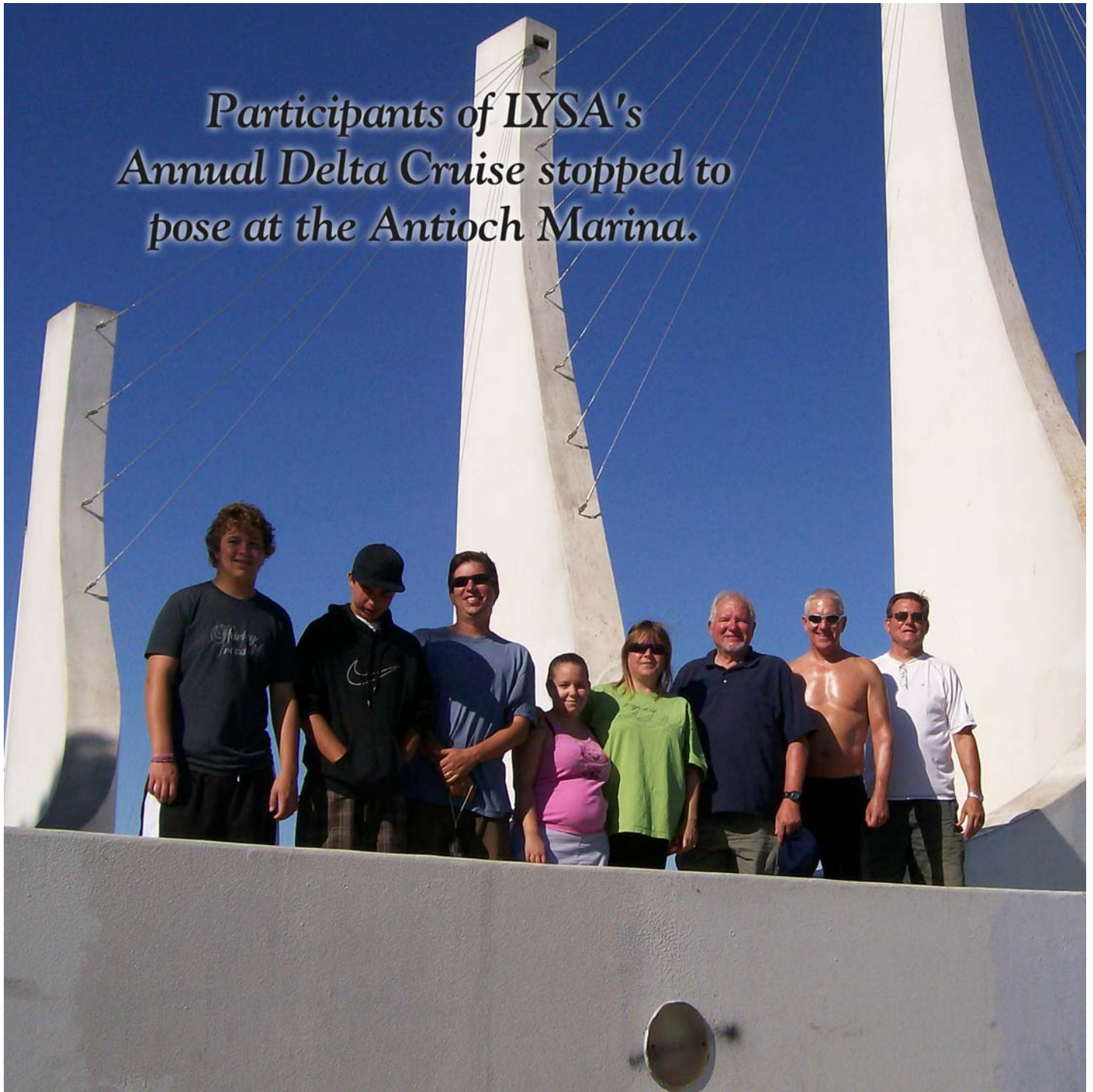


# Light Air

Monthly Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

October 2008

*Participants of LYSA's  
Annual Delta Cruise stopped to  
pose at the Antioch Marina.*



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## From the Helm

*Mike Streatly, Commodore*

Well this season flew by! As you read this all of the boats are off the water and the water level at the lake is down. I think it was the shortest season since I have been in the club. Let's all hope for a monster snow season this winter so all of the reservoirs can be filled to normal next year and we can get an extra month of sailing.

