

# Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

November 2023

## Sailing Season's End



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# Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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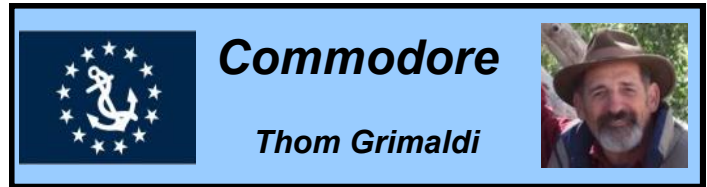
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**Submissions:**

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

**Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line**

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Another sailing season is over and what a great year it was, plenty of wind and water which we've been lacking for a number of years due to drought.

My year as Commodore is winding down and I feel pretty good about what was accomplished out at the clubhouse.

We once again held our Spring Regatta and although we didn't get a huge turnout of our town sailors, we did have more club participation than ever before. At least that I can recall. I'm certain it will again build in participation once the word gets out in the right channels.

After 4 years of Covid restrictions, we held a very successful Shrimp Feed/ Open house to a sold out crowd. The club realized a very nice profit.

We added to the patio area a nice gravel firepit area . We also did a bit of improvement to the Boat storage parking area by the garage.

Jerry Johnson added a Lake Yosemite Sailing sign out front and nice wooden replica of our club burgee above the front porch.

Matt Loeffler did a nice job on building a rack for a couple of the Jr. sailing boats that were without trailers.

On checking my "To Do" list I penned at the beginning of the year, the only things we didn't get to were the deck in the garage / shed corner and a permanent light for the BBQ.

But then some stuff not on my list like Lee and I building and replacing a dock finger took a little extra time..grin. can't always plan for the unexpected.


I thoroughly enjoyed my year as Commodore and as I write this, we're a week away from club elections for next year's officers. I hope to see new faces step forward and put their name in the running for board positions. It doesn't take that much of your time and maybe you have some good ideas for improvements or things you would like to see happen for everyone's enjoyment.

Cya On The Water! ( next year)





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



Hello Club Members! If you are interested in reserving the Clubhouse for a private party, there is a form that must be completed on our website. When you go to the website you will see a heading that says Club. Click on it and a dropdown menu appears. One of the options on the menu is Reservations. If you click on Reservations, it takes you to our calendar and the necessary form. If you have trouble with that, contact me and I will email you the form. It must be completed, signed, and returned before your event.


There is an agreement with the form that needs to be followed. The agreement can be read on the reservation page of our website. I have posted it below. Two rather important rules have been violated this season (two that I am aware of) and I want to make sure all members (new and not so new) are clear about the expectations of the Club. If there is ever a question, please call me at 209-777-4655.

To reserve the Clubhouse, you must agree to the following terms and conditions:


- I am a current LYSA member in good standing.
- I will leave the house and grounds clean and in proper order.
- If the House Captain or Board determine the house or yard is not left in proper order and cleanliness, I agree to pay a cleaning fee. Amount determined by the Board based on condition.
- I will provide paper goods, utensils, plastic cups, and other consumables for the event. (restroom supplies are covered by LYSA)
- A LYSA member will be present at all times when guests are on the premises.
- I will procure the necessary permits for the event if required (amplified music, overnight camping, etc.)



*Happy Thanksgiving!*




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




It's sad that our outstanding sailing season has come to an end. I can't remember the last time we had the opportunity to get a final sail in October. I am extremely grateful for having had the long sailing season. I'm looking forward to our Christmas Party in December and wishing everyone a wonderful upcoming holiday season.

I'm looking forward to my new duties as Commodore. Feel free to contact me anytime if you have a desire to purchase any T-shirts, Hats or Burgees.



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



The season is officially over and boats are out. I hope everyone had a good season. Work days will be announced in the near future as needed.

**Membership Meeting**  
**Join us in November!**  
At the  
**LYSA Clubhouse**  
**Tuesday, November 14th**  
*6 pm Dinner, 7 pm Membership Meeting*  
*Board / Budget Meeting to follow*



**Race Captain**  
**Tom Cooke**



Our racing season officially ended with the presentation of awards to our summer series winners during our Oktoberfest party on the 27th of October.


Congratulations go out to Jerry Johnson, Dan, Aleman, Thom Grimaldi, and David Stubbe, as well as our crew person of the year and our most improved sailor.

A big thank you to Matt and Ed for their special awards trophies this brings back a great club tradition.


I hope that our racing committee crew, Deb, Harden, Rachel, Hadley, Karen, Grimaldi, Suzanne Johnson, and Diane Sousa who have done such a stellar job this year, will stay on to help our new race captain, David Stubbe.

Also, a big thanks to Tami Davidson for getting Strings to cater our party, and a special thanks to Deb Harden for the for our decorations.

I hope everyone enjoyed our sailing season. Don't forget we have a wine tasting party on November 18 and our LYSA Christmas party in early December. I hope to see you all there.



