

# Light Air

Monthly Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

September 2008

*The Sun is Setting  
on the 2008 Season  
at Lake Yosemite*



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## From the Helm

*Mike Streatly, Commodore*

Hi everyone! I don't have a lot to report this month. As our season is winding down, I'm sure everyone is aware of the issue we have with water at the house. It is a little inconvenient now, but it will be much better for the park after the project is complete.

As I mentioned last month, I hope we can get some more members to step up to the plate and run for a board position. It is not mandatory, but if you are planning on running, please prepare a candidacy statement for publication in the newsletter — email them to Rob Glasgow by the 18th of September.

Also, on Saturday, September 20th from 9:00 AM until noon, member Jim Greenwood has organized a Coastal Cleanup day. The check in and host site will be our clubhouse at Lake Yosemite. The goal is to clean up the watershed side of Lake Yosemite including the

levee. LYSA members are encouraged to participate in one of the largest volunteer events in California. Their concept is that pollution starts upstream. Entrance to the park will be free for volunteers. Make plans to come out for this worthwhile event.

If you haven't been following the plans for the new roof, we are in the process of obtaining the materials and moving forward with plans for the installation. We will most likely have more information on it at the next meeting.

And one final thought for this month. We have many members in our club with many differing views and opinions. For our club to function properly, we have to remember to respect others, even if we don't agree with them. For the most part we do a good job with this, but sometimes we just need a little reminder.

That's all for now. See you at the lake! 8

## On the Wind

*Ed Dietz, Racing Captain*

The racing season will have ended as you read this... two eight week sessions. Awards will be presented at the LYSA End of Season and Halloween Party on October 25th, 2008.

I missed not racing myself, but found it is actually fun to be on the Race Committee dock each week. We usually

had 8 to 12 people on the dock scoring, timing, holding the flags, and offering stories and levity while twenty or so sailboats were competing on the lake.

But you will need a new racing captain next year because I plan to be sailing. Elections will be held at the October 25th party. Any nominees? Speak up now and start campaigning.

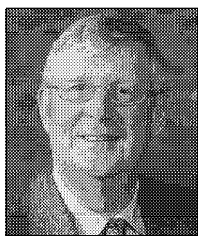
Happy wakes to you. 8

## Dollars & Cents

*Diane Sousa, Treasurer*

Just another reminder to use the Raley's and Save Mart Grocery Rebate Programs. Save Mart has updated

the SHARES system and it is now very quick and easy. So if you haven't been using it, now would be a great time to start. Both programs are great for the club. 8



# Waypoints

*Tom Cooke, Cruising & Social Captain*

Racing season is now over and we were lucky to have good sailing conditions in August. Congratulations to all the winners. MID will likely drop the water in the lake sometime this month so please be prepared to remove your boats before the end of this month. Many thanks to Crissy and Dennis Wainwright for putting on their second End of Race Party on the 28th. It was well done. Thanks also to everyone else who helped out.

The big news is that the County of Merced has cut our water supply due to work on the new park sprinkler and water system. Many of us assumed that we were on an independent well. Alas, we were not, and we are likely to be without water and ice for some time. For the duration, the bathroom is off limits. Please do not use it. The County has positioned porta-potties near our club which are reasonably clean. They have also brought out the orange igloos of

water for us to drink. The County will also try to water the lawn while the system is off. Please plan to bring your own water and ice until we are back on track.

Since we have no water, we cannot clean any of the kitchen utensils or implements that we use. Please take home whatever dishes, bowls, or utensils you use, clean them and return them. Without water it is hard to keep the house clean. Please take steps to clean up any mess you make before you leave the lake.

Due to the loss of water, we have cancelled our Past Commodores Party. We still intend to have our Halloween party at the lake at the end of October. Hopefully we will have our water restored by then.

September is a beautiful month in the valley. Please take the time to come out and enjoy our last 30 days of sailing this year. Our board meets on the 2nd and our general membership meeting is on the 9th.

See you at the lake. 8

# Cruising with Ed & John

*Ed Dietz*

Contact us if you are interested in joining us for one or both of these cruises: Ed Dietz cell (209) 628-8249 or John French cell (209) 261-3695.

**Delta Cruise  
September 19-21**

*Itinerary:*

Friday 9-19 afternoon launch at Stockton, CA and overnight at Willow Berm Marina (916) 777-6313.

Saturday 9-20 overnight at Antioch Marina (925) 779-6957.

