

# Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

April 2023



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# Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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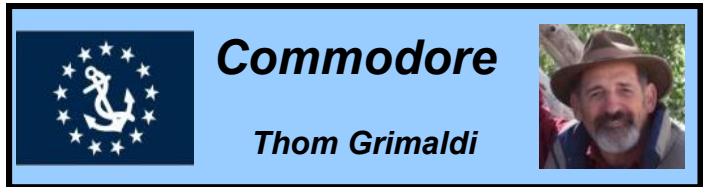
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**Submissions:**

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

**Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line**

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The daylight hours are getting longer, sailing season will soon be upon us.

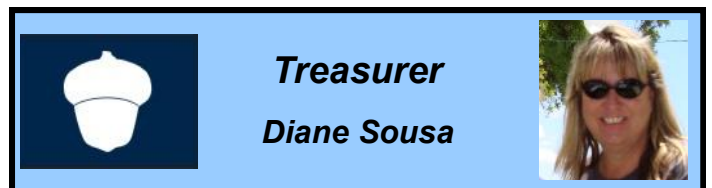
With the snowpack and rainfall we've endured, we should not have any issues with water levels in the coming summer season.

Now is the time to get you boats in shape.

- Check all your stays for any wear or broken strands.
- Lube your winches.
- Check you sails for wear in stitching or otherwise, batten pockets too!
- If your boat needs new bottom paint, now would be the time to do it.
- Don't forget your trailer: check your hitch, wheel bearings and lights.

I met with the County regarding the upcoming Regatta and should be hearing back shortly. All looks good so far for our Regatta. I will also have a little surprise announcement at our next meeting.


Commodore, Thom




Club dues and slip fee invoices have been sent out. If you haven't received your invoices for the 2023 fees, please let me know. 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 levels on the docks.

If you are not renewing your membership or slip fee, please return the invoices with a note and your keys. See you at the lake.



**Vice Commodore**  
**Dan Aleman**



It's hard for me to believe that it has been 10 years since we first launched our Quick Fixx. Time really flies when you are having fun!!!




We are looking forward to our wonderful sailing season that is about to begin. I'm working on re-stocking our LYSA hats, T-shirts, and hoodies. Stay tuned for some options to be presented to the Board for approval.


I'm also working on a project to take photos of all Club members. I will create a shared album for all members to access. My goal is to help members become familiar with each other. If you are uncomfortable with me taking your photo please do not hesitate to let me know.



See you all out on the lake.



**Port Captain**  
**Lee McDonough**



The water is rising slowly and barring any unforeseen issues, we should have water to launch our boats by late April or early May! The dock workdays went well, and we finished all but two items on the list. These items need to be done once the water level is higher. So, expect another call for a dock workday.



Sea Scout Ship LYSA 99 hosts

# Bagel Brunch

bagels, fruit, drinks, and more!!!

support local scouts!!!




**April 2nd | 11am-2pm**

5650 Lake Rd  
Merced, CA 95340

For FAQs, contact Richard Kleitman @ 209-617-4495

## Membership Meeting

Join us in April!

At the  
**LYSA Clubhouse**

**Tuesday, April 11th**

6 pm *Dinner*, 7 pm *Membership Meeting*

*Board Meeting to follow*



Here are some photos of the Sea Scouts from cleaning up and dock repairs. They were out ALL day!



Sea Scouts clean up and dock repairs.



Jerry Johnson with our new Reserved Parking sign.

## 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

### April, 2023

- 2 Sea Scouts Bagel Brunch
- 11 LYSA Member/Board Meeting  
**LYSA Opening Day**
- 22-23 55th FLYC Camellia Cup Regatta  
Make A Wish Event

### May, 2023

- 4-7 Pacific Sail and Power Boat Show, Redwood City
- 9 LYSA Member/Board Meeting  
LYSA Thursday Night Summer Racing begins, Dinner to follow
- 19-21 LYSA Spring Regatta

### June, 2023

- 3 GCYC—Go for the Gold
- 13 LYSA Member/Board Meeting  
SSC Delta Ditch Run

### July, 2023

- 4 BBQ at the Clubhouse  
LYSA Thursday Night Summer Racing Series, Dinner to follow  
Junior Sailing  
Special Needs Sailing Day

### August, 2023

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

### September, 2023

- Labor Day: Take a worker sailing
- 16 Open House/Shrimp Feed  
Sea Scouts Appreciation  
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

### December, 2023

- 8 Christmas Party

### January, 2024

- LYSA Member/Board Meeting

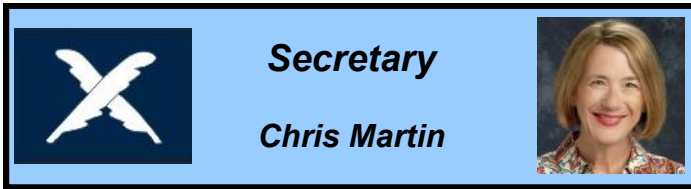
### February, 2024

- Super Bowl  
Slip Fees due

### March, 2024

- LYSA Member/Board Meeting  
St. Patrick's Day at the Lake  
RYC Big Daddy Regatta  
OYC Rites of Spring Regatta

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



**LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order:** A meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on March 14, 2023 at the home of Craig and Megan Anderson on Olive Avenue in Merced. The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes are published in the Newsletter, Members can read and review the minutes in advance of the meeting. No comments or corrections. Minutes approved by acclimation.

**Commodore, Thom Grimaldi:** It's been 4 years since we've had a Regatta. Met on March 8th with the Board, ironed out some details. Some people that have been involved in past years are not participating; Thom asked for volunteers.

Thom introduced new members Robin and Wayne McMillan. They sent in the application and all that stuff in October. Diane explained the Membership dues were waived.

