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Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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Happy New Year



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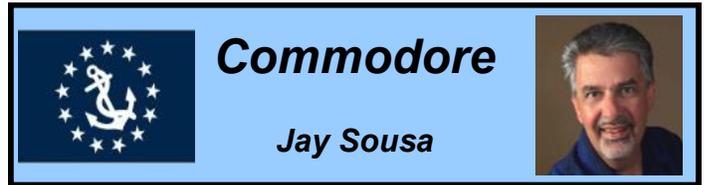
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Happy New Year Everyone! I hope everyone had a great holiday. I am really happy to serve once again as the LYSA Commodore. This is my fourth time that I have been Commodore and I can't remember being as excited for the opportunity as I am this year.

One of the reasons that I am so excited to lead this great club is we have a really amazing group on our LYSA board for 2022 with so much experience and dedication to our club that I know we are in store for a great 2022! Let me introduce them to you.

Our treasurer once again is my wife **Diane Sousa**. Diane works in her day job as an accountant at a CPA firm and really knows her stuff. She has been our treasurer for as long as I can remember and has kept our club very solvent over the years and compliant with all of the tax regulations that we must adhere to. She also handles all of our insurance policies.

Thom Grimaldi has stepped up as our vice-commodore. Thom has been commodore in the past and will fill that position in 2023. He has a wealth of great ideas and I am glad he is my right hand man. Thom also has some awesome club improvements planned.

Chris Martin once again is in the role as our secretary. She is responsible for taking minutes at our meetings and getting the monthly newsletter out to members.

Deb Harden is back again as our house captain, a job that she has done with great skill for several years. Thank Deb for always having the house stocked with supplies and being in charge of making reservations for club members that want to reserve the clubhouse for private events.

Kendall Nightengale is our dock guy. He makes sure our docks are safe and structurally sound, not an easy job. Kendall also takes care of the slip rentals and assigning slips to new slip holders. And if that is not enough this year he is taking over our club web site, which I have a feeling will be awesome!

Rachel Hadley is returning for another year as our

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race captain. Our Thursday night summer races have really come back in the last year with more people out on the water having fun. If you have never raced Rachel has created a very fun, non-threatening environment to get out on your boat and learn to race. Races normally start mid May.

Jerry Johnson and **Norm Martin** will share social and cruising duties. Jerry is a past commodore and along with his wife Suzanne, also a past commodore, have been very active in the club for years. If you were at the Christmas party you might know them better as Mr. and Mrs. Claus! Norm is new to the board but he and his wife Chris, our secretary, have been members for several years. There are a lot of great, fun activities planned for LYSA in 22.

Diane, Jared and I have been in LYSA since 1996 and in that time we have made lifelong friends and memories. We always look forward to hanging out with our "LYSA family" at our beautiful clubhouse.

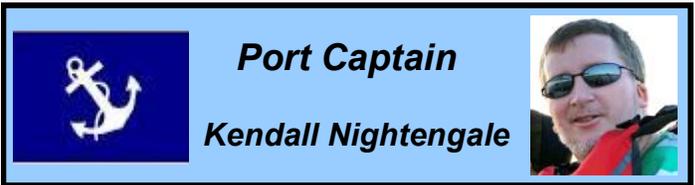
My personal goals for 2022 are to increase communication with club members, be more welcoming to new club members, increase membership participation, make clubhouse/yard improvements and of course get out on our Catalina 22 a lot more!

We have a great, dedicated and experienced board but we can't do it by our selves. We need you...yes you, all of you to make LYSA an even better club. Come to meetings, share your ideas with the board, get involved, and volunteer. Lets all make this the best year yet!

Our first club meeting of the New Year was held on Tuesday January 11th via Zoom due to concerns related to Covid. We normally have our first two or three meetings of the year in town due to cold and dark conditions at the lake.

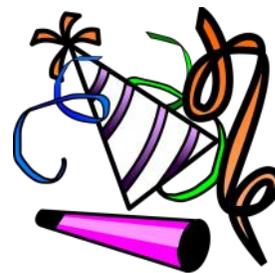
No official dinner but feel free to bring your own dinner/snacks/ drinks etc. Social gathering at 6:30 PM, general membership meeting at 7:00, board meeting at 8:00.

