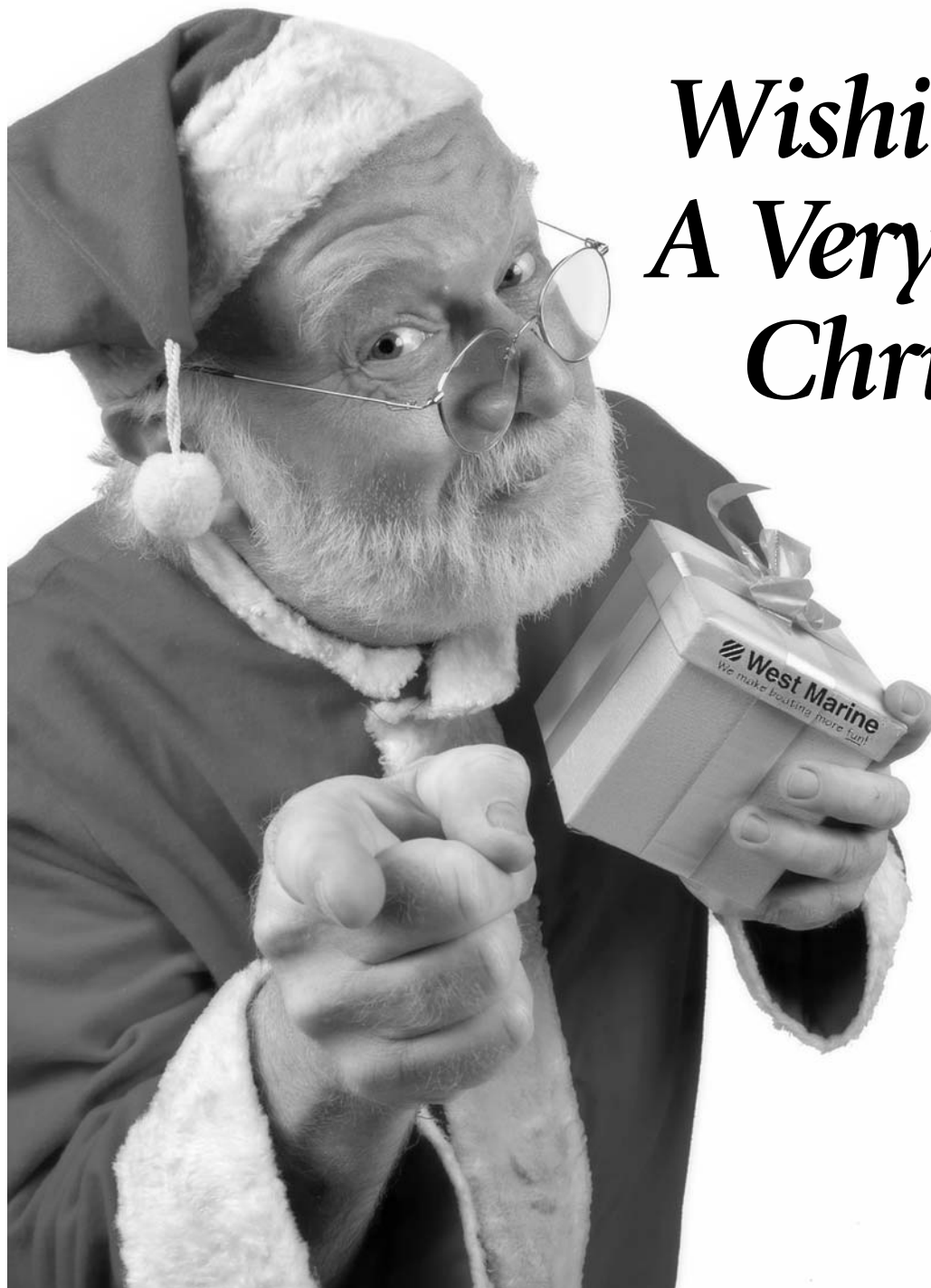


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Monthly Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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*May All
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Of The Season
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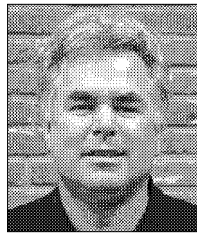
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From the Helm

Jerry Johnson, Commodore

Merry Christmas everyone! I hope each and everyone from LYSA

has the merriest Christmas ever.

