

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

October 2016



Photo Courtesy Chris Martin

Sailing Season's End

Look inside for details on this month's events!



Photo Courtesy Mike Streatly

On the 20th we had a raft up behind the island. We had a great time hanging out on the line. The sail in, just before sunset, was terrific. The wind was perfect for a nice casual ride.

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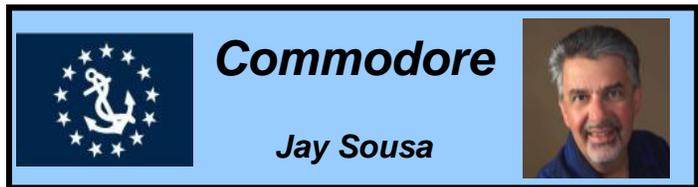
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**Deadline is the 22nd of each month
Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line**

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Greetings to all as we head into October. By now I hope everyone has a plan to get their boats off the lake by Sunday October 9th. The water level after the 9th will start to drop for the season.

Even though our sailing season is over, LYSA has a full slate of activities for the month. Our next club social and membership meeting is set for Tuesday October 11th. The potluck starts at 6 followed by the club meeting at 7 and the board meeting at 8. Please mark it on your calendar, as it is always nice to see a big turnout at the monthly meetings.

Saturday October 22nd is our year end racing awards, election of new officers and, new this year, introductions of new members as we formally welcome several new LYSA members into the fold. Plus the ever-popular Matt and Ed awards! This year's theme is Octoberfest! The event kicks off at 4 with happy hour. The election of 2017 officers is at 5 and dinner at 6. Dinner will be a selection of sausages & sauerkraut. Cost is just \$5.00. Please bring an appetizer or side dish to share and your own beverages.

During a recent board meeting the board voted to spend \$500.00 out of our club improvement fund to buy 26 additional new chairs. We purchased several of these nice chairs with the blue webbing last year. Our goal is to eventually get rid of the old plastic chairs. These new chairs definitely class up our club!

I want to point out the importance of our two big annual events, the Regatta and the Open House, as these two events fund our house improvement fund. Without the continued success of these two events we would not be able to make some of the nice improvements to our facility that we all enjoy. I also want to thank Steve Leonard for volunteering to pick up the new chairs, which are now at our clubhouse.

Hope to see everyone soon!

Commodore Jay





Past Commodore
Peggy Larson



Hard to believe our sailing season is sadly coming to a close with the weather still so beautiful and the evenings at the lake perfect for watching the sun set. Boats need to be out of the water by the 9th, water levels will be dropping quickly.

We have our End of the Year/Awards dinner to look forward to on the 22nd. We will also vote in our new Board members that night so your participation would be welcomed.

See you in the yard!



Race Captain
Rachel Hadley



The Summer Series is over, and next week we have to get our boats out of the water.

It's always so sad to see the end of Summer, and the end of sailing on our beautiful lake. We are truly blessed to have had consistent winds, and wonderful weather this past summer.

Please plan to join us for our End of the Year Party and Awards Ceremony on October 22nd.

The Race Committee has a nice collection of trophies



End of Season Party!
Saturday, Oct 22nd
4:00 pm - Happy Hour
Introduction of New Members
5 pm - Club Officer Elections!
6:00 pm Dinner
Sausages & Sauerkraut
\$5.00 per person
Racing Trophies!
Matt & Ed Awards!




for the Summer Series, the Best Crew Award, and the Most Improved Sailor Award, as well as our annual Perpetual Awards. And we all look forward to the Matt and Ed Awards.

And besides that, we get to vote for next year's Race Committee Chair! (as well as the rest of the Board positions).

I would like to end with a shout out to our Fantastic Race Committee:

Kaitlyn Harden – without whom we'd have been lost and floundering.

Debbie Harden – steady as a rock, and her eye on the clock!

Dennis Wainwright – who successfully navigated, and taught us to navigate, the committee boat with a great sense of patience and tolerance.

Miranda Kales – who came every single race, and did whatever had to be done, cheerfully, including entering the race results into the computer.

Steve Leonard - who made the concrete bases, measured the lines, and then set the marks every week, as well as tending to the committee boat.

