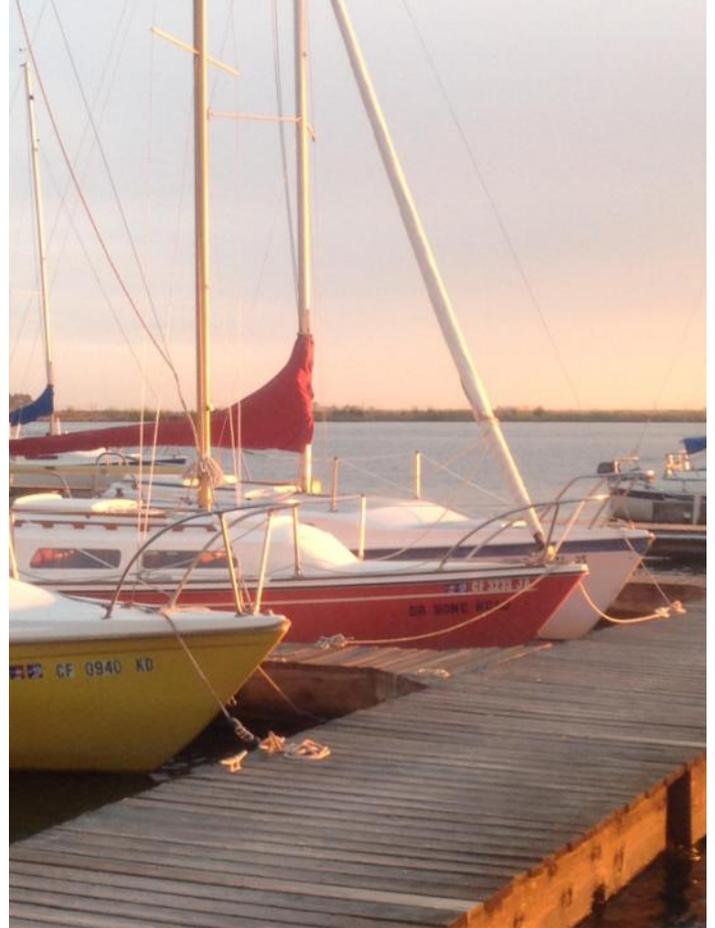


Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

August 2018

Racing Outside of LYSA



The Bay View Boat Club's 34th Annual Plastic Classic Regatta was held on July 21st, 2018.

Team Hard N Fast finished 3rd in fleet and 8th overall.



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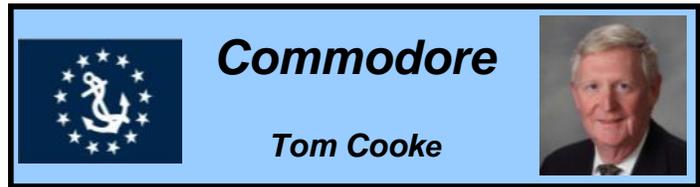
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Last month was a blistering sweltering smoky hot mess. Mariposa has been on fire since July 13th and looks like we will be fighting the flames at least into early August. Let's pray for cooler weather in the latter half of August.

Every time I could get out of the foothills and go to the lake it was definitely the place to be. It's always several degrees cooler and there is much less smoke at the clubhouse.

Thanks again to Dan Farmer we had a great feast on July 4th at the lake. Great job and good food! Kudos to Richard Kleitman for hosting the special needs event and Kudos as well to Lee Anderson for putting the Make a Wish evening sail together and to our Sea Scouts for helping with the Thursday night dinners.

Please start thinking about whom you would like to see on the board for next year, our elections will be coming up sooner that you think.

LYSA is unique, a diamond in the rough if you will. Please take advantage of our venue and come out as much as you can. Also I am hoping that more people will come out on Thursdays to support our racers.

See you at the lake.





Vice Commodore

Chris Cooper



Race Captain

Debbie Harden



Hello everyone and happy August!

July has been a busy month for our family. Owen has completed his rank of Bear in Cub Scouts and moved onto Webelos 1 during his advancement camp on Scout Island. He also completed a week of sail camp and had an absolute blast! He was able to finish off the week by taking Grampa George out for a sail, which they both thoroughly enjoyed. Now he is off to tennis lessons followed by swimming lessons with the girls.

