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Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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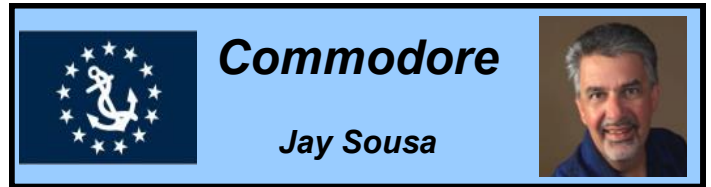
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As 2022 comes to a close, along with my term as LYSA commodore, I want to let all of our awesome LYSA members know how honored I am to have served our club as the commodore this year. This is the fourth time that I have been commodore and, honestly, this has been the best year yet. I have truly enjoyed the year!

I want to thank our 2022 Board for always working hard in the best interest of our club and membership.

We definitely had some challenges with no water, and then wildly fluctuating water levels. Fortunately, we were able to work around those issues and Racing Capt. Rachel still managed to salvage a racing season, albeit it a little shorter than normal!

What we may have lacked with a shorter than normal sailing season we more than made up for it with a very robust event schedule with some great food thanks to Norm and Jerry, our Social Co-Captains. These events were all very well attended largely in part to a consistently great newsletter that Chris, our Secretary, put out each month in a very timely manner. This really helped with club communication, keeping all of our members informed of club happenings.

The beginning of the year saw a great turnout for our dock workdays that Dock Captain Kendall did a great job organizing. Our clubhouse looked good all year and was always stocked with all of the supplies needed for our events thanks to House Captain Deb. Deb also did a great job staying on top of repairs along with Vice- Commodore Thom and his considerable experience in repairs and construction.

As we close out the books on 2022 we stand in great financial shape thanks to the hard work of our Treasurer Diane.

We should all feel proud as a club of our two great youth sailing programs, Sail Camp and our Sea Scout group. Matt and Brigitte Loeffler and Rich Kleitman did a great job running these two very important components of LYSA.


2023 should be a great year, too. We have another very strong Board with a good mix of three first time, as well as experienced, Board members.

Thom Grimaldi will take over as Commodore. Dan Aleman has stepped up as the Vice Commodore. This will be his first time on the LYSA Board. Also making their LYSA Board debut is Tami Davidson taking over as Social Captain and Lee Austin stepping up to the Dock Captain position. Tom Cooke, no stranger to the Board, will be taking over as Race Captain. The rest of the crew for next year will be returning Board members Diane Sousa, Treasurer, Chris Martin, Secretary, and Deb Hardin, House Captain.

Even though I will be retired from the Board I will be around to help out wherever I can!

I hope that everyone has a great Holiday season and Happy New Year.

I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday January 10th at our first meeting of the year.



House Captain
Debbie Harden




Winter is a challenging time for me to write about the Clubhouse. I am only out there occasionally to check on things and everything looks good, cold but good.

Recently, I was at the beach and I saw this in the sand. Do you see the sailboat?

I had a challenge to find more sailboats in the sand!




Vice Commodore
Thom Grimaldi



Hope everyone's Thanksgiving was pleasant and relaxing.

We've finished decorating for Christmas. If Karen had her way, I'd have been unboxing all the Christmas decorations prior to Thanksgiving.

Looking forward to the New Year and hopefully a full season of sailing which of course means a full lake. Pray for lots of rain and snow!

It was great to see everyone at the Christmas party! Special thanks to Santa, who made time to visit with everyone.

Happy Holidays!




Race Captain
Rachel Hadley




Happy New Year and Blessings to you!

2022 was a wonderful sailing season, and I'm glad to leave charge of the 2023 Race Committee in the capable hands of Tom Cooke.

I hope that we all have fair winds in 2023.



