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Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

April 2022

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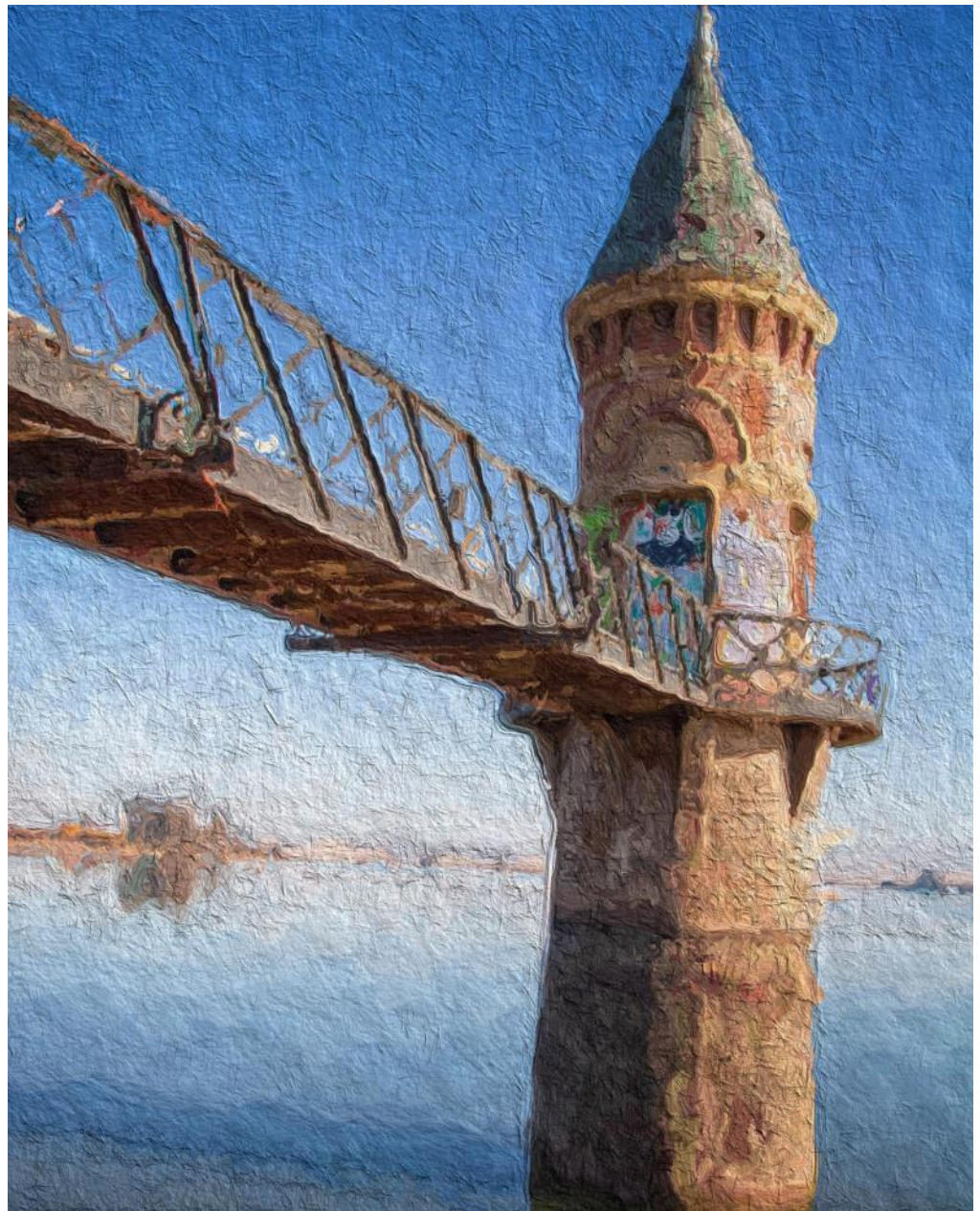
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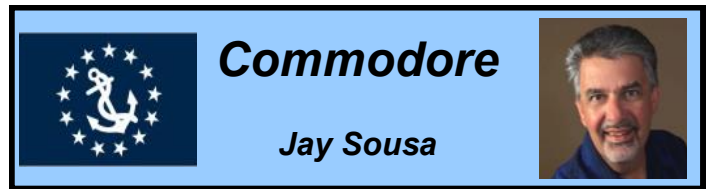
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**Deadline is the 22nd of each month**

**Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line**

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Spring is in the air and sailing season can't be far off. Our cruise/social co-captains, the dynamic duo Norm Martin and Jerry Johnson are planning a great LYSA opening day/weekend at the lake on Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>. I will let them tell you all of the details of this great LYSA event. But let me say that Yacht Club opening days are a long standing tradition that go back over one hundred years! For many clubs this is a very formal event with the ladies in long dresses and the gentlemen in white jackets. Thankfully we are more of a shorts, tee shirts and flip flop kind of club!