Also, as you read this, we should have a new roof on the clubhouse. The work was scheduled to begin on the 29th of September. It was through the hard work of our membership that we earned the extra money for this project. You all deserve a pat on the back.

Don't forget the End of Season Party on the 25th of October. It is also a Hal-

loween party so be sure and dress up. We will have awards for the racing season as well as our usual assortment of other awards. It will surely be a good time so mark it on your calendar now.

Not to be forgotten is the election of our new board. It will take place at the beginning of the End of Season Party. It's still not too late for you to consider a board position. I must sound like a broken record by now, but it is important to get involved with the operation of our club. It would also be great to see some newer members run for a board position. Don't be shy.

On a final note, don't forget that we still have board and membership meetings on the first and second Tuesdays of every month (even in the off season). Come out and join us. 8



## Short Tacks

*Debora Dietz-Neves, Vice Commodore*

This month I have the pleasure of introducing several new members and their families to you. We've attracted some really great people to our club and I look forward to getting to know them.

You may have already met Lynn and Mary McCullick as they've been out to the club on several occasions this summer. They are the owners of "Barbershop Lady", a 26' MacGregor. Lynn is a tennis coach and had a picnic out at the lake for his team a short while back. They're a friendly couple so please don't hesitate to introduce yourselves to them — they're the ones with the big smiles.

Larry and Roxanne Wilcoxon are also new members, owners of a Hobie 16. They are interested in getting involved in club social functions and activities, including leadership — maybe we can get them to run for office.

Lorraine Walsh and her two children, RJ and Shannon, have also joined this summer. They are also interested in cruising and socials so I look forward

to having them be a part of our fun. The Walsh's do not own a boat yet and are interested in crewing. Members, keep this in mind when you're needing crew.

Steve and Paige Castle are also a part of our new member group. Steve began sailing in San Diego while stationed there in the Navy. He and Paige have both crewed in races on San Diego Bay during the summer. They are looking forward to sailing with us in our races even though it's been a while since they've been on the water. That's the great thing about LYSA, we have a great lake for sailing on and a great bunch of sailors who encourage everyone to sail with us. I look forward to having Steve and Paige as part of our fleet.

I have a few more new members to introduce but I don't want to overwhelm everyone with a bunch of new names, so I'll save them for next month. As a reminder to the new members, we have our monthly membership meeting the second Tuesday of each month. It's a potluck and a great time to socialize and be introduced to the club. 8

## Your Vote Counts!

Annual Election of Officers at the End-of-Season Party  
on Saturday, October 25th — plan to be there!

### Statement of Candidacy

#### Scott Foster for Vice Commodore

Some judge the success of an organization with an eye toward its finances. In corporate America the mighty dollar is king and success is measured by the black in a profit and loss statement and by the green in the bank. By this test our club is highly successful. Our last report from the club treasurer stated bank balances at historic levels. But when it comes to a not-for profit organization, I personally believe that success should be judged not by the balance of the books but by the smiles on the faces of it's members and guests. In this respect I feel there is room for improvement. I also believe that when you truly care about the contentment of your membership, that with prudent common sense decision making, financial success is an inevitable result.

I have been an active member of the club since 2002. Since that time you would be hard pressed to find another member who has attended more board and membership meetings or club events. I care about this club and it's members. I was secretary for the 2005 and 2006 seasons and am intimate with the issues within the club, with it's finances, and with contracts and dealings with MID and Merced County.

Debora Dietz-Neves will be your Commodore next year. She asked me to run as her Vice Commodore and I am honored by her confidence in me. Deb and I have worked together on several projects in the past and we literally have a harmony when we work together. I am certain we will be able to bring that harmony into the new board and into the membership and workings.

As Vice Commodore and then as Commodore I will strive to achieve the following:

1) Streamline the process of getting things done by putting people in charge of tasks, giving them the authority to make independent decisions, insuring they have they resources to get the task done, and staying on top of scheduled progress.

