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Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

December 2018

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HOLIDAYS**



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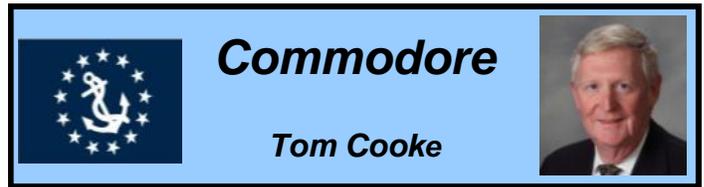
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**Deadline is the 22nd of each month
Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line**

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I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving this year. Our family celebrated in Cathey's Valley and had a great time. Thanksgiving is our great American feast day and we all did our part to uphold that tradition.

Sorry I missed out on last month's column but was laid up after a knee replacement. It's been around 6 weeks and my knee doesn't hurt in the same place which is a big improvement. My hat's off to the fine doctors at Sierra Pacific Orthopedic in Fresno and the Fresno Surgical Center. I have never been in a hospital so oriented to taking care of the patients. If you have to have a knee, hip or other joint worked on that's the place to be. Our last meeting was held on November 27th at Past Commodore Brigitte's lovely new house in the upscale area of Merced. I want to personally thank Brigitte and her family for putting up with our sometimes rowdy crowd. We had to reschedule our meeting due to conflicts and the need to fully update our budget for the coming year. I hope to see all of you at our Christmas Party on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at the lake.



Hi everyone, hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

If anyone has any receipts that they have not been reimbursed for, please get them to me before the end of the year. We need to keep the expenses for 2018 in this year.

Hope to see you at the Holiday Party on December 15th. It will be held at the Fish & Game Building.



This month, the annual holiday party will be Saturday, December 15. Prime rib, turkey, and side dishes will be on the menu. As always, bring your own beverage and an appetizer or desert to share. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift. You'll receive a number for the gift exchange when you check in at the door. The party is always a fun event and a great way to wrap up the year.

I look forward to our new LYSA Board taking over in 2019. Every single member of the new board has creative ideas and the energy required to take LYSA through another sailing season. Good luck to them. My recent tenure on the board has been a pleasure and also a learning experience for me.

I'd like to thank all board members, past and present, who have volunteered their time to keep LYSA alive. As we move into the next few years, our board hopes to grow our membership by providing a fresh perspective on the club's mission. I hope we can all cooperate and contribute to the future of this wonderful organization.

Though I will no longer be on the LYSA board, I will still help to manage the junior sailing program. Recently, we acquired four Capri 14s. These will be our primary boats, along with Lasers, for our summer 2019 program.

I'd like to thank Jerry Rokes and Darrell Sorenson for their time and efforts in helping us to find and pick up the boats from the Santa Barbara Marina.

Happy holidays to all, and I hope to see you on the 15th.



Don't miss
LYSA's Annual
Christmas Party!

Saturday, December 15th

Fish and Game Building
5 pm - Social Hour

Please bring an appetizer or dessert
and your own beverage

6 pm - Dinner

Gift Exchange * Ugly Sweater Contest



Please feel free to bring a guest

Adult: \$10, Children 6-10 \$5 , 5 and under free
RSVP to lakeyosemitesailing@gmail.com
by Friday, December 7th

Membership Meeting

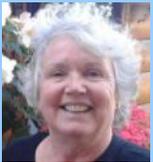
Join us in January!

Round Table Pizzaa
1728 West Olive Avenue

Tuesday, January 15th
6:00 pm Dinner / Social
7:00 pm Membership Meeting
Board Meeting to follow



Race Captain
Debbie Harden




I have just recently run across American Sailing Associations Bite Sized Lesson Videos, <https://asa.com/bite-sized-lessons/> & also Sailing Made Easy Videos (Utube). So this winter, when you aren't working on your boat or sailing, you can have watch a few lessons provided by the experts. Check it out!



