

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

July 2020



LYSA MEMORIES



Top: Alameda Racing in 2015, Bottom Left: The Crew, Bottom Right: Lake Yosemite Sunset / Photos Courtesy Deb

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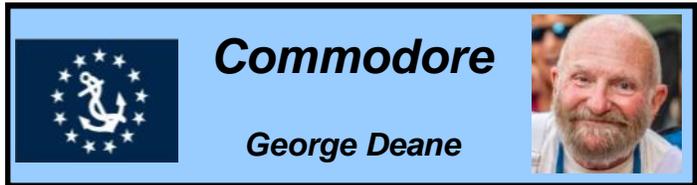
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Deadline is the 22nd of each month

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Ahoy: This is turning into a better LYSA summer than I expected. It appears that being outside and maintaining appropriate safe guards is a reasonable proposition. While we can't yet have social functions like we have had in prior seasons, getting out with our family on our boats is a great way to get out of the house and enjoy nature. There is plenty of room out at the club for sailors and their families to gather and still be safe. A number of new members have elected to join us this year so if you see a few new faces be sure to introduce yourself and make them welcome.

The Sea Scouts are remaining very active, Junior Sailing has set up a modified program and the Race Committee is doing a great job under difficult circumstances. I'll let the board members cover what they're up to but as Commodore I'll keep cheerleading for a wonderful club whose members continue to impress me with their commitment, innovative ideas and hard work. I look forward to seeing each of you and sharing a few sea stories out at the lake.



As promised, there truly is a fence repair project in the works! Though we may be tired of being fenced in as a result of our current pandemic we still need decent pickets and gates surrounding our nautical nest. The new gates are complete and painted, ready to install after one support post is changed out at the parking lot entrance. This should be completed by the end of June.

My evaluation of the current condition of our fence has changed since I last approached the repairs needed last Fall. After more careful inspection I've come to the conclusion that most of the structure will need to be replaced over the next couple of years. Starting with the worst sections immediately we will see great improvements staying within our board approved budget but it will definitely fall short of covering the entire costs of repairs. We can expect to see progress over the course of the summer and when needed I will reach out to those who have offered their help as I approach this project piece by piece as opposed to 'all at once!' Hold Fast Mates.



House Captain

Debbie Harden



May:

I must tell you how much I miss seeing your faces! Those of you I have seen, I wanted to run up and



Geese on our roof

give you a big hug! Social distancing has been a challenge for some of us! Shelter in Place even more so.

I hope that all of you, and your families, are healthy and staying safe. I do two or three meetings a week

on Zoom so I do see and talk to a few people. I have found one benefit to all this online connecting... Going to church in my pjs!

Before the lake closed, I did go out to check on the Club and found the back door wouldn't close properly. By the time I got home, asked Tim for help, picked up tools and got back out there, IT WAS FIXED! Thank you to whoever corrected the problem. You are appreciated.

June:

We have had some water issues at the Club during the past month or two, and I appreciate all of you who helped keep the lawn green. We have a new sprinkler box and a few new sprinkler heads. Hopefully it will stay green. Thank you, Tim Harden, for your help with the sprinklers! We also have a new hot water heater.

A couple of house keeping things should be going on this month or next:

- The kayaks in the small side section of the garage

will be labeled with LYSA . Please use only those kayaks. Also looking into some sort of storage for them. Ideas abound, but if you have another idea be sure to share.

- Dennis P., our vice comm, is going to spearhead the fence repair. He will be fixing the gates and then calling for workers to clean, paint, and repair the fence. Be on the lookout for his request for help.
- July 1 should see the end of "winter" storage and the move to summer storage along the fence. So far I have heard from a few wanting summer storage. (Thank you Mike, John & Steve.) If you still have a boat and/or trailer left in dry storage, you need to contact me about it. Thank you!

Thank you for keeping the house looking good. Please remember to take your leftovers home and to empty the trash cans both inside and out. We are working hard to keep the mice out of the house (Gecko put out some bait.) and the raccoons from spreading garbage around the yard. The key to the dumpster is in the drawer to the left of the stove.

Also, thank you to Jim and Del Krussow for the new framed photos for the Club House. I hung them up yesterday. Beautiful sunset! Also, thank you to Matt Loeffler for making more burgee rods. I also put some burgees up. It is getting full!

