

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

September 2016



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Racing Outside LYSA

LYSA has been offered the 2018 El Toro Senior National Championship (North American Championship), proposed dates July 6, 7, and 8, 2018. Darrell Sorensen recently had the opportunity to work on the race committee for the El Toro North American championship regatta at Pinecrest Lake. Simon Bell was the PRO and Darrell learned a lot on running a race from him. The (I) flag was even used for a start after two general recalls. Two races were run each day, the first on a windward / leeward, the second one a using the stationary marks on the lake that was similar to our Spring Regatta course. Darrell came home after two days to race at Lake Yosemite on Thursday evening. With one day to go Art Lange S/N 11783 was in the lead by 2 points. Art did hold onto the lead the last day of racing and is the 2016 El Toro North American Champion.



Tim Packwood Memorial
Friday, August 19, 2016

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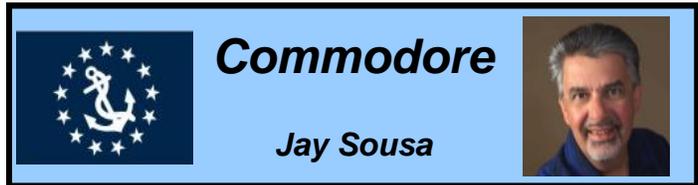
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Deadline is the 22nd of each month

Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line

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Early in the day, around sunrise, which is much later now, you can feel it in the air. A coolness that we have not felt in a while that reminds us that fall is coming which sadly signals the end of sailing season on Lake Yosemite in another month or so.

The MID normally lets us know well in advance of when they will draw down the water and boats need to be removed from the lake. As soon as we get this information we will pass it on to the slipholders. In the mean time, I hope everyone of you can get out and enjoy your boat as much as possible before the water is gone.

Keep in mind that LYSA still has plenty of fun events even after our sailing season ends. We have our annual awards ceremony and election of 2017 officer's party on Saturday October 22nd at our clubhouse. I am also hoping to have a little ceremony to welcome all of our many new members for the year that night. We will still have our second Tuesday of the month club social/potluck and membership meeting, with the exception of December. And in December you don't want to miss our annual LYSA Christmas party on Saturday the 10th starting at 5 PM at the Fish and Game building at the lake.

Speaking of our election of new officers for 2017, LYSA is always looking for fresh faces with new ideas on how to keep our club great and moving forward. Years ago there were some contentious issues and meetings but that is not the case anymore and being on the LYSA board is now a fun, rewarding experience and the time demands are not that great.

If you are interested in getting more information on how you can get involved and run for a board position please give me a call at (209) 617-1384.

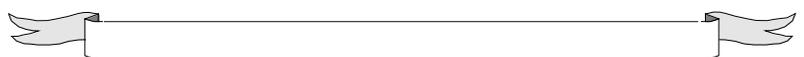
Commodore Jay



Reminder

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

Contact Linda Sorensen to get yours!





Hard to believe we are writing articles for the **September** issue of Light Air!! Pretty soon we'll be having our year end party and before you know it, Christmas party then bringing in 2017! The seconds are turning into years too fast. On a positive note we were able to partake in a wonderful celebration for Darrell & Linda's 50th anniversary, congratulations again!! We also got to celebrate Tim Packwood's life. He was like the tree in the yard, quiet but always there. Cheers to Tim. Hope to see you on the water or in the yard!



This Thursday Night is the Last race of our Summer Series... I'd like to tell y'all about a racing experience I had several years ago, back when I first started racing with the Keel Boats. There I was, heading up from Rotary Cove, going to the Island. I had my sails in tight, one crew on the bow looking out as my strategist, and my other crew helping me keep the sails in tight and the boat flat as we had just rounded the downwind mark and were pointing hard up wind. All of a sudden, I heard someone I had not seen shout: "STARBOARD!" Sure enough, I was on a Port Tack (the sails were on the Starboard side of the boat, and the wind was coming over from the Port), so I had two choices:

