

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

October 2019

Sea Scouts Appreciation

We honored the Sea Scouts

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Racing Outside of LYSA...

(and Inside... A Little History)

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I was out at the lake and the weather was wonderful. The water was still all the way up. However the sailing part of our season will soon be winding down. By the time you read this I suspect most boats will be out of the water and either home or parked in winter storage. That sure doesn't mean that LYSA's year has come to an end. We will have a potluck and board meeting on October 8 at the lake. We also have the end of season party on October 26. This is a big one because it also includes election of the board for the upcoming year.

I fear that I'll be promoted to Commodore. I would like to ask each of you to consider running for vice-commodore. I have learned a lot about the club and its members while doing the job this year. There is a lot of talent in this club and new blood and ideas invariably strengthen an organization. I'd be glad to talk to anyone about the job and the responsibilities.

We will vote on all of the board spots soon. I certainly hope that some, if not all, will consider running for reelection. A few people seem to do the vast majority of the work to keep this show up and running. The more participation we can get the better.

During the year I have often heard "someone should look into or someone should do" such and such. This is a volunteer club with no paid staff. That somebody is probably you. You don't have to be on the board to take on responsibilities. The Open House is a great example of lots of members taking responsibility and getting things done. There are a lot of good ideas out there for club projects and improvements. If it's your idea see what you can do about getting it done. As always, I look forward to seeing each and every one of you out at the lake.



Past Commodore
Tom Cooke




House Captain
Debbie Harden



This last month of weather has been great. Lots of good sailing weather for us all. Sadly, this month the boats will all be out for the winter. Our lotto results for winter storage ended with all 11 participants getting a winter berth. The weather at the lake in the fall can be spectacular so come on out and enjoy our clubhouse even if your boat is trailered. I want to thank all of our junior sailors for helping out with our events this year. I especially want to thank the Sea Scouts and their parents who went above and beyond to help make our events and racing nights a success. On September 19, 2019 our club honored the Sea Scouts for all their contributions during the year with a great dinner.



Thanks to Jay and Diane Sousa, Ron Sapp, Deb and Tim Harden and everyone for their hard work in setting this event up. On October 26th at 4 pm, we will have our end of season party and choose our new board of directors. Please make plans to come out and enjoy this event and vote for your new board. I hope that each of you will consider stepping up and running for our board this next year. I guarantee you that you will find participating on the board very rewarding. Don't forget to also make plans to attend our Christmas Party at the Fish and Game building on December 14th. I enjoyed being on your board this year and look forward to just hanging out next year.

See you at the lake

Thank you for helping to keep the house and yard tidy. Our housekeeper says the evidence of a mouse problem has decreased, but isn't entirely gone. Thank you, Gecko Pest! Let's continue to empty the garbage cans inside and out and please don't leave open food packages. MID had their annual bbq on September 25th. Unfortunately, it was one of the hottest days in September, but everyone had a great time and thanked the Club for the use of the house. I thought that was very nice since it really is their house. We have had no quotes or estimates for the repair/replacement of the fence. Will continue to pursue this. I spoke to MID about the abandoned restroom building. There has been some talk at the Club to try to get someone to tear it down. MID was not sure if it was County, but was going to research it and get back to me. I also need to find out who is responsible for the trees in the yard. They are in need of a trim. MID or County? The Club's House Captain position on the Board is open for 2020. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please let me or any other Board member know, so that we can put you on the ballot. Thanks again for all your help making LYSA's Club House shipshape. See you at the lake!

Membership Meeting

Join us in October!

LYSA Clubhouse

Tuesday, October 8th
6:30 pm Dinner / Social

7:00 pm Membership Meeting
Board Meeting to follow

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Wondering where all of your donations to Sea Scouts on Taco Thursday went? This year, all of your dinner donations went toward the 2019 Safety@Sea Training registration fee for our ship and shipmates.

Every year, Western Region 3 Sea Scout organized boat safety training skills for scouts over at the US Coast Guard base in San Francisco. This year, with LYSA's support, all 7 scouts of SSS99LYSA were able to attend. The activities were organized in stations. There were over 20 troops that participated and this year had the biggest number of scout participants in the event.

This year, we started with learning how to safely tow-rescue a boat. We learned as a group the different ways to properly tow a barge.

In the second station, we learned about flares. Sea Scouts learned how to properly use different flares. From correct daytime flares to nighttime flares. From smoke to spark we learned and had the chance to actually participate and set some out.

The most exciting station, which is the third one, was the immersion or Gumby suit. At this station, we learned how to work as a team in an abandon ship situation. We also learned the safest way to swim in the Gumby suit and get into the floating shelter as a group.

The fourth station which was learning how to use a water hose and the generator was also quite fun. Spraying water out of a big fire hose is always fun, it was like a giant squirt gun without having to refill the water.

The fifth station was the hose target practice. We were instructed on how to work as a team in order to shoot the water hose directly at our target. Then, we got to practice fixing leaky pipes with whatever would be available on a boat. Then we headed to practice fixing more leaky pipes a boat simulator with water filling up from the broken pipes. These two events were a sinking ship simulation.