We have lots of new members (HOORAY!). Please make them welcome to the Club and answer any questions they may have.

Membership Meeting

Join us in July!

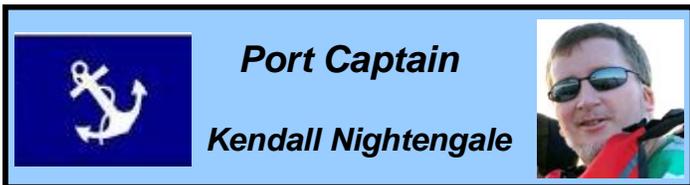
At the LYSA Clubhouse

Tuesday, July 10th

Look for details to come by email

7:00 pm *Membership Meeting*

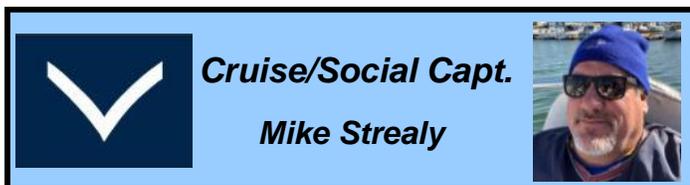
Board Meeting to follow



Summer has arrived with temps into the hundreds. Going for a sail is a great way to escape the heat, usually. I was surprised with the stiff winds that were very warm and not cool. But it still felt better to be catching wind in the sails and chatting with friends as we glided along, than being a landlubber.

As your dock captain I want to help ensure our docks remain safe and your boats properly moored in their slips. I have been out doing a few minor maintenance items such as adding or replacing some boat cleats and screwing down loose boards. I was thinking of creating an online form that will allow members to submit maintenance items or future repairs. This would help to address the minor fixes that can occur now and generate a list of items that will need to be addressed in the winter. Let me know if you would find that useful. A link to the form would be available on our LYSA website.

Lately we have had a very high number of unauthorized people on the docks despite our new signs that say “private dock, no trespassing, no swimming, and no fishing”. This can lead to them messing with boats or scoping out equipment to steal. I was informed that the Committee Boat had the gas tank stolen and the bow line was untied. Please help keep unauthorized visitors off the docks whenever you are out there. Be sure to keep your boat properly moored and valuables secured to minimize theft.



Hello LYSA. Very obviously I have not organized any LYSA social activities this year because of Covid. Thursday racing has resumed however with everyone distancing on shore before and after the races.

I don’t plan on having any large club gatherings, but I am planning a raft up and fun sail on Saturday, July 18th, if people are up for that. Check your email and the website for updates. Hope to see everyone soon!

Upcoming Events

LYSA Summer Series—16 Thursdays, 5/14-8/27

July, 2020

- 18 LYSA Summer Series, Thursday nights
- 18 Raft-Up / Fun Sail — 2 pm
- Special Needs Sailing Day 3—7 pm

August, 2020

- 15 LYSA Summer Series, Thursday nights
- 15 LYSA Fun Race—Tentative
- Junior Regatta

September, 2020

- 10 LYSA Summer Series Awards Dinner
- Sea Scouts Appreciation

October, 2020

- 4-13 Fleet Week SF Bay
- 17 OYC Oktoberfest Regatta—Tentative
- End of Year Party - Awards / Election
- 31 RYC Great Pumpkin Regatta

November, 2020

December, 2020

- Christmas Party—\$15 per Adult

January, 2021

- Merced Running Club’s Fog Jog / Annual Meeting

February, 2021

- Super Bowl Party

March, 2021

- RYC Big Daddy Regatta
- St. Patrick’s Day at the Lake
- OYC Rites of Spring Regatta

April, 2021

- 54th FLYC Camellia Cup Regatta
- Make A Wish Event
- Livingston Kite Festival—8:30 to 4
- Strictly Sail Pacific, Richmond

May, 2021

- Friday Social / Saturday - LYSA Opening Day
- LYSA Thursday Night Summer Racing Series Begins
- LYSA Spring Regatta

June, 2021

- GCYC—Go for the Gold
- LYSA Dick Gardner Memorial, 1st Day of Summer, Race
- SSC Delta Ditch Run
- Open House/Shrimp Feed

Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.



Race Captain

Rachel Hadley



Hooray for being able to sail!

I was so excited when they announced that they were opening Lake Yosemite! And even more excited when so many people said they would participate in the Summer Racing Series!!!

