

Light Air



Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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Happy
Holidays!



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Commodore

Suzanne Johnson



Pirate Trivia and Interesting Facts

The Jolly Roger flag, with its black background and white skull and crossbones, was designed to be scary. This flag was not used by all pirates, usually it was only flown by those sailing in the Spanish Main.

Pirates believed that wearing 'pierced' earrings would improve their eyesight - strange we think.

Pirates believed that having women on board their ship was bad luck.

They also believed that whistling on a ship would cause the weather to turn stormy; as in the phrase 'to whistle up a storm'.

Pirates would take over island ports and make them a safe haven for pirates.

Almost all pirates stole their ships because they couldn't buy ships in case they got caught and sent to jail. Once they had taken over a ship they had to convert it for pirate life, this usually meant making more room for sailors to live on board and strengthening the decks to hold the weight of the heavy cannons.



Although menacing for a sailor, something about the pirates of old seemed so intriguing to me. I suppose this article should have gone in the October "Light Air" issue rather than the December issue.

Speaking of December, do not forget our December 6th Christmas Party at the Fish & Game. The party begins with appetizers and cocktails (BYOB) at 5:00 P.M. Prime Rib and Turkey Dinner begins at 6:00 P.M. Also, we are having an "Ugly Christmas Sweater" contest. There will be a prize for the winner. Actually, I will be

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wearing an ugly Christmas jacket. Anything in those lines will do. Please join in on the fun.

Lastly, we will be having our anticipated Christmas gift exchange. The limit for the gift is roughly \$20.00, give or take. The gifts can be anything from a nice bottle of wine with snacks to tools, pictures or whatever. The idea is to snatch the gift from another person. After the gift has been snatched for two times, the third person gets to finally keep the gift. You must bring a gift to participate. It really is a lot of fun.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for their support over the past year. My reign as Commodore ends at the end of the year. It has been a rewarding experience. Thanks again. The club will be in good hands next year with our new board and with Peg Larson in command as our 2015 Commodore (or should I say Commodorable!!). Have a nice Holiday!



Vice Commodore

Peggy Larson



Although John and I went over to Monterey on the 15th with all good intentions on meeting up the with Sailors from our club, we missed! We managed to have a really wonderful time but we did miss catching up with what sounds like a boat load of fun!! Hopefully next year! Christmas songs are playing on the radio right now but I would like to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving and we look forward to seeing everyone on the 6th for our Christmas party. Please be sure to RSVP and wear your very best ugly sweater, there will be a prize for the winner. See you at the party!



Don't miss the
Christmas Party!!

Saturday, December 6

5 p.m.
(Appetizers, Cocktails)

6 p.m.
Prime Rib Dinner
Gift Exchange
Ugly Sweater Contest
RSVP Matt or Ryan




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Past Commodore
Mike Strealay

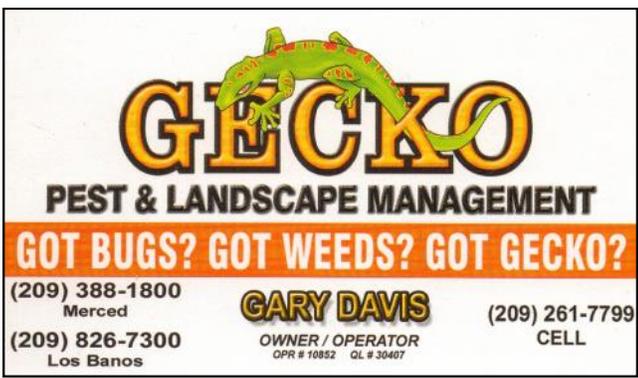


I know I have said this before, but this is my last article as one of your commodores. Reflecting on my second go around in the three year commodore cycle I can say that I have enjoyed my time and am very proud of the people that have served on the board with me and the things we have accomplished. We have a great club, and we have a great incoming board that I am sure will make the club even better. Please continue to give them all of your support and effort.

I have been doing the club newsletter this year but our new secretary Chris Martin will begin editing it starting in January. If you have any photos or articles for submission be sure and send them to her. The deadline each month is the 22nd. I will however continue to take care of the website so I would also encourage everyone to continue sending me pictures whenever you can.

