

# Light Air

Monthly Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

March 2006



## From the Helm

*Tom Cooke, Commodore*

Great Job to all those who worked on our docks last month. Saturday, February 4th saw lots of work on the floating docks following the work put in on January 28th. Thanks to Jerry Rokes, Richard Paul, Jerry Johnson, Amy Boehme, Bruce Fultz, Mike Streatly, Marvin Heppner, and John Derby for all the hard work on the floating docks.

Tim Harden staked out several new slips on the westside for our biggest workday on Saturday the 11th. Our club's biggest work crew of the year put in the 42 pilings for all 16 of the planned new slips. Special thanks go out to Ron Johnston of Pacific Landscape for letting us use his bobcat to drill some of the holes; to Jerry Shannon who donated the four new floating dock poles; to Dennis Wainwright for bringing his tractor; to Tim Harden and Mike Streatly for putting this together and making it happen; and to the weather for cooperating by holding off on any significant rain for the last few weeks.

Everyone on this list can take pride in the work they contributed to get our new slips started: Craig Anderson; Lee Andersen; Amy Boehme; Charlie Brown; Ed Dietz; Bob Fagan; Scott Foster; Mike Fragulia; Bruce Fultz; Robert Glasgow; William Goggin; Billy Goldfoos; Thom Grimaldi; Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler; Steve Leonard; Richard Paul; Lewis Overton; Sam Randolph; Chuck and Ken Rockholt; Jerry Rokes; Frank Rybka; Robert Small; Jim Streatly; Eric Swensen; JD Van Wyhe; Herman Ward; Tony White; and Dave Wilson. You all did a wonderful job.

On Monday the 13th Steve Leonard, Mike Streatly, Dennis Wainwright, and Billy Goldfoos came out and worked to ready the pilings so that club members could put the timbers up on the new docks in our marina. This was accomplished by working continuously between February 16th and the 19th. Hopefully most of the work will be done by the time you receive this newsletter. Our club owes a great thanks to everybody who came out and worked. You all did a super job.

Sunday the 5th was also a great success. The weather was nice and about 45 people attended the Super Bowl party. Thanks to everyone who brought goodies. There was plenty of food for our feast. A special thanks to Joey Fultz for all the great food she prepared for the Super Bowl and for the great job she has done feeding our work crews each weekend. Thanks also to Brigitte who put on the children's games and bought prizes.

A special thanks also to Amy Boehme, Richard Paul, and his friend Connie for the beautiful job they have done replanting the beds around the club-

house and the garage. It looks terrific. Amy, Craig Anderson, and Richard have also done a lot of the prep work getting us ready to paint the clubhouse.

At the February 7th board meeting we adopted a policy for dealing with misconduct by club members. This policy will be posted in the clubhouse and printed elsewhere in this newsletter. Please take the time to read up on our new policy. This policy will be put to the membership at the April 11th meeting.

Don't forget to use your SHARES card at SaveMart. Every time you use your card our club gets 3%. There is no better deal to be had and it costs you nothing. To date only thirteen cards have been used. Please do your share and help out our club.

In April the lake will fill up again and we'll start another great sailing season. If the rest of the year is as good and as productive as the first two months have been, 2006 is going to be an awesome year. March 7th is our next board meeting and March 16th is our next general membership meeting.

See you on the lake. 8

## St. Patrick's Day Feast

Saturday, March 18 • 6:30 PM • Clubhouse

Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage

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## Crow's Nest

*Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler, Past Commodore*

Sailing season is just around the corner. Don't forget the Jack London

Square sailboat show in April; Ed Dietz would like to have some people bring their boats and stay for a few days. Sounds like fun. Also, this month is the three-day San Francisco Bay cruise. Call Ed for details.

The Boys and Girls Club will be joining LYSA for a few hours of sailing on June 17th. They were delighted to be invited again. We'll begin sailing at 12:00 and serve lunch at 2:00. About twenty kids showed up last year but we're planning for about thirty this year. Please let me know if you'll be able to volunteer your time.

