

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

July 2015



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2015 Open House

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Raffle winner
Photo courtesy Suzanne Johnson



Uke 'n Reed
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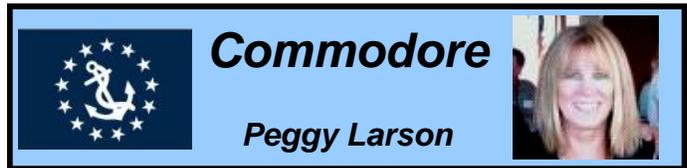
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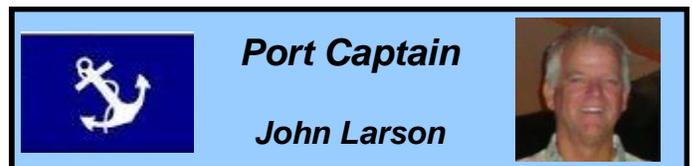


By the time you're reading this our shrimp feed will be in the rear view mirror. From my previous experiences I can almost guarantee that it was not only successful but that everyone came thru in helping out.

We are enjoying some wonderful Thursday night dinners along with the beautiful sunsets ~ from the yard maybe but we're still getting together and it's a great experience. One thing for sure, we will all appreciate the rain when we get it and sailing when we get to

On another note, the new saying for the yard is "watch out for the dog poop"! Not classy at all. Anyone who takes their dogs to the sailing club cannot ignore this or say it's not me. Clean up after yourself and your dog. Notice I didn't say please. Really stupid to even have to tell anyone this.

We'll have one meeting for the month of July, the 14th so it would be great to see everyone there. Until then, we'll see you in the yard!



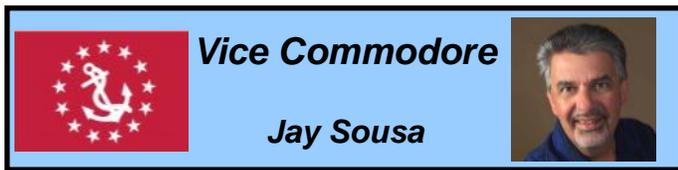
Ahoy to all, and good cheers!

Great job on the Shrimp feed. Lots of happy faces out there and the turn out of many hands made the job much easier.

The dead bolt in the lock at the berth gate have been changed out and in good working order. Received a call and acted on this as well as a broken water line to pier 2. For the berths and walk ways, I believe all is well at this 8 bells writing of June.

Please call out if a need to muster on the fore deck and trim the sails as it were for the berths or piers need action.

Port Captain John Larson, LYSA
Master Mariner, USMM (Ret)



I am sure that my fellow Board members have written their articles about the Open House/Shrimp feed in their columns that was held on the last weekend of June. The event was such a great success that it is worth another column about it!

There are so many of your fellow club members that made the evening a huge success that I can't possibly name them all. I do want to give a huge shout out to Steve Leonard who was out at the club bright and early Saturday morning to help with what ever needed to be done. Steve, along with Rachael Hadley, are always a great help at club events. But Steve

went beyond... way beyond the call of duty this year. If you do not know Steve then you may not know that Steve is very diligent about taking care of himself and staying very fit. Steve cycles and runs to stay in shape.

On the morning of the shrimp feed Steve got up early to go for a run before coming out to help set up for the big day at the Lake. During his normal running route around Rahilly Park near his home Steve took a little tumble that required a trip to urgent care and several stitches to his chin plus numerous other cuts and bruises. For many, possibly myself included, this would have been the end of the day. But not Steve, after leaving urgent care he headed to the Lake and pitched in with his normal, very distinctive laugh as if nothing happened! It is people like Steve Leonard that I love this club!



Well our 2015 Shrimp Feed has come to an end. And, to a profitable end I might add. We made a nice little profit this year, according to Diane's calculations. Thanks to SO many of you that made it possible. I would like to personally thank the following club members; Jerry Johnson, Chris Miller, Dennis & Chrissy Wainwright, Jay & Diane Sousa, Tim & Debbie Harden, Darrell & Linda Sorensen, Norm & Chris Martin, Dave & Kim Aleman, Lee Andersen, Bryan & Cindy Blagg, Sierra Cooper, Gary Hogston, Dan Farmer and his son "Poo.", Thom & Karen Grimaldi, Rachel Hadley, Steve Leonard, Rich Kleitman, John & Peg Larson, Rick Lindgren, Matt, Brigitte, Everett & Casey Loeffler, Mike Strealy, Wes & Katie Unruh and all of the Junior Sailors. I sure hope that I did not forget anyone. If I did, I apologize. I also want to thank a non-Club member, Brian Haskins for lending his support to the shrimp preparers. And what a trooper Steve Leonard was. He injured himself that morning and had stitches in the ER yet he was out there on Saturday morning offering his assistance!! Congratulations to Dave & Kim Aleman for finally winning a raffle prize (actually they won 2 prizes). It was the first time in 4 years!!!

