

Light Air



Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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Special Needs Sailing Day was a great success again this year. Read more about it in this issue.



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Commodore

Suzanne Johnson



*Dead ahead, through the pitch-black night, the captain sees
a light on a collision course with his ship.
He sends a signal: "Change your course ten degrees east."
"Change yours ten degrees west," comes the reply.
The captain responds, "I'm a United States Navy captain!
Change your course, sir!"
"I'm a seaman second class, the next message reads.
"Change your course, sir."
The captain is furious. "I'm a battleship! I'm not changing
course!"
"I'm a lighthouse. Your call."*

Q: Do you know what you call a Snail on a Ship?

A: A SNAILER!

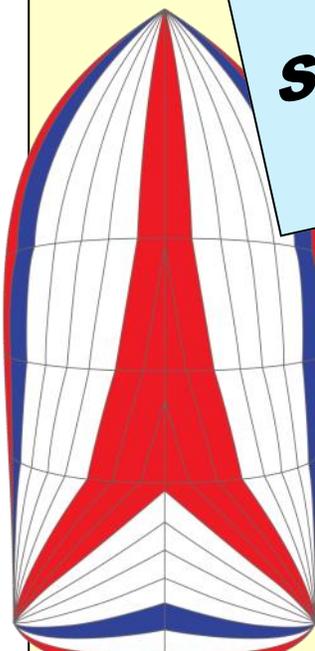
First of all, I would like to offer my congratulations to John Larson and Peggy Lawler for tying the knot (no pun intended) on July 26, 2014!

Secondly, I would like to thank my husband Jerry Johnson for changing things up on Thursday nights. Although not always receptive to the changes, the racers seem overall pleased with the changes Jerry has implemented in the race courses. As always, Kaitlyn Harden has done a fantastic job calling the shots. Another thank you to Debbie Harden who can always be counted on for race committee. Speaking of which, we could always use race committee volunteers. Not to go unnoticed, congrats to Matt Loeffler for spear heading the taco night following the Thursday night races. It has been a HUGE success!!

A special welcome to all of our new Club members. We are so glad to have you. Welcome!! An orientation will be scheduled in the near future.

Our sailing will be extended through the beginning of September, so enjoy the water while you can.

Please do not forget our General Meeting the second Tuesday of each month. See you at the Lake.



Free Spinnaker Clinic

Instruction on spinnaker rigging and handling. "Chalkboard Session" at the clubhouse followed by hands on time rigging boats at the dock as well as on the water training. All are welcome!

Saturday, August 30
3 pm to 6 pm

Potluck Dinner to Follow



Past Commodore
Mike Streatly



While my duties as Past Commodore are pretty much over, I still have some things to report on as your Port Captain.

Here is some great news: We recently found out that the MID was extending their irrigation season which will in turn extend our season! Ours was supposed to end on August 15 but is going to be extended to September 7.

Since I can't imagine any circumstance where the date would be extended again, this is your notice that you should plan on having your boats out by September 7. At that point the water levels can drop suddenly and drastically.

When you do remove your boats remember to take all mooring lines and water hoses with you. Do not leave them on the docks as they become attractive nuisances to some of the characters that frequent the lake in the winter months.

Also, at this time I am taking requests for winter storage spots. Spaces are limited so I will take names until August 15. On August 16 I will assign them to those who have requested them. If there are more requests than spaces, I will draw names randomly to fill the spots. You can either email me or hand me a request in writing please.

For those of you who are using the spaces for summer dry sailing, the end of our season (September 7) is the last day of your contracted agreement. This is a change from previous years. It was changed to be in sync with boats coming out of the water. So if you do not get a winter spot you will have to remove your boat and trailer by that date.

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Cruise/Social Capt.

Matt Loeffler/Ryan Schwartz



Hello all! (From Ryan)

For those that don't know, last week I took the family on the Delta which was a blast. Two adults and three kids all in a 25 foot boat for 4 days was a little overwhelming at times, but definitely a trip everyone will remember. I'll cover this day by day with as much details as I can provide, but I recommend this trip to anyone. My only advice is to look at all marinas available on the Delta and pick the ones that fit your needs and if possible, go with multiple boats.

Day 1: Yesterday we motored for about 16 miles upwind to Sugar Barge which only took about 3 hours. Stockton Sailing club was very nice and let me park the truck there so I didn't have to pay the daily rate at Buckley Cove where we put the boat in. When we hit Franks Tract it felt like the ocean. The swells were huge and we kept getting splashed. We also had a great time there making s'mores with our RV neighbors who we met on the docks in front. Sugar Barge didn't have any

slips for us so we got to park in the fuel/temporary parking area and tie in there. The kids watched Despicable Me 2 inside a very cool RV and Anya even got to ride some kids bike around the camp site to her best ability. We got back to



the boat around 10:00 p.m. and everyone fell asleep fast. Had a great time at Sugar Barge. Day 2 - we started out the morning with showers at Sugar Barge and then got the boat ready. Off

we went towards Pittsburg where once again the waves were like ocean waves and the wind was high. Anya road on the front of the boat having a blast every time the boat went up a wave and crashed down. This made Linda VERY nervous but I used to do it when I was a kid so it was very cool seeing my child do it so many years later. We got to Pittsburg around 4 and went to eat downtown at a Mexican restaurant. After that we came back to the boat and the kids watched Muppets Most Wanted on my computer.



When the movie was over they went swimming in the very cold river which did not last long. I think it took us the same amount of time to blow up the swimming tubes so that didn't last long. We BBQ'd dinner and ate chicken and Cheetos. Yum! Other than a frequent outburst by the kids, everything was fun.