I know I gave little notice after polling the membership and getting such positive responses, but we had 6 boats participate in the 1st race, 8 in the 2nd race, and 10 in the 3rd race! I anticipate an even dozen for the final race in June, and am hopeful that we will have so many participants this month of July that we have to have 2 starts!

As the Race Committee has trouble recruiting folk to collect the marks after each race, we determined that we would use the 5 Mile an Hour Buoys, which are already out there, and in a similar spot around the lake as we would set our Marks. We put some red duct tape around the tops of

Marks 1, 5, 6, 7, and 8, so we can differentiate those buoys from any which might be nearby. We left the buoy for Mark 2 without red tape, to help differentiate it from Mark 1, as those two are fairly close to each other. The Race Committee sets up the Start Line and Mark 3 (because there's no 5 mph buoy out there already), and will collect the Mark 3 after the



last boat rounds it, and will collect the start/finish line buoys when there's a natural break between the boats... The Race Committee will use the bushy tree (on the right) and their eye line for any boats which cross the Finish line after the red buoys have been picked up. It's worked well so far, and the Race Committee is not stuck hauling the 9 marks and the gas can up to the garage after the racers are all done. Remember! A happy Race Committee will return for another race!!!

Remember to sign up before each race, so we know who's out there; and we use the sign up sheet to tally your finish time. Each boat's skipper needs to pay the \$20.00 racing fee so we have enough funds to purchase racing trophies at season end.

The Calendar was published pre COVID 19, and we canceled the June 20th Solstice race and the 4th of July Jack and Jill race. I'm not sure if we are going to cancel the August 15th Fun Race... We'll discuss that and make an announcement as soon as we can... Our current plan is to maintain this year's Summer Series as a single series, with 1 throw-out race, and Trophies presented at a gathering on September 10th.

The Race Committee is looking forward to a strong turnout for the Summer Series!

LYSA t-shirts, hats and burgees are available for purchase.



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Though we cancelled junior sailing for this summer, due to concerns about coronavirus and uncertainties regarding possible shut-downs of the lake, we have been able to keep some kids sailing through our Independent Junior Sailing Program. The program consists of allowing past junior sailors who have been in camp at least twice, and who are able to sail without assistance from a junior counselor, to borrow the Capris on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-6:00. We are not charging for use of the boats but are accepting donations for gas from parents, as volunteers Casey Bowers-Loeffler and Sharon Antener use the committee boat to monitor participants for safety. (I will also add here that parents of the junior sailors have signed liability waivers.)

We've had about six sailors at a time. Additionally, a group of past junior counselors have been enjoying the Lasers and helping out with boat launching and maintenance. Thanks to Bridget Farmer, Kylie Nichol-

son, and Chloe and Julia Nies for their help. It's been a lively and happy group, and we are hoping to keep the program going throughout summer. Some of the junior sailors are also crewing for adult members on Thursday evenings, and are planning to race a Capri soon. The counselors are considering racing Lasers.

I would like to express my gratitude to Mike Streal, who created a sign-up page for us with a link on our website, and then patiently taught me how to use the program. I'm not sure how we would have managed sign-ups without him, but I'm pretty sure whatever system I might have devised would have been an illogical and mostly incomprehensible mess.

Thanks also to Darryl Sorenson for helping us to get the boats ready to put on the water and for taking care of DMV registration.

Matt and I miss our regular sailing program kids, and volunteers such as Jerry Rokes, who have come back year after year and made junior sailing a success. We hope we will be able to run our program on our old schedule next summer.

Hope to see you on the water and at the clubhouse, six feet away!

SSS LYSA

Ship 99

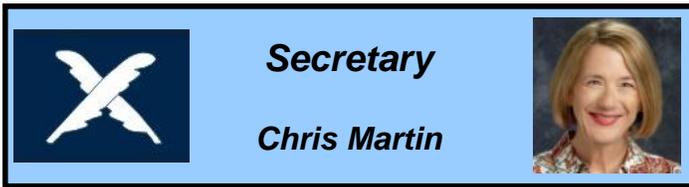
Keoni Perez

Yeoman

The Sea Scouts have continued to enjoy their fun and maintain the responsibilities of their ship. Sea Scouts are following safety precautions due to COVID-19, so meetings are no longer being held as they usually would due to social distancing. Thursday race days have started up again which has been quite fun. On those race days, Sea Scouts work together to better learn their positions and skills on the boat and improve their teamwork together. Members from LYSA also bring their boats out onto the water to race with Sea Scouts and everyone, in the end, has a good time no matter who comes in first or last.