As most of you know, a committee was appointed to draft rules of conduct for LYSA. We looked at the bylaws of other clubs, and based on what their rules were, we wrote some rules of our own. Though other clubs seem to take a very hard line on disruptive or threatening conduct, we decided to take a more moderate approach. We presented our draft to the board during February's meeting. It was passed to adopt the rules as a policy to go into effect immediately and to present them to the general membership for voting into our bylaws. The vote will be during the general membership meeting in April.

The committee thinks these rules are fair and easy to understand. They are not unnecessarily punitive or retroactive. Though we took a more moderate approach to consequences than some clubs, we followed the process for complaints that is generally used. Following is the new policy and proposed bylaw change. Please be present at the meeting in April so that your voice can be heard.

#### Section 1

The following definition of misconduct applies to the conduct of any member while at the club's Lake Yosemite facilities or while attending any club social or sailing event. Misconduct is defined as using abu-

sive language or acting in a threatening manner and conduct which brings discredit to the club or is contrary to the club's mission statement.

#### Section 2

Any LYSA member who witnesses or is a victim of misconduct may voice a complaint at a board meeting. Evidence of the misconduct may be presented at the time the complaint is brought before the board. Following the complaint, the member accused of misconduct shall have the opportunity to speak and present evidence in his or her defense.

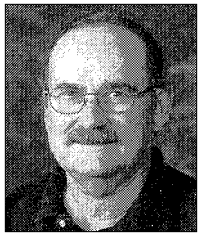
#### Section 3

Immediately after hearing the complaint and response, the board will recess and reconvene in a closed executive session to make a decision regarding the complaint. The board may decide on one of the following four options:

- A. Take no action.
- B. A verbal censure accompanied by a ninety-day probation period. If the censured member is accused of misconduct (following procedures outlined in Section 2) during the probationary period, and the board upholds the complaint, the member will automatically be expelled.
- C. A sixty-day suspension from the clubhouse and its surrounding facilities (excluding the use of the dock) and all club activities. The suspended member shall surrender his or her house key to the commodore for the sixty-day period.
- D. Expulsion from LYSA. An expelled member will never again be allowed into the club as a guest or member.

Before signing off, I'd like to thank the Schribers who have once again volunteered to provide music for the regatta. Also, thanks to Jerry Johnson who will be donating his time for promotion. See you at the lake. 8

**Please Review New Policy and Proposed Bylaw Change Above**



## On the Wind

*Jim Streatly, Racing Captain*

We have a race committee boat, a 17 ft. Boston Whaler powered by a 50 hp

Johnson sitting on a galvanized trailer. This boat was used by the City of San Jose as a patrol boat on Lake Cunningham. That means it has only been used in fresh water.

It's time to start thinking about racing. Here are some events you may like to participate in.

The 40th Annual Camellia Cup Regatta will be held this year on the second weekend of April (8-9) at Folsom Lake State Recreation Area (Brown's Ravine) east of Sacramento. Three races are planned for Saturday and two on Sunday. Look for the Notice of Race soon to be posted at [www.flyc.org](http://www.flyc.org) or email the Camellia Cup chairman at [john@poimiroo.com](mailto:john@poimiroo.com).

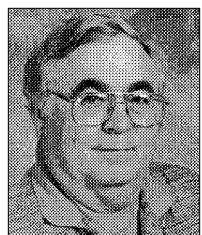
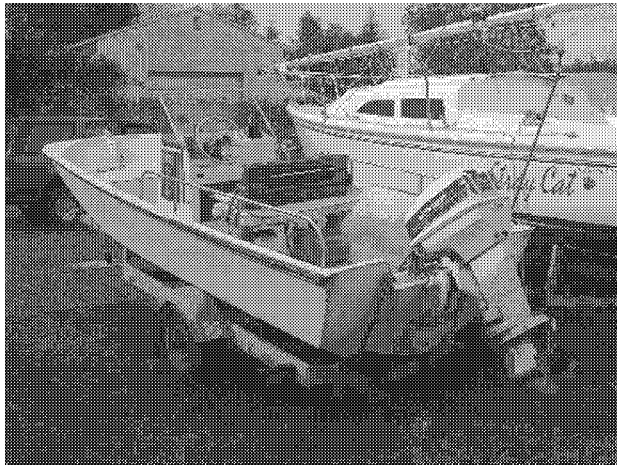
The LYSA regatta will be held May 19-21. Help is needed, contact Brigitte

Loeffler to volunteer.

