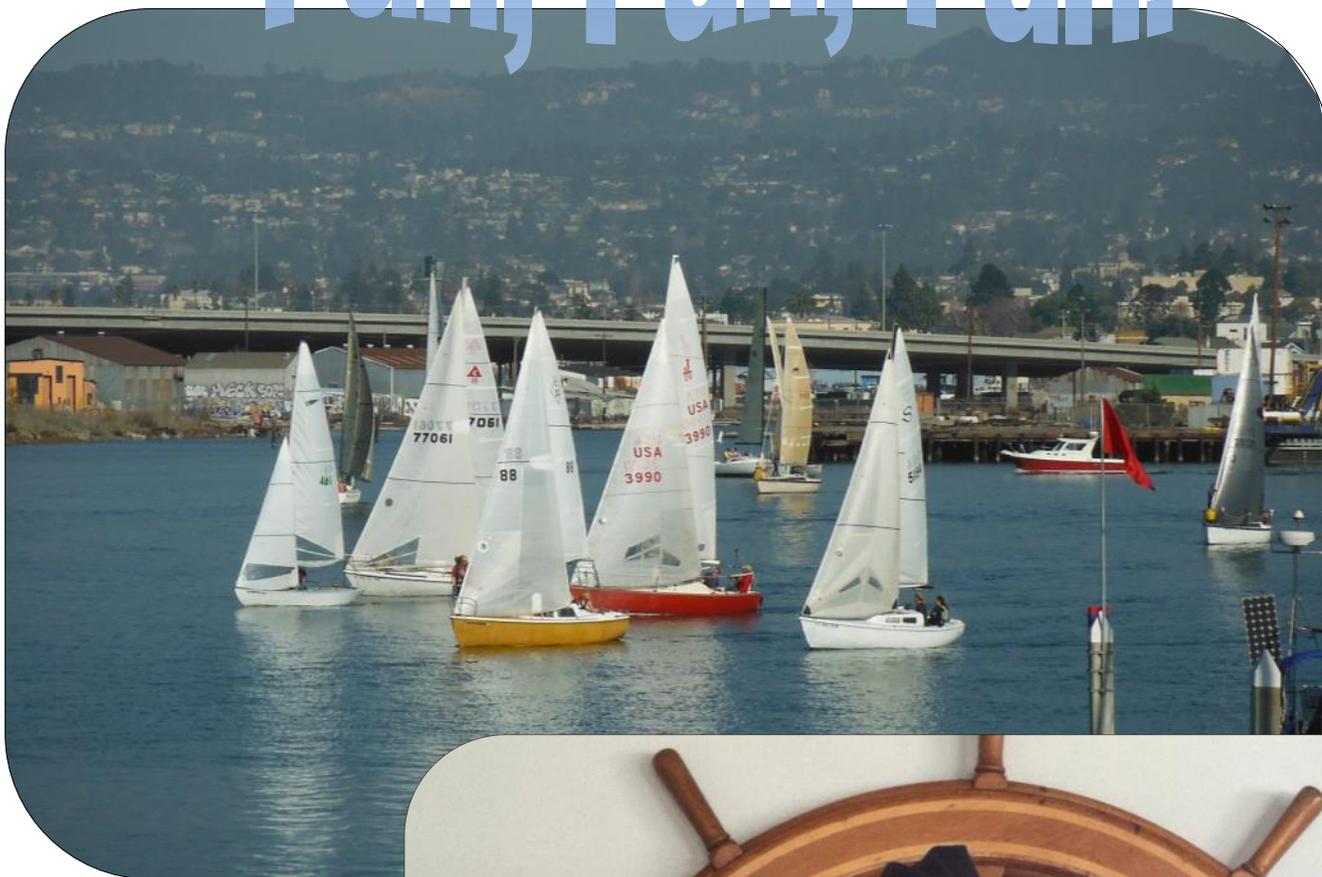


# Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

February 2014

## Fun, Fun, Fun!



Peg Lawler, Jerry Johnson,  
and Ian Cooke took 1st  
place in their fleet during  
Oakland Yacht Club's most  
recent Sunday Brunch Se-  
ries race. Great job repre-  
senting LYSA!



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Deadline is the 22nd of each month.

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**Commodore**

**Suzanne Johnson**



We began our first meeting of the new year with a little ice breaker. Three sailing related questions were asked of the members. The one question that seemed to stump everyone was the meaning of the word “anacraophobia.” Give up? Well, it means the fear of wind. The other questions, including what was the name of the Emirates Team New Zealand’s skipper, were answered correctly. The three winners were

Mike Streatly, Ian Cooke and Rich Kleitman. Congrats to all! Hope to have more ice breakers at the upcoming meetings. So, please join us. Speaking of meetings, our February 11th



meeting will be held off site at the Round Table Pizza located at 1728 W. Olive next to Applebee’s. The General Meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. as usual. If you want some dinner beforehand (although not free), please arrive at 6:30 P.M.

