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Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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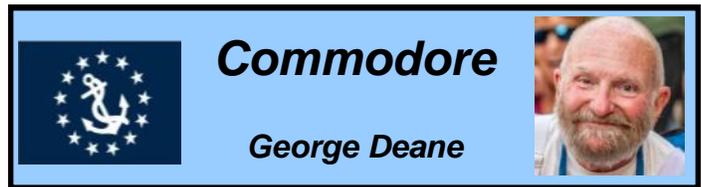
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Deadline is the 22nd of each month

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The beautiful yet unseasonable weather we've had during February have prompted a couple of trips out to the lake to enjoy the surroundings and to check things out. The water in the lake is exceptionally low which gives us a great opportunity to re-view the bottom counters that we occasionally have to deal with. Fortunately it should also allow us to get dry access to some of the dock footings that need repair.

Our final "winter" meeting will be held at Roundtable on March 10 with food available preceding the general meeting that will start at 7:00 PM. At the last meeting there was discussion regarding the by-laws. If anyone would like to help me bring them up to date please give me a call.

Sailing season will be upon us in a hurry (hopefully after a few March storms) so its probably time to check your boat for deferred maintenance. I know that I have a few projects.

At any rate I certainly hope as is well for our members and I look forward to seeing each of you soon.

"Blossom by blossom the spring begins."

Algernon Charles Swinburne

Flowers are blooming at the LYSA Clubhouse.





House Captain
Debbie Harden



We have a new hot water heater. The one that was removed was about 40 years old and leaking and had an element out. It was costing us some PG&E dollars. Hopefully this new one will reduce that bill! Kayton Plumbing did a great job. There were a few surprises like a rat nest behind the water heater and the plumbing was reversed (hot on the wrong side) but all is good now.

There is conversation going on about turning it down or turning it off during the winter to save energy costs. Opinions?



While I was waiting for the work on the water heater to be done, I surveyed the fence.

Vice Commodore, Dennis P., will be calling for workers to help with the demolition and the rebuilding & painting of the fence. It looks like most of the posts are solid, but getting thinner from the gardener's weed eater. We may need to put some sort of metal sheathing around them. Many rails & pickets need to be replaced. The gates also need work.

Please come out for the work parties when they are scheduled. The fence by the winter storage & Jr. sailing boats is a mess. Looks like someone got carried away in their parking.

We plan to have the fence work finished by the Open House.



Membership Meeting

Join us in March!

At Round Table Pizza

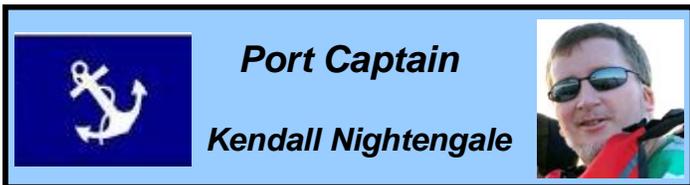
1728 W Olive Ave, Merced

Tuesday, March 10th

6:00 pm *Dinner / Social*

7:00 pm *Membership Meeting*

Board Meeting to follow



It feels like Spring is here and the almond blossoms have been a welcome sight. Along with the blooms and no rain comes the need for irrigation water, so MID started filling the lake Thursday, February 27th. At the time of this writing I don't know for certain when we can start putting our boats back in the water, but it may be earlier than usual. Maybe by our March meeting I'll know a little more and can share an update then.

Hightower and Sons have completed work on the docks, repairing the most critical items. The biggest task was replacing the piling for the floating docks. It was replaced with a ten inch galvanized steel pipe. It seems more stout than the existing steel pilings and I doubt we will need to replace that piling in the next fifty years. Timber frame members were replaced under the race deck area and a number of other places where they were weakened. There were a few items that we weren't able to do this go around, but hopefully will next winter. The docks are now structurally more solid and ready to serve another season. This month or April we will be working on securing any loose decking and replacing some deck boards where needed. We will have a work day to do this work. Date yet to be determined.

