

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

November 2012



LYSA sailors enjoyed the beauty and wildlife in Monterey Bay this month. Cruisers launched in Moss Landing, sailed across the bay, and spent a relaxing weekend in Monterey before heading back to Moss Landing. Photo submitted by Kathi Brown-Fournier.

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Deadline is the 22nd of each month.

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Elizabeth Dietz, Editor



I took a ride out to the lake yesterday to check on things. While there I took a walk out along the docks and while looking at all the now empty slips, found my mind wandering to various moments of the past year. Things like great conversations with friends, the playful banter with the competition on Thursday night races, the various impromptu dinners up in the yard. Then there's the yearly regatta which Craig did a great job on this year. Unfortunately I missed the shrimp feed this year but from the pictures I saw, it was a success as always. This club has so much to offer when it comes to people getting together and sharing a common interest. It's always kind of sad to see all the boats gone and say goodbye to another year.

With the coming up America's cup races there seems to be a lot of interest in multi hulls this year and club members with Hobies have been turning up out at the lake. Naturally, being an old Hobie racer this does my heart good. If my count is correct, I believe we now have seven Hobie 16's, one Hobie 17, and a Prindle. These are great fast boats and fun to sail, a little hard on the knees but a good pair of knee pads would take care of that. A good wetsuit and we could even get some "winter sailing" in with the lake down. If anyone would like to try sailing one of these let me know and maybe we can set up a fun sail and you can take one out.

The year isn't over with yet and we still have a few parties coming up, one being the awards dinner this next Saturday, (As I write this) and the Christmas party in December. Plan on attending both.



Vice Commodore

Mike Strealy



Race Captain

Chrissy Wainwright



Here it is another November and another official end to our sailing season at LYSA. With the water surely down too far for boats to be at our docks I would hope that all of the boats are out of the water by now lest they become "lawn art" for the winter.

Just because we have ended our season on the lake doesn't mean that we stop having club activities. There are still several social events, Frostbite Regatta, as well as some well needed project days. Check with Kathi, Tim, or the new house captain and take a look at the newsletters and online calendar to keep up on all of the off season events.

On a sailing note, even without water in our lake, there are always options to get your fix in. Dodd and Kathi Fournier have been quite the travelers this year. They have made several sailing trips to Huntington Lake in the summer and now have made at least two trips this fall to Monterey with their Merit 22. Sounds like there will be more to come for them.


Soon other members will once again be hauling their boats to Alameda to sail in the Oakland estuary. They keep their boats on trailers and dry sail throughout the winter, also competing in some of the estuary mid-winter racing series. One of the more popular is the Oakland Yacht Club's Sunday Brunch series, regularly drawing a few LYSA boats and a dozen or more LYSA sailors. Having a group breakfast and then spending the day sailing or sitting on a sunny deck in the winter watching the races while the valley is cloaked in fog is great.

Or, maybe this will be the year that you get to all of the things you wanted to do to your boat but have been putting off. If so, start early or they will be on your list again next year!

Whatever the case be sure to enjoy yourselves and be safe in whatever you do.

Although our Summer Series has come to an end, we do have our annual Frostbite Regatta on January 1st to look forward to. It is always a fun day of racing and good food. Save the date.

Mike Strealy and I will schedule a training session for anyone who is interested in learning the "RaceSail" program, for scoring our Thursday evening races. This will take place after the first of the year. It would be very helpful to the RC to have as many people as possible learn this program, it is an easy program to learn. You do not have to be a racer or an RC member to help. The Thursday night after racing dinner has been very well attended by club members; this would be a good opportunity to lend a hand. Once again I would like to thank everyone who helped out during the season. See you at the lake.



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Secretary

Ed Dietz



Board Meeting: 10/09/2012, 6:40 PM - 7:49 PM

Minutes: Approved minutes from 9/14/2012 Board Meeting and 9/14/2012 Membership Meeting.

Reports - Actions - Discussions:

Commodore, Thom Grimaldi... Discussed the night light pole (old business) and a new " No Parking Sign" at our club house driveway.

Vice commodore, Mike Streal... Commented on the LYSA Construction Project (old business) and the new LYSA website.