Those of you who want to race your 25 and/or 26 foot McGregor’s this season please see Rich Kleitman. He is putting a fleet together for 2014.

Although the weather has been glorious this winter, it could delay our sailing season this year. A little rain dance might help!

Jerry Johnson, Ian Cooke, and Peg Lawler took first place last Sunday at the Oakland Yacht Club brunch series. Tom Cooke’s 22 foot Catalina sailed like a dream in the light Alameda air. They got an amazing start. Afterwards, we watched the 49ers unfortunately lose to the Seattle Seahawks in the Oakland Yacht Club. The Club provides free pizza and Caesar salad for the racers and their crew. Their next race will be on Super Bowl Sunday. Go Denver !

We will be seeing several of the UC Merced Sailing Club members joining us out on the water this season. Please make them welcome!  
See you at the next meeting.



## Vice Commodore

*Peggy Lawler*



By the time you are reading this newsletter it will be just two short months until opening day! I heard that there's dock work going on and even a new front door which is great news. The Open House Shrimp Feed has been changed back to the weekend after Father's Day which is June 21st so mark your calendars. Some of us have been taking advantage of racing in Alameda during these "winter" months and that's been a blast, probably and mostly because we came in 2nd in the first race and 1st in the second race. Although we are missing some great football games it's been a real treat to be sailing. Nothing else to say so we'll see you at the lake..



More action in the Estuary



## *It's a Pizza Meeting!*

*February Membership and Board Meeting:  
Round Table Pizza*



*Tuesday, Feb 11  
728 W Olive, Merced  
6:30 p.m. (7 pm meeting)*



Members purchase own food/drinks



## *Cruise/Social Capt.*

*Matt Loeffler/Ryan Schwartz*



Hello everyone! Just this past weekend Matt and I sat down together and worked on a calendar for upcoming events. I think everyone will be happy with the results. Whether or not there is water in the lake this summer, we will still be having many events that you, your family, and your friends will enjoy! We talked to Kathi and are keeping most of the events that we had last year and hope to schedule some that we haven't had in years as well as some new ones. We will also be altering the dates on a couple of events that we thought needed some adjusting. On a personal note, I bought a Force 5 on Sunday and am looking forward to bringing it out this summer and racing it. I can't promise I won't hit anyone, but I'll try not to! I'm also looking forward to seeing people at the board meetings. They can be very interesting and the more input I can get on what people want, the better I can be at my post. Thank you all!



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**Past Commodore**  
**Mike Strealy**



Seems like the weather (or lack of it) is the big topic these days. We are in a serious situation with regard to our water in the valley and I'm sure everyone is wondering how this might affect Lake Yosemite Sailing Association. Well wonder no more.

We have a very good relationship with MID. They have worked with us on the house project, dock projects, and they have been diligent in keeping us informed about the water levels at Lake Yosemite. I do receive regular updates about water level changes throughout the year and I pass them along to the club when there is going to be a significant change.

I just learned that (as of now) the plan is for the lake to be filled normally in April sometime and to maintain the water levels that we are accustomed to. Going forward into the summer and fall the situation can change. Most likely, we will see an early draining of the lake due to the lack of incoming water from the mountains. This could happen as early as late July or early August. Of course all of this depends on future MID board decisions, but this is the most recent information I have. I will keep you all posted.

So, lets all spend the winter getting our boats ready, get them in the water as early as possible, and hit it hard until we can't hit it anymore!

On the dock front, we are planning on doing some minor repairs so stay tuned for information about that. Slip assignments will begin promptly on March 2. If you are on the wait list or move list, be familiar with the slip layouts and be prepared to make a decision regarding any potential move or new assignment. You will be given a limited amount of time to make a decision.

This winter/spring we are also finishing the last two pieces of our clubhouse renovation project that started last year. The front door has already been repaired and is now fully functional, and soon we will have a nice concrete walk from the front parking area to the back patio. It is going to look great and be much more functional.

I am also currently working on the logistics of our two big events for this year. Regatta plans are coming along fine. Look for that event to take place on May 17 and 18. It's going to be a fun time. The Open House and Shrimp Feed is also in the works. Save the date of June 21 for that one and be sure and invite your friends and family. Our plan is to have tickets in your hands earlier than ever this year,.

That's about all I have to report. Until next month . . .



