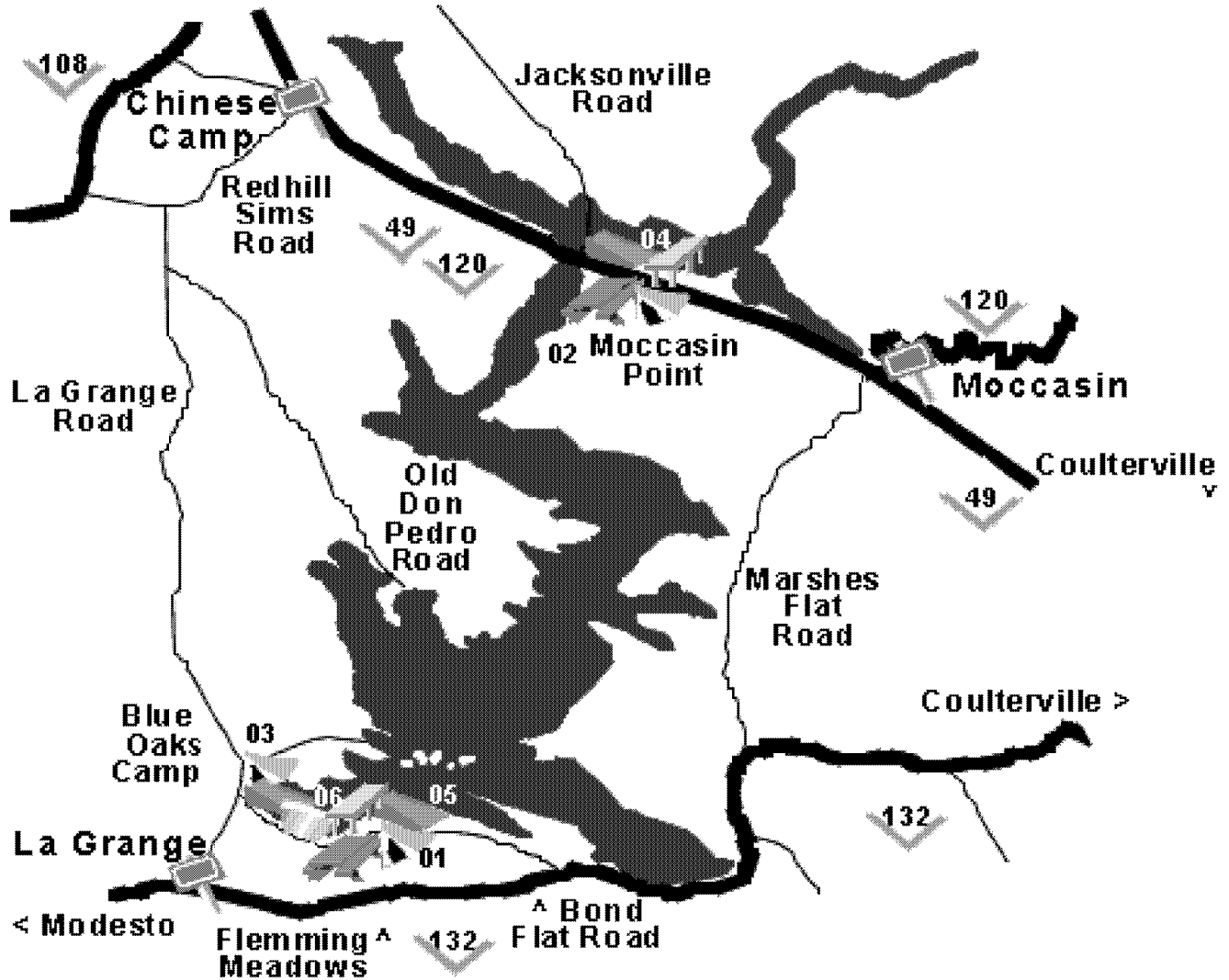


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Monthly Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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CENTRAL CALIFORNIA Don Pedro Lake



Get Those Bottoms Wet!