Introduced newer Member Jessica Malisch (been a member for about a year)

**Vice Commodore, Dan Aleman:** Dan asked about the Swag Bags; asked about LYSA's logo. Image Masters has the file / logo. Asked if he should go to Image Masters. Looking at changing the shirt style, softer t-shirts, v-neck, zipper hoodies, hats.

Inventory of shirts: 3 different styles, 2016, 2018 and 2019 Regatta shirts. Did not look at the box under the

table. Thom bought 60 last year. We may be covered this year for shirts.

Dan volunteered to take pictures, add names, could be shared with Members. Members at the meeting were in favor of the idea.

Discussed offering a discount to LYSA Members, incentives for Locals to participate in the Regatta, May 19-21.

**Treasurer, Diane Sousa:** Reviewed Treasurer's report. Sea Scouts have monies as well that contribute to the Club balance. Donation from Elks Lodge for \$1500. Rich invited whoever is in charge of youth sailing to reach out to Sea Scouts.

49 renewed, waiting for 28 more.

28 slips renewed, if not paid for by March 31, slips revert back to the Club. Two slips will be paid for by Sea Scouts

Dues and Slip reminders will be going out.

**Dock Captain, Lee McDonough:** Dock Day – Craig attended. Lee was able to address some small issues. Wednesday, Wayne, Kendall and a few others came out. Welding and concrete set up. Could not move Tom Cooke's slip. Will try an airbag float to move it. Will schedule another day of dock work. Four spots of welding were finished a couple of weeks ago. Jim replaced a line that broke.

Spoke to the new guy in charge of the Lake. Projected date to start filling will be mid-April. He will reach out to Lee to let him know about putting boats in. Working with Lee to have steady levels during the Regatta weekend. Jay asked if wild fluctuations are anticipated.

**House Captain, Deb Harden:** Not present.

**Cruise / Social Committee, Tami Davidson:** St. Patrick's dinner planned for Saturday, March 18 from 4 – 8 pm. 51 guests are anticipated to attend. Craig will be preparing dinner; Matt will be making soda bread. Cory and Brent



We are a little over a month away from the beginning of our sailing season. I hope all of you have made those last-minute repairs and touchups so that your launch early next month will be hassle free.

This year our Regatta is set for May 20th and 21st. Please sign up to race in the Regatta this year. The entry forms are online, or you can contact Commodore Grimaldi and he'll get one to you. It's been a

few years since we have had a Regatta and I hope that many in our club will participate since it is likely to be smaller than usual. A big thank you goes out to Jim Krusso who has stepped up and lent LYSA his motorboat for the Regatta.

As a reminder, the racing season starts on May 11th, and will run through to September 7th. Our fees will remain at \$20 to participate and our racecourses will remain the same. I hope all of you will sign up to race this year, or to come out and join the Race Committee. After all, each race is a Club event and open to all to enjoy.

See you all at the lake.

will handle games. Tami invited Members to bring appetizers and desserts.

**Race Captain: Tom Cooke:** Not present.

**Junior Sailing, Matt Loeffler:** Not present.

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**Sea Scouts:** Rich invited Members to attend – April 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday from 10 to 1 pm; Bagel Brunch at the Lake with go-withs. \$10 each.

Tiffany will earn the 4<sup>th</sup> Rate – Quartermaster which is equivalent to Eagle Scout. She is a student at UC Merced. Tomorrow night.

Saturday - Scout group at Scout Island. They asked if they could do service at the Club. They will work with Lee to do some light dock work. Rich asked if someone could let them onto the docks, that would be great.

**Old Business:** Jay reminded Members about the reciprocal agreement between yacht clubs.

**New Business:** Thom – we need to address the fence issue at the Clubhouse.

**Good of the order:** Jay Sousa – mentioned he had to travel to Ventura, called the Ventura Yacht Club and asked about space in the parking lot where guests could stay. Reciprocal agreement between clubs. Swapped Burgees. Jay showed the Ventura Yacht Club Burgee to Members, explained that yacht clubs are welcoming to other clubs.

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

**Motion:** Moved by Shannon to adjourn, second by Tami. **Motion carried.** Membership meeting was adjourned at 7:31.

**LYSA Board Meeting Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the LYSA Board was held on March 14, 2023. The meeting convened at 7:55 pm. Commodore Thom Grimaldi presiding.

**Members in attendance:** Members of the Board in attendance: Commodore: Thom Grimaldi; Vice-Commodore: Dan Aleman; Secretary: Chris Martin; Treasurer: Diane Sousa; Dock Captain: Lee McDonough; Cruise/Social Captain: Tami Davidson.

Not present: House Captain, Deb Harden, Racing Captain, Tom Cooke.

New Members: vote on Robin / Wayne McMillan

**Motion:** Moved by Dan to approve, second by Tami. **Motion carried.**

**Discussion items:**

Regatta - May 19, 20, 21



Thom has contacted the County. Will take in the Certificate to the County.



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Thom asked Chris to email past sailors the Regatta info.

Open House - Saturday September 16

Christmas Party - Friday December 8

**Old Business:** Discussed hats: order 24, sell for at least \$5 more than cost. Sweatshirts would sell.

**New Business** – Fence: Workday to be scheduled. Thom took an inventory of what we need. Take it apart in some places and replace portions. We have money in the budget for Club improvements. All profit from Regatta and Shrimp feed goes into that account. We are down since we haven't had a Regatta since 2019. Thom would like Dennis Pellissier to build two new gates.

**Good of the Order** – Deb is recuperating. Thom asked Diane to send flowers.

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

**Motion:** Moved by Diane to adjourn, second by Dan. **Motion carried.** Board meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

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