

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

October 2017

Sailing outside of LYSA



Pictures from Tim and Deb Harden's recent trip to the East Coast.

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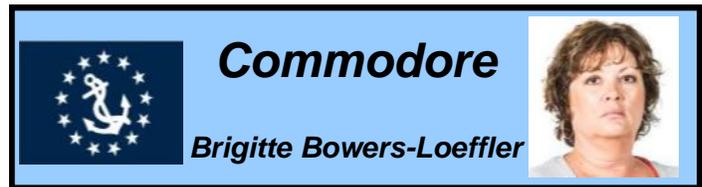
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Deadline is the 22nd of each month

Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line

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This is the month to admit that sailing season is officially over at Lake Yosemite. However, we will still have plenty of social activities over the fall and winter months, beginning with our elections and awards party on Saturday, October 28th. If you're planning to run for an office, please let Chris Martin know within the next few weeks so we can put you on the ballot.

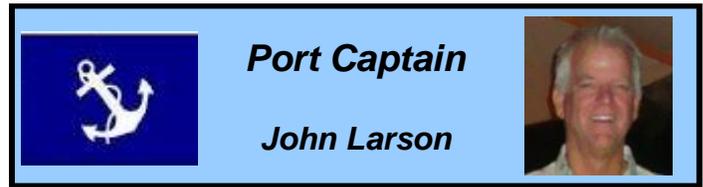
Our October party is also the night Ed and Matt present their awards for the year's most remarkable feats, graceful and otherwise, not covered by our sailing awards. If you have information that might be useful to them, please contact Matt. Come to the party in costume and win a prize in the adult or child category. LYSA is providing the protein, and everyone should bring a side dish or dessert.

In December, we will have our annual Christmas party, and throughout the rest of the winter we will have events at the clubhouse, including our January 1st gathering and our St. Patrick's Day dinner. More information about these will be available in future newsletters.

Our membership handbook has been fully updated and the newest version will soon be available on our club website. Thank you to everyone who participated in drafting the revisions and to the members who voted to pass them. I'd also like to express a special thank you to Chris Martin, who typed the changes and sent them along through the appropriate channels.

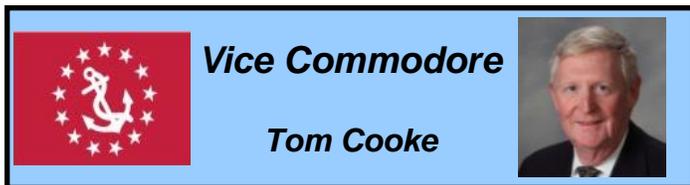
I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the party on the 28th.





Below is a list of the Treasurer's duties: The treasurer is responsible for the handling of all money transactions and is custodian of the financial records. All transactions are recorded in Quickbooks and all bank accounts are reconciled in Quickbooks. The treasurer tracks all accounts receivable and payable and provides monthly reports at the club meetings. The treasurer also creates the annual budget to be presented at the November meeting and maintains a roster of members. The treasurer is responsible for the filing of the income tax returns for the Club, Docks and Junior Program. This includes the annual filing of the Federal Form 990, Form 990T and the California Form 190. The Secretary of State Statement of Information is filed bi-annually. Advises the Executive Board regarding finances and budget matters.

Lake Levels: Have been constant this year up to now, and the season is ending soon. Mid October levels will be held up for boating but not at the same constant level that we've enjoyed all summer. Thank you again, John Weismer at MID.
 Winter Boat Storage: Get your name in for your boat soon the lottery is coming up soon. October 12th is the last day to put your name in.
 Reminder on Boat Trailers: The LYSA parking lot is not for boat trailer storage neither is the LYSA yard. Let's keep the LYSA parking area clear for auto parking.
 If you see a problem on the berths, with the berth or a boat please let me know or one of LYSA's officers know. Look out for the other guy's boat and they will good after you. Best Regards,
 John E. Larson



Another sailing season is coming to an end. I hope all of you enjoyed sailing on the lake as much as possible. Per our Dock Captain we will have water until the middle of October; however, this could change and you may be notified to get your boat out sooner. For those new sailors, I encourage you to take some of the sailing courses offered in the bay area or Santa Cruz to enhance your skills while the lake is down. As your vice commodore, my job entails attending monthly board meetings, dealing with issues before the board, setting the budget, greeting, helping and advising new members on how to become successful members of LYSA. I encourage new members to participate in as many events as possible and to be respectful towards all of our club members. The specific duties of the vice commodore are outlined in our club bylaws. It is also important that the vice commodore participate in the planning organizing and staging of our Regatta and Open house. These events raise money

to maintain our clubhouse and meet our yearly budget. To that end, I also encourage our members to contribute in some way to each event by volunteering their time and energy to ensure the success of our events. I hope that some of you will step up and become a part of our board next year and help to make our association the best sailing club in the valley. As always, I'll see you at the Lake.

End of Season Party!

Saturday, Oct 28th

5:00 pm (Appetizers/Cocktails)

6:00 pm Potluck Dinner

Club Officer Elections!

Racing Trophies!

Matt & Ed Awards!

