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Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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2017 Regatta



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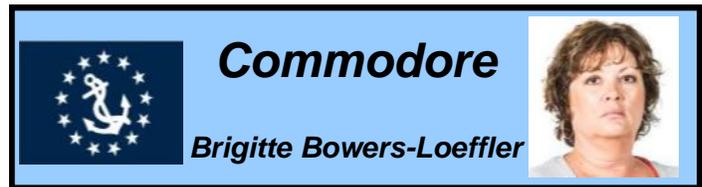
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Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line

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Summer and sailing season are underway, and we have some fun activities planned for this month. First, Taco Thursday will continue. For those of you who don't race, you might want to drop by on Thursdays around 7:30 for all-you-can-eat tacos made by Chef Matt. Rachel is organizing the first Summer Sunday Brunch this month on June 11th. Brunch (with mimosas!) will start at 9:00, followed by an afternoon of sailing, temperatures and wind permitting. You can participate in these meals for the low, low cost of \$5.00. You will not find a taco dinner on the lake with a view of the sunset for the low cost of \$5.00 anywhere else in Merced, partly because there is only one lake in town but also because \$5.00 is really, really cheap. And did I mention that we'll be serving mimosas with the brunch?

LYSA will cruise in the Delta Doo Dah from Friday, June 23 to Wednesday, June 28. As always, Ed Dietz is in charge of arrangements, but I've been told that we're launching in Stockton at 11:00 on the morning of the 23rd and heading straightaway to Sugar Barge Resort, followed by overnight stops at Antioch City Marina, Delta Marina Yacht Harbor, and Tower Park. We'll head back to Stockton on Tuesday and take our boats out Wednesday morning. Ed estimates that it will take cruisers about four hours to sail the fifteen miles between each destination. All of the marinas have bathroom facilities and restaurants. Join us for the full trip, part of the trip, or even just for dinner at one of the scheduled overnight stops. So far, I know of at least four boats that are going, but we have room for more. Our biggest event this month is our Open House, with an all-you-can-eat shrimp dinner, live music, sailing, and other various merriments, to be held on Saturday, June 24th. The day of the Open House is on the same weekend as the Delta Doo Dah, but as mentioned above, you can join us later for the Delta cruise. Check out Past Commodore Jay's column for further information. And while I'm on the subject of Jay, I'd like to thank him for organizing an outstanding regatta. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend but I did drop in and heard nothing but positive reviews. One participant did suggest that we upgrade our registration process to an online system, a potential change we will discuss in the coming months.

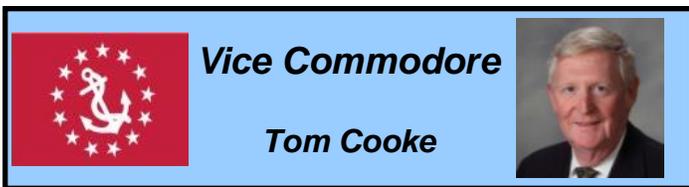
Junior Sail Camp will open for the Turlock Navy ROTC on Monday, June 12. The kids will camp out in the yard for the first week, and we are delighted to have this group back for the fourth year in a row. Sail camp will continue for the

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remainder of the summer, under the capable guidance of the same usual suspects—junior counselors Colin Frost, Sharon Antener, Bridget Farmer, and Joe Malta; lead counselors Jacob Harden and Casey Bowers-Loeffler; and adult volunteers Matt Loeffler, Jerry Rokes, and Darrell Sorenson. Come by and watch the fun any day of the week or join us for our Friday Family Fun Sail, when newly-minted sailors take over the helms and show off what they’ve learned.

I do need to include in this month’s column some comments I received recently from Parks and Recreation. I’ve been asked to remind members that there is an entry fee for Lake Yosemite.



Lots of empty slips as of the end of May; it’s time for all you procrastinators to get your boat on the water. Three cheers for Jay Sousa on a most successful Regatta. Thirty Seven (37) boats is the best ever.

Our Race Committee under the capable leadership of Debbie Harden has again done a great job, and the food was excellent as well. It’s time to take this event out of the past commodores hands and institute a permanent committee to organize, oversee and run the regatta. My money is on Jay to lead the way. Our next event is the Open House in June. It’s our chance to show off our great club to our community.

I hope everyone will step up and contribute to this event. The Open House and the Regatta proceeds are what allow us to improve our clubhouse and grounds. Everyone should buy tickets and get some friends to attend. Auction items are also needed. If each us brought just one item for the auction The proceeds would go a long way to build up our house improvement funds.

