

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

August 2013



A snapshot from our Thursday night races. Cover photo courtesy of Kathi Fournier.

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It seems like the season just started and here we are in August. It has been a blur since opening weekend and through the Regatta and Shrimp Feed. Things are slowing down a bit now but be sure to keep checking the calendar on the website because there are still some club events remaining.

I am happy to report that the numbers are back from the Shrimp Feed and we did very well. The club made about \$3500 for future improvements and better yet, Sail Camp raised almost \$2000! Great work everyone. We have set the bar very high for next year.

There have been a few minor issues at the club that I want you all to be aware of. There have been a few occasions where doors and locks have not been secured at the end of the day/night. Remember, if you are the last one at the club, be sure and check everything before leaving (Including the dock gate). Also remember that guests need to be accompanied by members at all times.

I hope you all have a great month and be safe on the water. As always if you have sailing photos or stories to share, email them to me or Ed Dietz so we can include them in the newsletter and/or the website.

Want to be more active in LYSA?

[Come to our membership meetings!](#)

2nd Tuesday of every month, at 7PM

- * Know what is going on
- * Contribute new ideas
- * Participate in projects
- * Enjoy socializing with other members at pre-meeting potluck

Next Meeting: August 13, 2013, 7PM



Secretary

Ed Dietz



Membership Meeting: 7/9/2013, 7:07PM – 7:58PM, Attendance: 17

Minutes: Secretary read the minutes from the 6/11/2013 membership and board meetings.

Reports—Actions—Discussions

Commodore, Mike Streal... Members need to question people who look like strangers that are in our compound or using our facilities.

Vice Commodore, Suzanne Johnson... Thank you for all the help on the Open House raffle.

Past Commodore, Thom Grimaldi...

- * The Open House was a success.
- * The status of the tree stump removal was tabled.

Treasurer, Dianne Sousa... Provided the financial status of LYSA. Current membership is 77.

House Captain, Jay Sousa...

- * A paper towel dispenser is on order.
- * Do not leave liquor in the refrigerator or cabinets.
- * Plan to purchase a new BBQ out of the house budget.

Port Captain, Tim Harden... absent.

Cruise & Social Capt., Kathi Fournier...

- * Huntington Lake was great at the Fresno Yacht Club Regatta.
- * Currently planning for the racers dinner.
- * Fourth of July even had 30 sailors.

Race Captain, Darrell Sorensen...

- * The center board class of sail boats will start in the 3rd position on Thursday nights.
- * Need volunteers for the Thursday night Race Committee and the July 20th Dick-Gardner Race.

- * The third racing session starts 7/11/2013.

Secretary, Ed Dietz... Read the minutes from the previous membership and board meetings.

Jr. Sail Camp Committee... See Brigitte or Matt for scholarship donations.

Old Business:

Jay Sousa will provide a form for reserving LYSA facilities and Mike Streal will make the form accessible online.

New Business: None.

Adjourned: 7:58 PM

Board Meeting: 7/9/2013, 8:04—8:30 PM

Minutes: The board approved the minuted from the 6/11/2013 meetings which were presented at today's membership meeting.

Reports—Actions—Discussions

Please refer to the minutes from the membership meeting.

Old Business:

- * *Dinghy Dry Storage on Side Yard:* tabled. (Open—Thom Grimaldi)
- * *Clubhouse Usage & Procedures Project:* Tabled. (Open—Jay Sousa)
- * *Guidelines for Advertising & Promoting:* Tabled. (Open—Jay Sousa)
- * *Sea Scout Sponsorship Project:* Tabled. (Open—Board)
- * *New Membership Application:* Tabled. (Open—Mike Streal)
- * *Tree Stump Removal:* The board agreed to limit costs to \$300. (Open—Thom Grimaldi)
- * *LYSA Stickers:* Purchase 4 inch LYSA stickers to sell to members fro \$4.00. (MSP— Board Project—Open)

New Business:

- * Slip holders need to sign contract. (Open)
- * Jay Sousa will provide a form for reserving LYSA facilities and Mike Streal will put the form online (Open—Jay & Mike).
- * **Adjourned:** 8:30 PM



Vice Commodore

Suzanne Johnson



Cruise/Social Capt.

