

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

October 2021

Fall Clean Up



MID provided a much needed maintenance of the trees on our grounds. A crew of four men spent many hours cutting out the dead wood and mistletoe from the beautiful Modesto Ash trees. Thanks go out to Jake for arranging to have our trees serviced. They will be much healthier and we may get a few more years of shade in our yard.

Photos courtesy: Craig Anderson

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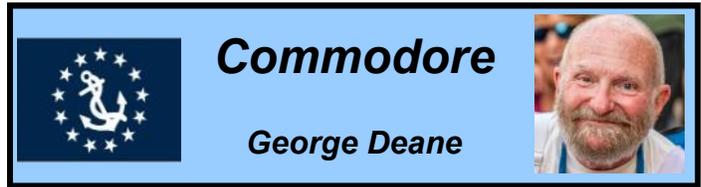
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The sailing season has pretty much wound down. However the lake is and the clubhouse are still there and there are always opportunities to enjoy the club. There are kayaks available for club members in the garage/storage building. The sunsets are still spectacular from out on the docks.

Thanks to the great work of numerous club members this has been a great season. Rachel arranged for new permanent race buoys and ran a successful race season with the help of a very active committee. Deb has the clubhouse looking great with the able assistance of her minion Craig. Kendall has kept the docks standing for another year.

The organizational backbones of the club, Chris and Diane have kept all of the books and paperwork in order. A special shout out to all of them.

Unfortunately we were not able to have our open house and regatta this year. Jerry did organize a very successful end of race season BBQ so we know that the enthusiasm for those types of events is still there. Because of the virus the Christmas party is still up in the air.

The October meeting includes the election of a new board. Two years is enough for me as Commodore. Jay Sousa (a past Commodore) has said he would do the job if no one else comes forward. If you are interested in serving the club by being on the board, or otherwise, please come on out to the meeting.





Port Captain
Kendall Nightengale




House Captain
Debbie Harden



The Lake Yosemite sailing season is officially over for 2021.

Boats should be out of the lake by October third. Depending on irrigation needs you may see the water level at a reasonable height until around the 15th, but that is subject to change without notice, so the direction is to be out by the 3rd.

It is a great time to take out a kayak though! As the weather starts to feel like fall and the winds are light, it makes for comfortable flat-water kayaking.

There are numerous repairs that will need to be made to the docks during the off season. If you notice anything that looks like it needs fixing, please bring it to my attention.

I am aware of three structural items to repair. One is just inside the gate, where the dock is sagging because the timber cross frame is succumbing to water exposure. The second area is near slip 51 and 77 where the outer timbers facing west need reinforcing. Once the water level is sufficiently low to allow access, further inspection of the structure will be made. There are some fingers that are wobbly which I plan to check for damage.

In our last club meeting it was suggested to have once a month workdays during the winter to facilitate making repairs. This will allow club members to contribute to the future of the docks and provide opportunity for us to keep in touch during the off season.

An email will be sent out with more specifics once a plan is established.

The summer was busy, preventing completion of the weather station you read about in a prior newsletter. Completion is planned before the 2022 sailing season starts. Once it is up, data from the station will be viewable on our club website.

Mike Strealy is passing the webmaster duties over to me this month. A new, mobile friendly site will be designed and moved to a new web host this winter. The web address, lakeyosemite.org, will remain the same.

The sailing season at Lake Yosemite is winding down. The Thursday night races are finished and Winter storage has been assigned. The Dock Master is telling us “The boats need to be out.”

The following sailors have winter storage: Dan & Dave Aleman, Gary Hogston, Mike Brady, Wes Unruh, Ryan Heller, John & Peggy Larson, Jay Sousa, Mike Allen and the two Sea Scout vessels. Winter storage is from October to March. Boats in winter storage need to have their current Lake Yosemite (2020) and state tags (2021) visible on the boat. Boats stored also need to be kept “seaworthy and clean.” Please check your boat regularly.

Taking advantage of some good weather, I visited Monterey Bay with my friend, Kathy. We happened to show up for dinner at the Crow’s Nest and caught the races going on. It was so fun to watch!



Membership Meeting

Join us in October!

LYSA Clubhouse

Tuesday, October 12th

6:00 pm *Social*, 6:30 *Membership Meeting*

Board Meeting to follow

Observing COVID-19 safety guidelines



House Captain
Debbie Harden




Secretary
Chris Martin



Also spent some time on the water....



