

# Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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Kathi Brown-Fournier and Dodd Fournier sailing in the estuary on their vessel, Nauti-Time.

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**Commodore**

*Mike Strealy*



This is a Deja-Vu moment for me. I think it was the end of '08 that I was writing this very same article. Here I am again, ending my year of being your Commodore (Of course I will spend next year in the role of Past Commodore) and re-capping what we did throughout the year.

Looking back at this year, we should all be proud of the things we accomplished. As usual, all of the necessary dock work was performed with Port Captain Tim Harden heading things up. Tim is stepping down from that position this year. I and Treasurer Diane Sousa will be handling the duties next year. We will certainly be calling on many of you to help with various tasks so be warned.

The big deal this year was the renovation that was done to the house. A completely new kitchen and bathroom were well received by everyone. Thanks to all that helped especially Dennis Wainwright, Tim Harden, Darrell Sorensen, Linda Sorensen, Thom Grimaldi, and Steve Leonard. There were many others that came out to help, but these individuals handled the greatest bulk of the work. We owe them big thanks for their time and effort.

Our Regatta and Open House/Shrimp Feed were a great success this year also. Kudos goes to Past Commodore Thom Grimaldi for spearheading the events. In particular this year we had a great raffle and dessert auction that was put together by Vice Commodore Suzanne Johnson, incoming Vice Commodore Peg Lawler, incoming Secretary Ian Cooke, Jerry Johnson, Ryan Schwartz, and all of their crew.

Racing was in overdrive this year. Race Captain Darrell Sorensen not only put on the summer series but added a Jack and Jill race, as well as dinghy one design racing. His one woman race committee (not really but almost) Kaitlyn Harden also did a great job scoring all of the races this year.

Lastly I'd like to thank Cruise and Social Captain Kathi Fournier. She is also stepping down after a three or four year run at that position. She has implemented the evites for events which I think has really helped with attendance events and made it much easier to plan for food, etc. Kathi has done an exceptional job!

I know we joke about what a pain it is to be on the board, but I have enjoyed all of my years participating, and I look forward to my final upcoming year.



**Vice Commodore**  
*Suzanne Johnson*




**Race Captain**  
*Darrell Sorensen*



Gordon died. So Susan went to the local paper to put a notice in the obituaries. The gentleman at the counter, after offering his condolences, asked Susan what she would like to say about Gordon.

Susan replied, "You just put, 'Gordon died.'" The gentleman, somewhat perplexed, said, "That's it? Just 'Gordon died?'"

Surely, there must be something more you'd like to say about Gordon. If it's money you're concerned about, the first five words are free. We really should say something more."

So Susan pondered for a few minutes and finally said, "O.K., then. You put 'Gordon died. Sailboat for sale.'"

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Well 2013 is rapidly coming to an end; how fast the years go. However, I am looking forward to the upcoming year as Commodore. Of course, Mike Streatly will be a hard act to follow. He has done an outstanding job as Commodore. He really has the passion that it takes to be a successful leader. Our 2014 Board Members are Jerry Johnson, Diane Sousa, Peg Lawler, Linda Sorensen, Ian Cooke, Mike Streatly, Matt Loeffler, and Ryan Schwartz. They will be a pleasure to work with! I am hoping that the Club members will not only enjoy the facilities at the Club but participate in all of the 2014 Club events. The more the participation, the better. If you have any suggestions or comments regarding the upcoming sailing season please feel free to contact me at [\(559\)776-9467](tel:5597769467). See you at the Christmas party!



My last duty of being this year's race captain was to submit the 2014 race schedule to Latitude 38. Our Regatta is always the same weekend, but I wanted our Dick Gardner One Design Series not to fall on a weekend when there is a major regatta going on. With a little research and emailing all are races our now in place. Here is our 2014 Lake Yosemite race schedule:

January 1: Frost Bite Regatta

May 17-18: Spring Regatta

May 31: Jack & Jill race

Dick Gardner One Design Series: 6/21, 7/19, 8/16, & 9/20

Our Thursday evening series will start on May 8<sup>th</sup> and run through August 28<sup>th</sup> with a mid season break with no race on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The dates of some of the other regattas in our area are:

RYC Mid Winters: 12/8, 1/5, 2/2, 3/2

OYC Sunday Brunch: 1/5, 1/19, 2/2, 2/16, 3/2

RYC Big Daddy: 3/8-9

RYC Big Dinghy: 4/12-13

FYC Camellia Cup (Folsom Lake): 4/26-27

WTSC Whiskey Town Regatta (Redding): 5/24-25

Delta Ditch Run (Richmond – Stockton): 5/31

GCYC Go for the Gold (Scotts Flat Lake, Nevada City): 6/7-8

FYC High Sierra Centerboard: 7/12-13\*

FYC High Sierra Keel: 7/19-20\* \*Note – Date Change

LWSC Dinghy Delta Ditch (Rio Vista – W. Sacramento): 8/9

HYC Redwood Regatta (Big Lagoon, Humboldt Co.): 8/30-31

RYC Total Dinghy: 9/13-14

RYC Great Pumpkin: 10/25/26

I enjoyed being Race Captain this year and accomplished almost everything I set out to do. Now it is time for Jerry Johnson to take over. Also don't let our winter weather get you down, there is plenty of racing in the Bay Area, no matter what size boat you have!