Diane Sousa, Amy Davis, Rich Kleitman and Don Hadley who all came and helped with Starts and Finishes. **Don** also got proficient at driving the committee boat and picked up the marks after most of the races (Jay Sousa, George Deane and Rich Kleitman also helped with picking up the Marks after the Races). Also, not to be left out - **Mike Streal** who helped us whenever we got stuck on the Computer, and he also calculated the final results.

Thank you all!

Membership Meeting
Join us... on Tuesday, October 11th
6:00 pm Dinner / Social
7:00 pm Membership Meeting
8:00 pm Board Meeting
Location: LYSA Clubhouse
Please bring a dish to share and your own drinks



Cruise/Social Capt.
Matt Loeffler



Hi All,

I just want to thank everyone that worked hard to make this last sailing season so much fun. I really enjoyed seeing all the people out at the lake. Great having water for a change, and everyone keep your hopes up for rain this winter and maybe we can have water again next summer.

Coming up in October will be our end of the season party scheduled for the 22nd of October. This year we are planning an Oktoberfest theme. So get out your lederhosen and beer steins. We will have bratwurst, and sauerkraut, and I'd like people to bring side dishes to go along with this. Socializing will start at 4, elections at 5 and dinner at 6.

Ed and I have a few ideas for the Ed and Matt awards, but we aren't everywhere so please let us know of any funny/unusual activities that we should consider.

Also as a reminder, the Christmas party will be on the 10th of December at the Fish and Game building.



Port Captain
John Larson



Sailing season is coming to a close, so let go of all lines and make ready for winter. After October 9th, water levels will drop off significantly. We will have major issues trying to get boats out of Lake Yosemite with low water levels. If you need help, let any LYSA Board member know.

When you leave the dock, please remove any old lines or other items in your area. We will work through the winter to maintain the old wooden structure. I hope you enjoyed the Lake season and will be back next season with a good headsail and a strong hand.

Please keep the gate to the berths closed. If you see something not quite right or out of the ordinary please don't hesitate to let me know.

2016 / 2017 Calendar of Events

October

- 3-10 Fleet Week SF Bay
- 14-16 Monterey Trip, RSVP ASAP to Ed
- 22 Halloween -
End of Year Party / Election / Dinner / Awards

November

December

- 10 Christmas Party, Fish & Game Building

January, 2017

- Frostbite Regatta

February, 2017

- SF Bay, Angel Is., Sausalito, San Francisco

March, 2017

- St Patty's Dinner, Corned Beef & Cabbage

April, 2017

- 6th Annual Chili Fest. Bring your best Chili for the competition.
- Strictly Sail Pacific (Jack London Square)

May, 2017

- LYSA Opening Day
- LYSA Thursday Night Summer Series Begins
- LYSA Spring Regatta. Sign up early and come out to sail or help out.
- Jack & Jill Race

June, 2017

- Dick Gardener One Design Series
- Open House/Shrimp Feed
- Delta Doo Dah

July, 2017

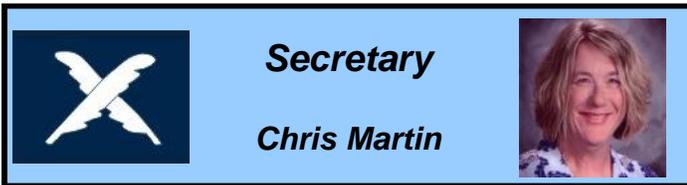
- 4 Independence Day Potluck Lunch BBQ & Fun Sail
- High Sierra Regatta, small boat, Huntington Lake
- High Sierra Regatta, large boat, Huntington Lake
- Special Needs Sailing Day

August

September

- Jack & Jill Race
- Dick Gardener One Design
- Delta trip

Some Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.



Social: Diane suggested we put birthdays back in the newsletter.

House Captain, Linda Sorensen: Light on garage is fixed. Ground fault breaker was bad, Darrel fixed both items. Linda thanked Members for using the Online Reservations system to book the house.

New Business: Darrel: someone on the property was taking cans. Darrel put a bolt on the can.

Update: Jack and Jill. 3 racers. In the future: earlier in the year, late July or early August. We need more Jills.

Dick Gardner transformed to a "fun sail".

Matt will be coming this weekend to take the Lidos out.

This Saturday, Darrel will be here with the grandkids. He will help take the Lido 14s out of the water.

Old Business: Pinecrest tabled for this year. Matt suggested it would be a good Past Commodore trip.

