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Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

May 2016



Strictly Sail Photos Courtesy Matt Loeffler

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Strictly Sail

The 21st Annual Strictly Sail Pacific Boat Show was held Thursday through Sunday, April 7-10, 2016. This oldest in-water sailboat show on the West Coast hosted all that is hot in the world of sailing. This year, Strictly Sail moved to the historic Craneway Pavilion and Marina Bay Yacht Harbor in Richmond. Leading manufacturers displayed various types and styles of boats. Also on display were a full range of marine electronics, products and accessories. From - <http://strictlysailpacific.com/>

See Matt Loeffler's impressions of Strictly Sail, beginning on page 4.

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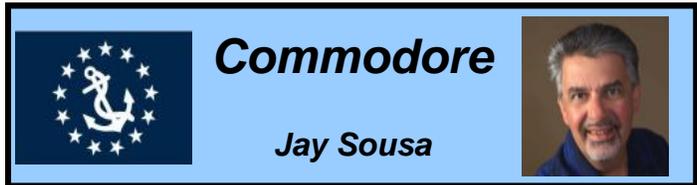
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**Deadline is the 22nd of each month
Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line**

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Welcome to May and finally the start of our 2016 sailing season. After 2 years of little or no sailing we should all be excited!

There is much to celebrate this month as we have a lot of sailing related activities to partake in. I will let the appropriate board member handle the details in their columns but here is a re-cap of some of the great events for the month. Saturday, May 7th is our Opening Day. This is a great opportunity to launch your boat as many of your fellow club members also will launch that day and everyone helps each other raising masts, etc. Later in the day we will potluck and toast the new sailing season! The following Thursday the 12th is our first race of the summer. I know Rachael Hadley has been working hard to ensure that we have a great summer race series. We have our Regatta on May 14th & 15th. I hope that we have a large number of our club sailing in this great event. Saturday, May 21st we will be having a Fun Race. This would be a great way for new sailors to get their feet wet racing. Then on Sunday, May 22nd we will be having a fun sail where we invite members of the community out to introduce them to sailing and our club. Look for more information in the way of E-mails for this exciting new program.

A big thanks to all that came out to the April membership meeting. We had a very good turnout and some great food! Our next membership meeting is Tuesday, May 10th at our clubhouse. Potluck/social hour starts at 6:00 pm, please bring a dish to share and your own drinks, the general membership meeting is at 7, followed by the board meeting at 8.

If you see John Larson around the clubhouse please give him a huge thank you for all of the hard work that he has done over the last two winters getting our docks in great shape.

Before you put your boat in for the season remember that your CF number needs to be current and that you must purchase a yearly boat pass from the County. The pass is \$50.00 for the season, \$30.00 if over the age of 62.

Also, we can and do get some strong winds and rough conditions occasionally in the spring so make sure that your boat is tied up correctly with proper dock lines and plenty of appropriately sized fenders to protect your boat and the

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Vice Commodore

Brigitte Bowers



Past Commodore

Peggy Larson



Opening Day is May 7th. Our Regatta is the 14th and 15th of this month, and following on its heels is our LYSA Annual Open House in June. It seems that we will have enough water for at least a few months of Lake Yosemite sailing this summer, and I hope club members take advantage of every sunny, breezy day.

Outdoor movies will begin in mid-June, so look for the dates in the next newsletter. I have not yet secured a projector for these events, so if you are willing to lend one please let me know. In any case, the movies will happen. The first one will be *All is Lost*, directed by J.C. Chandor and starring Robert Redford in a story about a man sailing alone in the midst of the Indian Ocean when his boat runs into a cargo container. It is every sailor's nightmare, or really just one of many possible sailing nightmares—perfect storms, pirates, and deranged whales would also certainly make the list—but Robert Redford is no ordinary sailor, and the movie is all about his resilience. We'll provide popcorn. Bring something to barbecue or just come after sundown if, for some unfathomable reason, you do not wish to spend an entire summer evening at the lake.

Looking past June and into mid-summer, you might want to note that the July 16-17 Fresno Yacht Club regatta will return to Huntington Lake this year. I encourage interested LYSA members to make reservations for cabins or campsites now if you haven't already done so. Huntington is just a two-hour drive, so it's a wonderful day trip, too.

