

# Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

June 2022

## Our Lake Yosemite



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# Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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**Deadline is the 22nd of each month**

**Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line**

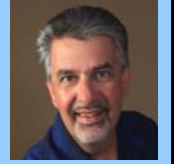
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**Commodore**

**Jay Sousa**



It is hard to believe that we are now in June and still not able to launch boats! However we are hopeful that we will be getting some good news soon. I spoke with an official at MID recently and he told me the first week of June. Kendall, our dock captain, spoke with someone else at MID and was told the middle of June. In any case we should be close and LYSA club members will be notified as soon as we get positive info.

With the summer solstice rapidly approaching I have been receiving a lot of emails from different sailing organizations promoting organizing a sailing event on the solstice which is June 21<sup>st</sup>. With this being the longest daylight of the year I thought that LYSA should do something. The 21<sup>st</sup> falls on a Tuesday so obviously that may not be the best day to plan a LYSA event. I was thinking of Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup>. My thought is that we do a late afternoon raft up behind the island for boat hopping and appetizers. Then near sunset break up the floating party and set sail until dark or shortly thereafter. We can be on the water until one hour after sunset.

Years ago the club regularly did these raft ups and they were a blast! The way this works is the two largest, heaviest boats that will be participating find the spot and drop their anchor. Next smaller boats side tie up to the first two. Lots of fenders and dock lines are needed. A motor makes maneuvering easier and is especially important for the boats that will drop their anchor to be able to back down and really get dug in. We might also think about having the committee boat standing by to help as well. It is not that hard and the more experienced sailors will talk the newer sailors through the drill. I will be sending out organizational emails prior to the 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be important for me to know which boats will be participating so I can sketch out where everyone will be.

There has also been some talk of other activities as well on the 25<sup>th</sup> so watch your email for updates!

Our next club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 with a potluck. This is a full moon night so plan on coming out and hollering at the moon with your fellow club members!

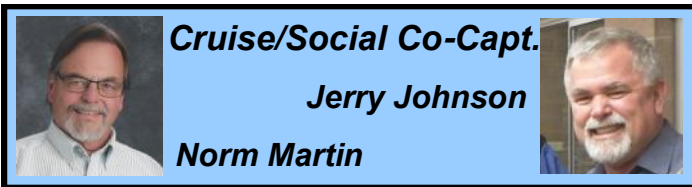
## Membership Meeting

**At the LYSA Clubhouse on Tuesday, June 14th**

*6 pm Potluck, 7 pm Membership Meeting*

*Board Meeting to follow*

*Observing COVID-19 safety guidelines*



**Brunch at the clubhouse**

They say it's the most important meal of the day.

Certainly, it's popular and a great way to start a sunny summer morning.

Join us for brunch at the clubhouse Sunday, June 26.

We are planning traditional fare, such as eggs, bacon and pancakes. But wait, there will be more. The menu hasn't been finalized and we have time to come up with ideas for some additional delicious treats.

We will send out our RSVP form, with starting time and menu, as the event comes closer. Keep an eye out for the invite and keep the date open.

**How high is the water mama?**

High enough to float your boat, we hope.

Commodore Jay's news that the lake should be at a respectable boating level in early or mid June is great news.

We can't wait for Thursday racing to get underway and are looking forward to visiting with racers and friends.

Come join us and share a meal/snack after racing. It is a great way to relax and to beat the summer heat. Bring a friend! More on this as the season develops.

**Shrimp Feed**

Join us in September for the annual Shrimp Feed.

This special night generates funds for Junior Sailing. Like so many other events, this popular fundraiser has been on hold for a few years. The Covid cloud appears to be lifting, and social activities are falling back into a more normal routine.

We will need plenty of volunteers to host this evening, so start thinking about pitching in. Let's make this "comeback" a great success. Supporting this endeavor will help a great group of youngsters, some of whom will become lifelong sailors.

Planning for the Shrimp Feed will get underway in July.

The Pessimist complains about the wind.

The Optimist expects it to change.

The realist adjusts the sails.