We have begun the 2nd half of Thursday night races. These are typically much lower wind. We could really use more boats on the water during this time. As Sir Francis Chichester was quoted, "Any damn fool can navigate the world sober. It takes a really good sailor to do it drunk." So please bring out a 6 pack and float with us around some marks and maybe even get in someone's way while doing it.



Port Captain

Chris Currier



I hope everybody has been enjoying the lake and good winds we've been having, it's a nice break from the heat wave.

We took a trip to Port Townsend Washington, this is one of the oldest ports on the west coast, and full of maritime history. There is a beautiful fully active wooden boat restoration building and a great sail loft. Got to sail with my brother and do some crabbing in the Sound and took a day trip to Victoria. On my way back, we stopped by the Port Angeles Yacht Club and picked up a burgee for the collection.

I have been involved in three different boating rescues already this summer, any boat can get in trouble on the lake and captains need to have some backup plans, like have an anchor, or make sure you have extra rope for tie-offs and towing, remember if you get in trouble you can always drop your sails and drift till you regroup. Sailing is great fun especially in the good winds, but things can break and go wrong out there, just be prepared for the worst.

See you on the water.

I Don't Want to Race! Written by Pat Reynolds, November, 2017, published on ASA website
We know you don't. BUT, let's talk about it. We've found racing sailboats is one of those things that can be slightly controversial. Odd as it sounds there are some sailors who not only don't like to race in a sailboat, they resent it – it bothers them. "Why would I ever want to sail around a mark, stressing out, trying to go a half knot faster than someone else who is also white-knuckled and experiencing a bunch of his own stress? I want to relax when I sail – that's why I sail!" Yes, we get it. You left out the part about intentionally trying to cut each other off and scream at one another.

It's true that yacht racing allows for this type of behavior and the goal is definitely trying to get that small edge on your competitors, but put that aside for a minute and be open to a different view on why participating in some races might be a great thing to do.

First, forget about that whole white-knuckle stress thing...it doesn't have to be that way, even if that is a perception. What about this – get some friends together and announce that you are interested in losing your first yacht race and that you need their help to ensure you do. Have fun preparing for your immi-

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Membership Meeting

Join us in July!

LYSA Clubhouse

Tuesday, August 14th

6:00 pm *Dinner / Social*

6:30 pm *Membership Meeting*

Board Meeting to follow

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nent loss. Let the crew know that you fully expect them to botch the first tack or two and will be upset if they don't. Enjoy the experience. Laugh. However, during this horrible first outing on the race course, you will notice that by virtue of being forced to make many turns, set sails often and attempt to sail consciously and well – there is an enormous and accelerated learning experience happening.

"I didn't have a great interest in racing when I first started," said ASA instructor Nik Vale who has raced thousands of miles all over the West Coast. *"It was*

an opportunity to get out on the water in a consistent way. I didn't have a boat, but I liked to sail – lots of people need crew so I was able to sail every weekend because of racing. During that time, I learned an enormous amount and, in the process, got hooked." Not everyone who races is driven by a competitive nature – many just have fun getting together with friends as they learn more about sailing. It's also cool to enjoy the teamwork aspect of the sport – win or lose. But perhaps most relevant is the idea that racing is a mandated excuse to get out on the water, keep the boat up to snuff (if you're the owner) and get experience on the fast track.

Many a non-racer has, through a drunken promise at a yacht club or some other circumstance, found themselves competing in a race and finding that it's actually not what they thought – that it is still, in many ways, a relaxing and enjoyable day on the water.

One last thing to consider is about the offered events in your given location. For those looking to start out easy, explore the variety of races that are out there and pick one that's more suitable for the novice breed. Some places actually have races designed for first timers, but short of that, ask around and enter one that's not overly serious. *LYSA's Thursday nights racing is the perfect place! dh*

We say, give it a shot – don't compete for a trophy, compete for who has the most fun on the boat. If you try that, you just might find the odd race here and there is a cool way to spend the day and get some good learning in. By the way, there's no way to prove that 'who has the most fun' thing, so you're bound to come out ahead!





Secretary
Chris Martin



LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A combined meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on July 10, 2018 at the Lake Yosemite Sailing Association Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:00 pm, Commodore Tom Cooke presiding.

