

# Light Air



Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

February 2013



# Frostbite Regatta

January 1, 2013

Winners of Commodore Mikey's Rubber Ducky Regatta

1st Place, Steve Leonard (Middle)

Donald Hadley (Left), Tim Harden (Right)

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**Submissions:**

Deadline is the 22nd of each month.

Submit to Ed Dietz (eddietz42@yahoo.com)

Elizabeth Dietz, Editor



It's one month into 2013 and I hope everyone is having a fine year so far. The LYSA club activities started off with a bang on January first. Thirty or so members braved the cold weather to attend our annual Frostbite Regatta.

In past years, the Frostbite has been run a number of ways. Sometimes cats, sometimes Lidos, sometimes not. This year Darrell Sorensen had a couple of Lidos ready and even brought out a chase/safety boat. The weather was clear with almost no wind.

Before most people arrived, Darrell and Steve Eyberg took Steve's Hobie out for some sailing/floating. As everyone gathered I think it was sort of decided that nobody felt like dragging dingies through the mud to launch in the lower than normal water levels. Rather, everyone stayed up at the clubhouse and enjoyed a fine lunch of clam chowder and garlic bread prepared by Thom Grimaldi.

I kind of figured we wouldn't be doing any "real" racing that day so I decided to create a new event just in case. I called it Commodore Mikey's Rubber Ducky Regatta (We'll see if there will be a second annual). I handed out a bunch of "thoroughbred" racing duckies to the crowd along with the high tech propulsion system (straw). We held "heat races" consisting of racers blowing their duckies up and back the length of our "lake".

After the dust settled it came down to the top three duck jockeys. Tim Harden, Donald Hadley, and Steve Leonard. They raced cleanly down one leg of the race, but after the almost simultaneous turn, things went downhill. Tim did not like the other racers so close so he grabbed their ducks and threw them out of the lake. Tim noted that he did not see any rule against it. Fair enough. But, while Tim was standing there gloating, Steve retrieved his tossed duckie and placed it back in the lake right at the finish line. I promptly declared him the winner as there was no rule against doing that either. For his efforts Steve won a shiny new LYSA hat, and the others got some old stuff I found in the closet.

I was really happy with the participation we had that day. Not surprisingly, we have some very competitive

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folks among our members. Thanks again to Thom for the food and everyone for showing up. Check the calendar of events on the website or at the clubhouse for lots of events coming up this year and try to make it to the next potluck and meeting.



**Secretary**

*Ed Dietz*



Membership Meeting: 1/08/2013, 7:00 PM

Attendance: 14

Minutes: Secretary read board and membership meeting minutes from 11/13/2012 for and FYI to members.

**Reports—Actions—Discussions:**

**Commodore, Mike Streatly...** Need to re-establish LYSA with Raley's for rewards benefits.

**Past Commodore, Thom Grimaldi...** No news.

**House Captain, Jay Sousa...**

- \* The club house supply cabinet has been stocked.
- \* Call or email Jay with any problems or supply needs.

**Port Captain, Tim Harden...**

- \* Dock work day is scheduled for 1/19/2013 9AM—1PM.
- \* Contact Tim with any dock problems.

**Cruise & Social Captain, Kathi Four-nier...**

- \* LYSA 2013 Events Calendar is published on the website.
- \* Planning is in progress for the Delta Doo Dah this summer.

**Race Captain, Darrell Sorensen...**

- \* There is a meeting scheduled for 1/22/2013 at 6:30PM at Round Table Pizza in Merced for the Race Committee and Race Category Representatives, and any interested individuals.
- \* Currently planning two racing seminars to be lead by Dave Mosher.

**Treasurer, Diane Sousa...** Provided LYSA financial status.

**Secretary, Ed Dietz...** presented minutes from November 2013 meetings.

**Discussions—Proposals—Actions:**

The following open items have been moved to board level for action:

- \* Summer One-Design Races
- \* Lipton Cup Race

Adjourned: 7:48PM

Board Meeting: 1/08/2013, 7:48—8:30PM

Minutes: Approved board and membership meeting minutes from 11/13/2012.

**Reports—Actions—Discussions:**

Previously reported at membership meeting.