Past Commodore, Craig Anderson...Not present.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa...Reported LYSA financial status and current membership is at 77 families.

Port Captain, Tim Harden...Reported that winter boat storage is completed and a lottery was not needed.

Cruise and Social Captain, Kathi Brown Fournier...

- * Need members to bring Halloween decorations to our 10-17-12 End of Year/Awards/Election party
- * Commented on the LYSA cruise at Monterey Bay on 10/5 -10/7/2012

House Captain, Amy Davis...Commented on the bids for a new yard and club house maintenance contract (new business).

Racing Captain, Chrissy Wainwright...

- * Notified Latitude 38 magazine of LYSA races and events for 2013
- * Racing awards are under control and in progress

Secretary, Ed Dietz...

- * Commented on an email from Fresno Yacht Club regarding a boat trailer they gave us
- * Presented minutes from previous meeting

Sail Camp Jr. Sailing Committee...Not present.

Old Business:

- * *LYSA Construction Project:* Planning is in progress. (Open - Mike Streal Project)
- * *Garage-Fence Night Light Project:* Tabled. (Open - Tim Harden Project)
- * *Race Boat Maintenance Project:* Tabled. (Open - Race Captain Project)
- * *Membership Guidelines Committee:* Tabled. Volunteers: Amy, Ed and Jay. (Open - Vice Commodore Project)
- * *Mailing of Election Ballots Project:* Vice Commodore Project. (Closed)

New Business:

Yard and Club House Maintenance Project: Amy Davis reported that bids were received from Dave Mosher for the yard at \$140.00 per month and from Service Master for house maintenance at \$150.00 per

month. Scott Foster's company only wanted to continue if the contract was awarded for both the yard and the house. The board voted to award this project to Dave Mosher and Service Master effective 11-01-12. (MSP - Closed)

Proposals

- * *Notification to Non LYSA Members regarding Changes to the Lake and Marina:* Boat slip renters who are not LYSA members need to be notified by email of any changes to lake and marina conditions - proposed by Ed Dietz. The board agreed that any changes to the lake and marina should be listed on the LYSA website. The treasurer was advised to add a note on the 2013 marina invoices instructing members and non-members to check the website home page for info. (Closed)
- * *Racing Schedule:* Chrissy proposed that we change the two 8 week racing series to four 4 week sessions. The problem is that only a pre-designated skipper can race the boat and this person may not be available for all the races and a throw-out race is not sufficient. The board agreed that the best solution would be to continue the two 8 week sessions and allow two skippers (a primary and an alternate) be pre-designated. (Closed)
- * *Dinghy Dry Storage:* Thom Grimaldi proposed that we install gravel on the side yard (north side of the club house) for parking the junior sail boats. Tabled (Open)
- * *Good of the Order:* A special 2013 budget meeting will be held at the LYSA club house at 6:30 PM on the first Tuesday of Nov 11-06-12. The board needs to review a draft budget to be finalized at the Nov board meeting and presented to the membership at the members meeting at the Nov (11-13-12) membership meeting.

Adjourned: 7:49 PM.

Membership Meeting: 10/9/2012, 7:50-8:30PM

Attendance: 16 members.

Minutes: Reviewed board minutes from 10/9/2012

Discussion:

- * Mixed feelings persist regarding the board and membership meetings being held on the same day.
- * Board members should stay for the membership meeting.
- * The meetings should stick to a specified timer limit (one hour) and cover only items listed on an agenda. If agenda or new items cannot be addressed within the time limit then they should be tabled to the next meeting.
- * All members are welcome to attend the board meeting and are encouraged to do so. The membership meeting following the board meeting is the time for members to speak out regarding board actions and new proposals.

Adjourned: 8:30 PM



Cruise/Social Capt.

Kathi Brown-Fournier



Hello Fellow Sailors!