One of the best things about our opening day LYSA style is, of course, catching up with club members that we may not have seen since the fall. Another nice tradition of our opening day is many of our fellow members launch their boats that day and everyone helps with mast raising and other launching chores.

Please stay tuned for more details about a really special meal and other details.

I am really looking forward to our April general membership meeting on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup>. I hope that you all can clear your schedules and join us. This will be our first meeting of the year at our LYSA clubhouse.

We will be doing a potluck starting at 6 PM. Please bring a dish to share and your own beverage. The club will furnish all of the paper products.

I will also have new 2022 membership cards to hand out to all paid up members. One of the many perks of being a LYSA member is that our club is affiliated with the Pacific Inter Yacht Club Association, PIYCA. As such, we, as LYSA members, can have a meal or a drink at most of the great yacht clubs in California. Your membership card at many of these clubs is required to get in.

Also at 6, I will be doing a brief overview of the clubhouse rules and check out keys to new club members.

The general membership meeting is set for 7 PM followed by the board meeting.

I hope to see a HUGE turnout on the 12<sup>th</sup> and at opening day!



**Vice Commodore**  
**Thom Grimaldi**




**House Captain**  
**Debbie Harden**



As I write this, the weather is 81 degrees outside. It appears Spring has arrived and before we know it, we'll be launching boats. Time to clean them up for the coming season.

On a side note. I'm certain everyone gets a letter from the county in advance of their personal property tax. You might want to examine the value they are applying to your boat. I have a 25' MacGregor that for years they've applied a \$2200.00 value and taxed accordingly. It appears this year they increased the value to \$6975.00. They use a site called Nauti guide to determine value.

Now I have to research like boats for sale and write a letter with examples describing my boat's true value. I don't believe I've ever seen a Mac 25 worth more than 4k, most fall around 3k. So, check your notice and let them know if they've done the same for you.


CYA out at the lake!

Happy Spring! Things are looking great at the Clubhouse. Thank you.


The water leak issue has been resolved. Big round of applause to Craig Anderson, Thom Grimaldi and Elite Plumbing for getting the job done so quickly. From what I understand, the main pipe leading to the house had simply rotted away. The water to the house is back on, so we have hot water again and ice. Hooray!

Jerry and Suzanne Johnson, Tom Cooke and I headed to Morro Bay this past weekend. We visited the Morro Bay Yacht Club and talked up our Spring Regatta with some of the sailors. Handed out some flyers in hopes that some may come to race.

While we were there an Opti Regatta was being held. Unfortunately, there was no wind on Saturday, and it rained off and on. From the noise coming from the water, the kids were still having a great time.

**Treasurer**  
**Diane Sousa**



Hi everyone, hope 2022 is treating you well.

By now you should have paid for your slip fee for the current season.

If you haven't paid your club dues, you need to send them in to remain on the active roster. Please mail your payment to LYSA, P O Box 3994, Merced CA 95344. Make sure that you complete the contact info on the invoice if there have been any changes to your address, phone numbers and email. This will help us keep you aware of any upcoming events or water level changes on the docks.

If you are not renewing your membership or slip, please return the invoice with a note and your keys.

See you at the lake.

**Membership Meeting**

**Join us in April!**

At the  
**LYSA Clubhouse**

**Tuesday, April 12th**  
6:00 pm *Potluck*, 7 pm *Membership Meeting*  
*Board Meeting to follow*

*Observing COVID-19 safety guidelines*



Happy April, fellow club members and thank you for your dedication and coming out in force for the workdays.

In the last *Light Air* issue, I reported on the first workday. After that we had two more sets of workdays. Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> Thom Grimaldi, Craig Anderson, and I went out and set three new poles on three fingers in the middle row. We also reinforced a sagging timber on the main walkway in that same area. This was with the water starting to rise as MID had notified me that water would be filling the lake beginning Thursday and through the weekend; which added urgency to get under dock repairs completed.

Thanks to United Rentals, Merced (Kevin Taylor, General Manager) for donating a skid steer loader so

the first workday. When I sent the email about “all hands-on deck” you responded by getting on deck. Way to go mate! We worked on getting the last three poles replaced. This included wrangling in the finger that floated away late last season and became a floating swim platform in the “no swimming” area. The leaking pipe close to Matt’s slip is finally fixed. We accomplished a lot of work and extended the life of the docks for another season.