**Desperate for water! Top picture is a recent shot of Folsom Lake. The bottom picture is the lake when it is full.**



**Treasurer**  
**Diane Sousa**



Hello everyone. I hope 2014 is treating you well. If you haven't done so yet, please send in your club dues. Also, slip fees are due and must be received by March 1, 2014. If not received by March 1 you will lose your slip and there are no exceptions to this so please get them in ASAP. Enclosed with your Slip Fee invoice was the Slip Rental Agreement. Every slip owner must complete the agreement and return it by March 1, 2014 for the slip rental to be valid. If you didn't receive your invoice or have any questions, please let me know.



## House Captain

Linda Sorensen



I went to the club house the other day and found everything in good order. The front door has been repaired and looks great. The Club hired Dennis Wainwright to do the repair. Thanks !

At the last LYSA meeting Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup>, Mike Streatly brought up some old and new plans for the house and yard. The idea of the sliding glass door and deck off from the meeting room on the north side isn't going to happen as there really is no need for it. But along the north side a sidewalk from the front to the back will be put in. Also fix up the driveway inside the back yard. There are also plans to fix up the dirt area near the ice machine. Fence and gates need to be repaired and painted and there are also plans to paint the outside of the house.

There are already a number of reservations made for parties at the club house with May and June filling up fast., so please check the calendar on our web site before you plan to go to the club to enjoy our "Spring" weather.

See you around,  
Linda Sorensen  
House Captain



**May  
17 - 18  
NOR &  
Entry Forms  
available  
online soon!**



## Race Captain

Jerry Johnson



Well the days are getting longer and before you know it we will be putting our boats back into the Lake. Hopefully we will have water in May! This year I would like to mix it up on our races. I would like to put together some new courses, possibly some gates and maybe some reverse courses. If you have any ideas on any of these issues, please contact me. I am open to all ideas. In the mean time racing is going on elsewhere and it would be really nice to see you racers participate in other clubs. Ian, Peg and I are racing Obstreperous in the Oakland Yacht Club's Winter Sunday Brunch series and are constantly asked where the rest of the LYSA racers are. Planning on the Regatta has already begun and those of you who would like to donate your time as race committee please let it be known. This year let's make it the best Regatta ever. Those of you who race in the Thursday night series please sign up for our Regatta and show your support for the club. It is a lot of fun!



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## Secretary

Ian Cooke



Membership meeting started at 6:59 p.m.:

Reports:

**Diane Souza, Treasurer:** We have one new family, David and Michelle Silveira, sponsored by Matt and Brigitte Loeffler.

**March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for all the slip fees**

**Peg Lawler, Vice commodore: No reports**

**Mike Streal, Past Commodore:**

- 1) The Regatta will be May 17 and 18, 2014.
- 2) The Open house/Shrimp Feed will be June 21, 2014. All tickets, shirts and accessories for both events will be done early this year.
- 3) No dock captain, but dock work days will be scheduled soon.

**Linda Sorensen, House Captain:** New house reservation online. This process is working well so far, four people have made reservations so far.

**Ryan Schwartz, Cruise and Social:** The Frostbite regatta went well thanks for coming out. No events have been planned for the year as of yet, but a calendar will be done before the next meeting.

**Jay Sousa:** Offered to promote the events for cruising and social, but needs info 6 weeks in advance.

**Jerry Johnson, Race Captain:** No present, but Suzanne Johnson said he is working on promoting the regatta and planning to kicking butt in the Alameda Sunday Brunch Series!

**Bridgette Loeffler, Junior Sailing:** Schedule for junior sailing will be up next week. The program has been extended to five weeks.

**New business:**

UC Merced Sailing Club has shown in interest in becoming members of our club. A "Lively" discussion took place and was tabled for the board to discuss at a later time.

**Old business:**

Hobie cat donated by grandfather of a junior sailor. Thom

Grimaldi is working on the rigging, Brigitte will write a thank you note.

**Ed Dietz:** Force 5 for sale, seller anxious to sell it, if interested, please contact Ed.

Richard Kleitman: Will set a date for the special needs sailing day, TBD.

-Wants to create a McGregor 26 fleet for Tuesday night races. Please let Rich know if you are interested.

**Good of the order.**

Next meeting will be February 11<sup>th</sup> at round table pizza!

7:56 Adjourned

Board Meeting: 8:09pm

Reports: See Membership Meeting

**Old Business:**

Mike Streal: House project from last year will continue this year. The front door is a priority and a quote will be gotten before next month's meeting.

The Regatta will be May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

The open house has been moved to June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 so that weather might be a little cooler.

The Dick Gardner memorial race will be Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 2014

-UCM Discussion- tabled until we have more information.

**New Business**

Suzanne Johnson: Suggested we changed the meetings to be twice a month instead of once a month. Motion to approve made by Mike Streal, approved by the board.

Meeting adjourned 9:21

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