

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

July 2018



LYSA's Annual Open House

More photos Pages 3-5

*Photo Courtesy John Miller, Photographer, Re-
porter, Merced County Times*

**Lake Yosemite
Sailing Association**
P.O. Box 3994
Merced, CA 95340

Club Officers

Commodore: Tom Cooke
(209) 769-4163
tcookeatty1@yahoo.com

Vice Commodore: Chris Cooper
(209) 233-5503
chris@elportaldining.com

Past Commodore: Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler
(209) 357-7049
brigittematt@comcast.net

Secretary: Chris Martin
(209) 384-8640
chrissybea@comcast.net

Treasurer: Diane Sousa
(209) 383-3955
dsousa@smithandstappcpas.com

Port Captain: Chris Currier
(209) 354-9009
lysaportcaptain@gmail.com

House Captain: Mike Bloed
(209) 777-3660
askbloed@sbcglobal.net

Cruise/Social Captain: Dan Farmer
(209) 564-6207
lakeyosemitesailingsocialcap@gmail.com

Racing Captain: Debbie Harden
(209) 383-2631
debra-harden@comcast.net

Submissions:

Deadline is the 22nd of each month
Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line
to Chris Martin:
chrissybea@comcast.net



Commodore

Tom Cooke



After our great success with the largest turnout ever for our regatta, LYSA's open house was also a success. To each and every one of our members who pitched in or attended our open house, thank you for making our open house a success. This occasion is our chance to stand up and show our community what our club is all about. Past Commodore Brigitte Bowers did a great job in organizing this event. It is a tribute to her planning that this event came together even though she was unable to attend. Chris Cooper did a great job as our announcer and Peggy Larson and company did a wonderful job setting up the raffle. Debra Harden was instrumental in running our kitchen crew and setting up our tables. Dan Farmer, Craig Anderson and Linda Sorensen stepped up and did a great job in the kitchen. Dennis Wainwright, John Larson and Gary Hogston cooked the shrimp to perfection. Finally, a big thank you also goes out to our Sea Scouts and junior sailors for all their help in serving the dinner and helping with the raffle for a job well done.

I want to personally thank Gary Hogston and Peggy Larson for sponsoring this event with donations to our club and all the club members who stepped up and bought tables to make our event a success. Next year our open house will be held on June 22, 2019. Please mark your calendar and plan to help out next year in our most important fund raising event.

We are fortunate to have two new members, Mary Hornsby, sponsored by Eric Conley and Aaron Lee Hill, sponsored by Matt Loeffler. Please make every effort to make them welcome and invite them to crew or be a guest on your boat. This brings our membership back up to over 70. In the

(Commodore, continued on page 3)

(Commodore, continued from page 2)

next year we should be able to add to our membership. Please reach out to friends and neighbors who you think would like to be part of LYSA.

Our July 21st Special Needs sailing event date need volunteers to help out so please contact Rich Kleitman. This is one of the most re-

warding and fun events of our year. I also want to give a special shout out to Jim Krussow, who was instrumental in getting our clubhouse wiring upgraded. Jim also was responsible for getting the power back on the docks. When you run into him at the lake let him know how much you appreciate his efforts for the club.
See you at the lake.



Membership Meeting

Join us in July!