2) Organize a membership development committee tasked to increase the number of membership families, reduce the number of membership losses, and personally address issues to improve the contentment of the general membership.

3) Develop long-term improvement plans for the clubhouse, the yard, garage, and docks.

4) Organize a committee to purchase and sell items with club logos such as hats, cups, polo shirts, and other nautical items. Display these items and improve the displays for racing trophies.

5) Be much more open and accepting of offers from members for club needs.

6) Set up a contact list of resources from club members.

There will be many more issues and club needs in the next few years. I am a man of action. With me at the helm you will see changes, not words. It's time to instill harmony back into this great club.

## Sail Camp

*Jay Sousa, Junior Sailing  
Program Chairman*

Our sailing season and Sail Camp have come to an end for 2008. It was a great second year for Sail Camp but now it is time to look forward to the 2009 season.

Some big changes are in store for Sail Camp year three. The biggest change is that I have announced to the LYSA Board that I will be stepping down after this year as Sail Camp Chairman. I have greatly enjoyed getting Sail Camp off the ground and running it the last two years. I am also very proud of LYSA for the support given to the camp. I have taken on a teaching position at Merced College in addition to my other job of running my photography studio. These are both big time commitments and I won't have the time needed to devote to Sail Camp. I will however stay on board in an advisory position.

My hope is that we can have Sail Camp run by a committee of four to five very committed club members to share the duties of running Sail Camp. If you are interested in joining this committee, please call me and I would be happy to discuss the details and time commitment involved. My hope is to have a committee in place by the end of the year. You can reach me by email at [jay.sousa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jay.sousa@sbcglobal.net) or by phone at 617-1384 or 383-1294. 8

## Did You Know?

A Mimosa is a cocktail-like drink composed of three parts champagne or other sparkling wine and two parts thoroughly chilled orange juice. It is traditionally served in a tall champagne flute with a morning brunch or to guests at weddings. The Mimosa was reportedly invented at the Ritz Hotel in Paris around 1925. In some places, it is traditional to use leftover, somewhat flat champagne from the night before to construct mimosas. 8

# On the Annual Delta Cruise Wind

*Ed Dietz, Racing Captain*

I would like to offer my personal thanks to everyone who was part of the 2008 Racing Committee. Whether it was once or many times, you were on the committee just by being there to help out. The racers were also great — friendly, courteous, feedback was positive, and criticism was constructive.

Summer racing is a big part of our sailing association at Lake Yosemite, and I believe our program, which has been fine tuned over the years, really works well.

Happy sails to you. 8

This years' Delta cruise will be hard to top! Winds were more favorable than previous excursions as a Pacific cold front dipped down from Northern California providing good breezes and comfortable temperatures. But for the lack of the Schmidt crew, the armada this year mimicked that of last year.

It started with a convoy of boats leaving Atwater and Merced Friday morning and landing at the Stockton Marina. John French and Scott Foster met up with Ed Dietz to rig boats and accumulate straggling crew members. John and crewmate, Craig Lambert, handled the MacGregor 26 *Pau Hana* with skill. Launching again from Buckley Cove this year, John and Craig

were able to avoid the killer water hyacinth that stranded them at the start of last years run. This time they were also able to complete the trip without grounding the craft and destroying the centerboard. Scott's crew included Christine Ward and her daughter Nicole. These girls really know how to handle exciting nautical action as Scott's boat always seems to have some minor, and sometimes major, calamity going on. Last year the *Rum Runner* snapped a keel cable. This year only a little water leakage was discovered and a minor engine problem cropped up at a most inopportune time — as the boat entered the Willow Berm marina. Ed Dietz skippered his MacGregor 26 *Madera Sunrise* with his son Gary. They met up with Gary's son Spencer and his friend Jacob in tow when they hit the Willow Berm Marina.

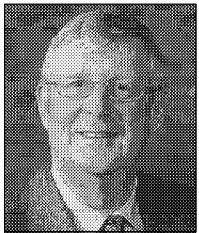
Winds were brisk on Friday and it would not have been too terribly tough to set sail and head up the San Joaquin, but knowing that the Willow Berm Marina closed at 5:00 put somewhat of a time constraint on us, so we opted to motor up this leg of the trip. The Armada was able to reach the Mokelumne river, turn past Pirates Lair, and dock at Willow with about 30 minutes to spare. On the way we savored scenic views, slumbering sea lions, boats, and some other interesting fare. Chris took some great pictures. Take a look on the club website.