All lines and fenders left attached to the slips have been removed. Please ensure that as you prepare to launch your boat you have lines and fenders to properly secure your vessel. There was damage to the docks from improperly secured boats or incorrect fender use. It is challenging with our fixed docks and the fluctuating water levels which require frequent adjusting of fenders and lines to compensate for changes. But please do take the time to ensure your boat is secure this season.



Upcoming Events

OYC Sunday Brunch Series—Every other Sunday, 1/5-3/29
 Bay Area Interclub Racing—2nd Saturdays, 4/11-9/12
 LYSA Summer Series—16 Thursdays, 5/14-8/27

March, 2020

7-8 RYC Big Daddy Regatta
 17 St. Patrick's Day at the Lake
 23 OYC Rites of Spring Regatta

April, 2020

4-5 54th FLYC Camellia Cup Regatta
 Make A Wish Event
 Livingston Kite Festival—8:30 to 4
 16-19 Strictly Sail Pacific, Richmond

May, 2020

Friday Social / Saturday - LYSA Opening Day
 14 LYSA Thursday Night Summer Racing Series Begins
 30-31 **LYSA Spring Regatta**

June, 2020

6-7 GCYC—Go for the Gold
 20 LYSA Dick Gardner Memorial, 1st Day of Summer, Race
 tbd SSC Delta Ditch Run
Open House/Shrimp Feed

July, 2020

4 Jack and Jill Race / Independence Day BBQ
 High Sierra Regatta—July 11-12 & 18-19
 Special Needs Sailing Day 3—7 pm

August, 2020

15 LYSA Fun Race
 Junior Regatta

September, 2020

BobTones
 10 LYSA Summer Series Awards Dinner
 Sea Scouts Appreciation

October, 2020

Fleet Week SF Bay
 19 OYC Oktoberfest Regatta
 End of Year Party - Awards / Election
 31 RYC Great Pumpkin Regatta

November, 2020

December, 2020

Christmas Party—\$15 per Adult

January, 2021

Merced Running Club's Fog Jog / Annual Meeting

February, 2021

Super Bowl Party

Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.



Race Captain
Rachel Hadley




Secretary
Chris Martin



Ahoy there!

This great weather is a happy portent that Summer Sailing is quickly approaching!

It is traditional that we start our Summer Sailing Series the 1st Thursday after Opening Day.

As this year's Opening Day will be Saturday, May 9th, our 1st Race will be Thursday, May 14th.

The County cannot commit to maintaining a fairly consistent water level in the Lake through the middle of September, our last Thursday Night Race will be August 27.

This will provide us with 16 Races in this year's Summer Series. In an effort to encourage Racers to get their boats launched in May, we are contemplating hosting just one Summer Series, with 16 races including 2 throw-out Races.

This would be a big change to our Summer Series, so I encourage you join us as we discuss the pros and cons at our March Membership Meeting on the 10th.

A change we discussed at the January Membership Meeting was to have the Summer Series Racing Awards Dinner two weeks after the last Race, instead of waiting until the end of October. As I missed the January Meeting, I invite you to come to our Membership Meeting on the 10th and share your thoughts of having our Racers' Awards Dinner on Thursday, September 10th.

Hoping to see all of you on the water this year!

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes read by Chris Martin. **Motion:** Moved by George Deane to approve minutes, second by Gary. **Motion carried.**

Commodore, George Deane: 501(c) 3 Letter from IRS requesting the long form. Mostly involves Sea Scouts

Vice Commodore, Dennis Pellissier: Fence painting end of March, completed by end of April. Completed before the Regatta.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa: The Treasurer's report was shared. 66 members, 52% of the Club has paid dues, 35 have paid, 10 slips paid. March is deadline to pay slip fees, after that we can reassign fees.

Richmond Yacht Club 2/29, free rides, free hot dog lunch.

