

# Light Air



Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

July 2022



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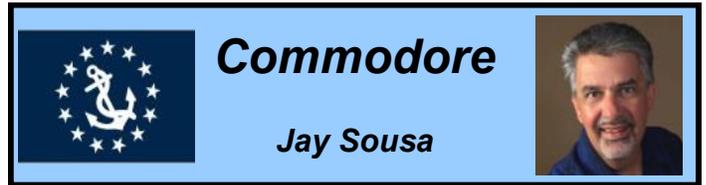
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It seems unbelievable that we are halfway through 2022! It seems like it was just yesterday that we were holding our first meeting of the year in January via zoom because of Covid fears. Now, finally, after two years things seem about near normal at LYSA!

I am happy with how things have gone with our club in the first six months, despite the fact that our sailing season was delayed a bit.

I would like to re-cap some of the good things that have happened at LYSA so far this year.

We had some very productive dock work day's back in February and March, which resulted in some much-needed repairs. These workdays were spearheaded by our awesome Dock Captain Kendall. Also, Kendall did a great job on our spiffy new website.

We have had great participation in our events thanks to the great efforts of our co-Social Captains Jerry and Norm. Our club finances are strong thanks to the tireless work of our Treasurer Diane. Light Air, our monthly newsletter, has been out on time every month this year thanks to Chris our Secretary. This has also been aided by the fact that the Board Members have been great on getting their columns in to Chris on time! Our House Captain Deb has done a wonderful job keeping our clubhouse looking great! Thom, our Vice-Commodore, seems to be the first to volunteer to help with almost anything that comes up. He also drew up the plans for our upgraded deck and fire pit area, which the funds were voted in earlier this year. My hope is that we will be able to start this nice upgrade later this summer.

Sail Camp, our youth learn-to-sail program, recently started up for the summer. Thanks to the continued leadership of Matt and Brigitte, it looks to be another great year of our club being the starting point of a new generation of sailors!

Finally, our Race Captain Rachel is ready to start our racing season now that we finally have water and can launch boats. I am sure Rachel will be announcing dates soon.

I am also very happy that we have had such great club membership turnout to our monthly club meetings and events. It has been awesome to see so many of you enjoying your club!

I am also pleased that we have a lot of new members who are genuinely excited to be a part of our LYSA family.

July should be a fun filled month at the club and I hope to see you all out to enjoy your club!



**Vice Commodore**

**Thom Grimaldi**



Where does the time go? Finishing off June and half the year is past.

Not much to report about regarding sailing, as the water levels cannot be counted on, and boats were launched this weekend or are still trailer-bound.

Last month I participated in a motorcycle run called, "Run for The Wall" that has been held for thirty-two years with the exception of the past two because of Covid. The run was originally started to bring awareness to the MIA / POW situation after the Vietnam War.

Ten of us left Merced and rode to Ontario, Ca. and met up with approximately 1500 other riders. Most are veterans but not all. We left Ontario and in ten days rode across this country to the Vietnam Memorial Wall. We left as three different routes, and all converged into DC on the same day.

Going across this country and experiencing the patriotism in the communities we traveled through was

amazing. We were fed by community volunteers at every scheduled stop. I don't think there were more than four or five overpasses we traveled under that didn't have dozens of people waving flags or fire trucks back-to-back with a huge flag waving. On one overpass in Virginia there was a lone veteran with flag standing at attention and saluting in the pouring rain.

Quite the adventure!



I soloed back to California via Michigan and the upper peninsula down to Milwaukee where I visited the Harley Davidson Museum then worked my way home. 23 days out and logged 7,187 miles.



**Treasurer**

**Diane Sousa**



**New Burgees - Order now!**



Pre-sale \$25, order at our next Membership Meeting on July 12th, or by July 15. After July 15 the price will be \$30.

Arrival at the end of July.

## Membership Meeting

Join us in July!