Old Business:

- \* *LYSA Construction Project:* Planning is in progress. (Open—Mike Streatly project)
- \* *Garage Fence Night Light Project:* in progress. (Open— Darrell Sorensen project)
- \* *Committee Boat Maintenance Project:* in progress. (Open— Darrell Sorensen project)
- \* *Membership Guidelines Committee:* tabled. (Open— Kathi, Ed, & Jay project)
- \* *Dinghy Dry-Storage on Side Yard Project:* need to present costs and plan to the board. (Open— Thom Grimaldi project)

New Business:

- \* *Regatta:* In planning stages. Progress/status to be monitored and reported by committee and chair, Thom Grimaldi. (Closed)
- \* *Thursday Night Race Food:* the plan is to return to tacos. (Closed)

Good of the Order:

Ed Dietz commented that this meeting schedule worked well time-wise; two meetings took 1.5 hours, and we had an enjoyable potluck dinner. We should give this schedule a chance and if it does not work well in the future, we can revise it.

Adjourned: 8:30PM



**Past Commodore**  
*Thom Grimaldi*




**Race Captain**  
*Darrell Sorensen*



Hope all are doing well in the currently cold weather we're having. It's hard to think about sailing when its 28 degrees out. Even harder to muster up the motivation to go out and work on our boats.

Speaking of cold, if you haven't read our Facebook page or the Forum lately, I ordered some hoodie sweatshirts with LYSA and Lake Yosemite Sailing printed on the front. They will be available at \$32.95 each. The perfect thing to wear in the cooler evenings we sometimes have out at the lake. So far I have 7 spoken for, so be sure and let me know if you want one.

Our club spring regatta will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> this year. We've always enjoyed a good turnout from some of the surrounding areas. It would be great to see a few more club members participate this year. There will be a total of 5 races, wind permitting, and some great trophies. If you decide against racing, come on out and join in on the dinner Saturday evening. In either case it should prove to be a lot of fun...

Cya on the water, Thom

The date for the Valley Lipton Perpetual Challenge Trophy race has been selected. It is June 30<sup>th</sup>, the day after our Shrimp Feed & Open House. We have two challengers, one each from Konocti Bay Sailing Club and Fresno Yacht Club. Other valley clubs may still enter the race with a boat that has a NCPHRF rating from 118 to 218.

On January 22<sup>nd</sup> we had a meeting at Round Table Pizza to go over the Thursday night racing for 2013. We had representatives from all three divisions as well as the judges stand and food department, with 13 total in attendance.

Several ideas on new race courses were submitted. The one course that no one liked is course #3. Start - 1R - 5L - 3L - 1L - 6L - Finish. The old course #3 is now gone. A new course #3 will be put in its place. The start times will be adjusted slightly. Spinnaker will start at 6:30, Centerboard at 6:35, Non-Spinnaker will keeps its same time of 6:40.

There will also be handout leaflets available for spectators that tell in simple terms about the sail boat racing at the lake. In the works are two racing seminars by Dave Mosher, one on rules and the other on starts. Dates yet to be determined.

The committee boat is getting all its bumps and bruises fixed and a new paint job. If any of you have a few hours to spare, come to Chowchilla for some time behind a sander. My number is [\(559\) 665-2690](tel:5596652690). The motor has been serviced and is ready to go.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a Jack and Jill race where the female partner of the man / woman team must do the steering. So gals, grab your favorite sailor, get in some "stick time" and join in on the fun. A conversion from Portsmouth to PHRF will be used so any double handed boat can race.





## **Cruise/Social Capt.**

**Kathi Fournier**



Hello fellow sailors,

January has been a great month for racing on the Estuary in Alameda. We have two boats in the Oakland Yacht Clubs Sunday Brunch Series. Dave Mosher is racing Lee Anderson's boat, with Rich Kleitman, and Kathi Fournier as crew. Jerry and Suzanne, are also racing their boat with Mike Streatly and Jacob Harden as crew. They have also been racing in other bay races this month. It's a lot of fun! We have had several LYSA members coming up the night before for dinner, and staying to watch the races at the OYC. This is a great racing and social event, I would encourage members to come up join in the fun!