LYSA Clubhouse

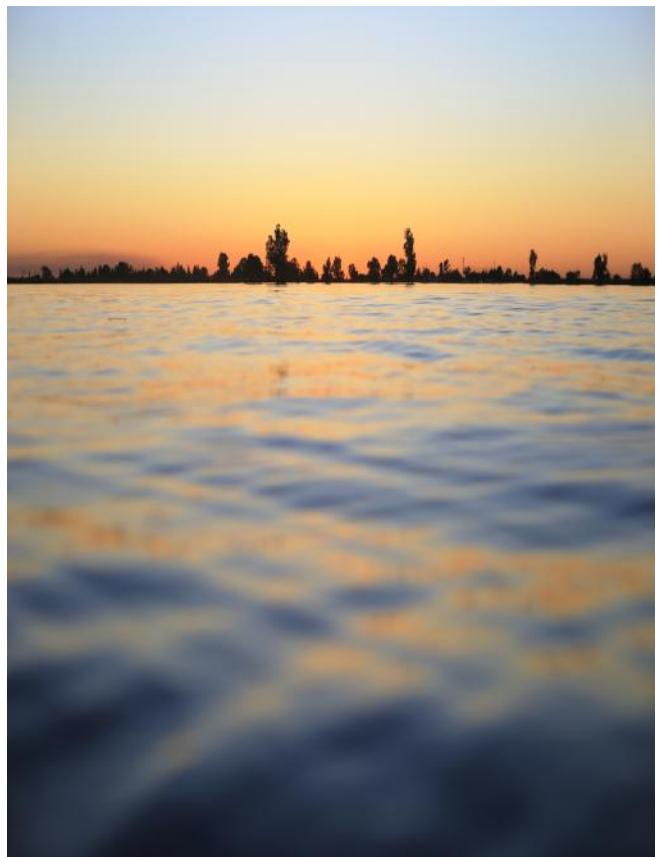
Tuesday, July 10th
6:00 pm *Dinner / Social*
7:00 pm *Membership Meeting*
Board Meeting to follow

Photo Courtesy Deb Harden



Centerpiece Photo Courtesy Deb Harden

Photos Courtesy John Miller, Photographer, Reporter, Merced County Times



Photos Courtesy John Miller, Photographer, Reporter, Merced County Times



Sail Camp



Photos Courtesy Matt Loeffler



Race Captain

Debbie Harden



Must start off my article again with praise for my Race Committee! Thank you Steve Leonard and Rachel Hadley for setting the marks each and every week. Thank you, Don Hadley for your assistance with the Starts and for tirelessly picking up the marks after every race. Thank you, Miranda for your support both on the docks and the computer. Speaking of computer, thank you, Mike Strealy for inputting the races, publishing the results on the web & solving computer issues for us. Richard K. we have missed you! Hope you are back on the docks soon. The RC boat has a new battery and a shout out to Dan Farmer for fixing the gas tank connections and the filter. You are all appreciated so very much!

Starting Basics

Last year in the July issue, I went over some sailing definitions and rules. I have copies those basics for anyone who wants them. Just ask.

This year, I thought I would read up on starts and pass along some of the info I find. Starting with a quote from Dick Tillman from his book The Complete Book of Laser Sailing, he says, "At the gun, you want to be moving at top speed, be on course, have clear air, an open lane, and be on the favored tack." Sounds simple, right?

Here are some ideas that I found in Be Your Own Sailing Coach & other articles that I would like to pass on about the steps of the start:

Before the Warning Signal (before any horns or flags)

- Be on the water early.
- Get comfortable with the conditions.
- Make a plan. Talk it over with your crew. Who is the timekeeper? Timekeeper should be calling out time on the minute up until the One-Minute Warning and then he/she should call every 10 seconds, with a countdown for the last ten.
- Create transits. A transit line is created by lining up 2 fixed objects, creating an imaginary line across the water. At the start, this can help you hold your position.

After the Warning Signal (first horn, class flag up signifies Warning Signal)

- Know your course & sequence of marks.
- Do a dummy run (or two) to test start line bias, wind speed, timing.
- Stay near the line and keep an eye on other boats that might interfere with your plan.

On Preparatory Signal (second horn, Prep flag up)

- Make sure your crew has their head in the boat.
- Talk to them about what your brain is processing about the conditions, the wind, anything else. Timekeeper

should still be calling out minutes to start.

At One-Minute Signal (third horn, long horn, Prep flag down)

- Check timing again and get in position for your final approach. (sounds like we are landing a plane ha-ha)
- Try to maintain sight of one end of the start line.
- Be aware of what is happening around you, especially boats that could take the gap to leeward (low side).
- Stay in the front rank.

