

Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

June 2023

2023 Regatta Race Committee



Photo courtesy: Tom Cooke

LYSA's 2023 Race Committee Members (l to r): Karen Grimaldi, Diane Sousa, Debbie Harden, Rachel Hadley, Suzanne Johnson, Ian Cooke, Tom Cooke.

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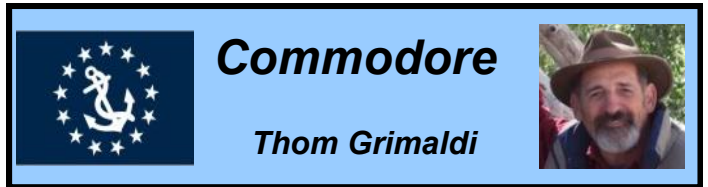
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May has turned out to be fantastic so far.

Many boats are in their slips, water is up and winds have been favorable. Thursday evening races are back and the Clubhouse is once again being a place to gather, have cocktails, snacks and share the camaraderie of fellow sailors. It's also the best place to be when the weather turns hot.

As I write this, we have just concluded our first Spring Regatta in 4 years. Turnout for visiting sailors was a bit light but club members were more involved than in the past which was a welcome sight. We had a total of 17 boats on the water. I expect next year to be better attended as the word gets out that we are back in business.


Everyone had a great time and I received many compliments from the attendees.

Saturday evening we served dinner to an estimated 91 guests. The food prep was great and again, lots of compliments were given. This Regatta has always been highly regarded by its attendees and something our club can be proud of.


I want to thank all those who help make this such a success. Tom Cooke and the Race Committee: Rachel Hadley, Debbie Harden, Karen Grimaldi, Ian Cooke, Susan Johnson, and Diane Sousa; Jerry Johnson, Dan and Pat Dewees for the excellent job of preparing and serving Saturday evening's meal; Jay Sousa, Jim and Del Krussow for chase boat duties; Tami Davidson and Dan Aleman for procurement of items for the swag bags, t-shirts and new hats to sell; and a special thank you to Wayne McMillan for the diagnosis and repair of the so needed committee boat.

Thanks to all who came out to the club for dinner. That helped make the event a big success!

Cya on the water!



Vice Commodore
Dan Aleman





As promised I have completed the purchase of our new LYSA logo hats. We have 3 colors to choose from so don't be shy and stop by to purchase one for yourself.


My next swag project is to get some T-shirts and hoodies ordered. I'll be bringing some T-shirt samples to the next Board Meeting for everyone to touch and feel.

I will also be continuing to gather pictures of club members for our photo album.

See you on the lake.



Port Captain
Lee McDonough

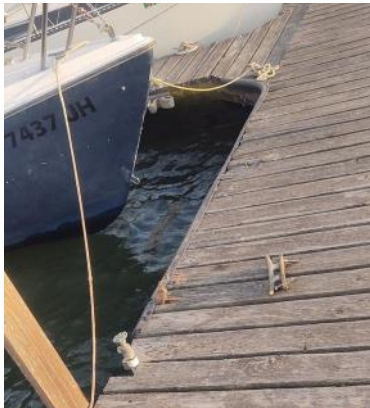



Cruise/Social Capt.
Tami Davidson



Sailing season is here!

I hope everybody is getting your boats in the water.



Please remember to have snubbers on your dock lines to help prevent costly damage to your boat and the docks!

To continue with our safe to go acronym, another one is called "COOL"

- C - Cooling is your outboard discharging water to provide cooling?
- O - Oil check oil level? Oil light not indicating low level?
- O - Overboard L - Lines? All docking lines free, no other lines overboard?

Earlier in May I was invited to race at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club with a customer from work. We sailed a Catalina 320. It was a lot fun and great to see another sailing club in action!

Save the date for our second Wine and Cheese Pairing Event to be held on July 28th. The Event will begin at 6 pm. We ask everyone to bring an appetizer to share.

The Google invitation will be up and running soon for you to RSVP. Friends and family are welcome!

Membership Meeting

Join us in June!

