

# Three Sheets in the Wind

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## Commodore's Report

*Al Bordallo*



### Hello LSFYC Ladies and Gents...

Thanks to all the members and guests that attended the Installation Dinner on the 29th. Great food and opportunity for meeting the other members and making new friends.

I am looking forward to working with the new Officers and staff in making the club a fun and interesting place to be a member.

I want to start an activity for members beginning **February 23** called *Thirsty Thursday* at the Shed. Hosted by me at 5 pm, I will have snacks and drinks (from the Honor Bar) available for members to stop by and chat with other members. If you do wish to attend, please bring a snack to share. This event will take place every Thursday...hope to see you! Please let me know if you would like to host one of the Thursday nites at: [lsfyclb@gmail.com](mailto:lsfyclb@gmail.com)

Later, as we get into the warmer nites, we will begin Wine Cruises on member boats in the Marina and Harbor.

**February 25** is *New Member Meet & Greet* at the shed at 5 pm. This is an opportunity to meet the newest members and get familiar with the shed. There will be snacks and drinks. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Page 11 is just snapshot of what is planned for the coming year.

See you on the 24th...

***Al Bordallo***

*LSFYC Commodore*



## Vice Commodore's Report

*Chris Layne*



### What's up little shippers!

The month of love is here, folks! Valentine's Day is approaching quickly!

If you want to impress your special person, make sure to win them over with some humor. Here's some material if you're lacking in

that department:

- ★ How did the telephone propose to his girlfriend? He gave her a ring!
- ★ What did the ghost say to his valentine? You look so BOOtiful!
- ★ What did the cucumber say to the pickle? You mean a great dill to me!

Well, it was great seeing everyone at the Officer Installation Dinner. Thank you to everyone that was able to attend.

Don't forget that we have our **New Members Meet & Greet on Saturday Feb 25 at 5 pm!** Come hang out at the shed and have an adult beverage with the other members!

Cheers,

**Chris Layne**

*LSFYC Vice Commodore*



## Rear Commodore Report

*Lara Arambula*



### Hello Little Shippers!...

Well, I believe we are officially off to a great year here at Little Ships Fleet. At the beginning of January we had our first Board of Directors meeting to set our calendar for 2023. We've got some great stuff planned so stay tuned!

Sunday, January 29, we had our annual Officer Installation dinner at the Boat-house on the Bay where I was installed as your Rear Commodore (see photos p.7). Thank you to everyone who came to support the new flag and enjoy a lovely night out. I was in New York that morning. I had spent a week visiting some family on Long Island but made it back just in time to enjoy the good food, beautiful view, fun raffles and the installation of the officers. After dinner, several members were recognized with some distinct awards and trophies. I was both honored and surprised to have received the Commodores Appreciation Award! That was special (see photo p.7). I hope I can continue to live up to it in the years to come. We also gave a quick recognition to our newest members **Bob Bond** and wife Alyssa (see photo p. 7). I've known them for over 25 years and we've had some great days on the water together. I'm looking forward to getting them into the fold at LSFYC, so introduce yourselves at our next gathering.

Soon we will be starting up our weekly **Thirsty Thursday at the shed Happy Hours from 5-7**. This is a great opportunity to socialize with new and fellow members.

Well, now that February is upon us, I also get to celebrate my birthday. So happy birthday to any other February birthdays out there! Hope to see you at the Shed!

*Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.— Mark Twain,*

**Lara Arambula**

*LSFYC Rear Commodore*

*"Carpe Diem"*



## **Jr Staff Commodore Report**

*Moti Cohen-Doron*

### **Happy Valentine's Day!...**

It was great to see so many members attending the Officer Installation Dinner on the 29th...another great start to the new year for Little Ships Fleet!

I want to thank VC **Chris Layne** for putting together the invitations and tracking the responses for the Dinner...great job!

The club trophies presented were certainly deserved by RC **Lara Arambula** for *Commodore's Appreciation* for her desire to step up to a Flag position in the club. The *Lite Up My Club* Trophy to **Tracie Ichikawa** for her continuous presence in the marina promoting the club. But most of all much thanks and appreciation to my wife (the now Jr. Staff Commodore) **Jill** for supporting me throughout the 3 years of stewardship of the club as Commodore.

Just a note: Much effort goes into the creation of this newsletter. But this is for you as a member. If you have anything you would like to contribute, please do not hesitate to send your story, trip, event or idea to: [lsfyclb@gmail.com](mailto:lsfyclb@gmail.com)

See you all soon...

