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Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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Sailing Toward Spring



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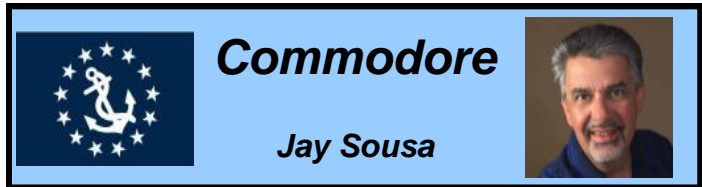
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**Deadline is the 22nd of each month
Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line**

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Well, it appears spring has sprung, at least for now. But with another month or so of potentially wet weather, and a few extended forecasts that I have read have March as being a wet month, we should be in decent shape as far as water in the lake for a fun sailing season!

For me personally I am looking forward to some nice spring and summer days on the lake and this nice weather recently has furthered my anticipation. For many of us, there is that pre-season ritual known as boat maintenance before we can get on the water. After a year of sitting our Chrysler 22 is going to need some attention for sure. Bottom paint is on top of the list along with some trailer work. A thorough check of the standing rigging, running rigging, sails and steering system is a good idea to prevent trouble on the water as well as an outboard motor tune-up. A good scrubbing top sides and down below is also in order.

I want to thank Matt & Brigett Loeffler for hosting the February general membership meeting at their home last month! Our next membership meeting and social is set for Tuesday March 8th. Social hour and dinner is at 6:00 with the membership meeting at 7:00 followed by the Board meeting at 8:00PM. Though not set in stone yet we are considering trying to have the meeting at El Asadero Taco Shop in the Raley's shopping center on the corner of G and Yosemite. They have great food at very reasonable prices. It might be a bit loud but I know we can make it work. I will be sending out updates for the meeting beginning the week before. Our April meeting, on Tuesday the 12th, will be back at our clubhouse at the lake.

If you have not done so yet mark your calendars for Saturday March 19th for our annual LYSA St. Patty's day party. Matt will be making his awesome corned beef and cabbage dinner. This will be our first big party of the year so come on out and celebrate the day with all of your LYSA friends. Matt will have more info, so check your email for more details. Don't forget to let Matt know that you will be coming! I want to finish by welcoming back to the club Mike & Susan Bloed. The Bloeds were longtime members in the past but have been away from the club for a few years but now are back! Mike & Susan are great people and we are all the better by having them back in the club! Hope to see you all on the 8th.

Commodore Jay



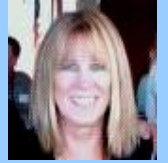
Vice Commodore

Brigitte Bowers



Past Commodore

Peggy Larson



There are a few items to report from the vice commodore's corner. The Board is looking forward to a robust turnout for the St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 19th. We're planning an appropriately festive door prize for some lucky attendee.

I am hoping to reprise our movie nights this summer. They will feature a barbecue followed by a movie with some kind of nautical theme. Let me know if you any ideas for films to show or if you wish to help facilitate.

We are already receiving calls from parents and kids interested in junior sail camp again this year. We are currently planning for four weeks and will also add three weeks for the Junior ROTC program from Turlock. Other ROTC programs in the area have expressed interest as well, so this part of sail camp seems to be growing.

Jacob Hardin has agreed to teach for us. He did a wonderful job in 2015 and we feel fortunate to be able to have him on board for 2016.

I'm embracing the theory that we'll have enough water this year for a lively sailing season.

Get your boats ready!



Treasurer

Diane Sousa



Hi everyone,

If you haven't received your invoices for the 2016 club dues and slip fees please let me know.

The clubs dues are due now to remain on the active club roster. Please mail your payment to LYSA, P O Box 3994, Merced CA 95344. Make sure that you complete the contact info on the invoice if there have been any changes to your address, phone numbers and email. This will help us keep you aware of any upcoming events or water levels on the docks.

If you are not renewing your membership or slip fee, please return the invoices with a note and your keys. See you at the lake.

Thank you Matt & Brigitte for opening your home up for our General/Board meeting in February. Although it was not very well attended, the food was excellent and there was a lot of great discussion about our upcoming events.

Rachel Hadley had a meeting on February 20th at the lake for anyone interested in racing this year. Mark your calendar and check your emails for more details regarding March 19th and our St. Patrick's Day dinner at 5. Our Regatta is scheduled for May 14th & 15th, water permitting. This year we plan on having a 50/50 raffle and we're looking for fun things to put in the goody bags. We would appreciate any suggestions and, of course, donations!