**Cruise/Social Capt.**  
**Tami Davidson**



Thank you to all who participated and attended the Oktoberfest and End of the Season Party and Awards.

Please save the date and RSVP for our Wine and Cheese Event to be held on Saturday November 18th from 2 to 6 pm at the LYSA Clubhouse. Please bring an appetizer to share and wine. The Club will provide fruit, cheese, and crackers.

The Club has purchased two patio heaters. These are for Club functions and events only. If you need to use them, please bring your own propane bottles and exchange the Club's bottles out.

Thanks for your cooperation. — Thom

## 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

### November, 2023

14 LYSA Member/Board Budget Meeting

### December, 2023

8 Christmas Party

### January, 2024

9 LYSA Member/Board Meeting

### February, 2024

Super Bowl  
13 LYSA Member/Board Meeting  
13 Mardi Gras  
Slip Fees due

### March, 2024

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

### April, 2024

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

### May, 2024

Pacific Sail and Power Boat Show, Redwood City  
14 LYSA Member/Board Meeting  
**LYSA Opening Day**  
LYSA Thursday Night Summer Racing begins, Dinner to follow  
LYSA Spring Regatta

### June, 2024

11 LYSA Member/Board Meeting  
GCYC—Go for the Gold  
SSC Delta Ditch Run

### July, 2024

4 BBQ at the Clubhouse  
LYSA Member/Board Meeting  
**Jack & Jill Race, BBQ to follow**  
Junior Sailing

### August, 2024

LYSA Summer Series, Final Race / Awards  
Junior Regatta TBA

### September, 2024

Labor Day: Take a worker sailing  
LYSA Member/Board Meeting  
14 **Open House / Shrimp Feed**  
Sea Scouts Appreciation  
End of Season Dinner and Awards

### October, 2024

8 LYSA Member/Board Meeting  
2-10 Fleet Week SF Bay  
21 OYC Oktoberfest Regatta  
27 End of Year Potluck / Election  
28-29 RYC Great Pumpkin Regatta

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

# End of Season Awards



# Matt and Ed Awards

## SAIL SLIP REPAIR EXPERTISE



To **Lee Austin** for Rebuilding his sail slip that required a measured once, cut twice technique

## SPECIAL AWARD



To **Don Hadley** for Ending a Thursday night race with his sail in shreds (Accepted by Rachel Hadley)

## WHERE'S THE HALYARD Award



To **Dan & Dave Aleman** for Retrieving the halyard with a ladder strapped to the mast during a Thursday night race

## SECOND ANNUAL AWKWARD Award



To **Christine Grimaldi Clarkson** for Tripping on a dock cleat and breaking her foot

## EVENT ORGANIZER OF THE YEAR



To **Tami Davidson** for The stressful planning and execution of LYSA events

## The TOSS ME A BEER Award



To **John Larson** for Missing his target but having good intentions

## MAROONED CAPTAIN AWARD



To **Ryan Heller** for Remaining on the dock while his sailing guests and boat left without him

## REPAIRMAN OF THE YEAR

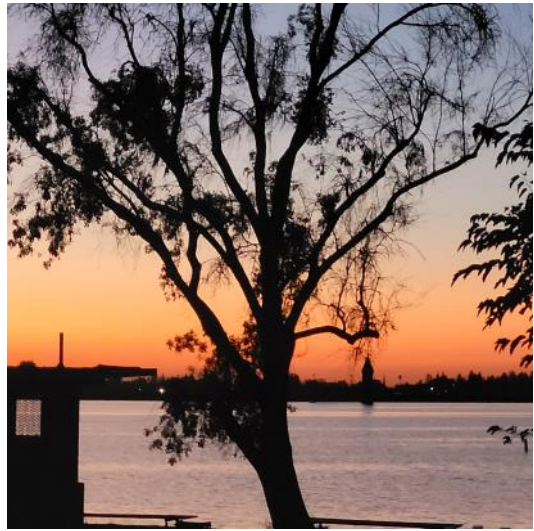



To **Jimmy Schriber** for Sailboat repair


**SPECIAL Award**



To **Thom Grimaldi**  
For construction of fire pit and patio

**Secretary**  
**Chris Martin**



**LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order:** A meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on October 10, 2023 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 6:47 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. Corrections: **None.** Craig thanked Chris for phenomenal job in putting out Newsletter.

**Motion:** Moved by Craig to approve minutes as posted by acclimation, second by Tom. **Motion carried.** Minutes approved by acclimation.

**Commodore, Thom Grimaldi:** Shrimp Feed is over. Thanked everyone who helped with the shrimp feed. Diane will provide a report.

**Vice Commodore, Dan Aleman:** His boat will be the last out of the water. T-shirts are in, we will start selling them. They are locked in the House. Hats, burgees and t-shirts are \$25.