The last station was extinguishing a real fire. We got to put on actual firemen suits, handled a real fire extinguisher. We learned how to approach burning flame, how to properly put out the fire and how to move away as if we were in a real burning situation.

It was an exhausting but fun day. Safety@Sea provided so many educational experiences for skills needed to be safe on any water vessel/craft.

Sea Scouts would like to thank all of the LYSA members whose support had made this learning opportunity possible. We also would like to thank you for the shirts and the caps, we scouts definitely looked awesome and were given so many compliments on our attire. We were also praised by so many other ships for having the most supporting charter club.



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 **Guest Columnist**
Mike Strealy



One of the cool things about the sailing community is the camaraderie. It exists elsewhere, but I think ours is special. Being in our club, you can go to the lake and on any given day be surrounded by different people, all friends, that share your passion. People that otherwise wouldn't have much in common can get together and bond over, well, boats. I have made many friendships because of our club. One of the best has been with my sailing partner in crime, Tim Harden.

Tim and I joined the club around the same time. We started racing together back in 2002 or 2003. I'm not sure which but it was one of those. We laugh about how long we've been sailing together sometimes because, as some of you know, we have slightly different personalities. We started racing on my Catalina 22, then switched to his MacGregor 25 (at first without spinnaker, then with). When Jacob Harden was about 12, he started crewing with us as well. After a few years of that, Tim bought his Merit 25 "Hard N Fast", and we have all been racing on it since. I have great memories of our racing at LYSA with Tim and Jacob. We had lots of tough competition with people like Wainwright, Goldfoos, Mosher, Leonard, Eyberg, Wigley, Aleman, Johnson, Andersen, and others.

Our introduction into bay racing came on Bill Goldfoos' Express 27 "Swamp Donkey". We raced on his boat for I think 7 or 8 years total. We did Friday nights at Encinal YC, and many races in the bay with the E27 fleet. Most of the time we got our tails kicked pretty soundly. It was and still is a very competitive fleet. We also did the ditch run a few times. Regardless of our finishes, it was great experience, and we learned a lot from Bill.

For some time, we did the summer series at LYSA (this is when there might be 20+ boats out on Thursdays), then move the boat to Alameda to do the winter series in the Estuary, as well as a few one-off races here and there.

Sadly, the spinnaker racing at LYSA kind of tailed off so Tim decided to leave "Hard N Fast" in the bay year round. For the last few years we have been doing LYSA racing on the Sea Scout boat "Villain",





and summer South Bay and winter Estuary racing on “Hard N Fast”.

Tim's decision to leave his boat in the bay has been a good one though. It's opened up doors with even more people that share our passion. We have developed friendships with a lot of the people that we have raced against over the years in the “168 fleet” (mostly Merit 25 and J 24 people).

Recently, we have had trouble finding consistent crew for our bay racing on Tim's boat. It kind of forced us to explore other avenues. So this year we had the opportunity to race with some of our competitors on the Express 34 “Traveler” for the South Bay Interclub series. Traveler finished the 6 race series this year with results of 3, 1, (5), 2, 2, 1, for a 2nd place in fleet. The boat is owned by David Ross, who is also another Merit sailor. The usual 7 or 8 person crew also includes Steve Bayles who is a really good sailor who has beaten us many times on his J24, and George Lythcott, also a great sailor who has single-handed his Express 27 a couple of times to Hawaii in the Transpac.

There have been other great people that we have met and sailed with, but to my earlier point, if not for our love of sailing and racing we would most likely never have met or have gotten to become friends (and share knowledge) with these good people.

I guess, to sum up, take advantage of our club. Get to know your fellow members. You never know where it might lead.

As for the rest of the year racing, our plans are to do OYC's Oktoberfest Oct 19 on Hard N Fast. A race in the “spirit” of Lederhosen (whatever that means). It's a race around Treasure Island and back down the Estuary. There is actually a 3 second a mile credit for every crew member in lederhosen (or a close representation ... we have ours, thanks to Deb!).

Then we will be on Traveler for RYC's Great Pumpkin Regatta at the end of Oct., start off Richmond, then around Alcatraz and Angel Island. It's a pursuit race so we are hoping to do better on the bigger boat than our past finishes.

After that we'll start up January in the Estuary doing OYC Sunday Brunch.

Hope to see everyone at the end of year awards party! Oh, and on a side note, I'll be running for Cruise/Social Captain so vote for me.



Cruise/Social Capt.

Jay Sousa



Greetings LYSA members!

It is always a sad time of year when our water level starts to drop and we have to pull our boats out for the winter. If you are like us you probably miss not only the sailing but also just hanging out at our clubhouse on a beautiful summer evening laughing and visiting with friends.

Fortunately LYSA does not go into hibernation during the winter as we still have a few social events to look forward to.

Our next club potluck and meeting will be held on Tuesday October 8th. The potluck starts at 6:30 PM with the general membership meeting at 7:00. Please bring a dish to share and your own beverages.

