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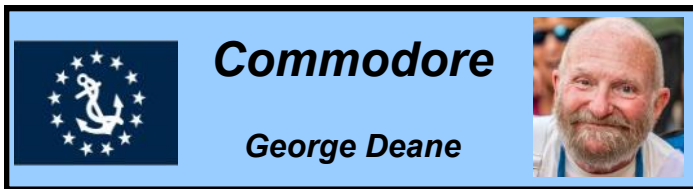
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Well, it looks like sailing weather is officially here and, with restrictions winding down; it's time to think about spending more time out at the lake. If you haven't been out to the club lately, Craig Anderson has been doing a great job of keeping the grounds well groomed and in good order. There are several boats already in the water although the water levels are still a little low.

We did a remodel of the storage area and set up kayak racks. Several kayaks have been donated to the club and are available for use by members. This is a good way to get out on the water.

We are optimistic about having some sort of open house/fundraiser later in the season. This will be dependent on whatever county health regulations evolve as the pandemic winds down.

In case anyone didn't get the notice from the county, last year's park pass will be good for this year because of all of the weekend shutdowns. I think that this was a nice gesture by the county.

As a reminder, if you host a function at the club or use our dumpster, be sure that the lid is closed and LOCKED when you are done with it. If non member lake visitors overfill our dumpster we get charged extra. This is completely avoidable so please keep our dumpster locked.

After some discussion at our recent meeting, it was decided that summer meetings will start with a happy hour/social from 6:00 to 6:30 followed by the meeting. We can't "potluck" yet but members are encouraged to bring something to eat and drink to keep the social aspect of the club alive.

I'm sure looking forward to spending time with our fellow sailors out at the lake.

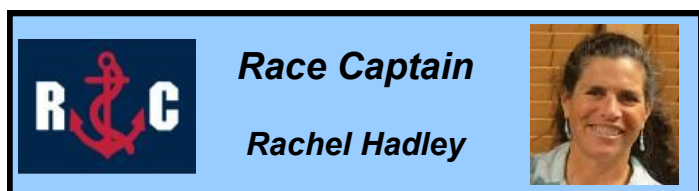


Hello from your House Captain. I hope this new season finds you healthy and ready to get out on the water. I have received several requests for use of the Clubhouse so for our new members, and a reminder for the rest of us, I am going to go over the expectations of using the Clubhouse.

First, if you go to the calendar page of our website (<http://www.lakeyosemitesailing.org>) you will see a link at the top that says **To reserve the clubhouse for a function, click [HERE](#)**. Click and complete the information. When you submit it, the request comes to my inbox. As of today, I am up to date on the requests.

The expectations of the Club are as follows:

- You, the Club Member, are the responsible party



Buoy O Buoy!

It's May and there's water in the lake! Racing season is upon us, and we received permission from Parks and Rec to put in permanent racing marks! Well... they said: 'go ahead and put them in and we'll see how it goes...'

With confidence that it will go well, I ordered 9 buoys the same size and shape as the 5 MPH buoys that are out there, 7 are red, and we will set them more or less in line with the 5 MPH buoys currently in the water for Marks 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 (the island will continue to be Mark 4).

I also ordered 2 green buoys which we will set in line with the docks for our Start/Finish line. I contacted Parks and Rec to ensure we use a similar anchoring system as what they use for their 5 MPH markers (60# of Cement with a 12" eyebolt as the anchor and

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and as such will make sure that your guests behave appropriately as far as our property is concerned. If you reserve the Clubhouse, you must be there before your guests, stay during the event & be the last to leave.