One highlight of the trip was docking right next to one of the jewels on the delta. The 104' Westport Cruiser "*Flipper*" was docked right next to us. The massive and majestic craft was docked there for the week. Captain Rob filled us in on some of her specs (only a 6 foot draft!) and let us in on his secret "Pink Juice" he uses to keep her bristol shining. It is truly remarkable how he could maneuver that huge craft through the small river inlet (I was nervous just bringing a skinny, 26 footer through). This year our boats were provided inner moorings which are protected a bit more from wave action of passing boats. The berths at this marina are huge and

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## Waypoints

*Tom Cooke, Cruising & Social Captain*



September has come and gone. Not unexpectedly, MID gave us a very

short notice to start pulling our boats out by September 10th. By the 17th our club members were able to get almost all of the boats off the water. Thanks to everyone for responding so quickly.

John Derby celebrated his 72nd birthday with a party at the lake on September 13th which was well attended. The BBQ Pitt supplied the vittles which were excellent. Afterward, John promptly checked into a Fresno Hospital for a knee replacement. I have it on good authority that rehab is arduous and painful. Please send a card or drop a line to cheer him up. Along those lines, club member Ed Green is making a fine recovery from a lengthy illness. I, for one, am looking foreword to racing against Ed next year.

Our Halloween Party is set for Saturday the 25th of October. If the water has been turned on it will be at the club, if not, we will have the party at another location at the lake. We'll be serving ribs and chicken. Please bring a side dish or

an appetizer. Please also bring the beverage of your choice. We are looking for volunteers to clean up, cook, and help serve. We are also looking for someone to put together games for the kids and to judge costumes. If you are interested please contact me.

We will also be electing our new board. Please contact any board member if you are interested.

Our racing captain will be presenting the trophies to this season's winners. Ed Dietz and Matt Loeffler will also be presenting some special awards. This promises to be a fun filled night.

Also, please mark your calendars now for our Christmas Party on December 9th at the Fish and Came Building. We will be serving prime rib, rigatoni, salad, and bread. This year tickets will be ten dollars each to help us cover costs. Club members whose last names begin with A through P please bring a side dish or an appetizer. Members with last names beginning with Q through Z please bring a desert. We will need volunteers to help with setup, cleanup, decorations, cooking, and serving. Please contact me if you can help. 8

# Statement of Candidacy

## Bruce Fultz for House Captain

I am stepping forward to ask you to vote for me as the LYSA House Captain for this coming season. Joey and I will work as a team to maintain and improve the clubhouse and grounds throughout the year. As always, Joey will ensure that the clubhouse supplies and paper products are prudently supplied and maintained within budget constraints. Some of the things we would look forward to accomplishing in the coming year are:

Establish a priority list for repair and maintenance items for the club and grounds, including, but not limited too: refurbishing the lawn and flower beds when water is restored; replacing the halyards on the flagpole in front of the clubhouse so we can once again fly the National Ensign during club events; refacing and repairing the kitchen cabinets; painting the interior walls — I have already repaired the damages from electrical rewiring; sanding and re-vernishing living room; and installing shelving in the office for more organization.

I have given thought to the club usage and cleaning protocols and I believe that I have devised some procedures to make them more user friendly. Among other things, we need to make sure that appropriate cleaning materials are available to the cleaning service and club members using the club for private events, so that the club house can be maintained in an orderly fashion for the enjoyment of all club members.

If you have concerns that you would like me to address, please feel free to contact me either by email, telephone, or in person. Remember, our club is only as vital and viable as each individual member, so be sure to place your vote in the upcoming membership election. If you are unable to attend the General Membership meeting on October 25, make sure that you request an absentee voting form from a current board member, and return it prior to the meeting for your vote to count. Looking forward to seeing you at the lake.

# Cruising with Ed & John

Ed Dietz

Contact us if you are interested in the cruise to Monterey Bay: Ed Dietz cell (209) 628-8249 or John French cell (209) 261-3695.

