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Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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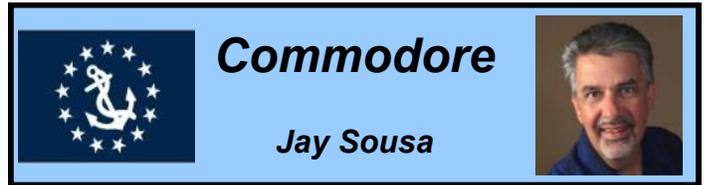
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Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line

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Where the heck did the summer go and how can it possibly be September?

I guess this month's column should be entitled "Good Intentions" because Diane and I had good intentions to use our boat on a regular basis this summer. Unfortunately, things did not quite work out as planned on the "we are going to go sailing more" plan. First, as you know, we were plagued with a late start to our sailing season due to low water levels. Then when we finally did get water and got our boat in the lake in late June my little, fun side gig job working as a wilderness guide in Yosemite exploded and I ended up spending almost half the month of July in Yosemite hiking. August held good promise of getting out to the lake and do some sailing, that is until I ended up in Mercy hospital on the first of August for five days. I did have a nice view from my fourth-floor hospital room of the lake and I even watched the races on Thursday night. Let me tell you that was a depressing moment watching the sails while being imprisoned in my hospital room!

Now that is the beginning of September. I am feeling much better and have big hopes of getting in a few days on the water. Hopefully, we will have water until at least the end of the month (we don't have any word from the MID on this yet) to enjoy the waning days of summer on our beautiful lake!

I hope that everyone has Saturday, September 17th marked off on your calendars. That is the evening that we will be holding our year-end race awards dinner. Jerry and Norm have a very good catered dinner lined up. For this event it will be very important for club members to send in your RSVP to the invitation that Norm has sent out. Also, please consider inviting some friends and family out for what should be a great evening at our clubhouse.

Hope to see you all soon!



House Captain
Debbie Harden




Vice Commodore
Thom Grimaldi



The end of our summer is coming far too quickly. To be honest with you, I won't miss the heat!

Some house business:

- We have sprung another leak. The pipe that runs from the main house to the garage/ icemaker has rusted through. It will be replaced by a local plumbing company & hopefully by the time you read this all will be good again. We will have water, but less money!
- I am finally getting some new signs for the recycle bins to help those of you who can find the proper bin. **NO GLASS** We recycle empty aluminum cans and empty plastic bottles **ONLY**.
- A reminder that the supplies in the closet are for Club events. If you are bringing your family out for a meal, please bring your own.

A big thank you to all the club members who have stepped up this month to help me take care of the Club.... Thom Grimaldi, Craig Anderson, Chris Cooper. If I have forgotten anyone, please know that I do appreciate you, too.

Future House events (may include or may not):

- garage organizing
- office decluttering
- flower bed weeding.

There are boxes & albums of pictures in the office. If anyone has that talent for sorting & putting pictures into albums, let me know & I will set you up. That is not one of my talents!

Thank you to all Club members who on a regular basis take care of our House & Yard by cleaning up after yourself. It is commendable. See you at the lake!

Debbie

August has been a busy time around the clubhouse. The water level has finally been kept up where it's easy to get out from the dock areas especially if you're in the middle row.

Racing has been happening every Thursday night, not the number of boats we used to get but still fun and as I write this, only one race left.

We had a bad water leak between the house and garage and as of today that was taken care of.

Big thank you to Craig Anderson and Deb Harden for their hard work. Craig in cleaning up the garage to where its looking usable and clean again. Deb Harden for doing a thorough clean up in the office. It was getting to look like a " hoarder" lived there...

Sept 17th will be a nice awards dinner in the yard so hope to see you there!

This club is run by its membership so as I end this article I would all members to think about taking a position on our board. The continued success as a club depends on it. Even of you don't serve on the board, during next year we will once again host an Regatta and resume our shrimp feed. We will expect members to help as much as they can for these important events. So please, get involved.

See ya on the water!....Thom

Membership Meeting
Join us in September!

At the
LYSA Clubhouse
Tuesday, September 13th
6 pm Potluck, 7 pm Membership Meeting
Board Meeting to follow



Ahoy Racers!

Our last race for the 2022 Summer Series is September 1st! It was a very fun racing season, with great winds that stayed consistent throughout each race!

We will award trophies during our end of season party on September 17th.