At the

**LYSA Clubhouse**

**Tuesday, July 12th**

*6 pm Potluck, 7 pm Membership Meeting*

*Board Meeting to follow*

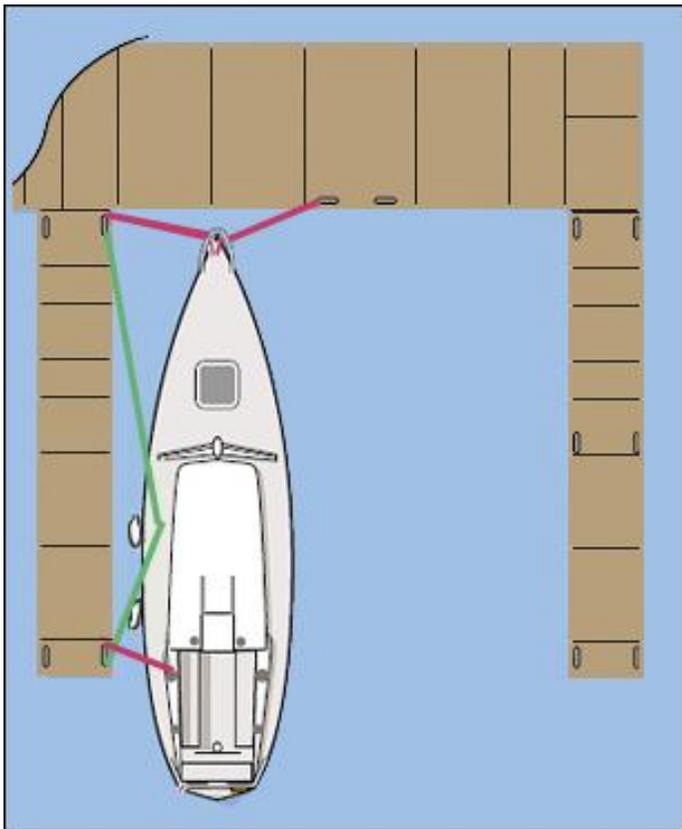


**Port Captain**

**Kendall Nightengale**



The good news is by the time you read this newsletter you should be able to put your boat in the water and officially kick off the sailing season for 2022! We missed a lot of days with more than enough wind to keep you heeled and squealing with delight. Now we can hope that with the heat wave our wind doesn't dwindle and leave our sails a hangin'.



Now that your boat will be berthed in her slip, let me remind you that it is your responsibility to ensure it is properly moored. In case you've forgotten or your new to the joys of sailing, you should have two bow lines, at least one spring line, and one stern line. If there isn't a boat beside you then there can be two stern lines. There should also be a minimum of two fenders adjusted to the proper height and set just fore and aft of her beam (the widest point).

The red lines in the graphic represent the bow and stern lines. The two bow lines keep the bow from wandering port and starboard and assist with keep-

ing her from blowing aft. The stern line keeps the back end close to the dock and keeps her from striking the boat on the other side. The spring lines are key to keeping the boat in position fore and aft. The fore spring line, attached forward and leading to the aft dock cleat, keeps the boat from moving forward. If this isn't set correctly your bow will strike the dock causing damage to boat and dock. Check that your spring line is set correctly by pulling the bow of the boat toward the walkway directly in front of her. The aft spring line (if used) will keep the boat from drifting back, but the two bow lines or the stern line will also perform that function.

Our boats experience a lot of wake from jet skis and wakeboard boats. You should have snubbers or some form of shock absorption on all dock lines. I prefer Davis Instruments Shockles (the small boat version) over the traditional rubber snubbers. Shockles tend to cushion the boat cleat and dock cleat from sudden wake better than the rubber ones. I've seen both boat and deck cleats torn out because a snubber wasn't used to absorb shock. Make sure your dock lines are in good condition and check them for chafing every time you check your boat. It isn't worth damaging your boat or someone else's because of lines that should have been replaced.



On a different note. LYSA logo stickers are in production and should be in hand by July 14<sup>th</sup>. They are die cut to 3.7" x 3.4" size. The LYSA logo is dark blue with a white background. The stickers are vinyl and rated for outdoor use on your car, pickup, boat, or RV and should last for four years or more. They will be \$5 for two. But go ahead and buy four, six, or even ten if you want.



**House Captain**

**Debbie Harden**



Alright? It is good to be home. I just got home from five weeks across the Pond and temperature wise, my body is saying "Go back!" I spent three weeks in England and two weeks in Ireland. Beautiful and green! My newsletter articles this summer will probably be filled with pictures of boats & more from there.

I want to thank Kendall for stepping up and covering Clubhouse reservations while I was gone. It was appreciated. Thank you to other Board members who helped keep the House going & as always, to Craig for the great job he does. I have heard that there are issues with the screen door (again) and recycling. I will try to get out there soon to fix the problems.