## Monterey Bay Cruise

October 17-19, 2008

*Itinerary (subject to change at a moment's notice):*

### Friday 17th

- 11:00 AM – Set sail at Moss Landing.
- 3:00 PM – Arrive at Monterey Marina and stay two nights.
- 6:00 PM – Cocktails and dinner at Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club.

### Saturday 18th

- Day sail.
- 6:00 PM – Dinner in Monterey Marlynn American Grill (telephone 831-646-2002, east side of Lake El Estero on Camino Aguajito Road).

### Sunday 19th

- 10:30 AM – Set sail to Moss Landing.
- 2:30 PM – Arrive at Moss Landing.
- 3:30 PM – Dinner at Phil's Fish Market.

### Contact Information:

Harbor Master Monterey Marina

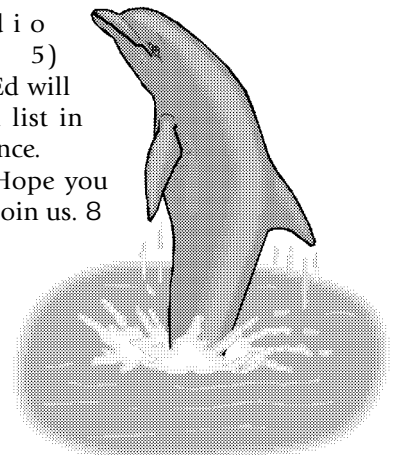
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Slip reservations only accepted from boats on the water by telephone or VHF

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advance.

Hope you  
will join us. 8



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## Annual Delta Cruise

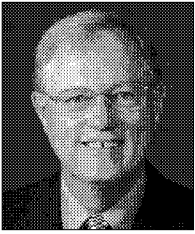
house some of the greatest power boats in the area. Walking around and ogling the extravagance is a fun past time there. The Willow Berm Marina is really a first class operation. The shower and bathroom facilities can't be beat. The club house is open to all tenants and guests and includes a lounge area with a big screen TV, kitchen, and a workout facility that would make Richard Simmons proud. The walk to the bathrooms still seemed daunting for some. The berthing fee of \$25 is easy to swallow considering it includes a continental breakfast of donuts, bagels, coffee, juice, Baileys Irish cream, and Champagne... can you say mimosa?

After berthing we wasted little time

sauntering to the Riverboat II Restaurant for dinner. The food was great, moderately priced, and with a front row view of the river... hard to beat.

Saturday morning we awoke to light winds in the marina and good breezes in the Delta that allowed for a great sail up to Antioch. Several of the armada reported some grounding in shallow waters, but with the ability to move the keels this was not a problem. Shooting under the Antioch bridge was exciting and the views of Mount Diablo at sunset were stunning. Coming into the marina we were greeted with a view of the "Nina" (a replica of the famous Columbus ship) and fanfare from a local wedding event. Again, our hungry crews were looking for good grub and we learned from a local sailor about a nearby restaurant that was an icon in the

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# For the Record

*Rob Glasgow, Secretary*

## Board Meeting Minutes

— September 2, 2008

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

### Officer Reports

Treasurer Diane reported bank balances. All accounts on budget. There are 100 members as of today. Tom and Betty Collins joined this month.

Cruising and Social Captain Tom gave thanks to the Wainwrights for organizing a great racing wrap-up party.

Junior Sailing Chair Jay reported next year, the Sail Camp will need to be reorganized. With his new job teaching at Merced College, he will not have time to run it as he has for the past two years. He suggests setting up a committee and has volunteered to be a member.

### Old Business

Due to the lack of water at the house, we may need to move the End-of-Season Party to one of the other lake facilities. M/S/P to negotiate a reduced rate for the rented facility if necessary.

### New Business

Diane will handle the dry storage rental this year since House Captain Ian is away at school.

Ed presented some new language for the handbook covering temporary docking of LYSA members' or guests' powerboats at the docks. The boats would only be allowed to tie up in vacant areas and only during daylight hours. The pros and cons of adding this to the handbook were discussed. The motion to add it did not receive a second and no further action was taken.

A reminder to all members. The lake rules state all boats must be off the water one hour after sundown.