Secretary
Chris Martin



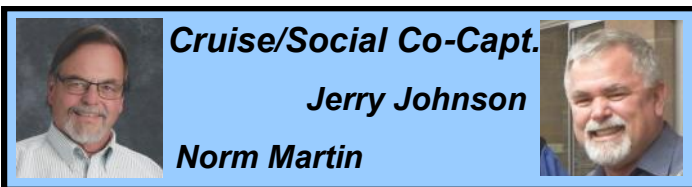
LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on November 8, 2022 at the home of Jay and Diane Sousa. The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, Jay Sousa: Welcomed members to the meeting. This is the last meeting he will officiate. This is his fourth year as Commodore, Jay enjoyed this year. Invited Board Members to report. The 2023 proposed Budget will be discussed.

Approval of Minutes: Chris - minutes are published in the Newsletter, Members have the opportunity to read and review the minutes in advance of the meeting. Request: dispense with reading, discuss, approve by acclamation.

2023 Officers voted in at our Nov. Meeting:

Commodore: Thom Grimaldi
Vice Commodore: Dan Aleman
Secretary: Chris Martin
Treasurer: Diane Sousa
Port Captain: Lee McDonough
House Captain: Deb Harden
Cruise / Social: Tami Davidson
Race Captain: Tom Cooke



What a great season

It's been fun. Jerry and I would like to thank you for participating in our social events this year. We enjoyed preparing and serving nearly 300 meals at gatherings big and small over our time as Cruise and Social Co-Chairs. We hope you enjoyed the gatherings as well.

Tami Davidson is the 2023 Cruise and Social Chairwoman. She has some really fun things planned for the upcoming year and sailing season. Please congratulate her and offer your support and your help.

We will see you at the lake.

Christmas party

The weather may have been a bit frightful, but the gathering of friends made for a warm and delightful evening. The rain didn't dampen spirits at the annual LYSA Christmas Party. The gathering at the Italo-American Lodge seemed to be well received by the crowd of some 85 club members, family and friends. Compliments to the Italo staff who prepared a steak dinner with green salad, bread, ravioli and vegetables.

A highlight of the evening was a visit from Santa. He danced into the hall with a Ho! Ho! Ho! and shared gifts with good boys and girls, many of whom couldn't wait to have their pictures taken with him during the gift exchange. Thank you Santa Dan.

The competition was tough in the Ugly Sweater Contest. JoAnne Clarke won first place.

To others who helped make this event a success, including musician Eddie Guzman who drew the numbers for the gift exchange, sang and played guitar, we offer our gratitude. Happy Holidays.

Upcoming Events

(Proposed—Subject to change due to Covid restrictions.)

For information on events, check Latitude 38's racing guide.
 Monthly LYSA Member/Board Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month
 6 pm Social, 7 pm Meeting, Board Meeting follows

December, 2022

3 Christmas Party

January, 2023

Merced Running Club's Fog Jog / Annual Meeting

February, 2023

Super Bowl
 Slip Fees due

March, 2023

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

April, 2023

12 LYSA Member/Board Meeting
 30 **LYSA Opening Day**—Seafood Boil
 55th FLYC Camellia Cup Regatta
 Make A Wish Event
 Livingston Kite Festival—8:30 to 4
 Strictly Sail Pacific, Richmond

May, 2023

LYSA Member/Board Meeting
 LYSA Thursday Night Summer Racing begins, Dinner to follow
 LYSA Spring Regatta

June, 2023

LYSA Member/Board Meeting
 GCYC—Go for the Gold
 SSC Delta Ditch Run
 Brunch at the Clubhouse

July, 2023

4 BBQ at the Clubhouse
 LYSA Thursday Night Summer Racing Series, Dinner to follow
 LYSA Member/Board Meeting
 Junior Sailing
 Special Needs Sailing Day TBA

August, 2023

Junior Sailing
 LYSA Summer Series, Final Race / Awards TBD
 Junior Regatta TBA

September, 2023

Labor Day: Take a worker sailing
 Sea Scouts Appreciation TBA
 End of Season Dinner and Awards

October, 2023

Fleet Week SF Bay
 OYC Oktoberfest Regatta
 End of Year Potluck / Election
 RYC Great Pumpkin Regatta

November, 2023

LYSA Member/Board Budget Meeting

Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.

