

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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Sierra Snow



This snow in the Sierra hopefully will be the water that fills Lake Yosemite this summer.

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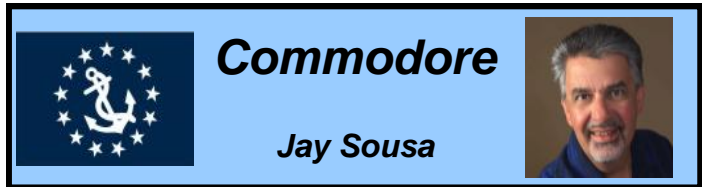
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**Deadline is the 22nd of each month
Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line**

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Water, water everywhere and the rain and mountain snow keeps on falling. But will it be enough to end the drought and fill the lakes and reservoirs? This was the topic of discussion with many of our fellow LYSA members at the January membership meeting. With sailing season, and our Regatta, just around the corner I thought that I would do a little investigative reporting by talking to our local water officials at the Merced Irrigation District to get the lowdown. According to Bryan Kelly, Deputy General Manager for water resources. "It is looking positive but I can't make any formal predictions at this point." Bryan said that by mid-February MID would have a much better picture of what we can expect for water in the lake. With a good six-eight weeks or so of possible heavy rain... and mountain snow... we all need to keep doing our rain dances and preparing our boats for what we hope will be a good sailing season! I will have an update, with hopefully good news, in my March column.


We had a very nice turnout for our first meeting of the year at Round Table Pizza on January 12th. The Board has changed the format of our monthly club meeting and potluck. In the past the potluck started at 6:30 with the meeting getting underway at 7:00. For 2016 we will be starting the potluck at 6:00 with the meeting still scheduled for 7:00 the Board will meet right after the general membership starting at 8:00. We felt that an hour of socializing and a little more time to eat would be nice to make for a more relaxed evening. Our February meeting will be held Tuesday February 9th. We will meet in town at a restaurant or a private home with the potluck format. In the next week or two we will have a location picked so watch the LYSA website, lakeyosemitesailing.org, and your E-mail in box for the meeting location.

The Board also discussed a mid or late summer weekend campout (or rental cabin if camping is not your thing) and sailing adventure on Pinecrest Lake. Pinecrest is a great venue for small boats. I was thinking


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Past Commodore
Peggy Larson

Port Captain
John Larson



What great weather we're having, must be all those rain dances we've been performing!! I know we're all looking forward to a really great sailing year and all of our upcoming events. Please make sure to check the website calendar and newsletter for the dates, we really want to see a strong involvement of the sailing club in the scheduled events and of course, race night!! Our January General/Board meeting at Roundtable was well attended and a great spot. There were some good ideas brought up and I look forward to working with this Board for a great 2016. See you at the lake!

Ahoy to all, and good cheer in your sailings!
News from the berths: Currently replacing 2 main dock support stanchions (4" sch. 40 pipe), that are wasted away.
Please call out if a need to muster on the fore deck and trim the sails as it were for the berths / piers for needed action. Thank you.
Port Captain LYSA, Captain, John E. Larson
Master Mariner, USMM (Ret)

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Treasurer
Diane Sousa



Hi everyone, I hope the new year is treating everyone well. If you haven't already, you will shortly be receiving your invoices for the 2016 club dues and slip fees. The clubs dues are due by January 31st and slip fees are due by March 1st. **MAKE SURE YOUR SLIP FEES ARE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1ST**. If not you will lose your slip and there are no exceptions. Please mail your payment to LYSA, P O Box 3994, Merced CA 95344. Make sure that you include any changes to your address, phone numbers and email to update our records so that you are informed on all club events.
See you at the lake!

that we could trailer a few of the clubs small boats up to the Lake, which is an easy hour and a half drive from Merced in the High Sierra off of Highway 108. If anyone is interested in helping with the planning of this trip please contact me so we can get dates set.

I hope too see a crowd at the February meeting in the mean time; please do not hesitate to contact me with any comments or concerns.

I also want to welcome new LYSA members Jim & Marcie Correa to the club! Jim just recently purchased a Snipe and is anxious to get out on the water. When you see Jim and Marcie at the Lake or meetings please give them a big LYSA welcome.