- If the event runs later than the lake hours, it is your responsibility to make sure the gate to the lake is properly locked when you leave.
 - The trash cans, inside and out, will need to be emptied into the dumpster at the end of your event. The key to the dumpster is in the drawer to the left of the stove. Please lock the dumpster and return the key to its proper location.
 - The supply closet in the house is for Club events. You must provide your own plates, cups, plasticware, napkins.
 - If your party uses any of the pots, pans, serving bowls, utensils, etc., available in the kitchen, they must be washed, dried and put away at the end of the event.
 - Please wipe down the tables before returning them to the closet. Make sure the Club's blue chairs are stacked and returned to inside the house.
 - The doors to the house and garage should be locked before you leave.
 - The house and yard should look as good when you leave it as it did before your event started.
- Thank you for your help with this. If you have any questions or concerns, or if I forgot something important, please reach out. Debra-harden@comcast.net Debbie 209.777.4655

Membership Meeting

Join us in May!

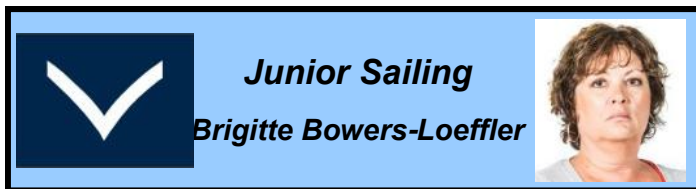
LYSA Clubhouse

Tuesday, May 11th

6:00 pm *Membership Meeting*

Board Meeting to follow

Observing COVID-19 safety guidelines



Summer is pretty much here, and this sailing season will definitely be better than the last one. Well, maybe not definitely. But probably, or at least possibly. If this past year has taught us anything, it's that trying to predict what might happen is futile, so I'll just say this: Sailing season 2021 will definitely be possibly better than sailing season 2020.

We've had a lot of interest in sail camp and our camp weeks are filling up. The Salinas NROTC has expressed interest in returning this June. We've also had several groups inquiring about a week of sail camp exclusively for their groups. If we do add a few weeks of sail camp for these groups, they will be scheduled for June as well.

We will offer four weeks of regular, open sign-up sail camp this summer, beginning in July and ending after the first week of August. Sharon Antener and Kylie Nicholson will be our lead teachers, and we will have at least three returning junior counselors.

Darrell Sorenson has been busy checking our boats and doing repairs. It isn't possible to express enough gratitude to Darrell and also to Jerry Rokes for all of their effort on behalf of junior sail camp. Both of them have been quietly and consistently showing up for all of the years sail camp has been around; I'm not sure what we would do without them.

Finally, I'd like to say a few things about our scholarship program, which has been possible only as a result of generous donations from club members, including Gary Hogston of Merced Honda, who has donated to our scholarship fund for many years. While we took a bit of a financial hit last year, we are still committed to providing scholarships to local budding sailors. If you know anyone with a child between 8-16 years of age who might enjoy sail camp but might also need some assistance paying for it, let me know. We'll find a way to get them signed up.

Some of you might not know much about how sail camp operates, and I think this might be a good opportunity to explain the camp a bit. First of all, the adults in our program are volunteers, as are the jun-

ior counselors. The lead teachers are the only sail camp workers who get paid. Lead teachers have to be at least eighteen, and have so far been college students. All of our teachers, with the exception of one, have been past junior counselors. (We had one summer when none of our junior counselors were old enough to move into a lead teaching position, and so we hired a local kid who learned to sail at Lake Yosemite as a teen and went on to sail competitively for his university.) The lead teachers are also local kids, and have included Jake Harden, Casey Bowers-Loeffler, and Bridget Farmer. We are committed to paying them well for taking on the many responsibilities associated with sail camp.

Sail camp is based on interactive, hands-on learning. While campers do get some onshore instruction in safety and fundamentals, they are on the boats by late morning of their first day and spend most of the rest of the week sailing our Capris or Lasers, depending on their skill level. The Capris always have a junior counselor on board to instruct the new sailors, and those counselors have all gone through sail camp multiple times. They need to be experienced sailors, but they also need to be good at working with kids and cooperating with the lead teacher and adult volunteers. Our junior counselors work very hard and we always look forward to the day when they can become lead teachers,

While the new sailors are on the lake, the lead teacher monitors them from the LYSA committee boat, following them around on the lake and giving directions and encouragement as needed. Lead teachers also design the daily activities, assign kids and junior counselors to their boats, and oversee all of the junior counselors. They teach the onshore part of sail camp as well. In fact, the lead teachers take responsibility of the kids from the time they arrive at 9:00 in the morning until 4:00 in the afternoon, when everyone goes home exhausted but (usually) happy. While there is always at least one adult present for safety, the real instruction of sail camp falls on the lead teachers.

