

# Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

November 2019



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## LYSA's End of Year Social

Sailing Awards, Matt and Ed Awards, an exceptional dinner at our beautiful Clubhouse

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

**Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line**

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Our annual awards party and election was held last Saturday. There was a great turnout, all of our new chairs and tables were out. I think we need to get some more as all of the old plastic chairs have moved on the their just reward. I saw a few new faces, lots of extended families and some old friends. It sure makes me think that the club is on a great footing with good times in our future.

A great group stepped up to serve on the board. Dennis Pellissier will be Vice-Commodore. Dennis has been a great new member since he joined us. He took charge of rebuilding the pump cover before the open house and is spearheading our over the winter boundary fence renewal project. Diane Sousa is continuing her lifetime position as Treasurer. Chris Martin continues as Secretary. Rachel Hadley is keeping it in the family by taking over Race Captain duties from Miranda Hadley. Deb Harden will continue as House Captain, the club would not function without Deb's constant effort, attitude and encouragement. Port Captain will be held by Kendall Nightengale, another new member, and Tim Harden and Mike Strealy have volunteered to help him when the water levels go down so that we can get some needed maintenance and repair over the winter. Mike also has taken over the responsibilities of Social Captain. There is no one more outgoing and "social" than Mike, I'm looking forward to enjoying his efforts.

Now that we're as organized as we're likely to get, its time for another party. Fortunately the Christmas Party is on the calendar over at the Fish and Game building on Saturday December 14. Be sure to get it on your calendar.

We may be able to squeeze in a Wine tasting party in the interim so watch your emails.

I hope all of you are looking forward to LYSA's upcoming year as much as I am. See you at the lake.

# LYSA's End of Year

**Party \* Election \* Dinner \* Awards**



Dinner



Welcome from George Deane



Opening remarks from Chris Cooper



Sierra Cooper



George Deane and Deb Harden



Mistress of Ceremonies Deb Harden

# LYSA's End of Year

## Party \* Election \* Dinner \* Awards



Spinnaker 1st place both halves The Villian (Tim, Mike, Sea Scouts)



Non Spinnaker 1st place both halves Don Hadley



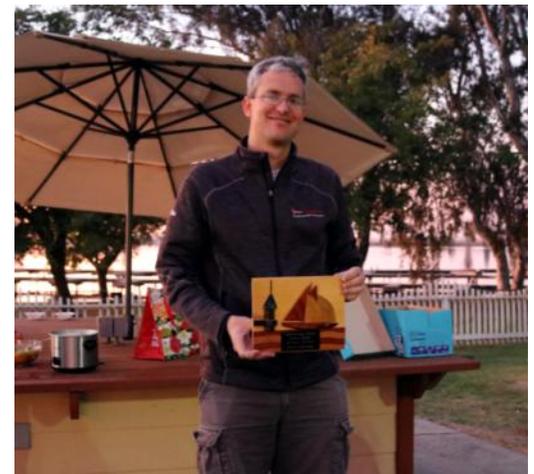
Non Spinnaker 2nd place 1st half Chris Cooper



Non Spinnaker 2nd place 2nd half Ed Dietz



1st place 2nd half & overall Darrell Sorensen



Centerboards 1st place 1st half David Strubbe

# LYSA's End of Year

## Party \* Election \* Dinner \* Awards



Centerboards 2nd place both halves Rachel Hadley



Most Improved Sailor Don Hadley



Crew person of the year Sergio Nava



Mike Streatly Tim Harden—Senior Sea Scout Award



Kendal & Kara Nightengale— The Pied Piper Award



Dawn Tilak— Culinary Award

# LYSA's End of Year

**Party \* Election \* Dinner \* Awards**



The 2020 LYSA Board, left to right: Secretary Chris Martin, Race Rachel Hadley, Commodore George Deane, Cruise and Social Mike Streatly, Dock Captain Kendall Nightengale, House Captain Deb Harden, Treasurer Diane Sousa. Not pictured: Vice Commodore Dennis Pellissier.



Tom Cooke and John Derby



Jerry Rokes Darrell Sorensen— Junior Sailing Volunteer Award



**House Captain**

**Debbie Harden**



Just like the boats, the house will soon be undergoing winter storage. If you have things at the house, in the refrigerator, or in the garage, please be aware that I will be in a cleanout mode real soon. If it is of value to you, and you want to keep it, either let me know or label it with your name. I started on the garage but had to give up because of a flea infestation. Hopefully, that problem has been remedied.