***Moti Cohen-Doron***

*LSFYC Jr Staff Commodore*



With previous recipient Carolyn Queen looking on, Jill receives the Golden Angel Trophy



## **Treasurer's Report**

*Dick Martin*



### **Dues for 2023...**

Ok...this is the last call!...the **LSFYC MEMBERSHIP DUES** are due for 2023. Your past membership has been greatly appreciated and will certainly be so for this coming new year. To ensure that you will be listed on the **2023 LSFYC Membership Roster**, please send your check for **\$145.00** to:

**LSFYC, 3585 Tacoma Ave., Los Angeles, Cal 90065.**

**-OR-**

**See the LSFYC website [MEMBERSHIP] page for payment via PAYPAL.**

To be sure the Roster will list your current information, please indicate current address, E-mail address, phone numbers, spouse name, boat type and name, slip location, and indicate if you are looking for crew or want to crew.

Thanks for your continued support...

***Dick Martin***

*Treasurer, LSFYC*

# Photos from the Officer Installation Dinner

By Jill Cohen-Doron

The LSFYC Officer Installation Dinner Holiday Brunch at the Boathouse on the Bay Jan 29 was great fun along with a great meal! Many members attended and enjoyed the ceremony.



Frank & Gina G.



Eric S., R/C Lara & Lou A.



Ginger & Chris L.



Jeannie & Bill I., S/C Roy & Carolyn Q.



S/C Nate T., Ginnie & S/C Bob F.



Kelly & S/C Rob S., Melinda & Steve C.



Rena & Robert H.



Nate w/Tracie I.



Elena Y., Christine M., Delores G., Lara & S/C Frank F.



Guest, Elena, Comm AI B.

# More Photos from the Officer Installation Dinner

By Jill Cohen-Doron



Bob & Alyssa Bond



Kari N. , Eric S., Sharmone L.



Ray Z.



MC Moti at podium



Induction of Board of Directors



Sharmone L. as Secretary



Dick M. as Treasurer



Tracie I. as Port Capt



Lara A. as Rear Comm.



Chris L. as Vice Comm.



Al. B. as Commodore



Jr Stf Moti and Comm Al.



Comm Al talks



Lara gets the Comm  
Appreciation Trophy



Tracie gets the Lite  
Up My Club Trophy



The 2023 Flag of Officers



## Tracie on the Bay

When you spend enough time in the marina, life of all types begin to reveal themselves and this is a story about just that. The Crab Pot restaurant has a wonderful Sourdough bread that they serve with butter. It's warm and delicious and crunchy on the outside and so I left the Shed to go grab one. As I was walking along I noticed a jaw with small sharp teeth in the grass.

What is this!? I looked up at the nearby pole but there was nothing up there, so I kept going. Another day I was out cleaning the Bay and again I saw another jaw in the same spot. Sometimes green, some gray, some blue or silver, so I kept looking up and finally one day I was walking with my Commodore, **Al Bordallo** and said, "*Hey Al! I want to show you something.*" I began showing him the jaws in the grass and then looked up at the pole. Right there in that moment we saw an Osprey with a needlenose fish!

The fish was alive for at least 40 minutes. It kept trying to get away but was no match for the powerful bird. I had fished out of the water a bunch of plastic debris after the rain yesterday and saw a baby needlenose in my cart. I tossed him in the water. It took a minute for him to regain energy but he finally swam away! It made me so happy! I hope I never have to add his jaws to my collection jar, but if I do it's just the circle of life.



The Osprey



The needlenose fish



The jar

# The Doc is back!

*By Frank Franco*

Although unrelated to anything of a yachting nature, Lara and I had come to find out (and are watching) the final season (10) of the British TV series **Doc Martin** was now streaming on the internet. This popular program has been broadcast on TV on PBS for many years, but only up to season 9. Season 10 had finished filming October 2022 and now is on Acorn TV Channel via Amazon Prime. It is unknown when PBS will pick it up for broadcast, although it is offered on DVD.

So what does this have to do with anything?

Well, we were there during filming some years ago. While visiting with fellow Little Shippers **Bill and Jeannie Ives** during their annual stay in Oxford, England, Lara and I had planned on a 2 nite side trip to Cornwall on the eastern coast specifically to visit Port Isaac (the fictional village of Portwenn in the series) and stay during the filming of an episode. I had called ahead to confirm that filming would be in progress. After an early morning 4 hour train ride and then car ride through the countryside to the hotel, we tossed our bags in the room and marched into the village center where (along with the many other visitors) we discovered filming in progress.