It's a big operation, with many people serving multiple roles. It's hard to describe all of the things that occur in a typical day of sail camp, but the most important thing is that campers have fun and learn new skills that build confidence and team work. They are

outdoors in a beautiful setting, interacting with peers, and playing on (and in) the water.

If you want to learn more about what happens in sail camp, I invite you to come out and spend a few hours with us this summer. Bring some popsicles to share if you like. You can hang out on the docks and watch the kids sailing or go out on the committee boat for an hour or so to get a closer look at the action. We'd love to have you.

Take care and I'll see you on the water. Possibly.

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3/8" or 5/16" cable (wire) for the line) and I plan to get some white tape to number the buoys, so there will be no excuses for missing the mark!

The buoys won't arrive until the 21st, so we'll plan for our 1st race to start on May 27th. We will plan for 14 races (with 1 throw-out); the last race August 26th. \$20 to race, one race or the whole season.

We'll present trophies at the clubhouse on Thursday, September 9th.

I am counting on y'all to come out and help be Race Committee again this year and looking forward to lots of fun on the water!



LYSA t-shirts, hats and burgees are available for purchase.



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, 6:30 pm Meeting

May, 2021

- LYSA Opening Day
- 27 LYSA Thursday Night Summer Racing Series Begins
- LYSA Spring Regatta—Cancelled

June, 2021

- LYSA Summer Series, Thursdays—June 3, 10, 17, 24
- 4-6 GCYC—Go for the Gold
- 8 LYSA Member/Board Meeting—6 Social, 6:30 Meeting
- 12-13 SSC Delta Ditch Run—30th Anniversary
- 20 LYSA Dick Gardner Memorial, 1st Day of Summer

July, 2021

- LYSA Summer Series, Thursdays—July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- 12-16 Junior Sailing Week 1
- 13 LYSA Member/Board Meeting—6 Social, 6:30 Meeting
- 19-23 Junior Sailing Week 2
- 26-30 Junior Sailing Week 3
- Special Needs Sailing Day—CANCELLED

August, 2021

- 2-6 Junior Sailing Week 4
- LYSA Summer Series, Thursdays—Aug 5, 12, 19, 26
- 10 LYSA Member/Board Meeting—6 Social, 6:30 Meeting
- Junior Regatta—Pending, no plans as of yet

September, 2021

- 6 Labor Day: Take a worker sailing
- 9 LYSA Summer Series Awards Dinner
- 14 LYSA Member/Board Meeting—6 Social, 6:30 Meeting
- Sea Scouts Appreciation
- Open House/Shrimp Feed—Pending

October, 2021

- 3-11 Fleet Week SF Bay
- 16 OYC Oktoberfest Regatta
- End of Year Party - Awards / Election
- 30-31 RYC Great Pumpkin Regatta

November, 2021

- 9 LYSA Member/Board Meeting—6 Social, 6:30 Budget Meeting

December, 2021

Christmas Party—Pending

January, 2022

Merced Running Club's Fog Jog / Annual Meeting

February, 2022

Super Bowl Party


March, 2022

RYC Big Daddy Regatta
St. Patrick's Day at the Lake
OYC Rites of Spring Regatta


April, 2022

54th FLYC Camellia Cup Regatta
Make A Wish Event
Livingston Kite Festival—8:30 to 4
Strictly Sail Pacific, Richmond

Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.



Secretary
Chris Martin



LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A combined meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on **March 9, 2021** at the Lake Yosemite Sailing Association Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 6:30 pm, Commodore George Deane presiding.

