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Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

March 2014



**Commodore Suzanne exchanging burgees with Oakland Yacht Club Commodore David Lyman at a recent OYC Sunday Brunch Race**

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**Submissions:**

Deadline is the 22nd of each month.

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**Commodore**

**Suzanne Johnson**



After the Oakland Yacht Club brunch series race held on Sunday February 16, 2014 I had the pleasure of exchanging burgees with the Oakland Yacht Club Commodore David Lyman. Now LYSA has a presence at the Oakland Yacht Club. By the way, Jerry and crew (Ian Cooke and Peg Lawler) got second place. The final race to be held on March 2 will decide the overall winner of the series.

On Saturday February 15, 2014 we had dinner at the Pasta Pelican in Alameda to celebrate Tim Harden's, Deb Harden's, Jerry Johnson's and Suzanne Johnson's February birthdays. Also present were Kathi Fournier & Lee Andersen.



There was a fairly good turnout for our February meeting held off site at the Round Table Pizza. I hope to see more of you at the March meeting.

By the way, commencing in March 2014 (through August 2014), we will be having separate Board and General Meetings. The Board meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of the month while the General meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month. The March board meeting will be held at Peg Lawler's house in Merced.

Also, congratulations to Mike Streatly for the birth of his second granddaughter!



**Past Commodore**  
**Mike Streal**



Things are starting to get a little busier at LYSA. As of today we are only a month and a half or so from having some usable water in the lake.

As acting Port Captain, this week I am starting the process of assigning slips. As I have said earlier, I expect everyone on the lists to be prepared when I call. Take a look online at the slip layout and familiarize yourselves with them. There is going to be a short window for you to make decisions. Probably on the 5th I will begin going through the slip move list. After that I will be on the wait list. I expect a lot of movement this year because there are some good slips opening up. Also please remember that ALL slip assignments go through the Port Captain/Board. If you are not putting your boat in the water you need to inform us and we will assign it per the rules set forth by the County. There are no exceptions.

This month's board meeting will include MID Operations Manager John Weirisma. He will be updating us on the water situation in the lake for this year. We will give a full report at the next General Membership Meeting on March 11.

On the fun side of things, plans are going fine for our Spring Regatta and our Open House/Shrimp Feed. We should have Shrimp Feed tickets by March 15. I want to get them out early to everyone so we can sell more and make this year the biggest and best feed ever!

On a final note, a new concrete walkway is going to be poured from the front of the house, down the side all the way to the back patio. I think it will be a nice addition to the house and yard. Look for the walkway to be finished by April 1.

Until next month . . .



Debbie and Tim Harden spending a beautiful day in Alameda



**Treasurer**  
**Diane Sousa**



Hi everyone. If you haven't done so yet, please send in your club dues. If your dues are not received by April 1, 2014 you will be removed from the active club roster and may not receive the newsletter or other club info. Also, dues must be paid before you can race or participate in club activities. If you didn't receive your invoice or have any questions, please let me know.

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## Cruise/Social Capt.

Matt Loeffler/Ryan Schwartz



Hello everyone,

The days are getting longer and the weather is getting warmer, unfortunately we are not getting much water. As everyone is well aware there will probably not be much water in the lake this year, but we will make do with what we have. Not all activities will require a full lake so please check out the list for all activities, for example we will be having a Saint Patrick day dinner on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The fare will include corned beef and cabbage as well as the normal amount of good cheer.

If anyone has an idea for another party or trip please feel free to contact either Ryan or myself.

Will be seeing you in Green on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Matt.



Peg Lawler, Kim Aleman, and Dave Aleman enjoying some tasty beverages at Oakland Yacht Club



### SCHEDULE FOR 2014

(Always a work in progress, see the online calendar  
For updates throughout the year)

#### JANUARY

1 Frostbite Regatta & Chowder Fest

#### MARCH

15 St Patty's Dinner (Corned Beef and Cabbage)

#### APRIL

5 3rd Annual Chili Fest

10-13 Strictly Sail Pacific (Bay)

27 SF Opening Day Week end cruise (Bay)

#### MAY

3 **LYSA Opening Day**

8 LYSA Thursday Night Summer Series Begins

17-18 **LYSA Spring Regatta** (Welcoming Friday 16<sup>th</sup>)

31 Jack & Jill Race (Woman Skippered)

#### JUNE

21 **Open House/Shrimp Feed**

28 One Design: Dick Gardner Race #1 of 4

#### JULY

4 Independence Day Potluck BBQ & Fun Sail

19 One Design: Dick Gardner Race #2 of 4

19-20 High Sierra Regatta (Keel Boats)

\*Maybe Plan a cruise to coincide with the HSR  
26 Special Needs Sailing Day

#### AUGUST

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

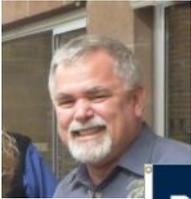
#### NOVEMBER

7-10 Cruise: Monterey Bay

#### DECEMBER

6 Lighted Sailboat Parade in the Bay





**Race Captain**  
**Jerry Johnson**



Racing is still going on at LYSA. Two boats from LYSA are currently competing in the winter series at the Oakland Yacht club in the estuary in the Bay Area (and doing quite well!) We still need more people to help with race committee in our upcoming races starting in May. Anyone interested please speak up, it is both fun and interesting. I promise you will learn and have a great time doing so. Some new courses are being dreamed up and several people have expressed ideas for new courses as well. As long as we have water we should have a really good year. This year's regatta could be one of our biggest and best ever if we get our own club members out racing. Let's get our Thursday night racers out there this year and show the visiting boats that LYSA has some great sailors. See everyone the second Tuesday in March at the Lake.