ABCs of California Boating offered to members

Dock Captain, Kendall Nightengale: Proposal tomorrow, may start work as early as next week. At least 20 struc-



LYSA t-shirts, hats and burgees are available for purchase.




tural needs to be attended to. Prioritized list, when we have reached our budget max we can look at next steps. First: broken piling. Also, former repair incorrectly done has lifted the dock. They are charging for time and materials. We can have a Member work day to fix cosmetic items. The other item: posting a sign to help keep people off the docks. Kendall shared the sign. If we did 10 would be \$150, 15 signs it would cost \$220. Rachel Hadley: we should check with the county to ensure we can post signage. Under the agreement we have power to manage the docks.

George: when we have a real number, then we can talk about transferring money to pay for dock repair expenses.

House Captain, Deb Harden: Having issues with water heater. It is leaking. Johnson Plumbing came out and inspected the water heater (electric). The visit cost around \$90. To replace the water heater, \$1400. Payton Plumbing would charge \$1200. "On Demand" water heater wouldn't work, we don't have the amps in our electrical system to install that.

Discussion: ask the County to offset rent due to this repair.

Motion: Moved by Gary to hire Payton Plumbing to replace the water heater at \$1200, second by Peg. **Motion carried.**

Cruise / Social Committee, Mike Streatly: Regatta discussion. May 30-31. Notice of Race on Regatta Network, but Mike didn't have prices. Discussion of Lunch prices. \$7 or \$10. Dinner should be at least \$15.

We need to know who is on the Race Committee beforehand so we don't give away lunches to everyone.

Shirts: we are looking at reducing the order by half at least. Diane tracks sizes we have sold. Mike will price at \$15. Mike asked Rachel to start working on Sailing Instructions and Course information (asked to keep the same Regatta Course). Rachel agreed.

Race Captain: Rachel Hadley: Rachel made a Racing Schedule to share with everyone. 16 Races instead of 18. Starting Thursdays from May 14 to August 27. Awards on September 10. June 20, Dick Gardner, Jack and Jill traditionally on July 4th.

Junior Sailing, Matt Loeffler: No Report.

Sea Scouts: No report.

Old Business:

By-Laws: Internal inconsistencies. The Club runs fine with this. We should be consistent.

Probationary Membership. Not needed, as new Members are joining to Sail. Mike and Rachel disagreed. Discussion: if we have trouble, we have to go through a legal process to remove them from the Club. It is important to safeguard our Club. Rachel: the key issue had some merit. People have interest in joining the Club to sail, not to use the house for parties. 6 months probationary, 1st month they can be asked to leave the group. George: new members need to have a sponsor. Change language to allow new members to have a key, but after 6 months we can dismiss member. George there is already a procedure for that.

Budget procedures: November only, can't change budget in the middle of the year didn't work at all this year. It is unduly cumbersome. Ed: April



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budget, approved in November so new board would have something to work with immediately. To put a stop to people trying to reallocate funds willy-nilly, it was decided to not change the budget except in November. Our By-Laws are creating a barrier. By-Laws should allow the Board to make changes if needed during the year. Agreed, the budget should be completed and voted on in November or December so the new Board comes in with a budget. Additionally, there should be some flexibility. George will submit a draft at the next meeting.

Election of Officers: Under the current By-Laws slate of officers to be made two weeks in advance. Absentee ballots two weeks in advance. George suggests slate of officers to be made the day of. Also, in the absence, allow a vote by proxy.

Boat storage: any boats in dry storage can not be more than 18 feet. Mike: that pertained to yard storage. George: that is not how it's written. In-

tent vs. practice. Recommend to delete 18 feet, eliminate foot restriction. Seaworthy, clean, no tarps. George: yard storage is more of a problem and is not covered by the By-Laws, and is more of a problem. House captain should monitor dry storage as well as ensure boats have stickers, should be the Dock Captain. Everything inside the fence is under the direction of the House Captain. All the boats in the yard are under Junior Sailing responsibility. Discussion of sails wadded up in the garage. Junior Sailing needs to do something with the boats and sails at the conclusion of the Junior Sailing season. Discussion of boat length in slips.

Motion: Moved by Gary to eliminate boat length / storage rule, second by Thom Grimaldi. **Motion carried.**

New Business: None

Good of the order: Jay suggested a walk / run around the lake, just under 4 miles.

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