Lastly, I want to thank our 7 guests that came from Fresno and to our Fresno raffle donators; Justin Johnson, Benjamin Ratliff, Gregory Myers, David Overstreet, and Mobility Works of Fresno. Also, a special thank you to Chris & Cory Miller of Leighton's Jewelers. Peg Larson did a fabulous job (as usual) with the raffle. Katie & Wes Unruh's granddaughter loved the dump truck that she won! Her excitement was precious!

Next year, let's all lend our support to our Commodore Peg Larson, as she will be in charge of our 2016 Shrimp Feed.

Thanks again for your support this year. I hope we can count on even more of our Club members to step up next year to lend their support. Remember this is a CLUB Event and it's our main fund raiser for the year.

Membership Meeting
Join us at the Clubhouse
on Tuesday, July 14th
6:30 pm Potluck Social
7:00 General Membership Meeting
 Bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage.



Photo courtesy Jonathan Whitaker



*Auctioneer Mike Strelay and House Captain Thom Grimaldi
Photo courtesy Jonathan Whitaker*



Photo courtesy Suzanne Johnson

2015 Open House



*Past Commodore Suzanne Johnson and Jerry Johnson
Photo courtesy Suzanne Johnson*

Sail Camp



Session 1—Turlock High Junior ROTC Junior Sailors



Photos courtesy Matt Loeffler

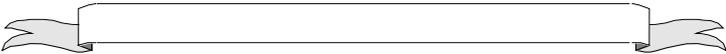


Hello All,
Well just to recap, we have had three Thursday night dinners: One Taco, one St. Louis Short Rib, and one Duck Dinner. All were fantastic. Attendance at the first two were terrific, I couldn't make the last. Everyone enjoyed had a great time. Also in June, we of course had the Open House all you can eat shrimp dinner. Thank you to all that worked so hard to make it the success it was.

Ed Dietz, Brian Blagg, Mike Brady, John French, and their respective family members went on a Delta Doo Dah trip. They did about 75 miles with 4 over-night and 5 days of near perfect sailing. They enjoyed some mild days, and some windy. If you haven't made it to the delta, be sure to put that on your bucket list for the rest of the summer.

For the month of July, we will continue our Thursday

night dinners. If anyone would like to take charge of a particular Thursday please get in touch with me. I would like to also invite any club members to head out to the lake any week day to see our Junior Sailing program in action. Yes, I said Sailing. We are only using the Laser's and El Toro's due to the low water levels and restrictions put on us by the county. Boats can go in the water, but they are not allowed to use the boat ramp. We got a nice new dolly for the small boats and are taking them to water's edge, doing our sailing and then removing the boats from the water. It is a lot more work, but well worth it. Our first group was the Navy Junior ROTC group from Turlock high that we had out last year. This was a great group of kids and I think they learned a lot; well they had smiles on their faces the whole time. Something else new about Junior Sailing is a new instructor, our clubs own Jacob Harden. He did a great job and said he'll do another week of instruction. Be sure to give him a big thank you when you see him. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and we will see you on the lake, well at least the club house yard.



Reminder

**LYSA t-shirts, hats & burgees
are available for purchase.
Contact Thom Grimaldi
to get yours!**



Sail Camp 2015

This learn to sail program is for kids aged 8-16 and is held on Lake Yosemite. Multiple sessions will be offered for the upcoming 2015 season.

This year due to the low water levels Campers will learn to sail on our El Toro fleet, and Lasers. As conditions permit we will also use Lido 14 sailboats. Campers do not need prior sailing experience, but must know how to swim. The camp is taught by experienced youth sailing instructors.