On a personal note I want to give a shout out to Gary Davis who helped me get my boat in the water. One of the great things about LYSA is the willingness of our member to step up and help when needed.

Please continue to show that spirit and help with the Open House.

Ran across this ditty in Latitude 38 from the wall at the “Hole in the Wall Bar” in Ketchikan, Alaska:

May the breeze be fresh and a fair one
May your life be long and a good one
May your death be easy and a quick one
May your beer be cold
Lets have another one!

See you at the lake



Well the LYSA spring regatta, which was a great success, is now in our rear view mirror. We had a record number of boats registered this year and great comments from all the out of town racers that our regatta is one of the best that they go to each year!

I want to thank Debbie Harden and her race committee crew, including Rachel Hadley, Donald Hadley and his fiancée Miranda, Thom Grimaldi, Amy Davis, Suzanne Johnson and Mike Strealy for doing a stellar job running and scoring the races.

I want to thank Ron and Lorelei Stapp for donating the trips and chicken for our Saturday night BBQ dinner. And a huge thank you to Ron and Al Lemke for manning the BBQ and making a great dinner! Rachel, in addition to race committee, worked very hard all weekend in the kitchen and other areas, as did Linda Sorensen.

Richard Kleitman had three of our Sea Scouts help serve and clean up. They did a fantastic job. Darrell Sorensen made the race trophies and as usual he did a great job.



Also I want to thank club members that donated items for

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Membership Meeting
Join us... on Tuesday, June 13th
6:00 pm Dinner / Social
6:45 pm Membership Meeting
8:00 pm Board Meeting



House Captain
Peg Larson




Port Captain
John Larson



The days are getting hotter and longer so come on out to the lake where it's always cooler and a great place to spend your evenings.

The house and garage are painted and the sidewalk is repaired, so the list is getting taken care of. The fence will be repaired and painted a little at a time.

Please remember if you need any supplies for the house either put a note on the corkboard or call me directly on my cell at 201-1143.

See you at the lake!

Ahoy to all, from the docks.

John at MID did a good job bringing up the lake level for our Regatta. Lake Yosemite's water levels have been inconsistent since the Regatta, but there should only be about a one-foot variation through the season. We will continue to work together to keep the lake at a consistent level.

Berths are in working order. Thank you Mike Bloed for water blasting the hand rails and dock deck. Please keep the entry gate to the berths closed. This will help keep the walk ways and finger piers in good order.

During the sailing season the parking area next to the fence and garage doors is meant for "dry sail boat parking", day-use boats, or for club member auto parking. If you have a boat or a trailer that is parked in the "winter storage area", please remove it. If you are using this "dry sail boat parking" for your day sail boat there is a fee.

Please contact our club treasurer, Diane Sousa, to remit this fee. Also, please check your boat to make sure your registration is current.

Enjoy the sailing season!



Past Commodore
Jay Sousa



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the racers swag bags and the raffle Saturday evening. Lastly I want to thank my wife Diane who worked very hard all weekend getting racers registered, making sandwiches and basically doing whatever needed to be done. Now that the regatta has past it is time to really gear up for our next big event, the Shrimp feed and open house on Saturday June 24th. We will need all hands on deck for this event! I have been doing some initial organizing, tickets are printed, a press release has been sent to local media and a Facebook event page has been created.

A few club members have already stepped up to help cook Etc. But we will need a lot more help. Some areas still needing helpers are: Kitchen help, raffle prize donations, set up on Friday evening before the event, cleaning up Saturday evening after the event, giving sail boat rides and the list goes on. Please consider giving a little of your time to this great community event.

I am also asking each club member to purchase or sell at least two tickets to the event. The tickets are just \$25.00 each, which is a fantastic deal when you consider the meal, sailboat rides, a bounce house for the kids and some fantastic music by the John Albano Band!

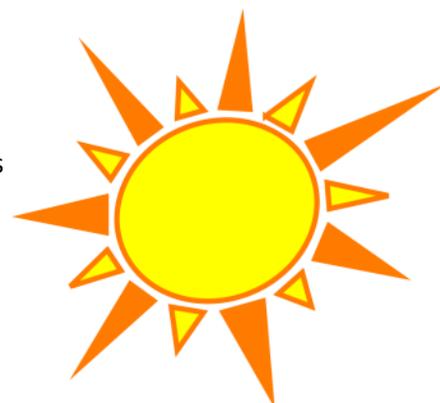
If you can't attend the event please consider gifting your tickets to a friend or business contact, I know they would appreciate it! Please e-mail me at jay.sousa@sbcglobal with the number of tickets that you would like to purchase and any help or raffle items that you can give. Thank you so much in advance for your support for this very important LYSA event!

