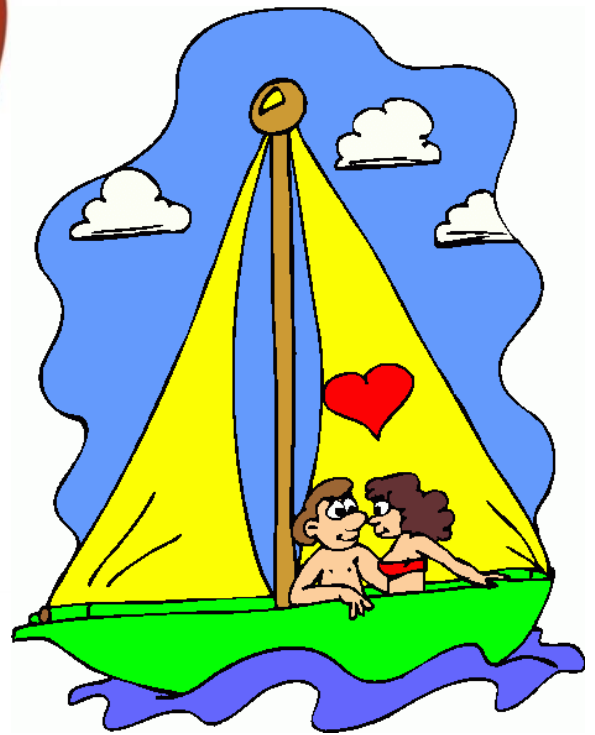


Light Air



Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

February 2011



February is For Lovers!

There still may be room at the Valentines Day Dinner on February 12th.
Hurry because seating was limited! Contact Craig Anderson if you are
interested (722-7852).

Details can be found on the LYSA website.

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Commodore

Craig Anderson



Ahoy Mates,

The winter weather has been dingy, drab, and gray. The welcome rains have brought a flush of green growth and new life awaits us in the weeks ahead. Your executive board has met and there is a lot of positive energy and enthusiasm pushing our club forward towards a fantastic 2011 sailing season. We have a number of excellent projects planned for the winter and your participation is critical for their success. When there is dock work or home improvement efforts, please step up and get involved. The reason that we have such a wonderful facility at such a reasonable cost of membership is that LYSA members have contributed their time and talents to improve our clubhouse and docks.

Our vice-commodore, Thom, is heading up the clubhouse improvements and Chris is the head honcho for dock work. The time and energy we put in now will pay off in having a better venue during the spring, summer, and fall. As my motto says, "Life is like a piggy bank, you get out of it what you put in." In other words, the greater the investment, the greater the rewards.

Please contact Amy to reserve the clubhouse and plan early if you wish to have an event. Check the calendar to make sure there isn't a conflict and do not assume that it is available until you personally speak with Amy. If you have a suggestion about cruise and social events please talk with Kathi and perhaps we can add more fun events for our members. Tom Cooke is putting the racing calendar together and we will have many challenging races this year.

If you have suggestions that will improve our club please do not hesitate to do so. Please keep informed and participate on our club forum.

Aloha, Craig

Super Bowl Party!

Sunday, Feb 6

Festivities begin at 1:00 p.m.

Hot Dogs, Burgers, Chili, Snacks

Games for the Kids!

Only a \$5 donation



Bring a side and your own Adult Beverages



Vice Commodore

Thom Grimaldi



Here it is February already, only a few months till the water starts to rise again and sails will be full as will the activities out at the club house. I certainly miss the summer months when we are locked in with fog and cold weather.

This year we will once again have a yard sale hopefully at the same location as in the past if they will agree to let us use it. The proceeds will be used for the junior sailing program so start looking around for that "stuff" you haven't used in a long time or just want to rid yourself of it to make room for the second car in the garage.

This year we can hopefully get started on some renovations at the clubhouse. The plans will make the interior meeting area twice the size it is now, the kitchen smaller and the bathroom where the office is currently. These changes will make the clubhouse more inviting and functional. This will also require some volunteer help and I feel we have enough expertise within our ranks to accomplish this. If anyone has some suggestions or would like to see the preliminary plans, just let me know. Let me know if you have any building skills and would like to help also. Demo can be fun, and doesn't require much building knowledge.

