

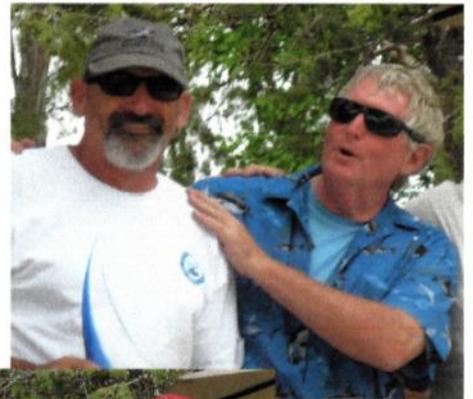
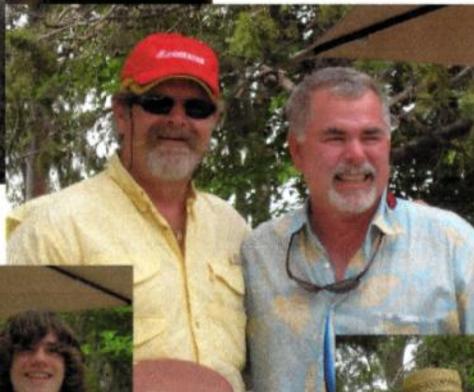
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Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

November 2020

## LYSA MEMORIES



## 2010 Regatta

# Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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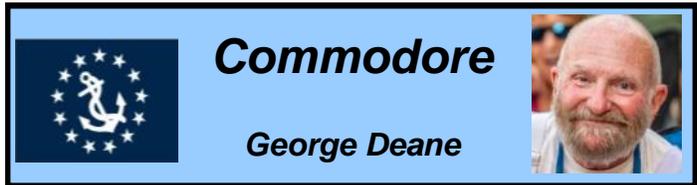
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**Submissions:**

**Deadline is the 22nd of each month**

**Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line**

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Well, a totally weird season is winding down. Our boats are out of the water. I know that I'll sure miss being out on the water. This is a good chance to use some of the kayaks that have been donated to LYSA and are now stored in our new and improved storage room. Kudos to Craig Anderson for all of the work he's done sprucing up the grounds and organizing and modifying the garage/storage area.

As most of you know, the rest of our social events for the year have been canceled due to the Covid situation. This also affected our election which was supposed to be held in conjunction with our end of season party in October. In light of the fact that a lot of our activities for the year such as the Open House and the Regatta did not occur, most of the current board agreed to stay on for another year and give it another shot. The only hold out is Mike Streatly who is still rebounding from getting hit pretty hard by the virus. Accordingly, the board was reconfirmed at our October meeting that was held outdoors at the lake on Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup>. Needless to say we'll need a social chairman at some point.

Our November meeting involves setting the budget, including fees etc., for next year. It will be held outside in my backyard at 2823 Oleander Ave. in Merced starting at 6:00 pm. There is plenty of room for proper distancing and we will be using masks. I suspect that this will be our last meeting for the year.

On a more upbeat note, this has been a great year for new club memberships. Lots of folks are discovering, or rediscovering, how enjoyable it can be to be out at the clubhouse. It's always cooler, there's plenty of room to distance and younger members can be corralled inside the fence.

Hopefully next year will be a little less uncertain and we can return to a lifestyle more like we've been used to, but I fear that the side effects of this pandemic could well linger well into next season. I'm sure we'll all keep our fingers crossed and I'll be wearing a mask for the foreseeable future. See you at the lake.





**House Captain**  
**Debbie Harden**




**Race Captain**  
**Rachel Hadley**



Somehow we made it through the strangest of seasons.

I am so glad that Rachel was able to establish some normalcy with Thursday night races and that I was able to see some of your smiling faces.

As I write this, sailing season is at its end. I called upon Richard Kleitman and the Sea Scouts for some help with wintering the Junior Sailing boats. By the time I got there, the lasers were hung in the cradles on the last row of docks. The laser rack was in the kayak storage shed and the kayaks on it. The last of the Capris were being taken out of the water and are now in the side yard, along with the El Toros.

Darrell Sorenson is supposed to be looking into selling the El Toros as the Junior Sailors don't use them. I think they would make great planter boxes, but I guess I don't understand the value of the boats.



**THANK YOU TO:**

Richard Kleitman, Craig Anderson, Chris Currier, Darrel Sorenson, Matt Loeffler, Greg Hogsten and the Sea Scouts!