Sunday 9-21 pull out at Stockton  
**Monterey Bay Cruise**

**October 17-19**

*Itinerary:*

Friday 10-17 launch at Moss Landing and overnight at Monterey

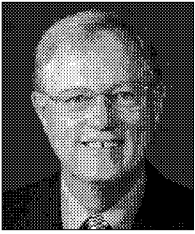
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Sunday 10-19 pull out at Moss Landing

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*LYSA members pictured at Fresno YC's 2008 High Sierra Regatta at Huntington Lake.*



# For the Record

*Rob Glasgow, Secretary*

## Board Meeting Minutes

— August 5, 2008

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM. All board members except Richard and Ed were present. Minutes from the last general meeting were read and approved.

### Reports:

Treasurer Diane reported bank balances. There are 99 members as of today. Two new families have joined the club as a result of their children attending Sail Camp.

Cruising and Social Captain Tom reported that the Special Olympics event was well attended and many club members helped. Our guests presented us with a scrapbook filled with great memories of the day.

Port Captain Richard reported three boats still don't have the proper stickers. The Commodore will notify the owners to correct the problems or remove their boats. This situation jeopardizes our relationship with the County.

House Captain Ian reported the front door replacement is almost complete thanks to Dennis Wainwright.

Past Commodore Jerry discussed canceling the Past Commodores party due to the potential water outage at the clubhouse. M/S/P to cancel.

Junior Sailing Chair Jay reported the Sail Fest was also cancelled due to potential water outage.

### Old Business:

Club handbook has been completed and will be distributed during the next week or so. Roof replacement was discussed again. Will get bids this week and make decision by mid month.

Various options for the committee boat were discussed. Jay offered Sail Camp funds to split cost of a "fairly new" motor with the club. A final decision was postponed until later this year.

Board agreed to complete the roof repair before addressing boat motor.

### New Business:

Tim Harden spoke to the Board about the latest newsletter. He felt the coverage of the Brass Water Pump party would be construed by other clubs as

competition to the High Sierra Regatta. He feels this may undermine the efforts to attract those clubs to participate in our own regatta. Much discussion resulted in no board action.

Ian discussed her frustration in trying to get members to clean up after private events. The Board discussed various options including a refundable deposit for private parties. This will be discussed at the next general membership meeting.

The County is in the process of updating the water system at the lake. This will result in the water to the clubhouse being shut off at some point. At this time we cannot predict when that will occur. The Board did agree that without water, it would not be practical to proceed with the club events at the house.

Commodore Mike emphasized the need to recruit members for the upcoming board elections.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM.

## General Meeting Minutes

— August 12, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM. Minutes from the last board meeting were approved.

### Reports:

Port Captain Richard reported we need to fix loose boards on the docks. The swim ladders need to be reinstalled. Discussed various dock options and the need for a long-term plan for the docks.

Cruising & Social Captain Tom reported raft-ups have not been very successful. Tom is considering a potluck on Saturdays. The water at the clubhouse has been shut off. Various options are being considered to keep the lawn green. The Catalina trip is cancelled.

# Join us for the next Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 9th

LYSA Clubhouse

6:30 PM Potluck Social

7:00 PM Meeting

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

Racing Captain Ed reported there are three races left. The club will have a dinner after the last race on August 28. Cost will be \$5 plus a side dish. Ed stated the race with the missing buoy will count.

Junior Sailing Chair Jay will be celebrating his 50th birthday with 50 holes of golf. He is looking for sponsors who will donate \$.50 a hole to the Sail Camp fund for every hole he is able to complete in one day.

### Old Business:

Still waiting for bids for the roof.

### New Business:

Discussed various ideas about a cleaning deposit for private parties. As a minimum, we need a contract that outlines the responsibilities of the parties. Scott will work with Ian to put together a list of duties. Ian will prepare a newsletter article about the issue.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM.

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

# Notice

During our August board meeting a member disrupted the proceedings. We as a board encourage everyone to come out and get involved with our club; however, as a board, we cannot tolerate any disruption. Our board members are volunteers and devote much of their free time to LYSA. The member was found in violation of our club rules and was placed on probation. Please remember to be polite and courteous to everyone while at LYSA.

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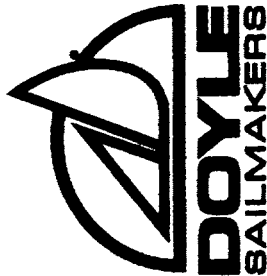
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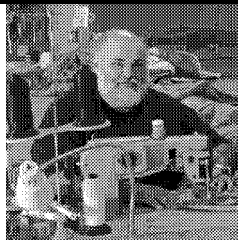
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## Upcoming Events

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**September 02**  
Board Meeting

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**September 09**  
Membership Meeting

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**September 19-21**  
Delta Cruise

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**September 20**  
Coastal Cleanup Day

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**October 06**  
Board Meeting

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**October 13**  
Membership Meeting

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**October 17-19**  
Monterey Bay Cruise

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**October 25**  
Elections and End of Season  
Halloween Party

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