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, George Deane: George welcomed members to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: *The November minutes were approved by acclamation.*

Commodore, George Deane:

The Shrimp Feed was discussed: due to Covid no band, no tables or chairs, no alcohol. Not sure if Parks & Rec will open the Lake. Also, Merced Fire Department wants to hang a banner over G Street the weeks before the 4th of July, so we can't hang our banner then. **Motion:** Moved by Deb Hardin to table Shrimp Feed discussion to next month. **Second** by Diane Sousa. **Motion carried.**

The new County Counsel wants to change some language in all County leases, re-format agreements.

We have discussed setting up a 501c3, the application fee is \$700. LYSA is already a non-profit and can accept do-

nations. Not sure if we would see a return on a \$700 investment.

Regatta: Mike Streatly suggested that as other groups are canceling their Regatta events due to Covid, we should cancel ours. Not enough time, not sure if the Lake will be open. Our expenses are covered by dues, no shortfall is predicted. **Motion:** Moved by Rachel Hadley to cancel Regatta. **Second** by Deb Hardin. **Motion carried.**

Donation from John Derby. Discussed rails on steps, deck, or temporary covering. John wants to honor Kathy. (Kathy Derby passed away on May 31, 2019 after experiencing a massive heart attack in Tokyo, Japan. She had traveled to Japan with John to attend a wedding.)

Discussion: ADA compliance, conforming to local and state mandates. Improvements may trigger handicap parking and ADA compliant restrooms, etc.; a contractor would cost up to \$100K. \$10K would not come close to covering compliance requirements. Jerry Johnson offered to look into it further and will connect with John to talk more about his wishes. Will revisit next month.



Treasurer, Diane Sousa: Diane shared the Treasurer's report. Two new Members – Tony & Shawna Grosbeier and Chris Tomford. Non-renewing Member: Bob Randolph. Current Members: 74, 53 paid and 21 unpaid.

Motion: Moved by Rachel Hadley to reimburse Club from Dock fees. **Second** by Craig Anderson. **Motion carried.**



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Vice Commodore, Dennis Pellissier: Not present.

Dock Captain, Kendall Nightengale: Anticipated needs: Electrical repairs, recommend disconnecting and repairing it next year when the water is down. Kendall will get an estimate to place one outlet at the end of each finger and will disconnect everything beyond the first stanchion. Jay suggested solar.

Kendall updated progress on building a weather station, will run off of 110 that is there. Ability to text alert Members when water rises or falls a set distance from the chosen set point. Cost: \$200-300, paid by Club or donations.

Slips will be renumbered with stencils and spray paint.

House Captain, Deb Harden: If a Member does not have a sticker or registration on their boat, they will not have Winter Storage. Boats will not be stored without proper credentials. Kayaks discussed. Annual storage fee: \$120 (\$10/month).

Yard: Moved orange life vests. Craig is working on trees and property around 3 hours a day. 4 trees planted, would like to plant another tree to the left of the front gate. George suggested Craig ask MID to take out dead trees on the property. Donations for trees: Rachel (Steve Leonard), Dee (Guy Near), Deb (Dave Mosher). Brigitte suggested a bench with a plaque.

It was decided to increase Craig's compensation from \$100 to \$140/month.

Cruise / Social Committee, Vacant.

Race Captain: Rachel Hadley: Races will be held this year. Buoys were discussed. The request is to put in permanent buoys. Brian Behn has no trouble with proposal, will get back to Rachel. George calls around once a month but has not received an answer. Rachel wants to set the markers with the kayak again, and not use the Committee boat.

Rachel collected \$800, it would be fun to have a signal cannon (on a plaque) in Steve's honor to start races. Cost is around \$1500, Rachel would pay the difference.

Junior Sailing, Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler: Sail Camp will be 4 weeks this year, will start in July.

Sea Scouts: Not present.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Lee McDonough interested in becoming a Member. The Vice Commodore is supposed to talk to new Members. Tom Cooke volunteered to call/meet Lee.

Good of the order: None.