June 25th is our Annual Shrimp Feed. As the time approaches I will be working on getting the committees together to make the dinner its usual success. One of the discussions at our last meeting was to make the raffle quite a bit smaller than the previous years. My goal will be to have maybe 10 really nice raffle items and those tickets will be \$20.00 each. Limit the lesser items to maybe just 2 tables and keep those tickets at \$1.00 each. Our only live auction will be our deserts and that will also be limited to 10 delicious items. Again, any suggestions or donations will be very much appreciated. Please always remember to check the newsletter and emails for upcoming events and fun times at our clubhouse. Looking forward to a very active and fun filled sailing year! See you at the lake!!

Membership Meeting

Join us... on Tuesday, March 8th

6:00 pm Dinner / Social

7:00 pm Membership Meeting

8:00 pm Board Meeting

Location to be determined

Watch your email or

check lakeyosemitesailing.org for details



Port Captain

John Larson



Ahoy to all, and good cheer in your sailings! News from the berths: Main supports are in place and completed. I believe the docks are sound and in good order. Ongoing and near completion the dismantling and removal of floating docks. Reminder, please make your payment on your berth. If you see something not quite right or out of the ordinary please pipe up it save our club in many ways. Thank you.

Port Captain LYSA, Captain, John E. Larson
Master Mariner, USMM (Ret)



Cruise/Social Capt.

Matt Loeffler



Hello everyone!
Many LYSA members helped celebrate the opening of Jay Sousa's show, "Face of an Athlete," on Friday, February 12th at the Merced Multicultural Arts Center. Jay's photos feature local athletes from a wide range of sports. Three cheers to one of our own. It is time for the Annual Saint Patty's Day Dinner. It will be at the Clubhouse on March 19th at 6 pm. Get your green beer and head on over. As always our dinners are \$5. Corned beef and cabbage will be ready, please bring a side or desert to go along with the meal. This year we will be having a couple of "End of the Rainbow" door prizes, one alcoholic the other non. Please send an email to let me know if you will be attending. brigittematt@comcast.net. This will help a lot in planning. There are a few more things to mention. First we will also be having our annual Chili Cook-Off next month on April 9th. Following that; Strictly Sailing at Jack London Square, 7th thru the 10th; Camelia Cup at Folsom on the 16th and 17th. We have had some nice rain and snow up in the mountains, but I want everyone to keep thinking positive wet weather thoughts. We are not out of the drought yet, but so far it is better than last year. See you all soon!

2016 Calendar of Events

March

19 St Patty's Dinner, Corned Beef & Cabbage, 6 pm

April

9 5th Annual Chili Fest. 6 pm. Bring your best chili for the competition
7-10 Strictly Sail Pacific (Jack London Square)
16-17 Camellia Cup, Folsom

May

7 LYSA Opening Day
12 LYSA Thursday Night Summer Series Begins
14-15 LYSA Spring Regatta. Sign up early and come out to sail your boat or to just enjoy the company and help out.
TBD Jack & Jill Race

June

4-5 Gold Country Regatta
TBD Dick Gardener One Design
25 Open House/Shrimp Feed
Delta Doo Dah "Do it Yourself"

July

4 Independence Day Potluck Lunch BBQ & Fun Sail
9-10 High Sierra Regatta, small boat, Huntington Lake
TBD Dick Gardener One Design
16-17 High Sierra Regatta, large boat, Huntington Lake
23 Special Needs Sailing Day

August

TBD Dick Gardener One Design

September

TBD Delta trip
TBD Dick Gardener One Design

October

3-10 Fleet Week SF Bay
14-16 Monterey Trip
TBD Halloween -
End of Year Party / Election / Dinner / Awards

November

December

3 Christmas Party

January, 2017

1 Frostbite Regatta

Some Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.



Race Captain

Rachel Hadley

We're getting closer to May!

The Race Committee met and determined that we need a few supplies - Batteries (for the clock and the radios – yes, we have radios!); suppressed air canisters – for the air horns; and then we are ready! Here's hoping there's water!

We also held a meeting with the racers, and determined that they would like to shake things up a bit.

The racers proposed that for our Thursday Night Beer Can Races we shift the start line to the south east end of the lake (by Rotary Cove) and move the finish line to the front of the dock towards the middle of the lake, instead of towards the dam.

The Race Committee is amenable to those changes for the Beer Can Races, but the Race Committee cannot accommodate the change to the location of the start line for any race series which requires more than one race in one day – for example, our Regatta will have to be started from the boat docks. The Race Committee is also in need of clear instruction on the operation of the Committee Boat, as we want to be successful at both starting the races, and getting back to the docks in time to record the finishes!

Tim Harden, Steve Leonard and Darrell Sorensen volunteered to modify the Committee Boat to accommodate the racing flag poles and the race course board to facilitate the starts out by the SE end of the lake.

The racers suggested we add 2 new marks to our course sheet – 1 between the island and Mark 2; the other between Marks 4 and 5.

