

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

October 2015

Racing Outside of LYSA



L to R—John Larson, Steve Leonard, Tim Hardin, Mike Streatly.

Photo and Text Courtesy: Mike Streatly

Saturday, September 12 was the last race of the South Bay Interclub race series. The monthly races that started in April are hosted by a different club each month. 51 boats competed in the series over the summer. The series concluded with more great sailing conditions on the bay.

For the last race Team Hard N Fast consisted of Tim Harden, Mike Streatly, Steve Leonard, and John Larson. The weather was cool and overcast with winds in the mid teens.

Being the last race we only had 3 other boats in our fleet but we got out to a great start and had the lead. The winds almost shut off when we got to the windward mark on the SF side of the bay. We sailed into a hole and lost our lead, but stayed close due to a nice run. After the first lap on the 10 mile course all four boats were still relatively close. The next time at the windward mark the series leader, the Yankee 30 "Double Play"

started pulling away and we were left to battle for 2nd. We were in 3rd place quite a bit behind but started making up ground on the leg that was a run but due to a shift was now a screaming reach. We saw a top speed of 9.8 knots and by the time we hit the leeward mark we were right on the hip of the 2nd place Merit 25 "Double Agent". With a couple hundred yards from the finish it looked as though we were going to have to settle for 3rd when the wind suddenly shifted almost 180 degrees. We quickly hoisted our spinnaker and overtook them with about 50 yards to go. We went on to beat them by 8 seconds.

It was a very satisfying race and finished 2nd for the day and 2nd for the series. Up next for Team Hard N Fast is Oakland YC's Octoberfest race on October 3 and Richmond YC's Great Pumpkin Regatta on October 24-5. We'll let you know how we do!

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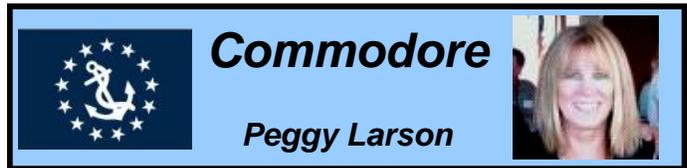
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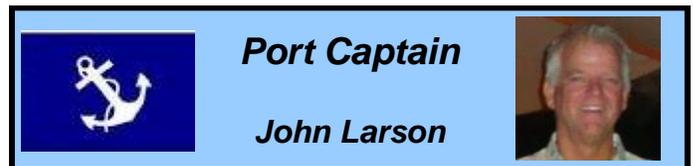
Deadline is the 22nd of each month.
Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line
to Chris Martin:
chrissybea@comcast.net



Happy October!

Well racing season is finally over with and the only trophies we may get to look forward to would be for the fine Thursday night dining we've been able to enjoy. That or the beautiful sunsets.

Our end of year party and elections will be coming up. I have put a page for each available board position on the corkboard in the clubhouse so please stop by and check to see if your name has been nominated!! Feel free to enter your name if you are interested. Chris Martin will prepare the ballots based on the sign up lists. I understand that it can be hard to motivate yourself to come out to the lake if we can't enjoy the sailing but it would be great to have a strong turnout for the general meeting on October 13th and for the end of year party. From what I have been told we can expect a strong winter, let's hope so. Until then, see you in the yard!



Ahoy to all, and good in your sails!

News from the berths: All the new cleats are installed. Most of the old ones have been removed. The entrance security gate lock has been replaced and is in good working order. Water is turned off on the berths. Water height is still much too low to hold boats at berths. I believe next year, you that have a slip will be able to use it. I say it's going to rain in a big way. May not happen until the end of the year but we'll get the wet stuff. Please call out if a need to muster on the fore deck and trim the sails as it were for the berths or piers need action. Thank you.

Port Captain LYSA, Captain, John E. Larson

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Master Mariner, USMM (Ret)



Well unfortunately there is not much going on at the Lake this year particularly with regard to sailing. Next year seems much more promising as they are predicting some RAIN!! Yes, rain!!! We need to dust off the cob webs and get those boats ready for some great sailing and racing next year!

In the meantime, how about some sailing trivia. Test your knowledge.

Things in Common-

Q- What accomplishment is shared by Ed Baird, Terry Neilson, John Bertrand (US), Peter Commette and Glenn Bourke?

A- Ed Baird, Terry Neilson, John Bertrand (US), Peter Commette and Glenn Bourke have at least one thing in common... they are all past Laser World Champions. There have been fifteen champions thus far that have emerged from the 24 events to date.

Shaving Cream-

Q- What usage does shaving cream have in sailing other than to provide good trophy banquet photos?

A- Don't leave the shaving cream in your shower kit, as it can provide an assist after you have removed the ball bearings from a block for cleaning. During reassembly, squirt shaving cream into the race where the bearings live. Rather than struggling to keep the ball bearings from falling out, the shaving cream will hold all the bearings in place while you reassemble. Once reassembled, rinse the cream out with water. - Mike Lee, Harken.

Weather Warning-

Q- What does the following mean: "Wind before rain, let your topsail fill again. Rain before wind, sheets and topsails mind."

A- The saying, "Wind before rain, let your topsail fill again. Rain before wind, sheets and topsails mind," means that if a squall is coming and it starts to blow before you feel any precipitation, the squall will be less severe and short duration. However, if you feel rain before the wind pipes up - precipitation is being thrown out of the storm cell violently; you're likely in for quite a ride! Be ready to shorten sails.

Yachting Becomes Olympic Event-

Q- When did yachting become an Olympic event?