There was another workday, but the weather wasn’t good and y’all were probably tucked inside somewhere. I worked on my own to do several simple repairs from the top side and evaluated what else needs to be completed. I was under the watchful eye of two Eagles who were circling about tree-top level over the docks.

We do need one more workday to finish up. There is a finger that needs repair, deck boards to replace, and cleats that need some work. We’ll discuss this at our April club meeting.



we could do a little dirt work around the docks. If you need to rent, give them your business as they did us a huge favor. This was especially important for that middle row where a few boats tend to drag their keels when the water is on the low side of normal. Hopefully, this will be a little less of an issue now. I would still recommend using caution.

Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> saw a good turn out that rivaled

The water level has come up, but not sufficient for the launching of sailboats. Great for kayaking though! Kara and I went for a wonderful paddle on a near windless evening and were awed by another beautiful sunset and the lake’s resident Bald Eagle perched on the northern side of the lake. Every time I paddle or sail I’m inspired by the wildlife and beautiful views. Sail time is coming soon!



Ahoy Racers! Several of us convened at Steve’s house last month to review the “Rules as Tactical Tools” Seminar presented by Dave Perry through US Sailing.

**Some basic rules:**

- The Number 1 Basic Rule is: Avoid Contact/ Damage / Injury
- The Number 2 Basic Rule is: On Different Tack, Starboard has Right of Way
- The Number 3 Basic Rule is: On Same Tack, Leeward has Right of Way
- The Number 4 Basic Rule is: When Changing Course, you must give the other boat room to keep clear.

If you commit a foul - get clear and do your Penalty turn(s) as soon as possible. A turn is defined as 1 Tack followed immediately by 1 Jibe (or 1 Jibe followed immediately by 1 Tack) in the same direction. The penalty for committing a foul by hitting a mark is 1 turn (1 tack and 1 Jibe); the penalty for fouling another boat is 2 turns (Tack, Jibe, Tack, Jibe – or Jibe Tack, Jibe, Tack).

Definition of a Close-Hauled Course: the course a boat will sail when close-hauled – in other words: a boat is on a Close-Hauled Course when the boat is in the close hauled position, regardless of whether or not the sails are set appropriately for that course (it’s a juxtaposition, but you can be Close Hauled and luffing simultaneously).

Mark rounding, when there’s an obstruction, and when you’re changing direction – especially if you’re changing from not having Right of Way to acquiring Right of Way – are all addressed in the Rule Book, and it’s important to know all the rules and abide by them.

Be Safe on the Water!

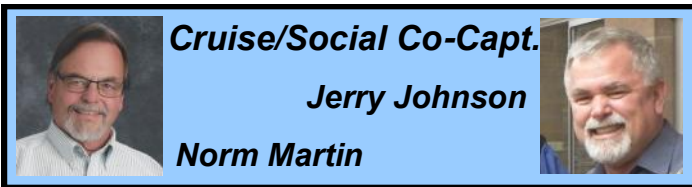
Sailboats & Drawing

Just recently ran across these two line-drawings. Each one was made with a single line, no lifting of your pen/pencil. Give it a try!

The image shows two line-drawings of sailboats, each created with a single continuous line. The drawing on the left shows a sailboat with two sails and a hull, floating on wavy lines representing water. The drawing on the right shows a sailboat with a single large sail and a hull, also on wavy lines. Both drawings are simple and elegant, demonstrating the concept of a single-line drawing.

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## Ready, set, go!

Opening Day is just weeks away and we need your help. We need to get rid of a big bucket of boat trash. Here's how you can help. Come join us for a good old Seafood Boil. The "bucket of boat trash" is how Bubba Gump's describes its boil. We will be hosting our boil Saturday, April 30. It will be delicious! Serving will begin at 4 p.m. Cost is \$10.



In addition to the meal, we are planning some fun activities. We will share more in future communications.

A Goggle form invitation is forthcoming and we need you to respond by checking Yes or No. If you can't make it we understand, but it is important to us to know you received the invite. Thus, the need for you to respond. Of course, we hope you are attending and that you consider bringing guests. Some of you recall the form also asks for your name (we may not recognize your email address), how many will be attending, and if you will be providing a dessert or a side.

It's quick, easy and Oh so Helpful!

