

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

August 2022

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Photo Courtesy: Tami Davidson

Jerry Johnson designed and built this beautiful piece, installed on the Dock in July.

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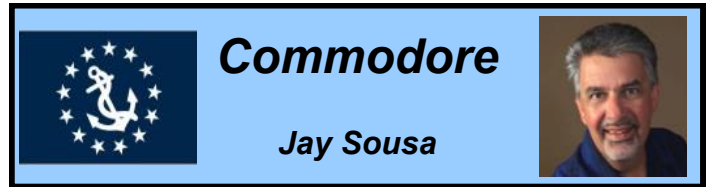
Submissions:

Deadline is the 22nd of each month

Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line

to Chris Martin:

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I am happy to announce that after a two-and-a-half-year hiatus, the LYSA Open House and all you can eat Shrimp Feed is returning in 2022! This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th at our LYSA Clubhouse.

This is a very important event for our Club as it allows us to have very reasonable yearly membership dues. Our dues cover the day-to-day operations of our Club but do not leave any leftover funds for Clubhouse improvements. The proceeds from this event, and our annual Regatta, help to fund Club improvements that we all enjoy.

Over the past years some of the major improvements that we have made from the Open House profits include remodeling the kitchen and bathroom, taking out a wall and enlarging the meeting area, painting the exterior of the house, putting on a new roof and pouring new concrete to expand our outdoor areas. The Club has also voted earlier this year to spend \$3000 to expand our outdoor area and put in a fire pit. Also, a part of the proceeds go to Sail Camp, our kids learn to sail program.

As you can imagine putting on a shrimp feed for 250 people is a large undertaking and we need all hands on deck for a smooth running and successful event!

Our LYSA Board will be reaching out to Members to solicit help in this event. There are committees that are being formed to help with the various aspects of the shrimp feed. These include, but not limited to: ticket sales and marketing, set up and decorations, clean up, kitchen help, procuring raffle and live auction items, setting up the raffle items (the raffle is a big part of our revenue).

We would like each Club Member to donate a nice raffle item. We will start collecting at the Club the first of September. We also ask that each Club Member purchase at least two tickets and invite your friends and family to purchase tickets. Tickets are just \$40 for an adult. This is a great bargain as other organization charge up to \$60 for an all you can eat shrimp feed! We will have pricing available soon for children and purchasing a table for eight.

There will be a lot more information at our August membership meeting on Tuesday the 9th. Social hour and potluck at 6 PM, meeting at 7.



House Captain
Debbie Harden



“Hot town, summer in the city!” Hope all of you are surviving the extreme temperatures. I pretty much stay inside after about 10 a.m. ☹️

A huge thank you to Darrell and Linda for their work in sorting the garage. I haven’t been out to see it, but the pictures... Just wow! Thank you so much.

We may still need a workday, but it won’t be happening until the weather cools down. November???

Members seem to be struggling to fill out the reservation form for private events at the Clubhouse. The form is in the member section of the new website.

After you complete the form and submit it, the request is automatically sent to me to be added to the calendar. If you are struggling, you may text or email me with your request. (debra-harden@comcast.net

or 209.777.4655). Sorry for the issues you are having. We are working on it.

Housekeeping concerns:

We DO NOT recycle any glass. Please throw it in the garbage cans or take it home with you. We have two recycle bins. One is only for CRV aluminum cans. The



Vice Commodore
Thom Grimaldi



Not much to report on this month, other than Shrimp Feed coming up in September. With that I thought I’d throw out a little humor:

A doctor, a dentist and a lawyer were in a boat together when a wave came along and washed them all overboard. Unable to get back into the boat, they decided two would hold on to the boat and the third would swim to shore for help. They noticed that there were hundreds of sharks between them and land. Without a word the lawyer took off! As he swam the sharks move aside. The dentist yelled, “It’s a miracle!” “No”, said the doctor, “That’s professional courtesy!”

other is only for CRV plastic bottles. The recycler will not accept cans and bottles with liquid still in them. Please empty before putting in the bins.

I appreciate the fact that some of you want to recycle other things, like red solo cups, milk jugs and Styrofoam containers, but the recycler to whom we take the cans & bottles does not take those non-CRV things.

If it is important to you, and I do appreciate your concern for our environment, please take them home with you and place in your blue recycle bin for Waste Management. They take things that our recycler won’t. Thank you.

We have another outside water leak. Thank you, Bridget for bringing it to my attention. It is on the side of the house where the Jr. Sail boats are stored, near the old water fountain. By the time you read this, I hope to have it repaired. For future problems, do we have any sprinkler pipe specialists in the Club? Let me know please.

As always, a reminder to clean up after yourself. Especially making sure the all garbage is emptied into the dumpster (key in drawer to the left of the stove) and that the house, docks & garage are locked.

