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Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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Photos taken during the races at our annual Regatta, May 19th & 20th, 2012

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Commodore

Thom Grimaldi



Greetings from Cancun! With all the stuff going on **last week I wasn't able to sit down and write my article.** I have to say, being able to write it while sitting on the patio and looking at the beautiful blue waters **where the Caribbean and Atlantic meet isn't too bad.**

I want to give a big KUDOS to Craig Anderson for **doing an outstanding job with our club's regatta this year.** Excellent job Craig! I heard nothing but positive feedback from all participants. We also had quite a few first timers show up and indicate they had so much fun they will participate from here on out. I know it will be a hard act to follow up on next year for me.

I also want to thank all the members that pitched in to help make it a great success. Thank you!

I was in contact with MID last week and we discussed the water level problem. They now have e-mail addresses of Mike, Tim, and I, and will attempt to give us adequate warning when we can expect a major drop in the water level. In turn, one of us will send out a mass e-mail to the membership so you can make the necessary adjustments to your lines. This year is a pretty dry year for rainfall and they are going to try and keep as much in McClure as possible, releasing only when they need to deliver to the farmers. You will need to keep an eye on your boats.

Two more things: When entering the park please slow down a little when going through the gate. There is a stop sign there and it seems a few of us, myself included, tend to blow through it. If someone was to step out of the booth at the wrong time it could spell disaster. Also, make sure your boat has the current park sticker on it if you are launched.

CYA on the water, Thom



Vice Commodore

Mike Streatly



Past Commodore

Craig Anderson



As I'm sure you've already read or heard, we had a great Regatta weekend recently. With that behind us we can focus on our next event . . . June's Open House and All-You-Can-Eat Shrimp Feed. If you haven't already received your tickets, be sure and see any board member to get yours. We are also in need of many raffle prizes. Get in touch with Craig Anderson if you can be of some help with that.

So far this season we are a little shy on boats that are in the water. This is most likely due to the wildly fluctuating water levels we have seen recently. LYSA has been in close contact with the MID and we are going to be kept informed of water level changes in the lake. Jon Parnell, who is the manager of water operations, is going to send email alerts with regard to changes in the water level. When we receive an update, we will send it out to the club immediately. With this in mind it is a good idea to check your boat and mooring lines regularly.

On a final note, I would like to thank Jay Sousa and Bryan Blagg for their work at the regatta. Jay took all the fantastic photos for the trophies (which all the sailors loved!) and Bryan took video and photos from the awards presentation. All the photos and video can be seen on the website so check it out.

Until next month . . .

As I was growing up my mother used to tell me, "Your most valuable asset is your reputation"; now as an adult I sure do appreciate that bit of sage advice. After this weekend's annual LYSA Regatta, I believe that we have a reputation; a truly great reputation. I heard so many wonderful compliments from visiting sailors that our reputation for hosting the regatta is golden. We not only have a great little lake and a nice clubhouse, but a fantastic group of individuals that work together as a team to create a lasting reputation in the sailing community.

Thanks must go out to so many it's hard to remember everyone. First up are Dave and Sonia Willson who were our registrars. 30 boats! Then it's Chrissy Wainwright and her Race Committee crew for an excellent job of running the races. Mike Streatly did an exceptional job running the numbers for the results. Steve Eyeberg was head of security for the entire event, NO problems. Dennis was instrumental in operating the Committee boat and allowing Jay Sousa to photograph every boat on the water. Jay took over 700 pictures, and then spent hours making sure the trophies were special. Jerry acquired the Harken hats and bags while Dave Aleman provided the swag, which was appreciated by all! Tim Jantzen did the setup and Linda Sorenson chopped and prepped the food. Brigitte helped all around and Kathi was everywhere doing whatever needed doing. Rich Kleitman made the fire and Bryan Blagg took the awards photos. Debbie Dietz made the awesome burritos for Sunday breakfast and Rachel Hadley organized the trophy photos. I'm sure I left out somebody, and I apologize for that, but you can see what it takes to make this event work. To develop a reputation for excellence is not an individual achievement but a community effort that I am proud to be a part of. Thank you to each and every person that attended and participated in the 2012 LYSA Regatta.

Now let's get going on the Open House. Whew!

Craig

Drink of the Month

Submitted by Kathi Brown-Fournier

Frog Brains Shooter: \$6.00

- ◆ 1 1/2oz Crystal Head Vodka
- ◆ 1/2 oz Midori
- ◆ 1/2 oz Triple Sec
- ◆ Splash of Razzmatazz

Put the Vodka, Midori, & Triple Sec into a shaker and shake! Strain into a shot glass and splash in some razzmatazz for a nice special effect.



Hello Fellow Sailors!

What a great month of sailing and events on the lake! **I have to say, it's been a refreshing change to see so many of our club members attending events, and the positive attitudes have been noticed by many.** Our goal this year is to continue the trend of smiles and friendly camaraderie at club events. Thank you to those of you who have given comments and input. We, as a Board, are continually striving to make a great place for all of us to be and sail. This is going to be a GREAT sailing season!

Our events last month began with Opening Day, which turned out more to be more of a two day event. **Saturday was very windy, but it didn't stop some members from launching... and only one boat veered off course for a bit, headed for the dam, but successfully made it to the docks.** We all celebrated with burgers at the clubhouse after. Then some of us returned Sunday to continue the launch, and more BBQ burgers. It turned out to be a fun weekend of launching, sailing and eating.

Brigitte put on a great introduction to Jr Sail Camp Day, and the Jr sailors did a great job at giving sailboat rides to the youth interested in Sail Camp. It was fun seeing these kids get on sailboats for the first time. I would really encourage all members to seek out the youth in our lives, and tell them about this great opportunity to learn to sail. The Youth are our sailing future! Contact Brigitte for more information on Sail Camp 2012.