Author: William Arthur Ward

**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

**June, 2022**

- 14 LYSA Member/Board Meeting  
 LYSA Thursday Night Summer Racing Series, Dinner to follow  
 GCYC—Go for the Gold  
 SSC Delta Ditch Run
- 26 Brunch at the Clubhouse

**July, 2022**

- LYSA Member/Board Meeting  
 LYSA Thursday Night Summer Racing Series, Dinner to follow  
 Junior Sailing  
 Special Needs Sailing Day

**August, 2022**

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

**September, 2022**

- Labor Day: Take a worker sailing  
 Sea Scouts Appreciation  
 LYSA Dick Gardner Memorial, 1st Day of Summer  
 Open House/Shrimp Feed

**October, 2022**

- Fleet Week SF Bay  
 OYC Oktoberfest Regatta  
 End of Year Party - Awards / Election  
 RYC Great Pumpkin Regatta

**November, 2022**

- LYSA Member/Board Budget Meeting

**December, 2022**

- 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**

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

**Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.**



**Secretary**  
**Chris Martin**



**LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order:** A meeting of the LYSA Membership was held on May 10, 2022 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:10 pm.

**Reports - Actions - Discussions: Vice Commodore, Thom Grimaldi:** Thom welcomed members to the meeting. Invited Board Members to report.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes read by Chris Martin.

**Motion:** Moved by John Derby to approve minutes with corrections, **Second** by Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler. **Motion carried.**

**Commodore, Jay Sousa:** Not present.

**Vice Commodore, Thom Grimaldi:** Regatta cancelled due to lack of water. Proposed Friday night wine / cheese get-together, Saturday, June 25 Solstice Sail / Raft Up at the Lake with snacks between boats. Shrimp Feed tentatively on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Needs: cooks, rigatoni, shrimp, servers (Jr. Sailors). Usually in June. T-shirts \$15 each.

John Derby asked about ordering new hats. Kendall asked if there was interest from the membership in vinyl window clings. Regatta: Darryl has made 21 plaques with no year and no engraving. These are beautiful and can be used in the future. Thom commended Jerry & Norm on the Low Country Boil. Karen Grimaldi commended Jay & Kendall on their efforts running the Ladder Ball game.

**Treasurer, Diane Sousa:** Not present.

**Dock Captain, Kendall Nightengale:** MID Update / discussion of water levels. It may be mid / late June before we can put boats in.

**House Captain, Deb Harden:** The lack of water has thrown off the calendar for Racing and for Storage. Boats in Winter Storage will remain in storage, Diane will send out notification.

One Ladder Ball set was donated to the Club and is stored in the Office. A new clock has been hung on the garage.

**Cruise / Social Committee, Jerry Johnson / Norm Martin:** If we have no water, and do not host the Solstice Sail / Raft Up, we will have a Brunch on Sunday, June 26.

**Race Captain, Rachel Hadley:** No report. We are postponing racing until water levels are up.

**Junior Sailing, Matt Loeffler:** Junior Sailing sessions (for 8 to 16 year olds) are filling up. \$185/child. Scholarships are available. Expenses include paid Leader, boat repair, gas, water, food. Tim O'Neill committed to provide 2 scholarships for 2 CASA students. Shannon offered to contact the Boys & Girls Club. Brigitte will collect and hold money until the week of camp. Aiming for end of June, July, possibly adding a week in August. Thom offered small sized T-shirts to Junior Sailors.



**Sea Scouts:** Not present.

**Old Business:** None.



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**New Business:** John Derby suggested a boat maintenance day in June. Discussion: bringing boats to the Club with no water in the Lake – will need to take boats back home.

Norm mentioned we talked about wine / cheese on Thursdays during racing. Kendall agreed that it would be better on Thursdays because we are all there for racing.

Chris asked about the life jackets hanging in the garage. Idea: rotate the worn ones out.

Deb: donations should be routed through the Board, rather than simply dropping items off at the house.

**Good of the order:** John Derby will “sail” the Ragdoll in the Atwater 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Civil Air Patrol hosting hamburger / hot dogs on Memorial Day from 9 to 4.

No Board Meeting was held due to lack of agenda items. There is a new member to be voted upon, this item is tabled to the next meeting.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** Moved by Deb to adjourn, second by Linda Sorensen. **Motion carried.** Membership meeting was adjourned at 7:56.

**Adjournment:** The next LYSA Membership / Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14, at the LYSA Clubhouse. 6:00 Social, General Meeting at 7:00 pm. Board Meeting to follow.

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