See you at the lake!

Membership Meeting
Join us in August!

At the
LYSA Clubhouse
Tuesday, August 9th
6 pm *Potluck*, 7 pm *Membership Meeting*
Board Meeting to follow



House Captain
Debbie Harden



Punting (& yes it has something to do with boats)

On my recent trip to England, my friend, Kathy and I



had the opportunity to go punting while we were visiting Cambridge.

A **punt** is a flat-bottomed boat with a square-cut bow, designed for use in small rivers or other shallow water. **Punting** is boating in a **punt**. Punts were introduced as a pleasure craft in Cambridge in the early 20th century. Prior to that, punts were used to ferry goods along rivers too shallow for conventional



boats to navigate. As river trade began to decline passengers became the new cargo and punting for pleasure took off. The punt is pushed along by the chauffer or punter using a very long pole, called a setting pole or quant (quant pole).

A punt tour on the Cam River, which runs through the heart of Cambridge, allows you to see the college “Backs” and to photograph the famous colleges (about 20 or so) from the river side.



King's College

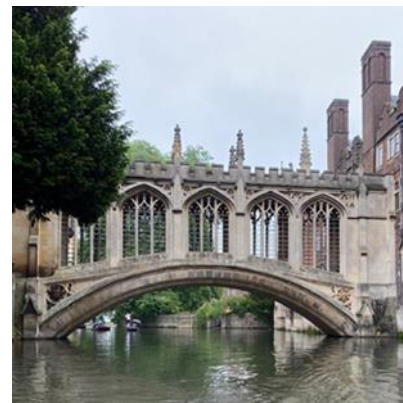


Cambridge University



Darwin College

The tour also goes under some famous bridges and allows for wildlife viewing!



Bridge of Sighs / St. John's College



Pristine Parking Progress

Thank you, Darrell and Linda, for straightening out the garage!

Let's work together to keep it tidy.



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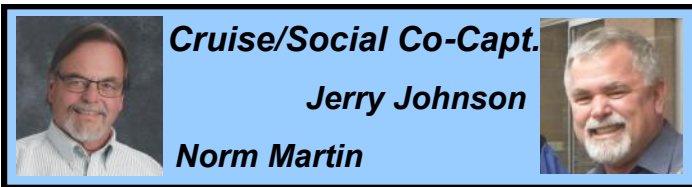
FOOD, FRIENDS, FUN



DIRECTIONS TO THE DERBY HOUSE

From Merced drive to Snelling and from Snelling use the Merced Falls Road to Coulterville. Merced Falls Road intersects with highway 132 before you get to Coulterville. At Coulterville you take 132 another 6 miles straight up the mountain and arrive at a Chevron gas station and a group of other buildings. This is the intersection of 132 and Hotzel Road.

As a point of interest 132 was the route which John Muir used to go to Yosemite which caused him to write about it and his writing convinced President Teddy Roosevelt to set aside Yosemite as a National Park. Derby House is one mile from the intersection of 132 and Hotzel Road on the right side of the road, the barn red cabin. If you get lost call 209 761 5816.

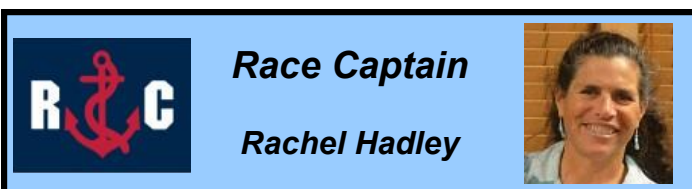


Stay cool!

With temperatures hovering near or above 100 degrees, outdoor activities have moved to the shade. Some come out for an evening sail. Thursday Taco nights and Racing have provided others a respite from the heat.

Looking to the future and cooler temperatures, Club Members are busy preparing for the Shrimp Feed fundraiser. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 17.

Come to the next general meeting on August 9 if you are interested in helping. Potluck begins at 6 p.m. and meeting follows at 7 p.m.



Ahoy Racers!

The Summer Sailing Series is under way!

We've had 4 races in July, and each one has been a lot of fun! We are hoping the water levels maintain an equilibrium, so we can continue to keep our boats out there safely and host the next 5 races of the Season.

We are very grateful to Matt who has provided us FANTASTIC Taco Thursday Dinners for only \$10 after most of the races, and I feel that it's important that we acknowledge our gratitude by providing the cleanup after we eat. I have added a note to our sign up sheet, to remind our racers to not just eat and run.

Be Safe on the Water!

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

August, 2022

- Junior Sailing
- 7 Derby Hill Open House, Greeley Hill
- 25 LYSA Summer Series, Final Race / Awards TBD
- Junior Regatta TBA

September, 2022

- Labor Day: Take a worker sailing
- Sea Scouts Appreciation TBA
- 17 **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

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

June, 2023

- LYSA Member/Board Meeting
- GCCY—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

Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.