Door Prizes!



Tim and I traveled to the East Coast, still sailing, we went out on a gaff rigged sloop.

Reminder Awards Night for the Summer Season is October 28th. Keep an eye out for the water levels. Your boat should be coming out of the water before the 15th.

Here is a description of the Race Captain duties:

Racing Captain -

Plans racing activities including:

- writing and/or reviewing sailing instructions
- creating and/or reviewing race course map
- coordinating the setting of marks
- procuring, storing, coordinating delivery of

- necessary race equipment to and from races
- assuming responsibility for recruiting, training & directing the Race Committee
- keeping competitors informed by posting notes or holding skipper's meetings
- make or approve all RC decisions
- act as the communications link to competitors, regatta organizers & protest committee
- recording and posting scores after races
- procuring trophies for the Summer Season
- presenting race awards and recognitions

As a Board member:

- Keeps other Board members and General members informed about racing activities
- attends monthly Board meetings
- writes a monthly article for the Newsletter
- assists in the function of the Club and Club events such as Regatta, Open House



Sailing Outside LYSA - Hard N Fast Racing Recap

We have had a great time this year sailing Tim Harden's Merit 25 "Hard N Fast". For most of the year Team Hard N Fast consisted of Tim, myself, Jacob Harden, Nick Fordice, and Dave Aleman, of course not always at the same time.

We just wrapped up the South Bay Inter-club series last month. This series started in April and ran monthly until September. The courses start off Alameda NAS and generally run windward/leeward or sometimes triangular. The start/finish line is shared with the exception of one race with a McCovey Cove finish and the long race. It is a 6 race series with one throwout. We ended up finishing 2, 1,(2), 1, 1, 1, for a first place overall. Our fleet was 7 boats ranging from 25 to 35 feet.

Our toughest competition aside from our rival Merit 25 "Double Agent" came from a Custom Schumacher 30 and a San Juan 33. This was the second (or third?) year we have done this series.

The highlight of the series for me was the long race

around Alcatraz with the finish down the Estuary off EYC. The conditions varied from light to howling, with ripping currents making it hard to make any headway sometimes. We took an incredible beating south of Alcatraz. Nick and Jacob ate many, many waves!

Up next (I believe) will be OYC's Octoberfest Regatta on October 14, so it's time to break out our lederhosen made especially for us by Debbie Harden.



After that it looks like a break until we start the Sunday Brunch Series in January. I would encourage everyone who likes to race to think about participating in this series, or just come over and hang out. It's always a good time.



Secretary
Chris Martin



Elections will be held on Saturday, October 28st at our annual End of Year Party. As indicated in the Membership Handbook, the LYSA Secretary is the transcriber of the meetings and correspondence, and provides a summary of meeting minutes to the membership via newsletter. The Secretary ensures the production and distribution of monthly newsletter, *Light Air*, and the Membership Handbook.

If you are interested in serving as Secretary, or any other Board position, let me know. The Board will be putting together a ballot for our October election.

LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A meeting of the LYSA Membership was held on September 5, 2017 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 6:57 pm, Commodore Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler presiding.

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, Brigitte

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House Captain
Peg Larson



The days are getting shorter but the weather is absolutely perfect for spending time out at the lake! Hard to believe it's time to think about taking our boats out of the water but I think it was a real fun year!

Elections are coming up at our End of Season party on the 28th. Being on the Board has been both frustrating and interesting but I glad I did it. The duties of the House Captain are simple and when the new person takes over I will have a list of names and phone numbers along with what will be expected of you and I will be available to help in the transition at any time. The most important thing House Captain is responsible for is the club calendar and making sure that anyone that wants to use the facilities has it available. Most of the major upkeep has been completed this year so maintenance will be the main goal. You are in charge of the house and all the supplies needed for club functions and the yard too. This year I asked the yard people to take over the recyclables so that is not a problem anymore.

If anyone is interested in running for House Captain and wants to talk to me directly please feel free to contact me on my cell phone, 201-1143. We'll see you at the End of Season party!

Upcoming Events

October, 2017

- 7-9 Fleet Week SF Bay
- 28 End of Year Party / Election / Dinner / Awards

November, 2017

- 14 General / Board Meeting—Budget

December, 2017

- 2 Christmas Party

January, 2018

- 1 Frostbite Regatta

February, 2018

- Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch Series

March, 2018

- General / Board Meeting
- St. Patrick's Day at the Lake—Social 5/ Dinner at 6 pm
- Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch Series
- Petaluma trip

April, 2018

- 6th Annual Chili Fest. Bring your best Chili - 5 pm
- Strictly Sail Pacific, Richmond
- Livingston Kite Festival—8:30 to 4:30
- Don Pedro trip

May, 2018

- LYSA Opening Day
- LYSA Thursday Night Summer Series Begins
- LYSA Spring Regatta

June, 2018

- Gold Country Regatta
- Sunday Brunch at the Clubhouse
- Open House/Shrimp Feed
- Delta Doo Dah

July, 2018

- 4 Independence Day Potluck Lunch BBQ & Fun Sail
- Jack & Jill Race, Skippers 3:30, Race at 4, BBQ to follow
- High Sierra Regatta, small boat, Huntington Lake
- High Sierra Regatta, large boat, Huntington Lake
- Special Needs Sailing Day
- Sunday Brunch at the Clubhouse

August, 2018

- Junior Sailing Regatta, Skippers' meeting 10 am
- "Cocktail and Sail" 6 to 8 pm, bring a guest
- Sunday Brunch at the Clubhouse

September, 2018

- "Cocktail and Sail" 6 to 8 pm, bring a guest

Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.