The Race Committee will create a new course

sheet, renumbering the buoys to include these 2 new marks, so the island will henceforth be Mark 4 instead of Mark 3, and all the other mark numbers will change accordingly... Steve Leonard volunteered to create a couple more concrete weights to hold the new marks. We will have to purchase some eye bolts, new line and some new buoys. We will have to host a fundraiser to accommodate these purchases.

The Race Committee welcomes suggested race courses from all racers, but we are committed to posting the course sheet once – we will not modify the course sheet once it has been finalized and posted – So be sure to get your two cents in during our next meeting on the 19th, because you might not have an opportunity after that meeting.

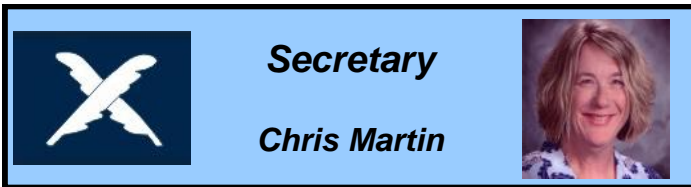
The racers suggested we have monthly Saturday Afternoon Races, followed by a potluck. We will discuss the option of a 3rd Saturday Sailing Series at our next meeting on the 19th – 2 pm at the Clubhouse.

Hoping to see all of you on the water soon!

Ways to support LYSA that might be new to you:

- **Swipe** your SHARES card every time you shop with Save Mart or one of their affiliated stores.
- **Enroll** in the Raley's scrip program at www.raleys.com/somethingextra. Select Lake Yosemite Sailing Association from the menu and designate the percentage of scrip to donate.
- **Come** to monthly Membership meetings.
- **Please** 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.





Next month we will discuss who will help head up several areas. Live auction: Desserts. Raffle for bigger items. Raffle tickets for smaller items, smaller raffle.

Rachel suggested splitting Raffle between Shrimp Feed and Regatta, maybe 30 things. Peg agreed. 10 gift certificates, 10 items with bags. Sell a lot of tickets for a few items. Way too many items. Peg - Big money item, single ticket for larger cost. 5 desserts. Raffle tickets in the goodie bags, for door prizes. 50/50 raffle. Less items. Jay and Diane attended the Diamonds and Denim OLM fundraiser dinner. Two wagons, men's one full of liquor, women's one with wine. Sold 52 cards, winner matched winning card and won the item.

Jay suggested we break items down into a committee meeting.

Treasurer, Diana Sousa:

Communications / Reports:

Treasurer's Report reviewed. Income discussed. Last year no increase in membership. This year 2 new, 1 loss.

Junior Sailing OR Racing may sponsor dinners. Jay - suggested that during race season Junior Sailing or Racing alternate hosting dinner, host may keep profit under their budget category.

Garage sale, made money, we were going to make improvements to the committee boat, \$345 was rolled into net income, we could pull it back out in order to make repairs.

Peg asked about a garage sale out at the lake, at the Clubhouse. Suggested it be held elsewhere, due to entrance fees.

Jr. Sailing Committee & Cruise / Social Committee, Matt Loeffler: Junior Sailing

Contacted by Carlos with ROTC: he has 30 students, interested in three weeks. Other ROTCs in the area may be interested in being included. The first year, they stayed at the Clubhouse, last year they did not. We may ask the Board in the next month for permission to stay at the Clubhouse this year. Discussion: they are nice

LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A meeting of the LYSA Membership was held on February 9, 2016 at Matt & Brigitte Loeffler's home. The meeting convened at 7:05 pm, Commodore Jay Sousa presiding. A sign-in sheet was circulated. 10 members attended.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were read by Chris Martin. Corrections: None. **Motion:** Moved by Diane to approve minutes, seconded by Matt. **Motion carried.**

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, Jay Sousa: Jay asked if members were willing to skip the General Membership meeting and move to the Board Meeting. Comments:

Garage:

Darrel Sorensen spoke regarding improvements to the garage, he will let us know the price.

Mentioned a reminder that LYSA is hosting the El Toro Nationals in 2018.

Regatta logistics items discussed:

Support for planning includes Steve Eyberg, Mike Streatly, Tim Hardin, Darrel Sorensen. Goodie bags - Peg will coordinate with Rachel, Plaques/ trophies, Flyers (Mike Streatly), Website - form online (Mike Streatly), T-Shirts, Dinner, Event Logistics Rachael concerned that many people may be contacting MID. She is looking at what other clubs are doing. Huntington Lake is holding races this year.

Promoting Event:

Discussion regarding contact list / emailing to get in touch with former racers, Fresno Yacht Club, Monterey Bay, El Toro sailors, Day sailors, previous contacts. Jay volunteered to email current contacts to save the date / share the date. Matt suggested Jay send out Shrimp Feed info along with Regatta info. Next month, during March meeting, develop a committee to support the Regatta. At this point now, at mid Feb, assume we are having a Regatta. Start planning now. It is easier to cancel than to plan at the last minute. Diane will hold checks, in the event the Regatta is cancelled, she can easily return payment.