At the
LYSA Clubhouse

Tuesday, June 13th

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

Board Meeting to follow

2023 Regatta



Photos courtesy: Jay Sousa



House Captain

Debbie Harden



The sailing season is here!

Members use the Clubhouse a lot more this time of year. This is just a reminder to clean up after yourself. The dumpster has a new lock, but the key is in the drawer to the left of the stove, right where it always is.

We do not recycle glass or cardboard/paper. Either put those items in the garbage or take them home to recycle.

If you were out for the Regatta, I am sure you noticed that the white picket fence has been repaired and painted. Our Commodore Thom spearheaded the work and many turned out to help. Thank you, Thom & his crew! I'll try to name you, but if I miss someone I apologize now. I saw Thom, Rich, Rich's helper (Jacob), Darrell, Tim H., Mike Allen, Lee, Mike Brady, Gary and the soon to be a member, Ben. I think there were 14 altogether, so I am missing some names. The fence looks fantastic! Thank you! Thank you!

Shout out to Tami Davidson for getting the Clubhouse back together after the Regatta! She is a worker! Thanks to everyone who helped get the tables & chairs in and out. So many Members have stepped up and helped this year. Sometimes it's the little things that count. So keep up the good work. Nice to have you!

Thank you to the winter storage members, who got their boats out of the summer storage and into the water! Now let's see you do some sailing this summer! Half the work is done when your boat is in the water ready to go.

Shout out to Lee, who let us know the water was being shut off at the Lake and the fact that we shouldn't consume the ice until he has had a chance to service the machine again. Thank you, Lee.

Are you able to tell how grateful I am to all of you? I feel like I need to keep a LYSA Gratitude journal. You make House Captain an easy job. Debbie (209) 777-4655.

Upcoming Events

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

June, 2023

- 3 GCYC—Go for the Gold
- 13 LYSA Member/Board Meeting
SSC Delta Ditch Run
- 29 NO Thursday Night Races

July, 2023

- 4 BBQ at the Clubhouse
- 6 NO Thursday Night Races
- 11 LYSA Member/Board Meeting
- 15 **Jack & Jill Race**
Junior Sailing
Special Needs Sailing Day

August, 2023

- 8 LYSA Member/Board Meeting
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

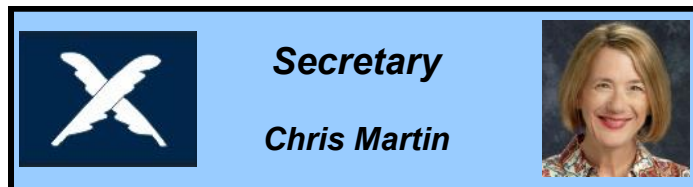
April, 2024

- 11 LYSA Member/Board Meeting
- 57th FLYC Camellia Cup Regatta
- Make A Wish Event

May, 2024

- Pacific Sail and Power Boat Show, Redwood City
- LYSA Opening Day**
- LYSA Thursday Night Summer Racing begins, Dinner to follow
- LYSA Spring Regatta

Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.



May was a good month for LYSA Sailing.

We started our weekly racing on May 11th and now have 10 boats signed up to race. We are looking for more members to sign up - it's never too late!

Our first Regatta in four (4) years was held on May 20th and 21st, and despite a lack of early advertising, we had seventeen (17) Racers participate. We had three separate classes, each with its own start. Our Open Class had nine (9) entrants, The Laser Class had 5, The Day Sailor Class had 2 and we had one Sport Boat entry.

In the Laser Class, First Place went to Tom Burden and Second Place went to Chris Simental both from the Richmond Yacht club.

In the Day Sailor Class, First Place went to Craig Lee from the Scuttlebutt Sailing Association.

In the Open Class, First Place went to our own John Larson sailing his Merit 25. Second Place went to Scotter Holmes sailing his Victory 21 and Third Place went to our Commodore Thom Grimaldi sailing his Catalina 22. Thank you to all participants.

Saturday night our fantastic cooks, Jerry Johnson, Dan and Pat Dewees served up a great dinner to around 100 guests. Thank you to all our Members who turned out for our Regatta Dinner.