First cruise of the year is scheduled for April 4-6. See more details on page 2.

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From the Helm

Mike Streatly, Commodore

While it is true that you can have a boat, go out alone, sail around, and go home (and there is nothing wrong with that), you might just be missing out on something... the camaraderie that we have in LYSA. The camaraderie that we share within our club is truly one of the best things we have going. You can't go to the lake without seeing an example of it. We have many members who really have nothing else in common but the love of sailing. Yet we still sit together sharing stories and laughing, or work side by side hammering nails on the docks.

As in years past, there will be many opportunities this year for us to share in this camaraderie. We have already had a dock work day where many members showed up, pitched in, and made short work of a big project, all while having a good time. We must be doing something right, because this is how it is supposed to work.

We also plan to have many more social events, racing events, raft-ups, and barbecues this year. I encourage everyone to come out to as many of these events as they can, especially our newer members. It is a great way to make new

friends or become better friends. I'm sure you won't be disappointed.

On another topic, new to our website this year is a discussion forum. It was added on the suggestion of Randy Carpenter and results from our recent survey. For those of you not familiar with a forum, it is a place to post comments or questions, read other member's responses with any member being free to add comments to any discussion thread.

So far the forum has had a decent amount of use, with some useful information being posted as well as some good natured silliness. I think the forum will be a great place for our members to share information and to generally stay up to date on all things LYSA.

If you haven't already, feel free to register and post your thoughts or questions on any topic. There are dedicated areas for general discussion, technical, racing, and even a place to post pictures. Posts will not be edited, the only thing we ask is you keep the language clean and be respectful of others.

Feel free to email me if you have any questions regarding the forum or for any comments, suggestions, or contributions to our website.

Until next month. 8

Lake Don Pedro

Jay Sousa, Cruising & Social Committee

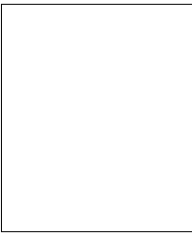
Attention all of you LYSA cruisers out there. It has been a long winter and now it is time to get those bottoms wet and **GO SAILING!** Our first cruise of the year is scheduled for April 4-6 at Lake Don Pedro. The plan is to trailer boats up late Friday afternoon, launch, and stay in the marina Friday night (sunset 7:10). Saturday after headaches, set sail for the weekend to parts unknown on big, beautiful Lake Don Pedro. Anchor for the night in one of the many coves and enjoy a potluck dinner, some music, and general cavorting under the stars. Set sail Sunday Morning for the

marina after breakfast.

I have been in touch with the Lake Don Pedro Sailing Club about joining forces with them for the weekend which would be a lot of fun. Don Pedro will be beautiful the first of April with the green hills and wildflowers not to mention some great sailing.

Please let me know no later than Monday March 31st if you are planing to go. Contact me at 617-1384 or jay.sousa@sbcglobal.net. Remember, no excuses not to go. Let's have a great turnout!

See you at Lake Don Pedro! 8



On the Wind

Ed Dietz, Racing Captain

Thanks to everyone who provided ideas and inputs for the 2008

Summer Racing Program at Lake Yosemite. Here is the plan as of today, which of course is subject to change.

RACING 2008 SCHEDULE

May 3 Saturday Opening Day Kickoff to include Fun Races

First Eight Week Session Schedule:

May 8 1st Race
May 15 2nd Race
May 22 3rd Race
May 29 4th Race
June 5 5th Race
June 12 6th Race
June 19 7th Race
June 26 8th Race

Second Eight Week Session Schedule:

July 3 1st Race
July 10 2nd Race
July 17 No Race Because of High Sierra Regatta
July 24 3rd Race
July 31 4th Race
August 7 5th Race

August 14 6th Race
August 21 7th Race
August 28 8th Race

Boat Classes (will be about the same as last year):

- Spinnakers
- Non-Spinnakers
- Catalina 22s
- Small Boats (no spinnakers, 17ft and under, called center board boats last year)

There will be one throw-out race for each eight week session. There will be two starts, spinnakers and then all the rest. However, we could have a third start if there is too large a number of boats in one start.