Elkhorn Slough, Moss Landing.



I also spent some time last month in Morro Bay. Visited The Rock, the Yacht Club, the Maritime Museum & the Field of Lights. Fun times!

LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A meeting of the LYSA Membership was held on September 14, 2021 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 6:58 pm, Commodore George Deane presiding.

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, George Deane: George welcomed members to the meeting, and invited Board / Committee Members to report.

George reported that our insurance policy meets County criteria, standard to new lease agreements, new provision related to property tax but doesn't seem to relate to our situation.

Diane – we send property taxes for our property, not for the docks. Lease agreement signed by George Deane and Tom Cooke. Term of the agreement is to 12/21/2025.

Approval of Minutes: No Secretary's report. Minutes published in the newsletter. Corrections: Deb Harden's name is misspelled.

Motion: Moved by Kendall to approve minutes as published, with the correction, second by Deb. **Motion carried.**

Vice Commodore, Dennis Pellissier: Not present.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa: The Treasurer's Report was shared. Membership: 77 Members 11 new, 7 non-renewing. 85 total slips, 49 rented. Peg Larsen has a prospective member she will introduce next month.

Dock Captain, Kendall Nightengale: Has talked to Mike Silva at MID, we should have boats out by the end of Sep-

LYSA t-shirts, hats and burgees are available for purchase.




tember. If there are updates, Kendall will update Facebook and will send out an email.

Kendall suggested that before next season, the “do not cross” buoys (3) are missing and should be replaced by Parks & Rec. We should speak to Brian Behn about putting this on their agenda. Rachel – he is very responsive via phone.

There are some structural, electrical and water issues that need to be attended to. Jay asked Kendall to poll members to ask if any slip repairs need to be made, for example, repairing loose cleats. Rachel suggested a work weekend at the Dock, usually when announced 10-12 people show up to help. Kendall – when the water is lower, grade to make it less shallow.

Regular workdays can help to bring the club together, example, 2nd Saturday weather permitting. We could provide sandwiches or a barbecue to serve volunteers.

House Captain, Deb Harden: After averaging three a month, there have been no reservations January through April none. Nothing through the end of year. Supplies have been purchased twice.

Cruise / Social Committee: Vacant

Race Captain: Rachel Hadley: Buoys are in with the help of Members; buoys are stored in a corner of the garage. They are very large and heavy. Having the buoys in the water permanently made the Race Committee’s job easier. Craig will take responsibility for taking the Committee boat out. The last race night was combined with the awards ceremony.

Junior Sailing: Matt / Brigitte Loeffler: Not present.

New Business:

Can we have the trash moved back to the back of our property? Craig – WM put it in the front because when the truck puts the dumpster down, it rolls toward the



Upcoming Events

(Proposed—Subject to change due to Covid restrictions.)

For information on events, check Latitude 38’s racing guide.
Monthly LYSA Member/Board Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month
6 pm Social, 6:30 pm Meeting

September, 2021

- 6 Labor Day: Take a worker sailing
- 14 LYSA Member/Board Meeting—6 Social, 6:30 Meeting
Sea Scouts Appreciation
Open House/Shrimp Feed—Pending

October, 2021

- 3-11 Fleet Week SF Bay
- 16 OYC Oktoberfest Regatta
End of Year Party - Awards / Election
- 30-31 RYC Great Pumpkin Regatta

November, 2021

- 9 LYSA Member/Board Meeting—6 Social, 6:30 Budget Meeting

December, 2021

- Christmas Party—Pending

January, 2022

- Merced Running Club’s Fog Jog / Annual Meeting

February, 2022

- Super Bowl Party

March, 2022

- RYC Big Daddy Regatta
- St. Patrick’s Day at the Lake
- OYC Rites of Spring Regatta

April, 2022

- 54th FLYC Camellia Cup Regatta
- Make A Wish Event
- Livingston Kite Festival—8:30 to 4
- Strictly Sail Pacific, Richmond

May, 2022

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

June, 2022

- LYSA Summer Series, Thursdays
- GCCY—Go for the Gold
- LYSA Member/Board Meeting
- SSC Delta Ditch Run
- LYSA Dick Gardner Memorial, 1st Day of Summer

July, 2022

- LYSA Summer Series, Thursdays
- Junior Sailing Week 1
- LYSA Member/Board Meeting
- Junior Sailing Week 2
- Junior Sailing Week 3
- Special Needs Sailing Day

August, 2022

- Junior Sailing Week 4
- LYSA Summer Series, Thursdays
- LYSA Member/Board Meeting
- Junior Regatta—Pending, no plans as of yet

Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.

water. A curb / bumper will prevent it from rolling. Craig will find a bumper and will contact WM.