Day 3 - Did not go so well. We started out by going the wrong direction about a mile and then backtracked. On the way back, we grounded out in a shallow part of the river which was basically one foot deep. While trying to reverse out, I broke the motor. It took Linda and I about two-three hours to unass the boat and get it in deeper water where we anchored and raised the sail. When we got up the sail and

started going, the tiller/rudder popped out and it took me every bit of strength to get it back in and get us out of the shallows. Linda was a rock star in all this. She had to get out with me to push and pull the boat out of 1 foot of mud, then she was in charge of getting the boat set up to sail while I held it in 4 feet of water. After that, she had to crank up and down the keel while we tried to sail out of the mess. Once we were safe, we sailed going downwind to our destination. The kids did awesome during all of

this mess. Once we made it to Delta Marina, the wind was coming in from the southwest making it impossible to enter the marina. We parked at the Mexican restaurant right outside the entrance and I walked to the harbor master. They closed ten minutes before I got there but were still in there. Luckily they answered the door and the towed my boat into the marina. It's really nice in Delta Marina, but it's a VERY small town.

The bathrooms were right by where my boat was towed to so hazzah! Anyone who has ever stayed at a marina knows how great that is. We hung out, took showers, the kids watched a movie, and we ate at the restaurant. I called West Marine, and they wanted to charge me \$3200 for a new motor. Um. No thanks. The



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quality time with Linda and the kids so far has been nothing short of amazing.

Day 4 - We woke up at about 8 and did the shower thing. The people in Delta Marina store were incredibly nice and they got the local mechanic on the line to see if he had any used motors.

There was absolutely no wind and had we not gotten a motor, we would still be there. The mechanic had a Honda 9.9 electric start motor for a heavily discounted price and he



brought it to me. He also drove me to the bank to get money and he installed it. I traded the other motor for some money off. We left Delta Marina and headed to 3 mile slough where they had to raise a bridge for us to go under. We headed towards Owl Harbor which was located in a swamp. There was literally nothing there except a wonderful very old man in a captains hat, white beard, and a thong speedo taking pictures of his very naked lady leaning up against a boat. That was interesting to say the least and I'm glad the kids didn't see it. The image is burned in my mind. Owl Harbor was building a new pavilion which was very loud. At any rate, we did not see it as a place to stay for us so we headed to the Pirates lair. We ate lunch there and they had no place to eat dinner so we headed back to Stockton where the truck was. On the way back to Stockton, we pulled over and had a swim in the river. It was so hot this day and a swim was promised and much needed. The kids LOVED it. This motor was a lot more quieter than the previous and much smoother.

All and all it was a great trip even with the motor breaking and I recommend taking this trip. Stay between the Green and Red markers and everything will go better than it did for me. We will do it again but check out the marinas on the Delta before the trip to see if they better fit the needs of the kids. Ed Dietz and Brian Blagg are taking the same trip at the end of July and I look forward to hearing about their adventures.

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Race Captain

Jerry Johnson



Richard Wilson, my future son in law and I showed up at the lake around 2pm on the day of the Special Needs sailing day. We saw Mike Streatly and Rich Kleitman hard at work along with several other members getting ready for the event. Taking these people sailing and watching their reactions and expressions is priceless. Getting on the boat, our guests are a little shy and quiet but once we put squirt guns in their hands they come alive. The main problem on our boat was to teach them to squirt the other boats and not Rich and myself. The entire day was great and one of the more fun things we do at LYSA.

Racing at LYSA has been better than we could have planned at the beginning of the year. Having enough water was not a sure thing at the first of the season, but has turned out to be OK. Changing up the courses has also been welcomed by most of the sailors. I thank all who have helped setting and picking up the course and running the race committee. It would be nice to see more people get involved and participate in the activities. It actually will enhance your experience at the club as well as build more camaraderie. With that said elections are coming up soon and OUR CLUB needs PEOPLE to step up and run for a position. Being on the board has been a lot of fun this year even though the water situation was questionable. The board this coming year should be every bit as strong and positive in their direction as in 2014.



Jerry and Richard with a group of special guests



House Captain
Linda Sorensen



I think we've been out at the LYSA Club House more than we've been home with all he goings on. Four weeks of Sail Camp with the largest group of students we have ever had. Our grandson Rio attended and is ready to join up next year.

Saturday the 26th Richard Kleitman had a great turn out for the Special Needs sail day and picnic. Ten LYSA members took their sail boats out for the event. Each sail boat was equipped with water cannons to do battle. Everyone came back to the club house all smiles and wet. It was a fun day by all. Great job Richard!

Two Dick Gardner races have come and gone with the third one coming up Saturday August 16th.

Fleas were found in the side shed, so I had Gary Davis come out to spray. There were so many fleas that he had to spray the second time. There have been a number of ideas on what to do with the side shed that been suggested by LYSA members. The space could be put to better use than storage for lumber & kayaks. The ice machine is working again, just need a good thawing.

Thursday night racing is going well with each week a few more racers showing up. Matt Loeffler's Taco dinners have brought a large crowd every Thursday. Thanks Matt you're a great chef!

Next week will be ROTC sail camp. They will be camping in the LYSA yard for three days and learning to sail.

See you around,
 Linda



Former Cruise and Social Captain Kathi Fournier was out and about on the bay recently. She reports that she finally sailed under the Golden Gate! Maybe we'll get a recap of her trip next month?



SCHEDULE FOR 2014

(See the online calendar for updates throughout the year)

AUGUST

- 16 Garage Sale for Race Committee
- 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

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