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Monthly Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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## Frostbite Regatta 2009



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## From the Helm

*Debora Dietz-Neves, Commodore*

Welcome to 2009! What an interesting year 2008 was for all of us — many ups and downs. At the club, things seemed to roll right along and we had some great sails and social gatherings. I look forward to the coming year. We have an enthusiastic board with a lot of great ideas for the good of the club.

Last year saw some big improvements on the docks with the replacement of the old floating docks. This year we won't be quite so ambitious, but we'll be continuing to make needed improvements. We also got a new roof on the clubhouse — and did it under budget. I'd like to thank last year's board and all the members who volunteered to make these things happen. I'd also like

to thank the many members who helped make the club so fantastic to belong to. I hope we can carry this spirit with us through the coming year.

Our first club event of the year was the Frostbite Regatta and we had a great turnout. Despite the cold and the lack of wind, we had several sailors competing. The Wainwrights put together a spaghetti dinner and a warm atmosphere in the clubhouse to take the chill away. With a start like this, I think we're in for a great year.

We have some really great things planned — like bringing back "movie night" this summer, fun cruises, and the spring regatta, to name but a few. I look forward to the coming year, serving the club, and welcoming new members to the camaraderie that is LYSA. 8

## Waypoints

*Chrissy Wainwright, Cruising & Social Captain*

2009 started out great for LYSA with the annual Frostbite Regatta.

Thirty plus members attended, that includes the eleven racers. We have very devoted sailors in our club; they didn't mind the cold or getting wet for that matter. I would like to thank Dave and Sonia Willson for all of their help. Thanks to Matt Loeffler for making the trophies. I know the winners appreciated them. I would also like to thank everyone who helped with the setup and cleanup. As always, club member participation always makes these events run smoothly.

As we move closer to the sailing and racing season, I am making plans for club social events. I would like to have first of the month fun sails and or races and potlucks, bring back movie night, raft ups etc. In the past couple of years, we have not taken advantage of the opportunity to do these things. I would like to do whatever I can to encourage the members to take part and enjoy the lake

and the clubhouse. We have the best location in the county and we should all enjoy it. The impromptu get togethers are always a lot of fun. It's your clubhouse and it has a lake in front of it... could it get any better?

Dennis and I are in agreement about the use of the website Forum. It is the best place to get information and updates about the club. You can post your ideas and also enjoy a little one on one banter with other club members. We have several members who use it frequently; it would be nice to see some more interest in it. I would like to use it more this year to plan and organize events. Mike has done a great job putting our website together, so let's use it!

My goal this year is more CLUB MEMBER PARTICIPATION. I would like to encourage everyone to join in on the above mentioned activities. Let's not forget that our club puts on a great regatta as well as our annual fundraiser. I need your input. I welcome any thoughts you have that will make this season a better one. 8

# The Home Front

*Dennis Wainwright, House Captain*

Let me just say it is a pleasure to be 2009 house captain. As far as the house is concerned, it should be business as usual with not too many surprises. One thing has come to my attention, the house and garage has become a refuse for members clothing, furniture, and personal items. Therefore I have taken my time with the help of Craig Anderson and Bill Goldfoos to clean and organize the house with the garage soon to come. Most, if not all, personal items have been placed in a lost and found area in the office. It would be nice if everyone with "things" at the clubhouse would take the time to make sure that all personal items of value are taken home. The time limit for this is going to be 30 days, after which time, the "things" will be thrown out or sold to raise monies for the club.

I am a big fan of the LYSA Forum, so any comments, concerns, or questions can be brought to my attention in the form of a private message to me. I would like to encourage everyone

to use the website to help me to be better informed, as well as you the general membership to keep up on the current "happenings" at the club. The rule of letting the house captain know of private functions for reserving the house is still in effect, so please let's use this forum to stay organized and avoid double bookings of the house and yard.

I have a number of projects "in the works" if you have a project or any addition to our great club, let us all know on the FORUM so we can all hash it over and decide as to the best course of action. As to the matter of the dry storage in front of the club there is a rule that states all boats should be kept in sailable condition and not simply be covered with a plastic tarp. Most of the boats here are dirty and some are wide open, please take the time to check your boat and clean as needed as this is the first impression that we as a club make on anybody going to the lake.

