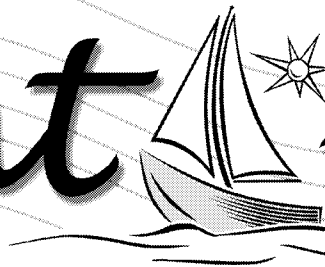
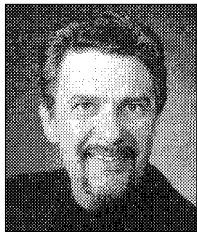


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Monthly Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

May 2004



From the Helm

Jay Sousa, Commodore

Well, it looks like there is nothing left to do now but have some fun. The barbecue is up and cooking, thank you Mike Streatly for making the beautiful grate, the sprinkler system is in, thank you Craig Anderson, Davin Mosher, and all who helped to make that project a reality. The docks are looking good, thank you Steve Leonard, Tim Harden,

and all who helped on dock projects this past winter.

Ladies and gentleman, hoist your sails! For opening weekend is here. Please join us at the Lake on Saturday, May 1st for our annual opening day. Festivities begin at 4:00 PM and continue on into the night. Please see a complete schedule included in your newsletter.

Our annual regatta is rapidly approaching, May 15th and 16th, If you

would like to help, race, or attend the dinner please contact Wes Unruh at 358-9576. This is a fun weekend and your club needs your support.

I had a friendly conversation with Peggy Vejar, the Interim County Parks and Recreation Director, recently to clear up a couple of issues. First, if you launched your boat and were charged a launch fee but already paid it with your slip fee contact Diane Sousa, the club's treasurer, for a refund. Please have your receipt from the lake. Also the vehicle pass fee has gone up to \$37.50 and \$15.00 dollars for a second vehicle. Make sure you save your receipt for the second car. 8



Short Tacks

Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler, Vice Commodore

HURRAAAAY! By the time you read this, just about every LYSA boat with a slip will be resting comfortably in it. Winter is over. Happy days are here again.

Speaking of boats in their slips, the water level will be fluctuating more than usual this year. Please check your boats often to make sure they're not trying to tear the boards off the docks.

The Red Cross First Aid/CPR training was cancelled due to lack of interest. I'm willing to reschedule if I have at least ten people who want to sign up. Let me know if you're one of the ten.

The two important events for May are our opening day on the 1st and the regatta on the 15th and 16th. Opening day is always a lot of fun. There will be a race at 4:30 (skippers will meet at 4:00), and a barbecue potluck after. LYSA will provide the meat. A campfire,

sailing stories of doubtful veracity, and maybe even a little music will round out the evening. Wes Unruh is the man to contact about the regatta. We really need club members, both as volunteers and racing participants, to help make the regatta successful. There will definitely be good food, and Jimmy Schriber's Band will provide great music.

If you haven't used the new barbecue yet, you need to get over to the clubhouse and experience it. Mike Streatly did an impeccable welding job on the grill. We now have a sprinkler system for the lawn, built by Craig Anderson and a crew of volunteers. The cost of the system will be deducted from next year's rent.

We have spring weather, boats on the water, a beautiful built-in barbecue, a green worry-free lawn, and two fun events coming up this month. What more do we need to have a good time? See you at the lake. 8

Opening Day at Lake Yosemite

Saturday, May 1st

- 4:00 Skippers Meeting
- 4:30 Fun Race
- 6:00 Potluck Dinner
- 7:00 Sunset Sail
- 8:00 Campfire Camaraderie
- 11:00 Camp Out

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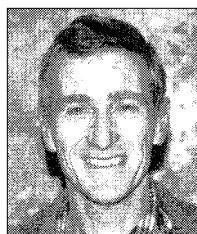
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Submissions

Submission deadline is the 18th of each month. Submit to Rob Glasgow via:

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Dock Talk

Steve Leonard, Port Captain

The dock maintenance season has ended. Though our plan to build new slips was stymied by a destroyed canal, the winter was productive. We replaced about sixty deck boards, installed GFI outlets, installed a water system on the first wing on the right, replaced three main supports under the main walkway, repaired a finger on the floating docks, and installed two fingers for the end ties on the left wings. Whew!