Tack quickly to Starboard, or fall off (let the sails out a little) and duck behind the right-of-way boat... I had not seen the boat, so I didn't know if I had room to duck him, so I shouted out to my guy on the foredeck: which way should I go? Well... it was windy, and perhaps he didn't understand my question, but he pointed towards the right, so I turned sharply right, and smacked right into the poor little dinghy... I was so startled! I turned the tiller the other way, hollered "SORRY!" and tacked away to get out of his way (and you'd better believe I had some pretty sharp words in my head for my foredeck guy!!!). The poor dinghy sailor was hopping mad! He was shouting and waving his arms... I couldn't hear what he said exactly, but I could certainly see that he was not content with my quick apology! I looked back several times, and he was still back there, waving and shouting, so I thought his boat was broken. Of course I turned around (I was up by the shallows by then), and headed back to see if I could rescue him. I swear he was yelling and waving the whole time it took me to get back to him... well, we finally got close enough to hear what he was saying, and it was : "DO YOUR TURNS!" I asked if he was ok, and he repeated it, so I figured he was ok, and I also figured that by the time it took me to leave and come back, I had already penalized myself enough, and didn't need to do any penalty turns, so I headed back upwind, and finished the race.

After that incident, I brushed up on my Rules for Racing. I already knew that Starboard had right of way, and so do Leeward boats, and I reviewed how many penalty turns it takes if I ever fouled anyone again (2 full turns – 2 tacks and 2 jibes) if it's another boat (even just causing them to veer off!) and 1 full turn (1 jibe and one tack) if I touch a Mark with any part of my boat or sail.

Over the years, I've learned to not barge at the Start, and to plan very carefully (and to be ready to quickly revise my plan) if I'm going to Start on Port while the rest of the fleet is on Starboard... the Rules keep us safe, and keep us playing fair. Some of us are racing to win, and others are in the game for the pleasure of sailing, and to keep our skills honed. Some folk know the rules really well, and can use that knowledge to their advantage, while others know the rules well and try their best to play the game without fouling anyone else. The most important things for me are to have fun, and play fair. I learned long ago that I have to know the rules if I want to play fairly.

End of Season Party!
Saturday, Oct 22nd
5:00 pm (Appetizers / Cocktails)
6:00 pm Dinner
\$5.00 per person
Club Officer Elections!
Racing Trophies!
Matt & Ed Awards!

Membership Meeting
Join us... on Tuesday, September 13th
6:00 pm Dinner / Social
7:00 pm Membership Meeting
8:00 pm Board Meeting
Location: LYSA Clubhouse
 Please bring a dish to share and your own drinks



Cruise/Social Capt.

Matt Loeffler



Just a reminder for up and coming events:

The Jack and Jill race is Sept 10; with the skippers' meeting at 2 PM and racing to follow. The course will depend on the wind conditions and will have a pursuit start. This is just before John Derby's birthday party, so race and then party.

Monterey Bay sailing trip is scheduled for the 14-16. I talked to Ed and he would like a definite "YES" if anyone would like to go. If not we may bump it, so please respond to either Ed or myself on this.

The October, end of the year, awards, elections get together will be on Saturday, October 22.

The December Christmas party will be on Dec 10th once again at the "Fish and Game" building. Remember we will have the Ugly Sweater contest, gift exchange, and lots of fun.

Now on to things we have done.

This month we had the last Thursday night Taco night. I want to thank everyone that participated in this. I had a lot of fun with it. It wasn't really a C/S event, but more of a fund raiser for the Junior Sailing Program. Every week we made more that I spent on food and all profits went into the kids program. Thank you to all that helped out with prep and clean up, I love you all.

On the 20th we had a raft up behind the island. There were a few out sailing but not many boats rafted up, those that didn't said they wanted to sail. Those of us that rafted had a great time just hanging out on the line and munching on snacks. The sail in, just before sunset, was terrific. The wind was perfect for a nice casual ride, not too light nor too strong—perfect. As the saying goes, "Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats." (Kenneth Grahame)



2016 / 2017 Calendar of Events

September

- 10 Jack & Jill Race, Skipper's Meeting 2 pm
- 17 Dick Gardener One Design
- TBD Delta trip