The water or lack of it is soon to be resolved, be patient. Come to me if you have any questions. I am here to serve you, so let me know. 8



# Crow's Nest

*Mike Streatly,  
Past Commodore*

To me, 2008 absolutely flew by. As I have said before, it was a privilege to be your commodore for the last year. I plan on doing my best this year in the capacity of past commodore.

I have set Saturday, the 7th of February as the date for the first organizational meeting for our 2009 regatta. There will be much to discuss. Per a recent board decision, the regatta and open house will be managed by committee consisting of the entire current board, with the past commodore (yours truly) being chairman. This should make things run a little better as we will have members in place to serve the various functions without having the hassle and confusion of asking (begging) for volunteers. I want there to be no confusion... anyone wishing to volunteer is more than welcome.

Not too far after the regatta, will be the open house shrimp feed. This event is also a big undertaking. I think a meeting in March would be appropriate to get the ball rolling on it, so I'll keep you posted.

All of our members should really be looking forward to the upcoming year. We have a lot of "fresh meat" on our board with much enthusiasm. I know we have many great social events forthcoming and we just might see some new things coming with regard to our racing program. Keep up with everything attending meetings, using the newsletter, website, and website discussion forum. 8

# Frostbite Regatta

*Dave Willson*

The second LYSA Frostbite Regatta, held January 1, 2009, was thought to be a great success by all the sailors and revellers in attendance. Three race heats for the three Lido 14s were held, then the heart pounding championship fourth heat was run to determine the overall first, second, and third place sailors. Some say more wind would have been great, others got somewhat wet under the existing conditions.

Sailors who participated were Lee Andersen, Steve Eyberg, Tom Grimaldi, Billy Goldfoos, Tim Harden, Rich Kleitman, Junior Sail Camp Counselors Casey and Everett Loeffler and Tommy Lawler (aka "The Boys" all on one boat), Mike Streatly, and Dennis Wainwright.

The race results are as follows:

First Race – first Billy, second Rich, and third Tom;

Second Race – first Tim, second Mike, and third Lee;

Third Race – first Steve, second the boys, and third Dennis;

Championship – first Tim, second Steve, and third Billy.

The Club recognizes Chrissy and Dennis Wainwright for their incentive to run the regatta. Everybody's energy level was bolstered up by a delicious spaghetti luncheon, including salad and bread, and complementary wine, prepared by Chrissy and others, for about 35 of us. Thanks to Dennis for supplying the race committee boat.

I hope we can enjoy as good or even better regatta next year. 8

## Regatta Organizational Meeting

Saturday February 7th

2:00 PM

Plan to be there!

# On the Wind

*Dave Willson,  
Racing Captain*

We enjoyed a successful race season in 2008 guided by Ed Dietz. The season schedule was structured to start right after the LYSA sailing season kickoff weekend, then skip the Thursday before the fixed-keel High Sierra weekend (this year July 18-19), with a 16 race agenda. I would suggest we do the same for 2009. I would suggest three fleets again: spinnaker, non-spinnaker, and center-board with starting times about the same as last year. It has the benefit that most of the boats end up finishing at about the same time; a little hectic for the Race Committee, but exciting for the racers and observers.

There are some changes to our Racing Rules that take effect in 2009. I would like to have a few training sessions to review updates and reinforce some old familiar rules. More information on this to come.

Were all racers satisfied with the PHRF assignments used last year? I encourage your input so we can resolve any disagreements before the season starts. Again in 2009 all racers are strongly encouraged to resolve any protests on the water.

I know we all realize we share the Lake with some very competitive racers as well as the recreational racers. Whichever end of the spectrum each of us may find ourselves, we need to respect Rule 2: "A boat and her owner shall compete in compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play." 8

## Super Bowl PARTY

Sunday February 1st  
\$5.00 per person  
Bring a Side Dish

# For the Record

*Tim Packwood, Secretary*

Boy, it seems weird to write 2009. Happy New Year!

It was a very happy New Year for many members who came out for the Frostbite Regatta on New Year's Day. Dennis and Chrissy Wainwright organized a fine event and served great spaghetti. Dave and Sonia Willson were outstanding, creating some darn fine races with marginal conditions and keeping records straight. A lot of others contributed as well.

Rob Glasgow has been the LYSA Secretary for the past year, and he recorded great notes, reported with great compassion and humor. Some of you may remember that he was also Secretary in 2003. I wish he would stay, but he said, "oh, no", so here I am, Tim Packwood, LYSA Secretary.