February is bringing a couple of events also. Racing continues in the Estuary on Sundays. We have also planned a cruise to Angel Island on Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will meet early at the Alameda Marina at the launch hoist, and pick up any members along the way at the other marinas. We will have a picnic lunch, or eat at the café at Angel Island, and return the same day. We will have guest docks available in the marina for those wishing to stay on their boats for the weekend. Watch for more details on this. Please reply to the evite so we can determine how many are coming and keep you posted on changing details.

We will also be having a Valentines Sunday Brunch on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February at the clubhouse. Will have a nice warm fire, candles, mimosas, eggs and pancakes hot off the griddle! Once again, watch for details in your email.

On another note: We have our Merit 22 at Alameda Marina, and we have managed to get up there almost every single weekend. This has been such a wonderful experience for us. Sailing the estuary is a lot of fun. It's kind of like the lake, but with currents. It's

## *Cruise Captain's Report Continued...*

been a fun challenge learning the ebb and floods of the estuary, and I just keep adding experience to my sailing repertoire. I would encourage anyone with a trailer-able boat and a passion for sailing to find a slip for the winter months and stay actively sailing. Alameda Marina seems to be the cheapest, and we love it here.

That's all for now, and as always, watch for evites!



## **Port Captain**

**Tim Harden**



On Saturday January 19<sup>th</sup> we held our first "Dock Work" day of the year. Although we did not confine our efforts strictly to the docks we did get several things done. Thom Grimaldi and crew poured the footing for the new light pole near the shop, Darrell Sorensen and crew removed the motor from the committee boat so that repairs can be made, Dave Aleman and crew replaced some of the dock boards near the Windmill slips. My thanks to everyone that came out, including my wife Debbie who provided our lunch from Port Of Subs. We will have another work day in February on the 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will post an E-mail as the date nears. We still have more decking to be replaced as well as repairing the area near the race platform. All members are cordially invited to attend.





## House Captain

Jay Sousa



Greetings fellow LYSA members! My goal as house captain for 2013 is to create a great place for all club members to enjoy but I will need everyone's help. Our club has almost eighty families as members and even though we have a weekly cleaning service during the summer months we all need to clean up after ourselves. If you use dishes please do not leave them in the sink for others to do (the cleaning service does not do dishes). Please wash them and put them away. Also please wipe down all counters. If you bring food out and have leftovers please take them home with you and do not leave them in the fridge. Please do not leave alcohol of any kind. LYSA has an active recycling program so make sure to put your cans, bottles and plastics in the proper blue containers located in the yard. If the garbage can in the house is full please empty into the large container located just outside of the front of the garage.

I have stocked the clubhouse with paper products, plastic utensils, toilet paper, dish and hand soap and paper towels. I will check on a regular basis to keep plenty of these items on hand but if you notice that we are getting low on a certain item please let me know. Also if there is any issue with the yard or house please report it to me as soon as possible so we can get it taken care of. You can reach me at 617-1384 or E-mail me at [jay.sousa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jay.sousa@sbcglobal.net).

If you want to reserve the clubhouse for a private party, please contact me via E-mail and I will send you an application.

I want to encourage more use of our house and yard by club members, after all this is your club and it would be great to see more members out on a nice summer evening using the facilities!

**Have a boat to sell?**

**Need crew?**

**Looking to crew?**

Advertise in *Light Air's* classifieds column! Send submissions to **eddietz42@yahoo.com** with "LYSA Classifieds" in the subject line.

# Classifieds

## WINDMILL FOR SALE TO LYSA SAILOR

Join the Lake Yosemite Windmill Fleet! Windmills are born racers, great for all ranges of sailing skills. Check out [windmillclass.org](http://windmillclass.org) and contact Darrell Sorensen for more information: 559-665-2690

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Good looking boat with current registration, ugly trailer and decent sails. It is molded plastic and foam filled with a good sized cockpit. Really easy and fun to sail. \$300 Contact Conrad: 209-564-2958

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# Upcoming Events

## February 2013

- 2/3 Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch
- 2/10 LYSA Valentine's Day Brunch
- 2/17 Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch
- 2/23 LYSA Cruise– Alameda to Angel Island

## March 2013

- 3/3 Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch
- 3/17 LYSA St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- 3/29 New Member Welcoming Friday Night Cocktails



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