The new board for next year looks to be a good one, I hope everyone embraces them and gives them a hand when needed. Our Club is only as good as our members, so let's all stand together and make LYSA something to be proud of.

I've had an interesting year as your commodore and appreciate all who helped during this past year. LYSA had some pretty nice accomplishments this past year as well — we started a junior sailing program, got a new race platform and dock work, the committee boat

cleaned up with our name on it, extension of our patio, and some pretty darn nice parties — just to name a few things! We all owe a huge thank you to all who participated in these and other accomplishments.

Please do not forget the tee-shirt contest, your drawing could be on the back of our 2008 shirts. The winner will receive a dinner for two at a Merced restaurant of your choice.

The Christmas Party promises to be a great event with fantastic food and a gift exchange for those who want to participate. The party is in lieu of our Tuesday general meeting on December 11th. I hope to see all of you there.

See you at the lake. 8



Short Tacks

Mike Streatly, Vice Commodore

Wow! It's hard to believe that December is upon us already. For those of

you counting, there are only 135 days (give or take a couple) until we can put our boats back in the water. Until then we'll just have to find other things to do.

On tap this month is the Christmas party (11th). What a great opportunity for members who don't come to many events to get out and mingle. This year's party promises to be a laid back affair with plenty of great food and friends. Check elsewhere in this newsletter for all the particulars for the party.

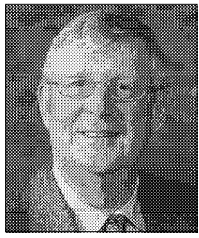
Recently we had a small dock work day. We removed a lot of rotting lines

and fire hose from the docks, as well as identified some of the more pressing repairs that need to be done this year. In the coming months you will be called on to help in some capacity. I know it seems like we are always asking for help, but remember that when the membership does the labor on the house and docks, we don't have to hire outside workers. The result, your dues are lower than clubs without a clubhouse or docks.

On a different note, we recently added a discussion forum to the club website. The forum will be good place for members to converse and also to keep up to date between newsletters. Log on and check it out.

Until next time. 8

DO NOT feed the raccoons! Please empty the garbage cans into the dumpster before you leave — they will tip over cans looking for food.



Crow's Nest

Tom Cooke, Past Commodore

As this year comes to an end, I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year's regatta and open house a success. During 2007 our membership grew to around 110 families and thanks to Jay Sousa we began a successful junior sailing program. Each of the following members contributed in no small way to LYSA: Lee Andersen, Craig and Megan Anderson, Chris Betts, Amy Boehme, Tom Bryan, Richard Carlson, Ian and Nancy Cooke, Gary Davis, John and Kathy Derby, Ed and Jill Dietz, Bob Fagan, Scott Foster and Chris Ward, Mike and Ida Fragulia, Bruce and Joey Fultz, Robert Glasgow, Ed Green, Thom and Karen Grimaldi, Rachel Hadley, Tim and Debbie Harden, Marvin Heppner, Tim Jantzen, Jerry and Suzanne Johnson, Rich Kleitman, Steve Leonard, Chris Miller, Guy and Dee Near, Matt and Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler, Debora Neves, Lewis Overton, Tim Packwood, Jeff and Denise Palsgaard, Richard Paul, Garth Pecchenino, Chuck Rockholt, Ken Rockholt, Delbert Rokes, Frank and Linda Rybka, Robert and Sharon Schmidt, Jimmy and Jeanne Schriber,

Robert Small, Jay and Diane Sousa, Ron Stapp, Jim Streatly, Mike and Sherry Streatly, Wes Unruh, Dennis and Chrissy Wainwright, Nadene Walker, Dwight Wigley, and Dave and Sonia Willson. I also want to thank non members Jim Powell and Brian Haskins for their help on the open house this year. I put that at about 45% of our membership being actively involved in helping our club, which by all accounts shows an excellent commitment to LYSA by its membership (I apologize in advance if I inadvertently left anyone's name off the list).

