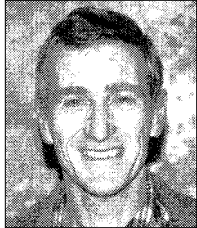


Light Air



Monthly Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

March 2004



Dock Talk

*Steve Leonard,
Port Captain*

We got far more done on our first work day than I ever expected. We replaced three supports under the main walkway, replaced about 40 deckboards, re-hung water pipe, and started to build a finger for slips 1 and 2. Many thanks to Ken Rockholt, Amy Boehme, Chuck Rockholt, Tom Cooke, and Jay Sousa for their hard work. In particular, I want to heartily thank Tim Harden and Mike Streatly for the tremendous amount of work and support they have given us in maintaining the docks.

We now have to finish that finger, replace electrical outlets, and fix and improve the water system. If you have expertise in PVC pipe and A\C wiring, we need your help.

The floating docks need repair. MID told us that they are going to test their new canal for draining the lake. We are hoping the water drops enough to give us the access we need to work on them. That is a few weeks off.

If you have not yet done so, there are only a few weeks left to pay your slip fee. You will lose your slip if we do not get your payment by April 1.

I was asked to talk about procedures for the main gate. The procedures are very simple. After the park is closed by the county, we must not leave the gate unlocked under any circumstance. Say you are coming in and you see someone driving up the road. You leave the chain draped over the fence and unlocked and drive to the house. The car that arrives at the gate a few seconds



From the Helm

Jay Sousa, Commodore

I normally want my column for the newsletter to be upbeat and positive. But I am afraid that this month I will have to deviate from the positive of our club with some bad news. Our Past Commodore Wes Unruh has resigned from the LYSA Board effective February 11th 2004.

It is unfortunate that the club has lost a very good board member. But even more unfortunate is the reason why Wes resigned. After the February general membership meeting a club member got all over Wes in a completely out of control manner over a decision the board had made a week earlier during the February board meeting. The comments made to Wes were very disrespectful and negative. No one in the LYSA family should be subjected to that kind of behavior.

Folks, please remember we are in this club for fun, relaxation, and a little

escapism from the work day world. Also, please remember your board is trying to do the best job we can for the club. The decisions are not always easy (sometimes they are harder than ones we make in our jobs).

As the club has now grown to almost one hundred families it would be next to impossible to appease everyone, every time. However, every member of this board is approachable and very interested in hearing your comments and concerns. Please just do it in a civil and polite way.

As for losing Wes, the board will continue with eight members, you cannot elect a new Past Commodore. Wes has agreed to continue to organize the regatta and open house.

I think we all need to thank Wes for his two plus year's of service to LYSA. His efforts over the last couple of year's have gone a long way to make LYSA the great club it has become and will continue to be. 8

later may not be a club member or the club member in the car may assume the gate is to remain unlocked. The non-club member could come in or the gate stays unlocked with nobody there and anyone could come in without us knowing.

Yes the park stays open at night in the winter for other functions. But, when that function is over, park personnel sweep the park before they leave to make sure everyone is gone. If we leave that gate unlocked and untended, we would also have to sweep the park and

be responsible for theft and vandalism while the gate is unlocked. I for one do not want to do that.

We are fortunate to have unrestricted access to the park. Do we want to risk losing it? Please lock the gate after you pass through when the park is closed. 8

Have you paid your slip fees? Your payment must be received by April 1.

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The Home Front

Katie Unruh, House Captain

Spring is on the way and that means warmer weather and, more importantly,

that it's almost time to put our boats back in the water.

Warmer weather also means barbecues and informal get togethers out at the lake. Just in time for all the fun, the new barbecue has been completed and it's a beautiful sight. No more having to borrow a big barbecue for our events. Thanks to all who persevered in getting this accomplished.

Speaking of events, we have some very busy months ahead of us. The regatta is just around the corner and Wes will be contacting people to help and will also be scheduling some meetings in the near future. Also, house and yard clean up days are being planned for April.

I want to thank everyone who participated in and supported our Valentine's Day Dinner. Even though we

didn't have quite the crowd we had last year, I believe everyone there had a wonderful evening. Special thanks to Kayla, Elaina, Chelsea, and Allison (our lovely waitresses) for their wonderful attentiveness. These monthly theme dinners are fairly simple to organize and are very fun and can bring in some revenue for our club. So, two things — pick a month and make it yours and don't forget to RSVP for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 13th. Brigitte promises good food and fun!

I've been asked to remind everyone that the lock on the dock gate will be changing the first week of March. If you are a club member, this will simply mean that your key will work for the clubhouse, all of the padlocks (including the front gate), and the dock gate. One key fits all! A person who has a slip but is not a club member will receive a new key that only fits the dock gate. Any questions should be directed to Wes Unruh. 8



On the Wind

Dee Near, Racing Captain

Greetings racers! The LYSA Board voted at our February meeting to

switch to PHRF handicap racing this coming season. Thank you to Dave Mosher for an excellent presentation on the different racing handicap systems — "Beer Can," Portsmouth, and PHRF. Following his presentation the board decided to try abiding by PHRF rules for this coming season.