**Lee Anderson's Merit 25 "Student Driver" (I) racing during the OYC's Sunday Brunch Series.**



**Jerry Johnson, Peg Lawler, and Ian Cooke on "Obstreperous" leads a pack up the Estuary**



**House Captain**  
**Linda Sorensen**



FYI - The space between the garage and boat parking is a loading zone only. A new parking fine of \$25 will be enforced for violators.

For clubhouse reservations, please fill out the online reservation form on the website at:  
[www.lakeyosemitesailing.org](http://www.lakeyosemitesailing.org)



**Vice Commodore**  
**Peggy Lawler**



I am sure everyone is still enjoying this beautiful weather while praying for rain. It really is a shame we are not able to have fun on our own lake but we'll certainly appreciate it when we can. Nothing to say or report but I do have a quote ~ "If one does not know to which port one is sailing, no wind is favorable." Author ~ Seneca. See you at the lake.

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**Secretary**  
**Ian Cooke**



**General Meeting:**

6:30-7:00 @ Round Table Pizza  
7:00 PM Membership Meeting Began

**Reports:**

**Treasurer, Diane Souza:** Slip fees to be paid with contract slip by 3/1/14. Please contact Diane if you have any questions.

**Commodore, Suzanne Johnson:** We will be having separate membership and board meetings from March until August.

**Vice Commodore, Peg Lawler:** We will need volunteers for dock work and electrical work TBA.

**Past Commodore, Mike Streal:** Not Present, but there are several projects being worked on at the club house.  
-The regatta planning is underway, the NOR/entry forms will be on the website soon with the same format as last year.  
-The Shrimp feed sign over G street will be hung two weeks prior to the event this year and Mike is working on getting tickets now so we will have them early!

**House Captain, Linda Sorensen:** The Front door has been repaired by Dennis Wainwright! YAY! THANK YOU DENNIS!  
-We need to get a painting party together to paint the fence. Darrell Sorensen offered to fix the fence and paint it for a fee.

**Port Captain:** Work parties TBD.

**Cruise/Social Captain, Ryan Shwartz and Matt Loeffler:** New event calendar is done and will be posted on the website.

**Race Captain, Jerry Johnson:** Need race committee volunteers!

Jr. Sailing, Brigitte Loeffler: No schedule yet because they are worried about the water levels. The sign ups will be on the website, but they will not be accepting money prior to the summer.

**Old Business:**  
UC Merced Sailing Club discussion of fees and membership. Tabled for the board meeting.

**New Business:**

-The next board meeting will be held on 3/4/14 and the General meeting on 3/11/14.  
-There is a possibility that the racing season may be shortened. TBD.

Adjourned: 7:56 PM

**Board Meeting:**

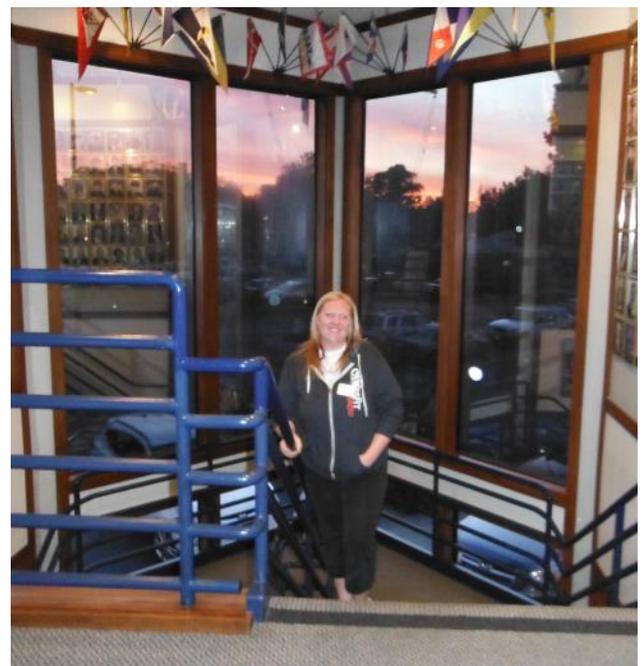
See above for reports.

**Old Business:**

-House renovations are within budget and will be made accordingly. Any further projects will be further planned and budgeted separately.

-UC Merced sailing club was granted memberships to LYSA as long as they can pay their fees. The students will be volunteering to work off their initiation fees.

**New Business:**



**Secretary Ian Cooke**

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