

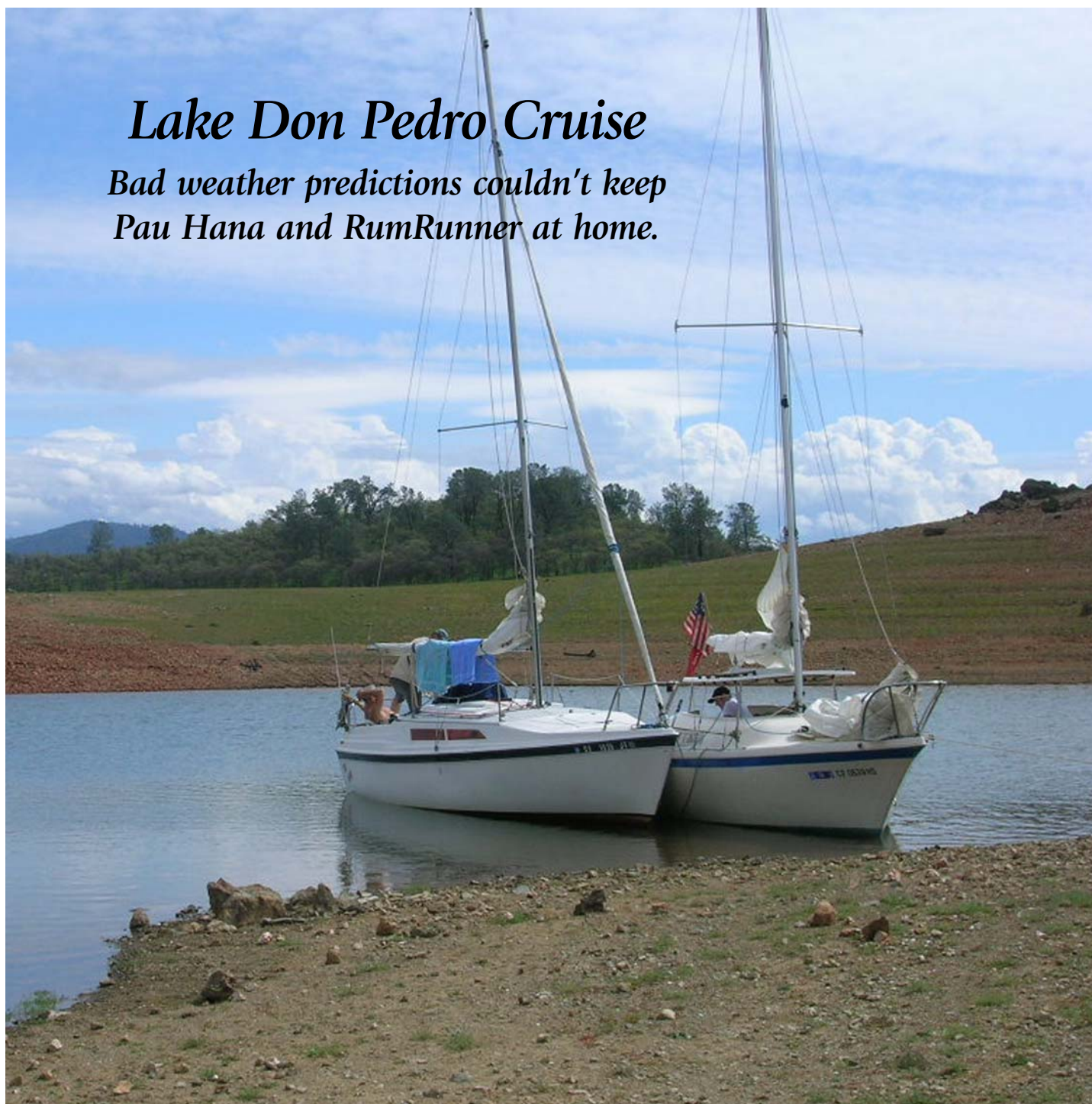
Light Air

Monthly Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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Lake Don Pedro Cruise

*Bad weather predictions couldn't keep
Pau Hana and RumRunner at home.*



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From the Helm

Debora Dietz-Neves, Commodore

Ahoy there LYSA members! Spring is here and the lake has filled with water. I'm excited about our sailing season (which is almost upon us) and all the fun events we have at the club.

This season, some of our members will be holding a couple of sailing clinics for both novice and experienced sailors to learn more about sailing or just refresh their memories on tips and techniques. Those clinic dates will be posted on the forum, so keep checking our website.

