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Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

September 2020

IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR CLUB



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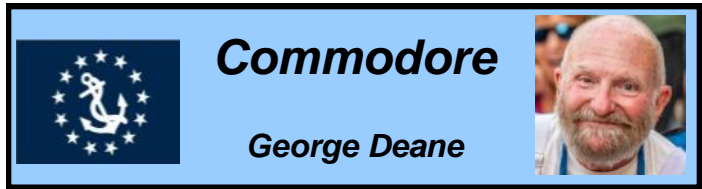
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The season is winding down. Our last Thursday night race is behind us, Thanks to Rachel, Deb and all of the ground support that make it possible. Our final “event” of the year will be the awards ceremony and Sea Scout appreciation on September 10th. The rest of this year’s events are canceled due to the pandemic situation.

I hope that at our final event we can actually maintain social distancing. On Thursday nights I recognize that we are outside and there is usually a breeze. However, members have not even seemed to make an effort to stay apart or wear masks for the most part. This has been disappointing to me because I would have loved to stay and socialize for a while after the races but there was no way I thought that that was wise under the circumstances. I hope that we can choose to do better and get this situation behind us. There are currently over 7700 cases and over 110 deaths in Merced County alone.


I am currently working with Merced County Parks and Recreation to renew our dock lease. It is Merced County’s rules that are being violated when we have a large group at the club and we don’t properly social distance. I don’t want to create a problem with either Merced County or MID in this regard.

So, enough of my harping, I look forward to seeing all of you at the awards event. If you can’t be there, be safe and if your boat is in the water get out there and enjoy the lake and the Club.






House Captain
Debbie Harden

Cruise/Social Capt.
Mike Strealay



What a year! My thoughts and prayers are with each of you as we battle through this pandemic and now the fires burning across our state. Stay safe! The concrete slab for the kayak garage was poured on August 26th. Now we can take the next step of building some racks to keep the kayaks off the floor. Craig Anderson is keeping the yard looking super. His TLC is transforming the place! There was some tree trimming & mistletoe removal going on the week of August 24th. This will hopefully keep our big trees healthy. There will also be some tree plantings going on in the future as memorials to several of our club members who have passed.

Some reservations for the use of the Clubhouse on the calendar. Remember to use the form on our website if you would like to schedule a reservation. We are adhering to the State/CDC guidelines for group events including size, social distancing, masks as appropriate. Thank you for your help with this. By the time this is published, I hope to have the ice machine back up in working order. It needs a new filter and has another leak. I apologize for any inconvenience this down time may have caused.

I appreciate the help you have given in keeping the Clubhouse clean. Thank you for taking the garbage in the house and in the yard cans to the dumpster. It really does help to keep the critters away!

As always, any concerns with the house, yard or garage, please let me know via email, text or phone.

In this heat wave it is hard to imagine that **Winter Storage** is around the corner. (For those who would like to keep their boat at the lake along the fence of the clubhouse.) Boats in winter storage must have their mast up and be maintained: no flat tires, etc. The cost of \$140 which covers from sometime in September to Opening Day depending on the water levels. If you are interested in winter storage for your boat, please let me know. If there is more interest than there are spots, a drawing will be held at the September meeting. My contact information:

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Deadline: Monday, September 7, 2020

I should really call myself the Social Distancing Captain for as much as I have been active with the club this year. I can't take all the blame though. Circumstances pretty much dictated that we do nothing as far as organized social activities. So, as far as a club update, as Social Captain I am not planning any organized events. This includes the year end party, and the Xmas party (we can't reserve the Fish and Game building anyway).

On a personal note, some of you might know that my wife Sherry and I did contract the dreaded Covid 19 a while back. We knew exactly when we were exposed, and thankfully avoided exposing anyone else. Obviously we made a full recovery thank goodness, however it was a horrible experience for both of us. We were out of action for pretty much all of July. As a result, I decided that I would eliminate unnecessary excursions for a while. Thursday night sailing didn't make the cut (So sorry to our Sea Scouts). I do have faith that things will change and I look forward to next year and a great sailing and racing season.

Finally, I hope everyone is well, and stays well.

Regards,

Mike

Membership Meeting

Join us in September!

At the LYSA Clubhouse

Tuesday, September 8th

7:00 pm *Membership Meeting*

Board Meeting to follow

Observing COVID-19 safety guidelines



Guest Columnist
Tom Cooke



In mid-August I went to the lake to watch the Race. When I got to the lake, I observed that most of the members in the yard were not wearing masks nor socially distancing.

I want to remind our membership that we are in the midst of a pandemic which has taken over 170,000 lives in the last Six (6) or Seven (7) months.

Our public health experts have repeatedly shared with us that to drastically reduce the transmission of this disease all of us need to wear masks in public even when we are outdoors. They have also shared with us that socially distancing is also an important practice which helps to reduce transmission of this disease.

One of our members has contracted the disease and thankfully is now recovering. I would like that to be the last case in our club.

Please act responsibly and consider the health and safety of your fellow members. Please follow the CDC guidelines and wear a mask and socially distance while in the yard. It may be inconvenient but it is the socially responsible thing to do to protect the health and safety of our membership.