Commodore Jay



House Captain
Linda Sorensen



Hope everyone is enjoying the rain. Fixing up and cleaning the LYSA Garage was discussed at the last Board Meeting. I'll let everyone know more as Spring gets closer.
See you at the Clubhouse!

Membership Meeting
Join us... on Tuesday, February 9th

6:00 pm *Dinner / Social*
7:00 pm *Membership Meeting*
8:00 pm *Board Meeting*

Location to be determined
Watch your email or
check lakeyosemitesailing.org for details



Cruise/Social Capt.
Matt Loeffler




I am looking forward to a fun, sailing filled year at LAKE YOSEMITE. Keep the positive vibrations heading to a rain and snow filled winter. I'd like to have everyone go to a Non LYSA event as a LYSA group. Our own Jay Sousa will be having a show at the Merced Multicultural Center, entitled "Face of an Athlete" on Friday the 12th from 6 to 8, in the prime downstairs spot. It would be fun to meet at Pinocchio's Restaurant for dinner at 5 and head across the street in time for the show. If interested please contact me.

Another event I'd like people to start greening up to is our Annual Saint Patty's Day Dinner. It will be at the lake at 6 PM. Get your green beer and head on out. Oh, and before I forget (highly unlikely) there is a certain someone that has a great dark chocolate and dark beer desert that is just wonderful. That's all for now, please take a look at the schedule and mark the important events on your calendar. Remember, keep the rain ju ju going.



Secretary
Chris Martin



LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A meeting of the LYSA Membership was held on January 12, 2016 at Round Table Pizza on Olive Avenue. The meeting convened at 7:00 pm, Commodore Jay Sousa presiding. A sign-in sheet was circulated. 24 members attended.

Approval of Minutes: December meeting was not held.

Reports - Actions - Discussions: **Commodore, Jay Sousa:** Welcomed members. Discussed holding the February meeting in town. Invited Board / Committee Members to report.

Vice Commodore, Brigitte Bowers Loeffler: Not Present

Past Commodore, Peg Larson: Some interest in the Regatta. Jay explained: fun event with sailing and dinner. Weekend after Mother's Day, May 14th & 15th

Treasurer, Diana Sousa: When you send in your dues, please update contact information.

Jr. Sailing Committee & Cruise / Social Committee, Matt Loeffler: **Junior Sailing:** Jay started program in 2006. Matt & Brigitte took it over. Last year, even without water, we held Jr. Sailing programs. Darrel & Jerry were fantastic, Jacob Hardin taught. Our Jr. Sailors are growing up and becoming a big part of the program.

Social: Tentative schedule reviewed. Discussed calendar items.

Racing Captain, Rachel Hadley: Tim and Debbie Hardin hosted a potluck at Frostbite Regatta. Afterward, members did some housekeeping. Rachel mentioned the PG&E

2016 Calendar of Events

January

1 Frostbite Regatta

February

SF Bay, Angel Is., Sausalito, San Francisco
TBD Valentine's Day Dinner

March

TBD St Patty's Dinner, Corned Beef & Cabbage

April

9 5th Annual Chili Fest. 6 pm. Bring your best Chili for the competition.
7-10 Strictly Sail Pacific (Jack London Square)
16-17 Camellia Cup, Folsom

May

7 LYSA Opening Day
12 LYSA Thursday Night Summer Series Begins
14-15 LYSA Spring Regatta. Sign up early and come out to sail your boat or to just enjoy the company and help out.
TBD Jack & Jill Race

June

4-5 Gold Country Regatta
TBD Dick Gardener One Design
25 Open House/Shrimp Feed
Delta Doo Dah "Do it Yourself"

July

4 Independence Day Potluck Lunch BBQ & Fun Sail
9-10 High Sierra Regatta, small boat at Huntington Lake
TBD Dick Gardener One Design
16-17 High Sierra Regatta, large boat at Huntington Lake
23 Special Needs Sailing Day

August

TBD Dick Gardener One Design

September

Delta trip
TBD Dick Gardener One Design

October

3-10 Fleet Week SF Bay
14-16 Monterey Trip
Halloween End of Year Party / Election / Dinner / Awards

November

December

3 Christmas Party

January, 2017

1 Frostbite Regatta

Some Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.

bill was high. Freezer turned off and emptied. Lidos were raised up, water and leaves were dumped out as the boats were dirty and smelly.