Also look to see a few more LYSA items available for sale this year. I will be looking to add a few things such as "hoodies" and long sleeve T-shirts. I will try to have a display case made for the clubhouse wall to display these.

Well here's to a great 2011 sailing season!

Thom

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Date: Tuesday 2/8/11

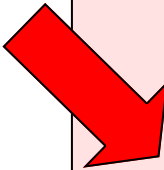
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location:

Florencios Restaurant

731 E Yosemite Ave, #D, Merced

If you haven't been to a meeting in a while this one would be perfect for you to attend! Food orders not required to attend the meeting.



Treasurer

Diane Sousa



Sailing season will be here before you know it. If you haven't sent in your club dues yet please get them in the mail. They are due by March 1, 2011. Also due by March 1, 2011 are the slip fees. If your payment is not received by March 1, 2011 you will lose your slip. There are no exceptions to this, so please return your slip fee ASAP. If you haven't received your invoice yet, please let me know. Please complete the update contact info on both the dues and slip fee invoices if there has been any change in your contact info. This will help us keep you aware of any upcoming events or problems on the docks.



TUESDAY NIGHT DINGHY RACING

An informal dinghy racing series will be launched on Tuesday April 19. We'll use the club's three Lasers and any other roughly similar dinghies (eg, Force 5) that wish to participate. This will be a no-race committee, run-by-the-sailors activity modeled on the very successful program at Shoreline in Mountain View. Four marks (large Tide bottles tied to sash weights) will be set and removed each evening by the racers. The course will be windward-leeward with a single start/finish line. Each race will be 20 minutes or less (very short courses). One of the marks (probably leeward) will be set near the dock for viewing pleasure, cheering, etc. Starting sequence will be called out by whoever has a watch with "over-earlies" IDed by the honor system. The only supplies needed are enough line for the four marks and perhaps some old pieces (3' x 6') of indoor-outdoor carpet to set the boats on while rigging. There will be a work day in early April (date TBD) to prep the boats, especially to fix any leakers of which I am sure there is at least one.

We'll use the LYSA Forum for week-by-week participant "sign-up". If Laser demand exceeds supply for any week, preference will be given to graduates of the LYSA Junior Program. For questions contact John Barrere (forcejb@yahoo.com) as he is solely to blame for this hare-brained idea.



Race Captain

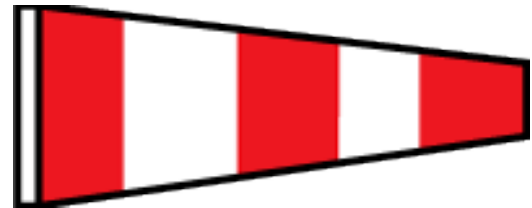
Tom Cooke



There is not much to report for this month. Our first race is set for May 12, 2011 at 6:30PM. I hope to have all of our Race Committee members on board to make sure our races run smoothly. We will be scheduling a meeting for the committee in April to go over our procedures and familiarize ourselves with the computer program for scoring the races. The club now has a computer and printer for this purpose.

I would like some feedback on our racing fees. Several members have suggested that the racers should pay more for our racing series. Please email me regarding this issue if you have any suggestions. Remember to be positive and list the pros and cons supporting your opinion as succinctly as possible.

See you at the lake.




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Cruise/Social Capt.

Kathi Brown-Fournier



Hello Friends and Sailors! We have a few fun activities planned in February. Starting with the Superbowl on Sunday February 6th. We plan to serve up some good food and have activities & games for the kids. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Homemade Chili, are the main menu. The cost is only \$5.00 and we should be starting around 1:00pm. Just bring an appetizer and your favorite beverage. If anyone is interested in starting a point spread pool, let me know. Please RSVP as soon as possible, to my email kathi6280@yahoo.com or by phone 209.947.3722, so we can plan accordingly. Also in February we are planning a very special event for Valentines Day. An evening of fine food and friendship, with a very tasty menu! The cost is \$50 per couple and is by paid reservation only. RSVP Craig Anderson. Reserve your spot soon, seating is limited to 12 couple.

