

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

September 2013



A snapshot from the America's Cup in San Francisco Bay. Photo by Suzanne Johnson.

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Deadline is the 22nd of each month.

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Elizabeth Dietz, Editor



Commodore

Mike Strealy



There were a few changes at LYSA that will become evident this month. The board decided last year to separate the Elections/Awards dinner and the Halloween party. The reason was twofold. In its current format, we felt it was too much for one evening. We also wanted to try and increase participation in the costume party and many were reluctant to dress up for the awards dinner because not very many others did. The elections and awards dinner will be Saturday, September 28. Year end and racing awards will be handed out as well as the "Matt and Ed" awards. Voting for board members will also take place. The Halloween party will be the last Saturday of October and this will be a fun costume party possibly with some surprises. Be sure and attend both!

As usual when it comes to the elections we have not seen much interest in filling the board positions. We joke around about it being a thankless job but that really isn't true. I for one get a lot of satisfaction looking back at the years and seeing how the club has evolved and knowing that I was part of it. We have a lot of members that help out a great deal. We also have board members that have served multiple times. Maybe now is the time for some "new blood" to step up and run for board positions. I understand it is a commitment, but it is well worth it. As a board member, you are not required to do all the work with regard to your particular area. You only need to organize and coordinate. There are plenty of members willing to help out.

As of this writing, there are only a few names in for next year's board. Commodore and Past Commodore are spoken for with Suzanne Johnson and me. Linda Sorensen has put her name in for House Captain and Diane Sousa for Treasurer. I'm not 100% sure but I believe Jay Sousa will run for Cruise/Social Captain. So that leaves the rest: Port Captain, Race Captain, Secretary, and Vice Commodore with no candidates. Let's see what you can do to change that LYSA! If you are interested in a position, please contact any board member a.s.a.p.





Secretary

Ed Dietz



Membership Meeting: 8/13/2013, 7:06PM–7:57PM, Attendance: 23

Minutes: Secretary read the minutes from the 7/09/2013 membership and board meetings.

Reports—Actions—Discussions

Commodore, Mike Strealy... Members need to clean up after they use the club facilities.

Vice Commodore, Suzanne Johnson... Not present.

Past Commodore, Thom Grimaldi... Eleven sailors participated in the Jr. Sail Regatta.

Treasurer, Dianne Sousa... Provided the financial status of LYSA. Current membership is 83 family members

House Captain, Jay Sousa...

- * A paper towel dispenser is installed.
- * Clean up the kitchen after using and empty the garbage cans.

Port Captain, Tim Harden... no news.

Cruise & Social Capt., Kathi Fournier...

- * The special needs sailing event took place on 7/27/2013 and was successful.
- * LYSA members with bay boats will be launching in Alameda on 8/31/2013.
- * The End of Season & Elections & Awards party will be held on Saturday, 9/28/2013.
- * A Halloween Party is scheduled for Saturday, 10/26/2013.
- * Cruising at Monterey is scheduled for October 4, 5, & 6th.

Race Captain, Darrell Sorenson... The Racers' dinner is scheduled for Thursday, 9/05/2013 at 6:30PM. \$5 per plate, and members should bring a side dish and drinks.

Secretary, Ed Dietz... Read the minutes from the previous membership and board meetings.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjourned: 7:57 PM

Board Meeting: 8/13/2013, 8:05-8:40 PM

Minutes: The board approved the minutes from

the 7/9/2013 meetings which were presented at today's membership meeting.

Reports—Actions—Discussions

Please refer to the minutes from the membership meeting.

Old Business:

- * *Dinghy Dry Storage on Side Yard:* tabled. (Open—Thom Grimaldi)
- * *Clubhouse Usage & Procedures Project:* No action required at this time. (Closed—Jay Sousa)
- * *Guidelines for Advertising & Promoting:* No action required at this time. (Closed—Jay Sousa)
- * *Sea Scout Sponsorship Project:* Lacking information for implementation. (Closed—Board)
- * *New Membership Application:* Tabled. (Open—Mike Strealy)
- * *Tree Stump Removal:* A tree and a stump have been removed. (Closed—Thom Grimaldi)
- * *LYSA Stickers:* Purchase 4 inch LYSA stickers to sell to members for \$4.00. Tabled. (Open—Suzanne Johnson)
- * *Slip Holder Contract:* This project will be implemented with the 2014 slip fee notices. (Closed)
- * *Facility Reservation:* Jay Sousa will provide a form for reserving LYSA facilities and Mike Strealy will put the form online (Open—Jay & Mike).

