

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

April 2016

Racing outside LYSA



by Mike Streatly

Here's an update on Tim Harden's Merit 25 "Hard N Fast" currently over at Alameda . . .

Oakland Yacht Club's Sunday Brunch Series wrapped up on March 19. Tim, Jacob, and myself started the seven race series in January kind of slow, missing the first race. The second race wasn't much better, with a bad start, mediocre boat speed, and getting beaten by two feet for a fourth place finish. Things improved the next race with Team Hard N Fast taking a sec-

ond. The following race was missed again due to illness. Luckily for us there were two throwouts in the series. In the last three races we rebounded with first place finishes and won the series by one point. Jacob couldn't make the last race so Steve Leonard filled in for that one. I cannot say enough about Oakland Yacht Club and their friendly members and welcoming attitude. If you haven't visited them you should.

Another race on the schedule was the Rites of Spring Regatta on March 12. This was a doublehanded race that Tim and I have done before. We arrived in Alameda in dicey weather and a forecast of rain and high wind. We put the boat in the water anyway and began the nearly two hour ride to the start near the Berkeley Circle. With the south wind over 25 mph we saw a top speed of 10.5 kts under main and jib! When we got to the start the conditions just got worse. The wind, huge chop, and the fact it was a doublehanded race made us decide to pack it up and head back home.

Up next for us is the South Bay Interclub series that starts April 9 and runs through September. That is a good series with the courses generally running from the western tip of Alameda over to the area by Pac Bell Park. Should be fun.



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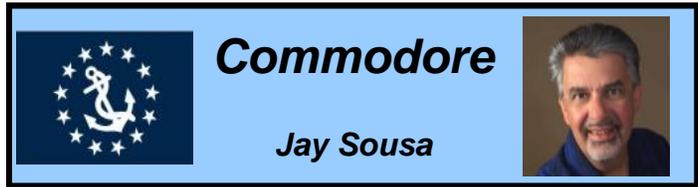
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**Deadline is the 22nd of each month
Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line**

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As sailing season rapidly approaches please keep two of your fellow club members in your thoughts. Dennis Wainwright recently had a run in with one of his horses and suffered a broken hip. Word is that Dennis is on the mend and I am hopeful he will be out at the lake soon. Lee Anderson suffered some very serious injuries in a bicycle accident on March 17th and as I write my column on March 21st was still in the ICU at Doctors Hospital in Modesto. As I understand it Lee suffered a concussion, a broken collarbone and some other very serious injuries. According to Lee's wife Ann, Lee is in remarkably good spirits but has a long road of recovery ahead.

At our last board meeting we discussed strategies to increase our LYSA membership which has dropped off over the last 2-3 years (I suspect the lack of water and sailing has a lot to do with the drop-off). Two ideas that surfaced are a new Saturday fun race on the third Saturday of the month (May, June and July). These fun races will have awards and are for club members however we will encourage members to bring a friend or two as crew to introduce them to sailing and hopefully get them interested in applying for membership. The second idea is for a fun sail and dinner on the third Sunday of the month (May, June and July). These sails will be advertised in our community to people interested in sailing or the sailing lifestyle.

Remember that all new members must be sponsored by a LYSA member in good standing and must be voted in by the board. If you know of someone that might enjoy sailing and our club please bring him or her out. They do not have to own a boat but should have an interest in sailing, learning to sail or the sailing lifestyle. Membership applications can be found on our club website, lakeyosemitesailing.org. So far this year we have two new members and a pending new member that we will be voting on during the April board meeting. We are way ahead of last year with new members, which is not saying much as we had no new members last year!

Our annual regatta is scheduled for May 16th and 17th and we already have several entries! If you are planning to race in this great event please get you race entry in ASAP. Speaking of the regatta we will be having an organizational meeting on Thursday April 7th at 7:00PM at the clubhouse.