Other Racing Options (not firm at this time):

- Saturday and or Wednesday Evenings
- No Spinnakers
- No Official Scoring
- Handicaps Applied (maybe)
- Pursuit Races (slow boats first)

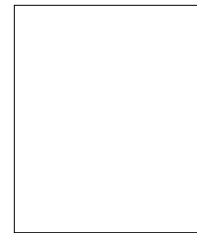
I will put a racing application in the April newsletter and also make them available at the clubhouse. A \$10.00 fee will be requested with application. 8



Crow's Nest

Jerry Johnson, Past Commodore

The 10th annual Regatta is coming up fast ! If there are any members interested in helping with the regatta please call me at (559) 776-9429. THANK YOU! 8



The Home Front

Ian Cooke, House Captain

Greetings sailors! At our last board meeting we discussed some procedures regarding requesting the clubhouse for individual parties or events. If you would like to reserve the clubhouse during the year, please contact me to confirm the availability of the house. Simply writing your name on the calendar will not guarantee the use of the clubhouse. I will do my best to keep the calendar updated so that members can see which dates are still available.

I am also looking for any volunteers that would like to help fix up the inside of the clubhouse. There are a few things that need to be done this year, such as repairing the front door and constructing shelving for the office, any help would be greatly appreciated.

See you at the lake. 8

St. Patrick's Day Party
Saturday, March 15th
JOIN US!



Waypoints

Tom Cooke, Cruising & Social Captain

After steady rain in January and a short break for part of February it is

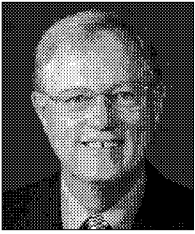
looking good for a long sailing season. Hopefully, the water will be in by early April for spring sailing.

Dock work began on February 16th. It was a short but productive work day. Our work crew cut up much of the framing for the new floating docks and stacked it inside for safekeeping. Thanks to Dave Aleman, Terry Allen, Amy Boehme, Mike Fragulia, Bruce Fultz, Bill Goldfoos, Debora Neves, Rich Kleitman, Chuck Rockholt, Dennis

Wainwright, Tim Harden, and Mike Strealy for showing up and making a contribution.

Don't forget to come to our Saint Patrick's Day Party at the lake. We will provide the food and soft drinks for only \$5.00 per person. Members may bring an appetizer if they wish and of course their favorite beverage. Please make plans to be there around 3:30 PM and enjoy an afternoon and evening with your friends. Dinner will be served between 5:00 and 6:00 PM. Daylight Savings Time will have begun so we will have sunlight until well after 7:00 PM.

See you at the lake. 8



For the Record

Rob Glasgow, Secretary

Board Meeting

Minutes —

February 5, 2008

Meeting called

to order at 6:45 PM. All officers in attendance. Minutes from the last combined meeting were approved.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer Diane reported the bank balances. She also reported she had resolved an outstanding issue with the IRS and as a result the \$1,100 penalty was waived.

Racing Captain Ed reported the Thursday night racing series will be conducted the same as last year. There will be a \$10 fee for all boats that participate. He also is planning some non-points fun races during the summer.

Cruising & Social Captain Tom reported a great time was had at the Super Bowl Party with 22 in attendance. Joey prepared the food. The St. Patrick's corned beef and cabbage dinner will be on March 15. Cost of the meal is \$5 per person.

Old Business:

The discussion of the house cleaning arrangements was continued from the January meeting. Ian was interested in terminating the current cleaning contract and perform the service herself. She feels the house needs additional cleaning in the summer months. A motion was made to terminate the current contract. That motion failed with Commodore Mike casting the deciding vote. During the discussion, several needed improvements to the house were presented including repair or replacing the front and back doors.