If I neglected to mention a name, I apologize, but know that you are appreciated, too.

As the weather begins to cool and the leaves begin to turn golden and red I realize that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. I have always loved Thanksgiving... I mean really, what's not to love about gathering with friends and family to eat wonderful food and enjoy each other's company. And besides that, this particular holiday prompts us to reflect on all the other things (besides friends and family) we can be thankful for.

This year, Thanksgiving might look a little different... a little more distance at the table, and a few more phone calls... but still, we can all take a moment to reflect on the good things and the good times that have come to us this past year.

I have been grateful for our sailing community which provided me an outlet to have fun on Thursday Nights, and to socialize (at a distance) with friends and I am looking forward to next year, when we can gather together again.

May the seas be smooth before you; may a gentle breeze fill your sails; may sunshine warm your face; and may kindness warm your soul.



**Membership Meeting**

**Join us in November!**

At the home of George Deane  
2823 Oleander Ave

**Tuesday, November 10th**  
6:00 pm *Membership Meeting*  
*Board Meeting to follow*

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November 13-15, 2020, Registration \$100

Interactive Instruction, Group Break-Outs, and Networking Sessions Hosted by Professional Women Sailors.

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WSS is building a new member community with an online sailing education and inspiration portal. [Island Yacht Club's](#) annual [Women's Sailing Seminar](#) (WSS) will shift to a fully online virtual education format this year in order to respect social distancing recommendations. The goal is to promote women's education and safety on the water, and to provide a sense of community in the midst of social distancing.

Women's Sailing Seminar weekend (November 13-15) will feature 3 days of instruction and interactive events tailored to suit every level of sailing experience. Instruction will engage sailors of all skill levels, from beginner to advanced. Communication will be delivered via the Zoom® online platform. Guests from any region in the world may register.

In its 28th continuous year, WSS kicks off on Friday evening with a racing seminar. On Saturday and Sunday, sessions start at 8am PT and run until late afternoon. WSS volunteer expert women sailing instructors include: Captain Mary Swift-Swan of Afterguard Sailing Academy ([afterguard-sailing.com](http://afterguard-sailing.com)), Captain Tanja Koster of teach2sail ([teach2sail.com](http://teach2sail.com)), Nathalie Criou - renowned Race to Alaska skipper ([nathaliecriouracing.com](http://nathaliecriouracing.com)), and Behan Gifford - sailing celebrity, coach and author ([sailingtotem.com](http://sailingtotem.com)). To register and view the agenda, instructor bios, or learn more about the free storyteller sessions, visit [womenssailingseminar.com](http://womenssailingseminar.com).

### About Women's Sailing Seminar

Women's Sailing Seminar was born 28 years ago when two women members of Island Yacht Club thought: *We need a workshop where women can learn about sailing from other women!* Now, thousands of women have attended the seminar and gained confidence on the water. Come join our incredible community of women sailors at [womenssailingseminar.com](http://womenssailingseminar.com).

**Contact:** Melissa Grudin, Organizer, Island Yacht Club, [info@iyc.org](mailto:info@iyc.org), (510) 380-5322

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



## Upcoming Events

### November, 2020

### December, 2020

Christmas Party CANCELLED

### January, 2021

Merced Running Club's Fog Jog / Annual Meeting

### February, 2021

Super Bowl Party

### March, 2021

RYC Big Daddy Regatta

St. Patrick's Day at the Lake

OYC Rites of Spring Regatta

### April, 2021

54th FLYC Camellia Cup Regatta

Make A Wish Event

Livingston Kite Festival—8:30 to 4

Strictly Sail Pacific, Richmond

### May, 2021

Friday Social / Saturday - LYSA Opening Day

LYSA Thursday Night Summer Racing Series Begins

LYSA Spring Regatta

### June, 2021

GCYC—Go for the Gold

LYSA Dick Gardner Memorial, 1st Day of Summer, Race

SSC Delta Ditch Run

Open House/Shrimp Feed

### July, 2021

LYSA Summer Series, Thursday nights

Raft-Up / Fun Sail

Special Needs Sailing Day 3—7 pm

### August, 2021

LYSA Summer Series, Thursday nights

LYSA Fun Race—Tentative

Junior Regatta

### September, 2021

LYSA Summer Series Awards Dinner

Sea Scouts Appreciation

### October, 2021

Fleet Week SF Bay

OYC Oktoberfest Regatta—Tentative

End of Year Party - Awards / Election

RYC Great Pumpkin Regatta

**Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.**



**Secretary**  
**Chris Martin**



New hot water heater, our PG&E bill still averages over \$100/month. Peg suggested PG&E come out and check to see what is drawing the energy.