Port Captain, John Larson:

Replacing vertical steel pipe to support the walking area. All berths have the option to tie up on the port or starboard side. Rachel asked to repair the vertical pipe/horizontal pipe to separate her boats. Discussed John meeting with Rachel at the dock to further discuss this repair. Cleats replaced. Water is working.

Secretary, Chris Martin:

Thank you letter (to Leslie Trela for the donation of a blue Laser) was shared, Camelia Cup date, Items for calendar, request for Newsletter art / articles discussed. Members are welcome to submit art or articles. Deadline is the 22nd of each month.

House Captain, Linda Sorensen: Nothing to report

Commodore, Jay Sousa: Items to achieve as Commodore: Meet with Brian at the County, like to get permission to have an overnight raft at the Lake or camp out at the slips. Talk to MID re: water prediction.

Summer: take small boats (Lidos and Lasers, El Toros) and do a week-end campout at Pinecrest Lake.

New Business: - Jay would like New Business items be reflective of General Membership comments, concerns, suggestions. Introduced new member: Jim Perea, retired veterinarian.

Old Business: - None

The Good of the Order: Agenda sent to members beforehand.

Adjournment: The next LYSA General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, February 9, 2015. Location TBD. Potluck at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm. **Motion:** Moved by Craig to adjourn, and seconded by Linda. **Motion carried.** Membership / Board meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

LYSA Board Meeting Call to Order: A regular meeting of the LYSA Board was held on January 12, 2015. The meeting convened at 8:00 pm, Commodore Jay Sousa presiding.

Members in attendance: Members of the Board in attendance: Commodore: Jay Sousa, Past Commodore: Peg Larson, Secretary: Chris Martin, Treasurer: Diane Sousa, House Captain, Linda Sorensen, Port Captain: John Larson, Cruise/Social Captain: Matt Loeffler, Racing Cap-

tain, Rachel Hadley.

Not in attendance: Vice Commodore: Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler

Approval of Minutes: No minutes

Commodore, Jay Sousa: No reason to repeat reports presented during General Meeting. Best to discuss new business / develop new policy at the Board Meeting then introduce it at the General Meeting.

We have some funds from the Open House and Regatta to make improvements to facility. Windows and ice machine discussed. Jay will look into a price for a card reader to replace keys.

Jay requested articles be sent to Chris by the 22nd of the month.

Treasurer, Diana Sousa: Discussion: Increase in the utility bill.

House Captain, Linda Sorensen: The garage needs to be cleaned out.

Darrel would like to build but not paint the top cabinets, house life jackets above the cabinets. Jay requested a cost estimate for the life jacket storage project. Issue: gardening around boats laying on the ground. If there were a rack system, we could store Lasers in the garage. Continue discussion on how to organize and store these boats, both what they are stored on and how they are stored, the ease of storing and removing from storage. Discussed setting up a Committee to work on this project. Refrigerator / freezer repair discussed.

Cruise and Social Captain and Jr. Sailing Committee, Matt Loeffler:

Discussed storing the power boat at Craig Anderson's house. Jay: when we need the life jackets, the power boat will be in the lake.

Secretary, Chris Martin, Racing Captain, Rachel Hadley, Past Commodore, Peg Larson: No additional information presented to the Board.

Port Captain, John Larson: Fiberglass work needs to be completed on the Committee boat. With organization, we can take the boats off of the lawn. Discussed removing the old floating dock on the outside.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The Good of the Order: None

Adjournment: The next LYSA Board meeting will be held Tuesday, February 9, 2015. Location TBD. Potluck at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm, Board Meeting at 8:00. **Motion:** Moved by Matt to adjourn, and seconded by Peg. **Motion carried.** Membership / Board meeting was adjourned at 8:33.

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