

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

January 2017



Photo Courtesy Darrell Sorensen

Nina Sorensen with her Christmas present... A new sailboat built by her grandfather, Darrell Sorensen.



LYSA Members celebrating at our Annual Christmas Party.

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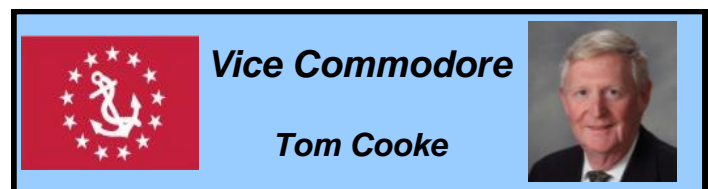
Hello sailors!

I am pleased and honored to again be serving as Commodore for a club that has given so much to my family over the past twenty-four years. We have a great LYSA Board for 2017 and I'm sure we're going to work well together. I am also excited about the possibilities for this year, as we seem to be on track for a good rain season.

I plan to hold our February meeting and potluck at our house, 5633 Fleming Rd., in Atwater. More details will follow as the date approaches. As of this writing, I am cancelling our January meeting. There isn't anything to discuss that can't wait until February. Our meetings will resume at the clubhouse in March. Don't forget our St. Patrick's Day celebration in March, also. Mark your calendar for the Saturday the 18th.

Last year, the Board discussed the possibility of a camping and small-boat sailing trip to Pine Flat (or some other similar location), and this year I plan to revisit the idea, with the goal of such a trip occurring in June. I'd also like to have a monthly Sunday breakfast at the clubhouse beginning in May, an idea initially proposed by Thom Grimaldi. Please let me know if you're interested in joining us for the camping trip or if you'd like to assume responsibility for organizing a breakfast.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy 2017. I hope to see you at the meeting in February.



I hope you all enjoyed the holidays. A new year is here and I am excited to be back on the LYSA Board as Vice Commodore again.

I have neglected my sailing for a couple of years and hope to get as much time on the lake as possible this year. I have served with most of the board members before and I know that we will all do our best to make LYSA the place to be in Merced in 2017.

Happy New Year! See you at the lake.



Past Commodore
Jay Sousa




House Captain
Peg Larson



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and New Year.

I want to thank everyone for making 2016 a great year for LYSA. I know that 2017 will be equally as much fun as last year was!

As Past Commodore my main duties this year are to put on the regatta and open house and all you can eat shrimp feed.

Both of these events are important for a number of reasons. During our regatta we show off our great facilities and LYSA hospitality to other sailors around the state. We show off our great facilities and LYSA hospitality to non LYSA members here in our own community during our open house !

Also, these two events are our major fundraisers for our clubhouse improvement fund. This fund pays for things like the kitchen and bathroom remodel that we did a few short years ago. This fund also paid for our new, expensive, ice machine and new chairs for the clubhouse last year. None of these things could have happened without the regatta and open house. These events have helped us keep our dues low, as we have not had a dues increase in several years and want to keep it that way, yet still have funds to keep our clubhouse first rate!

Please save the dates for this year's edition of the regatta and open house. The regatta is the weekend of May 20 & 21 and the open house Saturday, June 24th. I hope to have a huge LYSA membership turn out to race or help out at the regatta and likewise for the open house.

Look for more information on how you can help make these two great events the best ever!


- Jay

Happy New Year!


It's time for those resolutions and if you're looking to make one that includes fresh wind in your hair and some really fun times surrounded by a great group of people why not resolve to be more involved with the club. Your involvement would be greatly appreciated!

I look forward to being house captain this year and plan to maintain the calendar and house just like Linda successfully has done in the past. Any thoughts or suggestions please pin to the cork board in the house. Hopefully we will have a good turnout for the frostbite race on 1/1/17!

See you in the yard!!



Port Captain
John Larson



I hope to see everyone at meetings and events through the Winter and at the Lake in the Spring. As always, if you see something that seems out of the ordinary or that should be repaired please don't hesitate to let me know.

Membership Meeting

Join us in February!

5633 Fleming Rd., Atwater

Tuesday, February 14th

6:00 pm *Dinner / Social*

7:00 pm *Membership Meeting*

8:00 pm *Board Meeting*





Welcome to the New Year, and so far it has been looking hopeful for another wet one. Keep your fingers crossed for lots of water.

I will be working on our schedule, look for updates in the February newsletter. January and February are kind of slow, but look forward to March and our St. Patty's Day dinner, then in April we will have our annual chili cook off and there is always Strictly Sailing in the Bay Area.

In closing I would like to thank everyone that made last year so much fun, especially the end of the year Christmas Party. Let's see, there was Jay and Diana, Linda and Darrell, Rachael and Steve, Chris of prime rib fame. A special thank you to all those that stayed to help clean up, unfortunately I was too tired to remember everyone that did that but I know there was a big crew—thank you.

Once again, looking forward to another year of good fun with the best group of people I know.



