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Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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2016 Regatta



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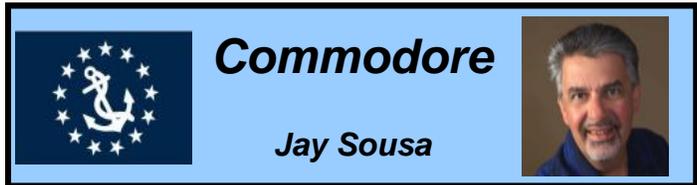
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**Deadline is the 22nd of each month
Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line**

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Well our first big event of the year, our annual regatta, is now behind us. A big shout out to Peg Larson for doing a great job organizing this event. Also, a big thank you to so many club members that stepped up and helped make this year's regatta a big success! From the race committee to the dinner crew and everyone in between it was, as usual, a big success.

The club received this nice message from one of the out of town Day Sailors,

"As one of the out of towners sailing in the Day Sailer Fleet I can easily say that the LYSA Spring Regatta is always on my calendar and when my wife Mardi found out that she would be on her way to Italy with her sister she wasn't very happy about missing it for a second straight year! LYSA needs a Day Sailer Fleet so we would have the excuse to come race there more often".

Michael Gillum

I think that this is a great testament to our club and our facilities.

Our next big event is the all you can eat shrimp feed to be held on Saturday June 25th. Please reserve that day to lend a hand with this great event. Peg Larson is in charge of the shrimp feed so contact her and find out what you can do to make this community event a huge success!

Remember that proceeds from both the regatta and the shrimp feed go to club improvements. In the past we have done major remodeling projects to our clubhouse including updating our galley and head. This year we hope to replace the ice machine.

Please note that our June social/potluck and membership meeting has been moved up one week to Tuesday June 7th. Social hour and potluck start at 6:00 PM with the membership meeting at 7:00 followed by the board meeting at 8:00.

Our race season is in full swing and Rachael Hadley and her rock star race committee is doing a great job with some new, fun courses. If you haven't raced before come on out and give it a try. Racing is a great way to improve your sailing skills and is a blast as well!

Hope to see everyone on the water soon!
Commodore Jay



Vice Commodore

Brigitte Bowers

The lake is full. Junior Sail Camp 2016 is filling up fast. Fresno Yacht Club will host its High Sierra Regatta in July. Ed Dietz has once again organized a LYSA group for the Delta Doo Dah. Racing is under way.

All is looking terrific for a long-anticipated summer of sailing. Unfortunately, the docks still look a little forlorn, with only a few boats tied to the cleats and bobbing on the waves as I write this. I encourage everyone to get their boats launched—the more people we have on the water, the more merriment we are likely to enjoy.

I will be sending out an email sometime this month for our first outdoor movie of the summer series. I

hope many of you will show up with blankets, pillows, beverages, bug spray, and snacks to see *All is Lost* with the inimitable Robert Redford, who uttered only a few words in the film but nevertheless managed to incite controversy among sailors who took exception with some scenes. You can view their comments when you go to “*All is Lost* Reviewed by Sailors” at <http://www.vanityfair.com/hollywood/2013/10/all-is-lost-review-sailors>.

I’m looking forward to the LYSA Annual Shrimp Feed Fundraiser on June 25th. The Board would appreciate any and all help you might be able to offer. Contact Peggy at plawler@transcountytile.com if you have questions or wish to participate.

So, to recap: Let’s get our boats on the water, let’s get some sailing done, let’s get some shrimp eaten, and let’s watch some movies.

See you at the lake!



Past Commodore

Peggy Larson



We have water in the lake and wind in the air!! I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Regatta, I heard everyone had a great time and it’s because of you, so thank you!!!

We discussed at the May meeting the proper storage of the little boats that are in the yard. We asked that anyone with a plan or suggestion on where and how to store them properly to please bring it up at the next meeting. It would be great to have that area cleared before the Shrimp Feed on June 25th.

Speaking of the Shrimp Feed, please see a Board member to get your tickets! It’s coming up soon and we will need all hands on deck to make it successful. The June meeting has been changed to June 7th and that will be the main discussion. Any and all volunteers will be greatly appreciated as well. Raffle prizes should be brought to the clubhouse by no later than June 23rd and please attach a business card so we can thank the people donating.

Jay Sousa is working on getting the ice machine replaced and that should be accomplished by the Shrimp Feed as well.

Hope to see you all on the 7th and on the water!