Then there is the Sailing Challenge App... ASA turned to longtime sailing enthusiast, visionary and founder of Atari, Nolan Bushnell. He says, "ASA's Sailing Challenge combines video gaming technology and educational software, incorporating real brain science in a way that will fundamentally change how people learn how to sail." A must for every sailor's Christmas list!



Awards for the Thursday Night Summer Racing Season were handed out at the Wine Tasting Event For those of you that weren't able to be there the awards were as follows:

CenterBoard Fleet:

Darrell Sorenson took First place in both halves of the Summer Series & was awarded the perpetual trophy. Brett Rodheim took Second Place. Sea Scout Hunter was given an Honorable Mention award for his dedication to recruiting & racing a centerboard.

Non-Spinnaker Fleet: Craig Anderson took First Place the second half of the series. Chris Cooper and George Deane took First Place the first half of the series. George was awarded the perpetual trophy for this fleet.

Spinnaker Fleet: The Aleman brothers won First Place for the second half of the series. The Sea Scout boat, the Villian, won First Place for the first half of the season and with total points the perpetual trophy was awarded to Captain Tim Harden.

Appreciation gifts were given to:

Steve & Rachel, Don & Miranda and Richard Kleitman for their work on the Race Committee. Their support was invaluable.

Sea Scout Awards: Captain Mike & Captain Tim awarded two of the Sea Scouts with special awards. Sea Scout Tiffany and Sea Scout Hunter were honored.

Thanks to all the sailors who came out on Thursday nights!

Sailor's Calendar: December

Your boat should be tucked away somewhere for the winter: dry storage, your or a friend's backyard, Bay Area for Winter sailing.

Clean her off and check for damages before covering her up for the season.

Make a mental list of what needs to be done before the next sailing season.

Put things you might need for the boat on your Santa Wish List.



Guest Columnist
John Derby

SAILING, A LIFE LONG ADDICTION

By John M. Derby

For as long as I can remember, I have been messing around with boats, starting when I was growing up on Long Island Sound and now in my 82 year in Mexico sailing on the Sea of Cortes.

I am addicted. It never gets any better than being out on a boat with the wind in your face, pointing the bow toward an island in the distance.

Yesterday was the first full sail of the season for me, here off the coast of Baja, Mexico and it could not have been more perfect. The winds were very mild in the morning and there was a thought they might not come up in the afternoon.

By noon the palm trees were starting to sway and there was a ripple across the water. My wife and I had invited two people to sail with us. One young man had sailed once before and the other was a nurse from Alaska whom we have taught how to sail



Upcoming Events

January, 2019

February, 2019

Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch Series

March, 2019

St. Patrick's Day at the Lake—Dinner at 6 pm
Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch Series

April, 2019

Make A Wish Event
Livingston Kite Festival—9 to 4
8th Annual Chili Fest. Bring your best Chili - 3 pm
Strictly Sail Pacific, Richmond
Camellia Cup Regatta

May, 2019

LYSA Opening Day
LYSA Thursday Night Summer Series Begins
18-19 LYSA Spring Regatta

June, 2019

Thursday Night Racing—Potato Bar
Thursday Night Racing—Potluck
Thursday Night Racing—Sea Scouts Host Dinner
22 Open House/Shrimp Feed
Thursday Night Racing—Taco Thursday

July, 2019

4 Independence Day Potluck Lunch BBQ & Fun Sail
High Sierra Regatta, small boat, Huntington Lake
High Sierra Regatta, large boat, Huntington Lake
Special Needs Sailing Day 3—7 pm

August, 2019

Junior Regatta

September, 2019

October, 2019

Fleet Week SF Bay
End of Year Trifecta Party - Awards / Wine & Hors
D'oeuvres / Election

November, 2019

December, 2019

Christmas Party

Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.

in several past years. Knowing we would be out on the water for three to four hours, a chicken salad was prepared ahead of time with crackers and the usual beer, water and soda.

This was the third season for the nurse and only the second time on the boat for a young man, however he had been on power boats before. Everything was new to him on the sailboat, however he was a fast learner and had the strength which the other three of us did not have.