We will use the rating list from the Northern California PHRF Committee. Boats will not be required to apply for a PHRF certificate for our races, but they are encouraged to do so. The PHRF certificate is required for many of the regattas in California, so if you are planning to race on other lakes this season you might consider getting a certificate

for your boat. These ratings apply most generally to boats of nineteen feet or greater. We will adapt the ratings for the dingy fleet for our lake.

One important consideration for these ratings is that you must sail with all the equipment on board that she had when the boat was built. This includes an outboard motor or propeller, doors, drawers, tables, and systems.

I have some volunteers for the race committee thus far, but would like to have a full fleet on deck by May 1. Jill Dietz, Josephine Fultz, Jim Strealy, Jared Sousa, and Peggy Lawler's daughter Alexa have agreed to help out. Please call me at 723-9007 if you can help. 8

Volunteers still needed.

Way-points

Ed Dietz, Cruising & Social Captain

Our San Francisco Bay Cruise is on schedule for March 5, 6, and 7.

Three LYSA members already have big boats in the water at Marina Village: Jay Sousa, Dave Mosher, and Bill Goldfoos. Joining them with trailer boats will be Ed Dietz, John French, and Craig Anderson.

Our plan is to stay at Marina Village Friday and Saturday nights and visit the Encinal Yacht Club (Friday) and the Oakland Yacht Club (Saturday) for dinners. Saturday morning around 9:00 AM we will set sail for Angel Island and picnic at Ayala Cove. It is about a three-hour sail each way.

Sunday is open for day sails around the Bay. Crew members are welcome to join us for dinners and day sails. Dee and Guy Near, Brigitte and Matt Loeffler, and Sherry and Mike Streatly have expressed interest.

A nearby hotel is the Marina Village Inn (phone 510-523-9450). They will discount rooms from \$106.00 to \$86.00 for sailors.

Marina Village is on the left as you exit the tube onto Alameda Island. Encinal and Oakland Yacht Clubs are within walking distance.

A LYSA social and cruising log 2004 (revision 02-03-2004) is available at the clubhouse and in this newsletter. Check out the events scheduled. 8



Short Tacks

Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler, Vice Commodore

I'd like to thank everyone who came to the Super Bowl party at the club-

house. We had a good time and raised a little money for the club. Our half-time show included games for the kids and adults, revealing heretofore undiscovered athletes and baring the complete ineptitude of others. Someone was stripped of his or her title as reigning armchair quarterback, being replaced by Wes Unruh who shocked us with his never-before-seen-in-public passing prowess. It was a stimulating display of talent.

March 13 is the day scheduled for LYSA's second annual St. Patrick's Day feast. The menu is Irish stew, some good sourdough bread, a little butter lettuce salad, Irish coffee in copious amounts, and dessert (something with chocolate). The price is \$10.00, including gratuity for the cook and kitchen help. Call me at 357-7049 if you need more information or want to reserve a seat.

I need more people to sign up for Red Cross training on April 3. Please call me to reserve a space. I'll have to cancel

if I don't get more sign-ups, and that is not an idle threat.

March 20 is the first day of spring. Happy days are here again. See you at the lake. 8

**St. Patrick's
Dinner**

Saturday, March 13th
6:30 PM at the Clubhouse
Cost is \$10.00

**Irish Stew, Sourdough
Bread, Butter Lettuce Salad,
Dessert, and Irish Coffee**

Call Brigitte at
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LYSA Cruising & Social Log

(Revision 02/03/04)

March

- 5-7 San Francisco Bay Cruise
- 13 St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- 26-28 Lake Don Pedro Cruise

April

- 3-4 Camellia Cup Regatta (Folsom)
- 14-18 Sail Expo at Jack London Square

May

- 01 LYSA Spring Kick Off
- 15-16 LYSA Regatta & Lipton Cup Regatta

June

- 5-6 Go for the Gold Regatta (Nevada City)
- 5 Delta Ditch Run (Stockton)
- 25-27 South Tower Challenge (Stockton)
- 26 Fun Sail & Potluck

July

- 10-11 High Sierra Regatta Week 1 (Huntington Lake)
- 17-18 High Sierra Regatta Week 2 (Ed Green Bash Potluck)
- 31 Fun Sail & Potluck

August

- 21 LYSA Open House
- 28 Fun Sail & Potluck

September

- 17-19 Delta Cruise
- 25 Fun Sail & Potluck

October

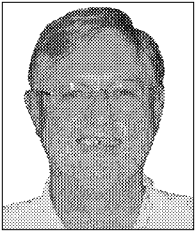
- 01-03 Monterey Bay Cruise (Moss Landing to Monterey)
- 23 End of Season and Halloween Party

November

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December

- 04 Christmas Party
- 31 New Year's Party



For the Record

Rob Glasgow, Secretary

Board Minutes, 02/03/04

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Officers present: Jay and Diane Sousa, Brigitte Loeffler, Steve Leonard, Wes and Katie Unruh, Ed Dietz, Dee Near, and Rob Glasgow.