October

- 3-10 Fleet Week SF Bay
- 14-16 Monterey Trip, RSVP ASAP to Matt / Ed
- 22 Halloween -
End of Year Party / Election / Dinner / Awards

November

December

- 10 Christmas Party, Fish & Game Building

January, 2017

Frostbite Regatta

February, 2017

SF Bay, Angel Is., Sausalito, San Francisco

March, 2017

St Patty's Dinner, Corned Beef & Cabbage

April, 2017

6th Annual Chili Fest. Bring your best Chili for the competition.
Strictly Sail Pacific (Jack London Square)

May, 2017

LYSA Opening Day
LYSA Thursday Night Summer Series Begins
LYSA Spring Regatta. Sign up early and come out to sail or help out.
Jack & Jill Race

June, 2017

Dick Gardener One Design Series
Open House/Shrimp Feed
Delta Doo Dah

July, 2017

- 4 Independence Day Potluck Lunch BBQ & Fun Sail
High Sierra Regatta, small boat, Huntington Lake
High Sierra Regatta, large boat, Huntington Lake
Special Needs Sailing Day

August

Some Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.



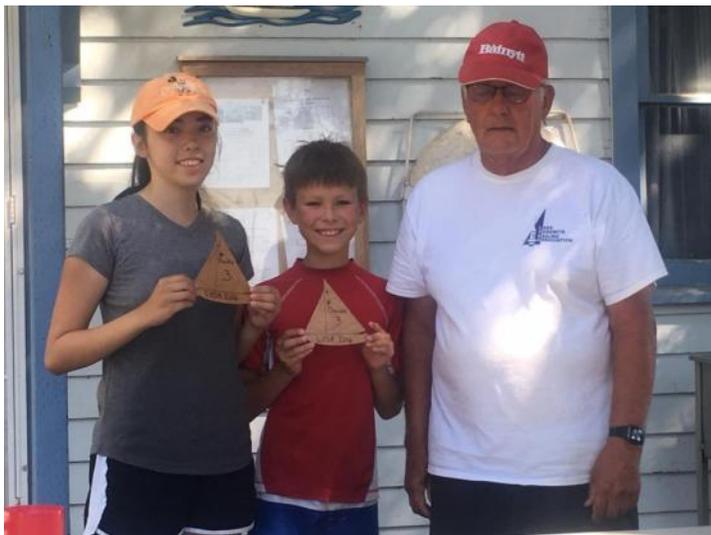
Guest Columnist
Darrell Sorensen

Junior Regatta

Lake Yosemite Sailing Association held a Junior Regatta on August 6th for the sail campers before they had to return to school.

In the morning it was single handed sailing for Optimist Prams, El Toros and Lasers with 3 or 4 in the bigger Lido 14 sail boats. Just after this race, competitors, family and crew enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs. The afternoon race was for double handed sailing in El Toros and Lasers. An awards ceremony followed.

Club members Chris Currier, Craig Anderson, Darrell Sorensen, Jerry Rokes, Matt Loeffler and Mike Strealy kept the events running smoothly. The Junior Regatta will become an annual event at the conclusion of sail camp in the coming years.



Kate Colvin & Gus Dietz Laser double handed 3rd place



Cooper Frost & Ethain Sellers Laser double handed 4th place



A.J. Dietz & Rio Sorensen Laser Double handed 2nd place

Results

Morning

Opti / Eltoro single hand

1. A. J. Dietz
2. Enrique Spangler
3. Rio Sorensen
4. Michael Davidson

Laser single hand

1. Phumate Tantibanchachai
2. Max Zimmerman
3. Cooper Frost
4. Kate Colvin

Lido 14

1. Nina Sorensen, Ethain Sellers, Gus Dietz, Brandon LiWang

Afternoon

El Toro double hand

1. Brandon LiWang, Nina Sorensen
2. Michael Davidson, Enrique Spangler

Laser double hand

1. Phumate Tantibanchachai, Max Zimmerman
2. A. J. Dietz, Rio Sorensen
3. Kate Colvin, Gus Dietz
4. Ethain Sellers, Cooper Frost

September Racing

September 10th - Jack & Jill Race

Female Skipper - Male Crew
Pursuit Start
Easy to sail course
Race meeting 2 pm
Race 3 pm
Followed by John Derby's Birthday Party

