

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

February 2015

Racing outside LYSA

LYSA was well represented at the most recent **Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch race**. Lee Andersen took his Merit 25 "Villain" over to compete with his crew of Dave Aleman, Dan Aleman, and Steve Leonard. Tim Harden also raced his Merit 25 "Hard N Fast" with crew Jacob Harden and Mike Streatly. Tim and crew took first place in the Merit 25/168 fleet while Lee and his crew took third. Way to go LYSA! Other members made the trip over to the bay to watch the racing, and enjoy the sunshine which was a nice change of pace from the valley fog. There are two more Sunday brunch races left. Head over to one and enjoy some LYSA cameraderie.



Villain leads Meritage and Double Agent downwind



Hard N Fast heading down the Estuary

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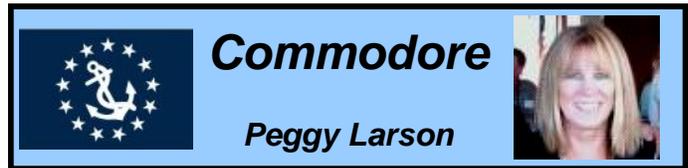
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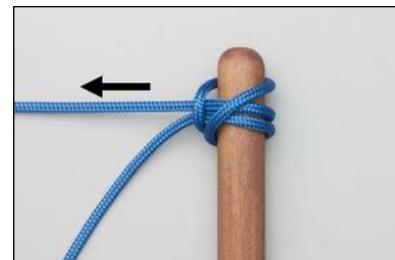
Happy New Year!

Our first meeting of 2015 was held at Matt & Brigitte's home and, as always, there was plenty of good food and positive conversations. The next general/board meeting will be held at the Souza's home on the 10th of February and we really hope to see you there. I know each Board member will write about what was brought up at the meeting pertaining to their position so I won't reiterate.

I received an email from Bryan Behn with the County of Merced and he asked that I remind everyone that has a key to the gate please be sure to lock it behind you when entering the park while it's closed to the public and make sure to lock it again when you leave, simple enough for us all to do. I assured him I would let you know.

We have our usual fun times ahead of us and I know we all look forward to water in the lake so please continue your rain dances. Until then, see you at the clubhouse!

Pile Hitch



Pass a bight of the rope around the pole and under the standing end. Drop the bight over the top of the pole. Tighten the hitch so that the standing end can take the load. **Uses:** A Pile Hitch provides a valuable way to quickly attach a mooring line to a dock post. It is surprisingly secure and very rapidly cast off. It cannot, however, be recommended as a permanent mooring hitch. A series of pile hitches can also be used to make a rope fence.



Vice Commodore
Jay Sousa

Recently Diane and I were reminiscing about our first experience with our club, LYSA. It was the club's Christmas party in December of 1995. We had just purchased our first boat, a Windrose 22. The family that we bought it from were members of LYSA and suggested that we come to the party and check out the club. We decided to go despite the fact that we would not know anybody and we knew next to nothing about sailing. The club was very small back then consisting of maybe twenty members and was held at Matt & Brigitte Loeffler's home. At first we wandered around feeling kind of lost. But soon club members made a point of making us feel welcome and at ease and we began to make some new friends even though we were completely clueless about sailing. Our new friends assured us that the club was here to help us on the road to become sailors.

That welcoming mantra has been the theme of the club for the almost twenty years that we have been members and continues today.

As the 2015 Vice-Commodore I want to make sure that same spirit not only continues but reaches new heights. I want all LYSA members both new and old to feel that the club is your second home and that you enjoy all that we have to offer. My hope is that we can take participation in our many events to record levels this year. I would love to see many more club members at our monthly pot-

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Past Commodore
Suzanne Johnson

I look back on my year as 2014 LYSA Commodore very fondly:

