

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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Everett Loeffler putting Darrell Sorensen's latest creation through its paces on a fine winter day. See inside for the story.

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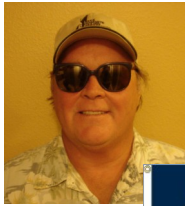
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Commodore

Craig Anderson

Ahoy mates!

The water is coming! As I speak the canals are being charged and the lake level is rising. I spoke with the MID water manager and he informed me that water deliveries will begin on March 1st. That is great news for us. We can expect to launch our boats early this year. There is a caution however, please keep a close watch on your craft if you do put in, as the water level fluctuates quite a bit during the early irrigation season.

As the days get longer and the weather warmer, we naturally want to spend more time at the club. Please be a good citizen and keep the place clean and tidy. My father always told me to leave it better than you found it. On that note, we do need some help with weeding the flower beds and replacing dock boards. Please contact Amy or Chris to volunteer. It will make you feel good inside!

Once again; If you have any positive suggestion regarding club improvement, send any one of the board members a note so we can discuss it at our meetings. A few members have brought up more fun sailboat races, including a Tuesday Dinghy Series, Summer Sailstice, and a Sunday Series. Lots of great ideas! Thanks go out to John, Darryl, and Rich.

See you on the water, Craig



Treasurer

Diane Sousa

If you haven't sent in your slip fees and club dues yet please get them in the mail ASAP. They are due by March 1, 2011. 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. If you are not planning on renewing your membership or slip fee please return your invoice with a note and your key.



Port Captain

Chris Betts



As of now, we're getting killed by weather and a quick fill of the lake coming up. We're hearing that MID wants to fill starting March 1 to charge the system to allow for runoff should they need it.

We've got a couple of slip fingers pretty well taken apart for repairs, but are having trouble getting material and with the rainy weather. If we get weather, we'll be all right, if not, it'll be fun putting them back together, kind of like humpty dumpty.

There are no super big projects going on this year, mostly repairs and maintenance, and some sprucing up with more LED lighting, and trying to get the rest of the ladders on.

We were unable to do anything again with the back right section. The County was unable / unwilling at this time to help us with pushing material up against the wall or getting it out of there to make that section deeper and more usable. Next year, it'd be a good idea for the port /dock captain to make arrangements for the club to get the work done ourselves, even if it means paying someone to do it. The other alternative might be a prisoner work detail if we can work that out.

As per my report a couple months ago, there will be another huge merry go round this spring with slip re-assignments, probably 15+ folks will move this year. The first two available have gone to numbers 1 and 2 on the list, so it'll get lively about March 1, when we find out who paid and who didn't.

I'll do my best to keep it as simple as possible, but it gets a little goofy sometimes with contingencies, let me think about it, could I do something else, It is all pretty computerized with a couple of pretty complex spreadsheets with a ton of notes as to who was offered what, what the decision was, where they moved to and from, if so, and so on. My hope is to get started by February, and be done by the end of March so it'll be clear early.

My personal thanks to the crews who have helped out so far. As I expected, it's the same little bunch of guys. Please thank them if you see them. As a short list, Craig Anderson, Lee Anderson, Jerry Rokes, Dave Aleman, Richard Kleitman, Mike Allen, Tom Grimaldi, Rick Lindgren, Bruce Fultz, Darrel Sorenson, Tom Cooke, and I'm sure there are a couple I missed, sorry guys.

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Cruise/Social Capt.

Kathi Brown-Fournier



Hello Friends and Sailors!

The Superbowl party was a lot of fun. The weather was just perfect at the lake and the food was great. Thanks to all those who attended and brought yummy appetizers and food!

--THIS MONTH we are having corned beef and cabbage on March 19th, in celebration of Saint Patrick's Day. We will also have a movie in the house and a fire in the stove. Call or email Kathi Fournier with your movie suggestion, and remember to put on a spot of green! (209) 947-3722 or kathi6280@yahoo.com.