September 17th - Gardner One Design Plus*

3 boats to qualify for one design. Divisions for similar performance boats*
Straight up racing, no handicaps.
Winners name for one design fleet & division fleet with 3 or more
will be engraved on the Gardner Trophy
Race meeting 12 pm

Division 1	Under 8' El Toro, Opti, Sabot	
Division 2	Non Planing Dinghys Lido 14, Capri 14.2, FJ & CFJ non spinnaker	
Division 3	Cruising A Catalina 22, Venture 21, Chrysler 22, McGregor 26X	
Division 4	Cruising B Catalina 25, Merit 22, McGregor 25-26, Santana 20	
Division 5	Planing Dinghys Laser, Force 5, Banshee, RS Areo, Windmill, Snipe, Buccaneer (non spinnaker), FJ & CFJ (spinnaker)	
Division 6	Open (run what you brung) Must be a boat & sail power (no boards)	<i>Divisions may be combined Boats not listed will be placed in an appropriate division</i>



fication regarding the requirement of having a sponsor. By-Laws were amended to require sponsorship of new members about 3 years ago.

Racing Captain, Rachel Hadley:

Racing: This has been a good season.

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

Social Events: Huntington trip discussed, positive interaction with other clubs. Other sailors noticed Merced on Matt's boat, shouted out, "Way to go, LYSA!"

Update: Matt reminded members that the Christmas party will be held on December 10th.

House Captain, Linda Sorensen:

Tool set in the office, LYSA is engraved on the handles. Linda requested the tools be returned to the house after use. The ice machine is working. Thanks to Tim helping with that.

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.

Good of the order:

Birthday: Saturday, September 10th – Mad Hatter Birthday Party for John Derby. Food by BBQ Pit. John Derby invited all members to attend, come dressed to theme.

Racing Update: Darrell reported on El Toro Nationals at Pinecrest. I Flag – yellow with black dot, you can't dip, can't go through the start line. Racers behave themselves. India flag, Kathy shared meaning of I Flag.

They have permanent race buoys with names on them.

Adjournment: The next LYSA General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at the Clubhouse. Potluck at 6:00 pm, General Meeting at 7:00 pm. Board Meeting at 8:00.

Motion: Moved by Matt Loeffler to adjourn, and second by Chris Tomson. **Motion carried.** Membership meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A meeting of the LYSA Membership was held on August 9, 2016 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:05 pm, Vice Commodore Jay Sousa presiding. A sign-in sheet was circulated. Fifteen members attended.

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

July joint Membership and Board Meeting Minutes read by Rachel Hadley. Correction: We don't pay the county, LYSA fixes any broken sprinklers.

Motion: Moved by Dennis Wainwright to approve the July combined Meeting Minutes, second by Jerry Rokes. **Motion carried.**

Commodore, Jay Sousa:

Mike / Matt: Anchoring out and rafting up. Jay requested event be promoted. Thanked Tim Hardin for putting in the ice machine.

Discussion: Pinecrest – asked if members could take the lead in making the event happen. Up Dodge Ridge Road, Pinecrest Chalet. Cabins, RV spots, etc. Would be a good spot to make our headquarters. Kathy stated she has a snipe, Jay suggested she take it to Pinecrest. If folks go, she invited a member to take it to sail. John Derby suggested we aim for next year. Rachel – Labor Day, John Derby's birthday and movie night – we are looking at late September.

Vice Commodore / Junior Sailing, Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler:

Social: Movie night planned for future, possibly in September, on a Saturday.

Jr. Sailing: This year we have had 6 weeks of Jr. Sailing. It's been a wonderful season, and we can see some Junior Sailors who have been attending for some years will make great Junior Counselors in the future. The Junior Regatta was held last Saturday. Next year we will promote the event along with a theme. 12 racers, 2 sets of races run. 1st in the AM, little 14s with crews. The remainder were Lasers or El Toros, single handed. PM, double handed Lasers and El Toros.