New Business:

- * The Commodore appointed all the current board members to make up a nominating committee for new board members for 2014. There was some discussion regarding splitting the Cruising and Social position, as well as splitting the Port Captain position and Slip Rentals, and creating committees. (Open – Mike Strealy)
- * Facility Improvement Plan: Front door, new side door, concrete path/steps/landing, increase patio area, tree replacement. Tabled. (Open-Mike Strealy)
- * Capri 14 Sail Boats: There are some of these boats available at Woodward Lake near Fresno. (Open-Darrell Sorenson)
- * Closed Session Board Meeting: Reviewed a member's complaint. (Open-Board)

Adjourned: 8:40 PM



Vice Commodore

Suzanne Johnson



What a way to start a day on the San Francisco Bay: a hearty breakfast at Jim's Coffee Shop, located on Lincoln and Park in Alameda . You will never go away hungry!

After breakfast, we set sail for AT & T Park on Saturday August 17, 2013 in our 30 foot Catalina with a couple of friends aboard. The sun is warm and the sky is a beautiful blue. The water is calm. As we get closer to AT & T Park, the wind picks up a bit, as expected. We enjoy an adult beverage at the South Beach Yacht Club. What a lovely view of the Bay Bridge from the Clubhouse. The new lights on the bridge shimmer in the moonlight. We stroll across the street to have dinner at the South Beach Café where we enjoy some wine and some fabulous Italian cuisine. Jerry notices a group of four in the corner who might be America 's Cup challengers. Sure enough, they are crew for Emirates Team New Zealand, America 's Cup challenger. We strike up a conversation with Stephen "Skippy" Larsson, who performs the repairs on the 72 foot Catamarans. He is a little humble since he is not an actual sailing crew member. He speaks with a VERY strong accent, almost difficult at times to understand. Being so curious, we ask so many questions and get so many answers.

1. It takes \$120 million dollars for the entire campaign for 1 boat!
2. It takes 35 people to launch a boat from start to finish. It takes about 1 1/2 hours. They take the wing off every night!
3. There are 100 people involved in the entire campaign. The entire team resides in apartments all over the city.
4. There are 11 crew on board while racing. There are no women!
5. Larry Ellison, the co-founder of Oracle Corp., is hard to compete with since money is no issue.
6. They have two 72 foot Catamarans to race

but the second boat is "s---" (quote from "Skippy.")

7. The mast is 43 meters tall.
8. There are two tenders on either side of the boat to slow it down when bringing the boat into the dock.
9. The crew prefers sailing catamarans versus monohulls but as long as they get paid they will sail either one!

With regard to Saturday's race versus Italy (Prada), seconds after the start a broken dagger board forces the Italian boat to drop out of the race, allowing Emirates Team New Zealand to sail through the finish line alone despite having two crew members washed overboard (unharmed we might add).

After spending the night on the boat docked in front of AT & T Park, we woke up on Sunday to bright blue skies and warmth! What a gorgeous day in San Francisco . We sail over to "The Ramp" where we enjoy a delicious breakfast and a Bloody Mary. The sea is flat and the winds are calm. We then begin our trek out into the San Francisco Bay to watch the America 's Cup challengers, Emirates (from New Zealand) and Prada (from Italy), duke it out for the Louis Vuitton Cup finals. We are in the mix with some famous sailing Yachts such as "Athena" which is one of the largest sailing yachts at 90 meters. If you are interested, it is on the market for \$95 million! There is also the iconic sailing yacht "Imagine", which is absolutely gorgeous on the water. There is also Larry Ellison's mega yacht, "Masashi" which is named after the greatest samurai ever; Miyamoto Masashi. There is also the "Floating White House", aka: USS Potomac, which served as Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Yacht until his death in 1945.

