

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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Racing Wrap-Up



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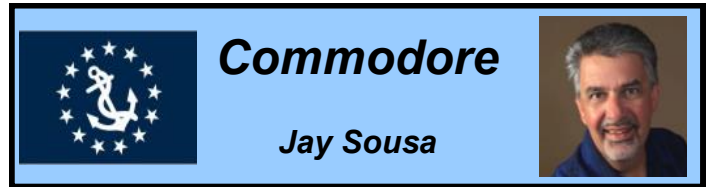
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It is that time of year when the board starts looking for interested club members that might be interested in running for a board position for the 2023 year.

In the past I have had club members say “I would love to be on the board but I am so busy and don’t have the time.” Yes, there is a little time involved for sure and it is definitely a labor of love but being on the LYSA board is a very rewarding experience and if you are good at time management it is very doable for even the busiest club member!

If you are interested in a board position please contact me at jay.sousa@sbcglobal.net by Monday October 10th.

I want to thank Jerry and Norm for putting on a great event last month for our end of race season awards dinner. We had a great turnout that enjoyed the catered Hawaiian dinner, great weather and, as usual, great company!

Our next club meeting is set for Tuesday October 11th starting at 6:00pm with a potluck. Bring a dish to share and you own drinks. The general membership meeting will follow at 7 with the board meeting to follow.

I want to close this month’s column with a big welcome to our newest LYSA member Roger Wyan. Roger was voted in during our Sept meeting. Roger and I have been friends for a long time and he will be a great LYSA member!

Joseph Daniels was appointed Secretary of the Navy by President Woodrow Wilson in 1913. Among his reforms of the Navy were inaugurating the practice of making 100 sailors from the fleet eligible for entrance into the Naval Academy, the introduction of women into the service, and the abolishment of the officers’ wine mess. From that time on, the strongest drink aboard Navy ships could only be coffee and over the years, a cup of coffee became known as “a cup of Joe.”



House Captain
Debbie Harden



It is sad to see the end of the sailing season this year. It started late and seemed to end in the blink of an eye. The boats are out of the water for the season.

Thank you to the Dry Storage Winter sailors who managed get their boats in the right places even though the House Captain miscounted (1,2,3,4,6,7,11).

I would still like to see our Junior Sailing boats stored closer to the fence, farther from the house.

It was good to see all the sailors, past, present & future, out helping get the boats in & masts down. Such camaraderie!

The Racing Awards event was held and had a great turnout. Thank you to all who participated in the set up and take down. Brandon Sagon, of Sagon's Island Kitchen did a fantastic job as caterer.



At the Awards event, I recognized Lee, Craig & Thom for all the work they do for the Club. Craig & Lee, you missed out on your pineapple award!

For those of you who might not see Lee very often, he is one of those members who is always willing to lend a hand but doesn't necessarily like the spotlight. I count on him to service our ice maker regularly, but he does so much more for the Club.

Thank you to Norm Martin & Jerry Johnson for organizing the event.

My best take away from the event: I have a volunteer (maybe 2) to take care of the flower beds at the clubhouse. Not my cup of tea! All I had to do was ask & Clara Tresos answered the call.



THANK YOU

To all club members for doing your best to keep the Club House & Yard clean & put together.

Office Tidy Up

When I was working on the office, I found some very interesting things... clothes, shoes, artwork, dead mice, and old photos (which are in a tub awaiting a scrapbooker).

Scanning these pictures would be a good winter pro-

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Vice Commodore
Thom Grimaldi



October and winter is just around the corner. All the boats are stowed safely on their trailers and the docks are looking very empty.

Now would be a good time to make the necessary repairs or additions to your boat. Check all your standing and running rigging. Look for fraying in the standing rigging around your ferrules and make certain all connecting pieces to the boat are secure. It's no fun to suddenly have your mast come down out on the water. Check all your running lines for wear and tear. Check your dock lines too! It would also be a good time to redo your bottom if needed.

Be all ready for sailing next season!