Brigitte thanked Jerry, Chris Tomford, Chris Currier, Mike, Jerry Rokes, Darrell Sorensen, Craig Anderson, also the families of sailors. Brigitte also thanked Junior Counselors Colin Frost and Kate Colvin.

Commendation: Jay stated he cannot articulate enough how much Matt and Brigitte have done with Jr. Sailing. He commended Matt, Brigitte, Jerry Rokes and Darrell Sorensen: They have turned this program into what he thinks is the best part of the club. Mike Strelay stated that this event rivaled the Special Needs Sailing day in enjoyment of participants and visitors. Mike stressed that this is the way to promote membership – through these sorts of events.

Purchase: Bought a CFJ – Club Flying Junior and sold the Hobie Cat for \$300 to buy either a sail or another CFJ.

Past Commodore, Peg Larson: Not in attendance.

Port Captain, John Larson: Not in attendance.

Treasurer, Diana Sousa:

Report: LYSA Treasurer's Report reviewed with members. We have one more new member, 6 total to date.

Discussion: Rachel requested clarification on by-laws – how do they speak to membership? Should we waive membership fee and probation period for adult children of members? Jay stated this should be brought up at Board meeting. John Derby asked for clari-

Ways to support LYSA that might be new to you:



- **Visit** <https://www.savemart.com/shares> to enroll in Save Mart's paperless eScrip program.
- **Enroll** in the Raley's scrip program at www.raleys.com/somethingextra. Select LYSA from the menu and designate the percentage to donate.
- **Bring a new member** to the Clubhouse.
- **Drain** and place recyclable glass bottles, plastic bottles and aluminum cans in the proper containers.
- **Use** the Suggestion Box to make a suggestion or to point out an issue that may need to be looked into.
- **Submit** an article to the Newsletter or share the Newsletter with a friend.

LYSA Board Meeting Call to Order: A regular meeting of the LYSA Board was held on August 9, 2016 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 8:00 pm, Commodore Jay Sousa presiding.

Members in attendance: Members of the Board in attendance: Commodore: Jay Sousa, Vice-Commodore: Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler, Secretary: Chris Martin, Treasurer: Diane Sousa, House Captain, Linda Sorensen, Cruise/Social Captain: Matt Loeffler, Racing Captain, Rachel Hadley.

Not in attendance: Past Commodore: Peg Larson, Port Captain: John Larson.

Commodore, Jay Sousa:

Purchase: Blue chairs on sale, Thom Grimaldi would like to buy more to have 75 total. Diane: money to cover the purchase in improvement budget. Discussion: decide on a number to purchase, we are at the end of the season. Last year they were \$16.

Motion: Moved by Rachel Hadley to purchase up to 25 blue chairs, price to not exceed \$500, seconded by Matt Loeffler. **Motion carried.**

FYI: Davin reported someone is turning off sprinklers. The timer is not coming on. Davin has sold his business and is moving out of state. Someone is taking over all his contracts at the same price. We will continue with the new owner and see how it goes. Currently \$140/month, 1x week summer, 1x every 2 weeks in winter.

Request: Todd Bender has talked to John Larson, is requesting approval to install rowing floating dock in which to place his rowing shell, wants to get a small boat slip on the right. **Discussion:** Expense, damage, liability to structure, theft or damage to rowing skiff. Diane: the dock is insured. Rachel: each owner takes responsibility for their slip and what they do to it. If he moves, he will need to remove his structure.

Motion: Moved by Rachel Hadley to approve installation of rowing floating dock, seconded by Matt Loeffler. **Motion carried.**

Repair: Jay contacted MID regarding concrete sidewalk at gate and further in. Jay will send MID pictures and will continue to work with them.

EOY Party / Elections: Board discussed dates, recruitment of new Board Members. Date set: October 22nd.

Vice Commodore, Brigitte Bowers Loeffler: Brigitte will contact Pinecrest to check availability, choose a date in late September / early October while there is still water in the lake. The Marina at Pinecrest may be able to give info. Brigitte stated she will work with Ed Dietz.

Adjournment: The next LYSA Board meeting will be held Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at the Clubhouse. Potluck at 6:00 pm, General Meeting at 7:00 pm. Board Meeting at 8:00.

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