Tim Harden, Mike Streal, Bruce Fultz, Tom Cooke, Ken Rockholt, Amy Boehme, Dave Wilson, Wes Unruh, Bill Goldfoos, Dennis Wainwright, Chuck Rockholt, Jay Sousa, Tim Jantzen, and John Derby worked on the docks. There also was a crew that went up to Mid Pines and the County Yard to get the timbers for building the new slips. They were Mike Streal, Matt Loeffler, Tim Harden, Wes Unruh, Craig Anderson, Lee Andersen, and Thom Grimaldi. But, I must award the "Gold Star" to Mike Streal, Tim Harden, Bruce Fultz, and Tom Cooke. These guys showed almost every Saturday morning and worked very hard. I thank all of you for support-

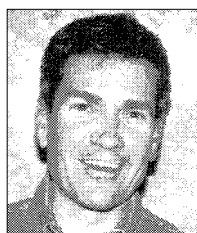
ing the club!

MID has informed us that from now on the lake level will vary more than what we have seen in the past. Please make sure you take this warning into account when setting your dock lines and check your boat often.

Your dock lines should be nylon three strand rope. Nylon stretches and therefore absorbs shock. It is also very abrasion resistant. You can get it at Home Depot and Orchard Supply. Boats to 27 feet can use 3/8s line. I highly recommend the use of snubbers on your dock lines. They absorb even more of the shock load that would be transmitted to the cleat on the dock and your boat. They also decrease the chance of your dock lines snapping.

Some boats have had too much slop in their dock lines allowing forward travel in their slips. The bows of these boats were hitting deck boards and destroying them. Please test your boat after you tie it up by vigorously pulling it forward. If the bow hits the dock or comes within a few inches of it, please re-tie it and consider using a spring line. If you have questions, ask me.

See you at the lake. 8



Crow's Nest

Wes Unruh, Past Commodore

As this newsletter goes to print we are only two weeks away from our annual regatta. Our spring regatta and our open house are the two big fundraisers we hold every year. As I ask for your help, please keep in mind that these events subsidize the extremely low cost of your membership and your sailing experience at Lake Yosemite.

This is what we ask of you to make

this event successful. First of all, please attend and race if possible. Please bring a raffle prize (even if you are not attending), we will solicit raffle prizes from local businesses for the Open House, but not the regatta. Also, we need all of our membership that will be having dinner on Saturday to bring a dessert.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer your time, please email me at unruly58@email.com or call me at 676-0373 — THANK YOU! 8

Volunteers needed for LYSA's Regatta, May 15-16.

Way-points

Ed Dietz, Cruising & Social Captain

LYSA's Spring Kick-Off is scheduled for the first Saturday in May (05-01). Come early, 4:00 PM, for a tune-up race prior to the official racing season, which starts Thursday, May 6, 2004. A pot luck dinner is set for 6:00 PM, members bring a side dish or dessert and LYSA will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, and dinnerware.

A third revision to our 2004 Social and Cruising Log is in this newsletter. The only change is the dates for the Monterey Bay Cruise — new dates are October 15-17, 2004.

You might want to cheer for Dwight Wigley and J.D. Van Wyhe at the Delta Ditch Run race on June 5. This race starts

in Richmond and ends at the Stockton Sailing Club. Look for Dwight and J.D. on their new "HOT" Merit 25.

Now is the time to plan for the High Sierra Regatta at Huntington Lake. Friday and Saturday nights (July 16-17) are always entertaining at the LYSA group's bonfire and potluck dinner.

Here are some phone numbers for the area: Lakeshore Resort and Marina (559)893-3193, Lakeview Cottages (562)697-6556, Rancheria Marina (559)893-3234, Tamarack Lodge (559)893-3244, Cedar Crest Resort (559)893-3233, Huntington Lake Condos (559)841-4000, and U.S. Forest Service Campgrounds (559)855-5360.

Don't forget the LYSA annual regatta scheduled for May 15-16, 2004. 8



On the Wind

Dee Near, Racing Captain

It's race time! The racing season begins Thursday, May 6 at 6:15 PM sharp — 6:15 skippers meeting, 6:30 first class start.

If you want to race your boat this season, you must have your racing application completed before 6:00 PM on May 6. Dave Mosher and I are setting up PHRF ratings for all the boats racing this year. Please try to fill out the form,

available in the clubhouse or in this newsletter, and get it to me. You can leave it in the envelope in the clubhouse marked "Racing Forms," give it to me, or mail it to 1004 Half Dome Court, Merced, CA 95340.