Motion: Moved by Jerry to dispense with reading and approve minutes with discussion, to be approved by acclimation, **Second** by Tom. **Motion carried.**

Commodore, Jay Sousa: Jay shared that next month we will celebrate our Christmas Party, on Saturday, December 3rd at the Italo-American Lodge. We'll have the Ugly Sweater Contest and a gift exchange. We will not hold a December meeting. This is the first time we've held our party off-site. Tonight, we are voting on a new Board. There is only one person running for each position.

Vice Commodore, Thom Grimaldi: Not present.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa: The Treasurer's report was shared. Current Membership: 76. Suzanne asked what happens to the money at the end of the year. Diane explained the money rolls over to the new year. Tami asked what revenue comes from. Dues, merchandise sales, recycling income, racing, Winter / Summer / Kayak storage.

Shrimp Feed and Regatta – that goes into the Improvement Fund. That fund paid for plumbing issues.

Dock Captain, Kendall Nightengale: No report. Dock work to be done in the Spring.

House Captain, Deb Harden: No report.

Cruise / Social Committee, Jerry Johnson / Norm Martin: Christmas party on 12/3, \$25 per person. Steak dinner at the Italo. Jerry explained there will be a gift exchange, limit \$20; live music, open bar, Santa. Dessert provided.

14 responses to the invitation. Jerry invited Members to invite their friends to the Christmas Party.

Race Captain, Rachel Hadley: Not present.

Junior Sailing, Matt Loeffler: Not present.

Sea Scouts: Not present.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Jay named each person running for each office. Thom Grimaldi, Commodore; Dan Aleman; Vice-Commodore; Diane Sousa, Treasurer; Chris Martin, Secretary; Tami Davidson, Cruise / Social; Tom Cooke, Race Captain; Lee McDonough, Dock Captain; Deb Harden, House Captain. **Motion:** Moved by Jerry to accept aforementioned Officers, to be approved by acclimation. **Motion carried.** Each Officer was approved by acclimation.

Good of the order: None

Adjournment: The next LYSA Membership meeting will be held Tues., January 10, at the Pizza Factory, 6:00 Social, General Meeting, 7:00 pm. Board Meeting to follow.



Motion: Moved by Tom Cooke to adjourn, second by Kendall. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:41. After a brief break, the Board Meeting was convened.

LYSA Board Meeting Call to Order: A regular meeting of the LYSA Board was held on February 8, 2022. Convened at 8:07 pm, Commodore Jay Sousa presiding.



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Members in attendance: Members of the Board in attendance: Commodore: Jay Sousa; Secretary: Chris Martin; Treasurer: Diane Sousa; House Captain, Deb Harden; Dock Captain: Kendall Nightengale; Cruise/Social Captain: Jerry Johnson / Norm Martin.

Not present: Vice Commodore: Thom Grimaldi; Racing Captain, Rachel Hadley.

2023 Members Elect to the Board in attendance: Tami Davidson, Dan Aleman, Tom Cooke.

Jay explained that By-Laws state that old and new Board Members set the next year's budget during the November budget meeting.

Tami asked if goal is to gain revenue or just put on events. She explained that her perspective is to gain revenue.

Diane explained monies go into the general fund, not to specific categories, not back into specific categories' budget. The budget is based on the historical average of what was spent. There is a finite amount of money available, any amount over that goes back to the Club.

Tami asked about raising our annual dues to \$149. Jay – this is not a social club, it's a sailing club. There is no financial justification for raising dues. Tom – we could justify

fy a fee increase to cover dock repairs. Jerry suggested a fundraiser instead of raising dues.

The website was discussed.


Treasurer, Diane Sousa: Diane shared the Treasurer's report. Each area of the 2023 Budget was discussed.

Motion: Moved by Kendall to accept the 2023 Budget. **Second** by Tom. **Motion carried.**

Adjournment: The next LYSA Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, January 10, at Pizza Factory, 6:00 Social, General Meeting at 7:00 pm. Board Meeting to follow.

Motion: Moved by Diane to adjourn, second by Chris. **Motion carried.** The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

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