The next LYSA Membership / Board meeting will be held April 13, 2021 at 6 pm.

Motion: Moved by George Deane to adjourn, and **Second** by Chris Martin. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned 7:30.

LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A combined meeting of the LYSA Membership and Board was held on **April 13, 2021** at the Lake Yosemite Sailing Association Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 6:20 pm, Commodore George Deane presiding.

Reports - Actions - Discussions: Commodore, George Deane: George welcomed members to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: *The March minutes were read.*

Motion: Moved by George Deane to approve minutes, **Second** by Diane Sousa. **Motion carried.**

Commodore, George Deane: Tentative Lake opening April 24th, based on MCDPH and MID / water levels. George also brought up a general Club t-shirt vs. a Regatta t-shirt with the date. Too many shirts are being ordered. Rachel suggested only pre-sale t-shirts.

Treasurer, Diane Sousa: Diane shared the Treasurer's report. We have 74 Members, 44 out of 85 slips rented.

Vice Commodore, Dennis Pellissier: George shared that Dennis is recovering from hip surgery.

Dock Captain, Kendall Nightengale: MID has not returned phone calls or emails. He will try Kevin Hadway (sp) next week. Jay suggested Kendall reach out to Mike Jensen (PIO). Also mentioned renumbering the slips, weather station.

House Captain, Deb Harden: Update tags / stickers on vessels. Also, when people reserve the Clubhouse, Deb sends an email. She will work on a standard template

Cruise / Social Committee, Vacant.

Race Captain: Rachel Hadley: George offered congratulations to Rachel who has gained permission for permanent marks / buoys to be placed for racing. Buoys are red with white numbers, same size and shape as a 5 mph buoy. #3 will be between the island and the far corner, in line with a 5 mph buoy, the island will be #4. With no complaints, these buoys can be placed at the beginning of the season and removed at the end of the season. Materials and cost discussed: buoy (\$135 each, 7 red, 2 green), cement, cable, clips, ties, etc. (\$100 for materials). Jay suggested that when they are placed, the latitude and longitude should be noted so they can be adjusted if they move. Buoys will be delivered to UCM; Kendall, Jay and Craig offered to help moved them to the Lake.

Junior Sailing, Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler: Not present.

Sea Scouts: Not present.

Old Business: Jerry suggested railings, avoiding construction that would trigger ADA mandates, expressed concerns to John about ADA. John Derby felt strongly about, and insisted upon, building a deck and a ramp to get into the Clubhouse. George felt that it would be imprudent to accept John's donation and to table it for now. Jerry suggested deck and a handrail at the entry.

Rachel: cost for signal cannon blanks are \$100, and due to the high cost, she is withdrawing her request to purchase a signal cannon (to memorialize Steve Leonard) and asked Diane to apply the funds to the buoys.

New Business: New Members and current Members introduced themselves: Tom Soto, Lee McDonough, Brenden Janko, AJ Jatinder Singh.

Good of the order: Craig would like to plan a July 4th Independence from Covid Day and would also like to set a date in September for an Open House event. Jay agreed. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Genevieve Garcia read a letter to the LYSA Board. She received an invoice for kayak storage for 2 kayaks, \$240. She expressed disappointment that cost is the same as a membership, amount is not fair. Discussion: Fees were voted on 20 years ago. Ten years ago Jay and Diane paid for storage and through the years other Members have paid for storage. Jay described the value: it's \$20/month for 2 kayaks and worth the cost for the convenience and accessibility of having kayaks stored at the Lake. The fee did not change because of improvements to the building. Club kayaks were stored there. We are glad that the Garcias brought their concern and their letter to the meeting.

Motion: Moved by Rachel Hadley to not accept the Garcia's check at this time, **Second** by Diane Sousa. **Motion carried.**

The next LYSA Membership / Board meeting will be held May 11, 2021.

Motion: Moved by Craig Anderson to adjourn, and **Second** by Kendall Nightengale. **Motion carried.** Meeting was adjourned at 7:00.

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