

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

November 2014



Ryan Schwartz was busy as ambassador for LYSA on his recent trip to Hawaii. Above, he is exchanging burgees with Jack Peters of the Waikiki Yacht Club. Inset photo is the burgee he exchanged with the Kaneohe Yacht Club. Great job representing LYSA Ryan!

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Commodore

Suzanne Johnson



I just wanted to thank all of you who attended our End of the Year Party and Awards dinner on October 4, 2014. Matt and Ryan out did themselves with the meal. Congratulations to our 2015 Board Members!

Dennis Wainwright - Racing Captain
Suzanne Johnson - Past Commodore
Peggy Larson – Commodore
Jay Sousa - Vice Commodore
Thom Grimaldi - House Captain
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Matt Loeffler - Cruise/Social Captain



Also, congratulations to the recipient of the 2014 Commodore's Award, Thom Grimaldi. Thank you Thom for all of your help throughout the year. We all have our sailing stories to tell, some good and some not so good. Often times, our sailing adventures become life lessons. Here are a few that I thought were worthwhile sharing with the Club.

Another Vow:

We were newlyweds and novice sailors in a rented Merit 27 when a nor'easter quality t-storm came barreling through. It hit us with torrential rain and wind that put the mast parallel to the water and we never thought

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to shorten sail! We were in the cockpit with me at the tiller. We battled to keep the boat upright letting the sails out and bringing them back in. We were soaked, cold and frightened in our first storm at sea and we still never thought to reduce sail! She kept turning around to face me saying that I am doing a great job. This bolstered my confidence until one time she turned back forward and I saw her make the unmistakable hand motion of the sign of the cross. Her prayers were answered and the storm rolled through. As the sun came out we saw an older couple looking very comfortable with their foul weather gear and greatly reduced sail moving past us smiling like they just had the ride of their life. We both took another vow; to become just like them.

Near-Death in Cold Water:

I was bringing a light 26-footer to a dock on a river with tricky currents. My crew had the bow dock line, and I'd step off with a stern line. I was relaxed, having done this many times before. Too relaxed and overconfident to take careful note of a swirling eddy beside the dock. I stopped the boat and my crew stepped off. Then I swung a leg over the rail and jumped down - into shockingly cold water as the current swung the boat's stern out. It was a cool day and my boots and jacket filled with water as the eddy sucked me away from the dock. I fought just to reach the dock, already numb with cold. But then I couldn't climb up with the current pulling so hard on my legs. It wasn't just the laughter from those watching from the marina's deck - I was terrified I might be sucked under and die! That panic failed to give me heroic strength, but at least my crew thought to cleat off his line and come haul me out like a dead fish. Not my proudest moment, but not a mistake I'll make again.

Hope to see you all at the Christmas Party on Saturday December 6, 2014.



Don't miss the

Christmas Party!!



Saturday, December 6

5 p.m.

(Appetizers, Cocktails)

6 p.m.

Prime Rib Dinner

Information will be emailed to you soon
or you can contact Matt or Ryan.





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Past Commodore

Mike Streatly



I spent last weekend racing in the bay with Tim Harden and Jacob Harden. Here's a little recap of Richmond Yacht Club's Great Pumpkin Regatta.

It is a two day event with Saturday being buoy racing on the Berkeley Circle and Sunday a pursuit race. We opted just to do Sunday's race.

For those not familiar with a pursuit race, it is a race where the boat's handicap is built into the start. So, the slower boats start first and the faster boats follow all based on their PHRF rating. The finish order is your final position.

Racing Tim's Merit 25 "Hard N Fast" we were set to go off at 12:22:53. As luck would have it we had a little motor problem at the dock in Alameda that put us a bit behind schedule. So, we were a couple minutes late to our start. Not really the way we wanted the day to begin.

The race course is simple, a 12.5 mile race starting and finishing near Southampton Shoal with the "marks" being Alcatraz and Angel Island. You can either go in a clockwise or counter-clockwise direction.

After looking at tide and weather we decided to go clockwise (along with about 75% of the 160 monohulls starting). Heading down to Alcatraz under spinnaker we were making up some ground that we lost at the start, choosing to suck up closer to Angel Island for a little current relief.

Now, once we got to Alcatraz things changed a bit. In the lee of the island it turned into an absolute parking lot. With very little wind, boats were scrambling to get away into clean air, any air! After a

while and many tacks into hole after hole, we finally started making headway.

The trip up to Angel Island was very fluky too. We just did our best to stay moving and avoid the holes. Once we made the turn northeast heading through Raccoon Strait, the kites came back up for what we hoped would be a

quick kind of reachy trip to the finish. Nope. The second parking lot was at a point just coming out of Raccoon Strait. There was a line of about 50 or more boats that seemed to all hit the brakes at once. A Cal 20 was bobbing around next to an Express 37. We actually came out well on that section though, heading up a bit higher and staying in some clean air put us in pretty good shape for a drag race to the finish. The highlight of this part of the race was when everything was pretty quiet and out of the silence we could hear the familiar cackle of our very own Steve Leonard. He

was crewing on one of the Ultimate 20's. We managed to get close enough later to say hi.

The final run seemed like it took forever, but we eventually crossed the finish line officially 102nd. It's not what we hoped for but still in the top 2/3. We did have a good time.