Adjournment: The next LYSA General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, March 8, 2015. Location TBD. Potluck at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm. **Motion:** Moved by Matt to adjourn, and seconded by Diane. **Motion carried.** Membership meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

LYSA Board Meeting Call to Order: A regular meeting of the LYSA Board was held on January 12, 2015. The meeting convened at 8:00 pm, Commodore Jay Sousa presiding.

Members in attendance: Members of the Board in attendance: Commodore: Jay Sousa, Vice-Commodore: Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler, Past Commodore: Peg Larson, Secretary: Chris Martin, Treasurer: Diane Sousa, House Captain, Linda Sorensen, Port Captain: John Larson, Cruise/Social Captain: Matt Loeffler, Racing Captain, Rachel Hadley.

Vice Commodore, Brigitte Bowers Loeffler: Nothing to report.

Past Commodore, Peg Larson:

Shrimp Feed

Peg thanked Matt for the donation of the skateboards.

**Annual
St. Patty's Day Dinner!
March 19th
6 pm**

**Corned Beef
and
Cabbage**

**Bring a side or
dessert**

RSVP to Matt Loeffler at brigittematt@comcast.net

kids, they kept the house clean and watched out for the other youth sailors as well.

Social

Hoping to bring back movies this summer

Friday is Jay's event – we want to meet at Pinocchio's and then attend Jay's show. A club-sponsored event to support Jay. Meet 5:30, proceeding to Merced Multicultural Center. Event is 6 to 8. St. Patrick's day Dinner - Saturday the 19th, \$5 per person, at the Clubhouse. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage, Irish coffee, green beer. Potluck appetizers, cocktails at 5 pm, Dinner, 6 pm.

Brigitte – offer one door prize, a bucket of Irish Whiskey, Bailey's for example, or a 6 pack of Guinness. Dinner is sponsored by the Board, donate the door prize. Bring a new member.

Jay would love to go all in with this to really promote it with club members.

Racing Captain, Rachel Hadley:

Local races: Scott's flat 6/4, Delta same date, June – Jack & Jill Invite racers and race committee to the Clubhouse on Saturday, 2/20, 2 pm – to talk about what they want from the races this year. Find out who wants to be on the race committee. Kaitlin Hardin will help again, as well as Debbie.

Jay reviewed log in and use of LYSA gmail account.

Port Captain, John Larson:

Docks are still being prepped. Floating docks are near destroyed. Getting trash out, taken away next week. Trash from interior of the garage and shed to be disposed of.

Jay asked John to work with Linda. John asked Linda to load the dumpster. Brigitte stated some items belong to Junior Sailing, she expressed concern about items being thrown out.

Matt – bins for life jackets, bins for lines and cleats, right hand drawers of bench have replacement parts for Lidos.

Jay asked John to coordinate with Matt, Linda, Darrel. A few years ago we had a zealous person who threw away items they should not have. Be sensitive to that.

Secretary, Chris Martin: Nothing to report

House Captain, Linda Sorensen: Nothing to report

John - Gate off the hinges near the flagpole. He said he could have someone go out to fix it.

Commodore, Jay Sousa:

Current LYSA Membership – 67. Would like to promote membership. Ideas for a membership drive were discussed. Lengthy discussion, tabled to the March meeting. Bring an idea to the next meeting on how to promote membership.

Promote sailing as a lifestyle, get involved in crewing. Promote our sport and our lifestyle. Sailing – market LYSA at boat shops, boat events, water areas

MID – Mike Jensen, Brian - Won't know what 's going on with the water until mid-February when the next snow survey comes in. Mike said they are optimistic, but cautious. Merced River about 110% of normal. We are lower, to the North or South, numbers are higher.

New Business: - Diane informed the Board that Davin wants to know if we're worried about mistletoe in the trees. He will need to hire. May cost \$1K. Suggested we talk to the County. Brigitte – they may give us a rent credit. Jay will investigate and will follow up at the March meeting, see if MID will do remove it.

Old Business: - None

The Good of the Order:

Agenda sent to members beforehand.

Rachel – let Jay know our ideas beforehand, email Jay to have items included in the agenda

Steve Eyberg, Mike and Tim at the Three Bridge Fiasco last weekend. Steve said he would write an article for the newsletter.

Peg – everyone should include something in their article regarding sharing sail related story / art to submit it

Adjournment: The next LYSA Board Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, March 8, 2015. Location TBD. Potluck at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm, Board at 8:00. **Motion:** Moved by Diane to adjourn, and seconded by Peg. **Motion carried.** Board meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

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