## ***Cruise/Social Capt.***

***Kathi Fournier***



So, this is it, the official end of the year. With only one more event in 2013, our **Christmas Party**. This is a catered event, with a cost to members only \$10.00. The club will subsidize the overage. Chicken and Tri-tip will be served as well as full sides, rolls, drinks, etc. Appetizers and drinks at 5pm, with dinner to follow.

**Bring an appetizer if your last name is A-N or a dessert if your name is P-Z.**

Beverages will be provided by the caterer, but you may bring your own libations. Also, bring a "wrapped" gift for each person, with a minimum value of \$15 to put under the tree if you plan to join in the gift exchange. (for parents with small children, bring a gift for your own child, with their name printed on the gift. we will have a special "kids only" tree where they retrieve the gift with their name on it).

As this is my last newsletter as Cruise and Social Captain, I would like to reflect on my experience over the last 3 years since joining the Board. This has been an incredible experience for me. I have enjoyed working with Board members this year and in years past.

One Board member had a great impact on me, Amy Davis. She did a great job at encouraging me to help her with the original "patch and paint" project of the house interior a few years ago. We worked together several weekends, and didn't mind we were the only ones. We talked, laughed, got tired, paint in our hair, but most of all developed a strong friendship I would have not otherwise been afforded the opportunity. I am thankful for that. Mike Strealy has helped me to laugh at myself when everything goes sideways. He has so many ideas, and suggestions, I found myself going to him for input on many social events. He helped make the best Halloween Party ever! Craig Anderson was one of the most involved, giving, selfless Board members. He took great ideas and went with it, spent much of his personal time making sure

food was prepared just right, showed us all what devotion could bring to the club. Taco Thursdays were BY FAR the best event ever to come to this club. We brought in new, interested members, families showed up, members came, there were nights where over 100 people showed up for Taco Thursday.

This is truly what a club should be doing: encouraging participation, making it fun and enjoyable, bring in new people. Linda Sorenson, she is a God-send to the club. She understands the true spirit of being a participating member of a club. We should all look to her as a shining example. We would never be scrambling for Board members to sign up if we all adopted her philosophy. The sense of accomplishment, volunteering for something where you are always working silently in the background without much acknowledgment is very rewarding. How to work as a team, with the betterment of the group and the members as your goal, to be patient with those that sometimes disagree, or understand that it is virtually impossible to please everyone all of the time are things learned as a board member. I have watched how the Board and the club have grown – and witnessed that with growth comes change and challenges.

I'm thankful the Board and the Members allowed me to split the End of Season and Halloween Party. I think it helped both events become 100 percent more successful. With all of this in mind, it is my hope that more members will choose to participate in any way they are able. It can be by staying around after events to clean up, or volunteering to help at an event, or even to volunteer as a Board member next year.

It has been my goal as a board member to increase club awareness, improve communication, and increase member attendance at events by utilizing the online eVite program. Looking back over my 3 years of being a board member, I can pass the torch knowing I accomplished what I set out to do. Thanks to all the Board members and Club Members

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## Secretary

Ed Dietz



**Membership Meeting:** Scheduled for 11-12-13 was canceled at the 10-08-13 board meeting.

**Board Meeting:** 11-12-13, 7:00 PM. Ion Cooke recorded the minutes because Ed Dietz was absent.

### **Reports - Actions - Discussions:**

**Commodore, Mike Streatly...** Mike and Diane will be in charge of the port captain duties for 2014. Assignment of slips will stay in tact. In accordance with the LYSA contract with Merced County slips not used by May 30th the first year will be refunded 65% of the slip fees and these slips will be offered for rent to people waiting for a slip. The back row on the right side is excluded from this rule. On May 30th of the second year if the slip is empty the slip will be forfeited. Notice of this action will be included in the slip fee invoices.

**Cruising/Social Captain, Kathi Brown Fournier...** The LYSA Christmas party will be held on Dec 7th at 5PM. It will be catered by Chiffanellis. Costs: Adults \$10, Kids \$\$5, Gifts \$15 minimum.

**Racing Captain, Darrell Sorensen...** The El Toro group wanted to use LYSA facilities for a regatta on the same day as our open house. The board voted no on this date but voted yes for May 31st.