25 seconds to the GO

- Create a gap to leeward.

10 seconds to GO

- Verify your position in relation to the start line. Make adjustments as needed.

3 seconds to GO

- Boat should be in clear air & at full speed to hit line.

First 30 seconds after the start

- Concentrate on your boat speed and holding the lane you chose.

Good luck and have fun!

See you on the water.

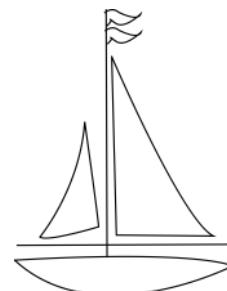
Thursday, July 5th is our last race of the first half. The following week, July 12th, we start the second half of our racing season at Lake Yosemite. If you aren't signed up, get it done!

Sailor's Calendar: July

Show up for Thursday Night races. Second Half of the season starts July 12th.

Check your dock lines regularly if you are not on a floating or dry dock.

Make sure to stay hydrated while sailing.





Secretary

Chris Martin



LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A combined meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on June 12, 2018 at the Lake Yosemite Sailing Association Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:00 pm, Commodore Tom Cooke presiding.

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, Tom Cooke: Tom welcomed members to the meeting. Invited Board / Committee Members to report.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes read by Chris Martin. **Motion:** Moved by John Derby to approve minutes as read, second by Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler. **Motion carried.**

Commodore, Tom Cooke: Commended Jim Kussow for his work on the Clubhouse wiring. He also stacked wood on the East side of the yard. Tom also encouraged Members to work hard to sell tickets, either buying a table or inviting friends to the upcoming Open House.

Vice Commodore, Chris Cooper: Two new Member Applications reviewed - Mary Hornsby, sponsored by Eric Conley and Aaron Lee Hill, sponsored by Matt Loeffler.

Motion: Moved by Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler to approve the new members, second by Chris Currier. **Motion carried.** Chris Cooper will call the new members. If they have a boat, they can get a dock key.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa: Not present.

Dock Captain, Chris Currier: Discussed dock repairs: some wood replaced on the dock. Members have been happy with slip assignments. Chris mentioned that Jim Kussow also repaired power on the dock. John Derby suggested Members follow a "Good Neighbor" policy – if a Member notices lines are too loose, fix them.

House Captain, Mike Bloed: Not present. Darrell Sorenson reported on his behalf. Mike worked with Jim Kussow on the house. The wiring was damaged from something chewing on it.

Cruise / Social Committee, Dan Farmer: Dan took care of the recycling after the Regatta, and informed Members of the amount redeemed. Dan asked Members to help with the Thursday night dinners the last two weeks in July.

Chris Currier volunteered for 7/26. Brigitte asked if we will be holding Sunday Brunch at the Clubhouse.

Race Captain: Debbie Harden: Deb commended Darrell Sorenson on his work with the Regatta trophies, they were excellent. 40 boats entered the Regatta – a record number. There will be a write-up in the July Latitude.

There are some Committee Boat issues: it starts, runs for about 5 minutes, then dies. Tim Harden, Rachel Hadley and Steve Leonard have been troubleshooting the fuel

Upcoming Events

July, 2018

- 4 Independence Day Potluck Lunch BBQ & Fun Sail
High Sierra Regatta, small boat, Huntington Lake
- 21 High Sierra Regatta, large boat, Huntington Lake
Special Needs Sailing Day 3–7 pm
Sunday Brunch at the Clubhouse - Tentative

August, 2018

- Pinecrest small boat trip
- Sunday Brunch at the Clubhouse
- "Cocktail and Sail" 6 to 8 pm, bring a guest