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, Tom Cooke: Tom welcomed members to the meeting. Invited Board / Committee Members to report.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes read by Chris Martin. **Motion:** Moved by Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler to approve with revisions, second by Dan Farmer. **Motion carried.**

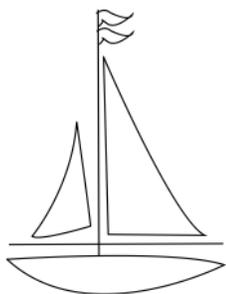
Commodore, Tom Cooke: Thanked all who stepped up, including Brigitte and Members who helped with Open House event, and Dan for the July 4th dinner. Announcement / request: Lee Anderson Make a Wish on July 14th. Dan, Tom, Craig volunteered to take guests sailing. It has come to Tom's attention that fireworks have been set off from the Dock. This is forbidden. Anyone considering doing this in the future – DO NOT DO THIS.

Sailor's Calendar: August

While the water is in the lake, sail as often as you can.

Check your dock lines regularly, looking for wear and tear. Replace as needed.

Make use of the water available on the docks to hose the dirt off the decks.



Upcoming Events

August, 2018

- 2 Thursday Night Racing— Pizza and Salad
- 4 Junior Regatta
- 9 Thursday Night Racing—Potluck
- 16 Thursday Night Racing—Sea Scouts
- 23 Thursday Night Racing—Taco Thursday
- 30 Thursday Night Racing—Potluck

September, 2018

- 15 BobTones 5 to 10 pm. 6 pm BBQ, BYOB, bring your own plate and silverware, and a side to share.

October, 2018

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

November, 2018

December, 2018

- 15 Christmas Party

January, 2019

- 1 Frostbite Regatta

February, 2019

- Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch Series

March, 2019

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

April, 2019

- Livingston Kite Festival—9 to 4
- 8th Annual Chili Fest. Bring your best Chili - 3 pm
- Strictly Sail Pacific, Richmond
- Camellia Cup Regatta

May, 2019

- LYSA Opening Day
- LYSA Thursday Night Summer Series Begins
- 18-19 LYSA Spring Regatta

June, 2019

- Thursday Night Racing—Potato Bar
- Thursday Night Racing—Potluck
- Thursday Night Racing—Sea Scouts Host Dinner
- 22 Open House/Shrimp Feed
- Thursday Night Racing—Taco Thursday

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

Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.

Tom has had issue with keys. Chris Martin will review minutes and clarify key procedure with Tom. Also, Tom commented on the Light Air newsletter – Board Members are responsible to contribute articles, on time.

Vice Commodore, Chris Cooper: Not present.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa: The Treasurer's Report shared. 62 paid members, 69 at this time last year. Open House income/expenses shared. Peg will work on Sponsorship.

Dock Captain, Chris Currier: Not present. Pointed out the Dock Captain's phone number is incorrect on the website.

House Captain, Mike Blood: Not present.

Cruise / Social Committee, Dan Farmer: Budget discussed, also decorating for Christmas Party. Shared who will be preparing Thursday Night dinners through July.

Race Captain, Debbie Harden: Not present.

Junior Sailing, Matt Loeffler: Brigitte discussed Sail Camp. Junior Sailing featured on the Channel 30 news. Sign-ups closed. 6 sessions, ROTC and 5 additional weeks. 4 scholarships awarded. Commended Jacob Harden and Bridget Farmer – Jacob organized Junior Sailors for serving at the Open House, Bridget did a great job announcing. Tom asked Junior Sailors to clean up on Fridays.

Board to discuss increasing fee / number of weeks.

Darrell is building a High School sailing program. Junior Regatta will be held on Saturday, August 4th. Hamburgers will be served. Alumni return every year, there are around 20 kids who have been coming for the last 4-5 years.

Past Commodore, Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler: Brigitte briefed Members on the Open House. She expressed her deepest, heartfelt gratitude for Members who stepped up to make the event a success.

New Business: Dennis raised a concern: The Committee Boat is need of repair. Costs should be borne by percentage of usage by the Club and by Junior Sailing.

Special Needs Sailing event to be held on July 21, 3-7 pm.

Old Business: None.

Good of the order: Rich Kleitman is doing better.

Adjournment: The next LYSA Combined Membership and Board meeting will be held Tuesday, August 14, 2018, at the Lake Yosemite Sailing Association Clubhouse, Dinner at 6, General Meeting at 6:30. **Motion:** Moved by Jay Sousa, seconded by Linda Sorensen. **Motion carried.** Combined Membership and Board meeting was adjourned at 7:38.

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