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Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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LYSA Junior Sailing 21st Annual Merced Hometown Christmas Parade



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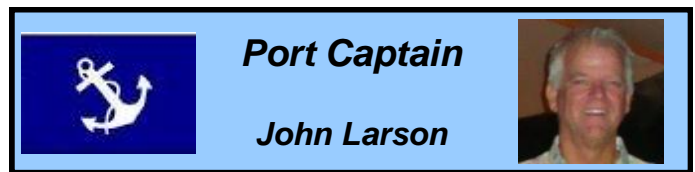
Deadline is the 22nd of each month.
Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line
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First I would like to apologize to Brigitte Loeffler, in the November newsletter article I addressed her as Brigitte Bower which happens to be a customer of mine and that's what I get for doing the article here at work! We have our Christmas party on December 12th and as usual it should be a fun time. Please make sure to wear your very best ugly Christmas sweater!! There is nothing else to report and my year as Commodore was uneventful but I do look forward to 2016 and the hope of lots of rain and therefore lots of sailing! Merry Christmas to everyone, I hope you all get what you want and not what you deserve!! See you at the lake!



Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. If you plan to reserve the Club House for 2016, please make sure that your 2016 Club Dues have been paid before completing the Clubhouse Reservation Application. Also, anyone with any outstanding receipts that they need reimbursement for, please turn in before the end of the year. Have a great Holiday Season and don't forget the LYSA Holiday Party on December 12, 2015.



Ahoy to all, and good in your sailings!

News from the berths: No new News.

Please call out if a need to muster on the fore deck and trim the sails as it were for the berths or piers for needed action. Thank you.

Port Captain LYSA, Captain, John E. Larson
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As I am sure most of you know, one of our club members Dave Mosher passed away on October 22, 2015. He was a vital part of our club for many years. He was also a member of the Fresno Yacht Club and the Monterey Yacht Club. In fact, Dave was the Commodore of the Fresno Yacht Club in 1996.

On Saturday November 21, 2015 at Valley Community School in Atwater, CA, where Dave retired as a very well respected and loved teacher, there was a nice memorial service for Dave. There were probably 15 or so LYSA members present. Kathy Fornier, Craig Anderson, Ed Dietz and Dave's son Davin had some nice words and memorable stories to share about Dave.

Before a room full of friends and family, Davin explained that this was not the first time that Dave had an obituary written about his passing. Davin explained that when Dave was thought to be missing at sea during the Ano Nuevo Race in March of 1983,

Dave's first obituary was written. Fortunately for Dave's friends and family, Dave lived another 32 years.

So many of us will miss Dave's love of sailing. He was an avid sailor. He was passionate about the sport. He passed on his skills to many LYSA members through classes at the Lake or just by assisting them with their boats. He sold many a member a boat or two over the years. He took home many trophies including some at our own Lake or at the High Sierra Regatta at Huntington. He was the recipient of the Lipton Cup trophy.

In addition to sailing, Dave was a motor-cross racer, surfer and tennis player. He loved his family and his dogs. For many years, Dave was voted by his students as Favorite Teacher of the year. According to his former colleagues, Dave inspired his students to learn. His positive attitude was contagious.

Dave was born in Sanger, CA in 1948. He graduated from Parlier High School in 1966. He obtained a BA degree at Fresno State.

Our hearts go out to his wife Katie, son Davin and the rest of his family.

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.





Don't miss the
Christmas Party!!

Saturday, December 12
5 p.m.
(Appetizers, Cocktails)

6 p.m.
Prime Rib Dinner
Gift Exchange * Ugly Sweater Contest

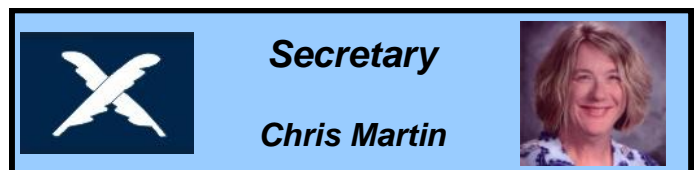
RSVP Matt





December already, where has 2015 gone? For LYSA it has been an uneventful year. Normally uneventful is a good thing, you know like how was your sail in that big storm and you can happily report "uneventful" which in sailor talk means nothing broke or nobody got bloodied. In the case of uneventful for our 2015 LYSA year meant no water and no sailing...definitely not a good thing! Recent storms, some early snow in the Sierra and the promise of a wet winter thanks to El Nino will hopefully lead to a full lake, and lots of sailing in 2016. 2015 did have some high points for LYSA however. We enjoyed some great Thursday night dinners thanks to some awesome LYSA chefs and many of our racing sailors did great on San Francisco Bay. Our next club event is our annual Christmas party. This year's party is set for Saturday December 12th starting at 4:00PM at the Fish and Game clubhouse at the lake. A prime rib dinner will be served at 6:00 a gift exchange and ugly sweater contest is also on tap. Please bring an appetizer or dessert. Cost is just \$10.00 per person. It is very important to RSVP to me at jay.sousa@sbcglobal.net ASAP so we can get an accurate head count for the dinner. On a final note I would like to thank our outgoing Commodore Peg Larson for doing a great job keeping things afloat in 2015! Personally I am excited to begin my tenure as Commodore in January. I hope that everyone has a great holiday season and if I don't see you at the Christmas party I will look forward to seeing you at the lake in "16".

Ho Ho Ho and a Merry Christmas to all, At Ryan's suggestion we signed up for the **Christmas Parade** held on Saturday, December 5th. Several past Junior Sailors lined up to ride on our float. We used a small flatbed trailer that Darrell had, that was set up with lights and a small sailboat. Don't forget, come out to the lake for the **End of the Year Christmas Party**. It will be held at the Fish and Game building again, and is scheduled to happen on December 12, a Saturday. Dinner is slated to start at 6, appetizers at 5. Jay and I have been sending out notices, if you haven't replied, please do so. We would like to get as accurate count as we can to help make it a joyous occasion. Mark your calendars for Friday, December 18th. We are planning on an **LYSA Downtown** evening with dinner at King's Asian Cuisine, 360 W. Main Street at 5 pm. followed by the movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" at 7pm at the historic Merced Theatre. After the movie, we can stay downtown and enjoy drinks at the 17th Street Public House or play pool at the Cue Spot. I have one more event to mention, the **Frostbite regatta**. Come out to the lake on New Year's Day for good cheer, some type of racing, and let's do a BBQ too. I have in mind a good Christmas, New Year's present for all: Let's have RAIN!



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LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A combined meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on November 10, 2015 at the LYSA Clubhouse. A quorum was not established. Diane shared the 2016-17 Budget. The next meeting will be held on January 12th.

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