Volunteer Position Filled

Thanks to Sierra Cooper, who has volunteered to serve as Sunshine Member for LYSA. Her role will be to send cards and/or flowers to members undergoing health challenges or bereavement. In the past, we've had members take on this responsibility from time to time, but now Sierra will serve this very important function in a more formal capacity.

If you know of a LYSA member who might be in need of encouraging words or a gift of flowers, please let Sierra know. She'll see that our club sends positive thoughts his/her way.

Sierra's email is sierrafer@yahoo.co. She can also be reached at 209-233-5502.





Race Captain

Debbie Harden

First a huge shout out to the Race Committee volunteers! Thank you Suzanne, Amy, Linda, Kaitlyn, Rachel, and Miranda, my on shore crew. Thanks to Don and Thom for running the RC boat both days & collecting the marks. Thanks to Tim for putting up our sun shelter and to Jay for providing ice cold water for us & the sailors. Thanks to Steve Leonard for setting the marks. Also, I can't forget the man behind the scenes, the computer expert, and my advisor... Mike Streatly. The regatta couldn't have been done without each of you! Thank you so much!

I am going to include information for racing from 2017-2020 Sailor's Guide to Racing Rules published by USSailing in the monthly newsletters.

The first section is about **The Rules & Principals.**

The basic purpose of the racing rules is to ensure safety and fair competition.

There aren't any referees or umpires in most sailboat races, so you sailors have to 'police' the

rules yourselves. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when you break a rule you must promptly take a penalty. By participating in a race, each competitor agrees to be governed by the rules.

Racing sailors must compete in accordance with recognized principles of fair play. They must not commit any conduct that is a breach of good manners, a breach of good sportsmanship or unethical behavior.

Sailors are encouraged to minimize their impact on the environment. (Rule 55)

Safety first! Each boat & sailor must give all possible help to any person or boat in danger, even if that boat is not racing. Each boat must take responsibility for her decision to participate in a race or to continue racing. Every boat must carry adequate life-saving equipment for all persons on board and each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a PFD that is adequate for the conditions.

Next month: Definitions & Right-of-way rules

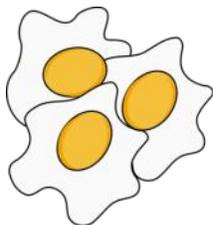
See you on the water!

June 11th

9:00 am – 11:00 am

SUNDAY BRUNCH

at the Clubhouse!



\$5 donation to the Junior Sailing Program

Sponsored by Rachel Hadley and Steve Leonard



Last month we had our opening day BBQ with just a few boats in. Thanks to all that showed up, it was great seeing all the old faces, and a few new ones. This day also signified the start of the club racing season, and also our Taco Thursdays.

As you are reading this, some members will be sailing at the Gold Country Regatta at Scotts Flat Lake. Please send them all the mental well wishes and if you are there good luck and happy sailing.

Also scheduled is the first Sunday Brunch of the year. It will be on Sunday the 11th from 9 to 11; cost will be \$5. Our newest club member, Al, will be doing the cooking. Be sure to give him a big thank you. If you haven't met him yet, his cooking credentials are already in—he got first place in the "Chili Cook Off".

Ed Dietz has rescheduled the Delta Doo Dah for June 24 to June 28th. I know this is the same time as our open house, my plan is to start a little late and head out on that Sunday and possible stay a couple extra days.

That brings me to the Open House scheduled for the 24th. If it's not on your calendar be sure to add it. Jay is handing out tickets so let anyone on the board know how many you need and we will get them to you.

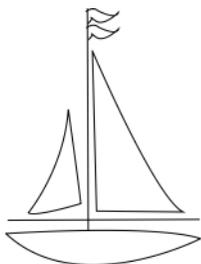
That's it in a nut shell, hope to see you out at the lake. Happy Sailing!

Sailor's Calendar: June

Show up for Thursday Night races & Taco Night.