**Dock Captain, Kendall Nightengale:** Not present.

**House Captain, Deb Harden:** Concrete was poured in the kayak shack. Members can bring kayaks through the garage. Craig has been working on the property. Asked Genivieve and Tim Garcia to look into doing the kayak storage. Kayaks can not be hung on the walls. Eleven Members would like Winter Storage. Storage provides income to the Club. Craig volunteered storing the Committee Boat at his house.

Deb used a random number generator to select Members to choose slips. Members who are not present will be assigned a spot. The list will be sent to Members. When MID tells us boats need to come out of the Lake, we will have Summer storage boats moved, then the Winter storage can happen.

Four boats have not been used since Jacob has been a counselor here. Catamaran with the LYSA name on it no one. 4 unclaimed boats, Lasers upside down on the cradles on the dock, there are 10 racks. Concern if boats are on the docks over winter, they will be vandalized. However, they sit in the yard and are a mess. Question: do the Lasers stay over the summer? If slips are full, we can move the Lasers (there are 6) to accommodate paying Members. There are currently 13 small slips available. El Toros aren't being used. Easily capsize, need to be towed. Sell the Catamaran (it may belong to Chris Currier), and the Sabots/El Toros (3), Lasers stored on the back dock. Laser rack will be moved to the kayak shack for kayak storage.

**Cruise / Social Committee, Mike Strealy:** Not present. Officers send emails to inform Members about meetings or other events. He does not want to serve next year.

**LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order:** A combined meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on **September 8, 2020** at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7 pm, Commodore George Deane presiding.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** *July minutes approved by acclimation.*

**Commodore, George Deane:** George has talked to Brian, proposed to continue contract on same terms. 5 year lease. The County has to go through the process of approval. We anticipate raising dock fees, since we haven't in many years, he has no problems with that. The only issue would be to determine the amount to charge to offset debt. According to the by-laws, election to occur in Oct with end of season party.

**Vice Commodore, Dennis Pellissier:** Not present. George shared Dennis has nothing to add, except – **Don't knock down the fence.**

**Treasurer, Diane Sousa:** Diane shared the Treasurer's report. Improvement account balance lowered by cement work. Docks loaned \$3000, there is a positive amount in the dock account, they could nearly pay back the amount.

Membership: Lost 7 families, gained 12 families, total = 71, highest since 2014.

If you are not on Facebook, then you missed out on my post about the Harden House going on the market. If you know anyone who would love a well built and well-maintained house on over an acre, please have them get in touch.



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**Race Captain: Rachel Hadley:** 10/12 races held. One summer series split into two. Awards are being made. Awards will be this Thursday at 6.

**Junior Sailing, Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler:** No Report.

**Sea Scouts:** No Report.

**Old Business:** Kayak discussion. \$10/month, pay 6 months at a time, according to Summer / Winter storage dates. May to October, November to April. Discussion to charge one time \$120. County lease now, MID lease due in 2022. Trees

**New Business:** Discussion of election / Board Members for next year. George would like to present a slate by October by email. Jay suggested a Zoom meeting.

George suggested he assist Rachel in reaching out regarding putting permanent buoys for racing markers to be up all seasons. Rachel has provided a map with locations. Picking up the marks after racing is over is the issue. No one helps with this.

**Good of the order:** None

The next LYSA Membership / Board meeting will be held October 13, 2020. **Motion:** Moved by Rachel Hadley to adjourn, and

**Second** by Craig Anderson. **Motion carried.** Board meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

**LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order:** A combined meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on **October 13, 2020** at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7 pm, Commodore George Deane presiding.

**Vote:** Reappoint the board to serve next year. All in favor. We will work to fill any open Board positions.

**Budget:** George will talk to Dennis about the fence. The improvement account is to be spent – if we have money, we can spend it. George discussed raising dock fees. We want to continue to maintain the property. Dues and dock fees have not gone up. Discussion of charges.

**Rachel:** Req. purchase of red buoys with white writing on them.

**New Member:** Tony, son is Anthony. Friends with Michael. Anthony is in Junior Sailing. Sponsored by Brigitte. Motion Diane, Second Deb Approved

Darrell sold two boats on behalf of LYSA

Next meeting at George's house, November 10, 6 pm. Adjourned at 7 pm

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