Kathi Fournier



A group of Skippers are walking through town looking for crew, when they see a five-story building with a sign that read, "Crew Association: Ship's Crew Available" Since they are without their crews, they decide to go in. The Security Guard, a very salty type, explains to them how it works. "We have five floors. Go up floor by floor and once you find what you are looking for, for crew, you can go there and make a selection. It's easy to decide since each floor has a sign telling you who is inside."

Everything seems wonderful, so they start going up and on the first floor the sign reads, "All the crew on this floor are beginners." The skippers laugh, and without hesitation move on to the next floor. The sign on the second floor reads, "All the crew here are experienced, smart but weak."

Still, this isn't good enough, so the Skippers continue on up. They reach the third floor and the sign reads, "All the crew here are experienced, smart and strong." They still want to do better, and so, knowing there are still two floors left, they kept going. On the fourth floor, the sign is perfect, "All the crew here are experienced, smart, strong and Former Americas Cup Champions." The Skippers get excited and are about to go in when they realize that there is still one floor left.

Wondering what they are missing, they head up to the fifth floor. There they find a sign that reads, "There are no crew here. This floor was built only to prove that there is no way to please a Skipper!"

I bet a lot of us can relate to the aforementioned "joke." But, truly I believe that a skipper is only as good as his crew!!! I am fortunate in that I have an awesome crew on "Rapture" on Thursday nights. I want to thank Peg, Ian, Diane, Debbie and Sonia for their awesome (Continued on top of page 5)

Hello Fellow Sailors!

July marks about half way through our sailing season, so those of you who have been too busy to take your boat out, better think about dropping those lines and get out on the lake. The sunsets have been outstanding, the winds have been quite accommodating, so come on out and sail!

Our 4th of July BBQ was fun, and at the same time a bit somber. Just a reminder to all.. please remember to respect the water; the lake is cold and deep. Wear a PFD or at least have quick access to a flotation device. (Especially those of us who frequently sail alone).

Huntington was a great success. The winds were strong, watching the racing was great, whether you were watching from the shore or boat. Brian and Cindy took their power boat and got some great pictures (Thanks!). We took our Catalina 25 for her first adventure out of town, and she sailed very well. Our Saturday night barbeque was hosted by Tim and Debbie. Thanks guys for having everyone at your cabin. Tim cooked on the BBQ, and everyone brought food, it was a lot of fun! This is an event we plan to go to every year!

Rich did a great job on Special Olympics Day. This was my first time attending and sailing with these very special kids and adults. They touched my heart in a very special way. Something so simple as sailing is such an awesome experience for these folks; they look forward to it every year. I would love to do this again. Watching the two young men on my boat and witnessing the sense of accomplishment they felt just warmed my heart. In their world of difficulties, this is something they can excel at. I'm sure every kid, adult, and parent attending that day felt the fullness in their heart like I did. Rich, thanks again!!! (Continued on page 5)

Classifieds

Vice Commodore Continued...

abilities and camaraderie. I understand that our laughter can be heard all over the lake. Who says you can't have fun when you are sailing! Having fun on the lake while still being competitive yet obeying the racing rules is paramount to the success of our Thursday night race series. However, let us be mindful of sailing safely and helping other sailors when they are in need. So far, it looks like we might not need Chrissy's assistance in getting out of the mud. However, if we do it is nice to know that we can count on her.

I appreciate Thom and Karen Grimaldi for providing the after race dinners. Also, a special thanks to Linda Sorensen for always pitching in whether it be cleaning and/or cooking.

The Shrimp Feed was an amazing success! Thanks Ian and Peg for all of your hard work and donations with regard to the raffle.

Keep up the club participation!!

Happy and safe sailing!!

Cruise/Social Capt. Continued...

