

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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June 2012 Thursday night racing
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Commodore

Thom Grimaldi



Ahoy Sailors!

It's almost the end of June and I see a number of empty slips out at the docks. Is it because the water levels? No time to sail this year? The water levels have been quite un-predictable this year, however MID is informing us days before dropping the water level so we can make the necessary adjustments to our lines. If you pay attention to your e-mails, this info is passed on as we receive it. Even with that, it is best to check them regularly and maybe go as far as to hang fenders both high and low to compensate.

Thursday night racing is going strong and proven to be quite competitive with the points not far apart for some. The junior sailing is handling the food prep. on race nights so a big thanks to Matt and Bridgit for taking the reins. If you don't race and want to come out and join in camaraderie, have a cheap meal and help support the Jr. Sailing program at the same time, you are more than welcome.

Wish to congratulate Tim Harden and Steve Leonard who traveled up to Nevada City, participated in the GCYC Regatta at Scott's Flat Lake and took 1st place. Great job! I understand we had a few boats that made the trek. They also saw a couple of our windmills thanks to Darrel.

C'ya on the water,,, Thom





Vice Commodore

Mike Streatly



Greetings LYSA sailors. July is upon us and we have gotten through our Regatta and our Annual Open House. Both looked to be successful even with the lower than average turnout for the Open House. I say good job to everyone involved.

I hope you all have been enjoying the great winds at the lake so far this year. Thursday racing has been great and there has even been wind early in the day for the Junior sailors.

Coming up this month is Fresno Yacht Club's High Sierra Regatta at Huntington Lake. For those of you that have not been, it is a great event. At 7200 ft. Huntington Lake is a fantastic venue for sailing. You are out of the heat of the central valley, and consistent winds run straight down the lake, which make for long upwind and downwind legs and great racing. Several LYSA boats are going this year including Steve Leonard's Ultimate 20 "Viola", Steve Eyberg's Pyramid 660 "Tortuga", Lee Andersen's Merit 25 "Student Driver", Tim Harden's Merit 25 "Hard N Fast", Dave Mosher's Hotfoot 20 "Joyride", and Jim Powell's Santa Cruz 27 "Levity". Plenty of other members will be making the trip to crew on these boats also. If you don't have any plans for the weekend of July 14-15, head up to Huntington Lake and share in some of the camaraderie!

There are usually some club get togethers and maybe a game of the now infamous sport of "Forest Bocce Ball" will break out.

On a final note, I would like to thank all of our club members for their great outpouring of support following the death of my uncle, Jim Streatly. Your kindness is greatly appreciated by myself and the rest of Jim's family.

Until next month . . .



Part of the LYSA Group at a recent High Sierra Regatta. Many smiling faces!



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Secretary

Ed Dietz



Board Meeting: 6/05/2012, 6:35PM-7:50PM

Minutes: Approved membership meeting minutes from 5/08/2012.

Reports – Discussions – Actions:

Commodore, Thom Grimaldi... Not present. The Vice Commodore chaired the meeting.

Vice Commodore, Mike Streatly...

- * MID will keep LYSA informed on water level changes through Mike Streatly, Thom Grimaldi, and Tim Harden.
- * LYSA has received numerous thank you's from out of town regatta sailors.

Past Commodore, Craig Anderson...

Preparations for the Open House event are ongoing and under control.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa... Not present.

Port Captain, Tim Harden... No news.

Cruising & Social Captain, Kathi Brown-Fournier... No news.

House Captain, Amy Davis... Commented on the ice machine and club house door lights (see old business).

Racing Captain, Chrissy Wainwright... Starting Thursday, 6/14/2012, there will be a third start for centerboard boats.

Secretary, Ed Dietz... No news.

Old Business: Six Projects

- * Past Commodore Social Event (open – Commodore project).
- * New Refrigerator & Freezer (closed – House Captain project).
- * Ice Machine & Servicing: Person of contact is Dennis Wainwright who will coordinate with Mr. Beverage (open – House Captain project).
- * LYSA Construction Project (open – Vice Commodore project).
- * Night Light by Fence & Garage: Tim Harden reported that this will not be a low energy light (open – Port Captain project).
- * Night Lights by Clubhouse Doors: Kathi Brown-Fournier purchased the dusk to dawn light bulb attachments (closed – House Captain project).

New Business

Members who need to email information to all members with a WAB file should contact Mike Streatly for information (info only).

Adjourned: 7:50PM

Membership Meeting: 6/12/2012, 7:00PM – 7:50PM

Minutes: Read board minutes from 6/05/2012 meeting.

Reports – Discussions – Actions:

Commodore, Thom Grimaldi... No news.

Vice Commodore, Mike Streatly... 56 boats are in the water, but 11 have no CF sticker, and 4 have no gate sticker. Port Captain Tim Harden will notify members in violation.