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## St. Paddy's Party

The weather was delightful, the food delicious, and the crowd was ready to celebrate St. Patrick's

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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, 6:30 pm Meeting

### April, 2022

- 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, 2022

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

### 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  
LYSA Dick Gardner Memorial, 1st Day of Summer  
**Open House/Shrimp Feed**

### 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

### 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—Event TBD  
Slip Fees due

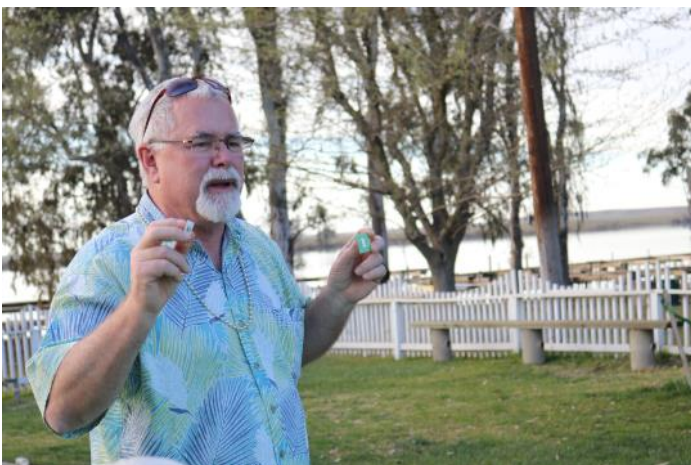
### March, 2022

- St. Patrick's Day at the Lake—3 to 6 pm, dinner at 4:30 pm  
RYC Big Daddy Regatta  
OYC Rites of Spring Regatta

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



# st. patrick's day at the lake





**LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order:** A meeting of the LYSA Membership was held on March 8, 2022 at the Loeffler-Bowers home on Carolina Avenue. 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:** Minutes read by Chris Martin. Discussion: Corrections were noted.

**Motion:** Moved by Deb Harden to approve minutes with corrections, **Second** by Rachel Hadley. **Motion carried.**

**Commodore, Jay Sousa:** Jay commended Board Members for their efforts. Jay is going to work on Membership cards. Discussed info to be placed on the cards. They will be ready at the April meeting.

**Vice Commodore, Thom Grimaldi:** Shared sketch of proposed deck. Redwood deck, gravel. Roof: \$3300, No roof \$2600. Regatta: half of the Lasers (maybe 6 racers) are going to St. Francis Regatta. Discussed Regatta Network program for registration, there is a fee. Requested donations for swag bags. Thom will use the 2012 design. Most are XL, need to order a large amount for discount. Tom Cooke suggested to raise the club membership fee to include a t-shirt, Jay: this would need to be approved at the November budget meeting. Kendall suggested buying a stock of blank t-shirts and then purchase a heat transfer.

**Treasurer, Diane Sousa:** The Treasurer's report was shared. Chris asked about minimum balance to avoid fee. Diane will check into it.

**Dock Captain, Kendall Nightengale:** March 19, next Dock workday. The very last fixed finger before the floating docks – the repair needs to be done on top before any boats can go on that finger. Big thanks to United Rentals for loaning us the Bobcat at no charge. We have to pay for the diesel. Thom suggested invited them out to the Club-house for an event, for example a BBQ.

**House Captain, Deb Harden:** Deb thanked Tommy Soto for help with weeding, Tom Cooke, Rachel and Dan Aleman for mulching. We have a new leak on the property. The water was turned off, everything dried; Thom turned the water back on. He thinks it's where the water line connects to the house. The water is off now. Deb will email Membership and the housekeeper to let them know the water is off.

Deb contacted Mike Streatly about Regatta scoring. He said he will meet with Kendall and Deb. Discussion on program we are using for scoring. Mike suggested we purchase a wireless printer. We send Mike the data because the printer at the house doesn't work with the computer. We could enter the info on phone and print it out right there. Otherwise, whoever is in charge of scoring has to go home and then come back with the results because it's not possible to do it right there. Rachel offered to bring a computer and printer out to the Lake.

**Cruise / Social Committee, Jerry Johnson / Norm Martin:** Norm discussed the St. Pat's dinner. 28 have RSVPd. Deb, Tom, Chris Miller, Jerry & Suzanne will be going to Morro Bay Regatta on March 18-19, will hand out Regatta flyers.

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Day.

A special thank you goes out to "chef" Craig Anderson for his invaluable input and assistance with preparing the corned beef. He also did a bit of groundskeeping and helped with setup! Thom Grimaldi provided decorations and music.