At this time, the Andersons are planning on hosting our February 8th meeting. More information will be in our February Light Air.



I am always amazed at how the last few months of the year run out so quickly, like the last grains of sand slipping through an hourglass. But I'm not complaining about anything that gets us closer to summer sailing again. Sailing has been a way to keep my sanity during COVID.

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**Happy New Year
from your House Captain!**

Hope this Newsletter finds you happy and healthy. 2021 was another year of Covid, but I think we grew and learned from our 2020 experiences. It was good

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Membership Meeting
Join us in January!
Via Zoom
Tuesday, January 11th
6:30 pm Social, 7 pm Membership Meeting
Board Meeting to follow
Observing COVID-19 safety guidelines

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Hopefully all of you had a joyous Christmas and New Year. Kara and I spent two weeks in Arkansas with her family. I experienced my first taste of needing to take refuge from a possible tornado; and given the ferocity of some in the recent past, I

wasn't leaving that to chance. I'm a California native and like many of you prefer the dangers of infrequent earthquakes over the dangers of tornadoes. I'll stay close to Lake Yosemite for the time being.

However, if you ever find yourself in the Southeast Arkansas area, make sure you go out of your way to eat at Taylor's Steakhouse, a few miles out of Dumas, Arkansas. It is becoming a legend in the South with folks driving for hours for one of the best steaks you'll find this side of the Mississippi. Some even come from the other side of the river to enjoy the fine 45-day, dry-aged, prime steaks seared to perfection and served with delicious au jus.

The copious rainfall and excellent Sierra snowpack this Winter are refreshing and should help alleviate



some of the water shortages. Fingers crossed it means excellent lake levels this season at Lake Yosemite and Huntington Lake. In case you haven't noticed, I really enjoy sailing on Huntington. On our flight out of Fresno we were treated to an aerial view of Huntington Lake with snow out-

lining the shore and the inlet iced over (see photo). Looking down on the lake brought back memories of beating to windward the length of the lake and then lazily running with wind as everyone but the skipper took a nap (I asked if I could nap as well, but the crew said no).

Now I need to focus on the docks and other projects that were put on hold for the holidays. Yes, we need to have some workdays to do necessary dock repairs. I need to continue working on LYSA's new website and the weather station projects. I'm not short of things to do.

I don't have any updates to provide on those at the time of this writing, but I will announce any workdays for the docks via the LYSA email, so stay tuned.

	Treasurer Diane Sousa	
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Hello everyone, I hope the holidays treated everyone well. You will be receiving your invoices for the 2022 club dues and slip fees soon. Club dues are due by January 31st. Slip fees are due by February 28th.

Please mail your payment to LYSA, P O Box 3994, Merced CA 95344 and include any changes to your address, phone numbers and email to update our records.

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to see you at the lake again and Rachel gave us a Racing Season, which lifted Sailors' spirits.

I don't usually make New Year's resolutions, but I would like to suggest one for all of us at the Club. Resolution: To do more sailing this year than last!

Craig has been hard at work trying to find the leak in our antique sprinkler system. Thank you, Craig! The back door to the house has had some swelling from the rain (no complaints here) and therefore some issues closing. Please try your best to shut it properly, but if not possible, please make sure the white security door is locked. Thank you.

At last check, there was still one boat without proper sticker. If it is yours, please take care of it. The Sea Scout boats are changing how they are licensed and Rich, Diane & I are working on it.

No progress has been made on the storage of the small boats and I take full responsibility for the lack of progress. Maybe if I get my housekeeping in order this year, I will approach that issue again. Then again, I am enjoying my retirement and the travel that goes with it, so who knows.

If that is a project one of you would like to take on, please contact me with your ideas and costs.

See you at the lake!



Happy New Year! Our Race Schedule will be 16 races on Thursday Nights beginning May 12th, the last race will be August 25th. Awards are planned for September 8th, subject to change – depending on the availability of the racing folk.