(Regatta, continued on page 4)



Vice Commodore

Brigitte Bowers



Past Commodore

Peggy Larson



I've been keeping track of the rain all winter, just as most of Californians have, and I still cannot determine what our water levels might be like this summer. Still, I think all of the LYSA Board members are anticipating at least some sailing on Lake Yosemite this year, and as co-director of junior sailing, I am scheduling a full summer of sail camp. I have already received three calls from parents who want to reserve spots for sail camp, and I've also received requests from past campers who would like to work as junior counselors this year. I think we're going to have a very active junior sailing season.

I'm also planning to revive our movie nights this year. I haven't scheduled the first one yet, but it will be in late June when the weather is warm at night. These will be potluck evenings capped by an outdoor movie with a nautical theme.

Our next big event, of course, is the 2016 LYSA Regatta, to be held May 21st and 22nd. The Fresno Yacht Club is confident that there will be enough water at Huntington Lake this year to resume its regatta, also; if you're interested in the FYC Regatta, you should reserve a cabin or campsite now. Maybe we'll return to some kind of normalcy for the summer, though recent reports have suggested that next winter will be light on precipitation once again.

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As many of you know, we have two club members who suffered serious injuries in March:

Dennis Wainwright was hurt in an accident involving a horse, resulting in a broken hip. He received a hip replacement and is recovering.

Lee Anderson took a bad spill from his bicycle. As of the writing of this article, he is at Doctor's Hospital in Modesto, where he will undergo surgery followed by a period of time in a rehabilitation hospital.

Both Dennis and Lee are long-time members of LYSA, and both have contributed much to our club. They and their families are in our thoughts, and we wish them full recoveries.

Happy Spring!

We are moving forward with our plans for the Regatta May 14th & 15th in hopes we will have water. Mike Streatly has gotten the word out thru emails and our website, THANK YOU Mike!

I can't tell you how much I appreciate Mike's attitude in getting the job done, he's all about the success of the Regatta and helping in any way needed.

We should have the full support of the Club in events like this. With this being said, there will be a Regatta meeting on April 7th at the clubhouse around 6:30 and any and all people who are interested in helping please come on out.

We are looking to have a couple of raffle prizes for the Regatta and of course the goody bags for all entrants.

We're also looking forward to our Shrimp Feed on June 25th! We are asking anyone with a clever tee shirt design to please to submit it at our next general meeting so we can pick a winner and get the shirts ordered. We are collecting raffle prizes and would welcome any suggestions.

Most importantly we would love to see you come out to the meetings, your ideas and input are important to our general success.

See you at the lake!

Membership Meeting

Join us... on Tuesday, April 12th

6:00 pm *Dinner / Social*

7:00 pm *Membership Meeting*

8:00 pm *Board Meeting*

Location: LYSA Clubhouse

Please bring a dish to share and your own drinks



Cruise/Social Capt.

Matt Loeffler



We had a good time at the lake for Saint Patty's day. Lots of good food and even better company. We had two door prizes, The Dean family got the one with Bailey's and Guinness, Darrell Sorenson got the one with cheese, crackers, and shortbread cookies. Thank you all that came and made it a fun day.

Our next event is the annual Chili Cook-off. Get your creative juices flowing and come up with a fantastic chili to share. We always have some great chili, so be sure to attend this one. Please bring something to go with chili if you are not doing the competition. The date is set for the 9th at 6 for dinner; I will be there earlier if anyone needs to do some cooking on site.

Strictly Sailing will be at Richmond. 7th thru the 10th. Also, don't forget the Camelia Cup at Folsom on the 16th and 17th. If you are feeling like trailering up there I understand Folsom is well on the way to having a good water supply.

As a reminder for May, GET YOUR BOAT READY. I spent the day sanding my bottom, and will do it some more tomorrow. Boat bottom that is, getting ready for paint.

See you all soon!

(Regatta, continued from page 2)

I want to thank Chef Matt O' Loeffler for the great St. Patrick's Day dinner last month. We had a decent crowd and the weather, food, fun and company made for an excellent evening!

Our next club social/meeting is set for Tuesday April 12th at our LYSA Clubhouse. Potluck dinner at 6:00PM, meeting at 7:00 followed by the board meeting at 8:00. Please bring a dish to share and your own drinks. We will have an update on water and hopefully word on when we can start putting boats in!

