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Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

April 2013



Lake Yosemite Annual Spring Regatta

May 18-19, 2013

Notice of Race and Entry Forms now available!

Go to: www.lakeyosemitesailing.org/nor-and-entry.html



LYSA announces sign-ups for 2013 Junior Summer Sail Camp

Offering Four Sessions: July 8-12, July 15-19, July 22-26, July 29– August 2.

Mini-camper sessions are from 9am-1pm. **Basic/Advanced** sessions are from 9am-4pm.

Registration Fee: \$125.00 for Mini-campers and \$180.00 for Basic/Advanced

Ask us about our scholarship program and member discount!

Multiple siblings and/or multiple week sign-ups will receive a 15% discount off total price of camp.

For more information contact Brigitte or Matt at (209) 357-7049.

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Submissions:

Deadline is the 22nd of each month.

Submit to Ed Dietz (eddietz42@yahoo.com)

Elizabeth Dietz, Editor



As you may or may not know, we have begun renovations to the LYSA clubhouse. Things are progressing nicely and we should have everything wrapped up in time for opening day. That would be a nice time for all of you to come out and check out your new clubhouse.

The work being done includes opening up interior doorways to give a more open feel, and to better accommodate members at meetings and functions. We have also totally redone the bathroom to provide easier access and comfort. Finally, the kitchen has been replaced with new cabinets, counters, and a sink, and soon the old vinyl floors will be shiny and new.

Along with all of the cosmetic work, there was also a substantial amount of plumbing work that had to be done. There were a lot of rotted pipes under the house. Thankfully, that has all been corrected now.

With the exception of the plumbing, ALL of this work has been done by a handful of our member volunteers. I want to give a big thanks to Dennis Wainwright, Tim Harden, Thom Grimaldi, Steve Leonard, Darrell Sorensen, Linda Sorensen, Debbie Harden, Larry Thompson, Craig Anderson, Dave Aleman, Rachel Hadley, Brigitte Loeffler, Matt Loeffler, Mike Brady, and Gary Hogsten for all of their work, and to anyone who helps in the future. These people have given a lot of their time to make our club better for everyone.

On a final note this month, anyone who needs membership cards, please contact me as we are preparing make some new ones.

Until next month . . .

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Secretary

Ed Dietz



Membership Meeting: 3/12/2013, 7:03-7:33PM

Attendance: 15

Minutes: Secretary read board and membership minutes from 2/12/2013.

Reports – Actions – Discussions

Commodore, Mike Strealy... The LYSA Construction project has been scaled down from \$14K to around \$9K. The committee will meet with MID on 3/13/2013 for approval to proceed. Completion date is the end of April.

Past Commodore, Thom Grimaldi...

Absent. Reported via Mike Strealy that club T-shirts, sweats and hats are available for sale.

House Captain, Jay Sousa... Several members have made clubhouse reservations. Please remember to check the LYSA calendar online and coordinate with Jay if you want to reserve the clubhouse.

Port Captain, Tim Harden... Dock work for 2013 is finished. Weekend volunteers only numbered about 12 each Saturday.

Cruise & Social Captain, Kathi

Fournier... An Angel Island cruise is scheduled for 3/16/2013.

Race Captain, Darrell Sorensen... A Jack & Jill race is scheduled for 6/1/2013.

Treasuer, Dianne Sousa... Financial information regarding LYSA was presented.

Secretary, Ed Dietz... Presented minutes from 2/12/2013 meetings.

Old Business: None

New Business: Bryan Blagg offered to donate a 50-inch projection television set with surround sound to the club. A board decision is required to accept donation.

Adjourned: 7:33 PM

Board Meeting: 3/12/2013, 7:36-8:45PM

Attendance: 7

Minutes: The board approved the minutes with one amendment by Darrell Sorensen- only 2 yacht clubs challenged LYSA and not 3 as reported in the minutes.

Reports – Actions – Discussions: Previously reported at the membership meeting.