We've had many volunteers helping to spruce up the club and it really looks great. I want to remind our membership again that your participation in the club is really wanted — like attending the monthly general meetings and functions that we hold. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Through an oversight in preparing last month's newsletter, House Captain Dennis Wainwright's article was misplaced (probably my fault!), so I am adding it on here:

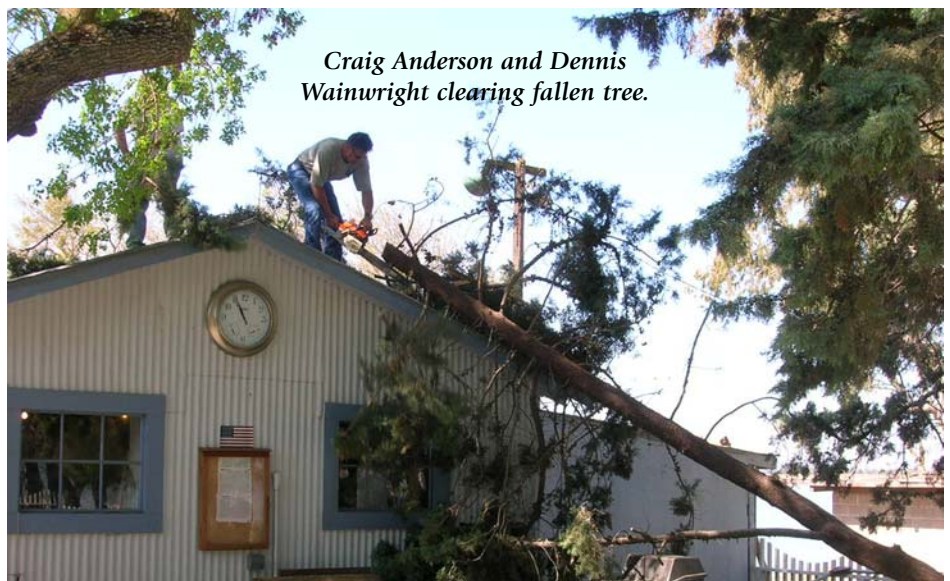
Well another month has gone by, and a busy one it was — at least for me. The first issue with the club this year was the break in of the garage. After fixing the hasp and special ordering a new

lock, I got it on the door the night before someone broke into the house. The good news is, nothing of value was taken from the house except a radio receiver that didn't work. I sure hope the thieves felt like dummies for taking a broken radio. There is a new window on the house (where the vandals broke in) and it really brings to light the water stains on the rest of them. This would be a good project for a spring cleaning day.

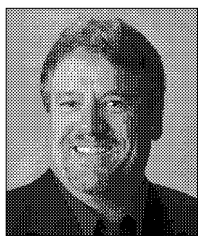
With two of the three junior sailing boats clean, I am on the downhill side of my volunteer special project. Hopefully I'll have enough time to clean the committee boat as well, before the new motor is installed by Vice Commodore Foster and his crew of helpers.

Speaking of helpers, this year's Regatta and Open House are two times when I will need volunteers to help with the various set-up, clean-up, etc. Please volunteer your time in an area that suits you and your talents best to make these memorable and enjoyable events for all that attend. Don't make the board call and beg for help as this is your club as well and everyone should be proud of it. Our club is a good one, let's all do our part to make it the BEST YEAR EVER.

If there is ever anything you feel is needed to make the house function better, don't hesitate to let me know via the forum or call me directly at 722-1947. 8



Craig Anderson and Dennis Wainwright clearing fallen tree.



Crow's Nest

Mike Streatly, Past Commodore

Hi everyone. The wait is almost over and we'll soon have our boats in the water. This should be another great year as LYSA has a busy year planned with many activities for everyone. Stay tuned to the newsletters and website for information on all the good stuff.

I'm sure everyone has heard by now that a few weeks ago we had some vandals do a little graffiti job on some of our boats. There was a great discussion on the forum with members letting others know what to use to get the graffiti off the boats. It was over a week until I could finally get to the lake to clean my boat. I drove out one Sunday morning

with cleaning products in hand, only to find that someone had already removed the graffiti from my boat. I asked who I should thank and was told that Gary Hogsten had sort of made it his project to clean up several boats at the last dock work day. Many thanks Gary and whoever else helped.

Lastly, we are in the process of planning our Annual Regatta to be held on May 16-17. I encourage everyone to participate in some capacity. For those not wishing to race, helpers are always welcome. Chrissy is also planning a great dinner that is open to everyone. There will also be a live band for your entertainment, so mark it on your calendar now! 8

Annual Don Pedro Cruise

Scott Foster

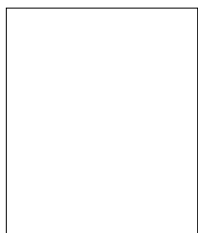
LYSA cruised Lake Don Pedro again and guess what, you missed it! I can say that with confidence because only two boats went this year. John French with Ed Dietz on the MacGregor 26 *Pau Hana*, and myself with David Behrmann (a newbie to the sailing world) on the Clipper Marine 26, *RumRunner*.

