, 2020 at the Lake Yosemite Sailing Association Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 6:30 pm, Commodore George Deane presiding.

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, George Deane: George welcomed members to the meeting. George invited Board / Committee Members to report.

Approval of Minutes:

The March and June minutes approved by acclamation.

Commodore, George Deane:

Vice Commodore, Dennis Pellissier: The fence should be an ongoing project due to the nature of the repairs needed. Each year we will replace sections. Annual cost would be \$1K to \$1.5K.

Discussion: Looking forward to November's budget, lease with the County / MID, based on maint. needs, adjustment in dock fees to support maintenance. Discussion - Peg: reach out to Members. Rachel suggested a letter drive with a self-addressed envelope, asking for donations to fund dock, shed, fence project. Deb asked who would send out the letter. Diane can generate mailing labels

If you are not on Facebook, then you missed out on my post about the Harden House going on the market. If you know anyone who would love a well built and well-maintained house on over an acre, please have them get in touch.



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Motion: Moved by Deb Hardin spend \$400 for tree maintenance. **Second** by Rachel Hadley. **Motion carried.**

Cruise / Social Committee, Mike Strealy: Not present.

Race Captain: Rachel Hadley: Six races with 6 to 12 sailors, average of 8. Times are entered and posted by Mike Strealy. Racing through the end of August, one week off, then a COVID-safe awards ceremony September. Rachel: set up a short course for junior sailors to use on Thursday.

Deb: Gas tank stolen from committee boat, reimbursed from General Fund.

Motion: Moved by George Deane to split the reimbursement 50/50 between Junior Sailing and General Fund.

Second by Chris Martin. **Motion carried.**

Junior Sailing, Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler: Sail camp recap.

Sharon Antener, 18 yo volunteer with youth sailing enrichment, wants to be a new member. Discussion: compensate sail camp leaders Casey and Sharon. Deb – suggested a gift card to show appreciation of their efforts.

Motion: Moved by Deb Harden, Junior Sailing to pay \$75 plus \$120 for Sharon Antener's membership. **Second** by Chris Martin. **Motion carried.**

Sea Scouts: No Report.

Old Business:

Membership cards. SPM Photo Marketing shut down due to Coronavirus. Jay will follow up. Should take around three weeks. Need updated Member list from Diane. UP-DAT E jay called, they are now open, he will order.

New Business: Diane received applications from new Members:

- Sharon Antener. Sponsor: Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler
- Willie Ibarra & Fahm Silva – he is a hazmat tech, she is a teacher at Charles Wright, 6 kids
- Wallace and Lisa Bowers – Sponsor Brigitte Bowers Loeffler
- Chris & Kelly Betts. Dennis: interview sponsor and prospective member, why they want to join.

Craig will be taking the old ice machine.

Good of the order: No items.

The next LYSA Membership / Board meeting will be held July 14, 2020.

Motion: Moved by Dennis Pellissier to adjourn, and **Second** by Rachel Hadley. **Motion carried.** Board meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

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