Sooo... Leave your computers, gadgets, smart phones, televisions...and get in your car, drive to the lake, and Go Sailing, before the winds leave you behind.

So once again... **See you on the lake!**



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1976 BANSHEE - In good shape except for broken mast step. New replacement part is available. The boat is free. I would like it to go to someone who loves to sail. Contact Darrell Sorensen: sorensenwoodcraft@gmail.com



House Captain

Jay Sousa



Race Captain

Darrell Sorensen



Wow, August already, where is the summer going? If you are like us and have not had a chance to use your boat as much as you would like don't panic there are still two good months of sailing ahead of us. It has been a very hot summer, but remember: it is always a lot cooler at the lake! So make plans after a tough day at work to come out to your clubhouse to enjoy a nice barbecue, sail and camaraderie with your fellow club members.

I recently re-stocked the house with paper products that should take us through the remainder of the summer but if you find we are getting low on an item please do not hesitate to let me know. Also, please remember that paper products such as paper plates, cups and utensils are for club members and club functions. If you have reserved the clubhouse for a private function please bring your own paper products, with the exception of toilet tissue and paper towels. This way we can continue to offer the clubhouse to members at no charge.

I recently had the pleasure of running a week's session of sail camp; what fun it is to see these young kids out on the water on the Lido's and Lasers! A big shout out to Matt and Bridgett for doing such a great job with this program. We had four one-week sessions this year and all were very well attended. In all we were able to introduce sailing to almost fifty kids this summer!

One last note on sail camp, I recently had asked club members not to leave alcohol in the fridge at the club and many asked me why. The reason was that during sail camp parents drop off their kids in the morning and often will escort them into the house and place their lunches in the fridge. I just don't think it is a good idea with twelve to fifteen young kids using our facilities that parents see a fridge with open wine bottles in it. Sail camp will be done for the year on August second however. Hoping to see many club members at the lake soon!

It's hard to believe that there are only 4 Thursday evening races left. The attendance has been good with a total of 29 boats taking part. It has also been good to see some new faces showing up and crewing: sail campers, UC Merced students, and others. Bob Gardner, son of Dick Gardner has been crewing on Thursdays and also sailing a Windmill in the Dick Gardner series. Both Dave Mosher and I have been urging Matt Prue, who owns an Olson 30 at Huntington Lake and has also sailed dinghies, to come to Lake Yosemite. He showed up last Thursday, Elizabeth Dietz need crew on her Windmill. She and Matt teamed up and lead much of the centerboard race. This is the first time that Steve Leonard has not lead with his Laser all season.

New race flags have been purchased to fill in some of the gaps for ones we were missing. Also new flag poles and holders have been made for the Race Committee stand.

At the Dick Gardner race on July 20th we had 4 Lasers, 4 Windmills and 2 in the open class. Michael Johnson made the trip from Colfax to race his Windmill with his daughter Olivia. He plans to be back for the next two races and I expect to see even more Windmills showing up. The next races are August 17th and September 7th.

It has been a tradition to have a race dinner after the Thursday Summer Series is over. It had been on the calendar for Friday August 30th. At our last meeting that plan was axed since the date was the begging of Labor Day weekend and many would be out of town including myself. Please let me know if we want to have a race dinner and what date. I would think the Thursday after the last race September 5th would work. If we are to have a dinner, it would need to be firmed up by our next club meeting Aug 14th.

See you at the lake!

A Wife's View of Huntington Lake

By Debbie Harden

As Friday of the third weekend in July rolled around, I said goodbye to Tim and Jacob. They had prepared the boat the night before and were ready to head out bright and early. From their accounts, all went smooth on the way up. Dodd and Kathi helped get the mast up! I thank both of you and so do Tim's shoulders. The boys went to bed early, in anticipation of the breakfast Rachel was going to fix them, and the races were scheduled the next day.