Registration:

\$125.00 for Mini campers
\$180.00 for Basic/Advanced

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2015 Calendar of Events

July

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

December

12 Christmas Party (depending Fish and Game building)

January

1 Frostbite Regatta

Sail Camp Dates for 2015

Session 3: July 13-17

Session 4: July 20-24

Session 5: July 27-31

Camps will be broken into three groups:

Mini: Campers 8 to 10 years of age

Mini class will run from 9 am to 1 pm daily

Basic: Campers 10 to 16 years of age

Advanced: Any age (must have completed basic course)

Basic and advanced class will run from 9 am to 4 pm. For more information please contact Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler at brigittematt@comcast.net or phone (209) 357-7049



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- Swipe your SHARES card every time you shop with Save Mart or one of their affiliated stores.



-  Enroll in the Raley's scrip program at www.raleys.com/somethingextra. Select Lake Yosemite Sailing Association from the menu and designate the percentage of scrip to donate.
- Come to monthly Membership meetings or try out a Thursday night event.
- Please drain and place recyclable glass bottles, plastic bottles and aluminum cans in the proper containers.
- Use the Suggestion Box to make a suggestion or to point out an issue that may need to be looked into.
- Submit an article to the Newsletter or share the Newsletter with a friend.



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Lake Yosemite Sailing Association (LYSA) MINUTES

Membership and Board Meetings

Meeting Date: June 9, 2015

LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A regular meeting of the LYSA Membership was held on June 9, 2015 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:07 pm, Commodore Peggy Larson presiding. A sign-in sheet was circulated. Sixteen members attended.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were read by Chris Martin. Corrections: None

Motion: Moved by Dennis Wainwright to approve minutes with corrections, seconded by Peg Larson. **Motion carried.**

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, Peggy Larson: Welcomed members to the meeting. Invited Board / Committee Members to report.

Treasurer, Diana Sousa:

Communications:

None. Budget report distributed to members and reviewed.

Vice Commodore, Jay Sousa:

Jay asked Members to consider running for Board positions, especially Vice-Commodore. Peg: solicit nominations via the board in the kitchen. Suzanne: post descriptions of the duties from the By-Laws.

House Captain, Thom Grimaldi:

Improvements - The stove is fixed.

Communication

Send a copy of the vendor application for the Shrimp feed to Diane for her records.

Thom asked who is handling the LYSA membership cards. Several members don't have cards.

Jr. Sailing Committee & Cruise / Social Committee, Matt Loeffler:

Junior Sailing

5 sessions scheduled, first 2 are full. ROTC will come in 2 groups, first the 22nd through the 26th.

Jacob Hardin will be teaching. Youngest student is 8 years old. Jerry and Suzanne and Darrel providing boats.

A letter has been received for a scholarship

Social

Independence Day potluck on July 4th, dinner at 6 on the 4th.

Peg: Wes and Katie volunteered to host dinner on Thursday night. Wes will do the entrée and we can potluck the side dishes. Suggestion: members step up to host, continue every Thursday, keep camaraderie going in the club. Discussion: If the

Club provides food, the cost will be \$5 per person, if a member provides the main dish there will be a donation box.

Jimmy Schrieber - invite 7/3 Richmond, 7 bbq, fireworks at 9.

Secretary, Chris Martin:

The newsletter is available online. Copies have been placed on the board to have at the Clubhouse and someone has taken them. Copies of the newsletter should stay on the board. Diane will send a newsletter to Schriebers. A copy will be available for Tim Packwood at the clubhouse.

Wes Unruh submitted a business card for an ad in the newsletter.

Racing Captain, Dennis Wainwright:

Great to see everyone last Thursday night, there was a good turnout. Dennis used the roster to call and invite members to come out. Gives members an idea of the event, what to bring, etc.

Past Commodore, Suzanne Johnson:

Shrimp Feed:

Chrissy Wainwright will take care of paper goods (service, aluminum pans, storage bags for leftover shrimp). Katie Unruh will shop (salad, bread, soda and water, butter, cake from Costco, also incidentals). Thom will take care of rigatoni and sauce. Junior Sailing will serve. Suggestion: LYSA member at each table should be responsible for bussing their table. Need to order the shrimp about a month in advance. Between now and next Tuesday, she asked members to call 7 members to get a head count.

Chrissy: concern re: members who don't participate in attending or helping with events. Discussion of how to engage members to promote ownership, affiliation and help. Discussion: there are members who step up and help, but it seems to be the same people. Frustration regarding member apathy.

NEED Volunteers for set up on Friday, clean up, bowls and pots need to be washed afterward. Peg

stated she would ask and pay Christy McGregor to clean up.

