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Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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**Commodore**

**Thom Grimaldi**



Ahoy sailor!

September here already and as I write this, only two more races to do and this year's racing will come to a close. Thanks to Matt and Brigitte for taking on the feeding of all after the races. It was nice to see everyone stick around after the races and share in the camaraderie. Thanks also to Craig Anderson for initiating the event last year.

Many of you have heard we were looking in to remodeling the house in an effort to make it more functional. As it turns out, looks as though this will not happen to the extent of what we had in mind. The cost involved coupled with the unknown when tearing out old and replacing with new is more than we anticipated. We are still looking and making a few small changes that would be less aggressive.

Last month we had our first Commodore's Breakfast and had a great turnout. We were able to make a little money for the Jr. Sailing program and as you all know, the Jr. Sailing program is the future of this club. Thanks to all that participated.

If you do not attend the meetings, many of you may not know we changed by vote the by-laws and have gone to one combined meeting a month. This was done to do away with the redundancy of two meetings. Our first meeting wasn't too bad but a fine tuning is definitely needed. As with any changes, the bugs need to be worked out some and I appreciate your understanding and cooperation. When and if members do attend, please keep all comments to yourself until the board meeting is over and the general membership portion is started. At that time you will be invited to speak on anything discussed by the board, old and/or new business.

With the year 2013 only four months away, it's time to think about next year's board members. The success of this club is dependent on member participation so if you think you might like to run for one of the positions, please step forward and let it be known. We need your participation and ideas.

C-Ya on the water! Thom



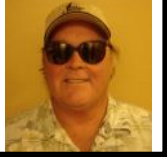
## Vice Commodore

Mike Streatly



## Past Commodore

Craig Anderson



As another LYSA sailing season is approaching and end it is time to start thinking about board positions for the upcoming year. Even though there are some current board members who plan on running again for next year, it shouldn't stop anyone from throwing their hat into the ring.


Board members are expected to attend the club meetings and take part in club events. They are also on the planning committees of both the Open House & Shrimp Feed and the Annual Regatta. They are also expected to submit a monthly article for the newsletter (see the full rundown of officers and duties in the membership handbook which is available on the website).

A lot of members do a great deal in helping with our club functions and projects but for one reason or another don't seem interested in helping run the club. I'm not sure what the reason for this is. I know it is sometimes a thankless job, but contrary to some opinions we could not exist if it wasn't for members giving their time and effort to hold these board positions. That being said, I am hopeful that this year there will be more members stepping up to run for a position.

With our club constantly growing and evolving, we are always in need of fresh faces with new ideas. So give it some thought.

Well, the end of summer is approaching. Last night's race ended after sundown so I know the days are getting shorter. Now is a good time to reflect back on the summer sailing season. I know that there's still a lot of wind to be had, but time is evaporating much too quickly. Probably the best thing this summer brought was that my boys were home from college and for the first time they used our sailboat. I mean, they took it upon themselves to invite friends to go out sailing on Lake Yosemite. It made my heart feel good that they had the confidence to be the "captain" of the boat. They were secure that they could set up, launch, sail, and return to the dock safely. Not only did they use the boat, nothing got broken! I guess that the time we've spent together on the water has been well worth it as they have acquired a life skill that they may enjoy forever. Success!

If you have not been fortunate enough to share your passion for sailing with loved ones, don't despair. There is still ample water in the lake and you should take advantage of it to get out on the water with your kith and kin. The wind is free and the air at the lake is much cooler than outside at home. Besides it's fun and gets you out in the fresh air.



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## Secretary

Ed Dietz



**Board Meeting:** 8/14/ 2012, 6:36 - 7:29PM

**Minutes:** Approved minutes from 7/3/ 2012 board meeting and 7/10/2012 membership meeting.

### Reports - Actions - Discussions:

#### **Commodore, Thom Grimaldi...**

- \* Commodores' breakfast scheduled for Sunday Aug 19, 2012, 0930-1100 Hrs.
- \* Annual regatta scheduled for May 17-18-19, 2013.

**Vice Commodore, Mike Streal...** Need more newsletter articles from board members and general membership.

**Past Commodore, Craig Anderson...** Received a Hawaii burgee from member George Dean.

**Treasurer, Diane Sousa...** Provided financial status for LYSA. Current family members are at seventy-six.

#### **Port Captain, Tim Harden...**

- \* Dock pins have been found and replaced bolts on floating docks.
- \* Need help digging the hole for the new light pole.

#### **Cruising & Social Captain, Kathi Brown-Fournier...**

- \* The Monterey cruise was reported to be scheduled for the first weekend in October (but this date has since been changed to the second weekend in October).
- \* Need ideas from members regarding social events.

**House Captain, Amy Davis...** No news.

**Racing Captain, Chrissy Wainwright...** The Racers' Dinner is scheduled for 8/30/2012 following the final race of the season.