Jerry put together a St. Patrick's Bingo, complete with some wonderful prizes (Thank you Deb for helping with prize procurement and Rachel for stepping up as a caller.) Everyone seemed to enjoy their meals, we also sold four take out dinners! Thanks to all the diners for the delicious sides and desserts and

for the help with clean up. Some lucky young folks visiting the lake were surprised and grateful to receive leftover desserts.

A big thank you goes to the 20 or so members who responded to our Google invite.

We can do better than that. The club has more than 75 members so, approximately 50 members did not respond. Help us out, so that we can prepare for and provide wonderful dining events. We are sure our members want to help each other. Let's work together to "sail" into a pleasant spring and summer season.

See you at the lake!



**Race Captain: Rachel Hadley:** Discussed recorded Zoom session. Also, in order to drive the Committee boat, a boating card is required.

**Junior Sailing, Matt Loeffler:** No report.

**Sea Scouts:** Not present.

**Old Business:**

Burgees: Jay would like to see Club Members using burgees. Diane will call to get a cost from the manufacturer and will work out the cost to Members. 25 new ones to be ordered from Improvement account.

Chris reviewed Officer duties outlined in the Membership Handbook.

**New Business:** Thanks to Matt & Brigitte for hosting the March meeting. Next meeting to be held at the Lake.

**Good of the order:** Brigitte mentioned Stephanie Gimble. She is getting married. Also, Dan Farmer's Mom passed away. A card should be sent to Dan / Brigitte Farmer.

**Adjournment: Motion:** Moved by Jerry Johnson to adjourn, second by Diane Sousa. **Motion carried.** Board meeting was adjourned at 8:30. 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 February 8, 2022. The meeting convened at

8:30 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, House Captain, Deb Harden, Dock Captain: Kendall Nightengale, Cruise/Social Captain: Jerry Johnson / Norm Martin, Racing Captain, Rachel Hadley.

Not present: Vice Commodore: Thom Grimaldi.

New Members: Dan & Pat DeWees, retired. Sponsor Darrell Sorensen. **Motion:** Moved by Kendall Nightengale to approve membership, and **Second** by Thom Grimaldi. **Motion carried.**

Discussion items:

Discussed Boater Card information flyer the County could hand out at the Gate when boaters enter the Park.

Member Cards available at the April meeting. Also at the April meeting: New Member orientation, review Club-house rules.

April – Jay would like Membership to vote on deck / fire-pit. Thom will need some help with construction. Cost up to \$3500. Bring to Membership in the April meeting.

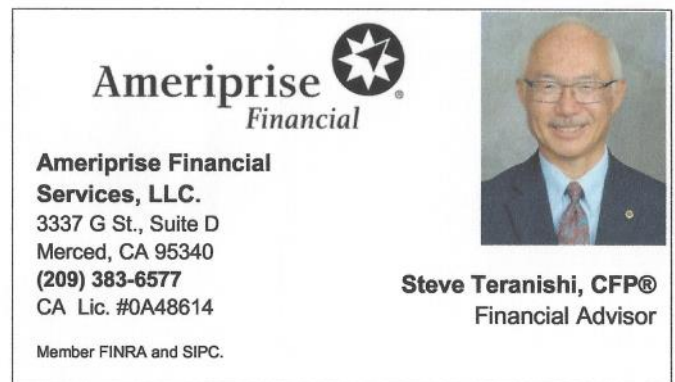
**Motion:** Moved by Kendall Nightengale to approve this project, and **Second** by Thom Grimaldi. **Motion carried.**

Jay would like Club to host a potluck at the next meeting.



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Old Business – None

Club Calendar – Events are sketched out.

Newsletter deadlines – Chris thanked Board for sending articles in a timely manner.

Website – Kendall: website is up and ready.

New Business –

Shrimp Feed. Proposed to set a date in September. Coordinate calendar to ensure no competing events. 10<sup>th</sup> (not good), 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> - **Chris will investigate events around the 17<sup>th</sup> to check for conflicts.**

Permit for Regatta in the works. Jay called the County, they got the info and it will go through the process.

Website: inventory remaining t-shirts and work with Kendall to sell excess items online.

Jerry nominated Chris to contact Image Masters to negotiate the price and number of shirts for the Regatta. Next tier or tier below price / price break.

Good of the Order – Thank Loeffler-Bowers for hosting.

**Adjournment:** The next LYSA Board meeting will be held following the Membership meeting, Tuesday, house. 6:00 Social, General Meeting at 7:00 pm. Board Meeting to follow. **Motion:** Moved by Deb Harden to adjourn, second by Suzanne Johnson. **Motion carried.** Board meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

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