--LYSA CRUISE this month is going to be at Lake Don Pedro. March 26-27, 2011, Saturday and Sunday. THE PLAN: Launch Saturday morning at Fleming Meadows Recreation Area.

Sail the lake Saturday and Sunday. Beach the boats Saturday evening and party and overnight at an island. Pull out Sunday afternoon. Or stay Sunday night at Moccasin Point Marina and pull out Monday RSVF DEADLINE: Thursday, March 17, 2011.

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--Just gearing up for next months activity, we are planning a trip to the San Francisco Bay And Strictly Sail Boat Show at Jack London Square in Oakland April 14-17. This is a huge sail show, with lots of vendors, sailboat rides, youth sailing on-the-water activities, youth sailing, lots of sailboats on the water to walk onto and check out. Some suggestions are: Riding the train to the event, taking boats to the event, staying over in hotels, etc. Friday night the vendors have special activities for attendees. This sounds like a fun event, and I would love to see some of the LYSA members come together for this one. Drop me an email with your suggestion. Here is a link to the website: strictlysailpacific.com check it out! See you at the lake!



Past Commodore

Scott Foster




I think I am finally thawing out enough to ponder next seasons sailing adventures. I know the prudent sailor does his major maintenance during a layup period when the weather is less than perfect for sailing. I just can't get myself to work in the dark and the cold, varnish and fiberglass don't like it much either. I haven't begun the fight. So, that bottom job is looming like a pacific fog sure to come in under the golden gate and envelope me with its sticky grasp. Unavoidable. This year I had a few things I wanted to get done, bottom job, rewiring, new gauges and instruments....at least no mast to rebuild. I'll be happy if I can at least cross a few items from my extensive list.

Heaven knows the boat I own has seen its share of repair work. It seems to be never ending. Sails, rigging, paint, epoxy, glass, bilge pumps...I'm sure we're all too familiar.

One of the maintenance tasks that I don't mind doing so much is woodwork; probably because I don't have as much as some boats I've seen. I have several wood pieces that I refinish each year, the tiller, hand rails, cabin steps, entry way and one year I even put in a wooden roof in the cabin. Some of the pieces are teak and some are other woods. I've experimented with lots of different finishes – oils, varnish, epoxies, glass, and wood restoration systems. None have ever lasted long enough for me. But, one thing is for sure....the more coats you put on the better the results. Sand between each coat with fine grit and you begin to get a nice mirror finish after about the 5th coat. For the ceiling in my cabin I put seven coats of spar varnish on red oak, sanding in between with 220 grit. It looked like a bowling alley! And it's lasted for some time now.

I found a great resource for doing boat work on a tight budget. There's a sailing rag called "Good Old Boat Magazine" that I've gleaned lots of tips from for doing maintenance work. A subscription is about \$40 a year. They have an archive of searchable info online that's worth every penny of the subscription price (www.goodoldboat.com). Lots of other great related articles, tips, stories and pics too. I prefer to hold the slick glossy photos in person though and have to spend a little more time digging out my back issues to find what I'm looking for. If you need a hand doing some work this year or want to borrow some issues of my sailing rag, hit me up around the club house...when it's a bit warmer.



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House Captain

Amy Davis



Spring is here! Its time for some spring cleaning. I'm planning to have a few Cleaning days at the club house. I will send out an email as to when.