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

Be on the lookout for a Jill. (Jack & Jill race July 4th)



Upcoming Events

June, 2017

- 3-4 Gold Country Regatta
- 11 Sunday Brunch at the Clubhouse - 9-11 am, \$5
- 24 Open House/Shrimp Feed
- 24-28 Delta Doo Dah

July, 2017

- 4 Independence Day Potluck Lunch BBQ & Fun Sail Jack & Jill Race
- 7-9 High Sierra Regatta, small boat, Huntington Lake
- 14-16 High Sierra Regatta, large boat, Huntington Lake
- 22 Special Needs Sailing Day
- 29 Junior Regatta

August, 2017

- 4-5 Pinecrest small boat trip

September, 2017

- 2-4 Delta trip

October, 2017

- Fleet Week SF Bay
- 7-9 Monterey Trip, RSVP ASAP to Ed
- 21 End of Year Party / Election / Dinner / Awards

November, 2017

December, 2017

- 2 Christmas Party

January, 2018

- 1 Frostbite Regatta

February, 2018

- SF Bay
- Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch Series

March, 2018

- General / Board Meeting
- St. Patrick's Day at the Lake—Social 5/ Dinner at 6 pm
- Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch Series
- Petaluma trip

April, 2018

- 6th Annual Chili Fest. Bring your best Chili - 5 pm
- Strictly Sail Pacific, Richmond
- Livingston Kite Festival—8:30 to 4:30
- Don Pedro trip

May, 2018

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

Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.



LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A meeting of the LYSA Membership was held on May 9, 2017 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:05 pm, Commodore Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler presiding.

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler: Brigitte welcomed members to the meeting. Invited Board / Committee Members to report.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were read by Chris Martin. Corrections: The first two weeks of Sail Camp are with ROTC members, the remaining weeks are with regular Junior Sailors.

Motion: Moved by Tom to approve minutes with the correction, second by Peg. **Motion carried.**

Past Commodore, Jay Sousa: Regatta: T-shirts are being printed. Ordering 60, down 10 from last year. 18 pre-registered racers. Logistics: Saturday PM barbecue - Al Lemke and Ron Stapp. Trophies – Darrell Sorensen. Donation – Gary donated pens from Merced Honda. Request for donation: items for raffle, members can bring items to be raffled out to the Thursday night races on the 18th. Racers will have a raffle ticket in their goodie bag. Request for help: lunch prep, asked that the Safety boat be out the whole time. Jay asked for help for lunches. Deb asked for ice and bottled water to keep on the dock for racers.

Vice Commodore, Tom Cooke: Tom gave the Fraguglia key to Deb Harden. Thanked Peg for getting the house painted and the concrete completed.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa: Treasurer's Report shared with account balances. Club: \$7349 (Insurance, operating costs of club). 54 members (down from 70 last year). Discussion of retention of members. Tom – the Vice Commodore can work on Membership.

Home improvement: Spent \$5K, balance \$796. Diane needs tax id numbers and itemized invoices from vendors to pay. 1 CD for dock insurance policy, 1 CD for Club. Each have about \$1K – to cover deductible in the event of a claim. There is a penalty for early withdrawal. Discussion of income from Regatta and Open House.

Diane gave Deb information so she can input boat data for Regatta scoring.

House Captain, Peg Larson:

The fence will be worked on, may not be done by the Regatta. Peg reminded Members to call her with concerns regarding the house. Diane – Peg's budget is not supposed to pay for the Regatta or the Shrimp Feed, just for the house. Discussion of need for paper goods, particularly toilet paper to be on hand.

Dock Captain, John Larson: The water level will be brought up for the Regatta. The current level has been maintained, within 3 inches. The level will not be lower, however, we will not have historic or designed high water levels. Discussion: Concern regarding damage to boats. Tom: all members of the club should be on the same page with this. We should stand behind John and back him up. We shouldn't hear anything different from any members. We should advocate to have the lake level consistent and as close to normal as possible.

Gary asked about water on the dock. John: 3 new hoses, available to reach every berth. He will turn the water on.

Race Captain: Debbie Harden: Racing starts this Thursday at 6:30. Three sailors signed up. Jerry Rokes, Tim Harden and Darrell Sorensen. Diane: David Strubbe paid for Regatta and Thursday racing (but has not paid for membership). Steve Leonard is setting marks and is taking care of the committee boat. Race Meeting held last week for Racers. RSVP 12, 20 Members attended.

Jr. Sailing Committee & Cruise / Social Committee, Matt Loeffler: Not present

New Business: Diane: Robert Schmidt donated his boat to Junior Sailing. Diane gave the pink slip to Brigitte. We did accept a boat from Guy and Dee's daughter. Traditionally Junior Sailing has accepted donations of boats.

We have received offers for boats from people who want to donate boats. **Issue:** we don't have room to store boats. Also, some boats are unsailable. **We are not accepting any more boat donations for Junior Sailing at this time!!!**

Chuck Rockholt suggested we talk about in addition to Junior Sailing camp, we do a week or two of adult sailing camp. This could generate money for the club, additional members, more involvement. **Suggestion: put this on the Board agenda for next month, to be discussed before the Open House.**

Rachel thanked Deb for posting the map and race courses on the website. The race courses for the Regatta and Thursday night races are the same. Rachel volunteered to laminate them and have one for each bag.