Our cruise this month is going to be in the San Francisco Bay. Friday Feb 18 to Monday Feb 21. (Monday is Presidents Day Holiday) Launch Ramp In and Out: Grand Ave, Alameda. Over Nights: Marina Village, Alameda; South San Francisco Marina; Berkeley Marina. Contact: Kathi Fournier, Cell 209-947-3722 or Ed Dietz, Cell 209-628-8249. RSVP: Not later Than Thursday February 10th, 2011. Ed will make marina reservations. Options: We can launch Fri night or Sat morning and pull out Sun or Mon. We can over-night in Alameda every night and then day sail the bay or stay over-night at different locations. Call Ed or Kathi with your suggestions. (or email: kathi6280@yahoo.com).



Serving Sailors in Merced County

LYSA 2011 Calendar of Events

February	6	Superbowl w/ Chili and Hot Dogs
	12	St. Valentine Dinner
	18-21	<u>Cruise</u> - San Francisco Bay
March	11-13	<u>Cruise</u> - Lake Don Pedro
	19	St. Patrick's Day Dinner w/ Corned Beef & Cabbage
	Open	Sign-Up Online for Delta Doo Dah 3D
April	14-17	<u>Cruise</u> - San Francisco Bay And Strictly Sail Boat Show in Oakland
May	7	LYSA Opening Day – Build a Burger night
	12	LYSA First Race (every Thursday through 8-25)
	14-15	LYSA Regatta – Spaghetti Dinner
	21	LYSA Jr. Sail Open House
	30	Holiday - Memorial Day
June	4	Delta Ditch Run (Richmond to Stockton)
	25	LYSA Open House – Shrimp Feed
July	4	Independence Day
	9-10	High Sierra Regatta - Center boards
	15-17	Brass Water Pump Party at LYSA
	16-17	High Sierra Regatta - Keel Boats
	30-05	<u>Cruise</u> - Delta Doo Dah 3D
August	1-5	<u>Cruise</u> - Delta Doo Dah 3D
September	5	Holiday - Labor Day
	10	Race Dinner
	Open	<u>Cruise</u> - the Delta
October	1	Octoberfest w/ Brats, Beer & Kraut
	7-10	<u>Cruise</u> - Monterey Bay
	10	Holiday - Columbus Day
	29	LYSA End of Season & Halloween Part
May 12 – Aug 25		Thursday Night Race Nights

Updates throughout the year can be found on the calendar page at www.lakeyosemitesailing.org



Secretary

Steve Eyberg



General meeting for January 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:08PM

Sec. Steve Eyberg read the minutes from January board meeting motion to approve the minutes as read. Minutes were approved.

House Capt. Amy s report.

Any not present at the general meeting but during January's board meeting any reported that there was not a lot to report at the present time that she's taking inventory of the house and has noted that there is one window that leaks.

Doc Capt. Chris is report.

Chris reported that there is a lot of movement on the docks by that he means people are moving from their own applications to possibly new docking locations Chris indicated that there is a list of work to be done and that list is on hold until the rain stops.

Treas. Diane's report.

Diane reported that our numbers at the end of the year were in the plus she indicated that we were on track for the 2011 year. She also informed us that all contractors and subcontractors that do work for LYSA will receive a 1099.

Cruz and social Kathy report.

Kathy informed us our next party will be a Super Bowl party in the date is loaded on the LYSA calendar more information will follow on our website.

Race Capt. Tom report

Tom reported our summer series is on the calendar.

The race committee boat is being worked on. Some fiberglass damage done to the Boston whaler.

Tom reported that the Lipton cup deed is still unsigned.

Tom also reported that the general meeting that Mike Straley is uploading all race data onto our new laptop.

Vice Commodore Tom report

Tom Grimaldi reported that he is working on membership packages, these packages will have handbooks rules important information for all new members Tom also reported that Burgee's are now in stock and available and for anyone wishing to purchase.

Commodores report

Commodore crag reported that he sent out a survey to all club members with their annual membership dues, Craig is encouraging feedback from the surveys.