We catch sight of the massive America's Cup boats. They emerge from behind Alcatraz . Their speed is amazing. Their size is captivating. Emirates is clearly in the lead. Our view of the race is limited due to distance. The coast guard keeps us at bay. We weave and bob in the choppy bay waters. The fog

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Cruise/Social Capt.

Kathi Fournier



Hello Fellow Sailors!

August Sailing has been great, and members have been beating the summer heat by hanging out at the clubhouse. The temperature is always cooler, and there is nothing better than a glass of wine, cool breeze, friends and watching a beautiful sunset on the lake. People usually have to travel a few hours for a venue like this, and yet- here it is, right in Merced. Don't be fooled by the low cost of membership. Priced to be affordable, but what a great value. And if you are one of the lucky members to have a boat ready to sail in a slip, get out and sail. Just come out one evening and see what's it's all about; guaranteed, you'll be inspired. For those of you who frequent the website, you will have noticed even our dog, Niko has taken up the sport of sailing. He loves roaming up and down the deck. He's also been sailing at Huntington lake, and in the Oakland Estuary. Thinking he might make good crew next year!

Upcoming events this month:

Sept 5th, Racer's Celebration Dinner: Come out and celebrate the end of a great Race Season. Our Board will be BBQ-ing Chicken and Tri-tip. We lowered the cost to \$5.00 per person, but that's because everyone needs to bring a side dish or dessert. Please don't show up without it. You must RSVP. We are only buying enough meat for those who reply.. so if you're not on the list, with food in hand, we will be unable to serve you. This event is for racers, but all members and guests are welcome, and we must have your reply by August 29th.

Labor Day Weekend: Those of us keeping a boat in Alameda will be launching and settling in to our winter slips. If you are considering, this would be an opportunity to come over and check things out, or snag a slip. Dodd and I, Gary and Amy will be launching our new Catalina 25's (ok, new to us). And quite a few members keep boats there all

year. We spent all winter there on the Merit and had a blast. There is always something going on at Jack London Square, including a big farmers market every Sunday, music, events and good eats. It's a short sail from any of the marinas, and a shorter motor-sail. One of the best things, (besides fantastic year round sailing) is the marinas and Alameda and Jack London Square; are all dog friendly. (We take Niko downtown and he gets to meet other dogs.) There are also great restaurants, an 80 year old theatre that was recently restored, shopping centers and more. You will find yourself going there every weekend like we did. There is always someone up there we know, and we made some new friends. I know some of the members have been considering it, and with sailing season nearing it's end, you may want to visit Alameda during Labor Day weekend. Call Kathi Fournier if you need info on where to stay or guest docking for the weekend.

September 28th is our End of the Year Awards and Elections. Come out and celebrate a great sailing season, and vote for your new Board Members. Some of us will be leaving our positions, so if you are interested in running, let us know. We are considering splitting a couple of the positions (cruise and social for one) I am leaving my position as cruise and social, and would encourage someone to step up to the position. I have enjoyed the past 3 years, and will available to assist anyone interested. I have all the resources to help you be successful. Contact me at 209.947.3722 for more information.

Monterey Bay Cruise is set for October 4th. This year, we will be launching at both Moss Landing and at Monterey Harbor, in hopes more members will bring their boats. It makes for a fun weekend on the docks. We will have an itinerary as the date moves closer. Please contact Kathi Fournier to be included on this list. Kathi6280@yahoo.com.

Our Halloween Party is set for Saturday, October 26th. This is a dress up, fun party. We split up the end of season and Halloween party because it just made more sense. This

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Vice Commodore's Report, continued...

rolls in suddenly. The weather gets very chilly. We observe only one of the boats through the fog. We notice that it is the Italian boat. Emirates Team New Zealand has technical problems and does not finish the race.

As we head back to Alameda , the weather warms up and the winds calm down as we go under the Bay Bridge. What a spectacular



Kathi Fournier's dog, Niko, enjoys sailing just as much as the rest of us. She is thinking about making him a member of her crew for next year.

Cruise & Social Report continued...

way, more members will dress in costume without the elections and awards being a part of it. I'm looking forward to it, and if you're interested helping out, let me know.