Raffle items were discussed. Suzanne and Jerry are donating crystal coasters. Peg stated we will have 10 desserts to auction. Brian Blagg will donate antique bowls filled with candy / toffee. Chris offered to have friend from Turlock Auction Yard conduct the Auction. Peg stated that Dennis will do it. Mike is also interested in doing it. Ice and boat rides were discussed (none this year).

Jay will get amplified sound permit from Parks & Rec, Chris will get food permit from the Health Dept.

Port Captain, John Larson:

Apologized he hasn't called about summer or winter storage. John will order normal cleats on the deck.

Commodore, Peggy Larson:

Peg had nothing to report.

Old Business: - None

New Business: - None

The Good of the Order: Brigitte's article will be about The Deanes sailing their boat back to SF

Adjournment: The next LYSA General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, June 9, 2015. Potluck at 6:30 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm. **Motion:** Moved by Darrel to adjourn, and seconded by Diane. **Motion carried.** Membership meeting was adjourned at 7:47.

LYSA Board Meeting Call to Order: A regular meeting of the LYSA Board was held on June 9, 2015. The meeting convened at 7:50 pm, Commodore Peggy Larson presiding.

Members in attendance: Members of the Board in attendance: Commodore: Peggy Larson, Vice Commodore: Jay Sousa, Past Commodore: Suzanne Johnson, Secretary: Chris Martin, Treasurer: Diane Sousa, House Captain, Thom Grimaldi, Port Captain: John Larson, Racing Captain, Dennis Wainwright.

Members not in attendance: None

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were read by members and approved with corrections as noted in the General Meeting.

Commodore, Peggy Larson: Invited Board Members to report:

Treasurer, Diana Sousa: The Treasurer's report was presented at the General Meeting.

Vice Commodore, Jay Sousa: Club member asked about the ice machine this weekend, it wasn't working on Sunday. Discussion – someone keeps turning off the water. Jay will check to make sure it's working.

House Captain, Thom Grimaldi: No additional information presented to the Board.

Secretary, Chris Martin: No additional information presented to the Board.

Cruise and Social Captain and Jr. Sailing Committee, Matt Loeffler: No additional info presented to the Board.

Racing Captain, Dennis Wainwright: No additional information presented to the Board.

Past Commodore, Suzanne Johnson:

Logistics: ticket sales, permits, tables, chairs & linens delivered Friday night; Set up Friday 6 pm (shrimp delivered in bags. Dennis has freezer space if needed). Volunteers needed Saturday at 9. Bounce house delivered. Rick Lingrin will provide 2 large ice chests of ice, Brian Blagg will pick up. Thom will take care of LYSA banner on G Street, yard mowed, sprinklers off. Table decorations – Debbie, same as last year. Tim Hardin will hang sails in yard.

Food: Dennis: propane tanks for cooking. Dennis, Jerry, Chris Miller will cook shrimp. Mike will coordinate the kitchen, Brigitte, Karen Grimaldi, Linda Sorenson volunteered to help. Staging is at the cabinet just outside of the kitchen. Suzanne suggested to slow it down a little, the food came out too fast. Discussion of 35 minute service.

Donations / Raffle: Jerry and Suzanne 3 red, 3 white cases of wine for dinner. Chris Miller and Corey from Leighton's. Mike and Dennis will be MC for the auction. Suzanne received \$250 from her company, \$100 each from 3 attorneys, will use cash to purchase items. Suzanne requested the Board to ask community for donations. Jay will email members donor letter and flyer. Peg will set up raffle. We have bags, Peg will get tickets.

Port Captain, John Larson: No additional information presented to the Board.

Commodore, Peggy Larson: Pat Dahlstrom asked that we use the name Uke and Reed in any advertising to draw their fan base.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The Good of the Order: Thanks to Thom for cleaning the stove.

Adjournment: The LYSA Board meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Motion: Moved by Matt to adjourn, and seconded by Jay. **Motion carried.** Board meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Secretary

Date of Approval

Sail Camp

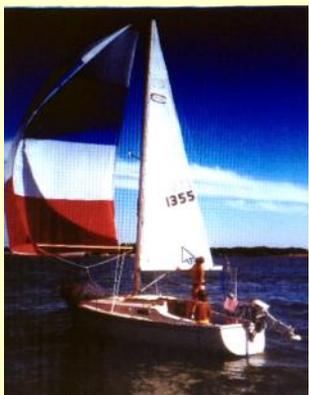


Session 2—Sailors
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