Old Business

- * **LYSA Construction Project:** reported by the Commodore at the membership meeting. This project is in progress. (Open- Mike Strealy)
- * **Committee Boat Project:** Painting should be completed by the end of March. (Open –Darrell Sorensen)
- * **Membership Guidelines Committee:** Twelve issues were presented to the board with findings, recommendations, and bylaw implications. The board made a few changes and approved 9 issues which need membership approval because the bylaws were affected. (MSP – Open – Ed Dietz & Jay Sousa)
- * **Dinghy Dry Storage on Side Yard Project:** Tabled. (Open- Thom Grimaldi)
- * **Clubhouse Usage & Procedures Project:** (Open- Jay Sousa)
- * **Guidelines for Advertising & Promoting:** This pertains to club events. (Open- Jay Sousa)

New Business: Bryan Blagg's television donation. Tabled. (Open- Board)

Adjourned: 8:45PM

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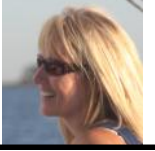
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Cruise/Social Capt.

Kathi Fournier



Hello fellow sailors,

March was a fun filled month of sailing in the bay and the estuary. We organized yet another sail out to Angel Island and along the city front. We had 3 boats sailing across the bay; the Johnson's Catalina 30, the Blagg's Macgregor 25 and the Fournier's on Milton's Beneteau 32. Our group consisted of; Jerry and Suzanne Johnson, Tim and Debbie Harden, Brian and Cindy Blagg, Greg, Dodd and Kathi Fournier, and Milton. We had winds of 22 knots according to the wind meter. Crowds waved at our boat as we sailed by Pier 39. What an experience! I am so glad we have another sailing venue to occupy us, the "sailing junkies", during the winter months, and I am looking forward to some doing some over-night cruising in the summer months.

April 20th is our 2nd Annual Chili-Fest. I will be sending out an evite to see if anyone is interested in participating. We had 11 chili entries last year, and it was a great time. Please reply with a comment stating if you will be bringing chili. If we don't have enough entries, the event will not be held.

There is one "Non LYSA" event in April that a few of us will be attending. Thursday April 11th through Sunday April 14th is Strictly Sail Pacific in Jack London Square.

New Sailboats, Seminars, Free Sailboat Rides, America's Cup Pavilion and More. Check out their website for tickets and more information. <http://strictlysailpacific.com>. Since this is not a LYSA sponsored event, there will be no set dates or agenda, members can comment on evite or use the forum to discuss dates of attendance, times, etc.

Looking forward to May, Opening day is May 4th. Mast raising, and put the boat in the water day. We are thinking a "bring your own BBQ Potluck" would be good. More details to come. *Continued next page...*



Race Captain

Darrell Sorensen



For those who are only interested in a lazy day of cruising on Lake Yosemite and would like to improve their sailing skills, how to do it? - The answer is simple: RACE.

When you race, a predetermined course is laid out. It is not just a simple cruising back and forth on the lake. You will be beating up wind as well as using all the other disciplines in sailing. Also, race committees have a nasty habit of placing marks next to shores where the wind is blocked by trees or other obstacles. All of these challenges make you a better sailor. Don't worry about the crowded starting line or winning (at least at first). Just follow the other boats at the start and watch where they are going, how their sails are set, and so on. Soon you will be passing a few of the slower boats and improving. As long as there is someone ahead of you to learn from you will keep improving. The next time you are in the LYSA club house, take a look at the names on the Most Improved Sailor award. Many of them are now race winners.

There will be plenty of opportunities to race at Lake Yosemite this sailing season. Thursday evenings, 16 of them, 4 Saturdays for the Dick Gardner One Design Series, the LYSA annual regatta May 18-19 and the Jack & Jill race June 1st for a total of 23 days of racing.

There will be a "Race Sail" scoring program seminar on April 28th after the Commodore's Brunch. Also scheduled this spring will be two race seminars by Dave Mosher. The first will be on rules and the second on starts. As soon as we know the completion date on the club house remodel the dates for the seminars will be announced.