Discussed the need for a new roof. We have quotes but at this time don't have the money. Discussed setting up a roof fund. Will bring it up at the general meeting.

New Business:

Diane has updated new membership application forms. They are available at the house.

Dock Captain Richard presented options for the floating docks. They are falling apart and represent a safety issue. He stated the current supporting

floats are beyond repair and recommends replacement. An estimate of \$12,000 was received from the manufacturer. This would cover docks and fingers for the existing eight slips. No new slips are planned at this time. There would be an additional charge to dispose of the old materials. We currently have \$14,000 in the dock fund and expect another \$3,500 this year. A motion was made and passed to proceed with the purchase of the new docks. They will be installed prior to the season.

A new procedure for reserving the clubhouse for private parties will be put into place. In addition to placing your name on the calendar, reservations need to be confirmed with Ian Cooke.

The idea of charging for club events will be discussed at the general meeting.

M/S/P – Diane will set up two CD's for \$1,000 each to cover insurance deductible on the house and dock.

Past Commodore Jerry wants to look into purchasing a banner to display over G Street to advertise the Open House. He will look into the requirements of the city and the cost. Open House is June 21.

Jay is planning an Open House for the junior sailing program to help advertise the coming season. Tentative date is June 1.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

General Meeting Minutes

— February 12, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM. Minutes from the last board meeting were read.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer Diane reported the bank balances and that the current expenses were on target with the budget. All dues and slip fees are due by March 31. Members will be dropped and slip will be re-assigned after that date.

Dock Captain Richard – Lumber for the new floating docks will be received this week. The Scouts have completed refurbishing the launch ramp with the help of some of the club members. A collection jar to help pay for the materials was passed.

Join us for the next Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 11th

LYSA Clubhouse

6:30 PM Potluck Social

7:00 PM Meeting

*Bring a dish to share
and your favorite beverage.*

Junior Sailing Program Chair Jay reported the American Legion wants to sponsor a race series for junior sailors. There will be a perpetual trophy for the series winner. The format is still to be developed. A special junior program event will be held on June 1 to publicize the sail camps.

Past Commodore Jerry conducted a contest to choose the tee-shirt design for the Regatta. Many designs were presented and the members selected the winner.

Old Business:

The funds to replace the club roof should be available by midyear. At that time quotes will be solicited and the work will be completed by the fall.

Jerry will get a quote for a new clubhouse banner.

This year's social events will include both no-charge potluck events and special events that will have a minimal charge for those attending.

New Business:

A swamp cooler was offered to the club. The board will discuss at the next meeting.

Another attempt will be made to get the ice machine working.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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

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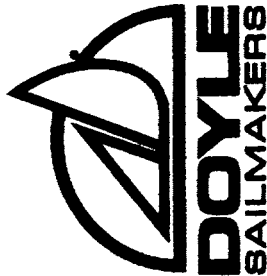
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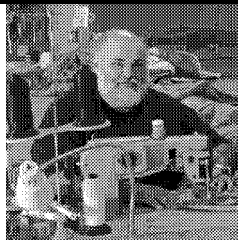
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Upcoming Events

March 04

Board Meeting

March 11

Membership Meeting

March 15

St. Patrick's Day Party

April 01

Board Meeting

April 04-06

Lake Don Pedro Cruise

April 08

Membership Meeting

Dollars & Cents

Diane Sousa, Treasurer

Don't forget that membership dues and slip fees are due by March

31, 2008. If your slip fee is not received by March 31st your slip will be re-assigned to the next person on the list. There are NO EXCEPTIONS. Also, this will be your last newsletter if your dues are not paid by the end of March. Mail your payments today to stay current. If

you are not planning on renewing your membership this year, please return your invoice with a note letting me know or you can also email me at dsousa@smithandstappcpas.com. Also, if you don't renew we will need your key back as well. If you can't find your invoice you can email or call me at 383-3955 during the day or 723-1832 in the evening.

See you at the lake. 8