

## Member Profile

If you would like, use the space below to tell us about yourself and your sailing experience (if any):



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*Sailing is FUN - young or old, single or married, men, women, and children - sailing is for everybody!*

**Beginners Are Welcome  
Easy to Learn • No Boat Required**

# Come Aboard And Enjoy The Fun And Friendship!



**Racing • Cruising  
Socializing • Travel**



Lake Yosemite Park • Merced, California

## Introduction

Lake Yosemite Sailing Association (LYSA) was founded in 1988 and designed as a family-oriented racing and cruising association to allow sailing enthusiasts from the community the opportunity to sail, race, travel, and network.

Our members come from all walks of life—just about any occupation you can find in the Central Valley. Today, we have more than 90 member families that include individuals and families from Merced, Mariposa, Fresno, and Stanislaus counties. Members range in age from 6 months to darn near 90 years old. There also seems to be an almost even split between the genders. We have sailors with varying levels of knowledge and expertise.

A variety of sailboats make up the LYSA fleet. The majority are in the 22 foot range, but you can see Lasers rounding the marks with a 27 foot Express. There are also a fair number of Mac-Gregors, Merits, Windmills, and Lasers, but almost any other sailboat can also be found on the water.

## Location

Lake Yosemite is 450 acres of reservoir surface water located in north Merced, California, in the Central Valley between the cities of Fresno and Modesto. The lake is managed by the Merced County Parks and Recreation Department. There are about 80 sailboat slips. Picnic tables are located near the LYSA docks on a grassy area that stretches more than one half mile along the shoreline. Giant Eucalyptus trees shade the grass from the summer heat and add to the beauty surrounding the lake. There is a \$6 park entry fee. Annual park passes may be purchased for \$50.

## Activities and Events

Friendship based around sailing is what brings this eclectic bunch together. There are lots of opportunities to sail and socialize.

**Thursday Night Racing** — racing season begins with a Spring Kick-Off the first weekend in May, and continues every Thursday evening through the second Thursday in September. The strength of the wind helps to determine the evening's course. Often 20 or more sailboats, all of different types and sizes are seen maneuvering

for a good start. Races start at 6:30 p.m. Points are accumulated for the season and trophies are awarded at the End-Of-Season Party.

**Weekend Fun Sails and Potlucks** — fun sails and potlucks are also planned monthly as a chance to relax and enjoy a day on the water. There is never a shortage of food, fun, or friendship.

**Overnight Sailing Trips** — Sailing trips to places such as nearby lakes, San Francisco Bay, Monterey Bay, and the Delta are planned for trailer exploration.

**Spring Regatta** — An annual regatta is held every May on the weekend after Mother's Day, bringing sailors from all over the Central Valley, and coastal areas. In addition to some great racing, festivities include a fantastic feast on Saturday night, live music and dancing, and an opportunity to gather with friends, old and new, to socialize.

**Shrimp Feed**— Held annually the last weekend of June, this all you can eat shrimp feed attracts 200-300 people. There are free sailboat rides, live music, a giant raffle, and even a bounce house for the kids!

**Business Meetings** — Association meetings are held monthly at the LYSA Clubhouse. At these meetings, LYSA business is discussed and events and activities are planned and organized. All members are encouraged to attend the meetings. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month starting at 6:30 p.m. for a potluck dinner, followed by the meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

**End-Of-Season Party & Officer Elections** — This party is held in late October. Trophies for the Summer Racing Series are awarded as well as the popular "Matt and Ed" Awards, and other special awards. This is also the time that LYSA elects the Board of Directors for the upcoming year.

## Membership Dues

There is a one-time initiation fee of \$75.00 for new members. Annual dues are \$120.00.

Membership allows you to participate in all LYSA activities including attending monthly meetings, voting, racing, receiving the monthly newsletter, and participating in other activities such as potlucks, fun sails, and overnight sailing trips.

You don't have to know how to sail to join LYSA. You don't even have to own a boat. Crewing on a sailboat is an excellent way to learn to sail.



## Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Age of Children (living at home)

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

LYSA Sponsor\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you do not have a current member to sponsor you please leave this blank. All memberships must be approved by the current LYSA Board of Directors and are subject to a probationary period before full membership privileges are awarded.