Over the next several months we will be doing extensive work on the docks and our clubhouse. I hope that we can count on all of our members to step up and help out on these projects.

Several club members have expressed interest in racing our Lidos on New Year's Day at the lake. See Bruce's column for our menu. Please come on out and watch or race in our Frostbite Regatta. Hopefully we will have the TV available by that time.

Please make plans to attend our Christmas Party on the 11th of December out at Fish and Game. It should be great fun. Hope to see you out there. 8



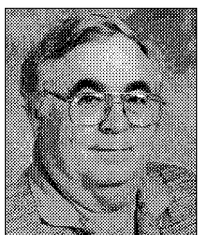
Dock Talk

Tim Harden, Port Captain

I would like to thank all of the members who have supported me as dock captain for the last three years. We have accomplished a great deal. I would like to ask that you give as much or more support to our new Dock Captain Richard Carlson. There is still a great deal of work to do and we can get it done if the membership pitches in. Again, thank you. 8

Notice

Please RSVP the Christmas Party if you are attending or if you are not. The club does not want to turn anyone away for lack of food nor do we want to waste club money buying too much. Knowing how many will attend makes life easier for those volunteering their time to make the affair a good one. Send in the RSVP card, or call or email Bruce Fultz, Steve Leonard, or Jerry Johnson. The phone numbers are on page two. Set up starts around noon on the 11th. We cheerfully welcome help!



Waypoints

Bruce Fultz, Cruising & Social Captain

Don't forget our final event of the year, the annual Christmas party, which will be held at the Lake Yosemite Fish and Game Building. This year's menu will include the roast prime rib so roundly praised at last year's event, green salad and sides, with hors d'oeuvres provided by the attendees. The date is Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 to 9:30 PM. We are still looking for a few volunteers to help with set up and clean up as well as decorating in a Christmas theme. The previous volunteer group found that they were unable to assist as planned, so Joey and I may be a little short handed. We

will be at Fish and Game to begin set up and preparation at about noon on the eleventh, so if you can help, we would be pleased to have you.

Winter evenings at the clubhouse may be among the best times at LYSA. It's quite dark most nights when we arrive, and the night sounds fill the air. There are large flocks of water fowl settling down on the winter remnants of the lake, talking among themselves until something disturbs them, a coyote, an owl, a person, a chupacabra, who knows, then a rising cacophony of irritation, and finally relative quiet. The resident owls hoot and discuss the evening's dinner

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For the Record

Steve Leonard,
Secretary

Board Minutes, 11/06/07

Meeting called to order at 6:43 PM. Minutes read and approved.

Reports

Past Commodore Tom Cooke thanked every one that helped put on the End-of-Season Party. It was a great success.

House Captain Bill Goldfoos asked for volunteers to move boats in front of the garage and put the committee boat and Lidos in the garage. He said that all boats in dry storage must stay in compliance with the new guidelines of the rental agreement.

Dock Captain Tim Harden said that Eagle Scouts were looking for a project to work on. He might have them work on the docks.

Treasurer Amy Boehme reported on the status of club accounts.

Old Business

Commodore Johnson said the big screen TV is now on a stand and visible from anywhere in the room. We need to get a satellite dish and a sound system for it. A motion was made to get a sound system for not more than \$300 (likely under \$200) and a satellite dish for not more than \$30 a month. The motion was seconded, discussed, and passed.

Vice Commodore Streatly stated that a prioritized list of dock projects will be made for the winter work season. He also asked about the status of our roof replacement. Commodore Johnson said the roof will be replaced after MID signs our new lease.

Secretary Leonard made a motion to put Richard Paul formally in charge of our recycle program. The motion was seconded, discussed, and passed.

New Business

Commodore Streatly said that Scott Foster had some cabinets that could be used in the garage. A motion was made, seconded, discussed, and passed to accept them. Mike also proposed that the club lock be placed on the back door of

the garage. This would facilitate the storage of barbecue grills, etc.. A motion was made to do so, seconded, discussed, and passed. The garage sliding doors will keep their special lock.

Commodore Johnson made a motion to buy a fire pit. The "wash tub" fire pit we are using radiates too much heat downward and will damage our concrete and grass areas. The motion was not seconded.