After finishing we had the trip back to Alameda. We got the boat hoisted back on the trailer and everything put away right at dark.

Well that's it. I hope to see you all at the Xmas party in December!



First run to Alcatraz



Rounding Alcatraz



Cruise/Social Capt.
Matt Loeffler/Ryan Schwartz



**LYSA is Cruising
Monterey Bay!
November 13-16**

Itinerary:

Launching at Monterey
Office of the Harbormaster
250 Figueroa St.
Monterey, CA 93940

Thursday Night Nov 13,
Late night launching available, a harbor master is at the marina 24 hours a day after hours call (831) 594-7760 Evening "After hours"

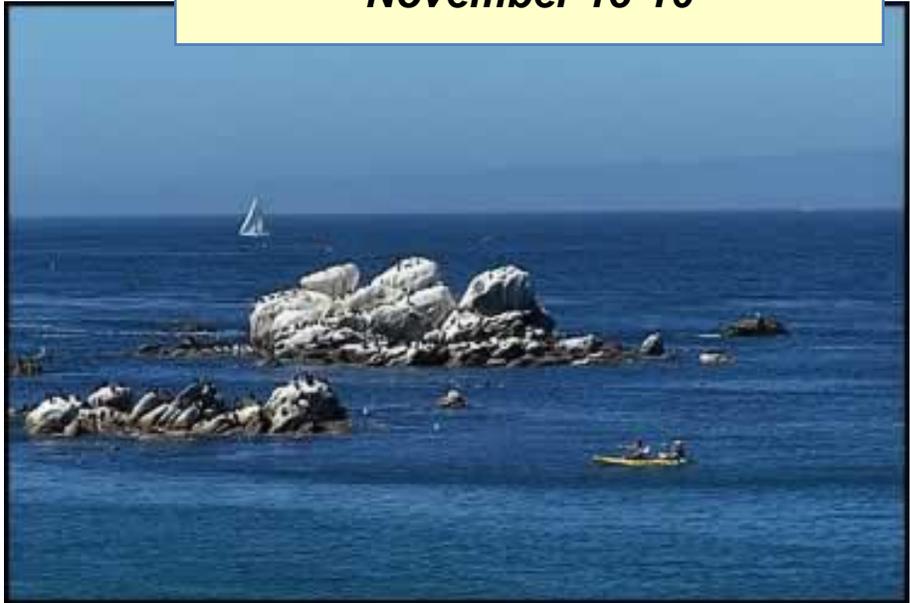
Friday Nov 14,
6:00am to 9:30am Mast raising and launch help available. Earlier the better the parking lot fills up pretty fast.
10:00am to 2:00pm Group Sail to the Pacific Grove Point and back for wildlife watching
6:00 pm Dinner at the Monterey Yacht Club just below LULU's on wharf 2 (Please RSVP before Nov 7 if you are not with one of the boats going)

Saturday 15,
6:00am to 9:30am Mast raising and launch help available. Earlier the better the parking lot fills up pretty fast.
6:00pm Dinner at Crown and Anchor 150 W Franklin St, Monterey, CA 93940 (831) 649-6496 (Please RSVP before Nov 7 if you are not with one of the boats going)

Sunday 16,
2:30pm to 5:00pm Pullout and mast drop help available.

Additional Information:
RSVP for dinners call Ed Deitz (209) 628-8249 or Bryan Blagg/Cindy Blagg (209) 205-5279
For Mast, Launch, or Pullout help at Monterey call Bryan Blagg/Cindy Blagg (209) 205-5279

Directions to Monterey Marina & Harbor
From Hwy 1 going north
Take the Aguajito Road exit, turn left at the first traffic signal intersection, which is Aguajito Road, and continue under Highway 1 and cross Fremont Street. At the next traffic signal intersection, which is Del Monte Avenue, turn left. Continue down Del Monte Avenue to Figueroa Street. The entrance to Monterey Harbor is at Figueroa Street. Turn right on Figueroa and left into the parking lot.
From Hwy 1 going south
Take the Del Monte Avenue exit; go down Del Monte



Avenue for several blocks. The entrance to Monterey Harbor is at Figueroa Street on your right-hand side.
From Fremont Street
From Fremont Street, turn onto Aguajito Road. Take Aguajito Road to the next traffic signal, which is Del Monte Avenue. Turn left onto Del Monte Avenue. Continue down Del Monte Avenue to Figueroa Street. The entrance to Monterey Harbor is at Figueroa Street. Turn right on Figueroa and left into the parking lot.
From Lighthouse Avenue (New Monterey and Pacific Grove)
Continue on Lighthouse Avenue under the tunnel where the street becomes Del Monte Avenue. Keep to the left and turn left at the next traffic signal intersection, which is Figueroa Street. This takes you into the Monterey Harbor parking lot.
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LYSA held the annual End of Season Party/Awards/Election Dinner on Saturday, October 4. All in attendance had a great time! Here are some pictures . . .



Ryan cooking up Ribs!



Ed and Matt Awards



Some of the Non Spinnaker Fleet



Centerboard Fleet Participants

More photos from the End of Season Party . . .



Spinnaker Fleet Champions



Non Spinnaker Fleet Champions



Centerboard Fleet Champions



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DECEMBER

6 LYSA Christmas Party

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