Deb: We have 10 spots for Winter Storage. If the tags are up to date, boats are ok for Winter Storage.

Rich Kelitman emailed Deb, LYSA owns The Villain and Bonehead. Sea Scouts pay for the slips. We can bill the Sea Scouts for Winter Storage. Should Junior Sailing pay for slip fees / storage? George suggested we table this discussion and return to it after discussing it with Sea Scouts and Junior Sailing.

Christmas party. We need to decide if we're having a party, then reserve a spot and plan.

Diane suggested a poll or story in the newsletter to ask members if they are interested in an indoor party. Gary suggested an afternoon event, for example, noon to 4, a brunch. Diane will call to see if Fish & Game is available. Rachel – usually the party is the first weekend in December. Kendall could use the survey tool through Microsoft. Doodle is the best way to find the date and time that suits the largest number of people. Joann suggested we could have heaters here at the Clubhouse.

Old Business:

Deb brought up Junior Sailing boats. There are differences of opinion on where they should be kept. The lasers are off the cradles / boards that Darrell bought and they are now piled on the yard. The FJs are off the trailer and are now on the cradles.

Suggestion: if they aren't going to use the 5-6 Lasers (which are piled up on the yard), we should discuss where they'll be stored.

George: this could be handled during our Board meeting, we need to ensure Junior Sailing attends the next meeting to participate in discussion regarding boat storage. The yard is part of the House. George will call Matt and invite him (and any other Junior Sailing reps) to the next meeting.

Jay: we need to bridge the us / them mentality, Junior Sailing is a big part of our Club. The program is a big commitment. We need to treat this carefully. If Matt and Brigitte leave, Jay doesn't see Junior Sailing continuing.

Good of the order: None

Adjournment: The next LYSA General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at the Clubhouse. Potluck at 6:00 pm, General Meeting at 6:30 pm. Board Meeting to follow.

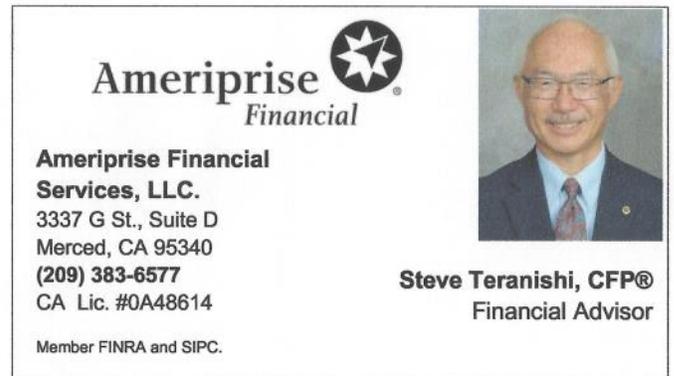
Motion: Moved by Deb to adjourn, seconded by Diane.
Motion carried. Membership meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

LYSA Board Meeting Call to Order: A regular meeting of the LYSA Board was held on September 14, 2021 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:45 pm, Commodore George Deane presiding.



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Board Members in attendance: George Deane, Commodore; Diane Sousa, Treasurer; Chris Martin, Secretary; Kendall Nightengale, Dock Captain; Deb Harden, House Captain. George Deane and Tom Cooke reviewed the new lease agreement. There is a provision that says that we are renting the docks. If there is a tax consequence, then it's LYSA's responsibility. Merced County does not charge property taxes to itself. The likelihood there is a tax consequence is negligible, but George did not want the board to be unaware of this stipulation.

Discussion: We need a slate of officers to present at the October meeting. Jay Sousa volunteered to serve as Commodore; Thom Grimaldi, Vice Commodore; Chris Martin, Secretary; Diane Sousa, Treasurer; Kendall Nightengale, Dock Captain (if no other volunteer steps forward); Rachel Hadley, Race Captain. Deb Harden is weighing if she will serve as House Captain. Jerry Johnson has expressed interest as Cruise / Social Captain. Gary Hogston is always willing to help when he can.

New Members: None

Good of the Order: None

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