Ed Dietz is organizing plans for the Delta Doo Dah again this year, so give him a call if you want to loll around the Delta as part of a flotilla. There is a lot of lazy meandering on this cruise, along with good food and drink and some lovely scenery.

Junior Sail Camp is gearing up for an active summer. Jacob Harden will teach in June, with my son Casey Bowers-Loeffler taking over in July, and we will have some returning junior counselors along with some new counselors who have been through our program. We're offering seven weeks this year, includ-

What a beautiful sight to see the water coming into the lake and just in time for opening day on the 7th! The sunsets are just that more beautiful reflecting off the water.

We had a good turnout for the garage cleaning and it was pretty much done in 2 hours, looks great now.

The Regatta is coming up on the 13th, 14th & 15th of May so please come out to support, sail or just enjoy the racing. The tee shirts have been ordered, Darrell has done a wonderful job on the trophies, Rachel is getting the race course and supplies ready, the goody bags are being prepared, Mike Strealy has done a fantastic job on getting the word out and we've had a good group of volunteers for the lunches and dinner.

I really appreciate everyone helping out especially since John and I won't be in town. We will be raffling off three prizes this year which should be fun! We encourage our club members to register early and I heard there's a possible free lunch for the Captain if you do! You can purchase your new tee shirt then too!! With all your support the Regatta will be its usual success!

See you on the water soon!!

ing the Navy ROTC sailors from Turlock.

So, the forecast is good for an active sailing season. See you at the lake.

Membership Meeting

Join us... on Tuesday, May 10th

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



Cruise/Social Capt.

Matt Loeffler



Hello All,

I didn't make it to the Chili Cook-Off, but Jay Sousa ran it and said a good time was had by all. There were only 2 different chili's cooked by Chris Martin and Chris Cooper. We did have 3 places of winners so everyone went home with a prize. First place was another nice bean pot, subsequent prizes were gift cards. Jay said that even though there were only two chili's made no one went home hungry.

Something I haven't done in a long time is going to Strictly Sail. The Strictly Sail Pacific show is produced by Sail America, the trade association for the U.S. sailing industry dedicated to promoting the health and growth of sailing. Established in 1990, Sail America now has more than 200 members representing all segments of the sailing market.

Well this year Brigitte, Everett, Isabell (Ev's girlfriend) and I made the trip to the new venue. I didn't think that the change to Richmond would be good, but it was fantastic. The ride there was very easy; the directions supplied by Strictly Sailing were spot on. We got there and when we asked the lady collecting money for parking where the nearest ATM was, she said, "Don't worry, park right behind my car here on the street and pick up the shuttle bus right there." After a very short ride we were let off by the pavilion with all the goodies. This was a treat looking at all the fine new doodads to buy for the boat. After working our way through this we ended up right at

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docks! You will notice the addition of all new horn cleats to help you with this. Also remember that water levels could fluctuate a bit in the early weeks of our sailing season so it is a good idea to check your boat often and adjust dock line accordingly.

Have a great year on the water!
Commodore Jay

2016 Calendar of Events

May

- 7 LYSA Opening Day
- 12 LYSA Thursday Night Summer Series Begins
- 14-15 LYSA Spring Regatta. Sign up early and come out to sail your boat or to just enjoy the company and help out.
- TBD Jack & Jill Race

June

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

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.



Race Captain
Rachel Hadley



Our first race will be May 12th!

We will be implementing a new Starting and Finishing Line, and I'll have new course sheets ready (by 6 pm at the latest!!!)

We are geared up for the Regatta! We will be using the old Course Sheet, with the old Start and Finish Lines as posted on the website. Darrell Sorensen has made some awesome trophies for the Regatta!



House Captain
Linda Sorensen



Saturday April 16th seven members got together and cleaned out the LYSA garage. Many thanks to John and Peggy Larson, Matt Loeffler, Steve Leonard, Jerry Rokes, and Darrell Sorensen. Darrell has made plans to build shelves for storing Junior Sailing's PFD's. Seven new burgees are now displayed in the club house. Several are from far-away places such as Maryland, New Zealand, Tonga and Palau. Keep using the on-line reservation for Clubhouse use. So far in May we have reservation from Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler on the 6th and Richard Kleitman on the 11th. See you around!