Past Commodore, Craig Anderson... Commented on 6/05/2012 board meeting.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa... Not present.

Port Captain, Tim Harden...

- * Ordering new rings for the docks.
- * The night light for the club will cost \$364-395 but the pole will be free.

Cruising & Social Captain, Kathi Brown-Fournier... Not present.

House Captain, Amy Davis... Commented on the 6/05/2012 board report.

Racing Captain, Chrissy Wainwright... Commented on safety and the 6/05/2012 board report.

Secretary, Ed Dietz... No news.

Old Business:

Refer to 6/05/2012 Board Minutes

New Business

Need a swim ladder for the race committee boat (open).

Adjourned: 7:50PM

Classifieds

Venture 21: Successful PHRF racer. Spin, main, genoa by Doyle, blade by Quantum. All excellent condition. Spin and whisker poles, custom rudder, epoxy barrier coat, faired keel and hull, many extra sails. Boat and trailer only 1600lb. Sails alone worth \$2500 price. 209 722 8554.



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Go for the Gold Regatta

by Steve Leonard

On the ninth and tenth of June Rachel Hadley and Tim Harden sailed with me in the Go for the Gold Regatta on Scott's Flat Lake Northeast of Grass Valley. Rachel and I have raced the regatta many times. This was a first for Tim. As always, it was great to meet the many friends we have made after attending quite a few regattas over the years.

This year there were only two Ultimate 20s entered, myself and Phil Kingsburg . Usually we get a fleet of five or six. Two of our regulars, Tom Burdon and Mike Eisenberg, had just done the Ditch Run which was rather grueling this year with winds of five to thirty plus knots. Mike really got hammered. He had the kite up and was hitting eighteen knots when a huge gust hit him and shoved the bow under water. The boat stopped abruptly but the mast did not. It broke at the spreaders and went forward. Three boats around him lost their masts. So it was me and Phil in open keel.

We had dinner Friday evening with Phil and Denise at their campsite and we talked about our competitors, a J22, two Santana 20s, and a Mercury of all things. We were racing Southern California PHRF so we got a 150 rating but the Mercury had a 293. If we sailed for an hour and fifteen minutes he could finish fifteen minutes later and beat us. We also talked about the notoriously shifty winds at the lake. We had no idea what was in store.

Saturday morning we were idling back and forth waiting for our start and the winds were five to twenty plus knots with ninety degree shifts. The three races that day were a lot of work constantly adjusting the main and jib and trying to stay in sync with the shifts. I nailed it the first race. Phil did a better job the next two. At the end of the day Phil had a second and two firsts and I had a first and two seconds. The Gold Country Yacht Club did a find job with their dinner that night. They had the usual raffle and Rachel won a couple of things. I had a couple of beers so I would not be dehydrated for the next day.

While we were waiting for our first start on Sunday the wind would come from the same direction as yesterday then shift to the opposite direction for awhile then shift back. The race committee decided to go with Saturday's course as they had no idea what direction the wind would be at the start. It also made starting strategy difficult to figure out. At our first horn it was a downwind start in much-



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lighter air than Saturday. We jockeyed for position and were first to get the kite up. We were off but Phil had a great big knot in the middle of his kite. We struggled with the gusts and shifts until a big shift blew the kite into the mast. "Guess we better take it down" was the call. Up towards the "windward" mark it was very light and we were happy to accelerate from .5 knots to .7 knots. We had the boat heeled to leeward and the sails sagged out. We glided through the Catalina fleet anchored around the mark and headed upwind to the "leeward" mark. We made it and I thought for sure the race would be shortened but, no it was one more lap. We did well during the two races that day staying in sync with the shifts and ghosting through the lulls. We got two firsts. Phil was disappointed, he got stuck in a few holes and struggled.

Overall we got first, Phil second, and that Mercury got third. We loaded the boat on the trailer, packed the tents, and said our goodbyes. There was a lot of, "see you at Huntington". Tim officially renamed the lake "Satan's Flat Lake".



Race Captain
Chrissy Wainwright



We are half way through the race season and it has been great so far. We have had a lot of participation in the races and there are some tight battles for positions and end of year trophies.

Just a couple things to remember: After you finish your race, please stay clear of the starting line when there are boats finishing behind you. It is difficult for the race committee to see the boats finishing when boats are crossing either going back to their slips or going to the launch ramp. Second, be sure and sign in before each race. It also makes it easier on the race committee when it comes time to score the boats. That way we are not looking for boats to finish that aren't there.

See you at the lake!

Sail on Jim Strealay




Jim Strealay passed away Saturday, June 23 after an accident the previous day at Lake Yosemite. A long time LYSA member, a former Race Captain, and friend to many, Jim will be missed.

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