Old Business: None

Good of the order: Sail Camp Scholarships: Tom Cooke, Debbie Dietz, and Gary Hogston offering scholarships. ROTC sailors will be staying in the yard.

Jerry, Matt, Darrell and Jacob completed CPR training. Sierra Cooper volunteered to act as Sunshine rep. She will send cards to members, Dennis Wainwright.

Adjournment: The next LYSA General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at the Clubhouse. Potluck at 6:00 pm, General Meeting at 7:00 pm. Board Meeting at 8:00.

Motion: Moved by Deb, seconded by Tom Cooke. **Motion carried.** Membership meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

LYSA Board Meeting Call to Order: A regular meeting of the LYSA Board was held on May 9, 2017 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 8:25 pm, Commodore Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler presiding.

Members in attendance: Commodore: Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler, Vice-Commodore: Tom Cooke, Past Commodore: Jay Sousa, Secretary: Chris Martin, Treasurer: Diane Sousa, House Captain: Peg Larson, Port Captain: John Larson. Race Captain: Deb Harden. Cruise/Social Captain: Matt Loeffler: Not Present.

Chris: items noted: Gate latch not working, front door does not reliably lock, dumpster left open. Dumpster emptied by WM on Fridays. Discussion: Remind members to lock the dumpster when they're done using it.

John: MID / water discussed. Brigitte will pursue getting rent credit. Diane: In our contract that they will cover our cost, we pay for labor. Diane – at \$100 per month, capture will be slow. \$1100 of cost was paint, also concrete.

Peg: John Derby suggested we attempt to get a grant for improvements. Money is there for Counties, the County has not applied to the fund since. \$200K in funds, some of that could be used to improve our facilities. Peg asked if there is someone at the county we could contact regarding writing a grant. Jay – Department of Boating and Waterways have monies available. Brigitte –some UC students may have had experience in grant writing.

Ed Dietz has information regarding By Laws. Chris offered to publish portions of the By Laws in the Newsletter.

Brigitte: Shared a proposal to restructure the Commodore / Past Commodore positions. Discussion: Eliminate Past Commodore position. Commodore would be lead person for Regatta and Open House.

Tom – Rotary President goes to a week of school on how to run a meeting, etc. Mentor who will take over the position, watch what we're doing.

Peg –more involvement from Members, who have LYSA interests in mind. Discussion of the related issue of the 80/20 involvement. Members want to sail and have fun. Discussion: Long term goals that concurrent Boards continue to work on over time. 5-year plan. Have Members sit on committees, Members taken ownership of Regatta / Open House, etc. Reach out to specific people and ask them to do specific things. If we really want to draw in new members, is there something we could do to entice young people want to become members. Members speak to Clubs in town to promote LYSA. Discussion: Change focus from sailing club to sailing lifestyle.

We could meet outside of a regular Board meeting to discuss this issue, in a transparent manner.

Adjournment: The next LYSA Board meeting will be held Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at the Clubhouse. Potluck at 6:00 pm, General Meeting at 7:00 pm. Board Meeting at 8:00.

Motion: Moved by Tom Cooke to adjourn, and second by Peg Larson. **Motion carried.** Board meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Ways to support LYSA:



- 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.
- Bring a new member to the Clubhouse.
- 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.

Shrimp Feed Tickets Are Here!



The 2017 Open House and All You Can Eat Shrimp Feed is June 24th. Contact Jay Sousa or any Board Member to get your



tickets early. Be sure and get some for your friends too! Help make this year's event the BEST ever!

Sail Camp 2017

This learn to sail program is for kids between the ages of 8-16 and is held on Lake Yosemite. Five sessions will be offered for the upcoming 2017 season.

Campers will learn to sail on stable Lido 14 sailboats. El Toros and Lasers will also be available. Campers do not need prior sailing experience, but must know how to swim. The camp is taught by experienced youth sailing instructors under the supervision of adults. Members of the instructional team are CPR certified.

Youth who have been through at least four summers of our sail camp program and are at least fourteen years of age are encouraged to ask about junior counselor positions. Junior Counselors are volunteers who act as skippers and are expected to take on a roll of leadership helping the Head Counselor. Extra training days for JCs are a part of their growth as sailors and teachers. In future years JCs will have the opportunity to apply as paid counselors.



Sail Camp Dates for 2017

Session 1: June 26 - 30

Session 2: July 10 - 14

Session 3: July 17 - 21

Session 4: July 24 - 28

Session 5: July 31 - Aug. 4

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