So once again... Leave your computers, gadgets, smart phones, televisions.. and get in your car, drive to the lake, and Go Sailing, before the winds leave you behind..

See you on the lake!



Classifieds

INTERESTED IN CREWING?

Crew needed for Thursday races. Experience desired but, not necessary. Must be agile and moderately strong. Potential for Regattas at other clubs this Summer and on San Francisco Bay next Winter. Steve Leonard, 209 722 8554, SLBIKSRF@SBCGLOBAL.NET.

1981 MACGREGOR SAILBOAT

22 Foot, extra sails and trailer, \$3400. OBO. Tom Collins. 209-402-3277

15ft AMF/SEARS GAFF RIGGED SAIL BOAT

Good looking boat with current registration, ugly trailer and decent sails. It is molded plastic and foam filled with a good sized cockpit. Really easy and fun to sail. \$300 Contact Conrad: 209-564-2958

1967 VENTURE 23' - swing keel - self tacking jib -pop top above cabin; new electric motor 50 lb thrust with battery -new bottom paint Price \$2000 or OBO Contact Gary Davis cell 209-261-7799 or e-mail gdrun26@aol.com

14 FT. AMF ALCORT FORCE 5 - Complete with two sails, Harken blocks, new lines, out-haul, Cunningham, boom vang, good dagger board, rudder, and tell tail. Hull has seen some action. Hull damage where nose hits trailer bumper. I'll throw in a bottle of antioxidant. New thwart seat, new splash coaming and V cleats, new self bailer. Trailer: New bearings and new tires. Request pictures via email. Books out with trailer about \$1,400. Extra accessories also available. All reasonable offers considered.

Contact T.C. "Terry" Malang at 559-297-1115 or via email at tcnbabe@comcast.net



House Captain

Jay Sousa



Recently it has been brought to my attention that the clubhouse has been left in less than stellar condition, especially the kitchen. LYSA members have complained to me about overflowing garbage can the kitchen, dirty dishes left in the sink, washed dishes left in the drying rack and food left uncovered left out in the open or the refrigerator. LYSA contracts with a cleaning service which comes on Friday afternoons but it is still up to individual club members to clean up after themselves. Please do your part to make our clubhouse a great place to come out and enjoy.

Thanks.

Clubhouse Kitchen Rules

Please wash all dishes and put them back in the cabinets.

Do not leave food in the refrigerator.

Empty garbage can in kitchen in the big Dumpster outside and replace bag.

Wipe down all counter surfaces in the kitchen including the stovetop.

Do not cut or place hot items on kitchen countertops.

Report any house issues to the House Captain.

Dispose of recyclable's in the proper container by the garage.

Following these simple rules will make for a more enjoyable LYSA experience for all!



Race Captain

Darrell Sorensen



The racing season is winding down. As I write this, we have only one Thursday race to go. Both the Spinnaker and Non Spinnaker divisions have close races for 2nd and 3rd places. The following Thursday, September 5th, will be our race dinner. There will be Tri Tip and Chicken on the grill. Cost is only \$5 and please bring a side dish if you are attending. Be sure to invite everyone who has crewed for you during the season. Dinner will be at 6:30pm. Speaking of crew, we need nominations for crew person of the year.

There is one more Dick Gardner race, it is September 7th. Lasers and Windmills have been a regular feature with a sprinkling of other classes. Registration at 2 pm and first race at 3 pm.

Even though the racing season is almost over at Lake Yosemite, there are other racing venues you can attend. Some are: Richmond Yacht Club – Totally Dinghy Sept. 14-15, Great Pumpkin Oct. 26-27 and Mid Winters starting in December. Lake Washington Sailing Club - Turkey Shoot Nov. 9.

Elsewhere in this issue you find a copy of an old Lake Yosemite course chart that Lee Andersen found. I wonder if they actually used it. We have enough problems with only 6 marks being sailed correctly

I will not be running for 2014 Race Captain. Although I will be more than willing to help the new race captain with the Jack & Jill race and the Dick Gardner series. Thursdays, I just want to race and enjoy the evening.

See you on the water!