- Peggy (Lawler) Larson, Ian Cooke and Jerry Johnson won first place in their fleet during the Oakland Yacht Club's Sunday brunch series;
- Due to no wind, the "Rubber Ducky Regatta" took place at LYSA's annual January 1, 2014 Frostbite Regatta;
- Repairs were made to the front door and a new concrete walkway was poured on the side of the house from front to back;
- There were fence painting parties;
- Marital congratulations to Peg & John Larson & Rich & Jane Carlson;
- Mike Strealy welcomed the birth of his second granddaughter;
- Linda Rybka won best chili at the April 5th Chili Cook-Off;
- Jr. Sailing was an amazing success. Scholarships were started in the names of Jerry Rokes & Darrell Sorensen;
- Thom Grimaldi was the recipient of the Commodore's Award;
- The drought did not hinder the Thursday night race series;
- Jerry Johnson changed up the Thursday night race courses;
- There were taco dinners on Thursday nights thanks to Matt Loeffler;

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Secretary
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There were no minutes taken at the December meeting. Look for the January minutes to be approved at the February meeting and included in the March Edition of Light Air.



Treasurer
Diane Sousa



Port Captain
John Larson



Hello everyone I hope 2015 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 2, 2015. If not received by March 2 you will lose your slip and there are "NO EXCEPTIONS" to this, so please get them in ASAP. Enclosed with your Club Dues invoice is a survey to help us better communicate with the members. Please circle your preferred choice 1 thru 5 starting with 1 as your favorite and ending with 5 as your least favorite. If you didn't receive your invoice or have any questions, please let me know.

Wow 2015 already. Love it, a new year and a new sailing season is coming to us. But, not until Duck and Goose hunting seasons are over. Yes hunting season is just about over. We've had a good year out at Castle Duck Club. The LYSA Comadorable has made it a few times to watch the show of wild fowl and natural splendor of our marsh lands. Didn't fall in the water or get cold. Maybe next season she will be one of the hunters. Aw yes, before the season of sailing begins we'll have the work done on the berths. New decking, lights and water working in good order. There is talk of putting cleats on the berths as well. We'll see if that works in our budget. See you on the docks! Best regards,
Capt. John E Larson

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- Kaitlin Harden ran the race committee flawlessly;
- Kathi Fornier finally sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge;
- Ryan Schwartz exchanged burgees with the Waikiki and Kanoeha Yacht Clubs in Hawaii;
- Tim & Debbie Harden won the "Jack & Jill Race" held on May 31;
- Beautiful trophies were designed and built by Darrell (& Linda) Sorensen for our very successful May Regatta;
- Hands off to Mike Strelay for a very profitable (and fun) Open House/Shrimp Feed;
- Karen Grimaldi won (hands-down) the "Ugly Christmas Sweater" contest at our December 6th Christmas party;
- Other events included the Monterey sailing weekend and the Special Needs Sailing Day, to name a few.

I know that I have missed so many more memorable moments and events but I wanted to highlight some of the events of the year. We have so much to look forward to you next year!

Thank you for supporting me thorough out the year. With great pleasure, I pass the Commodore torch onto Peggy Larson.

Bowline Knot



Form a small loop leaving enough rope for the desired loop size. Pass the end of the rope through the loop as though making an overhand knot. Continue around the standing end and then back through the small loop.

Uses: The Bowline makes a secure loop in the end of a piece of rope. It has many uses, e.g., to fasten a mooring line to a ring or a post. Under load, it does not slip or bind. With no load it can be untied easily. Two bowlines can be linked together to join two ropes.

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First, I would like to commend and thank Linda Sorenson for the excellent job last year as House Captain. It will be a hard act to follow.

As we start of another new year I wanted to address a few concerns. When you use the house, try to leave it cleaner than you found it. If he garbage cans are used, empty them in the dumpster before leaving. Be considerate of other members and don't expect someone else to clean up after you. The clubhouse and grounds are for all our use and enjoyment so try to leave it in the shape you would like to receive it in if you were having a party. If you have any concerns, questions, or suggestions feel free to contact me with them.

Remember if you are planning a private party to contact me via email to reserve your day and time.

Looking forward to another year with everyone out at the lake!

— Thom



It's February and I am sure everyone is getting their boats ready for this next year of sailing and racing. It should be a good one, god willing we will have plenty of water. As your 2015 race guy I will be the one to talk to about any questions or concerns about racing related matters. I will be keeping you informed about board decisions about racing fees format etc.