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Bowers-Loeffler: Brigitte welcomed members to the meeting. Invited Board / Committee Members to report.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes read by Chris Martin. Corrections: Add to Sail Camp: 5-6 additional Junior Sailors were granted scholarships. Tom Cooke, Chris Tomford and Debbie Dietz also provided scholarships.

Motion: Moved by Debbie to approve minutes with the correction, second by Jay. **Motion carried.**

Commodore, Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler: Brigitte would like to recruit new faces on the Board.

Vice Commodore, Tom Cooke: Not present.

Past Commodore, Jay Sousa: No report.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa: The Treasurer's Report was shared. Membership: 69 members.

House Captain, Peg Larson: Not present.

Dock Captain, John Larson: Not present.

Race Captain, Debbie Harden: Took trophies to have names engraved on them. The Open Class perpetual trophy is round, Deb asked where that could be engraved. We have had two fun sails with eight boats out each time. The first night, tacos were served. The second dinner was a potluck. Around 30 enjoyed dinner each night.

Jr. Sailing Committee & Cruise / Social Committee, Matt Loeffler: Not present.

New Business: Gary Hogston proposed adding Adult Sail on evenings or weekends, options discussed. It was suggested to formalize a plan for Adult Sail this winter, and schedule an Adult Sail Camp with specific dates.

Old Business: None.

Good of the order: Tim Harden and crew took 1st place in the South Bay Race.

Lee Anderson continues to improve. He is driving and is able to go up and down stairs.

Adjournment: The next LYSA General Membership meeting will be held Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the Clubhouse. Our End of Season Party will include a Business Meeting, Elections, and Awards.

Motion: Moved by Jerry Rokes, seconded by Diane. **Motion carried.** Membership meeting was adjourned at 7:26.

LYSA Board Meeting Call to Order: A regular meeting of the LYSA Board was held on September 5, 2017 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:33 pm, Commodore Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler presiding.

Members in attendance: Members of the Board in attendance:

Commodore: Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler, Vice-Commodore: Tom Cooke, Past Commodore: Jay Sousa, Secretary: Chris

Martin, Treasurer: Diane Sousa, Race Captain: Deb Harden.

Not present: House Captain: Peg Larson, Port Captain: John Larson., Cruise/Social Captain: Matt Loeffler.

New Members: None.

Commodore, Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler: Events: Social would like to move the End of Season Party from 10/21 to 10/28. One more Cocktail and Sail remains, on 9/22. No volunteers for Brunch, no further Brunches this year. Bob-Tones event at the Clubhouse on 9/23.

Recap of By-Laws revision: The Vice Commodore will serve two years. Tom will serve next year as Commodore. Race Captain handles two events: Regatta and Thursday Night Races. Board Members should put together information regarding duties specific to their position, to be given to the incoming Board Member.

John communicated that MID will stop water delivery the middle of October. Diane asked that John to communicate with Members regarding winter storage date/ deadline, the lottery and when the drawing will be.

Vice Commodore, Tom Cooke: Tom suggested having posters out at the Christmas Party where people could sign up for social, house, flower beds, new member events, sailboat rides, etc. That Board Member could have a list of Members to call who are interested in helping in those areas. Discussion: how can we increase participation? October: finalize posters. November meeting: budget. Discussion: set dates for next years' events.

Past Commodore, Jay Sousa: Jay has packet of Shrimp Feed and Regatta information to hand off. Chris will update the By-Laws and send the revision to Mike Streatly.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa: Discussion: WestAmerica Bank vs. MSEFCU fees. Diane will get information regarding cost.

House Captain, Peg Larson: Not present.

Dock Captain, John Larson: Not present.

Race Captain, Debbie Harden: Last year, Darrell suggested LYSA host the El Toro Nationals. Deb recommended that if LYSA is hosting, someone needs to step up. She will contact Mike Streatly.

Jr. Sailing Committee & Cruise / Social Committee, Matt Loeffler: Not present.

New Business: Discussion on recycling. To be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Old Business: None.

Good of the Order: None

Adjournment: The next LYSA Board meeting will be held Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the Clubhouse. Our End of Season Party will include a Business Meeting, Elections, and Awards.

Motion: Moved by Tom to adjourn, and second by Jay.

Motion carried. Board meeting was adjourned at 8:03.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

The Rag Doll owned and sailed by John Derby, is looking for a good home. It sailed Lake Yosemite as the "Ghost Ship" for several years before it was hit in the bow by a jet ski. With the \$2,500 from the insurance the bow was repaired and new ribs were installed in the hull made of Black African Mahogany. She is a solid boat but needs additional repairs.

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