The board then began discussing the budget for next year. Essentially it was agreed that it is fiscally irresponsible to depend on an unpredictable source of income (fund raisers) to pay the club's basic operating expenses. It was agreed that dues should pay the club's basic operating expenses. It was also agreed that line items in the budget will be increased by 10% for next year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Membership Minutes, 11/13/07

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM. Minutes read and approved. House Capt. Goldfoos, Racing Capt. Anderson, and Treasurer Boehme absent. Treasurer Elect Diane Sousa stood in for Treasurer Boehme.

Reports

Dock Captain Tim Harden said November 17th is a dock work day. The goal is to clean up the docks and create a project list.

Cruising and Social Captain Bruce Fultz stated that the Christmas Party mailers with a RSVP card are going out. The main course is prime rib. The cost is \$5 a person, \$10 a couple, and \$15 a family. We need help to set up and clean up.

Commodore Johnson said that our new five year lease is being signed (it was officially signed a few days later). The new roof will be done as soon as possible. Richard Paul needs our support to make the recycling program work. If members put their recyclables in the proper cans it will generate a significant amount of money for the club.

Old Business

Dennis Wainwright gave the board the results of the club survey. Though the number of completed surveys was very disappointing, seventeen, valuable information was gathered. One item stood out. Almost all praised the new Junior Sailing program as a positive thing for

the club.

New Business

Jay Sousa proposed a week long club trip to La Paz during the late Feb through March period. A group or groups could charter a sailboat and cruise the beautiful islands just offshore. He guessed the cost would be about \$1,500 a person.

Tim Packwood said there is a family of raccoons around the club. They will come within a few feet of humans and tip over the garbage cans looking for food. DO NOT FEED THEM! Please empty the garbage cans into the dumpster before you leave.

Wes Unruh asked who is responsible for the park gates as they need some repair. Commodore Johnson said the park is. They used to repair them. But every time they got them in decent shape a drunk driver would smash them. The park just keeps them functional.

Tom Cooke said he would buy a fire pit and donate it to the club. After some discussion a motion was made to buy one not to exceed \$200. It was seconded, discussed, and passed.

As planned, the board put to the membership the proposal to make the dues \$120. There was much discussion. Briefly, the comments were that not enough notice was provided, not enough information was provided, and the budget figures were incorrect. The board responded that the proposal has been publicized for months, the information was available at all membership meetings, and that the budget numbers were put together by a professional accountant (Diane Sousa). A motion was made to make the dues \$120. It was seconded, there was no further discussion, and the motion passed 13 yes and 4 no.

For the Good of the Order

Tim Packwood said we should keep the back door closed as the raccoons were trying to get in during the meeting.

Past Commodore Tom Cooke thanked Dennis and Chrissy Wainwright for all the work they did to do the club survey.

Wes Unruh thanked Diane Sousa for the work she did on the club budget.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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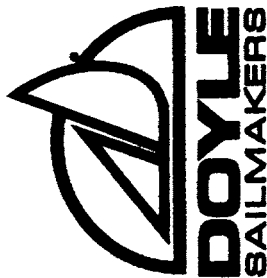
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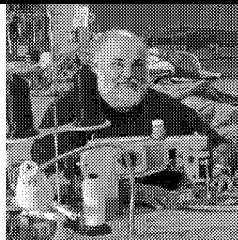
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Upcoming Events

December 04
Board Meeting

December 11
Christmas Party

January 08
Combined Board & Membership Meeting

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Waypoints

choices, and our family of raccoons carefully sneak around the yard, tipping over trash cans looking for snacks, looking up momentarily in the half light with their bandit masked faces at us as we ponder and discuss the vagaries of current politics, local gossip, and favorite family recipes. We never know who might stop in to join these ad-hoc social events, or where the evening's conversation may lead. Each evening has a different flavor. There is always a sense of mild

regret that more club members do not take advantage of this low key season at the lake. It's a safe and relaxing way to spend an evening out, and inexpensive.

This is my last article as cruise and social officer for the club, it has been an exciting two years. We're looking forward to helping Tom and Ian out as they collaborate during the coming year for house and events. I know they have some really great plans and ideas.

See you at the lake. 8