Discussed the idea of going to an online newsletter and eliminating the printed issues. No decision was made.

Nominations for new officers are due by mid-September. Anyone interested in being on the board should contact one of the current board members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

## General Meeting Minutes

— September 9, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Vice Commodore Debbi. Minutes from the last board meeting were approved.

### Officer Reports

Port Captain Richard reported currently no projects are scheduled. This winter, we will need to repair some of the dock structure and replace and or re-nail deck boards. The lock on the dock gate has broken and a new one ordered. In the meantime, a chain and padlock will be used. Normal gate keys will open the padlock.

Racing Captain Ed reported awards will be presented at the October dinner. Trophies will be presented for the top three finishers in each division. The membership gave Ed and his crew many thanks for the racing season.

### Old Business

Scott Foster suggested the best time to purchase an outboard motor for the boat is either the fall or winter. He feels the board should authorize a committee to find a motor within a pre-approved amount. While most of the group felt it was a good idea, there currently aren't funds available.

Wes Unruh commented the Save Mart SHARES program would easily provide more than enough funds for a motor if only half of the membership would use this program while shopping at Save Mart. He said 50 families spending \$100 per week would yield \$15,000 to the club in one year. The new SHARES program is much easier to use. Just

# Join us for the next Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 13th

LYSA Clubhouse

6:30 PM Potluck Social

7:00 PM Meeting

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

present your card at the check out. Ask Diane for a card and start using it.

### New Business

Discussed the feelings of the membership about having an online newsletter only. The consensus was evenly divided. Debbi reminded everyone that articles for the newsletter are always welcome.

### For the Good of the Order

The Merced Irrigation District year-end party is coming up in a few weeks. Bruce Fultz suggested we give the house and yard a good cleaning since these are our landlords. He agreed to organize a group.

Chrissy Wainwright wanted to thank Wes Unruh and Rob Glasgow for the steak and chicken donations for the racing season wrap-up party.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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

# Dollars & Cents

*Diane Sousa, Treasurer*

I hope everyone had a great summer at the lake. Just to let everyone

know, burgees are always available for purchase at \$25.00. If you would like one you can see Joey Fultz when you are

out at the lake or contact me and we will make sure you receive a burgee.

Also, if anyone has any receipts for reimbursement for this year that have not been turned in, please do so immediately as the board will be working on the 2009 budget in November. 8

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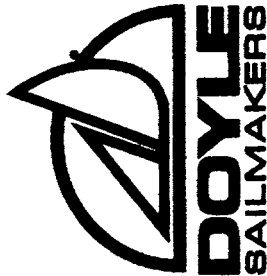
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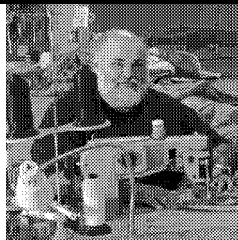
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## Upcoming Events

**October 06**  
Board Meeting

**October 13**  
Membership Meeting

**October 17-19**  
Monterey Bay Cruise

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

**November 04**  
Board Meeting

**November 11**  
Membership Meeting

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### Annual Delta Cruise

area. A short stroll to the "Riverview Lounge" provided another excellent dining opportunity right on the water. The menu included plenty of seafood options as well as steaks and other fare. Scott had to see if the Cioppino met his test and indeed found it to his liking, loaded with crab and other morsels of the sea. The small bowl was even too much to eat for a hungry sailor.

Italian Margarita's were a big hit at days end and a visit from an old salt who had sailed the world over was a real treat. The sailor was gracious enough to stick around for a few minutes and relate some great stories (more to come in next month's Light Air).

Sunday morning provided nice winds again for much of the trek back and we caught a favorable tidal current from Antioch almost to the Mokelumne, allowing us for some great reach sailing.

For those who are thinking about going on one of these cruises know that when the boats are rigged and unrigged there always seems to be plenty of help around to ease the task. Safety and loads of fun come in numbers too. If you don't have a boat or don't want to take yours just give the cruising captain a call. He or she can probably hook you up with a boat or crew if you need. It would really be great to get a few more members out on the water with us. Take a look at the pictures on the website and next year plan to take a few of your own. 8