Be safe! Thom

Membership Meeting

Join us in October!

At the

LYSA Clubhouse

Tuesday, October 11th

6 pm Potluck, 7 pm Membership Meeting

Board Meeting to follow



Race Captain
Rachel Hadley



Ahoy Racers!

It was a short but terrific season, with fair weather and fair winds. The end of season party was festive and well attended.

Tiffany Costa has her name on our small boat trophy, Jerry Johnson was our overall champion, and Chris Miller was selected outstanding crew person of the year.


Jerry made some really cute sailing trophies for each boat that raced, and Jay Sousa brought framed pictures of each boat that raced in our last race, as well as a framed picture of the Race Committee.

The Race Committee team each received a bottle of wine, and Jerry surprised me with my very own trophy for selecting good courses.

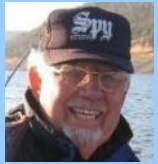
Best of all, Tom Cooke said he would be Race Captain next year!

HOORAY!!!!

I am looking forward to racing next year, and I hope that you will join us in our Thursday Night Races in 2023.



Guest Columnist
John Derby



LYSA Awards Night

It was a short sailing season at Lake Yosemite, however the crowd who attended the Annual Awards Night at the Lake was out in force. The reservations-only Asian dinner served nearly 70 people and the weather accommodated the crowd with an excellent evening by the lake.

First place in the racing season went to Jerry Johnson, who just by chance set up the catered dinner with Norm Martin. The two of them teamed as Social Chairmen for the season.

There were only seven boats which raced during the season, with a promise of a better turnout next season if the lake water levels stay up.

Rachel Hadley, the Association's Race Captain, was the MC for the evening. She announced that she would be giving up the job next year because, "I want to race".

Debbie Harden, LYSA's House Captain, commended her helpers for their hard work keeping the house clean and up to top standards.

Commodore Jay Sousa said the club did well under the circumstances and he introduced next year's Commodore Thom Grimaldi, a longtime member.

The Sailing Association has maintained a membership of about 70 families or over 200 people if all

members of the families were counted.

John Derby presented a special award to Owen Cooper for being the youngest boat captain at the age of 13. He was a graduate of several sail classes.



Craig Anderson's work as gardener and maintenance man was very well appreciated.

Kendall Nightengale was thanked for his work as Dock Captain.

The Lake Yosemite Sailing Association is only possible due to the volunteers who come out to help with its programs. The Association leases its property from the Merced Irrigation District while Merced County has the lease on the park itself.

In normal years LYSA holds an Annual Regatta in the Spring and a Shrimp Feed in the Summer, but because of fluctuating water levels, the Regatta and Shrimp Feed were postponed to next year.

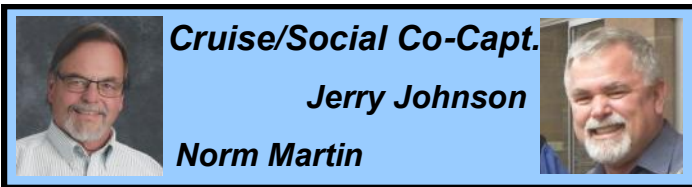
Membership in the club is open to the public. Simply go online for the monthly newsletter and info on how to join. The club also maintains and rents the docks at a very low cost per season.

2022 End of Season Awards



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Looking ahead to Christmas

The Christmas Party is scheduled for Dec. 3 at the Italo-American Lodge. Come join us for a steak dinner. Cost is \$25. Club members may bring the traditional appetizers and desserts, The bar will be open.

The evening also will include the usual Yule fun like an Ugly Sweater Contest and a gift exchange.

This popular event will be from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Lodge, which is located at 1351 W 18th Street in Merced. We will share more in the next month. Until then, enjoy Halloween and Thanksgiving and the wonderful Fall weather.

Dinner and Sailing Season Awards under the stars

The 2022 sailing season drew to a close with a celebration. Nearly 70 club members, family and friends gathered Sept. 17 at the Clubhouse for the End of the Sailing Season Awards and Dinner.