Course maps will be available race night. The course will not be changed from the year's past form, so if you still have one bring it with you.

Come to the Kick Off on Saturday May 1 to get ready for the fun. 8

Racing Clinic

Tuesday, May 18th
6:00 PM at the Clubhouse
Instructor: Dave Mosher

Topics to be covered include the relationship of balance and speed, boat preparation, and on the water technique. All racers, beginner and seasoned, will benefit from this clinic.

LYSA Cruising & Social Log

(Revision 04/30/04)

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

- 15-17 Monterey Bay Cruise (Moss Landing to Monterey)
- 23 End of Season and Halloween Party

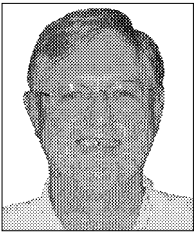
November

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December

- 04 Christmas Party
- 31 New Year's Party

Don't Forget to Complete the Enclosed Racing Form (required before you race)



For the Record

Rob Glasgow, Secretary

Board Minutes, 04/06/04

No minutes pro-

vided.

General Membership Minutes, 04/13/04

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice Commodore Brigitte. Board members present were Diane Sousa, Brigitte Loeffler, Steve Leonard, Katie Unruh, Ed Dietz, Dee Near, and Rob Glasgow.

Reports:

House Captain Katie – Invitations for the regatta have been mailed. Volunteers are needed for all areas. A band is scheduled to perform Saturday evening.

Cruising & Social Captain Ed – The revised cruise schedule (number three) was presented. Opening Day will be May 1.

Dock Captain Steve – The new racing buoys are in and ready to go for opening day. Steve is looking for some new seats for the committee boat.

Vice Commodore Brigitte – The Red Cross CPR training was cancelled. Not enough interest at this time. It may be looked at again in the summer.

Treasurer Diane – Reported Dock and General account balances.

Racing Captain Dee – Racing begins first Thursday in May. Everyone must

complete a boat questionnaire to establish your PHRF rating before you can race.

New Business:

John Derby is contacting the Sea Scouts organization to see if there is an interest in starting a program at Lake Yosemite.

The ice machine will be serviced before the regatta.

Old Business:

The sprinkler system is being installed thanks to Craig Anderson and other LYSA members.

For the Good of the Order:

The water level at the Lake may fluctuate more that it has in the past. Make sure you check your lines frequently and allow for the fluctuation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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

Classifieds

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Roomy cruiser with 6 foot plus head room, Honda 9.9 4-stroke, new interior cushions, cockpit cushions, enclosed head, galley, microwave, color TV, main sail and two head sails (80% and 135%). Great cruising boat! Berthed at Stockton Sailing Club on the Delta. Asking \$7,500.00. Contact Robert Schmidt at (209) 384-9167.

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1966 Varalay Snipe 03/04

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Flying Junior 03/04

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Next Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 11th
LYSA Clubhouse

6:30 PM Potluck Social

7:00 PM Meeting

Bring a dish to share and
your favorite beverage.

The Home Front

Katie Unruh, House Captain

The water's up and more boats are being launched every weekend. It's

looking like a sailing club again.

LYSA's Spring Kick-Off is May 1 and our Cruising and Social Captain Ed Dietz is planning an opening day event. Be sure to join us.

Also, the LYSA Regatta is just around the corner, May 15-16. Even if you don't

intend to race, there will be plenty of good food, great music, and fun for everyone. Don't hesitate to bring your family and friends.

I'd like to thank Craig Anderson for his persistence and hard work in coordinating efforts for the new sprinkler system for the yard. It's a great addition to the club. One less thing to worry about, as they say.

See you at the lake! 8

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LYSA Calendar of Events • May 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>LYSA Opening Day</i>
2	3	4 <i>Board Meeting 7:00PM</i>	5	6 <i>Series Race #1</i>	7	8
9 <i>Mother's Day</i>	10	11 <i>Membership Meeting 6:30PM</i>	12	13 <i>Series Race #2</i>	14	15 <i>LYSA Regatta Day 1</i>
16 <i>LYSA Regatta Day 2</i>	17	18 <i>Racing Clinic Newsletter Article Submission Deadline</i>	19	20 <i>Series Race #3</i>	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 <i>No Race</i>	28	29
30	<i>Memorial Day</i> 31					