My dad and I have been spending some quality time cleaning out the flower beds.

I am still not sure there are sprinklers/water going to the flower beds. Does anyone out there know?

**MOST IMPORTANT!** I have replaced the missing

corkscrews. The two new ones are labeled LYSA in bright pink nail polish. Let's make an effort to put them back in the drawer where they belong, please.

The fence has been studied and Dennis Pellissier will be scheduling some workdays to take off the pickets that are rotted, deal with any posts & gates that need fixing. Then in the spring the fence will get a coat of paint. Keep your eyes open for those workdays because your help will be needed!



The front of the house has yet to be inspected formally for leaks, wood rot, etc. I will be hiring a local company to take a look at it, unless there is a qualified member who can step up and do the job. We would like to start repairs (if needed) ASAP and then in the spring again some more paint. I am not sure what the job may require, but same as the fence repair, be on the look out for calls for help.

Thank you to all who support me with the care of our facility. We are so lucky to have this place!

(Deb 209-777-4655)

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- Awards
  - Spinnaker
  - Perpetual Trophy - 1st place both halves - The Villian / Tim Harden / Mike Streal / Sea Scouts
  
  - Non Spinnaker
  - 2nd place 1st half - Chris Cooper
  - 2nd place 2nd half - Ed Dietz
  - Perpetual Trophy - 1st place both halves - Don Hadley
  
  - Centerboards
  - 1st place 1st half - David Strubbe
  - 2nd place both halves - Rachel Hadley
  - Perpetual Trophy - 1st place 2nd half & Overall - Darrell Sorensen
  
  - Special Award
  - Most Consistent (did not miss one race) - Craig Anderson
  - Most Improved Sailor - Don Hadley
  - Crew person of the year - Sergio Nava

# Membership Meeting

## Join us in November!

LYSA Clubhouse

### Tuesday, November 12th

6:30 pm *Dinner / Social*

7:00 pm *Membership Meeting*

*Board Meeting to follow*



**Cruise/Social Capt.**  
**Jay Sousa**



I want to thank everyone that came out to our year end party and the end of last month. We had at least seventy club members and guests enjoy a great eve-



ning at the lake! It was one of our largest club events of the year.

New officers were voted in and I am happy to report that we will have a strong Board for our 2020 year. I especially want to congratulate and thank Mike Strelay for taking the helm as Cruising and Social Captain for next year. Mike has some new ideas for the year and I am sure that we will have a fun year of events to enjoy.

Our last event of the year is our Christmas party to be held on Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Fish and Game Building at the lake. The party features a prime rib dinner, gift exchange and, of course, good cheer. I will be emailing more info out in November and early December. In the mean time I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and fall season!

**We'll treat your family like our family!**



*Amie Marchini*  
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## Upcoming Events

### November, 2019

### December, 2019

14 Christmas Party

### January, 2020

### February, 2020

2 **Super Bowl Party - LYSA Clubhouse, 2 pm**  
Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch Series

### March, 2020

17 St. Patrick's Day at the Lake—Dinner at 6 pm

### April, 2020

Make A Wish Event  
Livingston Kite Festival—8:30 to 4  
Strictly Sail Pacific, Richmond  
Camellia Cup Regatta

### May, 2020

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

### June, 2020

Thursday Night Racing  
**Open House/Shrimp Feed**  
Week 2: Sail Camp

### July, 2020

4 Independence Day BBQ & Jack & Jill Sail  
Thursday Night Racing  
Week 3: Sail Camp  
Week 4: Sail Camp  
Week 5: Sail Camp  
Week 6: Sail Camp  
High Sierra Regatta, small / large boat, Huntington  
Special Needs Sailing Day 3—7 pm

### August, 2020

Thursday Night Racing  
Racer's Dinner  
Junior Regatta

### September, 2020

BobTones  
Sea Scouts Appreciation

### October, 2020

Fleet Week SF Bay  
End of Year Party - Awards / Election

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



**Secretary**  
**Chris Martin**



**Past Commodore, Tom Cooke:** Letter from the health department. We need two washing stations if we have an event that lasts over 8 hours. Discussion: they are looking for three sink setup: wash, rinse, sanitizer, air dry. Discussion: Prepackaged food, paper plates and silverware.