Junior Sailing



Sail Camp Week 1 - June 20 to June 24

The Junior Naval ROTC from Everett Alvarez High School in Salinas joined us for the first week of Sail Camp. A Flag Retirement ceremony was held for LYSA's American flag after our Taco Thursday dinner. We are thankful for Jerry Rokes' continued support.



Sail Camp Week 2 - June 27 to July 1

Kids are going out under their own command! Lee Austin photos.

Junior Sailing



Sail Camp Week 3 - July 11 to July 15
Friday sail camp, taking families out.



Sail Camp Week 4 - July 18 to July 22

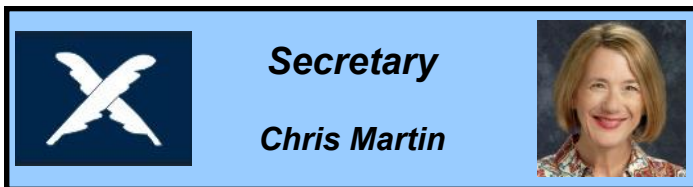
No wind on Monday. Tuesday was great. Wednesday: Dock practice with a light breeze. Check out the new yellow jib. Five Boys and Girls Club of Merced County members learning to sail at LYSA's Junior Sailing Camp, participation facilitated by Shannon Picciano. Empowering these kids with the GIFT of Sailing!

Junior Sailing



Sail Camp Week 5 - July 25 to July 29

Wrapping up Week 5 and our last day of Sail Camp with a knot tying contest. Warming up with toe tying. Figure 8, and bowline.



LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A meeting of the LYSA Membership was held on July 12, 2022 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, Jay Sousa: Jay welcomed members to the meeting. Introduced visitor Sam Traina. 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 acclimation.

Motion: Moved by John Larson to dispense with reading and approve minutes with discussion, to be approved by acclimation, Matt Loeffler agreed, **Second** by John Derby. **Motion carried.**

Commodore, Jay Sousa: Jay discussed stickers / burgees.

Water level will drop another 6 inches tonight; will come back up tomorrow. Informed by MID that this will be the norm going forward. Jay asked MID if they could notify himself, Thom, Kendall if there is a fluctuation so we can email the Members to ask them to adjust their lines.

Mike from MID wants to meet Jay and Thom to introduce them to the person who manages the Lake.

Discussed animal problems on the property: raccoons, a skunk.

Vice Commodore, Thom Grimaldi: No report.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa: The Treasurer's report was shared. Current Membership: 75

Dock Captain, Kendall Nightengale: Not present.

House Captain, Deb Harden: Members are having difficulty logging in to the website, and thus are having issues reserving the Clubhouse. In the interim, Deb asked Members who would like to reserve the Clubhouse to phone or text her until the website issues are resolved.

Deb also discussed when people use the Clubhouse, they need to put items away (for example, the coffeepot).

Work party for the Garage was suggested. Come out, go through items. Jay suggested someone from Sail Camp should be present. Jerry Johnson added that earlier in the year the Garage was in good shape, but now it's a mess;

it's disappointing. In the future, if it is used put it back where you found it.

Thom has installed new light bulbs in the garage, we need new light fixtures.

Deb asked when Junior Sailing is over, instead of lining up at the house, boats back in toward the fence.

Cruise / Social Committee, Jerry Johnson / Norm Martin: Jerry shared that venues are being looked into for the Christmas party.

Thom: the brunch was a success, Jerry mentioned we will be doing another.

Race Captain: Rachel Hadley: Not present.

Junior Sailing, Matt Loeffler: Sail Camp – 5 people from The Boys and Girls Club of Merced County. Shannon Picciano helped facilitate that.

Thanks also to Tim O'Neill for sponsoring two CASA junior sailors.

Training a new group of Sail Camp Counselors as many of the current group will be graduating from High School.

Sea Scouts: Not present.

Old Business:

Propose Fire pit / Deck plan. Estimate \$3500 from the Club Improvement fund. Discussion.

Motion: Moved by Tim O'Neill to approve Fire pit / Deck construction, second by Tommy Soto. **Motion carried.**

New Business:

Chris: Issue with Members accessing the website. Unlike the old website, you generate your own username, email and password. Some members are not able to log in. Reach out to Kendall if there are issues.

New Members: Sam Traina, introduced himself. Former Vice Chancellor at UCM.

Roger Wyan, photographer, not able to be present.

New member procedure discussed. Welcome event, show them around the Clubhouse. Deb: Mike Streatly had a social, reviewed Handbook. Jay stated the new Member needs to be present to be voted in.