Until then...

Commodore Jay

2016 Calendar of Events

April

- 9 5th Annual Chili Fest. 6 pm. Bring your best chili for the competition
- 7-10 Strictly Sail Pacific (Richmond)
- 16-17 Camellia Cup, Folsom

May

- 7 LYSA Opening Day
- 12 LYSA Thursday Night Summer Series Begins
- 14-15 LYSA Spring Regatta. Sign up early and come out to sail your boat or to just enjoy the company and help out.
- TBD Jack & Jill Race

June

- 4-5 Gold Country Regatta
- TBD Dick Gardener One Design
- 25 Open House/Shrimp Feed
- Delta Doo Dah "Do it Yourself"

July

- 4 Independence Day Potluck Lunch BBQ & Fun Sail
- 9-10 High Sierra Regatta, small boat, Huntington Lake
- TBD Dick Gardener One Design
- 16-17 High Sierra Regatta, large boat, Huntington Lake
- 23 Special Needs Sailing Day

August

- TBD Dick Gardener One Design

September

- TBD Delta trip
- TBD Dick Gardener One Design

October

- 3-10 Fleet Week SF Bay
- 14-16 Monterey Trip
- TBD Halloween -
- End of Year Party / Election / Dinner / Awards

November

December

- 3 Christmas Party

January, 2017

- 1 Frostbite Regatta

Some Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.



Race Captain
Rachel Hadley



The racers discussed the feasibility of starting between Marks 6 and 7, but determined that it would be far better to keep the Start between Marks 5 and 6. Everyone is content with the Finish Line being a flag on the Dock and a buoy towards the middle of the Lake.

Hooray for water in the Lake this year!

We had another Racers meeting at the Clubhouse just before the (wonderful) St Patty's Day Dinner (thank you Matt Loeffler). I shared the Lake Map with the new Buoy placement – and we discussed a variety of courses. The Racers suggested we move Marks 1 and 8 in toward the East a bit, to bypass the water inlet and the launch ramps all together. This will give us more opportunities to use these Marks, and to ensure some exciting finishes.



As stated in the last newsletter, the Race Committee is amenable to those changes for the Beer Can Races, but the Race Committee cannot accommodate the change to the location of the Start Line for any race series which requires more than one race in one day – for example our Regatta will have to be started from the boat docks, with the Start Line and Mark 1 at least, back in its old position.

The suggested 3rd Saturday Afternoon Races, followed by a pot-luck was not dismissed, but no

one shared excitement at the prospect either.... We will plan for a fun race on May 21st, and see how it goes.

Hoping to see all of you on the water this year!



House Captain
Linda Sorensen

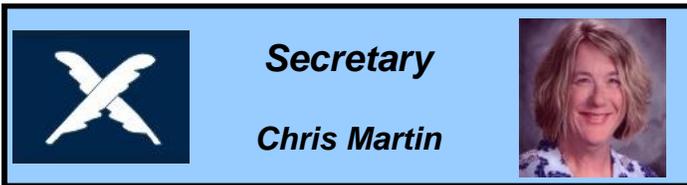


The St. Patty's dinner of corned-beef & cabbage was a good and great time. Thanks to Matt Loeffler. Here are a few items we have been working on:
 # The On line Reservation system is back .
 # I went shopping on line to order salt & pepper shakers for the clubhouse. All the old ones are mixed and matched . There were never enough shakers for the bigger dinners LYSA puts on.
 # I also bought a new LED light with motion sensor to replace the old halogen light over the garage. That will help keep the electric bill down some. Tim Harden said he will put it up for us. Thanks Tim!
 # The garage needs to be cleaned out. So, if Saturday, April 9, is OK for everyone, let's get together at .9 am. and get this messy job done! Hope to see you there. We need a good turnout to get done fast. Please call me at (209) 233-9799, or email me at sorensenwoodcraft@gmail.com to let me know that you will be there. Thanks!