Port Captain
John Larson



Ahoy to all,
News from the berths: Berths are in good order and ready for the summer use. With the exception of our Commodore Jay Sousa's slip and one adjacent on same finger pier, a plan is under way to have the finger pier fixed in the next 2 weeks. If your berth payment was made for the 2015 season it's still good for the 2016 season.

If you see something not quite right or out of the ordinary please pipe up it save our club in many ways. Thank you,
Port Captain LYSA, Captain, John E. Larson
Master Mariner, USMM (Ret)

Delta Doo Dah

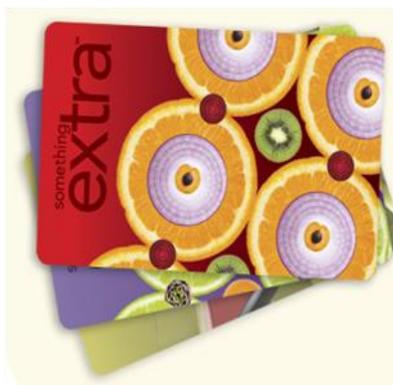
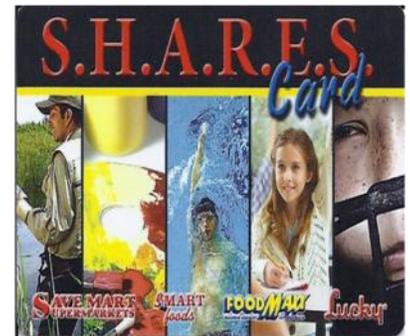
Here is the 2016 Schedule. The LYSA group (four sail boats) will set sail each day at 1000 Hours from the following locations:

- (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.

Ways to support LYSA that might be new to you:

- **Swipe** your SHARES card every time you shop with Save Mart or one of their affiliated stores.



- **Enroll** in the Raley's scrip program at www.raleys.com/somethingextra. Select Lake Yosemite Sailing Association from the menu and designate the percentage of scrip to donate.

- **Come** to monthly Membership meetings.
- **Please** 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.



Jay commended Matt and Brigitte for making sail camp bigger and better, continuing on what Jay started. This will be our 11th year.

Past Commodore, Peg Larson:

Regatta:

Thanked members for coming to meeting April 7th, thanked Mike Streatly for help. Asked LYSA Members to come out to Regatta.

7 pre-registered for the Regatta. Club Members who will Captain, and sign up by 5/1 will receive a free lunch Goodie Bag item list read by Peg. If Members would like to donate, bring items to the next general meeting on May 10th. T-shirts are not usually placed in goodie bags. Mike: course sheets and instructions are separate.

Registration: Jay & Diane, 9 am. Peg asked Diane to take care of raffle ticket sales. Peg and John will donate two Raffle items.

Race Committee items / supplies: Rachel
Paperwork for overnight camping: Peg. Campers here Friday and Saturday nights, Breakfast / Lunch both days, dinner Saturday. Jay and Diane will be camp hosts, staying at the Club House property in their 5th wheel.

Darrel – Trophies

Shrimp Feed:

Mike brought Shrimp Feed tickets. We will discuss tickets at Board Meeting and Shrimp Feed at next meeting.

LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A meeting of the LYSA Membership was held on April 12, 2016 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:15 pm, Vice Commodore Jay Sousa presiding. A sign-in sheet was circulated. Twenty-three members attended.

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, Jay Sousa:

Jay welcomed members to the meeting. Invited Board / Committee Members to report.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were read by Chris Martin.

Corrections: None

Motion: Moved by John Larson to approve minutes, second by Linda Sorensen. **Motion carried.**

Commodore, Jay Sousa:

In contact with County and MID: water levels not expected to fluctuate. Good by Opening Day, full lake all summer. We must have County approval before launching boats.

Membership discussed at last Board Meeting. Loss of members is a concern. At one point we had 102 families. This year we may top out at 55; we have 3 new members this year. We need to consider, our membership is getting older. We need to look at increasing membership, take a long view at future years and take steps now to increase membership with people who are interested in sailing and in the sailing lifestyle. It'll take the whole club to promote the club.

Use the membership process, attract new members, evaluate them and then vote them in, or not.