September, 2018

- Jack & Jill Race
- "Cocktail and Sail" 6 to 8 pm, bring a guest

October, 2018

- Fleet Week SF Bay
- End of Year Party / Election / Dinner / Awards

November, 2018

December, 2018

- 15 Christmas Party

January, 2019

- 1 Frostbite Regatta

February, 2019

- Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch Series

March, 2019

- St. Patrick's Day at the Lake—Dinner at 6 pm
- Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch Series

April, 2019

- Livingston Kite Festival—9 to 4
- 8th Annual Chili Fest. Bring your best Chili - 3 pm
- Strictly Sail Pacific, Richmond
- Camellia Cup Regatta

May, 2019

- LYSA Opening Day
- LYSA Thursday Night Summer Series Begins
- 18-19 LYSA Spring Regatta

June, 2019

- Thursday Night Racing—Potato Bar
- Thursday Night Racing—Potluck
- Thursday Night Racing—Sea Scouts Host Dinner
- 22 Open House/Shrimp Feed
- Thursday Night Racing—Taco Thursday

Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.

system. A challenge on Thursday nights is setting and collecting marks. Brigitte mentioned the Navy JROTC starts Junior Sailing on the 18th.

Junior Sailing, Matt Loeffler: Brigitte discussed Sail Camp. It's for 8-16 year olds. New Junior Counselors: Dan's son, Kate, Julia, AJ Dietz. Returning: Shawn, Bridgette. The last two weeks of Sail Camp, Matt and Brigitte will be away. Adults will be on hand to fill in. Four scholarships have been awarded.

Past Commodore, Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler: Brigitte briefed Members on the Regatta: very successful and well-attended. Next year's Regatta will be May 17-19, 2019. Brigitte also reviewed logistics for the Open House. Topics included timelines, fee for band, ticket pre-sales, kitchen crew, clean up crew, flyers for tables, announcer for raffle, ice and ice chests, Members taking guests sailing, desserts. Discussed calling Members to invite them to buy tickets. Discussed sponsorship.

New Business: John Derby left his 4-horse Mercury motor in the garage. It is now missing.

Old Business: None.

Good of the order: Tom commended Brigitte for making the Regatta and Open House come together. Dan thanked Brigitte for inviting him to be a Board Member. He enjoys participating on the Board, and activities with Members.

Adjournment: The next LYSA Combined Membership and Board meeting will be held Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at the Lake Yosemite Sailing Association Clubhouse, Dinner at 6, General Meeting at 6:30. **Motion:** Moved by Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler, seconded by Linda Sorensen. **Motion carried.** Combined Membership and Board meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Support our Advertisers

Catalina swing keel 22 with trailer, many new parts, 4HP Mercury longshaft, boat has new bottom paint \$3000.

Call Wes Unruh at 209-676-0373.

LASER dingy, excellent condition, all class legal upgrades, original sail, good practice (won it's last race) sail, new class legal radial sail, Kittyhawk stainless steel super light dolly/trailer. \$2500

Steve Leonard 209 722 8554

Lake Yosemite Sailing School

"Get started on the road to bareboat chartering"

- Earn ASA Keelboat certification
- Private lessons
- Group lessons
- Learn to sail packages
- Hourly rates available

Jay Seusa, ASA Certified Sailing Instructor.
(209) 723-1832

WES UNRUH
REALTOR®, CalBRE #01973704

(209) 358-6429 Business
(209) 676-0373 Cell
(209) 358-2356 Fax
wunruh@gonellarealty.com

2581 First Street
Atwater, CA 95301

gonellarealty.com

Each Office Is Independently Owned And Operated. □

Attorney Services of Merced

Edward A. Dietz

209.383.3233 Office@82LSN.com



Local Counties: Merced - Madera - Stanislaus - San Joaquin - Mariposa

833 W. 22nd Street, Merced -



GECKO
PEST & LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

GOT BUGS? GOT WEEDS? GOT GECKO?

(209) 388-1800
Merced
(209) 826-7300
Los Banos

GARY DAVIS
OWNER / OPERATOR
OPR # 10852 GL # 30407

(209) 261-7799
CELL