We planted ourselves in the adjoining outdoor pub to watch the action around the chemist shop (actually the filming was very slow going...many takes). During a lull in the filming, Lara met and chatted with Ian McNeice (the Bert Large character), we saw the aunt Ruth and the Mrs. Tishell character. Later we encountered Caroline Catz (the Louisa character) on the street and chatted with her...lovely lady.

The next day was spent visiting the various locations shown in the series...the beach, the school, the pub, and finally the Doc's house up the road where filming was about to begin. As we were standing around the house, there was a commotion at the bottom of the road where emerging from the hubbub was Martin Clunes, the Doc Martin character. Strolling and stopping to chat with visitors as he walked up the road, he got close to Lara who sidled up to him for a photo. Once he got to the house, we were all kicked out of the area so filming could begin. Later as we were touring the village with a local guide, we encountered Joe Absolom (the Al Large character) with his infant child. Great Day!

The next day was back on the train for a London stay and then home.



Film crew outside the chemist shop. Pub on the right with Ian McNeice seated on the left.



Caroline Catz on the set



Lara with the Doc



Officer Installation Dinner attendees Photo Kari Neilson

# February 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 <i>Valentine Day</i>	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 <b>THIRSTY THURSDAY</b> <b>SHED 5PM</b>	24 1 4	25 <b>NEW MEMBER MEET &amp; GREET 5PM</b> <b>SHED</b>
26	27	28				

# 2023 LSFYC EVENT CALENDAR

*Weekly Thursday Night Happy Hour, 5-7pm, hosted by Flag officers*

## JANUARY

29th Installation dinner

## FEBRUARY

25th New Member Meet and Greet, 5:00pm at the shed

## MARCH

7th BOD meeting at the shed, 6:30pm

11th Clean the Bay Day, 9:00am

18th **SS MINNOW breakfast (GILLIGAN'S ISLAND THEME)  
JOINT EVENT AT NAVY YACHT CLUB 10AM POTLUCK**

25th New members meet and greet at the shed 5-8 pm

## APRIL

15th Game Night @ the shed, 6:00pm

29th **OPENING DAY!!!**

## MAY

6-7th **WALT ELLIOT CHALLENGE**

9th BOD meeting at the shed 6:30pm

13th **LSFYC OFFSHORE RACE #1 AND BBQ**

27th Movie Night (at navy) sunset- ending

## JUNE

3rd **LSFYC REACH TO THE BEACH AND BBQ**

16th **JOINT POTLUCK AT NAVY**

## JULY

1st **LUAU NIGHT! EVENT AT NAVY HOSTED BY LSFYC**

11th BOD at the shed 6:30pm

15th **LSFYC Beat the Heat Race and BBQ**

29th Bicycle Bar Hop, meet at the shed 7pm, bring your bike!

## AUGUST

6th **LSFYC OffShore Race #2 and BBQ**

18th **60's Night, Joint potluck at Navy**

26th **Sunset Cruises, meet at the shed 1 hour before sunset**

## SEPTEMBER

11th ASPBYC hosted dinner at the shed, 6:30pm

12th BOD at the shed, 6:30pm

16th Clean the Bay Day, 9:00am

23rd Land Cruise to Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club, 5:00pm

## OCTOBER

7th **Ronald McDonald Charity Event**

28th **Shipwreck Halloween Party - hosted by LSFYC at Navy**

## NOVEMBER

11th **Veteran's Day Boat Cruise to the USS Iowa, time TBD**

**\*\*Community Event**

14th BOD at the shed, 6:30pm

16th Happy Hour Friendsgiving at the shed, 5-8pm

## DECEMBER

3rd **Holiday Brunch at Acapulcos**

## JANUARY 2024

28th **Installation Dinner**

## 2023 LSFYC Bridge

### OPERATIONS STAFF

*Commodore: Al Bordallo*

*Vice Commodore: Chris Layne*

*Rear Commodore: Lara Arambula*

*Treasurer: Dick Martin*

*Fleet Captain: Chris Layne*

*Port Captain : Tracie Ichikawa*

*Secretary: Sharmone La Rose*

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*Jr. Staff Comm: Moti Cohen-Doron*

*Director: S/C Rob Sonz*

*Director: S/C Frank Franco*

*Director: Elena Yuasa*

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