I have heard that the water may be coming in as soon as March? We may be able to sail soon. If you are planning to have a BBQ, or party and need to use the Club House please email me at amyboehme@sbcglobal.net or call me at 769-9117, so I can get it on the calendar



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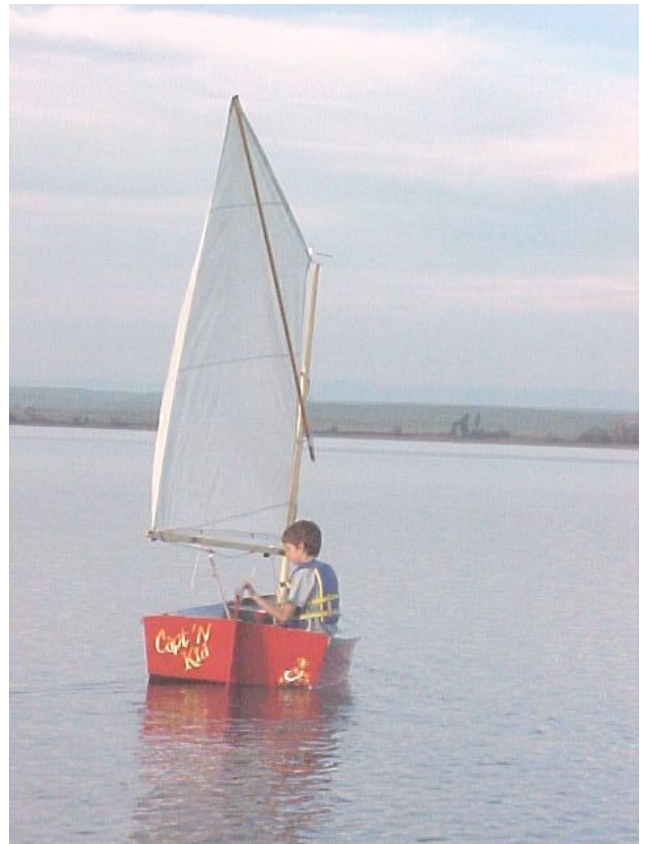
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Winter Sailing With Clark Mills Pram

Darrell Sorensen

We had a rare nice warm weekend for early February. There was just enough wind on Lake Yosemite to sail the Clark Mills Optimist Pram that I built from plans that were generated from an old magazine article in 3 days over Christmas, except for paint which took much longer. This boat was built in the spirit that Mr. Mills wanted of a low cost training boat for kids. I used maranti marine ply that is very strong, but 50% heavier than oakum. It is also 1/3 the cost. The paint is Rustoleum enamel. Bob Walls, who crews on my Windmill added his touch with lettering the name "Capt'N Kid" on the transom. The sail was made from an old Windmill sail. I did make one change to the boat with the addition of air tanks. Total cost was about \$250. With inflation is on par with the \$70 they were built for in the late 40's. Today's Optimist Dinghy, that have tolerances as tight as +/- 2mm, cost from \$2500 for club models to over \$4000 with all the good stuff on them.

Our Skipper was 9 year old Everett Loeffler who also crews for his older brother on a Windmill. The last shot, with the Lake Yosemite tower in the background, the sun was going down and the little wind there was went away. So it was a tow back to the ramp.



Go Green

In March!



Join your fellow LYSA members
for a fun evening of Green!

A Special Dinner to celebrate St. Patrick's
Day will be held on
Saturday, March 19th - 5 pm

Corned Beef and Cabbage will be served.
Bring a dessert or appetizer to share and
your own beverage (maybe
something green)



Only \$5 per person - RSVP Kathi Fournier



Secretary

Steve Eyberg



February 1, 2011

Board meeting

Before the minutes were read, Sec. Steve reported that the last newsletter went out, without being proofread. I am using Dragon naturally speaking dictation software. I apologize for the typos and errors in that report.

House Capt. Amy not present.

Port Capt. Chris not present.

It was reported that one of the fingers on the docks were wobbly, and that it should be repaired ASAP.

Treasurers report. Diane reported that today we have 51 paid memberships, 52 paid Dock slip rentals.

Diane distributed her monthly budget report. She also mentioned that we received an invitation from the Richmond yacht club to come to their annual, "sail a small boat day".

Diane ended her report by encouraging all members to complete the survey that was handed out with their 2011 membership statement.

Cruising and social Capt report. Kathi reported that the Super Bowl party was small but they had a good time.