Discussion: Fun Race, encourage Club Members to bring friends, show potential members a great venue, a special thing. Third Saturday racing. Open Sail promoted in media third Sunday of the month in the evening. Peg – dinners, taking people sailing, every boat was filled with people who learned about the venue and atmosphere. Eric asked if slips are available. Criag – wouldn't mind a Saturday morning breakfast, involve community.

Vice Commodore, Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler:

Junior Sail – schedule up, forms revised into one packet, easy to access. Former Junior Sailor Sergio is now a junior counselor. Discussion of integration of support agencies in town, ex: CASA. Enrollment benefits the Club.

**2016
Spring Regatta
May 14-15**

2 Days of Racing!

Saturday Night BBQ Dinner!

Notice of Race and Entry Forms
are available at:

www.lakeyosemitesailing.org

Port Captain, John Larson:

Berths are available, one finger pier has a slight list. May plumb water on the floating docks.

Racing Captain, Rachel Hadley:

Everyone is happy with Thursday night races. Start by Rotary Cove. Move Mark 1 and 6, out straight from race committee, get racers out of incoming canal water and completely away from where boats launch.

Changing for Regatta – in order to start races – we have to start off committee boat, not dock. For Regatta, will move start line where it usually has been. At the Racers meeting - discussion of using start and finish, usual marks or moving course. Rachel will make an executive decision and will share it next month.

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

St. Patrick's Day dinner re-cap

Chili cook-off, Winner 1st place Chris Cooper, 2nd place Chris Martin

Bring your own things to barbecue Opening Day, May 7th.

House Captain, Linda Sorensen:

Asked for many volunteers to help clean out the garage. Saturday, April 16, 9 am, garage clean-up.

Discussion: dump hours, community clean up Saturday at GV

Treasurer, Diana Sousa:

No report

Mail / Correspondence: Flyer and bulletin on Delta Ditch Run, Renewal for US Sailing

New Business:

Mike: asked for clarification: Sponsor, never finalized procedure. When a member is expelled, they must be voted on by Board to gain readmission to the Club. Discussion: Jay – Ed Dietz went over this, the Board would vote in members. Brigitte commented – Ed Dietz would be the best person to address that question to. It came up as a result of revising the By-Laws. Chris – there is scrutiny of members beforehand. Jay: easier to vote beforehand, rather than expel a member after a relationship is established. Deb – ensure the process is in encoded in the By-Laws, consistent and transparent across all potential members. Mike: requested we follow the orientation better, By-Laws, tips for members, etiquette for house, yard, etc., reciprocal agreements with other clubs, membership cards. If we're hoping to have new members, we have to do this.

Old Business:

Darrel and Matt suggested cabinets to hold the life jackets, he has a design, cost will be around \$150. Darrel has started on the trophies for the Regatta. **Motion:** Moved by Brigitte to build out plans Darrel has drawn, and second by Rachel. **Motion carried.**

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Good of the order:

We are thinking of Lee Anderson and his family, wishing them our very best. Thanks to Rachel for keeping us informed on Lee's progress. Lee will be home in 2 weeks.

Adjournment: The next LYSA General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at the Clubhouse. Potluck at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm. **Motion:** Moved by Mike Bloed to adjourn, and second by Mike Streatly. **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 April 12, 2016. The meeting convened at 8:00 pm, Commodore Jay Sousa presiding.

Members in attendance: Members of the Board in attendance:

Commodore: Jay Sousa, Vice-Commodore: Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler, Past Commodore: Peg Larson, Secretary: Chris Martin, Treasurer: Diane Sousa, 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: None

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

Commodore, Jay Sousa:

Vote on New Member: Matt / Rachel Hirota, Waste Reduction Recycling Coordinator at UCM. 9, 5, 4 year old children. Bought a 26' McGregor. He paid for a slip. Emailed Jay, then spoke to him on the phone. Interested in coming to social events, getting involved. **Motion:** Moved by Peg to approve, second by Rachel. **Motion carried.**

Boat: Roger Glasset –Received letter from Denise, his wife, regarding his boat: photos / detail sheet included. Fin Keel, Yngling 20' sailboat, open cockpit, fixed keel, main and jib in good condition, tags good through 2017, good for racing. He has Alzheimer's, can no longer sail. Discussion: how can we use it and put it to good use. Maintenance, insurance, storage. Brigitte – fun for one team to take it each year and commit to the season to race it in Roger Glasset's name. The Roger Glasset Boat. Brigitte wondered if Club would be ok with assuming the costs. Rachel suggested we thank the family for their very generous offer, indicating counselors will use it to race, and after one year, if it doesn't work out, we will sell it. Jay will contact Denise and let her know we'll take the boat, on condition that the vessel is sound. **Motion:**

Moved by Rachel to accept boat if sound, second by Brigitte. **Motion carried.** Jay will contact her within a week. After this is completed, Secretary Chris will write her a thank you card.