The Regatta was a fun experience for me. It as my first time attending our regatta, and even though I was only a spectator (and t-shirt and tickets seller) I had a great time. I met people from other clubs, stayed late sitting around the fire Friday and Saturday night, listening to sailing stories, laughing, singing. I would encourage all to attend this event, and race next year. I know I will be! We are very blessed to have our clubhouse to enjoy. Some of the racers commented on how clean and nice the house is, and how many other yacht clubs do not have any facilities at all. **Let's all take advantage of what we have here, the best place to be in Merced! Come out to events, and come out and sail. I'm very excited; this is going to be a great season!** If you *Kathi's report continued...*

Membership Meeting: 5/08/12, 7:00 PM to 8:27 PM

Attendance - 20 Sailors

Minutes: Reviewed and approved board meeting minutes from 5/01/12

Reports - Discussion - Actions:

Commodore, Thom Grimaldi... No news.

Vice Commodore, Mike Strealy... Not present.

Past Commodore, Craig Anderson... Commented on same report as the 5/01/12 board meeting.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa... Provided status of treasury, regatta entries to date - 16, membership to date at 67.

Port Captain, Tim Harden... Commented on same report provided at the 5/01/12 board meeting RE slip assignments and dry storage.

House Captain, Amy Davis... Not present.

Cruising & Social Captain, Kathi Brown-Fournier... Commented on same report from the 5/01/12 board meeting with emphasis on the regatta meet and greet scheduled for Friday evening 5/18/12.

Racing Captain, Chrissy Wainwright... Commented on same report from the 5/01/12 board meeting.

Secretary, Ed Dietz... Read the minutes from the 4/10/12 and 5/01/12 meetings.

Jr. Sailing Program Committee:

- * Sailfest scheduled for Saturday 5/26/12, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.
- * Need scholarship donations for Jr. Sailing. The donations can be in cash at \$20.00 each from individuals.

haven't been out to the lake or events for a while, I invite you to join us, and remember to bring a smile, your friends, and your desire to sail!

And if you're looking for me... I'll be on the lake!

Lake Yosemite Sailing Association Regatta

May 19th & 20th

A Review by Steve Galaria for Banshee sailors

I just went to this regatta last weekend and had a great time. A few weeks ago Craig and Mary Lee suggested I give it a try because they have been going for several years and think it is one of the best in northern California; I now agree. **Here's a short list of why I think the Banshees should participate in this regatta**

1. **Location:** Lake Yosemite is just on the outskirts of Merced, CA, almost across the street from UC Merced, which means it is easy to get to; about a two hour drive from the Sacramento area.
2. **Accommodations:** There are plenty of motels in Merced, or you can stay in your RV in the parking lot at the lake, or pitch a tent on the lush grass around the LYSA club house, and you can use the shower in their clubhouse.
3. **Hospitality:** This is a very welcoming club that makes the extra effort to ensure everyone has a good time; a Friday night get together around a fire pit, a free continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning, a no host lunch (\$6) Saturday, an 'excellent' club prepared dinner Saturday night (\$12) and they bring dessert to your table, and every boat received an 8x10 framed photo of themselves on the race course at the end of the regatta – wow!
4. **Racing:** The first thing you'll notice is that the starting line is quick and easy to get to; about 100 yards from the boat ramps and just 30 yards from the marina. The many courses were varied and took you all over the lake; short courses took about an hour and longer courses took 1 ½ to 1 ¾ hours; light winds are the norm. On Saturday there were three races with a lunch break after the first race; which was easy because you could tie up in the marina - a short walk to the clubhouse patio/picnic area. On Sunday they had one long race and afterwards there was just the right amount of time to put your boat away and pack up before the awards ceremony; I was on the road going home by 3:00 PM.
5. **Overall:** Very good location, very good accommodations, one of the best racing venues, and great club friendliness and hospitality.



Sailfest

By Matt Leoffler

The 26th of May started with cold cloudy skies that foretold foul weather. It was also the day of our junior sailing Sailfest. Fortunately the skies did clear, and it got a little warmer, but the wind remained fickle. The Sailfest was started as a method of promoting our junior sailing program. We had the junior counselors there to take kids and parents for rides. Brigitte and I barbecued and talked to parents and kids about the program.



Everett and I got to the lake in the morning and soon Noah and Dalton Rockwell were dropped off by their mom. By 11:00 Darrell Sorenson, Jerry Roaks and Bridgett Farmer (our newest junior counselor) were all there and ready to get things cleaned up and moving. Chores included sweeping leaves, cleaning out the Lidos, airing up a flat trailer tire (off the rim of course), getting dock lines ready, starting the fire,



and getting boats in the water. The second boat was just getting wet when the first family came by for a sail. Kathi Fournier and Linda Sorenson also showed up and helped Brigitte set people up with life jackets and they were no sooner on the **water when more kids showed up. Attendance wasn't too** high due to the inclement weather, but it seemed the two Lidos never were docked longer than the time it took to load up new passengers.

Noah and Dalton had to leave for 8th grade graduation practice, Bridgett and Everett stepped up to keep the boats going, Darrell also went out in the second Lido with more kids and parents.

When it was all over, the visiting families all left with smiles and some signed up their kids for sail camp. On arriving at home Brigitte told me that she had two calls with more kids signing up for camp. Thanks to all who showed up for work and support. Brigitte would like to extend a special thank you to Kathi and Linda, without whom the day would not have gone so smoothly.



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