The Valentines dinner has been canceled due to lack of interest.

The march 11th sail at Lake Don Pedro is coming up. There was some feedback on changing the date. Kathi has requested sending her an e-mail if you want to go on the 11th or suggest a different date.

The LYSA St. Patrick's dinner will be held March 19 Kathi is asking to please RSVP. Additional information can be found on the LYSA Web suite.

Kathi also requested a current list of members from our treasurer Diane.

Race Capt. Tom Cooke's reported the summer racing series will be posted on the calendar once Tom re-

ceives instructions on how to post to the calendar from Craig Anderson.

Regatta race committee team is ready. Tom is requesting a packet from past Commodore Scott for the Regatta which would include sailing instructions.

Toms also thinking about raising the fees for the summer beer can racing series, suggesting we raise the fees from \$10-\$20. You can go online and follow this topic on the LYSA forum.

Past Commodores report. Scott not present.

Some discussion started about the plans for the house remodel. The idea is to break down the remodel into sections and create more detail on those sections, then report back to the general membership.

Past Commodore report, Scott not present

Brief discussion on T-shirts Scott informed us they were on schedule.

Lipton cup 2012. No Lipton cup for 2011 because clubs have not reached an agreement on the deed.

Race committee's meeting is scheduled for April.

The Dick Gardner Memorial will be scheduled for August 27th. And these will follow under past Commodore Scott's responsibility to inform the public. Additional information will be available on LYSA's web suite.

Vice Commodore report. Tom presented the layout of how he sees the house to be after renovation. This was a rough sketch to show the general idea and detailed plans will follow.

Tom also reported on ideas for merchandising LYSA apparel.

Commodore report. Craig spoke about the recent meeting he had with MID. Our contact at MID is Brian Kelly. Craig reported that Brian was jazzed about the house upgrades and spoke about next year's plan for Dock repair. Brian indicated that MID would need more time than currently given to ensure that the water would be let to allow us time to do work on the substructure of the docks, unfortunately these repairs cannot happen this year.

Craig reported that the garage project was on schedule. New electrical work will be completed by Mike Allen and his students.

Craig discussed the status of hanging the shrimp feed banner for the open house. Craig thought about hanging the banner closer to the Lake because G street was closed to through traffic. After much discussion the board agreed to hang the banner on G St. in the same location as years passed.

Craig reported the tree trimming around the clubhouse has been completed, and that the wheelbarrow has been repaired.

Junior sailing program report, Bridget reported that the Junior boats were being completed by Darryl Sorensen.

She reported that she's trying to get all schools to report in their newsletters about our Junior sailing program and is currently is working with one school on a scholarship program.

Bridget's goal is to create scholarships for the Junior sailing program sailors.

She also reported that she has not hired counselors yet for the 2011 season. Bridget also committed to creating a monthly report for our LYSA newsletter.

Old business Thank you cards will be sent to Jeff and Denise Palsguard by Sec. Steve

Contact list of LYSA board to be Hung on the garage wall for the 2011 season, not completed as yet.

Orange safety cones to be placed in front of all trailers in the parking lot completed.

New business, plan is to pour concrete footing in the old wooden shed and then rebuild the wall.

Rebuild the flagpole in the front of the clubhouse.

The flagpole on the dock will be built out of a donated mast.

Flowerbeds need attention

Consider buying walk-on-bark to place around the big trees.

Any club member wanting any or all items that have accumulated next to the shed on park property , need to be removed ASAP. If not these items will be thrown away..

Darrell Sorensen, passed around a flyer entitled, Summer Sailstice. Darrell's proposal is a day sailing event more information on this event can be found on our website.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

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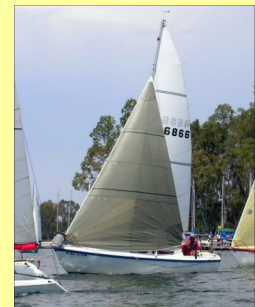
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