On Saturday October 26th will be our annual year end party. We will have racing awards and election of new officers for 2020. If you are interested in running for a Board position please contact my self at jay.sousa@sbcglobal.net or any club officer.

It is always nice when we have new club members, or old club members that have never served, step up to run and serve this great club!

The year end event will start at 5:00 pm at our LYSA clubhouse and will include a dinner. Details are still being worked out so stand by for e-mails as plans get confirmed.

Don't forget to mark down Saturday December 14th for our annual LYSA Christmas Party. This fun event will be held at the Fish and Game Clubhouse at Lake Yosemite.



Upcoming Events

October, 2019

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

November, 2019

- 9 Wine Tasting—Tentative

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, 5 pm
- Sea Scouts Appreciation

Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.



Secretary
Chris Martin



Vice Commodore, George Deane: Has talked to Brian Behn, found a copy of the original contract for the docks. It's supposed to be renewed every 5 years. We are abiding by the contract and MID is happy with us.

Diane asked about converting to a 501 c(3). Our underlying corporation is adequate to complete the conversion. Meet with Diane to complete the forms and submit them online. Jay commented it's awesome that we have professionals to assist with this.

We need to talk about where we are going to spend our money. MID will not pay for repairs but will offset materials against the rent. (to be discussed under Old Business). Dennis Pellissier volunteered to help with an analysis of needs re: building and fence.

Gary asked about docks. George: that is a different contract, under Parks & Rec. and in a different budget category. Also, fewer slots in docks are being used. Several fingers with braces set in concrete. If we decide to remove them, we want to make sure we are on the same page with MID and the County.

Past Commodore, Tom Cooke: Two kayaks 10-12' long donated to LYSA. Tom would like the Clubhouse to store them or sell them and donate the money to the Club.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa: The Treasurer's report was shared. New Member: Ryan Heller, field rep for Adam Gray. Accepted upon acclimation. George will call him and get him a key.

Dock Captain, Dan Farmer: Not present.

House Captain, Deb Harden: Mice issue. Gecko is taking care of it. Dennis will give an estimate on house and

LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A combined meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on September 10, 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 George to dispense with reading of the minutes. Second by Deb Hardin.

Motion carried. Minutes were approved by acclimation.

Commodore, Chris Cooper: Members have been asking about MID closing date. Tom will contact MID and will inform Jay. Dennis Pellissier: the almond harvest is very late, we will need water after harvest to irrigate the fields. Jay emailed Dan and hasn't heard back. Members have asked about winter dry storage. As we have not heard from Dan, Jay will send email to Membership and other people to ask about winter storage. We can take names and conduct the lottery. An email was sent, but was not sent to all Members. We can't wait until October. Chris Cooper asked how we propose to conduct the drawing. It was suggested to do it at the Sea Scouts Appreciation dinner. Chris Cooper asked to have it posted on Facebook as well. Deb volunteered to draw names.



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fence. The front left (east) side has water damage. The window leaks. The fence: repair or replace the entire fence.

Cruise / Social Committee, Jay Sousa: Future events: 9/19, 6:30, \$5, Sea Scout Appreciation dinner. Tri tip, salad, rolls. Sea Scout Family \$3 each. We want to honor the Sea Scouts. John Derby offered to buy burgers and buns. Deb suggested he might buy salad instead. Also, we have a ton of rolls in the freezer. Ask Club Members to bring an appetizer / dessert

Saturday, 9/21 the BobTones will perform. They are asking for a \$5 donation per person. Potluck with barbecue. Bring your own paper goods and food.

10/26 – End of year Awards and Election, starting at 4 pm
12/14 Christmas Party

Race Captain: Miranda Hadley: Not present.

Junior Sailing, Matt Loeffler: Not present.

New Business: George: should we accept a donation of a propane barbecue? All in favor.

Flower beds: they don't have irrigation. Also, the dumpster key has been bent, can't open the dumpster. Deb asked if there is an extra key.

Mike Strealy is interested in serving as Cruise and Social. Deb is NOT interested in serving as House Captain. Peg may be interested in serving on the Board as well.

Jay: on the night of the Awards, we elect officers. We need nominations now for Board positions. Jay asked Chris Cooper to ask Members if they are interested in serving on the Board. Kendal & Kara Nightengale may be interested.

Dawn Tilak: thanked members that attended Racing / Sea Scouts dinners. Money raised went to fund 7 Sea Scouts and 2 adults at the US Coast Guard Base in SF Safety at Sea run by Western Association BSA. We belong to LYSA, asked if LYSA will pay for 11 people's t-shirts and hats. She is asking for Regatta shirts and hats. Approved by acclimation.

Jay asked Dawn to let all the Sea Scouts about the Appreciation dinner.

Old Business: House, fence, dock repair. Discussion of extending the concrete and adding a fire pit. Question regarding the cinderblock restroom. Dennis asked if anyone has asked the County about removing the structure. The key situation has been resolved. We will re-key in the winter.

Good of the order: Chris Cooper has completed his loan payments.

The next LYSA Membership / Board meeting will be held Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at the Clubhouse.

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

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

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