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Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

July 2014

## Sail Camp!



**Sail Camp got off to a great start with the first group of enthusiastic young sailors!**

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**What did the blown out, ripped jib say? . . .**

**"I haven't a clew."**

I always like to start off my article with a little levity.

Speaking of "levity," that was the name of Jimmy Powell's J boat. As many of you will recall, Jim Powell was a member of our club for several years. He raced at the Lake on Thursday nights with my husband Jerry and Chris Miller on several boats (just not the J boat). Unfortunately, Jim passed away this year on January 3, 2014. However, since Jim was so instrumental with the initial cooking process for our Shrimp Feed several years ago, Mike Streatly paid a very nice tribute to Jim at our June 21<sup>st</sup> Shrimp Feed. Jim's entire family; wife Janet, son Jason and his girlfriend Laurie, daughter Jennifer and her husband Jason were all present. They were very appreciative and moved by the tribute. Jerry and Chris also had some very nice things to say about Jim, aka: "Damn it Jim!" Hopefully, we will see more of Jimmy's family at the Lake!

For those of you who attended, the Shrimp Feed was another great success. What a fun event. For those of you who did not attend, you really missed out on a great time. A special thank you to our very generous supporter, Peg Lawler!! She also did a wonderful job with the raffle. Thanks Peg. Also, thanks to all of the club members who donated a raffle prize. A special thanks to the Jr. Sailors for all of their help. And, Debbie Harden what a terrific job you did on the center pieces!! Of course, what would our club do without Mike Streatly! Due to his organization and delegation skills, the Shrimp Feed was once again an outstanding event. Unfortunately, we would have liked to have seen more club participation. Setting up and preparing for the event takes a lot of time and effort. Hopefully next year the participation level will increase.



Don't forget the Special Needs Sailing Day on July 26, 2014. Please see Rich Kleitman for more details. As a final note, if you have a party or event at the club house, please clean up afterwards. Please leave the area as you found it. Don't leave the clean up to the next member using the facilities.

Happy sailing!!!!

# Special Needs Sailing Day



**Saturday, July 26  
3-7 pm**

LYSA will take guests from local facilities sailing and host a bbq lunch. Contact Rich Kleitman for more information at: 381-6713 ext 6211



**Vice Commodore  
Peggy Lawler**



Really great job everyone on the Shrimp Feed. I don't know how much money we raised but I do know that we had wonderful weather, delicious food as always and just a real fun time. The steel drums put us right in the mood, the spinnakers are always such a nice touch and the deserts really topped the night off. Thank you to all who contributed time, money, prizes and expertise in cooking and decorating. Nothing but compliments from everyone I have talked to! Let's do it again next year!! Happy 4th to you all.



**House Captain  
Linda Sorensen**



I would like to thank all the LYSA club members for all your help you put in during the Shrimp Feed. I even saw members that have never helped working. This made such a successful turn out. Everything went so smooth because of all of your help. Everyone had such a great time and I enjoyed walking around talking to people and thanking them for coming, and they all said, "They'll be back next year". I know my family look forward to the shrimp feed each year. Sunday Thom and I did a lot of cleaning up and putting things in order. Closets, drawers and cabinets were all cleaned out and everything is now in order. Please help out by putting everything back where it came from so it will be easy to find when anyone needs to use it again.

We need one more paint party . Only four members showed up last time and we got the back fence painted before the shrimp fee. Thanks to Gary, Lee, Darrell and myself. Just the long side along the yard needs to be done. So Look for another date and time posted soon. We'll need at least 8 people to finish the job.

Stop by and check out the Junior Sailors learning to sail. Matt & Darrell said, they have a great bunch of kids willing to learn to sail.

See you around, Linda

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



Enough was written about our successful Shrimp Feed so I will only say thanks everyone. Great job!

On the drought front, it looks like the water level has stabilized. It seems to be hanging around about a foot and a half below normal which is just fine. I noticed a few more boats in the water. Just remember if you are going to put in you will need to check your lines regularly.

There is also still some dock work that I am having done, but I need to order more lumber so there has been a delay. If you notice anything that needs attention please email me and let me know about it.

And, for those of you on the floating docks, I have arranged to have the water lines extended out to the end (as was planned when they were built), so that should be coming soon. It will make it a little easier for you to wash your boats.

Finally, I'd like for you to start thinking about next year's board. It would be great to have some "new blood" run for the positions. Fresh faces with fresh ideas, that's what I'm thinking!

Until next month . . .



**SCHEDULE FOR 2014**

(See the online calendar for updates throughout the year)

**JULY**

- 4 Independence Day Potluck BBQ & Fun Sail
- 19 One Design: Dick Gardner Race #2 of 4
- 26 Special Needs Sailing Day

**AUGUST**

- 16 Garage Sale for Race Committee
- 16 One Design: Dick Gardner Race #3 of 4
- ?? Racer's Dinner

**SEPTEMBER**

- 20 One Design: Dick Gardner Race #4 of 4

**OCTOBER**

- 4 Octoberfest/End of Season Awards & Election Dinner
- 25 Halloween Costume Theme Party

**NOVEMBER**

- 7-10 Cruise: Monterey Bay

**DECEMBER**

- 6 Lighted Sailboat Parade in the Bay
- 13 LYSA Christmas Party

**A few pictures from the Shrimp Feed . . .**



**Debbie Harden showing off her table centerpieces.**



**Darrell Sorensen and Thom Grimaldi taking a break setting up for the Shrimp Feed.**



**Dennis Wainwright hard at work preparing shrimp**



## Cruise/Social Capt.

Matt Loeffler/Ryan Schwartz



### From Matt . . .

Hello everyone.