Saturday morning, I completed my preparations and departed for Huntington Lake around 11:00. I love the quiet solitary drive up there. I get to sing out loud, make stops to check things out along the way, and just enjoy the "no hurry to get there" feeling. One of my favorite stops is the pull out at the top just as you get to the lake. You can see the entire lake and the sailboats. It is breathtaking.



I got there in time to see some of the first race. I enjoy the view from the rocks as the boats come down the lake with their spinnakers flying. This is one of my all time favorite places to sit. It is in the sun, but cool from the wind coming across the water. The view is spectacular. It is fun to listen in to the conversations around. Some of the veterans telling visitors what is going on and some non-sailors coming up with their own "sailing vocabulary." One family I stood by called the spinnakers balloons.



After the second race, the boat got tucked in for the night and we went to the cabin to relax and talk about the races. Tim has started a new tradition at the lake. He brings up his barbeque and invites friends to bring their own meat to cook & a side dish. We had such a great time. Besides Tim, Jacob, Mike and me: Rachel, Craig & Megan, Dave & Kim, Ryan, Ian, Brian & Cindy, Kathi & Dodd and Milton attended. (Hope I didn't forget anyone; We missed Steve, Lee & his crew.) We

ate, drank, talked and laughed the evening away. And yes, Ryan, it was an early night. When you hang with the sailors, it is bedtime pretty much as soon as the sun goes down.

The next morning, I awoke to the smell of bacon and coffee. Rachel was at work again doing her magic in the kitchen whipping up breakfast for us. Yummy! We packed up, checked out and headed to the boat. Mike, Tim and Jacob talked strategies as they worked to get the boat set up. It was another beautiful day at Huntington Lake, at least from my point of view. It is amazing how the wind seems to switch on just in time for the races! I found my perch and enjoyed the morning race.

The least enjoyable part of Huntington is the take out after the races. Racers want their boats off the water and they want them off NOW. I can't really blame them as some of them are a long way from home. This year I had another reason to not enjoy the take out, but that is another whole story. Let's just say I am recovering well. Next year, maybe Tim and I will stay until Monday and enjoy a less frantic ending to the weekend.

If you have never been to the races, mark your calendar now. We would love to see you up there cheering on the racers and enjoying an evening of fun.

5 Overnights @ 5 Locations in San Francisco Bay

By Ed Dietz

Dates: 7/26/2013 (Friday) through 7/30/2013 (Tuesday)

LYSA Sail Boats: Two

1. *Pre Cursor*, MacGregor 25 // Skipper: Bryan Blaag; Crew: Cindy Blaag
2. *Prime Time*, MacGregor 26 // Skipper: Ed Dietz; Crew: Maria Dietz, Johnathan Dietz (14 yrs.), Genna Dietz (11 yrs.), and Katherine Dietz (10 yrs.)

Course:

- Day 1** Launched at Richmond Marina Bay Yacht Harbor. Sailed to Clipper Bay Yacht Harbor in Sausalito.
- Day 2** Sailed to Oyster Cove in South San Francisco.
- Day 3** Sailed to Balena Isle Marina in Alameda.
- Day 4** Sailed to Loch Lomond Marina in San Rafael.
- Day 5** Sailed to Marina Bay Yacht Harbor in Richmond.
- Day 6** Pulled out at Richmond.

Highlights: (1) The sail, (2) The destinations, (3) Dinner at a different restaurant each night with friends, and (4) The views of San Francisco Bay from a sail boat.

Summary:

Our longest sail was four hours and the shortest sail was two hours. It was interesting to find the entrance to a couple of the marinas– Oyster Cove and Loch Lomond. We also visited the Bay Model Museum in Sausalito, the beach at Balena Isle Marina, and the Victory Ship and Rosie the Riveter/ World War II Home Front Museums as Richmond.

Of course, the 30 MPH wind and waves at the slot between Treasure Island and Angel Island was memorable. We sailed the whole time with a reefed main and used the head sail once in a while. The most comical event was me stepping off the dock finger at Sausalito while trying to tighten up the stern line. It was so funny that Bryan forgot he had a bright orange life ring on the rear of his boat.



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