A- Yachting became an Olympic event at the 1896 Games in Greece.

Oldest Olympic class still used-

Q- What is the oldest Olympic class still currently being used?

A- The oldest Olympic class boat is the Star, which debuted in 1932 and has been sailed in every Olympiad since, with the exception of 1976.

"Shake A Leg"-

Q- What is the origin of the term, "Shake A Leg?" What is the origin of the term, "Shake A Leg?"

A- The term "Shake A Leg" originated in Portsmouth, where women would come aboard naval vessels to aid ship morale. Each morning the petty officer would shout for the occupants of hammocks to shake a leg. If the leg was smooth and shapely, the occupant was allowed to sleep in; if the leg was hairy, the officer turned out the hammock for the sailor to swab the deck. See you at the Lake!

Monterey Cruise

Cindy & I will be there Thursday night late and Mike Brady, Ed Deitz & John French will be at Monterey Friday Morning about 10 to 11. This is last year's cruise doc with the updated dates but have not call anyone for the dinner reservations. The marina I did call and they have room for any that want to bring their boat.

Launching at Monterey

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

Thursday Night Oct 8 - 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 Oct 9 - 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 Oct 4 if you are not with one of the boats going)

Saturday 10 - 6:00am to 9:30am Mast raising and launch help
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Membership Meeting
Join us at the Clubhouse
on Tuesday, October 13th
6:30 pm Potluck Social
7:00 General Membership Meeting
Bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage.



Cruise/Social Capt.
Matt Loeffler



Hello All,
I just got off the phone with Ed Dietz to find out about the Monterey Bay trip. He wasn't sure he would go, but Brian Blagg and Mike Brady will be there. If you'd like to join up with them get a hold of Brian. The last few years they have not done the long sail from Moss Landing to Monterey, but instead launch near the marina and tie up. They take the boats out for day trips from the marina. The advantage to this is you don't have that long ride to take your boat out and then drive home. There have been a number of Facebook posts of people going to the San Francisco Bay. If you haven't seen them please look them up, the photos are fantastic. Thank you Kathi, and Amy for all the updates, keep them coming. Last weekend Brigitte,



the effort. If you have a free weekend take a ride and see it. Also coming up in October please don't forget will be our annual end of the year / Halloween party which will be on the 24th. Please mark this on your busy social schedules, remember this is also the time when we VOTE for NEW OFFICERS. So this is an important event. Don't forget the Ed and Matt awards will also be presented at the Halloween party too. Jay, Thom, and I will be getting the main event of food ready, please bring a desert.

The cloudy weather has been getting my hopes up for rain. Keep that in your thoughts and hopefully we will have a wet winter and plenty of sailing next year.



Everett and I took a ride to Alameda to see the USS Hornet, a retired aircraft carrier. This is a close by trip that is well worth



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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 4 if you are not with one of the boats going)

Sunday 11 - 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 inter-

section, 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 Membership Meeting Call to Order: A combined meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on September 8, 2015 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:20 pm, Vice Commodore Jay Sousa presiding. Seven members attended. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were read by Chris Martin. Corrections: None

Motion: Moved by Matt to approve minutes with corrections, seconded by Thom. **Motion carried.**

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Vice Commodore, Jay Sousa: Welcomed members to the meeting. Invited Board / Committee Members to report.

Treasurer, Diana Sousa:

Communications:

Budget and membership report distributed to members and reviewed. 65 members. 3 members told Diane they would not renew. 10 did not pay and were non-renewed. Diane updated the LYSA website Membership Roster. Raley's \$65 to Junior Sailing. Save Mart SHARES \$158 to LYSA general account.

We have saved \$816 to date by switching housekeeping This year we completed \$12,315 in repairs to the docks.

Vice Commodore, Jay Sousa:

Best ways to communicate with membership: Newsletter, email.

Lake Yosemite Sailing Association
(LYSA)
MINUTES

Membership and Board Meetings

Meeting Date: September 8, 2015

Event dates need to be set and promoted.

House Captain, Thom Grimaldi:

General fence repair discussed, to be done.

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

Two events: Year-End Awards / Election of Officers party and Christmas Dinner

Year-End Awards / Election of Officers

October 24, no host bar at 4, dinner at 6, voting during dinner, awards afterward

Menu: pork, chicken, salad and potato dish, Members bring a dessert

Jay and Thom and Matt will cook

Christmas Dinner

Prime Rib and Turkey

Jay will start to promote this Dinner, engage members moving into the new year

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Secretary, Chris Martin:

Nothing to report

Racing Captain, Dennis Wainwright:

Not present

Past Commodore, Suzanne Johnson:

Not present

Port Captain, John Larson:

Not present

Commodore, Peggy Larson:

Not present

Old Business: - None

New Business: - None

The Good of the Order: None

Adjournment: The next LYSA General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, October 13, 2015. Potluck at 6:30 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm. **Motion:** Moved by Thom to adjourn, and seconded by Matt. **Motion carried.** Membership / Board meeting was adjourned at 7:46.

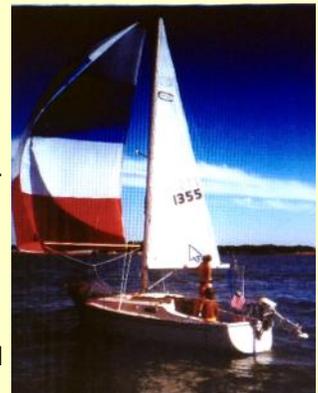
Secretary

Date of Approval

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