Happy New Year! I am your new race captain & LYSA board member. Please reach out to me with any thoughts or ideas for racing at Lake Yosemite. While it is only January and our lake is rather low and desolate, the time is right to turn your mind to the new year of racing. Start contemplating what you will be doing when the Lake Yosemite sailing season is upon us.

1. Will you be putting your boat in the water and accepting the challenge of some fun competition? Start making a list of what needs to be done to get the boat ready.
2. No boat... Will you be putting your name out there as someone willing to commit to crewing? Some captains don't sail because they have a problem getting crew. Most of them are willing to teach newbies, if the newbie is willing to show up every

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Upcoming Events

January, 2017

- 1 Frostbite Regatta
- 15, 22, 29 Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch Series

February, 2017

- 19 & 26 Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch Series

March, 2017

- 18 St Patty's Dinner, Corned Beef & Cabbage
- 19 & 26 Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch Series

April, 2017

- 6th Annual Chili Fest. Bring your best Chili for the competition.
- Strictly Sail Pacific (Jack London Square)

May, 2017

- LYSA Opening Day
- LYSA Thursday Night Summer Series Begins
- LYSA Spring Regatta.
- Jack & Jill Race

June, 2017

- Dick Gardener One Design Series
- Open House/Shrimp Feed
- Delta Doo Dah

July, 2017

- 4 Independence Day Potluck Lunch BBQ & Fun Sail
- High Sierra Regatta, small boat, Huntington Lake
- High Sierra Regatta, large boat, Huntington Lake
- 22 Special Needs Sailing Day

August, 2017

September, 2017

- Jack & Jill Race
- Dick Gardener One Design
- Delta trip

October, 2017

- Fleet Week SF Bay
- Monterey Trip, RSVP ASAP to Ed
- End of Year Party / Election / Dinner / Awards

November, 2017

December, 2017

- 9 Christmas Party, Fish & Game Building

Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.

OAKLAND YACHT CLUB SUNDAY BRUNCH SERIES

Dates:

Jan 15

Jan 22

Jan 29

Feb 19

Feb 26

Mar 19

Mar 26



INTERESTING & CHALLENGING COURSES, (not just windward / leeward), BEAUTIFUL PROTECTED WEATHER! 0900 to 1300 -Come to the clubhouse galley and enjoy a fine Sunday brunch. Tie your boat at our guest dock #2

After the Race - Results, Prizes, Drinks and Food.

The start/finish line will be off OYC docks 5 and 6. Courses will round buoys between Jack London Square and Coast Guard Island.

Cost: Only \$90 for the whole series, or \$20.00 for each single race. To register online go to: <https://www.jibeset.net/OYC000.php?RG=T005630260>

One design fleets of four or more entries may have separate starts. Separate start for non-spinnaker boats. PHRF time-on-distance handicaps will be used. All monohull yachts must have a NCPHRF Certificate. Multihull yachts must have a BAMA rating certificate. The certificate is to be for the current year or 1 year prior. One single race (SR) entry per boat, per series, will be accepted without the PHRF Certificate.

Sailing Instructions and course sheet will be available here, on <https://www.jibeset.net/OYC000.php?RG=T005630260> , and at OYC front desk no later than January 08, 2017. Preliminary fleet assignments will be available by 1200 hours on January 12, 2017. Late entrants will be assigned to fleets for best fit with existing divisions. However, if late entries create a one-design fleet, the race committee will make every effort to establish a one-design start.

For additional information call Jim Hild @ 510-277-4676. Or e-mail: oyracecom@gmail.com

	<p>Race Captain Debbie Harden</p>	
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week! I will put your name on a crew list and try to match available crew to captains.


3. Not interested in being on a boat, but willing to serve on the Race Committee. Let me know! It takes a team to make the race successful.

Beer can racing (our Thursday night racing) is a great venue for sailors and wanna-be-sailors to learn racing skills, try out new crew, bring out the family, socialize, and have fun. We encourage participation in all levels. Don't let lack of experience keep you off the water. One of the great things about sailing is that no matter what your level of experience is, there are always people around the docks & club who also love to be on the water and are happy to share their experiences with you.

Looking forward to serving as Race Captain and to seeing all of you at our Thursday night races.



Secretary
Chris Martin



Due to a lack of quorum, the October Membership and Board Meeting was not held. The November Membership and Board Meeting was cancelled. A meeting was not held in December.

The next Membership and Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, February 14th at the Loeffler's home, 5633 Fleming Rd., in Atwater.

Special thanks go out to Darrell Sorensen for submitting an item to the newsletter. All members are welcome to submit photos or stories for publication.

Ways to support LYSA that might be new to you:



- **Visit** <https://www.savemart.com/shares> to enroll in Save Mart's paperless eScrip program.
- **Enroll** in the Raley's scrip program at www.raleys.com/somethingextra. Select LYSA from the menu and designate the percentage to donate.
- **Bring a new member** to the Clubhouse.
- **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.

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