Reports:

Vice Commodore Brigitte – The Super Bowl party brought in \$61.00.

Cruising & Social Captain Ed – A revised cruise schedule was distributed including two neighboring regattas.

Dock Captain Steve – A workday is planned for February 7. New docks will not be built this year. Discussed upgrading all electrical outlets to GFI and possibly relocating some outlets to spread the electrical coverage to all docks. Tim has submitted engineered drawings to the County. Gate must be locked at all times, cannot be left open for any reason.

Treasurer Diane – Dock account and General fund balances were reported. No new members since last month.

M/S/P Steve – Dues to be prorated after August 1. New members joining after that date will pay \$75 initiation fee and \$25 dues covering the period Aug 1 to Dec 31. The prorating does not apply to existing members.

Racing Captain Dee – Dave Mosher presented the pro and cons of the PHRF and Portsmouth rating systems. His presentation was clear and insightful. Bottom line, the Portsmouth system was perfect for the first years of club racing but we have advanced to the point that the PHRF would offer closer results, adding to the overall enjoyment of all racers. M/S/P Race under the PHRF format this year.

Old Business:

Wes – Another bid for the barbecue was received from Dwayne Blakeman. M/S/P to accept the \$1600 bid and proceed with the project.

Jay – Presented the board with a list of members to call in the event it is necessary to alert the membership of an important situation.

New Business:

Diane – Continuing problems with the Direct TV dish system. M/S/P to cancel the service.

Jay – Read a letter from John Derby requesting use of the side tie again this year. M/S/P to deny the request.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

General Membership Minutes, 02/10/04

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Officers present: Jay and Diane Sousa, Brigitte Loeffler, Steve Leonard, Katie and Wes Unruh, Ed Dietz, Dee Near, and Rob Glasgow.

Reports:

House Captain Katie – All members who wish to reserve the clubhouse for private parties should contact Katie as well as mark the wall calendar.

Cruising & Social Captain Ed – The revised cruise schedule was presented.

Dock Captain Steve – A work day was held on February 7. The electrical service on the docks is in need of a complete rebuild. He presented a sample of the new racing buoys.

New member Mike Sprague was introduced.

Old Business:

Jay – Reminded all present to lock the gate every time you open it. Don't rely on someone coming after you.

Racing Captain Dee – Presented the reasons for the club's decision to use the PHRF racing format this year. Certification is not required to race. There will be three starts this year as last year.

Jay – He has contacted several local businesses about sponsoring a Junior sailing program.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM.

(This is a summary of the minutes. For the complete minutes see Minutes Book) 8

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Next Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 9th
LYSA Clubhouse

6:30 PM Potluck Social

7:00 PM Meeting

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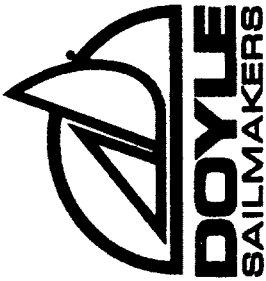


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People & Places

LYSA member Tony White wears many hats: skipper of the Lighthouse, English instructor at Merced College, and a recognized contemporary composer. Recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship, Tony's music has been described as having "a beautifully spiritual, meditative quality... a creative and varied musical style

that is original, full of emotion and spirit, and immediately appealing." Tony's music is being heard locally once again thanks to the Merced Symphony. On Saturday March 20th at the Merced Multicultural Arts Center, the Merced Symphony presents an Evening of Chamber Music featuring the world premier of Tony's chamber piece "Comfort

Me" for flute, marimba, cello, and piano. There will be a reception and hors d'oeuvres reception before the concert. For ticket information call the Symphony at 383-3277 or the Arts Center at 388-1090. 8





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LYSA Calendar of Events • March 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <i>Board Meeting 7:00PM</i>	3	4	5 <i>San Francisco Bay Cruise – Day One</i>	6 <i>San Francisco Bay Cruise – Day Two</i>
7 <i>San Francisco Bay Cruise – Day Three</i>	8	9 <i>Membership Meeting 6:30PM</i>	10	11	12	13 <i>St. Patrick's Dinner 6:30PM</i>
14	15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 <i>Newsletter Article Submission Deadline</i>	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 <i>Lake Don Pedro Cruise – Day One</i>	27 <i>Lake Don Pedro Cruise – Day Two</i>
28 <i>Lake Don Pedro Cruise – Day Three</i>	29	30	31			