There have also been a few weekends where the Scouts have come in to do some work on the Villain and Dr. Bonehead, as well as some maintenance work on the docks. Work on the boats has bounced between replacing parts and cleaning the boat altogether to ensure the boat will last a long time. Sea Scouts have also helped the members of LYSA by putting the Junior Sailing Lasers out in the docks for use and help with repairs that other fellow sailors may need on their own boats.

It has been a challenge for everyone but we work together to make sure the right precautions are being followed so we can have as much fun as possible this summer. Sea Scouts continue to work hard and improve their boating skills both individually and as a team. COVID-19 is still out there, but it won't stop us from trying to overcome such obstacles.



House Captain, Deb Harden: Water heater replaced. It was around \$100 additional because the copper pipe was so corroded. Diane and Deb discussed contact at MID to discuss rent offset (MID won't pay for labor). Jay suggested to call Mike Jensen.

Dry storage: if someone with a vessel in dry storage knocks down the fence, they will be assessed for damages to the fence.

Cruise / Social Committee, Mike Streatly: Not present.

Registration is online, t-shirt design is done, he will promote the Regatta Dinner. Rachel needs to make sure the race is as she wants.

Craig had volunteered to do the St. Pat's Day dinner. It's \$5 corned beef and cabbage on 3/14.

Mike needs to promote it. Future events: Mike would like to have new member days, wine, Dawn Tillak cooking, bring a friend Friday. Asked Diane to send a shirt count from last year. George requested a long sleeve shirt, grey.

Race Captain, Rachel Hadley: No report, her contribution is in the newsletter.

Junior Sailing, Matt Loeffler: Not present.

Sea Scouts: Sea Scout Skills Regatta, Tuesday 3/24

Old Business: Membership cards. They should be available at the April Membership meeting at the Lake.

New Business: None

Motion: Moved by Deb Harden to accept Brenda Peterson as a new Member of the Club. Sponsored by Deb Harden, second by Rachel Hadley. **Motion carried.**

Good of the order: Calendar reviewed.

The next LYSA Membership / Board meeting will be held April 14, 2020.

Motion: Moved by Rachel Hadley to adjourn, and **Second** by Jay Sousa. **Motion carried.** Board meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A combined meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on June 9, 2020 at the Lake Yosemite Sailing Association Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 6:30 pm, Commodore George Deane presiding.

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, George Deane: George welcomed members to the meeting. He recapped events since our meeting in March: Members were informed about the need to cancel events. Due to COVID-19, the County is not issuing permits. There is a question about convening regular meetings. A couple of

LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A joint meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on March 10, 2020 at Round Table Pizza on Olive Avenue in Merced. The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion: Moved by John Larson to waive reading of the minutes and approve minutes as published, second by Thom Grimaldi. **Motion carried.**

Commodore, George Deane: Submitted Membership Handbook handout to the Members present. Delete Social Life, add provide education to new youth sailors (to better fit 503 (c) 3). Probationary members language. Section 4 – if someone has a complaint or an idea, it can be brought up in "new business" instead of submitting it to the Board and waiting.

Still waiting on 501c3 application

Vice Commodore, Dennis Pellissier: Not present. Work days to be scheduled in April on the fence.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa: The Treasurer's report was shared. 67 members, 51 paid, 76% of the Club has paid.

Dock Captain, Kendall Nightengale: Work on the dock has been completed. Total for repairs \$10,525. We will need to borrow to pay, then replace the monies with incoming dock fees. Minor expense: screw down deck boards, replace hoses and hangers (member expense), work day with Sea Scouts on a Saturday. MID: we could have our boats in the water mid-April. There is an electronic water level monitor; we would like to publish the data to the website to inform members to allow them to adjust lines in the event water levels change. Kendall gave him the Regatta dates, we'll have water on those dates.

Discussion of raising slip fees in the future to comport with the ongoing realities of what dock maintenance needs are. Discussion of fundraising ideas including letter writing campaign, Sunday brunch, etc.

4/19 – Sea Scouts breakfast, \$8 per ticket

Opportunity to promote Sail Camp, Membership, etc.