This year will be the 53rd year of racing on beautiful Huntington Lake. The High Sierra Regatta spans two weekends, July 8-9 and July 15-16. The number of boats each weekend is limited by the Forest Service so it will be on a first come first served basis. The consistent winds and beautiful scenery attract sailors from all over the country.

LYSA's 18 week race series will start May 11th and end on September 7th.

"Wind is a good thing." 8



## Waypoints

*Bruce Fultz, Cruising & Social Captain*

The Super Bowl is over for real this time. Everyone had a great time.

The next event on the horizon is a St. Patrick's Day feast to be held on Saturday, March 18, 6:30 PM, at the clubhouse. We will charge \$10 per adult and \$5 per child to defray the cost of the main dishes which will be the traditional corned beef, cabbage, and potatoes. Members attending will be asked to provide hors d'oeuvres and bring their own beverages. If you are planning to attend, please let us know in advance so we know how much meat to procure.

Another note for club members, as

the social season begins please be aware that many times items placed in the freezer are planned for an upcoming event and are not "leftovers." In the near future, we may develop a marking system, since we hate to see true leftovers go to waste when they could be enjoyed by the grazers and scavengers in the membership.

There has been some talk of a "Dock Dedication" on opening day (May 7) with the usual barbecue and feast... more on that later.

The cruising calendar is available in the clubhouse, courtesy of Ed Dietz, and will be posted online. It looks like some great trips are planned. 8

## LYSA 2006 Social & Cruising

**March 10-12**

San Francisco Bay Cruise

**April 19-23**

Sailboat Expo at Jack London Square in Alameda (bring your boat, stay overnight, and sail the bay)

**May 07**

LYSA Spring Kick Off

**May 19-21**

LYSA Annual Regatta

**June 10**

Delta Ditch Run (Richmond to Stockton)

**June 24-25**

South Tower Race (Stockton to Golden Gate — Round Trip)

**July 7-9**

High Sierra Regatta Week One (Huntington Lake)

**July 14-16**

High Sierra Regatta Week Two (Huntington Lake)

**August 2-6**

Bay and Delta Cruise

**August 19**

LYSA Open House

**September 22-24**

Delta Cruise

**October 12-15**

Monterey Bay Cruise

**October 29**

LYSA End of Season & Halloween Party

**December 12**

LYSA Christmas Party

**December 31**

LYSA New Year's Party



## For the Record

Scott Foster,  
Secretary

### Board Minutes, 02/07/06

Meeting called to order 6:30 PM by Commodore Cooke. He requested that no alcohol be consumed during board meetings from now on. Minutes of January 10 meeting were read and amended to reflect that the previously mentioned math club visiting the facility is from Manteca, not Merced. M/S/P

#### Reports:

Commodore Tom – Contracts for the dry sailing space rentals are ready and after a final review by Ed Dietz will be printed.

Past Commodore Brigitte – Jim and Jeanie Schriber's band has asked to play for the Spring Regatta (no objections).

Vice Commodore Jerry – The meeting with Fresno Yacht Club went well. Wes Unruh wrote a letter from the club explaining our position regarding the Brass Waterpump weekend conflict with the Huntington Lake Regatta which was presented to FYC. All indications are that it is not an issue with them.

House Captain Craig – A house painting party will be scheduled soon.

Cruising and Social Ed Dietz (proxy for Bruce) – Five cruises are planned for this year. He presented a cruising log.