We have been continually trying to improve communication within the membership at LYSA. We have the website, newsletter, and Facebook page. Recently we have started using a new email address to communicate with members. Several emails have been sent to you already from "Lake Yosemite Sailing". It is a Gmail account that our board members all have access to. Keep in mind when you receive emails from this address that you should not reply to them because nobody monitors incoming emails. The messages from that address are informational only. If you are asked to respond to something there will be another email listed for that.

Everyone please do your best rain and snow dances, and we'll either see you at the Xmas party or next year!



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January 1st
Frostbite Regatta!
 11 am - ?
Clam Chowder Lunch at Noon. Racing will depend on the weather. Also on tap the World Famous Rubber Duckie Regatta



House Captain
Linda Sorensen



My year is up as the House Captain. I would like to thank all of you that came out to help paint the fence. Which still needs three sections to paint for the job to be finished.

The on-line reservation system worked well this year. With Darrell's help on the computer it made my job a snap! With Jay Sousa's help we got the past and present Commodores pictures taken so they could be added to the club house wall. Darrell and I got all the Burgees displayed. Also some of the holes in the walls got plugged to keep the mice out. Of course the new walk way is just awesome.

Our new House Captain is Tom Grimaldi. He has some great ideas for 2015.



Secretary
Ian Cooke



General Meeting Minutes

Start: 7:00 pm called to order

Suanne asked her three questions for prizes.

Winners: Thom Grimaldi, Jerry Rokes, Matt Loeffler

Suzanne Johnson: Reading of last months minutes.

Approved.

Diane Sousa: Treasurer: Need to approve budget.
Handout given of final budget, Racing fees increased to \$25 from \$20.

Peg Larson, Vice Commodore: Looking for volunteers for the Christmas party!

Linda Sorensen, House Captain: We are in the process of replacing our cleaning service at this time. Linda will be cleaning the house in the mean time.

All pictures of past and current commodores are up on the walls at the clubhouse.

Ian Cooke: Secretary: No report

Matt Loeffler, Social Captain: Thanks to all for coming out to the awards night. Halloween party was rained out. Thom Grimaldi will help cook for the Christmas party and we need more volunteers to help out.

Cruising and Social: The next cruise is Nov 14-16 in Monterey.

Junior Sailing: Thanks to Thom Grimaldi and Darrell Sorensen for draining the boats after the sprinklers went off. Thanks to Tim Jansen who donated a boat to junior sailing.

Mike Strealay, Past Commodore: Not Present.

Please get your newsletter articles into Mike by the 22nd of every month.

There will be a frost bite regatta on the 1st, we hope to see you all out there!

Suzanne Johnson, Commodore: No cell phones during the meetings. She also suggests having an ugly sweater contest at the Christmas party. Prize for the winner! We will also be doing the gift exchange at the xmas

party, \$20 limit on all gifts please.

Thanks to Ryan and exchanging burgees with the yacht club in Hawaii.

Jerry Johnson, Racing Captain: Not present.

Old Business: The remainder of the racing budget will be used for new buoys. We also need to get a copy of the 2015 racing rules.

New Business: Matt Loeffler suggested that we have future meeting at a board members house instead of coming out to the lake where we have to deal with a locked gate etc. He offered his house for the first meeting.

The committee boat also needs some repairs. Dennis has contracted with Darrell to fix the boat and he will be charging the club for his labor.

Chrissy Wainwright: We need to be careful what types of things we post on Facebook. Please be respectful of all members.

Adjourned: 7:57

Board Meeting Minutes

Start: 8:00pm

Reading of last month's minutes by Suzanne. Approved.

Diane Sousa, Treasurer: Diane made a motion to approve the budget as changed to present it to the membership at the x-mas party. Approved.

We are looking into changing the bylaws to show members not in good standing includes non payment of fees not just non-payment of dues.

Peg Larson, Vice Commodore: Thom Grimaldi will be taking over the recycling program as part of his duties as house captain.

House captain, Linda Sorensen: We still have a part of the fence to paint. We will be putting together a painting party in the spring.

Suzanne: cell phones on mute!