While in Ireland, Tom Cooke and I had a chance to visit with a man from the Killyleagh Yacht Club. He shared some of their events and programs with us. I guess we just missed their Regatta by a day or two.

This is a link to their website and Facebook page, if you are interested.

<https://killyleaghyachtclub.co.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/KillyleaghYachtClub/>

Here are some pictures:





**Shrimp Feed**

The Shrimp Feed is on the calendar for mid-September. We will be discussing plans for this big fundraising event at the July LYSA meeting. We need lots of help. If you are interested in helping, please come to the meeting Tuesday, July 12. Potluck begins at 6 p.m. and meeting follows at 7 p.m.

Please consider helping at this fundraiser, which contributes funds to the Junior Sailing program.

**Thanks for brunch**

Thank you to all who joined us for brunch on Sunday.

We served 37 guests on a beautiful June morning.

A special thank you goes out to all who came out, June 26, and to those who worked behind the scenes to make this a successful dining experience.

Thom Grimaldi did a great job with the pancakes. Chris Martin cooked the eggs, bacon, sausage and hash browns. She also prepared the fruit salad. Jay and Diane Sousa and Karen Grimaldi helped to make sure everything was running smoothly and kept the buffet well stocked.

We are deeply grateful to Rachel Hadley who came out early to set up tables and chairs. We also want to thank those who helped put away everything at the end of the event. Lots of folks lent a hand with the clean-up and we appreciate your efforts.

Thank You!



We can launch our boats this 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, and anticipate that the lake levels won't fluctuate more than a foot or so in either direction.... which means we can start our Thursday Night Races on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>!

I will be out there, with the Marks set. If there are at least 5 boats that want to race, we will post a course and hit the first horn at 6:30.

The Race Committee is looking forward to a strong turnout for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Summer Series! Please plan to participate!

**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

**July, 2022**

- 4 BBQ at the Clubhouse, 6 pm, grilling at 7, bring a side to share.
- 7 LYSA Thursday Night Summer Racing Series, Dinner to follow
- 12 LYSA Member/Board Meeting  
 Junior Sailing  
 Special Needs Sailing Day TBA

**August, 2022**

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

**September, 2022**

- Labor Day: Take a worker sailing
- Sea Scouts Appreciation TBA
- LYSA Dick Gardner Memorial TBA
- 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**

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

**June, 2023**

- 14 LYSA Member/Board Meeting  
 GCYC—Go for the Gold  
 SSC Delta Ditch Run
- 26 Brunch at the Clubhouse

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

# Sunday Brunch



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**Secretary**

**Chris Martin**



**LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order:** A meeting of the LYSA Membership was held on June 14, 2022 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

**Reports - Actions - Discussions: Vice Commodore, Jay Sousa:** Jay welcomed members to the meeting. Invited Board Members to report. Due to a lack of quorum, no Club business was conducted.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chris Martin not present.

**Commodore, Jay Sousa:** Jay reported that he spoke to MID. The lake is full, fluctuations of 3-4 feet in the water level are expected. If Members choose to put their boats in early, they are taking their chances and may need to pull boats out at a moment's notice. Normal operations are expected by the end of June. Do not leave boats in the parking lot. CPR training was great. The Red Cross conducted the training. Jay suggested the Club buy an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). It was suggested that the Elks may donate funds for this purchase. John said the County will provide one, ask John Pedrozo.

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Sea Scouts were approached by the Elks to be given funds.

Solstice Sail, June 25. Raft up Noon to Sunset

**Vice Commodore, Thom Grimaldi:** Not present.

**Treasurer, Diane Sousa:** 68 paid members.

**Dock Captain, Kendall Nightengale:** Jay likes the new website. Needs help logging on.

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

**Cruise / Social Committee, Jerry Johnson / Norm Martin:** Not present.

**Race Captain, Rachel Hadley:** Committee boat vandalized / damaged. Lines were broken, frayed. Craig installed rub rail.

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

**Sea Scouts:** Excursion to the California Maritime Academy. Three Scouts attended, 7 total. Had a great time.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** John Derby would like to do a quick launch for 1-2 days. Suggested Jay send out an email.

**Good of the order:** None

No Board Meeting was held due to lack of quorum. New member to be voted upon, will be tabled to the next meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Membership meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

**Adjournment:** The next LYSA Membership / Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12, at the LYSA Clubhouse. 6:00 Social, General Meeting at 7:00 pm. Board Meeting to follow.

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