Port Captain

John Larson



The water levels are changing, they are not as constant as they should be. We have on going communication with MID and it should be regulated by the time you are reading this. Watch your feet as you walk around on the docks. The docks are made out of wood and they expand and contract throughout the season. Use good mooring lines, long leads are better than short. Call me if you see anything wrong and if you see someone’s boat in distress please do what you can to help. Current slip assignments will be posted with a move up list. Please be sure all your fees are paid. See you on the water.

Membership Meeting

Join us... on Tuesday, June 7th

6:00 pm *Dinner / Social*

7:00 pm *Membership Meeting*

8:00 pm *Board Meeting*

Location: LYSA Clubhouse

Please bring a dish to share and your own drinks



Race Captain

Rachel Hadley



The Regatta was a rousing success! We had 32 (or was it 34?) entries in 7 fleets with 6 starts (each race) on Saturday for 3 races; and we combined them into 4 Starts for the 2 races on Sunday. Everyone had a really good time, and there were no Protests (thank you very much!). Several of the racers camped overnight, and Steve Eyberg, Jay and Diane Sousa, and others played clubhouse hosts. The Saturday evening music revelry after a fantastic BBQ tri-tip and chicken dinner was a lovely way to end a good day.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the Regatta the success it was!

Especially the Race Committee!

Kaitlyn Harden – Flags and Finish Time Recorder, and computer wiz.

Debbie Harden – Clock watcher extraordinaire, and eagle eyes on the Finish Line

Steve Leonard – Made concrete weights, got the boat operational, measured the lines, inflated and set all the Marks, and sounded the finish horn as each boat crossed the line.

Dennis and Chrissy Wainwright (and **George**) on the Committee Boat rescued and righted boats throughout the regatta.

Amy Davis – Starting Boat recorder and Finish Times, too.

Diane Sousa – Lunch monitor (made every one of those sandwiches!), and also helped on the Finish Times.

Tom Grimaldi – Pasta Maker, and Finish Time clock watcher.

Linda Sorensen – from dawn to dusk, busy with whatever needed doing, including Registration.

Darrell Sorensen made extraordinarily beautiful handcrafted trophies for all 7 classes.

Tim Harden – Chief Regatta Dinner cook.

Mike Strealy – Web Master and Computer Expert; and Regatta Winners announcer.

Dave and Dan Aleman – Brought out 4 cases of beer to share.

Jay Sousa – Photo aficionado

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2016 Calendar of Events

June

- 4-5 Gold Country Regatta
- 18 Dick Gardener One Design
- 17-22 Delta Doo Dah "Do it Yourself"
- 25 Open House/Shrimp Feed

July

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

August

- TBD Dick Gardener One Design

September

- TBD Delta trip
- TBD Dick Gardener One Design

October

- 3-10 Fleet Week SF Bay
- 14-16 Monterey Trip
- TBD 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.

While nearing Victoria BC, on the next to last leg of their cruise to Alaska, Darrell and Linda Sorensen found their cruise ship in the middle of 41 yachts in the Swiftsure International Yacht Race put on by the Royal Victoria Yacht Club.



Keep using the on-line reservation system for Clubhouse use. So far in June we have reservations on the 11th and the 17th. Thursdays are booked for Racing, Gardener Racing Series is on the 18th, and a 4:30 Sunset Sail is set for the 19th. See you at the Clubhouse!

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Peg and John Larson – organized us, bought everything we needed for dinner, got the T-Shirts, supplied us with goodie bags for the racers, and also with 3 stupendous Raffle Prizes.

Thursday Night Summer Series:

We had a test run of the new courses on May 12th. We received positive feedback about the new locations of the Starting and Finish Lines. and were asked if we could make a couple of longer races. So we tweaked the course sheet. The new and final version is posted on the website, and there are paper copies of the course sheet available at the clubhouse.

Race 3 will be June 2nd, the first horn is at 6:30, and don't forget to leave enough time to get all the way down the lake for the Start.

We hope to see y'all out on the water!

Delta Doo Dah

Here is the 2016 Schedule. The LYSA group (four sail boats) will set sail each day at 1000 Hours from the following locations:

- (1) Fri Jun 17th - Stockton Sailing Club to Owl Harbor;
- (2) Sat Jun 18th - Owl Harbor to Antioch Marina;
- (3) Sun Jun 19th - Antioch to Rio Vista;
- (4) Mon Jun 20th - Rio Vista to Willow Berm;
- (5) Tue Jun 21st - Willow Berm to Stockton Sail club;
- (6) Wed Jun 22nd - Pull out boats and head home.

Join us for dinner or whatever anywhere along the way. Boat Captains: Bryan Blagg, Mike Brady, John French, Matt Loeffler. Questions: Call me at 209-628-8249 or Bryan at 209-918-2749.

LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A meeting of the LYSA Membership was held on May 10, 2016 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:00 pm, Vice Commodore Peg Larson presiding. A sign-in sheet was circulated.

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Vice Commodore, Peg Larson: Peg welcomed members to the meeting. Invited Board / Committee Members to report.

Commodore, Jay Sousa: Not present.

Vice Commodore, Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler: No report.

Past Commodore, Peg Larson:

Regatta: Peg reviewed goodie bags, thanked Mike for doing a fabulous job getting the word out. To date: 18 preregistered, discussion of day sailors / Banshees. Jay and Diane will stay at the venue in their trailer, welcome out of town sailors / overnight campers. Peg invited members to come out, lots of racing, enjoy the great dinner.

Registration: Rachel and Diane starting at 9 am. Mike: sailors must pre-register. Captain's meeting at 10 am.

Racing: Rachel, in charge of racing this year, First race at 11 am, if the wind comes up.

Logistics: Peg: 3 raffle prizes, Jay and Diane selling raffle tickets, Diane will take care of breakfast and lunch. Tim will take care of dinner. Chrissy: in the past, club members brought dessert for the Regatta. Dennis is the go-to person in Peg and John's absence. Darrel showed trophies 1-3rd place. Rachel showed off the new buoys. They will be used for marks. 8 for the new Thursday night race course. Round red fenders to mark start and finish. Chrissy and Dennis volunteered to man the committee boat. Rachel – not as critical as it is for the Thursday night races. We have air horns and batteries for clocks.

Shrimp Feed: Saturday, June 25th.

Ways to support LYSA that might be new to you:



- **Visit** <https://www.savemart.com/shares> to enroll in Save Mart's paperless eScrip program.
- **Enroll** in the Raley's scrip program at www.raleys.com/somethingextra. Select LYSA from the menu and designate the percentage to donate.
- **Come** to monthly Membership meetings.
- **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.



Secretary

Chris Martin



Discussion: Peg has all the tickets, decided we are not going to hand them out randomly. If you want tickets, contact a board member. \$180 for table of 8. Peg requested the County allow Shrimp Feed guests in without charge. Peg will let us know the decision. Russell Osborn came out to look at ice machine. We need to replace it. Discussion regarding when to buy a new machine, price, hard water, replacing parts. Brigitte asked that everyone bring ice this weekend for the Regatta.

Boats sitting on yard: Peg suggested we contact the sheriff's department to ask about the boat house. Suggested we dock the boats instead of keeping them on the lawn. Discussion on housing the boats, get them off the lawn. Standing water, sprinklers, rent the dock on the other side, dry storage.

Port Captain, John Larson:

Docks: are ready, the water level should be all the way up by Thursday. Discussion: Mike: Tim and Mike put cleats on their fingers, Tom – is there an anti-siphon on the water? Yes. Mike Streatly asked about John Larson's Newsletter article regarding payment for slips. Discussion regarding billing, paid slips, credits. Brigitte – Diane should be here to answer that question. John Derby – we decided to pay the money and use it to pay for maintenance.

Motion: Moved by John Derby to table the discussion, second by Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler. Motion carried.

Racing Captain, Rachel Hadley:

Racing fees: Rachel will talk to Board to determine racing fees to cover trophies, \$10 or \$20.

Discussion: Regatta course (2016R) will be the same course, no difference in course sheet. Peg asked if that and the race sheets be laminated for the racing season. Mike stated they may change. Rachel – this is course that was set. Ensured course was measured and converted to nautical miles. Courses are a lot of windward lured. Calculated 15 mph winds. 1 minute to go 250'. 1st races about 25 minutes, last races are about an hour. 250' upwind, 600' downwind. Stayed to the right of the current and will not interfere with the launch ramp. Steve has worked on committee boat. Will start on new mark 6, red buoy. Tom suggested counterweight the buoys. Chrissy – entire committee on boat, they will have their flags. Posts in committee boat for course marker board on boat, poles for flag. At least 3 people needed.

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

Social Events: Chili cook-off, Winner 1st place Chris Cooper, 2nd place Chris Martin, Strictly Sail, Regatta, July – High Sierra Regatta, Delta Doo Dah – 6/17-22 Stockton start

Junior Sailing: Interest with a full summer of sailing. 3 weeks of Turlock ROTC: Turlock, Lemoore. Jacob teaching in June, Casey in July.

House Captain, Linda Sorensen:

Several volunteers helped clean out the garage. Saturday, April 16th.

Treasurer, Diana Sousa: Not present.

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.