Motion: Moved by Rachel Hadley to move 3K from improvement fund to dock, hold fundraiser to replenish the funds, second by Kendall Nightengale. **Motion carried.**

issues prompted the meeting: kayaks and sail camp. George invited Board / Committee Members to report.

Approval of Minutes:

The March minutes were not read. Action was not taken.

Commodore, George Deane: Still working on 501c3 application. The long form needs to be completed.

Vice Commodore, Dennis Pellissier: It will cost around \$800 to repair the whole fence. Only the broken parts will be replaced. The fence will be pressure washed and painted. Replacing three gates. Craig and the Sea Scouts volunteered to help. Will start next week, gates first then repair the fence.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa: The Treasurer’s report was shared. 65 members, 60 paid. There are six applications for new membership. Correspondence: Letter from the County stating that applications for permits need to be requested 60 days in advance. Discussion: Gardener and Pest Control charged for April / May. The lake was closed, but there was access to the property.

Dock Captain, Kendall Nightengale: Not present.

House Captain, Deb Harden: Kayak discussion. There are nine kayaks and three wind surfers. Craig donated three, a couple are Lee’s and a couple are Tom Cooke’s. The person who owns two kayaks has stored their kayaks in the shed, is offering to build a rack. We need a way to organize and store LYSA’s kayaks. Store in a slip during summer? Little boats on the side of the house will go into

slips. Craig suggested stenciling LYSA on the LYSA kayaks (Thom has the stencil). Diane – fee for kayak storage not listed on webpage.

Decision: stencil LYSA on kayaks. House Captain will tell Members: if people leave kayaks, all Members can use them.

Cruise / Social Committee, Mike Strealy: Not present.

Race Captain, Rachel Hadley: We will race through August, 12 races. The charge will be \$20. This week: 8 marks, regular course. The start line was set, then pulled in. Can be set with a kayak. Discussed placement of marks without the Committee Boat. Members thanked Rachel for putting races together.

Junior Sailing, Matt Loeffler: Matt and Craig will be putting the Committee Boat into the water. Junior Sailing will be running Independent Junior Sailing. Must be over 12 years old. Previous Junior Sailors. Must be able to sail independently. No teaching, but monitoring for safety. Three volunteers (Casey, Bridgette, Antener)

Two sessions on Tuesdays / Thursdays. Jay – afterward they can participate in Thursday night races.

Sea Scouts: Not allowed to meet due to the Coronavirus. Kids are racing with adults on boats on Thursday nights.

Bonehead is ready to go in now that the water levels are steady. Buy/Sell – Scout run event: trade or sell what you want

If you are not on Facebook, then you missed out on my post about the Harden House going on the market. If you know anyone who would love a well built and well-maintained house on over an acre, please have them get in touch.



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Dawn Tillak thanked Matt for his help kids learn about woodwork. LYSA Members helped replace the Villian's tiller

Old Business: Membership cards. SPM Photo Marketing shut down due to Coronavirus. Jay will follow up. Should take around three weeks. Need updated Member list from Diane.

New Business: Diane received six applications:

Diane Lawrence, Planner with the City
Selena Brickman, Student at UC from Germany. Raced last year with friends. Sponsor: Rachel Hadley
Amber Kirby & Joey Essig, Owner of The Partisan, bought Mark Osborne's boat. Sponsor: Chris Cooper
Tammy Davidson, Realtor, 13 y.o. son Michael, sailed with Gary McKenzie in 80s, Sponsor: Matt & Brigitte Loeffler
Kathy & Don Fournier, back in Atwater
Nathan & Marla Roost, 9 and 13 y.o. kids, Hobie 16, taught with Matt for 13 years

Also, Kevin Fronin & wife. Introduce him to John Derby. Membership subject to receipt of application.
Each candidate: Moved, Seconded. All in favor. Each motion passed. VC's job to welcome new members.
Rachel: Membership roster. Diane will update gMail and roster, will send Mike an Excel spreadsheet for the webpage

Request: permanent (through the summer) buoys. Label Tech uses 50 gallon containers. Fill with foam, chain and leave them. Check with Parks & Rec / MID / S. O. for permission. George asked Rachel to call.

By acclimation: all in agreement to proceed with this.

Good of the order: George made the call for Newsletter Articles. Asked everyone to report by June 22, publish by 7/1. Discussion: Good articles. Stay in your lane.

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