Huge thanks to our Race Committee who showed up every week, kept their eyes on the line and on the clock - starting each race flawlessly with both flags and horns, and recording finishing times accurately as each boat crossed the line: Deb Harden, executive clock watcher and commander in chief; Tom Cooke, faithful horn blaster; Suzanne Johnson, flags with flair and finish times recorder; Rich Kleitman, flags and watchful eye on the line; Kim, Karen, Jay, Diane, and Joanne – with the extraordinary twins, Owen and other assorted family members all keeping a joyful watch on the dock.

I want to thank the Club, again, for purchasing permanent (for the season) Racing Buoys; Tom Cooke for his donation of a Racing Dock Box, and Jerry Johnson for the shade cloth and gorgeous wooden bar! It is wonderful to wander down to the docks, knowing that all we have to do is get our sign up sheet, and other assorted accoutrements out of the box, and voila! Ready to start the race!

I would like to participate in the races (as a Racer) next year, and so encourage you to volunteer to be Race Committee Chair next year. It is a very satisfying Board position to hold, with weekly obligations to show up on Thursday Nights during the Summer, and write a monthly note for the newsletter. All the volunteers who help facilitate the races make the job not only easy, but it's truly a social hour on the dock, and you get lots of gratitude from the Racers.

Please volunteer to be on the Board in some capacity, to help our Club thrive, and please consider stepping up to be Race Committee Chair in particular.

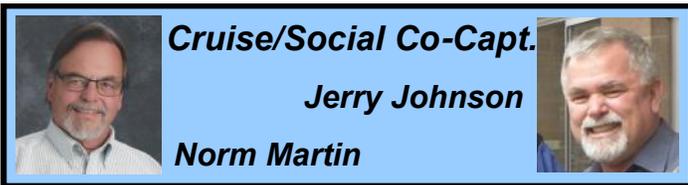
Thank you,

Rachel

The Canal & River Trust, which is responsible for 2,000 miles of waterways across England and Wales, says there are now 35,130 boats wending their way across the country's canals — more than at the height of the Industrial Revolution.



The narrowboat, essentially a skinny houseboat, is an icon of Great British culture. Many Great British citizens grew up taking short canal holidays with their families, much in the way of the traditional American family road trip.



Sailing Season Awards and Dinner Party

The end of the sailing season is fast approaching.

We will celebrate the 2022 season at the End of the Season Awards and Dinner party on Sept. 17. Dinner is planned for 5:30 p.m. The catered menu includes teriyaki beef and chicken, egg rolls, Hawaiian macaroni salad, green salad and rice.

The awards ceremony will begin soon after dinner.

Please consider bringing family and friends. We have collected a few responses from our Google invite. Take a minute to fill out the form, as it will help us provide the caterer with an accurate count for dinner preparations.

It is important our count be accurate as we will be charged based on the number of meals we request. Please be prompt and thoughtful with your response.

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 will also 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 few months.



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

September, 2022

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

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

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

Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.



LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A meeting of the LYSA Membership was held on August 9, 2022 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, Jay Sousa: Jay welcomed members to the meeting. Invited Board Members to report.

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: Jay shared that Burgees are in; Deb mentioned that several people have emailed via Gmail that they are interested. Rachel asked about LYSA stickers. Latitude 38s are available. Stated we will discuss Shrimp Feed / Open House at the end of the meeting.

Vice Commodore, Thom Grimaldi: Talked to Dan Farmer about clean up committee, working on Rigatoni.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa: The Treasurer's report was shared. Current Membership: 76, 3 have not paid. Diane received a call, 2 adults and twins – she is interested in having someone take her sailing. Tami Davidson's son Mike will take them.

Dock Captain, Kendall Nightengale: New water leak, water is turned off at this time. Discussed moving floating dock, to be further discussed at the Board Meeting. Spongy part on the dock, will be repaired and better supported. Beam is giving way and will be repaired next winter.

Make sure boaters use snubbers on the lines. The wake has been really bad and cleats have been torn. Make sure side stays and stays are in good order, that will help keep masts up.

House Captain, Deb Harden: Covered everything in the newsletter. Water on the property was due to overwatering. Chris Cooper installed a door handle. Thom moved dock items into the garage. Still having issues with the calendar – members can not access the website and so can not use the form. Kendall offered to move that to a public spot on the website. Race Night, Junior Sailing, etc. – everything that includes the house and docks - all those things should be on the calendar. Deb offered to post on the calendar if Members need help.

Cruise / Social Committee, Jerry Johnson / Norm Martin: Christmas Party discussion. Norm has been putting a lot of effort into planning. Looking at the first Saturday in December. Jerry explained that he and Norm drove around to businesses. No one is getting back to them. Open House and Shrimp Feed discussion. Suggested to put it off to next June and on September 17th do an end of year and awards party with guests / friends. Requested Members RSVP with a good number of guests. Music - \$400 for 3 hours. \$20/plate, we'll have a nice dinner.