Old business: none

New Business: none

Good of the order None

Adjourned 8:17





Cruise/Social Capt.

Matt Loeffler/Ryan Schwartz



I'd like to start with a little note about junior sailing. The program got another "new" boat donated. This time I'd like everyone to give a special thank you to Tim Jantz. The boat is a little 10 foot dingy with a sloop rig. Darrell and I picked it up a couple of weeks ago in Atwater and have it at the club house now. It is resting on one of the laser racks if you'd like to take a look at it. Tim got the boat a while ago with the intentions of fixing it up for himself, he made a new daggerboard, refinished the tiller and rudder, fixed a bunch of cracks in the fiberglass, and got it all ready to paint the interior. Due to health reasons he decided that he wanted to let the boat go. The fellow Tim got the boat from sold it to him under the stipulation that he doesn't re-sell it, but donate it to a sailing program for kids. Tim is passing it forward on to us. With the holiday seasons coming up, I think it would be fitting if all club members remember this attitude when it comes time for giving. I am hoping that Tim and his wife Ruth make it to the Christmas party so if you see them please give them a big thanks.

Oh, if anyone is looking for a new sail boat Tim would also like to sell his Chrysler 22. Knowing it comes from Tim, you know it is in fantastic shape.

The October Halloween party had some issues with rain, but we did have some ghouls and goblins come out. I BBQ'ed up some hamburgers and made an eyeball hash. The Silveira family came out in costume, very lovely Count and Countess.

Coming up on the 6th remember is our Christmas party at the Fish and Game Building. We are planning on having, as Ryan said in his last newsletter article, Prime Rib. We will also be having chicken, vegetables, a potato dish, salad, and dinner rolls. I would like it if we could have people bring, as usual, appetizers, and desserts. If your name is A to L please bring a dessert, the rest may bring appetizers.

Tom Grimaldi volunteered to help with the cooking, if anyone else would like to help out with this please get in touch with either Ryan or myself. I would also like to get a few people to help out with decorations and of course clean up. Please let me know if you can help.

We will be sending out an invite to get a head count, if you don't see it please respond to my email: brigittematt@earthlink.net.

I am looking forward to seeing you all there, and remember to bring an exchange gift, and mark it as kid or adult.

Another up-coming event will be the annual Frostbite regatta. Now the last few years, due to lack of wind we have had rubber ducky races. This season's race will depend on weather conditions too. I'll be preparing clam chowder for the event. I think it would be fun to have it as a clam chowder cook-off. I asked Kathi to make an e-Vite for this, please respond and state if you will be making chowder. That will help me decide how much I need to make.



...and for those that missed the Matt and Ed awards, here is a list of all of these fun awards given out this year's End of Season Party:

Annual Poseidon Award

Rich Kleitman

For recovering from capsizing his new 14.2 Capri sailboat during the summer sailing season at Lake Yosemite. Where are those damn sailing instructions when you need them?!

Annual Sand Bar Bob Award

Ryan Schwartz

For venturing into the delta on a five day cruise without knowledge of the deep water channel markers. It is a good thing that Linda was on board to push the boat through the mud.

Annual Gate Keeper Award

Debbie Harden

For rescuing Brett Rodheim who was locked in the Lake Yosemite parking lot with his boat on a trailer at 10 pm. Now we all know who to call to bail us out. Thank you Debbie. This is your job forever.

Sailing Prowess Award

AJ Dietz (Jr. Sail Camp Graduate)

For his ability to recover from two accidental jibes, a 360 degree turn-about, and a lot of heeling while demonstrating his "prowess" with his dad, aunt, and two cousins on board graduation day.

The Cry For Help Award

Brett Rodheim

Allowing himself to be locked in the Lake Yosemite parking lot with his boat on a trailer at 10 pm. What a learning experience. Debbie Harden to the rescue

Annual Quick Study Award

Jerry Johnson (Race Captain)

For his ability to figure out (with some help) why the 50 hp race committee/rescue power boat would not start. Solution: you have to make sure the motor kill plug is engaged.

Annual Culinary Award

Michell Silveira

For preparing and serving her special lasagna after the Thursday evening racing during the summer season. Everybody loved your recipe.

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