Editors Note

Due to complications, we are unable to include the old Lake Yosemite course chart in this issue of the newsletter. We hope to post it at the clubhouse or maybe include in the next issue, if possible.

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There is an opportunity for three Lake Yosemite Junior sailors to compete in the Richmond Yacht Club 2013-2014 Mid Winters. Racing LYSA's El Toros.

Richmond is located in the north/east area of the San Francisco Bay. Racing is on a protected area of the bay. Last year there were a total of 55 El Toro entries. 31 Junior & 24 Senior.

Race dates: Sundays - December 8th, January 5th, February 2nd, March 2nd.

Requirements:

- Must have completed LYSA Sail Camp.
- Age - their 15th birthday must fall after January 31, 2014.
- Must demonstrate their ability to sail an El Toro up wind. (this skill is a must to sail out of the yacht harbor to the racing area) There will be practice sessions at Lake Yosemite before the first race in December.
- Must have a wet suit as this is winter sailing.
- Provide their own transportation to and from Richmond Yacht Club. Transportation for the boats is provided.

Cost:

- Entry fee for the series \$45.00 El Toro Association junior membership \$15.00

For more information contact: Darrell Sorensen,



Port Captain

Tim Harden



I realize we still have a while before our lake is drained for the winter, but it is time to think ahead. For those who would like a space along the fence for winter storage, now is the time. Any club members interested please contact me. If we have more boats than spaces, we will have a lottery to determine the occupants. Please keep in mind that boats must be kept reasonably clean and NO tarps are to be used.

End of Season Awards & Elections September 28th

Don't miss this important event!

- * **Board members will be elected.**
- * **Annual awards will be presented.**
- * **Dinner will be delicious.**
- * **Your friends will be there.**

September 28th @ 6pm
LYSA Clubhouse

Come Sail With Us!

2013 Dick Gardner

One Design Series

September 7

- ⇒ Low Entry Fee, Variety of Courses
 - ⇒ Non LYSA Members Welcome
 - ⇒ Registration 1-2 PM, Starts at 3 PM
 - ⇒ See LYSA Website for More Information and NOR

Have a boat to sell?

Need crew?

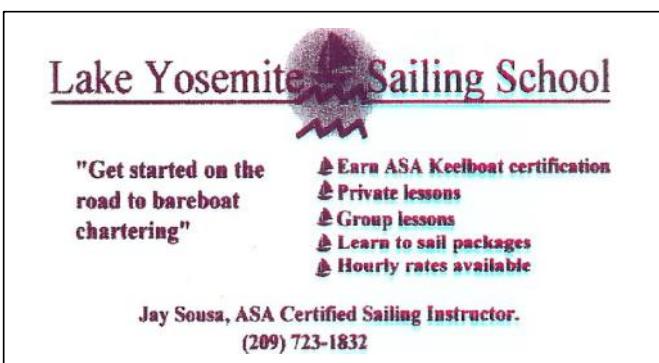
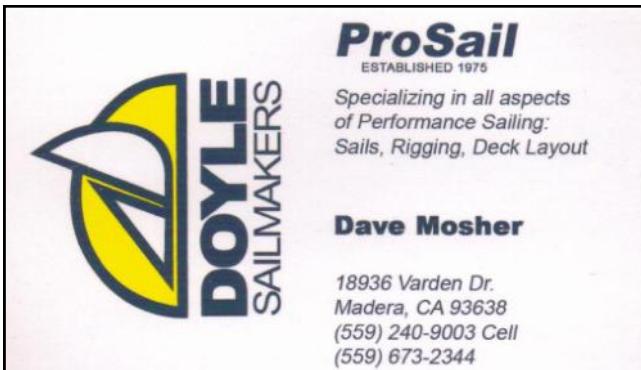
Looking to crew?

Advertise in *Light Air*'s classifieds column!

Send submissions to

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with “LYSA Classifieds” in the subject line.



Want to be more active in LYSA?

Come to our membership meetings!
**2nd Tuesday of every month, at
7PM**

- * Know what is going on
 - * Contribute new ideas
 - * Participate in projects
 - * Enjoy socializing with other members at pre-meeting potluck

**Next Meeting: September 10, 2013,
7PM**