The delicious meal, catered by Sagons Island Kitchen, included teriyaki beef and chicken, egg rolls, Hawaiian macaroni salad, green salad and rice.

The sailing awards ceremony, hosted by Rachel Hadley, began soon after dinner and recognized this year's top race participants.

Thank you to Deb Harden for her event preparation and set-up efforts and for providing decorations, Thom Grimaldi for providing music and for helping set up the slide show. Photos were provided by Jo-Anne Clarke and Tami Davidson. Jerry Johnson provided the projector. Rachel, Suzanne Johnson and friends also helped set up and place the decorations. A special thanks to Dan Farmer and to others who helped clean up.

If you are looking for someone to put together a great catered event, contact Brandon:

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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

October, 2022

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

November, 2022

LYSA Member/Board Budget Meeting

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

Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.

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ject while we aren't sailing?

I also found some copies of Light Air (our newsletter). In the old days, the newsletter was printed and mailed to members. The oldest copy I ran across was February 1998.

I saw pictures of people that were before my time at the club and read about some of their issues & events back then. BTW cleaning up after yourself was mentioned often. 😊

At some time in our history, we were quite the travelers. There were sailing / camping trips to Lake Don Pedro, Catalina Island, Folsom Lake, Lake McClure, Delta Ditch Run, San Francisco Bay. Leading these excursions were our own Matt Loeffler and Ed Dietz. Looked like fun times!

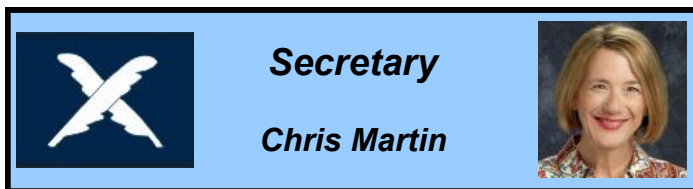
AND LYSA was the original Bear Creek cruise.

I found a report referring to our 8th Annual Bear Creek Cruise & Potluck. This issue was dated 1999, so that puts the first cruise in 1991! Look out Mayor Matt!!! Apparently, ours wasn't a clean-up cruise, but a cruise open to any kind of watercraft without a motor or sails. Water balloons were a no-no, but water guns were okay. Paddles and oars encouraged. The boats were judged, and prizes awarded for style, originality, floatability and more. A potluck followed at the lake! Maybe to continue the history of our club, we should put on a BBQ for the current Bear Creek Crew. Anyone?

Did you know that Opening Day/Weekend was a major event? Started with a Friday night social. Saturday afternoon was Fun races followed by a Potluck BBQ and Raffle and stories around the campfire. Sunday was also racing and more socializing and picnicking. Sounds like a great way to start the season!

I am going to copy & give to Chris Martin some of the nautical trivia I found in some of the newsletters (The Commodore John Lenker was quite the storyteller). Maybe they will show up in future Light Airs.

In the office is a container of old pictures. That is where I am going to put the binder of these Light Air issues. If you take them out to look at them, please return them. Thank you, Debbie



LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on September 13, 2022 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, Jay Sousa: Not Present. Vice-Commodore Thom welcomed members to the meeting. Prospective new member Roger Wyan introduced himself.

Approval of Minutes: Chris brought up that the minutes are published in the Newsletter, Members have the opportunity to read and review the minutes in advance of the meeting. Asked to dispense with reading, discuss if needed and approved by acclamation.

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

Commodore, Jay Sousa: Not present.

Vice Commodore, Thom Grimaldi: Thom invited Board Members to report.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa: The Treasurer's report was shared. Current Membership: 76, all have paid.

Dock Captain, Kendall Nightengale: Website is still not working. May move it back to the original domain. Calendar is back on public side of the page..