Good of the order:

Matt thanked Darrel for organizing races.

Chris – will update membership list, add new members added, clean up bounced emails.

We did approve purchase of blue chairs, Jay wants to get the purchase taken care of.

Adjournment: The next LYSA General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at the Clubhouse. Potluck at 6:00 pm, General Meeting at 7:00 pm. Board Meeting at 8:00.

Motion: Moved by Chris Tomford seconded by Linda Sorensen. **Motion carried.** Membership meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A meeting of the LYSA Membership was held on September 20, 2016 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:05 pm, Commodore Jay Sousa presiding. A sign-in sheet was circulated. Fifteen members attended.

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

August Membership and Board Meeting Minutes read by Chris Martin.

Motion: Moved by Rachel Hadley to approve the August Meeting Minutes, second by Diane Sousa. **Motion carried.**

Commodore, Jay Sousa:

MID – Lake levels will start dropping on October 1st. Boats have to be off the water, per MID, the weekend of the 8th and 9th. We don't want to expose our Club to liability by going against MID's requirement. We could have water and could continue to day sail. Dock lines should be checked and boats are to be off the water

Winter storage: Handled by John Larson. The last couple of years we haven't used the lottery for winter storage.

There are 11 spots. Jay requested members email interest in storage, submit their name and interest in winter storage spot. Jay will put out an email.

Year End Party / Awards Ceremony will be October 22nd.

Also Election of 2017 Officers. Jay called for nominations for Board Positions. We would like to involve members.

Also, this year, Jay would like to have a welcome ceremony with introductions.

Vice Commodore / Junior Sailing, Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler: Not in attendance.

Past Commodore, Peg Larson: Not in attendance.

Port Captain, John Larson: Not in attendance.

Treasurer, Diana Sousa: We are on budget, accounts look good. Up 6 members.

Racing Captain, Rachel Hadley: This has been a good racing season.

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

Events:

- Monterey Bay Trip – October 14th-16th **Ed Dietz wants an RSVP.**
- Day sailing at Monterey.
- Fleet week October 3rd through 10th.
- End of Year / Awards / Election party on the 22nd. Matt asked Members to submit Ed and Matt award nominations.
- Christmas party December 10th

Ways to support LYSA that might be new to you:



- **Visit** <https://www.savemart.com/shares> to enroll in Save Mart's paperless eScrip program.

- **Enroll** in the Raley's scrip program at www.raleys.com/somethingextra. Select LYSA from the menu and designate the percentage to donate.

- **Bring a new member** to the Clubhouse.
- **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.

LYSA Board Meeting Call to Order: A regular meeting of the LYSA Board was held on September 20, 2016 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:50 pm, Commodore Jay Sousa presiding.

Members in attendance: Members of the Board in attendance: Commodore: Jay Sousa, Secretary: Chris Martin, Treasurer: Diane Sousa, House Captain, Linda Sorensen, Cruise/Social Captain: Matt Loeffler, Racing Captain, Rachel Hadley.

Not in attendance: Vice Commodore: Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler, Past Commodore: Peg Larson, Port Captain: John Larson.

Linda: House Improvement - Member brought up suggestion to put in double paned windows and paint the house. \$3000 for 11 dual paned windows (not installed), \$4000 for windows and paint. Discussion: What is in best interest of all members, enjoyment of property. Money would be better used on other projects. MID doesn't reimburse

us for the total cost, they write off our rent over many, many, many months.

The Board agreed the Clubhouse is in need of paint. Form a committee to get more information on cost, color, date, etc. This needs to be brought up at a Membership meeting. Jay asked Linda to call Craig to let him know about the Board's recommendation: paint, yes. Windows, no.

Walkway: Jay has been working on contacting MID regarding the cement walkway to the parking lot.

Chairs: purchase before October 22nd. Steve Leonard is able to make the purchase.

Election: Call for Nominations for new Board members. We are set for at least one person per position. Ballots needed by the next General Membership meeting.

Adjournment: The next LYSA Board meeting will be held Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at the Clubhouse. Potluck at 6:00 pm, General Meeting at 7:00 pm. Board Meeting at 8:00. **Motion:** Moved by Diane Sousa to adjourn, and second by Matt Loeffler. **Motion carried.** Board meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

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