See you at the lake



Upcoming Events

LYSA Summer Series—16 Thursdays, 5/14-8/20

September, 2020

10 LYSA Summer Series Awards Dinner and Sea Scouts Appreciation

October, 2020

4-13 Fleet Week SF Bay
17 OYC Oktoberfest Regatta—Tentative
End of Year Party - Awards / Election
31 RYC Great Pumpkin Regatta

November, 2020

December, 2020

Christmas Party— CANCELLED

January, 2021

Merced Running Club's Fog Jog / Annual Meeting

February, 2021

Super Bowl Party

March, 2021

RYC Big Daddy Regatta
St. Patrick's Day at the Lake
OYC Rites of Spring Regatta

April, 2021

54th FLYC Camellia Cup Regatta
Make A Wish Event
Livingston Kite Festival—8:30 to 4
Strictly Sail Pacific, Richmond

May, 2021

Friday Social / Saturday - LYSA Opening Day
LYSA Thursday Night Summer Racing Series Begins
LYSA Spring Regatta

June, 2021

GCYC—Go for the Gold
LYSA Dick Gardner Memorial, 1st Day of Summer, Race
SSC Delta Ditch Run
Open House/Shrimp Feed


July, 2021

LYSA Summer Series, Thursday nights
Raft-Up / Fun Sail
Special Needs Sailing Day 3—7 pm


August, 2021

LYSA Summer Series, Thursday nights
LYSA Fun Race
Junior Regatta

Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.



Secretary
Chris Martin



LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A combined meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on August 11, 2020 at the Lake Yosemite Sailing Association Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7 pm, Commodore George Deane presiding.

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, George Deane: George welcomed members to the meeting. George invited Board / Committee Members to report.

Approval of Minutes: *July minutes approved by acclamation.*

Commodore, George Deane: Discussion of lease. Discussed raising dock fees to cover repairs / maintenance and \$3K deficit. It's been about 10 years since we've had an increase in dock fees. George confirmed the insurance policy complies with their needs.

Lease with the County is due in 2022. According to the lease the County will pay for the house roof, electrical and plumbing, anything else we need permission. Discussion of improvement to include water heater. George proposes a letter be written to MID asking approval to pour the slab. Would like to incorporate water heater and rent offset in the letter.

Vice Commodore, Dennis Pellissier: Not present. George shared that if anyone backs into the fence, they will be

asked to pay to repair it. Dennis did a closer survey of the fence. The bad posts are repaired.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa: No report. Racing fee report given to Rachel.

Dock Captain, Kendall Nightengale: Work completed earlier in the year, not much activity recently. Idea: online form to report dock issues, Kendall asked if Members would use such a form. This would help identify future needs. Rachel suggested notifying / informing Members in the Newsletter before the form is posted.

House Captain, Deb Harden: Tim Ledford will be calling Deb to sign the contract to schedule to have the concrete slab poured in the kayak shack. Racks will be built for the kayaks. LYSA kayaks are labeled with LYSA. Discussed charging a nominal fee for kayak storage. Everything is fine with the house.



People have been making reservations for the house, we need to comply with Covid-19 guidelines (no more than 10 people, masks, etc.). Instead of using the house, Peg and John borrowed chairs.

Cruise / Social Committee, Mike Streatly: Not present. Deb shared Mike's report: he is not planning any events until 2021. No Christmas party or any events. Diane suggested Mike continue his role next year. Gary asked if we are able to come to the Lake during weekends. Jay suggested it would be bad form to use the Lake. Rachel was told to leave, they called Bryan from Parks & Rec and he said no. The County really doesn't want us out here. They are having huge issues on the back side of the lake with people and cars all the way down the street.

If you are not on Facebook, then you missed out on my post about the Harden House going on the market. If you know anyone who would love a well built and well-maintained house on over an acre, please have them get in touch.



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Race Captain: Rachel Hadley: Three more races, last one will be August 27th, last Thursday in August. Results are posted online. Jerry Johnson is in first place, Sea Scouts, Aleman, Craig is 4th. Rachel is looking for awards nominations / proposals: Best Crew and Most Improved, etc.

Junior Sailing, Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler: Shut down as Darrell was ill with Covid-19. He is doing well, and is making a full recovery.

Sea Scouts: No Report.

Old Business: Membership cards. SPM Photo Marketing shut down due to Coronavirus. Should take around three weeks. Need updated Member list from Diane. UPDAT E Jay called, they are now open, he will order. Merced Honda made a donation to the Club. Fundraiser letter discussed. Rachel can not draft the letter after all. Discussion of the letter, if Club Members support this. We owe the Club from the Docks \$3000. It could other improvements (slab, etc.) Due the lost revenue from Shrimp Feed, Regatta and Sail Camp, it was thought a fundraiser would support the Club. Discussion – raise the Dock fees or

come up with another approach. Jay – Board needs to defer any upgrades to the docks and pay back the house. Club is still open to suggestions.

New Business: Diane received applications from new Members:

Emily Langdon (City Schools) and Charles Neece (Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs), she has been in sail camp for 10 years, 2 kids, Sponsor Brigitte. They have gotten a lot out of sail camp and would like to give back to the Club.

Motion: Moved Deb Harden. **Second** by Rachel Hadley. **Motion carried.**

Tom and Jennifer Nicholson, he is employed at UCM, daughter Kailey has been in sail camp for 10 years, 2 kids, Sponsor Brigitte. Not sure if they've mailed their application. We will approve pending paperwork.

Motion: Moved Deb Harden. **Second** by Jerry Rokes. **Motion carried.**

Good of the order: Jill Dietz has passed away yesterday, August 10th.

Discussion of trees. Deb would like to donate toward a tree in memory of Dave Moser.

The next LYSA Membership / Board meeting will be held September 8, 2020.

Motion: Moved by Rachel Hadley to adjourn, and **Second** by Craig Anderson. **Motion carried.** Board meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

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