I am calling out to whoever is interested in helping with this year's racing scoring, timing, starting etc. Please let me know if you are able and interested in helping as we can always use the help. Our club depends on you, the general membership, to make racing nights an enjoyable time, as they have always been in the past. Looking forward to seeing everyone out at the lake and on the water!

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luck meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30. These are normally held at our clubhouse but the February 10th meeting will be held at our home (Jay & Diane Sousa) at 501 E 21st, on the corner of E 21st and Orchard Ln. I hope we have a huge turnout! You won't have to mess with the gate at the Lake plus it will be warm.

I would love to see even more boats out racing on Thursday nights. I would be thrilled to see even more volunteers to help out during our events, especially the regatta in May and our open house shrimp feed in June! I would love to see our beautiful clubhouse and yard utilized more on a warm summer evening for barbecues after an evening sail. Our club cruises are a great way to sharpen your seamanship skills but we need more participation, so don't be shy sign up for a cruise they are a blast!

To this day many of these great people that we met on that December night almost twenty years ago we are proud to still call close friends! Make 2015 your year to discover all that your club, LYSA, has to offer and make some new friends too!

NOTE: By now you have received in the mail your statement to pay your club dues for 2015. Included you will find a brief survey that will help us know the best ways to get information to club members to promote LYSA events. Our goal is to get information out as early as possible to give everyone a chance to keep their calendars open so we may increase participation at club events. Please take a minute and fill out the survey and return it with your club dues. Thank You!

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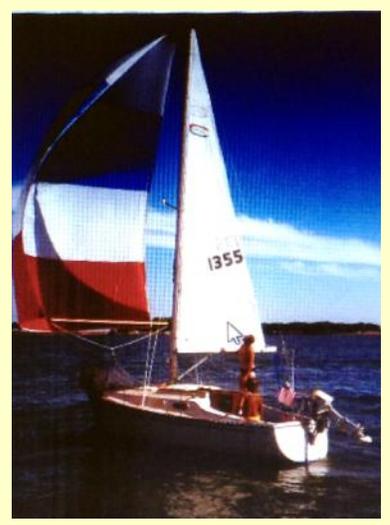
Hello everyone, and welcome to the new year with LYSA. Our first event was on the 1st of January with a Frostbite Regatta. For lunch we had two types of clam chowder, lots of extras and good company. No one wanted to get out on a boat to get wet, so we had a "Putt Putt" boat regatta instead. A small but dedicated group showed up for a large amount of good cheer.

Ed Dietz and Brian Blagg came over to go over cruising events for the coming year. Afterwards Brian treated us with many stories of his trips to the South Pacific and to BVI. I'll go ahead and summarize the events by month. Remember all dinners will have a \$5 per person charge.

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2015 Calendar of Events

January

1 Frostbite Regatta and Chowder Fest

February

14-16 SF Bay, Angel Is., Sausalito, San Francisco (planning)

March

17 St Patty's Dinner, Corned Beef & Cabbage, 6 PM

April

4 4th Annual Chili Fest, Dinner at 6. Bring your best Chili for the competition.

9-12 Strictly Sail Pacific (Jack London Square)

10-12 Bring your boat to Jack London Square, first cruise of the year

May

2 LYSA Opening Day

7 LYSA Thursday Night Summer Series Begins

16-17 LYSA Spring Regatta. Sign up early and come out to sail your boat or to just enjoy the company and help out.

30 Jack & Jill Race

June

20 Dick Gardener One Design

27 Open House/Shrimp Feed

TBA Delta Doo Dah. This will be mid-June; we want to coincide with the Isleton Blues Festival (not advertised yet)

July

4 Independence Day Potluck BBQ & Fun Sail, Dinner 6 PM

11-12 High Sierra Regatta, small boat at Huntington Lake

18 Dick Gardener One Design

18-19 High Sierra Regatta, large boat at Huntington Lake

TBA Special Needs Sailing Day

August

8 Dick Gardener One Design

September

5-7 Delta trip

12 Dick Gardener One Design

October

6-12 Fleet Week SF Bay

10-12 Monterey Trip

24 Halloween End of Year Party / Election / Dinner / Awards

November

December

12 Christmas Party (depending Fish and Game building)

January

1 Frostbite Regatta

Well that's the year, if there are any changes I'll let you know.

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FOR SALE



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