Ways to support LYSA that might be new to you:

- **Swipe** your SHARES card every time you shop with Save Mart or one of their affiliated stores.
- **Enroll** in the Raley's scrip program at www.raleys.com/somethingextra. Select Lake Yosemite Sailing Association from the menu and designate the percentage of scrip to donate.
- **Come** to monthly Membership meetings.
- **Please** drain and place recyclable glass bottles, plastic bottles and aluminum cans in the proper containers.
- **Use** the Suggestion Box to make a suggestion or to point out an issue that may need to be looked into.
- **Submit** an article to the Newsletter or share the Newsletter with a friend.





Secretary

Chris Martin



LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A meeting of the LYSA Membership was held on March 8, 2016 at La Hacienda Restaurant. The meeting convened at 7:00 pm, Commodore Jay Sousa presiding. A sign-in sheet was circulated. 22 members attended.

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, Jay Sousa: Jay welcomed members to the meeting. Invited Board / Committee Members to report.

Vice Commodore, Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler:

Invited Members to come out to the St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 19th

Past Commodore, Peg Larson:

Invited Members to come to the St. Patrick's Dinner on March 19th Regatta:

Asked Jay about outlook for water. Jay stated we need to plan ahead and prepare for Regatta. 5/14 and 5/15 Peg, John and Mike Streatly will be out of town, not able to attend Regatta. Plan ahead: dates, fees, goodie bags info for posting online, requested donations for goodie bags

Jay asked Peg to take care of overnight camping / parking with the County

Shrimp Feed:

Raffle – keep it smaller, keep big raffle smaller, high end items. Too much, too many tables. Serve cookies for dessert rather than cake. Smaller, easier to serve. Jay asked for volunteers other than Board members - members of the club to jump in and help with planning, or event crew

Port Captain, John Larson:

The old floating docks are gone on the outside. Filled some holes on garage door side. Docks are ready for boats. Call if there are any issues. Couple of weekends from now is Irishman Night, wear green or get pinched.

Racing Captain, Rachel Hadley:

10 Racers met on February 20th. Items inventoried. Needs listed. Racers requested more windward lured races. Distributed map with new course with new markers. Change of start and finish lines Requested if any members have suggestions regarding fun race courses. Race Committee needs new buoys. Racing buoys made by APS are \$20 each. Jay stated that the Racing Committee has a budget. Matt offered to donate Junior Sailing money to purchase part of the buoys.

Next meeting with Racers will be 3/19. Will run options by Racers. Rachel suggested moving the meeting to 4:30 in order to boost participation in the St. Patrick's Dinner at 6 pm on the 19th.

Third Saturday Series – Racers requested this. Darrel has this on his calendar. Separate series with separate scoring. Thom suggested to start with a breakfast / brunch.

Jr. Sailing Committee & Cruise / Social Committee, Matt Loeffler:

Hoping to incorporate movie nights this summer. Looking for suggestions to make these fun nights.

Sail Camp dates not posted, but there will be 3 weeks for ROTC, 4 weeks for Jr. sailing.

Invited Members to come out to the St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 19th. Bring desserts. We will have corned beef and cabbage. The meal (along with all the meals apart from the Christmas Dinner) is \$5. Door prizes 1 alcoholic, 1 non-alcoholic.

April – 9th annual Chili Cookoff – 4:30.

Jack London sail will be in Richmond, not in Oakland.

House Captain, Linda Sorensen:

Linda will be going out to ensure things are ready for the St. Patrick's Dinner on 3/19. Linda said to use the online registration system to reserve the house. Darrel has made a calendar of events. 48 mice have been caught. Next month we should meet to clean up the garage

Treasurer, Diana Sousa:

Budget report distributed to Members, balances reviewed. Slip reservations and Membership reviewed – Current: 47 Members. Spinnaker Yacht Club San Leandro and South Beach Yacht Club has given us full privileges for officers and members. We are listed in the Yachting Book they have at their location. Mike makes membership cards and Thom laminates them.