Sailing on Lake Yosemite is officially ended for the season, but just beginning for other venues! Monterey Bay is an amazing area, for sailing, and for things to do. Weekend Slip fees are very affordable, and everything is within walking distance. Our LYSA trip last month was very enjoyable. We had great company, Ed brought family and friends, Brian and Cindy brought friends, and we had a good time. We saw so many dolphins on Saturday, I can't even count. They swam under and around our boat, splashing and jumping and squeaking. It was awesome! I managed to get a few good pictures. The Blaags even spotted a shark. Dodd and I went back to Monterey the next weekend and did another 2 days of sailing, eating, walking along the path from Fisherman's Wharf to the Coast Guard station. Watched some scuba divers, we motored around the harbor looking at boats, sea lions, and lots of marine life. We even motored next to a 130 foot boat sailing in from far away. We felt very small next to her! If all of this sounds appealing to you, I highly recommend this weekend trip, and don't miss next year's LYSA Monterey trip.

November 13th is our next potluck at the clubhouse. I would challenge members to bring a dish and get involved. This is your club, and we as board members encourage positive input from all members. So leave the complaints at home, and bring your ideas, solutions and open minds to the meeting. And please, everybody, be kind with your words.

Mark your calendars for our Christmas Party on Saturday, December 8th at 5pm. This is a fun club event, good food, a gift exchange, and my favorite part...lots of cookies!!

If you have a good idea on a cruise, race, or event at the clubhouse, please email me at

kathi6280@yahoo.com. In the meantime, check your email and the calendar for what's going on next month. Keep in mind, we will be planning next year's calendar soon, so get involved, and come to the next meeting in November.

So for now, *See you at the Lake... or on the ocean!*



2012 Awards

GLAD TO BE HERE AWARD TO

STEPHEN LEONARD, MIKE STREALY, JACOB HARDEN FOR THE CALAMITY THEY ENCOUNTERED WHILE RACING IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY ON A MERIT 25, DUE TO A GUST OF WIND. STEVE DISCOVERED WHY THE BOOM IS SO NAMED AND REQUIRED AN AMBULANCE RIDE AND STITCHES. MIKE WENT OVERBOARD OFF THE STERN. JACOB WENT OVERBOARD OFF THE BOW. ALL WERE RESCUED AND SURVIVED.

GREAT SUPPORTIVE SAILOR AWARD

TO **DODD FOURNIER** FOR HIS CONTINUED SUPPORT TO HIS SAILOR WIFE KATHI. EVEN THOUGH DODD IS A POWER BOATER AT HEART, HE STUCK WITH KATHI THROUGHOUT THE YEAR BY SAILING LOCALLY AND CRUISING AFAR. OF COURSE, THOSE ROMANTIC OVERNIGHTS ON THE SAILBOAT MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO HIS ENTHUSIASM.

SPECIAL CREW MEMBER AWARD TO

GRACY JIMENEZ FOR HER ENTHUSIASM, DEPENDABILITY AND SUPPORT AS A SIDE-KICK ON THE WINDMILL - SUSAN K - THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND ESPECIALLY DURING THE SIXTEEN WEEKS OF SUMMER RACING.

ANNUAL ACROBAT AWARD TO

GREG HECKMAN FOR HIS UNCANNY ABILITY TO MISJUDGE THE DISTANCE FROM THE SAILBOAT TO THE DOCK. HE WAS FOUND ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS IN THE WATER WHEN ATTEMPTING THIS MANEUVER.

THE POSEIDON ADVENTURE AWARD

TO **ELIZABETH DIETZ** FOR SAILING HER WINDMILL - SUSAN K - THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND ESPECIALLY DURING THE SIXTEEN WEEK SUMMER RACING SEASON. SOMETIMES SHE WAS UP AND OTHER TIMES SHE WAS UPSIDE DOWN- BUT SHE RECOVERED GRACEFULLY WITH HER SHIPMATE.

CECIL B DEMILLE AWARD TO

BRYAN AND CINDY BLAAG FOR PRODUCING AND PUBLISHING TERRIFIC REALITY MOVIES AND PICTURES OF LYSA EVENTS AND MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.



1st Place Non-Spinnaker Fleet: Chuck Rockholt
Most Improved Sailor Award to Kathi Brown-Fournier





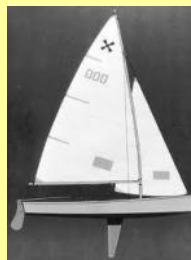
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Commodore's Award to Bryan & Cindy Blagg



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