The weather predictions may have kept some of you at home. But for the most part the weather was good and the sailing was fantastic. We gathered at the lake on Friday and got the boats rigged quickly. After an easy launch we sauntered to the marina where there were plenty of spaces to berth. Winds were light and skies were clear. We decided to stay the night in the marina and treat ourselves to some New York strips and Trader Vic's dark rum. John's new gas fired barbecue grill worked like a charm. Throw in a few brews and some poker chips and the rest of the night was perfect.

We had a good night's rest and after a few Tylenol and some coffee we were ready to get going. Craig Lambert joined the crew of the *Pau Hana* and we set off for a great day of sailing and sun. The temperature was a perfect 75 degrees most of the day and winds were 10-20 knots. The tiny armada cruised the east leg of the lake and stopped at a small sand bar in a protected cove for lunch. That's the norm for these cruises... sail, eat, drink, take in some sun, be merry, and then start over. Craig threw in a few cigars and we just kicked back to enjoy the day.

Early weather reports forecasted rain that evening. Noting the shift of wind direction and clouds darkening from the south we headed south to a protected cove and nestled the boats in tight. Then again enjoyed another perfect evening of steaks, pasta, and poker and we hankered down waiting for the rain. Actually it was much lighter than expected. A few drizzles most of the night with a single hard burst around

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The Home Front

Dennis Wainwright, House Captain

Ahoy! Another month has gone by and with it the St. Patrick's Day celebration at the clubhouse which was a great time. Thank you to everyone who helped with the set-up, clean-up, and cooking.

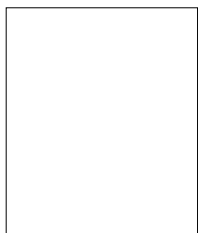
This last month, in order to hold the St. Patrick's Day dinner, we had to move the television into what was the office. In my humble opinion, I believe it would be better for all concerned to leave it there as this makes more room in our already cramped meeting area,

along with privacy for those who want to watch the television.

The new outboard motor is on the committee boat. We are waiting for just a couple more parts to finish the job.

Next job on my agenda is to clean and organize the garage to make it possible to work on boats or boat parts in there. If you have any suggestions to help, let me know in person or on the forum.

Summer sailing is almost here and I for one cannot wait! Let me know of any reservations for the clubhouse so I can put them on the calendar. 8



Dollars & Cents

Diane Sousa, Treasurer

Hi everyone, the sailing season will be here before we know it. Spring is just around the corner and it is time to get the boats out of storage and into the lake. While launching your boat it would be the perfect time to put on that

new and fresh burgee to show your club spirit. Contact me and I will make sure you have one when you need it. It is not too late to sign up to have your newsletter emailed and receive it sooner. And lastly, remember to use your Save Mart and Raley's grocery rebate cards. See you at the lake. 8

For the Record

Tim Packwood, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order on March 03, 2009 at 6:38 PM by commodore Debora Dietz-Neves. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Officer Reports

Treasurer Diane Sousa reported the current account balances for house, docks, and junior sailing. Currently there are 80 member dues paid. Slip fees are due by March 31. Currently 64 slips have been paid for and 24 slip fees are outstanding. If any changes in the by-laws are anticipated, they must be proposed and considered before November, which is when they must be approved by the general membership.

House Captain Dennis Wainwright announced that the work on the junior sailing boats is going well. Two are ready, and one is in progress. The clubhouse was broken into and a window was broken. The window has been replaced. The boats stored along the fence were tagged. Discussion on the forum about the cost of summer verses winter storage along the fence. Parks rep Peggy Vejar had an update on the Park's water (not the lake water). Stay tuned.

By invitation, Tom Cooke addressed the issue of the tagging. He commented upon the coordination of the Merced County Sheriff's department and the Merced Police Department.

Port Captain Chris Betts stated how impressed he was by the support that the dock committee has received (and added that Mike Streatly does a heck of a lot of work). They plan to add shut off valves for each water line and add hose hangars to keep things neat. The work is mostly done, just a few minor things left to do. Next item was the discussion of slip availability and transferability. There was a lot of discussion, as this involves many years of club history, our contract with the county, past practices, etc. Stay tuned, and come out to see what happens.

By invitation, Jay Sousa speaking for Junior Sailing reported several members

have offered to provide their small, back slips to moor the sail camp boats when necessary.