### Board Meeting Minutes

The first board meeting for 2009 was held January 6th, with all board members present. Commodore Debbie started the meeting at 6:38 PM. December minutes were read and approved unchanged.

### Reports

Treasurer Diane gave a treasury report — it is that time for renewing our dues, so let's get them in on time.

Chrissy, Cruising and Social reports that the Frostbite Regatta was a great success, with 33 people showing up for racing, cold weather, dinner, and camaraderie. We will be having a Super Bowl Party at the clubhouse on February 1st (\$5 fee). The club will supply hamburgers, hotdogs, and the fixings and the rest is a potluck. So, members, bring a side dish, hors d'oeuvres, or dessert for the fun! Ed Dietz did such a great job as cruising chair last year and he has graciously agreed to assist in setting up some fun cruises for us this year.

Dennis, House Captain reported that he has begun a spring clean up in the clubhouse and appreciates all members helping to keep the place tidy. He asks that members keep the counters in the kitchen clean — don't let clutter accumulate! The spare fridge has been moved to the garage and will be used

for big events only. In the office is a box of "lost and Found". Dennis would like members to check this box regularly. He is planning a work day to do a full "spring clean" and will be asking for members to come out and help — we'll make it a fun barbecue as well. Dennis also sent a "shout out" to Bruce Fultz who fixed the broken toilet.

Chris, Dock Captain reported that he has a plan for dock work this spring and will be setting up work crews to see this happen. He reminds all members to keep their tags current and slip fees paid in a timely manner.

Mike, Past Commodore will be having a meeting on February 7th at 2:00 PM to plan for the spring regatta.

Jay, Junior Sailing is holding a meeting at his house on January 20th at 7:00 PM to discuss this year's Sail Camp. All interested parties please attend so we can plan a great camp. He is tentatively planning a "Sailfest" at the end of May as a fundraiser for junior sailing.

### Old Business

The boat motor committee provided estimates for the club boat and this was discussed. Jay will bring more information to the general meeting.

### New Business

A suggestion was brought to the board to use the recycling money to purchase a gas grill for the club. The recycling money that comes in is added to the general account and not kept aside for special projects. A new gas grill is an option that can be discussed, but money for the grill would come from "improvement" budget.

Lastly, it was decided to develop the February newsletter early, since the January newsletter was somehow forgotten (oops).

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Remember, sailing season is whenever there is a boat, a sailor, and any amount of water. Wind is desired, but not totally required. The sailors of the Frostbite demonstrated that.

Happy sailing!

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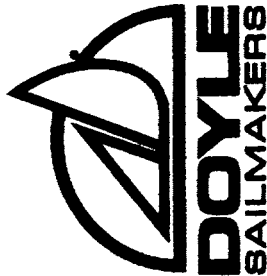
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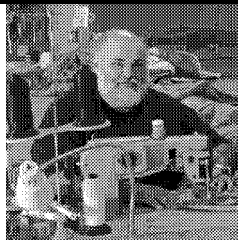
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## Upcoming Events

**February 01**  
Super Bowl Party

**February 03**  
Board Meeting

**February 07**  
Regatta Organizational Meeting

**February 10**  
Membership Meeting

**February 13-16**  
San Francisco Bay Cruise

## San Francisco Bay Cruise

*Ed Dietz, Cruising Committee*

Join me for a President's Day weekend cruise (Friday-Monday, February 13-16) on San Francisco Bay. We will overnight at one of the Alameda marinas. Please RSVP by Thursday, February

5th so I can setup marina reservations. You can contact me at any of the following: work 383-3233, cell 628-8249, or email [eddietz42@yahoo.com](mailto:eddietz42@yahoo.com).

Hope you can join us! 8

## Dollars & Cents

*Diane Sousa, Treasurer*

Hello. I hope everyone had a happy holiday season.

The invoices have been sent for club dues, wait list, and slips. If you haven't received your invoices by now, please let me know and I will get another one out. Please mail your payments to LYSA,

PO Box 3994, Merced CA 95344.

Also, I have received the new Save Mart Shares cards and Raley's cards. If anyone hasn't received their cards or needs replacement cards you can call (209) 383-3955 or email me at [dsousa@smithandstappcpas.com](mailto:dsousa@smithandstappcpas.com) and I will send you the cards.

See you at the lake. 8