Two more kayaks are in the shed, 7 or 8 total, and a couple of paddle boards. Need to be cleaned up and stacked. People can join the club and use the kayaks for free.

**Treasurer, Diane Sousa:** The Treasurer's report was shared. 66 members, up from 62 last year.

**Dock Captain, Dan Farmer:** Not present.

Tom - thanks to Dan for calling MID and letting Membership know about the date to get the boats out of the water. Gary - he's been the President of St. Paul's for the last year.

**House Captain, Deb Harden:**

Diane - not a lot of money from recycling, the recycling is being stolen.

Discussion: yard / sprinklers. Flower beds: no water. Asked two people for bids on the fence. Treated posts, set in cement. One contacted, didn't get back, the other didn't return call at all. Dennis Pellissier: analysis by section - to repair, pressure wash and paint: 38 pickets, 17 rails (2x4), a couple of posts (the weed eater has narrowed them down like a beaver), need two new gates, new posts each side of the front gate. Major part: pressure wash, give it a good paint job. Materials - \$5-600. Discussion: Sea Scouts. Dennis is volunteering to head up the fence repair. Between now and April to repair, paint just before

**LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order:** A combined meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on October 8, 2019 at the Lake Yosemite Sailing Association Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:00 pm, Commodore Chris Cooper presiding.

**Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, Chris Cooper:** Chris welcomed members to the meeting. Invited Board / Committee Members to report.

**Approval of Minutes: Motion:** Moved by Tom to dispense with reading of the minutes and approve as published in Light Air. Second by George Deane. **Motion carried.** Minutes were approved by acclamation.

**Commodore, Chris Cooper:** No report. Boats should be out of the water by 10/14.

**Vice Commodore, George Deane:**

Very easy to transition to the 501 c(3) on January 1, 2020. Use the existing corporation as 501 c(3) foundation.

Committee Boat: fiberglass work to be done. Things were moved in the garage to complete the work.

We do have a current contract with the County, the lease mentions "sailboat slips", you can infer sail boats. The current Parks & Rec contract expires in September, 2020. Current term is 10 years.



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opening day. Jay volunteered to help with emails to the Membership to solicit help.

Motion: John Derby to authorize up to \$1K, second George to rebuild / paint the fence. Motion approved.

Discussion: front of the house, Issue: dry rot, the two front windows leak. Also recommended speak to Jim Krusso (he repaired the electrical outlet). Dennis Pellissier: typically a pest control business evaluates / analyzes a structure. Deb will follow up with Gary Davis.

**Cruise / Social Committee, Jay Sousa:**

Saturday 10/26, tri tip dinner with salad and rolls. \$5. 4 social, 5 dinner, 6 awards

Elections: Asked if anyone is interested. Mike Strealy - Cruise and Social. Don – Dock Captain? Jay will email and ask for volunteers. Discussion: we want members to be present and to vote.

**Race Captain: Miranda Hadley:** Not present.

**Junior Sailing, Matt Loeffler:** Not present.

**New Business:** Not enough chairs and tables for the end of year party. We have thrown away the plastic chairs. We need more metal chairs.

George move to authorize up to \$500 to purchase up to 30 chairs. Deb second. Motion carried.

John Derby would like to have the Club give a student discount / incentive to new student members. Discussion followed. John offered to run advertising in his newspaper to promote youth membership. Deb: advertise for crew / Thursday night meals, etc. Concern: party house.

The Board will need a more specific plan or recommendation. Diane: the Board needs to meet and discuss it, then bring it to the General Membership. John will compose and present a proposal.

**Old Business:** None

**Good of the order:**

Tom thanked Jay for the great job he's done communicating with members. He also thanked Dawn Tilak for her great food. Don: update on his accident. Chris Cooper asked to have Linda Sorensen send him a card on behalf of the Club.

The End of Year Awards and Election to be held Saturday, October 26, 2019 at the Clubhouse.

The next LYSA Membership / Board meeting will be held Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at the Clubhouse.

**Motion:** Moved by George to adjourn, and second by Gary. **Motion carried.** Board meeting was adjourned at 8:04.

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