New Business

House Captain Dennis Wainwright reported that Parks rep Peggy Vejar suggested that it would be beneficial if the park people could identify LYSA members in the parking lots if there are cars locked in or other problems. Suggestions ranged from creating a sticker to be placed on the windshield next to the park sticker, to a dot next to the park sticker, to a tag to hang on the car's rear view mirror, such as a handicapped ID card or school ID. Discussion, concepts, and no conclusion.

Commodore Debora Dietz-Neves reported that Parks rep Peggy Vejar reported that Merced County Parks were willing to coordinate a day with LYSA to preregister LYSA boats, vehicles, etc. Park people would be here to handle everything. Discussion followed, leading to the conclusion that there is no way that one day could satisfy the varied interests and work and social schedules of all of our members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order on March 10, 2009 at 7:05 PM by Vice Commodore Scott Foster. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Junior Sailing Chairman Jay Sousa reported that the boats are looking good. There will be a meeting at his house on March 19 at 6:00 PM.

Cruising & Social Chrissy Wainwright reported that only five members were not on the internet. There was discussion about the cost of mailing the Light Air newsletter (\$1,700 a year) and the benefits of using the forum.

Vice Commodore Scott Foster commented on the mistletoe problem in our trees and the fact that some are dying.

Richard Kleitman announced an Eat, Learn & Race event for Sunday, May 31. For reservations call 383-1861. Agenda is lunch at 1:30 cost is \$5, at 2:30 Maintaining Balance the Key to Success presented by Dave Mosher, and at 4:00 a race — all boats welcome.

Richard Kleitman also announced a Special Olympics & Special Populations Day at LYSA on Saturday July 25 from 11:00 to 3:00. Lunch will be provided. Club members willing to take folks on their boats or help should contact Rich Kleitman at 383-1861.

Richard Paul announced a need to have CPR classes (and his willingness to conduct some). Jay Sousa and others agreed about the need.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

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

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Annual Don Pedro Cruise

5:00 AM. The spot we chose to anchor in was perfect and kept us well protected from the wind. Dave on the *RumRunner* discovered a leak in the roof (later revealing a screw hole that was not filled) and awoke a bit wet, but still in good spirits.

The *Pau Hana* decided to make it an early day and headed in to the marina mid morning, but noticing the great wind conditions and clearing skies the

RumRunner decided to get in some good sailing. Winds built to 20-25 knots. Rails in the water and long tacks is why we sail here! So we headed North to the end of the western leg of the lake. Just as we reached the end the lake we noticed a quick drop in temperature and dark clouds rolling in, so we decided to scudattle it back to the marina. Alas, we weren't fast enough to out run the clouds and a hail storm hit us on the way back. But, it was still exciting. First time I've ever seen hail hitting the deck and rolling off the sheets. It lasted only a short time though and the sun came out to dry us off before we even reached the marina. Great Day! 8

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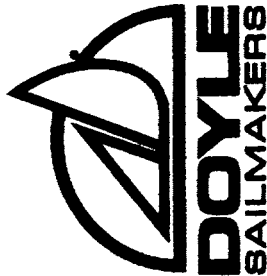
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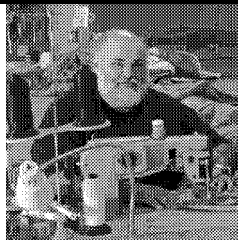
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Upcoming Events

April 07

Board Meeting

April 14

Membership Meeting

May 02

Spring Kick-Off of Sailing Season

May 05

Board Meeting

May 12

Membership Meeting

May 16-17

Annual Regatta

Waypoints

Chrissy Wainwright, Cruising & Social Captain

I want to start off by giving Craig Anderson a big "THANK YOU" for

preparing the St. Patrick's dinner at the clubhouse. I would also like to thank Brigitte Loeffler for helping with the setup and everyone who helped with the cleanup. We had a very good turnout, and everyone had a great time. It helps a lot to have members RSVP as we then have an accurate count and are able to accommodate everyone, which is our goal.

Now that the weather is starting to change, it is time to plan for movie nights. The end of April is looking good for this. I need some input as far as what members would like to see. I have a few

ideas, but would like members to log in on the forum and post some titles. Look for "Movie Night" on the topic list.

Speaking of the forum, I think I can speak for the entire board that we are very pleased to see that it is being used frequently by our members. It is very simple to log on, and as I have mentioned before, it is a great place to get club updates on events as well as find out what other members are up to. There are a lot of technical discussions as well as regular conversations on various topics. So don't be afraid to visit the forum.

Lastly, we need volunteers for the upcoming regatta. Please let the board know if you are available to help in some way. The dates are May 16-17. 8