Since it was a learning session, everything was done methodically, explaining why it had to be done a certain way. After a year away from this boat, even for the two of us who had sailed her many times before, it was a relearning experience.

The 24 foot Flying Dutchman was build by Bayliner back in 1975 when the company toyed with the idea of building sailboats. Bayliner gave up the idea after ten years and decided the sailboat market was one which they didn't want to get into.

For Mexico, where we live, there are no docks. The Dutchman is perfect because it has a short shoal keel and can be launched off the beach. During the hurricane season it is really necessary to have the boat out of the water or suffer the chance of having major damage done.

The Dutchman had no damage during the past summer but since this water is so hot, the anti-fouling paint does not last more than one season and we repaint every year. Two days after arriving at our home in Mexico the bottom was painted and the Dutchman was launched and on its mooring.

Now two weeks later and she was on her maiden sail out into deep water. Amazing enough, everything worked perfectly. The winds picked up to 12 knots in the mid afternoon and she moved along smartly under full sail.

Each year we take down the same sails we use at Yosemite Lake on the Catalina 22. They fit perfectly and without adjustment.

For the next three hours it was a series of "how great this is" and "simply perfect sailing weather."

On days like this I feel guilty that I could have so much pleasure while so many people in the world are suffering. Then I think to myself, "I have worked hard all my life and I deserve to be out here messing around on a boat." Only wish all you LYSA members could be here with us.



December is already here. This year has just flown by! The board has done great this year. I especially want to thank Brigitte for her work on the Regatta and the Open House. I also want to thank Dan for all his work as Social Captain and as house chef for multiple functions. Next year we have a great new board coming in. I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together. Please don't forget about the Christmas party on the 15th. This party is always a blast. I look forward to seeing you all there.

"Land was created to provide a place for boats to visit."

-Brooks Atkinson



LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A combined meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on October 9, 2018 at the Lake Yosemite Sailing Association Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 6:54 pm, Commodore Tom Cooke presiding.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion: Tom asked to dispense with reading of the minutes. Minutes were approved by acclimation.

Commodore, Tom Cooke: Boats are out of the water. The new lease was discussed. It is very similar to the current lease. Thank you to Dan Farmer for putting on a great wine tasting and awards event. Deb and Darrell were thanked for the awards.

Vice Commodore, Chris Cooper: Not present.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa: The Treasurer's report was shared.

Dock Captain, Chris Currier: Chris stated that Tom Grialdi mentioned the County received money, LYSA could apply for money for Dock improvements. Tom asked Chris Currier to look into it. The lottery for slips was discussed.

House Captain, Mike Bloed: Not present.

Cruise / Social Committee, Dan Farmer: The Christmas Party will be Saturday 12/15. Turkey / Prime Rib. 50-70 guests expected. Members should bring an hors d'oeuvre / dessert. Appetizer at 6, Dinner at 6, Gift Exchange to follow.

Race Captain, Debbie Harden: Not present.

Junior Sailing, Matt Loeffler: Brigitte explained Junior Sailing will buy Erik Swensen's Capri 14.2, with the trailer. When we get the Capris we will get rid of the Lidos.

Past Commodore, Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler: No report.

New Business: None.

Old Business: Keys discussed. The Dock gate has a square deadbolt. The push button in the proposed replacement is tall, the gate will need to be altered (at substantial

cost). The lock is fixed. We have the correct keys. The cost was \$20 to fix the lock.

Motion: Moved by Dan Farmer, seconded by Chris Currier to retract the vote to move to a key pad system due to the cost to alter the gate and to keep the current key system. **Motion carried.**

Good of the order: Tom Cooke will have surgery on October 15th.

Adjournment: The next LYSA Combined Membership and Board meeting will be held Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at the home of Matt Loeffler and Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler, Dinner at 6, General Meeting at 6:30. **Motion:** Moved by Diane Sousa, seconded by Dan Farmer. **Motion carried.** Combined Membership and Board meeting was adjourned at 7:22.

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