**Secretary, Ed Dietz...** Provided minutes from previous board and membership meetings.

#### **Sail Camp Committee, Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler...**

- \* Thank you to Darrell S. and Jerry R. for all your help.
- \* Changes for next year:
  - \* New rates for 4, 3 and 2 week camps.
  - \* Set up sign-ups at local supermarkets.
  - \* Need ideas to boost the program.
  - \* The first camp will be scheduled for July instead of June and will be

scheduled into August. June has not been a good month because of low attendance.

- \* Early sign-ups will be discounted.
- \* Need a scholarship committee.

### Old Business:

- \* *LYSA Construction Project:* After reviewing the project list from last year it was determined that to do everything proposed would be too expensive. So we need more planning to modify the list to make the projects more realistic. (Open - Vice Commodore Project)
- \* *Garage-Fence Night Light:* The light and pole have been obtained. Need help digging the pole hole. (Open - Port Captain Project)
- \* *County Permits and DMV Permits:* Two boats remain in the water without the proper permits. The boat owners have been notified. (Closed - Port Captain Project)

### New Business:

- \* *Board Nomination Committee:* In the past this committee was composed of Past Commodores. Need volunteers. (Open - Past Commodore Project)
- \* *New Members Orientation Committee:* Need volunteers. So far Ed, Kathi and Jay have volunteered. (open - Vice Commodore Project)
- \* *Race Boat Maintenance:* Per Chrissy W. the engine needs work. (Open - Not assigned)

**Adjourned:** 7:29 PM

**Membership Meeting:** 8/14/2012, 7:38-7:55PM.

**Old Business:** None.

### New Business:

- Darrell S. stated that the AC45 sail boats will be racing at San Francisco Bay on Sunday Aug 26, 2012 and we could car pool to the bay.
- The Jr. Sail boats are still in the water and per the sail camp committee it is OK to pull out all but one boat.
- There was some discussion regarding the new board and membership scheduling. Members reported that some did not realize that a board meeting was actually in progress because all the board members were spread out on the patio. It was suggested that all the board members should sit together at a central table to be recognized. Also reported was that the start of the membership meeting should be loudly announced. It was agreed by the board that the meetings on the same night needed to be fine-tuned.

**Adjourned:** 7:55 PM



**Race Captain**  
**Chrissy Wainwright**




**House Captain**  
**Amy Davis**



By the time you read this, the racing season will be over. Congratulations to all the winners. Awards will be handed out during our end of season/election party. Thanks again to everyone for helping make the races run smoothly.

The following is a section from the LYSA membership handbook...

Tips for your Successful Membership

Possess a positive attitude, and make a commitment to the success of the Association and its members.

Participate enthusiastically and remember that the benefits derived from membership are directly related to participation.

Attend meetings on a regular basis.

Help build a strong, diverse Association by introducing other sailing enthusiasts in the community to the Association.

Be a friend to all members and provide a supportive system of caring and sharing.

Use Rotary International's "4-Way Test" to ensure good ethics and behavior.

**Four-Way Test**

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
- See you at the lake!

“There is no more thrilling sensation I know of than sailing. It comes as near to flying as man has got to yet - except in dreams.”


-Jerome K. Jerome in *Three Men in a Boat*

Hi, this is your House Captain. Please call, (209) 769-9117, or text me to reserve the house for a BBQ, etc. Also, anytime when using the club house /grounds please clean-up after each use. If you use the dishes in the house please wash them and put them away. Also Please wipe down all surfaces.

Thank you!

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## Cruise/Social Capt.

**Kathi Brown-Fournier**



Hello fellow sailors and friends.

The winds have been great this summer, lots of sailing and racing on Lake Yosemite. I would love to see more boats out of the docks and into the water. Some appear like they haven't moved all season. Having a slip with a boat ready to sail, is worth much more than the very small fees we pay. So lets get on our boats and sail. And for those sailors who aren't using their boats, please contact the dock captain so he can assign the slip to someone who wants to sail.

Our race season may be over, but there is still water in the lake. I would like to invite all racers and sailors to continue to come out on Thursday evenings and sail. Also, those of you who have come out to watch the races, this is a great opportunity to jump on a boat and cruise. I will be out there myself every Thursday and invite anyone interested to get on my boat and go for a sail. Lets take advantage of this wonderful lake we have in Merced, and the passion of sailing.


October 12th through the 14th is our Monterey Bay Cruise. We had a huge turnout last year, and I would like to invite all members to join LYSA in this fun cruise. Some of us will be sailing over from Moss Landing, and some of us will be launching in Monterey, and some will be driving over just to join the festivities. Whether you sail or drive there, I promise a fun time will be had by all. Mark your calendar now, and plan for the second weekend in October. Watch your email for more information on this one.

On a personal note, Dodd and I took our Merit 22 to Huntington again this month. Brought my daughter and her husband too. They camped, and we slept on the boat. Had a fun 3 days. It really is a great lake, and a beautiful drive up the mountain too. Makes for a nice weekend trip. We will be trailering our boat up there next summer for sure.

Remember, check the website, evites, and your email for upcoming events...and as always,

See Ya On The Lake!

Kathi



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