The new Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 were effective January 1, 2021. US Sailing generally mails a new Rule Book to all of

its members, but I thought I'd share: **New Rule in Part 4 of the 2021-2024 Rule Book, Rule 43:**

"43.1 (a) When as a consequence of breaking a rule a boat has compelled another boat to break a rule, the other boat is exonerated for her breach. **(b)** When a boat is sailing within the room or mark-room to which she is entitled and, as a consequence of an incident with a boat required to give her that room or mark-room she breaks a rule of Section A of Part 2, rule 15, 16, or 31, she is exonerated for her breach. **(c)** A right-of-way boat, or one sailing within the room or mark-room to which she is entitled, is exonerated for breaking rule 14 if the contact does not cause damage or injury. **43.2** A boat exonerated for breaking a rule need not take a penalty and shall not be penalized for breaking that rule."

There are a few rules we have gone back and forth about over the years, and one of them is how long can you wait to take your penalty turns after an infraction – which is clearly stated in the rule book:

Rule 44.2 – One and Two Turn Penalties: ***As soon after the incident as possible***, after getting well clear of other boats, a boat takes a One-Turn or Two-Turns Penalty by promptly making the required number of turns, in the same direction, each turn including 1 tack and 1 gybe.

I found some quick snippets about some of the really important rules:

Rule 10 – Starboard Tack has right of way – exceptions (Rules 22 and 23) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zi_okAVEGo&feature=emb_rel_end

Rule 17: Passing Downwind, Luffing Rights: https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/the-racing-rules-of-sailing-2021-2024/?utm_source=Member%20Email&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=RRS%20App%20Ready%20For%20Download%20-%20Members

And some longer training videos from the Royal Yachting Association regarding 'When Boats Meet':

RYA - Racing Rules, Right of way (45 Minutes): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tFCuwTuW200>

RYA - The Start (50 Minutes): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KanGIVzhym0>

RYA - The Windward Leg, and Obstructions (45 Minutes): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyOx5TAahw4>

RYA - Marks, Part 1 (35 Minutes): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bzmp5BMkVgE>

RYA - Marks, Part 2 (40 Minutes): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMTYEgv8WjE&feature=emb_rel_end

RYA - The Run, and Proper Course (25 Minutes): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQxeasGGr-s>

(Note: errors on Scenario 3 slides (about 7.5 – 10 minutes in) YELLOW (Port Tack) is the Keep Clear Boat

Here's hoping 2022 will be a good year, with lots of smiles and congenial comradeship.



Cruise/Social Capt.
Jerry Johnson




Cruise/Social Capt.
Norm Martin



Here comes the new year, and with it opportunities to make new friends and to connect with fellow members of LYSA.

We have some exciting and entertaining events planned for 2022.

We'll kick-off the calendar with a St. Patrick's Day gathering. Corned beef and cabbage will be served. If the weather is cooperative, there will be outdoor dining and activities. Party details are being discussed and we will let you know more soon.

Sailing season's Opening Day is coming in May and with it comes a great opportunity to support the club by joining us for a special dining event.

Thursday evenings also will provide members the chance to come out to race, visit and share a meal with friends. This has been a tradition for years and makes for a relaxing way to end the day. For those who enjoy starting the day with a tasty morning treat, we plan to host a few breakfast/brunch events throughout the year.

We intend to continue popular events such as the Shrimp Feed and Christmas party.

As we remain mindful of providing opportunities for safe gatherings during this time of Covid, our "events calendar" remains fluid. We will keep you informed as we move ahead with positive attitudes and a desire to have the club continue to grow and thrive. Share your ideas with us.

We leave you with the suggestion to bring guests to events. Let's share our special fellowship.

Upcoming Events

(Proposed—Subject to change due to Covid restrictions.)

