

# Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

September 2021

## Racing Awards



**Most Improved Sailor: Kendall Nightengale**  
**Best Crew: Kara Nightengale**



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**Cruise/Social Captain: Vacant**

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**Racing Captain: Rachel Hadley**

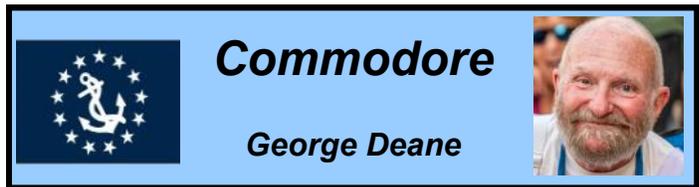
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**Submissions:**

**Deadline is the 22nd of each month**

**Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line**

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The season is winding down and the Thursday night races have concluded. A special shout out to Jerry Johnson for spearheading a post race season party. A good time was had by all. MID is still saying the lake will go down at the end of September. So be sure to be able to pull your boats out of the water on short notice. Also be sure to do your snow and rain dances this winter so that we can have water in the lake next year both for sailing and agriculture.

Out next club meeting will be on Tuesday September 14 out at the lake. Social hour will begin at 6:00 with the meeting to commence at 6:30. Be sure to bring a snack and a libation.

It's about time to think about next year's officers. Dennis Pellissier will not be stepping up to be Commodore for personal reasons and two years have been enough for me. Accordingly we will need to fill both of those positions as well as the rest of the board. The Commodore generally coordinates the Open House which hasn't occurred in the last two years because of the pandemic. There are several club members who have experience putting on this event and I am sure would render able assistance. Tom Cooke put together an excellent guide book for the event when he last ran it.

September is one of the best months out at the lake. The weather is always cooler out there than in town. Hopefully the fires in the Sierras will subside and we can get rid of the smoke when the wind blows it our way. Hopefully I'll see you out there.



Dear Friends,

My column this month is not about house-keeping. I wrote about that last month. This month, the club and its future are heavy on my heart.

It is that time of year again when the Board begins searching for volunteers to serve for the following year. The current Board has served two years because of the Covid virus. For the past year, we have had two open positions, Social Captain and Vice Commodore.



Our Club cannot continue to function without volunteers stepping up to these Board positions. Each current Board member, or past Board member, can describe the position and responsibilities involved in being on the LYSA Board. It is a one year obligation, except for Vice Commodore, which is a two year commitment. It truly isn't as tough as some of you must think! It is mostly a time obligation for meetings, newsletter articles, and events.

As a Board member, it is your job to make sure the responsibilities of your position get done. For example, as House Captain, I am responsible for making sure there are supplies in the house, the house is clean, the lawn mowed, etc. But I don't have to do it myself! There is a housekeeper and a lawn guy. We have a pest control company. Craig volunteers for just about any or all projects around the yard and garage. Thom has taken care of the mice. All of you, have learned to clean up after yourselves and to dump the garbage at the end of the night. We are a team! The same can be said of any Board position, you can delegate the jobs.

Wouldn't the Club be a better place if members volunteered (maybe not for a Board position) but to support one of the people who might accept a position if they knew they were not alone? You don't want to be Commodore, but could you run the Regatta? Or better yet, could you head up a team to run the Regatta? Could you say right now, I will take charge of this event this year? If that's too big, how about our social life at the lake... Could you say I will organize and be responsible for a social event in Ju-

ly? Or June? Or August? Pick one! Jerry stepped up and look what he has done with our Thursday Night race dinners. Could you host a wine tasting event? Ice Cream Social? Movie or game night? Friday night sail? This is as easy as it gets.

This Club is yours. Right now, the Club needs you. I'm taking a bit of poetic license when I say, "Ask not what your Club can do for you, but what you can do for your Club?" Thank you for taking the time to read and maybe even contemplate getting involved.