House Captain, Deb Harden: Plumbing repair discussed. Winter storage notification sent out, 3 boats in front of the garage. 11 boats in storage. LYSA owns the Sea Scouts' boats. Deb asked if the Junior Sailing boats moved away from the house toward the fence. Discussion: all stored boats should be kept clean.

Cruise / Social Committee, Jerry Johnson / Norm Martin: 70 plan to attend the End of Year dinner.



Asked for volunteers for set up. Arrive at 5:30, dinner at 6. Dan Farmer will help clean up. Christmas Party: Italo Lodge, Saturday, December 3 from 6 to 10. Gift exchange, ugly sweater contest. Rib eye dinner, cost estimated to be \$25 / person.

Race Captain: Rachel Hadley: Chris Martin read Rachel's report. All the buoys are out of the Lake and in the garage! Yay! Thanks much to Jay Sousa and Craig Anderson for their united help and the biggest thank you to Don Hadley for his youthful strength as he hoisted each and every one of those 65-pound weights as well as the 55-pound marks and the miles of wires in and out of the committee boat. We started at 9 am on Saturday morning and were done about 11. Jay drove the Committee boat, and Craig hauled the buoys, weights, and wires up from the launch ramp, washed them off and stowed them in the garage. We were all grateful to Gary Hogston when he helped with the last two! Craig said he'd haul the Committee boat back to his house as we are now done with it for the season.

Please consider volunteering to the Race Committee Chair position as I would really like to race next year!

Junior Sailing, Matt Loeffler: Not present.

Sea Scouts: Not present.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Jerry proposed that the first spot near the gate should be reserved for Commodore parking starting next Spring. Suggested this might be an incentive for serving as Commodore.

Deb: we need to do something about the 6 Lasers which were not used during Junior Sailing. Maybe keep 2 of them. We need the space in the yard. Deb asked who owns the Lasers. If they are purchased, the member should pay for a slip.

Deb / Diane: Elections discussed. Everyone chips in and helps, so anyone in a position would have help.

Diane: Jay suggested an October potluck / Elections. Craig will take the Committee boat out after the 17th.

Good of the order: None.


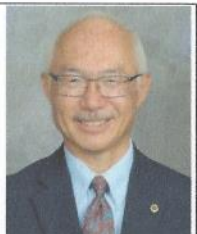
Adjournment: The next LYSA Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, October 11, at the LYSA Clubhouse. 6:00 Social, General Meeting at 7:00 pm. Board Meeting to follow.

Motion: Moved by Jerry to adjourn, second by Craig.
Motion carried. Membership meeting was adjourned at 7:40. After a brief break the Board Meeting was convened.



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LYSA Board Meeting Call to Order: A regular meeting of the LYSA Board was held on August 9, 2022. The meeting convened at 7:50 pm, Vice-Commodore Thom Grimaldi presiding.

Members in attendance: Members of the Board in attendance: Vice-Commodore; Thom Grimaldi; Secretary: Chris Martin; Treasurer: Diane Sousa, Dock Captain: Kendall Nightengale; House Captain, Deb Harden; Cruise/Social Captain: Jerry Johnson / Norm Martin. Not present: Commodore: Jay Sousa; Racing Captain, Rachel Hadley.

New Members: Roger Wyan. Sponsor: Chris Martin.

Motion: Moved by Jerry to approve membership, and **Second** by Norm. **Motion carried.**

Discussed Lasers. Darrell took care of this business, including Titles. Thom suggested this be tabled.

Deb offered the first spot in front of the garage as Commodore parking.

Motion: Moved by Deb to reserve the first spot in front of the garage for Commodore parking, **Second** by Jerry. **Motion carried.**

Octoberfest party / potluck to be scheduled for October 22nd. Bratwurst and sauerkraut, potato salad.

Adjournment: The next LYSA Board meeting will be held following the Membership meeting, Tuesday, October 11, at the LYSA Clubhouse. 6:00 Social, General Meeting at 7:00 pm. Board Meeting to follow.

Motion: Moved by Deb to adjourn, second by Jerry. **Motion carried.** Board meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

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