The new LYSA laptop computer has arrived January 4. The printer/copier/fax machine was received along with two reams of paper the printer was donated by Jeff and Denise Palsgaard

Craig also reported that Jeff was willing to be a LYSA contact point for all Merced County issues in the year 2011.

Craig reported that a tree at the clubhouse had been cut down and now looking to have that wood split.

Craig reported that the committee boat has been repaired and is now ready to be painted he also reported that he spoke to Tony the county park worker for the park he will try to get his bobcat down in between the docks.

Greg asked if we could obtain more orange cones to be placed out in front of all boats on trailers in dry storage. Steve Eyberg will supply the orange cones.

Past Commodores report.

Not present, nothing report.

Old business

Opening-day weekend is currently set for May 6 and seventh. Kathy will work with Scott to hammer out ideas for the weekend festivities.

Commodore crag has contacted MID to discuss the upgrades to the clubhouse, we are waiting for feedback from MID.

Valentines dinner will be held at the club February 12 the dinner will be for 12 couples you must RSVP. First paid first-served what I mean by that is the first 12 couples that paid in advance will be seated and served \$50 a couple starting at 6 PM Greg will post the menu online.

LYSA Regatta scheduled for May 14 and 15th

Open House rep deed is on schedule

The Dick Gardner Memorial Regatta is still being finalized information will follow

The LYSA 2011 calendar has been forwarded to Merced County Parks and Rex as an FYI.

New business, club member John Barrere has asked permission to put together a dinghy sailing series starting in the spring and continuing through the summer. These races will take place on a weekday other than Thursday night racing. These races will use the club lasers. Junior members get first dibs on boats after that opened all club members. John will head this event. More information will follow.

Rich Kleitman suggested an informal race that revolves around a ice chest, Rich has agreed to fill the ice chest for the first race the winner of that race takes the ice chest home and replenishes that ice chest to return it for the second series race the second series race winner takes the ice just home and replenishes, this routine will be carried out for the duration of the race series. Rich suggested that we race on like boats I.e. one design boats.

Our next general meeting will be held .Florencio's Mexican Restaurant 731 E Yosemite Ave, #D, next to Starbucks on Yosemite Avenue meeting will start at seven o'clock so the plan on eating get there early

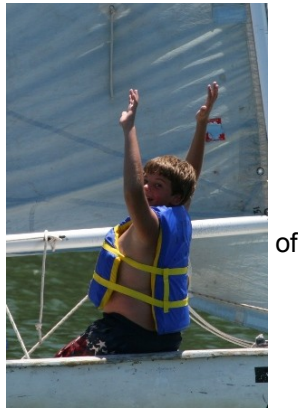
The good of the order kudos to Craig for great food during the frostbite Regatta.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39PM

Sail Camp News

Hello board and club members,

Brigitte and I would like to let you know that we have officially taken the job of Co-heads of the Junior Sailing program. We met with Jay today and he imparted much wisdom and a flash drive with all the forms that we need to up date. We will be getting out some advertisements to post in the paper, and at schools. We are also planning on contacting some of the local service clubs and business for possible donations for sailor scholar ships.



Tomorrow, Thursday the 6th, I'll be meeting Darrell Sorensen at the lake to go over some maintenance issues. Seems we had a rudder go for a swim last summer, and it never came back. We are going to do some adjusting of the booms on the Lido's to allow a better fit for the sails. I want to check out the lasers for any problems too, there are four, but only three were working last summer. I think that these will all be minor fixes. There are a lot of the minor fixes that need to be taken care of.



In May we would like to have an open house for the Jr. Sailing program, geared more towards possible participants rather than the general public like the regular LYSA open house. For this we

would have the sailing counselors there to take out prospective kids on sail rides. I would like to talk to Amy and Kathi about possible dates for this.

Dates for the sailing camps will begin June: 13 – 17; 20 – 24; 27 – 1; take a week off for the 4th and then start again July 10 – 15. If more dates are needed we will add them after that.

I'll be contacting the past Jr. Counselors, and some past students that have passed the advanced class for possible positions.

Both Brigitte and I are excited about the coming year, and want to give a great thank you to Jay for all the work he has done the past 5 years as head of a winning program. Everyone needs to let Jay know what a fantastic job he has done getting this set up for the club.

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