**Membership Meeting**  
**Join us in September!**  
LYSA Clubhouse  
**Tuesday, September 14th**  
6:00 pm *Social*, 6:30 *Membership Meeting*  
*Board Meeting to follow*  
*Observing COVID-19 safety guidelines*



professionally and provided us with accurate finish times. Tom Cooke took his duties very seriously; Debbie Harden provided her years of experience, and eagle eyes on the clock and finish line; not only did Jerry and Suzanne Johnson faithfully come and help wherever needed, they also provided delicious social dinners after each race; and Karen Grimaldi, Rich Kleitman and Jay and Diane Sousa were also consistently helpful.

Ahoy Racers!

The Summer Racing Season is over, trophies have been awarded, the permanent Racing Marks are stowed, the cover over the race committee area has been put away, the racing dock box that Tom Cooke donated has been moved to the garage, and the committee boat is wiped down and ready to be trailered and stored for the winter.

A heartfelt thank you to those who helped, especially Dan and Dave Aleman and Tom Cooke who spent several hours and back breaking labor picking up, cleaning off and stowing the permanent buoys! We did finally get a workable process for getting those marks up into the committee boat, but we determined that we need a few more bodies to help with the project next year, because those 55 pound buoys plus the 65 pound cement anchors and the 35 feet of wire in between were pretty hard to work with.

A big thank you also to Jerry Johnson for making a wonderful steak dinner after our last race, and Kara and Kendall Nightengale who made the BEST sour-dough breads, scored with awesome designs (including one with a sailboat!), and everyone who brought those delicious sides and desserts! It was a terrific feast! And a terrific way to end our Summer Racing Season!

The biggest thank you goes to the Race Committee, who showed up every week to start each race very



The racing was very close this year, and the last race determined the final outcome:

Centerboards: David Strubbe won 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Darrell Sorenson came in 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Keelboats: Rachel Hadley won 1<sup>st</sup> Place; John Larson came in 2<sup>nd</sup>; the Nightengale's moved up from 4<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> with the Aleman's on their heels in 4<sup>th</sup>; although the Sea Scouts consistently won every race they participated in (with Tiffany at the helm!), their spotty attendance left them in 5<sup>th</sup> overall; Craig Anderson was 6<sup>th</sup>, and Thom Grimaldi took a close 7<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to our Annual Trophy winners:  
 Most Improved Sailor: Kendall Nightengale  
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LYSA t-shirts, hats and burgees are available for purchase.

 A dark blue burgee with a white sailboat logo and a dark blue cap with a white sailboat logo and the text "LAKE SUPERIOR ASSOCIATION" are shown.




**House Captain**  
**Debbie Harden**



Winter storage always catches me unawares! It seems like we just started the sailing season. Winter storage usually starts in September and ends sometime in May depending on water levels.

Boats that are in winter storage need to have their mast up and current tags from the state of CA and from the lake. The boats need to be maintained. (ex. no flat tires, rinsed off occasionally etc).

For our new members, winter boat storage is along the white fence and garage. There are a limited number of places and if we have more requests than spots, a drawing will be held at the September 14th meeting. The cost of winter storage is \$140.

Please notify me by September 13th if you are interested in winter storage.

My email is [debra-harden@comcast.net](mailto:debra-harden@comcast.net) or text 209.777.4655. I have already received three requests (Gary Hogston, Alemans, Mike Brady).



**Secretary**  
**Chris Martin**



**LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order:** A combined meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on August 10, 2021 at the Lake Yosemite Sailing Association Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 6:45 pm, Commodore George Deane presiding.



**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  
GCYC—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.**

**Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, George Deane:** George welcomed members to the meeting and asked members to introduce themselves.

**Approval of Minutes:** *George asked for a motion to approve Minutes as published.* **Motion:** Moved by Deb Hardin to approve minutes as published, **Second** by Rachel Hadley. **Motion carried.**

Discussion of the need to separate General Meeting business from Board business. This is not to suggest that the Board segment should be private, but there should be a distinction between General reporting and Board action.

**Commodore, George Deane:** Dennis Pellissier will not be Commodore next year. George wants the flexibility to travel when he wants, so will not continue for a third year.

Tom Cooke asked about water levels. George will ask.