See you on the lake.



Cruising & Social Report, Continued...

On another note, I would like to clarify some confusion regarding the LYSA events/race calendar. I had previously included several ideas for additional cruises and events to see how the club would respond, with the intention that if an event gained no interest, it would not be held. I have re-worked our proposed calendar and separated LYSA and Non-LYSA events. The non-LYSA events are just for information purposes only, to give members additional venues if so interested.

So, as always, see you on the "water", be it a lake, a harbor, an estuary, or any other body of water!



Port Captain

Tim Harden



Our dock repairs are finished for the winter and I would like to thank the members who stepped up to help out. Mike Streal, Dennis Wainwright, Richard Kleitman, Jerry Rokes, Lee Anderson, Steve Leonard, Darrell Sorensen, Brian Blagg, Dave Aleman, Larry Thompson, Thom Grimaldi and our new member John Hopper. If I forgotten someone, I apologize. A special thanks to Wes Unruh and Debbie Harden for providing lunch, and to Dave Aleman for bringing the beer for the impromptu beer tasting after work.

Unrelated to the docks but still important, thank you to Mike Allen and his electrical class for competing the wiring for our new floodlight.

As many of you have noticed the lake is slowly filling with water and thoughts are turning to launching boats for the season. Please remember to have the yearly pass from the county and the current registration tags on your boat. We can likely expect fluctuating water levels much like we had last year and due to a low snow pack we may have low water levels all year. Please check the water level before bring your boat out to the lake. As a courtesy to your fellow slip holders don't put your boat in a slip that is not yours.

Do You Know

What These Race

Flags Mean?

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- 2.
- 3.
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- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

Answers in Next Month's Newsletter!

April 20th is LYSA's

2nd Annual

Chili Fest!

Keep a lookout in your email for an evite from Kathi Fournier!

If you would like to enter your chili as a contender, indicate such in your evite reply!

Reply as soon as possible! If not enough entries are received, the event will be cancelled.

L.Y.S.A. Inaugural Jack & Jill Race Saturday June 1st, 2013



Female & male crew. The woman is the skipper and must steer. The man can do all the hard work with the lines.

Easy to sail, reaching course. No beating up-wind or whisker pole / spinnaker launching.

PHRF – Portsmouth conversion, so everyone can race.

Pursuit Start. Slower boats start before the faster ones. No crowded starting line, first boat across the finish line wins.

Skippers meeting 12 noon. Race starts at 1:00 pm.

Social activities to follow the race.

Ladies, grab your favorite sailor, get in some “stick time” and join the fun!

For more information contact: Kathi or Darrell

Email Kathi: kathi6280@yahoo.com

Email Darrell: sorensenwoodcraft@gmail.com

Want to be more active in LYSA?

Come to our membership meetings!

2nd Tuesday of every month, at 7PM

- * Know what is going on
- * Contribute new ideas
- * Participate in projects
- * Enjoy socializing with other members at pre-meeting potluck

Next Meeting: **April 9, 2013, 7PM**

Classifieds

INTERESTED IN CREWING?

Crew needed for Thursday races. Experience desired but, not necessary. Must be agile and moderately strong. Potential for Regattas at other clubs this Summer and on San Francisco Bay next Winter. Steve Leonard, 209 722 8334, SLBIKSRF@SBCGLOBAL.NET.

15ft AMF/SEARS GAFF RIGGED SAIL BOAT

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Upcoming Events

April 2013

4/9 Club Meeting
 4/11– 4/14 Strictly Sail Pacific Boat Show
 4/20 2nd Annual Chili Fest
 4/28 Commodore's Sunday Brunch
 "Race Sail" Scoring Seminar

May 2013

5/4 Opening Day
 5/9 LYSA Race Season Begins– 1st Race
 5/12 Mother's Day Brunch
 5/14 Club Meeting
 5/19–5/19 Spring Regatta

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