I want to give a special shout out to our Race Committee: Ian Cooke, Karen Grimaldi, Rachel Hadley, Deb Harden, Diane Sousa and Suzanne Johnson. Each one of them did a superb and professional job. And of course, a big thank you to all our Members who made this event a success.

A HEADS UP TO ALL OUR RACERS --There will be **NO** races on June 29th and July 6th.

The last race of the First Series will be on July 13, 2023.

We will begin our Second Series on July 20th and end the series on September 7, 2023. We are looking to add more racers to our weekly series. It costs only \$20.00 for both series so don't hesitate to sign up any time.

Once again, I want to thank all of our racers and to everyone who stepped up and made this a great Regatta.

See you at the lake.

LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on May 9, 2023 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:11 pm.

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes are published in the Newsletter, Members can read and review the minutes in advance of the meeting. Correction: Tom stated that for Thursday races, he was hoping for 19 entries, he has none at this time.

Motion: Moved by Deb to approve minutes by acclamation, second by Dan. **Motion carried.** Minutes approved.

Commodore, Thom Grimaldi: Updates: Fence repaired and painted. Could use more work, parts still in need of repair. Regatta: would like to see Club Members race. LYSA has received 5 entries currently. Thom requested help: dinner, registration, goodie bags (Dan is working on this, discussed items needed for the bags). Need a count for dinner on Saturday night.

Vice Commodore, Dan Aleman: Blue, black and green hats ordered. Will discuss cost to Members at Board Meeting. After the Regatta, Dan will work with Image Masters to order LYSA shirts. There are shirts in the office, most are larger sizes. We will use shirts we have on hand for the Regatta.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa: Reviewed Treasurer's report. 78 Members, gained 2, lost 1.

Dock Captain, Lee McDonough: Lee worked on the slips. Discussed dock work. Will pressure wash in advance of Regatta. Jay gave a shout-out to Lee, he secured loose cleats.

House Captain, Deb Harden: Commended Members for fence repair. Lee fixed ice machine. Deb has not heard from Members about Summer Storage. Lock on the dumpster can be tricky. Jay asked for help / volunteers to clean out the barbecue. Tom can help, Sunday (Mother's Day). Introduced Jessica, a rower. Wayne / Robin McMillan also present. – Chris will check email.

Cruise / Social Committee, Tami Davidson: Proposal to hold two wine / cheese events, one in June, one in July will be discussed at the Board Meeting. Thom suggested a Friday night. RSVP, \$10 per person, bring appetizer, June 9th, July 28th. Promoted the Regatta with Members, invited all to attend. Thom asked Members to RSVP for the Saturday night dinner.

Race Captain: Tom Cooke: Difficulty getting the buoys in. Races start Thursday, buoys not in, Committee boat did not start. Darrell worked on it. When the boat is repaired, buoys can be put in. Payment will be taken on the first race. Tom asked Members to come out. First horn at 6:30. Jay suggested we can meet afterward in town for dinner. Regatta: will award trophies, will place the names and send the trophies afterward.

Junior Sailing, Matt Loeffler: Not present.

Sea Scouts: Not present.

Old Business: Tami will call the first third of the Member list re: Regatta dinner, Suzanne and Debbie will take remaining thirds. Will discuss at the Board Meeting. Dan Aleman asked about Member discount for racing (30 instead of the current \$50 fee.)

Dan moved \$30 charge for Regatta. Second: - Tom stated that this is for the Board. Motion on the Table.

Tom Cooke asked about the Committee boat. Jerry Johnson asked about judging if buoys aren't properly placed.

New Business: John Derby: the County Times can support LYSA with publicity. John asked to use pictures from the website. Would like to write about Regatta and Shrimp Feed.

Good of the order: None

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

Motion: Moved by Deb to adjourn, second by Linda. **Motion carried.** Membership meeting was adjourned at 7:42.

LYSA Board Meeting Call to Order: A regular meeting of the LYSA Board was held on May 9, 2023. The meeting convened at 8:05 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; House Captain, Deb Harden; Cruise/Social Captain: Tami Davidson; Racing Captain, Tom Cooke.