Brigitte brought up that we have voted members in who weren't present at the meeting. Diane mentioned that it was decided at a meeting within the last year, this is our policy. Jay – we need to be consistent.

Jessica from the UC could not be at the meeting, she has a rowing shell, longer than kayaks. 25' long, it will fit in the garage. Concern regarding its size.

Good of the order: John Derby commended Jerry Johnson's countertop and covering. Peg Larson suggested it would be good for the cover of the Newsletter. Chris Martin asked someone to take a picture of it and send it in for publication.

John is hosting a party in Greeley Hill, August 7th, Noon. All are invited. A 1930s cabin is restored. John Albano will be providing music. BYOB

Sympathy card should be sent to Clara Tresco.

Adjournment: The next LYSA Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, August 9, at the LYSA Clubhouse. 6:00 Social, General Meeting at 7:00 pm. Board Meeting to follow.

Motion: Moved by Jerry Johnson to adjourn, second by Thom Grimaldi. **Motion carried.**

Membership meeting was adjourned at 7:40. 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 July 12, 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, House Captain, Deb Harden, Cruise/Social Captain:

Jerry Johnson / Norm Martin, Racing Captain, Rachel Hadley. Not present: Dock Captain: Kendall Nightengale.

New Members: Sam Traina. Sponsor: Gary Hogston.

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

Old Business

Discussed the Shrimp Feed to be held September 17.

Jay as Commodore ensures subcommittee members take care of items: Volunteers needed for shrimp (Jerry), sauce (Thom), salad, bread and butter (Thom uses a bakery that is reasonably priced). Each volunteer needs to ensure the items are purchased, prepared and served.

Raffle: solicit donations from Members, set up and conduct Raffle.

Auction items

Set up, including tables (call Rosie to reserve 33, was around \$650 in 2019, party tent was around \$900) and wrapping silverware. Clean up crew

Banner: date change, hang banner – check with fire department

Tickets, price and distribution / sales

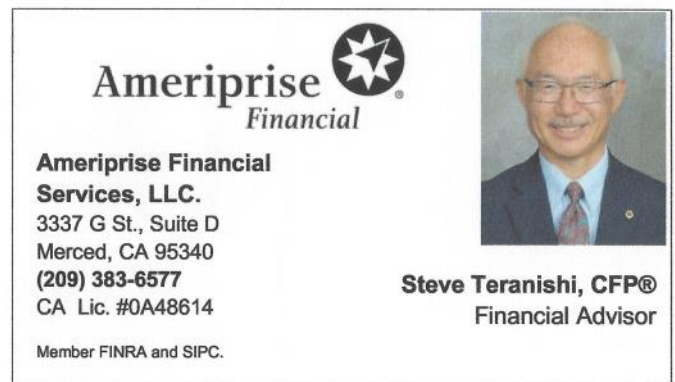
Organizational meeting, assign tasks to subcommittee members.

Meet Tuesday, July 12, 2022, 6 pm at the Clubhouse to discuss



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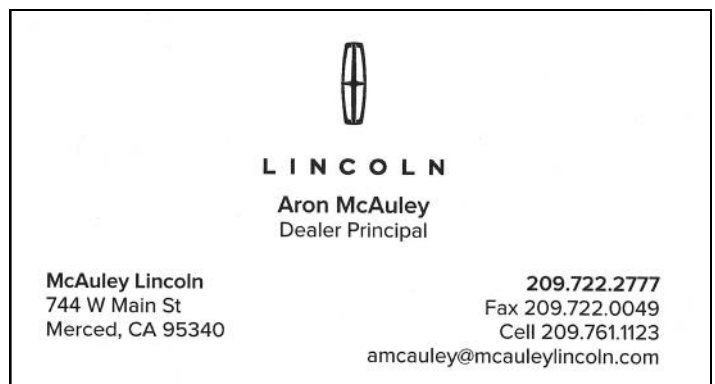
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New Business

Discussed Christmas Party date and location

Fire pit project on hold, Thom has more pressing projects at hand, will not be done before the Shrimp Feed.

Deb: Two things—How does the Board want to handle Summer / Winter storage? Cannot keep an empty trailer on the property.

Notify and bill Members for Summer storage through to the closure of the Lake for the season, \$140 through September.

Ask Members if there is interest in Summer storage, there are slots available.

Calendar: if a Member holds an event, it needs to be put on the calendar. Every event or activity should be on the calendar.

Clarification: By Laws state that the Vice Commodore is responsible to on-board new Members.

Good of the Order – None

Adjournment: The next LYSA Board meeting will be held following the Membership meeting, Tuesday, August 9, at the LYSA Clubhouse. 6:00 Social, General Meeting at 7:00 pm. Board Meeting to follow.

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