**Treasurer, Diane Sousa:** Reviewed Treasurer's Report. 76 Members, 44 slips rented. Open House did well, income was reported to Members. Potential projects the Club could plan for were discussed.

**Dock Captain, Lee McDonough:** Working on the docks, will finish the finger. May need to unbolt it to pull the far end back onto the pilings. May have a Dock work day in January or February.

**House Captain, Deb Harden:** Craig is back from vacation and continues his work on yard. Thanked person who cleaned out the refrigerator. George Deane, Thom and Craig have volunteered to support Deb if she needs help with house repairs.

Next Newsletter article will outline rules for reserving the House for events. Including: there must always be a Club Member on the grounds at all times during an event.

Deb indicated she is willing to continue to serve as House Captain.

**Cruise / Social Committee, Tami Davidson:**

Friday, October 27, 5 to 9. Octoberfest with End of Season Party, Awards and Elections.

Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2 to 6 Wine & Cheese.

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Party at the Italo, 6 to 10.

**Race Captain: Tom Cooke:** Racing awards presented at the End of Year Party. Matt & Ed Awards. Tom will call Members to encourage them to attend. Tom will ask Suzanne to help with calling. Thanked all for making this a great sailing season and hope Members will come back and join us next year.

Tom asked about who to contact to put our Regatta into Latitude 38. Jay will email Tom and let him know the contact.

Rachel may be interested in serving as Race Captain.

**Junior Sailing, Matt Loeffler:** Last weekend Junior Sailing came out with Anthony and Lane, sailing rack set up, new set built. Diane asked if someone would contact Ben Sousa about getting his boat out of the yard.

**Sea Scouts:** Not present.

**Old Business:** Tom commended Thom, did a pretty good job. Asked Members for ideas that we could list to con-

tinue to improve. Diane, need to keep updating notes to hand off to the next person that will take over.

Discussed tables and chairs, some are broken and should be replaced. Discussed storage.

**New Business:** None.

**Good of the order:** None.

**Adjournment:** The next LYSA Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, November 14, at Clubhouse. 6:00 Social, General Meeting at 7:00 pm. Board Meeting to follow. This will be our annual budget meeting.

**Motion:** Moved by Craig to adjourn, second by Tami. **Motion carried.** Membership meeting was adjourned at 7:16.

**LYSA Board Meeting Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the LYSA Board was held on October 10, 2023. The meeting convened at 7:26 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; Cruise/Social Captain: Tami Davidson; Dock Captain, Lee McDonough; House Captain, Deb Harden; Racing Captain, Tom Cooke.

**New Members:** None

**Discussion items:**

Shrimp Feed debrief: Thom thanked everyone for help with the Shrimp Feed. Discussed kitchen issues. Tom sug-

gested many things can be prepped day before. Miscommunication about cups that sauces are put into. Diane reminded Board that wipes are usually provided.

Tom: clean up went very well. Tom: Thom has come up with a way to have a bar, the Club would have to provide insurance / binder / rider. The Italo would provide the bar and will sell alcohol. Indicate No-Host bar on the ticket. Split the profit with the Italo. Diane is not sure our insurance will provide that, we will have time to investigate options.

The date worked well, we will continue to hold the event in September. Discussed Elks was the week before. Diane: we need to pick a week soon so we can reserve the date in December to hang the banner - 9/14/24.

Dan will handle working with the Fire Department. Tom suggested PSA on local radio stations to promote event. Dan: no banner, no PSAs, was on FB and in the County Times. We didn't need the banner to sell the event. It was nice to have it at our property. Free advertising on social media, we sold out with word of mouth.

A big thing was selling tables. Dan: people were looking forward to the event; also, the weather was great. Also, not tearing down the tables helped. Tom: pie sales

Diane: we made 1680 on desserts, 2100 on raffle. Diane: we need to tell people to come out earlier for sailboat rides. Dan: will provide an itinerary for guests.



Tom: someone should speak about Junior Sailing. Thom: not sure about increasing the number of guests, too



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many and it will be difficult to manage.

Thom: 200 lbs of shrimp, 175 would have been good. \$10 bags, 16 sold. Made \$160 on sales of extra shrimp.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

Debbie asked about how we are going to conduct our election.

Talk to Rachel and Strube about Lasers. Thom suggested keep 2 and sell 4 including masts and sails.

Tom suggested we give 30 day notice, put it out for a vote next month. If there are comments, objections or if someone wants to buy one, let us know.

Dan: Move Junior Sailing boats all aft against the fence. Property looks better when boats are stored properly.

Craig wants to move, he can be added to the move list.

**Good of the Order:** None

**Adjournment:** The next LYSA Board meeting will be held following the Membership meeting, Tuesday, November 14, 6:00 Social, General Meeting at 7:00 pm.

**Motion:** Moved by Diane to adjourn, second by Tami.

**Motion carried.** Board meeting was adjourned at 8:06.



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