**Treasurer, Diane Sousa...** Presented the LYSA financial status and the proposed budget for 2014.

### **Old Business:**

- \* *Facility Reservation Project:* A form is available on-line. (Closed - Mike and Jay)
- \* *Capri 14 Sail Boats Project:* This project did not work out. (Closed - Darrell Sorensen)
- \* *UC Merced Sailing Club:* This project was discussed but not resolved. More research is needed and an agreement

made. (Open - Commodore and Board Project)

- \* *Dinghy Dry Storage on Side Yard:* (Open - Thom Grimaldi)
- \* *New Membership Application:* (Open - Mike Streatly)
- \* *LYSA Stickers:* Purchase 4 inch LYSA stickers for members. (Open - Suzanne Johnson)
- \* *Facility Improvement Plan:* (Open - Mike Streatly)
- \* *Calendar of Events:* (Open - Cruising/Social Captain Project)
- \* *Regatta Dates 2014:* Need to put dates on master calendar. (Open - Cruising/Social Captain Project)
- \* *Budget Meeting:* The 2014 budget was presented by Diane Sousa. It was reviewed and approved by the board. Membership needs to review the budget and vote on it at the next membership meeting. (Open - Diane Sousa Project)

**Adjourned:** 8:50 PM

**Please turn to page 7 for an important notice from Commodore Mike Streatly pertaining to LYSA changes and updates, for your information.**

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for allowing me to be in this position. I look forward to being a supportive club member. Hopefully we can continue to grow, and change, and learn about compromise, commitment, sacrifice and participation. Lets all work together to make this the best Sailing Club ever!

And as Always... See you on the Water... whether it is near or far.

# S t r a t t r i n g a n e w f l e e t

*by Rich Kleitman*

How do you float it? With Water! How do you get it underway? With Wind! How do you keep it together? by Having Fun!

Several owners of MacGregor 25's and 26's got together on November 7th to ponder these important questions and determine if there was enough interest to form a one design fleet at Lake Yosemite. The response from those in attendance was an overwhelming "yes". The main idea was to increase the opportunities for Fun With Wind on the Water by forming a group that would allow for learning and improvement of sailing technique, improvement in boat rigging, increased knowledge of racing rules and strategy and competition.

The group considered lots of ideas for ways to accomplish these goals; they included holding a one design race series for Mac's on a night other than Thursdays, (One thought was to hold a three race series every other month or so and to include a before or after race discussion or seminar on race tactics, sail selection, sail trimming, racing rules or any other topic of interest), having a one design fleet participate in the Dick Gardner one design regatta that the club already sponsors, the third and final idea was to participate as a fleet within the non spinnaker fleet on Thursday nights like the Catalina 22 fleet does already. No final decisions were made, on a particular race schedule, but a racing format was determined we will use the Northern California PHRF rules to govern the fleet with the limitation that spinnakers are not allowed (this decision can easily be revisited on an annual basis). 5 boat owners showed their interest at the meeting with two others who are also interested but were unable to attend. That is seven boats to start with and with a quick check of the group memory we figured there might be another five or seven MacGregor 25 & 26's out at the lake who might want to join the fun.

We also discussed lighter issues like, why is there air? But since Bill Cosby already answered that one, we moved on to what kind of pickle dish to sail for? (How about fleet ball caps or shirts for prizes? Does the fleet need a logo? Do we want to have non racing events? Cruising, safety seminars, safety of sailors at sea practice sessions, social gatherings etc.?)

The next step toward fleet formation is to present the idea to the LYSA board at their January meeting and decide on a calendar of events for the 2014 racing season. If you have an interest in participating, input or ideas, please share them either on the LYSA forum or by contacting Rich Kleitman at [erkarkmom@yahoo.com](mailto:erkarkmom@yahoo.com) Lots of ideas have been floated; now it is time make some decisions, then get out there and start Having Fun on the Water with Wind.

## LYSA Christmas Party

**When:** Saturday, December 7th, @ 5:00 PM

**Where:** Fish & Game Building  
Lake Yosemite, CA

**Cost to Attend:**

\$10.00 per adult

\$5.00 per child (< 5 yrs. are free)

Appetizers @ 5PM, with dinner to follow

**Bring an appetizer if your last name is A-N or a dessert if your name is P-Z.** Bring your own beverages, we will supply cups. Also, bring a "wrapped" gift for each person, with a minimum value of \$15 to put under the tree if you plan to join in the gift exchange. (for parents with small children, bring a gift for your own child, with their name printed on the gift. we will have a special "kids only" tree where they retrieve the gift with their name on it).



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# IMPORTANT NOTICE

Greetings LYSA,

Here are a couple of things recently updated:

1) **NEW** policy to reserve LYSA clubhouse. There is now an online form at <http://www.lakeyosemitesailing.org/> in the membership section under the "about us" tab. If you wish to use the clubhouse for any function simply click the appropriate buttons, fill in a couple of boxes and click submit. Your request will be emailed to the House Captain. When they review your request it will be placed on the calendar for you. This will simplify things greatly.

2) The slip waiting and move lists have been updated online. There is also a current slip assignment map.

Regards,


Commodore Mike

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