Race Captain: Rachel Hadley: We've had 5 races, last race is the first Thursday in September, on the 1st. Buoys will be pulled out the weekend after Labor Day, on the 10th, Rachel requested help for this. Dan Farmer volunteered to help.

Junior Sailing, Matt Loeffler: Not present.

Sea Scouts: Not present.

Old Business:

Proposed Fire pit / Deck still on hold.

New Business: None.

Good of the order: Thom thanked Rachel for doing a great job with Racing this year. Rachel explained that it takes a whole committee to do this and thanked Deb.

Deb stated she is glad Jay is here with us. Jay explained he was hospitalized for five days.

Adjournment: The next LYSA Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, September 13, at the LYSA

Clubhouse. 6:00 Social, General Meeting at 7:00 pm. Board Meeting to follow.

Motion: Moved by Tom Cooke to adjourn, second by Suzanne Johnson. **Motion carried.** Membership meeting was adjourned at 7:35. 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 August 9, 2022. The meeting convened at 7:50 pm, Commodore Jay Sousa presiding.

Members in attendance: Members of the Board in attendance: Commodore: Jay Sousa, 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; Racing Captain, Rachel Hadley.

New Members: Jessica Malisch. Sponsor: George Deane.

Motion: Moved by Thom Grimaldi to approve membership, and **Second** by Deb Harden. **Motion carried.**

Kendall – Todd Bender has a grey floating dock. It's been an entry point for people to enter our docks.

He has a bid to expand it and put it on the other side of the dock. It will change the look and feel of the dock, Kendall wanted to get Board approval on this matter. Kendall will inform Todd in writing that there will be wake that will affect his rowing shell.

Motion: Moved by Deb to approve Todd's larger floating dock for his rowing shell. **Second** by Deb Harden. **Motion carried.**

Old Business

Discussed the End of Year Party on September 17. Jerry asked Rachel about combining end of year party with Racing Awards. Rachel: doing it closer to the end of Race season will be better. During the party have a dessert auction and a drawing. And bring guests. And RSVP.

Jerry suggested inviting Junior Sailing families out to this party.

Rachel stated that she did not think the end of year party should be a fundraiser.

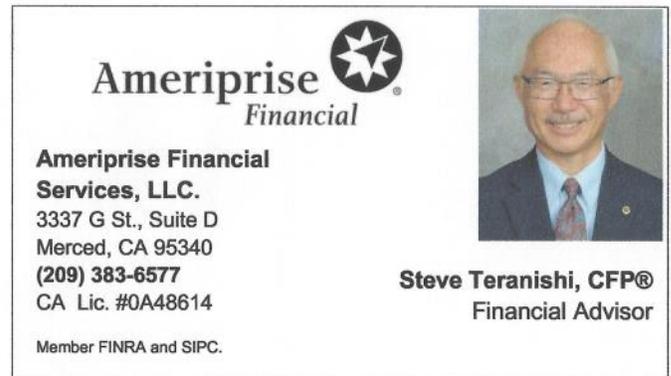
Jay – In October, have a Halloween Party and conduct elections.

Board met on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, 6 pm at Deb's house to discuss Shrimp Feed & Open House. At the meeting on August 9, it was decided the Shrimp Feed



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and Open House will be replaced with the End of Year party. The Shrimp Feed and Open Hosue will be held in June, 2023, the weekend after Father's Day.

Discussed Christmas Party date and location.

New Business: None.

Good of the Order – Rachel: The Regatta has been scheduled on a weekend that coincides with UCM Commencement. Discussed the 2-mile drive can take 1-2 hours. Asked if the Regatta date can be changed. We need to put this on the calendar for next year as soon as we can. Discussion: before Mother's Day we don't have water. Day Sailors and Lasers are our biggest group of participants.

Jay will bring out the background, any past commodores who don't have a picture on the wall – Jay will take their picture on Thursday.

Kendall: Received a contact from a parent in Sacramento, child attends UCM. Wants to put their Laser in the water. Rachel – if they just get a dock key, they can use their boat. If they want to use the gar-

age to store sails, they will need a garage key. Questions: what is the age of the student? When will he want to access the Club?

Kendall will email a generic password.

Adjournment: The next LYSA Board meeting will be held following the Membership meeting, Tuesday, September 13, at the LYSA Clubhouse. 6:00 Social, General Meeting at 7:00 pm. Board Meeting to follow.

Motion: Moved by Chris to adjourn, second by Diane Sousa. **Motion carried.** Board meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

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