New Business: None

Old Business:

Darrel and Matt suggested cabinets to hold the life jackets, he has a design, cost will be around \$150. Darrel has started on the trophies for the Regatta. **Motion:** Moved by Brigitte to build out plans Darrel has drawn, and seconded by Rachel. **Motion carried.**

Good of the order:

Racer Meeting followed by St. Patrick's Dinner on March 19th Jay asked for members to bring new members out to the club Raffle drawing of two pair of tickets to Strictly Sail April 7-10 at the Richmond Yacht Harbor. Winners: The Loefflers and the Browns.

Adjournment: The next LYSA General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at the Clubhouse. Potluck at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm. **Motion:** Moved by Craig to adjourn, and seconded by Matt. **Motion carried.** Membership meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

**Annual
Chili Cook-Off!
April 9th
Dinner at 6 pm**

**Bring your
best crock of
chill to share!**



**Bring a side
or dessert to share**

RSVP to Matt Loeffler at
brigittematt@comcast.net

LYSA Board Meeting Call to Order: A regular meeting of the LYSA Board was held on March 8, 2016. The meeting convened at 7:55 pm, Commodore Jay Sousa presiding.

Members in attendance: Members of the Board in attendance: Commodore: Jay Sousa, Vice-Commodore: Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler, Past Commodore: Peg Larson, Secretary: Chris Martin, Treasurer: Diane Sousa, House Captain, Linda Sorensen, Port Captain: John Larson, Cruise/Social Captain: Matt Loeffler, Racing Captain, Rachel Hadley.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were read by Chris Martin. Corrections: None. **Motion:** Moved by Peg to approve minutes, seconded by Matt. **Motion carried.**

Commodore, Jay Sousa:

Increase Membership: Fun Sail once a month, bring a friend, sail, BBQ afterward, goal or mission is the build membership with people who enjoy sailing. Jay will do press releases with the Sun Star for sail events. Rachel suggested third Saturday, starting in May, Sunday sunset sail.

Peg suggested reaching out to Friends, Boy Scouts, ROTC. Peg has new member, needs to submit paperwork.

Regardless of whether they are friends or folks we don't know, they still need a Sponsor, be introduced to and voted on by the Club, have to wait probationary period.

Recap:

Third Saturday racing – fun sail, no charge, fun trophies with no cost to the club. Third Sunday, sunset sail, 4:30 to 5:30, dinner afterwards, May, June, July – to be advertised to the community, targeting potential new members. Vote on New Members: Membership cards, handbooks and keys – we need to be prepared to give these items to the new members.

Jim and Marci Correia (retired vet) sponsored by Charlie Brown.

Matt 1st Rachel 2nd, all in favor

Mike and Susan Bloed, returned to the club after a few years. Rachel 1st Brigitte 2nd all in favor

Past Commodore, Peg Larson:

Regatta: Jay asked Peg to get permit for Regatta music and camping with the county. Jay is most concerned about permit for overnight camping. It's the weekend of UCM graduation.

Cost: \$40, Dates for Mike Streatly for website: May 14-15, weekend after Mother's Day

Peg, John and Mike Streatly will be out of town, not able to attend Regatta

Regatta Organizational / Logistics meeting Thursday, April 7, 7 pm at the Clubhouse: make sure PHRF is set up, scoring, food, race committee, helpers, etc.

Need for T-shirt design discussed. Diane suggested Peg ask Suzanne for designs that were turned in for last year's t-shirt contest. Image Masters. Peg asked newsletter articles to ask for ideas for t-shirt design by April 12th – come to general meeting with the design.

Vice Commodore, Brigitte Bowers Loeffler: None

Treasurer, Diana Sousa:

Offered current Membership Roster. Diane received a letter from Gecko – rates will go up, amount of increase unknown. Garbage 2.59% increase in costs starting in January.

Jr. Sailing Committee & Cruise / Social Committee, Matt Loeffler: None

Racing Captain, Rachel Hadley: None

Port Captain, John Larson: None

Secretary, Chris Martin: None

House Captain, Linda Sorensen: None **New Business:** None

Old Business: None

The Good of the Order: None.

Adjournment: The next LYSA Board Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at the Clubhouse. Potluck at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm, Board at 8:00. **Motion:** Moved by Matt to adjourn, and seconded by Diane. **Motion carried.** Board meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

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