Ice Machine

Many members requested the Club fix or buy a new ice machine. Ace Air does not work on ice machines. Peg will ask Russell Osborne at Osborne Appliance. Brigitte suggested we look into the price of buying a new machine.

Past Commodore, Peg Larson:

Regatta:

T-shirt design designs voted on.

Shrimp Feed / Open House:

Discussion of Shrimp Feed tickets, how were they distributed for sales? Discussed mailing them to members, handing out at Opening Day. Jay suggested emailing Members indicating the shrimp feed is coming up and tickets are available. Ask Members how many tickets they would think they might need or how many they could sell. 6/25.

Club members, advertising, banner – Peg is in charge of banner. Insurance, city / fire department will only take the exact wording. Special endorsement on the insurance policy to have the banner hung on G Street. Hung for 2 weeks.

Raffle discussed. Peg: start with 5 prizes.

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: Asked that newsletter articles be sent in by the 22nd, email subject line state LYSA, articles address events for the next month, not previous month.

House Captain, Linda Sorensen: None

New Business:

Rachel will invest in Racing items. Waited to see about water level situation. Jay – there is money in the Race budget.

Old Business: None

The Good of the Order: None.

Adjournment: The next LYSA Board Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at the Clubhouse. Potluck at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm, Board at 8:00.

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

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the food station. Fish and chips, calamari, and a sandwich along with drinks; good and not too dear.

After lunch we took the not too short walk to where the in the water boats were. There were many interesting sights to see on the walk. Now I don't think they had nearly the numbers of boats as they did at Jack London; neither big boats, nor small. But the people showing them made up for it. They even had a company that dealt with "Previously owned" boats. Prices here looked good and I liked comparing the older styles to the newer boats available. Retirement here I come.

Now on to upcoming events. You better open up the play book, May is full.

Starting with Opening Day on May 7. I'll be there and get some charcoal going for you to bring your own things to cook. I'll shoot for being there around noon, if not sooner and will light the fires when needed. I am excited about this opening day event for one particular reason. If you have seen on FB I started to try and paint my boat bottom over Spring Break. Now this was something I had been planning, but when I got into the actual work and saw some things under that old blue paint, and the dents and scratches to the topsides I quickly realized that I was beyond my abilities. Phoning around I found a nearby boat yard in Snelling, ask me about it on opening day. They have the boat and if my timeline calculations are correct it should be ready by the 6th. Wish me luck.

Following this the weekly racing starts. On the 14th and 15th we will have our Regatta. I think I'll get Donkey Who? in this. I'll probably need crew if anyone is ready to get wet let me know. If you have never been to our Regatta, please attend, it is not anything like our weekly races and you are guaranteed to see something new and fun. We always have sailors coming in from all over California, and beyond. Oh, did I mention the dinners too? Jay will be there for the week end with his 5th wheel to help out with the camping sailors. Come out and enjoy the good company.

See everyone out on the water this year.

Matt

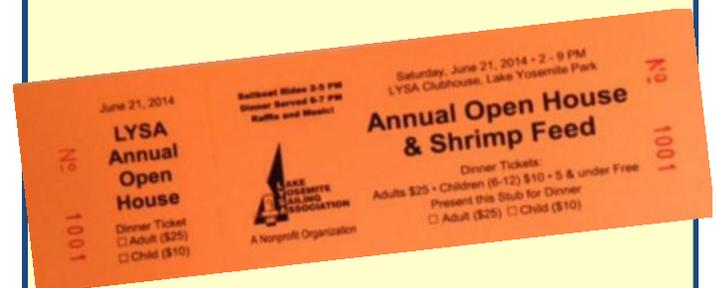


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tickets early. Be sure and get some for your friends too! Help make this year's event the BEST ever!