First off, just to be sure you know, the Fourth of July party will be on the fourth of July at Lake Yosemite. Go to Atwater, watch the parade, go to the park and watch the firemen have their hose contest, then go home cool off a little and relax. After that head out to the lake for a BBQ. I'll be getting the coals going for dinner, bring your own meat, we can put it on the grill. Bring a side to share and your own drinks. No charge for this one. After dinner you may retire to your favorite spot for fireworks. What Brigitte and I have always enjoyed was going out on the boat and watching the show from Merced, Livingston, and Atwater, with a couple of other shows thrown in too. Unfortunately this year we will be heading home after dinner. Last year Monty, our big dog, had some difficulty with the explosions around our house so we feel that we need to be home for him.

The Open house went off with great success. Big thanks to Mike for getting it all arranged and running smoothly. I'd also like to thank the Junior Sailors for serving at event.

Another thing that happened was the "Go for the Gold Regatta" at Scotts Flat Lake up by Nevada City. I'll write about that in a separate column.

In July will be the Special Needs Sailing event on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Please this is a great day spear headed by Richard Kleitman. If you can make it please come out and share your love of sailing with someone that doesn't normally get that chance. The event will be from 3 pm to 7 pm. Refreshments will be provided as well as a dinner of bbq hamburgers and hot dogs. Contact Rich Kleitman at (209) 381-6713 ext. 6211 to RSVP.

Also coming up in July will be two trips to the delta. The first will be the one headed by Ryan Schwartz, the second by Ed Dietz. These will be the last two weeks in July, respectively.

Hoping to see you all at the lake this month,  
- Matt.

### From Ryan . . .

Greetings all!!

Matt and I would like to invite everyone to the lake for the 4th. For this event, Matt will get the charcoal going in time for dinner but you should bring something for yourself to put on the grill and a side to share. Lets say if people have things that take a long time to cook, Matt will start the coals around 4:30, 5 or a little later if they are quick cooking. This will be a NO CHARGE event since all Matt is doing is getting the coals going. As Matt said at the meetings last year, Brigitte and Matt got called away because of dog issues. After

dinner he will be going home to take care of his furry babies but we encourage everyone to stay, get out on the water and watch the fire works. Being on the boat is a relaxing way to watch Atwater, Merced, Livingston, and some other fire-works with out any hassle (unless you get a call about your dog). I will not be there as I will be putting my boat in San Francisco Bay to enjoy the week of the 4th and take in one or two Cardinals games vs. the Giants.

We have also started setting up the Delta DIY for the following times: Brian, Ed, and possibly Matt plan to launch 7/25 Start at Buckley Cove (Stockton) Friday 10am launch 7/26 Saturday night in Sugar Barge (16.75 miles) 7/27 Sunday night – Pittsburg (15.75 miles) 7/28 Monday night – Delta Yacht Harbor (14 miles) 7/29 Tuesday night – Owl Harbor (12 miles) Going under the 3 mile slough bridge 7/30 Wednesday night – Stockton sailing club (18.75 miles) will be help if you want to load on your trailer late Wednesday 7/31 Thursday morning loading back on the trailers at Buckley Cove (Stockton) We still need to set the number of boats to verify they have enough openings for us at each marina. Please let Ed or I know and register your boat at: <http://www.deltadoodah.com/>

I, Ryan, will be doing the Delta DIY for the following times: launch 7/11 Start at Buckley Cove (Stockton) Friday 10am launch staying in Sugar Barge (16.75 miles) 7/12 Saturday night – Pittsburg (15.75 miles) 7/13 Sunday night – Delta Yacht Harbor (14 miles) 7/14 Monday night – Owl Harbor (12 miles) Going under the 3 mile slough bridge 7/15 Tuesday night – Stockton sailing club (18.75 miles).

Same itinerary, just different days so the club has different options.

We hope everyone has a fun July!!!!  
- Ryan



**4th of July BBQ!**

**Friday, July 4th**  
**At the clubhouse**

Bring your meat to grill and a side to share.

BBQ will be fired up at 4:00 pm

See you all there!

# Sail Camp Report

Matt Loeffler

Today was the first day of Sail Camp at LYSA for 2014. I'd like to thank Darrell, and Jerry Rokes for their continued greatly needed help and also Eric Swenson for coming in today to also volunteer his help. Don't forget to thank our Junior Counselors too, Bridgette Farmer, Jacob Harden, Everett Bowers-Loeffler, and our newest Sharon Antiner. Coming later will be Colin Frost, and Jerry's grandsons Dalton and Noah.