**Treasurer, Diane Sousa:** Not present.

**Vice Commodore, Dennis Pellissier:** Not present.

**Dock Captain, Kendall Nightengale:** Discussion of t-shirt plans. He is coordinating with Michelle to create a Pop-Up store at Image Masters. We will have shirts prepaid and printed by Image Masters once or twice a year. We could line up order dates with Regatta dates. There has been damage to the docks from boats that are not properly moored. Pay attention and let others know if their boats are not properly tied. Do we allow boats a berth if they

are not sailable? They don't want to pay for dry storage, and they don't want to give up their slip. Discussion regarding if a boat is not properly maintained in a safe condition, the Board can ask the owner to remove the boat.

**House Captain, Deb Harden:** No report.

**Cruise / Social Committee:** Vacant

**Race Captain, Rachel Hadley:** Introduced herself as Race Captain. Invited Members present to come out for Thursday night races; there are three more Thursdays. Asked Membership to give her a hand pulling out the buoys on Labor Day weekend. Also, would like to defer Racing Awards to the third Thursday in September.

Let Tom Cooke know if you will attend so Jerry can plan for dinner.

**Junior Sailing, Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler:** Not present. Craig shared that the last week Junior Sailing ended earlier than planned this year.

**Sea Scouts:** Not present.

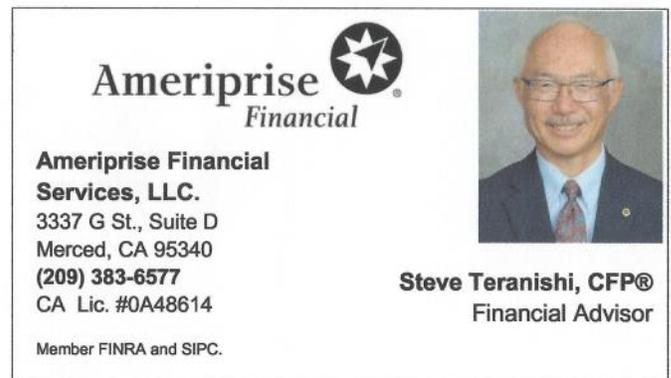
**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Members introduced themselves to potential new members. George Deane, Deb Harding, Tom Cooke, Craig Anderson, Gary Hogston, Chris Martin, Kendall Nightengale, Rachel Hadley. Visitors: Kori Smith and Brent Deshazer, interested in becoming Members and in renting a slip; and Michael Jerzykowski and Kristi who



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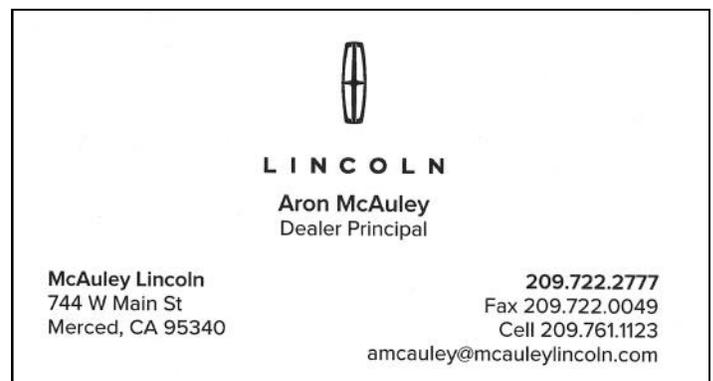
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have paid for a slip and who are interested in becoming Members.

**Good of the order:** No items.

The next LYSA Membership / Board meeting will be held September 14, 2021, 6 to 6:30 social hour, can bring your own food / beverage. No potluck. 6:30 General meeting.

**Motion:** Moved by Deb Hardin to adjourn, **Second** by Chris Martin. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:44.

Board Meeting convened at 7:45.

Members present: George, Deb, Kendall, Rachel, Chris

**New Member:** Michael

**Motion:** Moved by Deb Harden to approve membership, and **Second** by Kendall Nightengale. **Motion carried.**

**New Member:** Kori Smith and Brent Deshazer. Sponsor: Peg and John Larson. **Motion:** Moved by Deb Hardin to approve membership, and **Second** by Kendall Nightengale. **Motion carried.**

Discussion of new board members, particularly Commodore, Vice Commodore, Social Captain

**Motion:** Moved by Kendall Nightengale to adjourn, **Second** by Deb Harden. **Motion carried.** Board Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

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