For information on events, check Latitude 38's racing guide.
Monthly LYSA Member/Board Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month
6 pm Social, 6:30 pm Meeting

February, 2022

- 8 LYSA Member/Board Meeting
- 15 Super Bowl—Event TBD
- 28 Slip Fees due

March, 2022

- 8 LYSA Member/Board Meeting
- 12-13 RYC Big Daddy Regatta
- St. Patrick's Day at the Lake
- 26 OYC Rites of Spring Regatta

April, 2022

- 12 LYSA Member/Board Meeting
- 55th FLYC Camellia Cup Regatta
- Make A Wish Event
- Livingston Kite Festival—8:30 to 4
- Strictly Sail Pacific, Richmond

May, 2022

- 10 LYSA Member/Board Meeting
- LYSA Opening Day**
- 12 LYSA Thursday Night Summer Racing Series Begins
- LYSA Spring Regatta**

June, 2022

- 14 LYSA Member/Board Meeting
- LYSA Summer Series, Thursdays
- GCCY—Go for the Gold
- SSC Delta Ditch Run
- LYSA Dick Gardner Memorial, 1st Day of Summer
- Open House/Shrimp Feed**

July, 2022

- LYSA Summer Series, Thursdays
- Junior Sailing
- Special Needs Sailing Day

August, 2022

- Junior Sailing
- 25 LYSA Summer Series, Final Race
- Junior Regatta

September, 2022

- Labor Day: Take a worker sailing
- Sea Scouts Appreciation

October, 2022

- Fleet Week SF Bay
- OYC Oktoberfest Regatta
- End of Year Party - Awards / Election
- RYC Great Pumpkin Regatta

November, 2022

- LYSA Member/Board Budget Meeting

December, 2022

- Christmas Party

January, 2023

- Merced Running Club's Fog Jog / Annual Meeting

Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.

LYSA's Christmas Party





Secretary
Chris Martin



LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A combined meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on November 9, 2021 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:10 pm, Commodore George Deane presiding.

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, George Deane: George welcomed members to the meeting, and invited Board / Committee Members to report.

Approval of Minutes: No Secretary's report. Minutes published in the newsletter. Corrections: None.

Motion: Moved by Jerry Rokes to approve minutes as published, second by Thom. **Motion carried.**

Vice Commodore, Dennis Pellissier: Not present.



Treasurer, Diane Sousa: Diane shared the Treasurer's report. Each area of the 2021 Budget was discussed. Discussed budget allocation vs. fees or fundraising. Example: weekend brunch – charge for meal, overage goes back to the Club Events category. Costs should be covered; excess goes back into that subcategory. Craig suggested we remove the line for the mooring buoys. Diane has them zeroed out.

ABCs of boating pamphlet shared. Richmond 12/4 small boat sailing day.

Motion: Moved by Jerry Johnson to approve the budget as presented, second by Jay Sousa. **Motion carried.**

Dock Captain, Kendall Nightengale: Not present. George shared that last report was pretty comprehensive and covered everything.

House Captain, Deb Harden: Not present.

Cruise / Social Committee: Vacant

Race Captain, Rachel Hadley: Nothing to report.

Junior Sailing: Matt / Brigitte Loeffler: Not present.

New Business: Diane received applications from new Members. Peggy has a prospective member but she hasn't been able to come out with them. Diane will hold it over until after January.

Old Business: Christmas Party 12/4 from 12-4. LYSA has the funds to provide dinner. Members will bring appetiz-

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er / dessert divided by alphabet. Have a tree, raffle it off at the end of the event. Discussed having Strings cater 3 entrees: Artichoke ravioli, chicken picatta, lasagna, salad and rolls. Typically around 75 guests. Jay will request RSVPs for planning. Meal, gift exchange (\$25). Club Members free, guests \$10. Discussed logistics if the weather is bad.

Jerry offered to help with a phone tree to make a better contact with. Norm, Jerry and Thom will contact Members

Discussion: Members are not getting emails. We need to ensure Members are receiving email.

Good of the order: It's been raining.

2022 LYSA Board Members: Jay Sousa volunteered to serve as Commodore; Thom Grimaldi, Vice Commodore; Chris Martin, Secretary; Diane Sousa, Treasurer; Kendall Nightengale, Dock Captain; Rachel Hadley, Race Captain; Deb Harden, House Captain; Jerry Johnson and Norm Martin, Cruise / Social Captain, jointly.

Adjournment: The Christmas Party will serve as the December meeting. The next LYSA General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, January 11, 2022. 6:00 Social, General Meeting at 6:30 pm. Board Meeting to follow. Location to be determined.

Motion: Moved by Tom to adjourn, second by Norm. **Motion carried.** Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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