Good of the order:

Request: Rich Kleitman requested Special Needs sailing day, 7/23/16.

Info: Jerry – SaveMart isn't using SHARE cards any more. Diane will handle that. She has to sign up the Club.

Committee boat: damaged a number of times by people who don't know how to drive the boat. We need to limit the number of people in the boat. It is for the RACE COMMITTEE to use, or for those doing a duty for Race Committee, Junior Sailing or in the event of an emergency, not for general Club use.

Newsletter: Mike requested members send Newsletter items to Chris, interesting items / pictures to Mike for website.

Regatta: Steve asked if someone with camera or go pro come out Thursday, a sailor is coming with rare boat. Mike asked members to video racing, he wants to put something together. Mike: printer, but no cords. Thom stated he has cords and a printer.

Facebook page: public page. When someone asks a question, if you don't know, don't answer the question.

Junior Sailing: Brigitte thanked Gary for sponsoring a kid for junior sailing. Interested in sponsoring? Let Brigitte know. Peg would like to sponsor Jake Ruffalo for Junior Sailing.

Boats: Dennis asked for help to move boats at the end of the meeting.

Members: Matt – Lee Anderson is home now. Sending good thoughts.

Adjournment: The next LYSA General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at the Clubhouse. Potluck at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm. Motion: Moved by Peg Larson to adjourn, and second by Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler. Motion carried. Membership meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

LYSA Board Meeting Call to Order: A regular meeting of the LYSA Board was held on May 10, 2016. The meeting convened at 8:15 pm, Commodore Peg Larson presiding.

Members in attendance: Members of the Board in attendance: Vice-Commodore: Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler, Past Commodore: Peg Larson, Secretary: Chris Martin, House Captain, Linda Sorensen, Port Captain: John Larson, Cruise/Social Captain: Matt Loeffler, Racing Captain, Rachel Hadley.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were read by Chris Martin. Corrections: Regatta - Start off the dock, not the committee boat. Thursday night racing starting off the Committee boat, near mark 6. Former Junior Sailor who will be a counselor was a scholarship sailor from CASA.

Shrimp Feed Tickets Are Here! Advertisement for the 2016 Open House and Shrimp Feed event, including a ticket image and promotional text.

Motion: Moved by Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler to approve minutes with corrections, second by Matt Loeffler. **Motion carried.**

Commodore, Jay Sousa: Not present.

Past Commodore, Peg Larson:

Regatta Discussion: Peg would appreciate every Board member to be here and talk to Regatta participants. Linda: trophies made and donated by Darrell. Diane breakfast and sandwiches. Rachel suggested Raffle happen after dinner Saturday night. Goodie Bags and t-shirts will be here in office, food will be here, Thursday. Brigitte will sell Raffle tickets. Peg asked Linda to help with t-shirt sales, \$15. Permit for overnight camping, copy posted in the house, copy to Dennis, copy to person at Gate.

Vote on New Member: Sponsored by Peg Larson. Scott / Jennifer Rufalo, 18 years at TransCounty Title, currently in Customer Service. Children: Noah (12), Jake (8), Elizabeth (5), Sophia (4). Noah took sailing lesson for a couple of years. Peg gave them a boat, he has 4 kids all under the age of 12.

Motion: Moved by Peg to approve, second by Brigitte. **Motion carried.**

Shrimp Feed / Open House Discussion: Peg would like to wait to discuss this item until after the Regatta is over. Concern re: people who will be cooking the shrimp. Not sure who will do that. Last year: Dennis and Thom. Steve, Sonia, Rachel separated. Chrissy said she'd handle the kitchen. Chris – Facebook event for Shrimp Feed, 6/25.

Vice Commodore, Brigitte Bowers Loeffler: None.

Treasurer, Diana Sousa: None

Jr. Sailing Committee & Cruise / Social Committee, Matt Loeffler: None

Racing Captain, Rachel Hadley: None

Port Captain, John Larson: None

Secretary, Chris Martin: None

House Captain, Linda Sorensen: None

New Business:

Discussion: Slip fees that were paid last year were for last year. Fees paid for this year are for this year. Have to have paid last year, have to be current. There is a waiting list for slips.

Previous minutes reviewed. The Board voted March, 2015, Slip Fees monies were not to be refunded.

Old Business: Need action:

Ice machine - needs to be fixed or replaced before the Shrimp Feed. Brigitte, if we can afford it, we should buy one.

The Good of the Order: None.

Adjournment: The next LYSA Board Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at the Clubhouse. Potluck at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm, Board at 8:00. **Motion:** Moved by Linda Sorensen to adjourn, and second by Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler. **Motion carried.** Board meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

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