This was one of the best first days of camp that I can remember. The winds were next to perfect. We did a little bit of vocabulary and how the boat works, did a swim test, got the boats all in the water and took a little sail. Busy morning, considering we still had to get some parts put together on the Lido's. After lunch we got a couple Lasers in the water and a couple of El Toro's too. Everett took one Laser; Matt (a student from last year) took out the other. Darrell and Jacob went out in the El Toro's. I don't think I'll be able to get Jacob in one again, not fast enough for his blood.

All the other kids were beginners, two were mini campers that asked to spend the whole day rather than go home after lunch. All were doing a great job as you can see from the photos.



Above a group on a Lido 14 and below a junior sailor on a Laser.



## Late Breaking News . . .

Hunter Rae, from our first week of sail camp decided that after 6 days learning to sail he was ready to go against the big boys at a Bay Area Race. Darrell Sorensen loaded up a club El Toro, he and Matt Loeffler drove it over to Lake Elizabeth in Fremont meeting Hunter and his family. While getting ready to sail Hunter was coached by some seasoned El Toro Racers; Walter and Art. Both of these elder gentlemen have a combined 120 years of experience that they shared. While waiting for ramp space Darrell and Matt were approached by local sailors and asked if they would crew on a Lido 14. Challenge accepted. Hunter pulled off a 4<sup>th</sup> place spot in the three race day. A great time was had by all.





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# Go For The Gold Regatta Re-Cap

Matt Loeffler

Earlier in June, Darrell and his crew Mary Lu and I went to Scotts Flat for the Gold Country Regatta. We all had a wonderful time. My week end for this started on Friday the 6th. I got off work at Los Banos Junior high and headed home for a quick shower and getting some last minute things packed. I had other motives for going on this trip. I have an old friend that I haven't seen in many years that lives in Grass Valley; he is the wine maker for Nevada City Winery. I called him up and said I'd be there and asked if he could crew for me. He was open for Saturday only and had to move a claw footed bath-tub on Sunday.

Friday night he was chaperoning at a Jr. High graduation dance with his girlfriend that works at the school. We had figured out that I would probably get there around 9 in the evening. I got near his place before getting lost. He was just getting there so waited on the side of the main road till I found him.

Now Mark is not a sailor, I think he had been on a catamaran years ago once, and was very leery of going to a regatta. When we got there and started checking in all these people came up to him to say hi, he knew about half the people there and quickly became accepted into the sailing fraternity. They had 4 races on Saturday and two on Sunday. Of course Darrell and I were in the Windmill fleet, we had our own start. They also had starts for Banshee's, Lido 14's, and Lasers. There was an open centerboard class and an open keel boat class all with their own starts. All together there were about 50 boats.

The first two races were terrific. Fairly steady winds, considering we were on a mountain lake. David Nelson and his buddy Scott, both have been at our regatta many times were there and came in 1st every race. Michael Johnson and his daughter Olivia were there, Darrell and Mary Lu came in 3rd, I guess that tells you were my friend Mark and I came in.

The third race was regarded by all as terrible. The winds were going from zero, to lite, to zero, to mild. Wind direction was shifting from 90 to 180 degrees at the drop of a hat. Boats heading to the same mark from the same place were on anything from a run to close hauled and anything in between. This was also the longest race of the day. Half way through, I don't know how far behind we were, our tiller snapped off with about a 2 inch shard remaining on the rudder head. The closest to the marina we could get was

about a third of a mile of rocky shore line. We were not the last ones in for this race. I'm not even sure if they ran the 4<sup>th</sup> race, you can ask Darrell.

Next thing up was the Regatta dinner. Mark was able to get ahold of his girlfriend to join us. Now I said Mark is a winemaker at Ne-



vada City Winery. One of the other couples there that were doing work at the regatta owns another winery in the area. Sorry to say I was at the table with the most wine bottles lined up. If you remember I don't drink very much, but I was still able to partake of some fabulous wines. As the evening came to a close some of the Gold Coast people were trying to find a spare tiller for me, but none fit. I hope I don't offend anyone by saying I was OK with that. My main goals were accomplished. I went sailing in a beautiful venue and got together with an old friend.

Sunday instead of going back to the lake, remember no tiller, we got up in the morning and went for a kayak ride on Wildwood Lake. After that we headed to Nevada City Winery to get some tools, sorry no wine this time, and headed to Marks new house to move a claw footed tub and a couple of other chores. Had lunch and headed down the hill to visit my mom in Sacramento and then came home. All in all a wonderful trip, thank you Darrell for suggesting I go.



## Race Captain

Jerry Johnson



The first half of the Summer Racing Series is over. The second half will begin Thursday, July 3. Come out for some fun racing, and after there will be tacos and margaritas. We are planning for 7 more races in the second half but of course that will depend on the water situation.

We are also planning a yard sail to be held on Saturday, August 16. The money raised will go to purchase new race equipment and some good marks. So clean out your garages and donate some items for a good cause.



The winners of the Jack and Jill Regatta held May 31st were Debbie "Jill" Harden, and Tim "Jack" Harden. Congratulations!

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