Dock Captain Tim – This weekend may be our last chance to get the docks built for several years due to future plans the county has with the canals.

Secretary Scott – SaveMart's SHARES program has been improving monthly. To date the club has earned almost \$250 in revenue from using the cards.

Racing Captain Jim – A 17' Boston Whaler was purchased for the race committee. It needs some work, but will be ready for the 2006 race series.

#### Old Business:

The rules of conduct committee presented written policy regarding conduct expected of members and visitors at the LYSA facility. Details of the proposal were discussed. Motion was made to accept committee recommendations as a policy

to be immediately enforced and to add as an amendment to the club bylaws after membership approval. The rules will be posted at the clubhouse, in the newsletter, and on the website for membership review. Discussion will be had at the March membership meeting and a vote will be held to adopt the measures as an amendment at the April membership meeting. M/S/P

Dan McVey presented a formal proposal with details for a mid-summer regatta to be held July 22-23. The plans were thorough and well presented. The board asked to have more detail on the initial cost outlay that will be needed from the club before approving it and finalizing the date for the event.

#### New Business:

Tim Harden requested that members be more conscious regarding leaving empty beer cans and refuse in the garage after use — and not to leave alcohol that could be available to minors. In addition, others noted that the UC Merced activity has increased the patrols made by law enforcement and there is a greater chance now of getting ticketed at the lake or on the road to it. Bottom line — if you drink at the club DO IT RESPONSIBLY!

Motion was made to approve expenditure of \$100 to maintain membership in the US Sailing Association which is stated on our membership cards. M/S/P

Brigitte indicated she will again approach the Boys and Girls club to see if they would like to participate in a "Day of Sailing", as was sponsored last year.

Craig has put out a Request For Bid

to put up signs around the club and at the docks.

#### Good of the Order:

Thanks to Guy Near for donating a burgee he received from the Lahaina Yacht Club of Hawaii.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

### Membership Minutes, 02/14/06

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM by Commodore Cooke. Minutes of February 7 board meeting were read and accepted.

Brigitte needs more help planning the regatta. Please call her if you can donate your time.

Steve Leonard asked the board and membership to consider requiring each club member to promise to donate time to club activities in lieu of a surcharge to membership dues. The idea is to charge additional dues if members decline to actively help the club. This is an approach to easing the burden that seems to always fall on the shoulders of a few members.

Steve also requested a more in depth review of racing rules regarding use of spinnakers and perhaps splitting races up for those with and without, as practiced by other clubs.

Craig suggested we charge a small fee to those who participate in the weekly races. He and others also discussed charging a token fee for food when the club provides the main dish.

Meeting Adjourned 7:30 PM.

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



## Dollars & Cents

Amy Boehme, Treasurer

Membership dues are payable by March 1st (post-marked). If I have not received your dues payment (\$75.00) in time for the next newsletter you will not get one. Please hurry and send in your dues so you don't miss the newsletter. If you are not planning to renew this year, please return the invoice with a note on it saying so... and return your key as well.

You may also email me at amyboehme@sbcglobal.net. If you are planning to race, your dues must be current before the first race in order for you to accumulate points.

Slip fees are due (postmarked) March 31, 2006. If your fees are not in on time YOU WILL LOSE YOUR SLIP. If you are not able to locate your invoice, please call me at (209) 726-9137 and leave a message. 8

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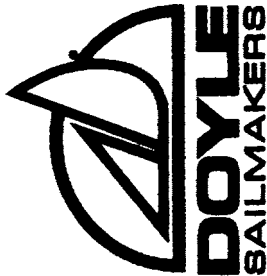
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## Upcoming Events

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**March 07**

Board Meeting

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**March 10-12**

San Francisco Bay Cruise

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**March 14**

General Membership Meeting and Potluck — 6:30 PM

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**April 04**

Board Meeting

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**April 11**

General Membership Meeting and Potluck — 6:30 PM

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**April 19-23**

Sailboat Show at Jack London Square in Alameda

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