Not present: None

New Members: Chuck Rockholt paid his dues. He has a Merritt 25. Also: Chris & Kim Miller. Deb asked who the 14 people are who have not paid their dues, Diane shared the list. She will send out one more invoice.

Thom asked to have Member applications printed and posted.

Regatta: Attendance - we could have 20 racers show up that day. Discussed discount to LYSA Members. Discussed applying amount to Thursday Night Racing. Dan: \$30 fee, emailed to Members, "Members Only" Chris will send out email to Members inviting them to register for the Regatta.

Motion: Moved by Tom to charge Members \$30 to sail in the Regatta, second by Dan. **Motion carried.**

Diane will take care of Registration. Deb – forms must be printed at home. No internet at the Clubhouse.

Scoring on the PHRF – Rachel and Deb know how to do this.

Thom suggested that others should know how to use system. Supplies for the Regatta is not part of House items.

Deb asked if the Board wanted her to pick up items for both the House and the Regatta. Plates, cups, silverware, napkins. Deb will not buy more hot cups. Diane said leftover items could be used for the Shrimp Feed. Deb asked about shopping / meals. Discussed continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning. Jay volunteered to set up breakfast on Saturday and Sunday.

Jerry asked about menu for Saturday night. He will cook, would like to know how much to buy for dinner: Chicken, tri-tip, scalloped potatoes, and salad. Jerry asked for a call. Thom stated he could run to Richwood or Costco to pick up more food if needed. Jerry asked to be kept in the loop.

Jay will either race or take pictures from the Committee Boat. Tom: Race Committee: Deb Karen Suzanne Ian.

Diane needs list of who is on the Committee, as people have said they were entitled to a free lunch. Suggested a lunch ticket for complementary lunches. Tom will give Diane a list of names.

Trophies: Chris Miller will make tags for the trophies.

Swag bags – issue is that we don't know how many will register.

Next year start in October: energy bars, little waters, course map should be in the bag, LYSA sticker, etc. Gary Hogston donates items. Dan asked Tami to help for preparing the swag bags. Suggested to ask Tim O'Neill.

Dan – Meet next week to make sure we are all on the same page with the Regatta.

Thom: Tuesday at the Clubhouse, 4 pm.



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Calendar in Latitude 38, Deb mentioned the Thursday night races refers to Dennis Wainwright. Chris - Latitude 38: deadline in October. Chris will follow up on correcting this. Thursday Night Racing starts this week.

Old Business:

Wine and cheese event. Deb concerned if LYSA is providing wine, could be liability. Make it a social event. Can't sell alcohol per our insurance. Deb would like to encourage the event. June 9th and July 28th chosen. Tom suggested social media – describe it as bring your own wine, appetizer to share, 50/50 raffle. LYSA will supply cheese and crackers, fruit, baguettes.

Tom brought using Club for fundraising. Making money is not a bad thing. Tami – goal is increasing Membership, not fundraising. Chris – fees should underwrite cost of event. Thom – keep in mind this is a sailing club, there should be events that would benefit them. Diane – dues are only \$120/year.

Tom asked about someone providing a meal on Thursday nights. Diane stated that she cleaned up. Dan suggested pizza parties. Sea Scouts might be a good thing: they can make money on this. Thom made spaghetti every time, charged \$5. Money went to Junior Sailing.

Deb: concerned about Junior Sailing. Matt and Brigitte have not attended one meeting. Chris: we need a Coordinator. We need to advertise and be clear about the requirements.

Brigitte told Michael on Sunday that he would be part of the Junior Sailing program for one week only. Julia will be the Lead, she was paid last year.

New Business: Jessica Malish wants to leave her rowing skiff on the docks. Discussed safety and security of her vessel if left out. Lee will let her know that insurance will not cover it and it would be best to not have it out. Todd Bender did talk to Kendall about the spot and paid the regular fee for that floating spot. He paid a contractor to have it built. No one talked about the charge for the slip. He paid the slip fee. He is responsible for what was built on the other side.

Lee needs to buy more dock cleats.

Tami: would like better 'stay off the docks' signage.

Good of the Order: – None.

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

Motion: Moved by to adjourn, second by . **Motion carried.** Board meeting was adjourned at 8:59.

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