

# Three Sheets in the Wind

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## Commodore's Report *Moti Cohen-Doron*



### Hello Little Shippers...

Here we are in December and the holidays are upon us! Which reminds me that I was very happy to see so many of you at our last minute, pre-Thanksgiving potluck on November 19th! What a great turnout we had! Everyone who attended had an amazing time catching up with old members and meeting new ones too. Our newest member and now favorite mixologist, **Dan Schlisinger**, got everyone in the holiday spirit with his wonderfully prepared Cosmopolitans and even more delicious was his homemade chocolate cheesecake! A big thank you goes out to Dan for being such a great entertainer and making everyone feel welcome!

And wow!...what a great time we had Dec 5 at the annual Holiday Brunch! (see photos page 3) This year we changed the venue to the *Acapulco Restaurant* in Marina Pacifica (instead of Malanie's). It turned out to be a smart move as everyone enjoyed the wonderful food, bottomless mimosas, and the holiday atmosphere including a Christmas tree and a blazing fireplace. The highlight of the brunch was the white elephant game which has become a tradition at this event. I never knew our members could be so competitive! There was quite a bit of scheming and plotting going on but everyone really enjoyed themselves. However I am still skeptical about the **Debbie De Frietas'** story about their "Grandmother" in Georgia who needed that See's Candy gift card. Thank you to all of you who joined us, it was a lot of fun!

Several months ago Jill and I started the Rec Vehicle YC group along with Navy Yacht Club and we had our first outing last month. We went to Pechanga RV Resort in Temecula. We were 3 RV's altogether, Len and Janet Guillen and Dave and Dyanna Smith both NYCLB members. The first evening we hosted a BBQ dinner at our campsite (see photo next page). There was plenty of food and good camaraderie. We got a surprise call from LSFYC members **Kari Nielson**, **Sharmone LaRose** and **Becky Byrum**, who told us they were in town, we invited them to join us too, but unfortunately they ended up making several donations to the casino and didn't make it that evening. However the next day, they did join us for a delicious breakfast at the resort's restaurant overlooking the golf course. The gals left shortly after breakfast, but the RV'ers met up later that day for wine tasting, dinner at our favorite BBQ restaurant (Phil's BBQ) and ending the evening with amazing desserts made by Dyanna's own Design Bakery. Overall, everyone had a great time and we are already planning our next outing. We will keep you all posted as to the details.

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## **Commodore's Report** (Con't)

Looking ahead, 2022 is fast approaching, please check your emails for the upcoming 2022 election ballot for LSFYC Flag Officers and Board of Directors and reply with your vote. It is also the time to renew your membership for next year. Please make your check payable to LSFYC and mail it to our treasurer **Dick Martin** at 3585 Tacoma Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90065. We are excited about next year and look forward to your membership renewal and participation in the 2022 club events.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy holiday season!

**Moti Cohen-Doron**  
LSFYC Commodore



**Dan Schlisinger** with a smile, a joke and a drink for all at the Shed!



The RV group (left side to rear): Jannet , Sharmone, Dave S., Moti, Maya

(right side): Len, Becky, Dyanna S., Jill, Sasha



**Dave S., Dyanna, Jannet, Len, Moti, Jill, Maya, Sasha**





**Some Photos from  
the Holiday Brunch**





## **Vice Commodore's Report**

***Cindy Ramirez***



### **Welcome to Fall 2021**

Welcome to December....

"The month to Give thanks for all our blessings, family and friends at LSFYC"

Speaking of giving thanks....

The Ronald McDonald House Long Beach appreciated our meal and pantry donation last month. Kudos to all our members that donated to their families.

Also....

our member **Dave Esquivel** has supported the City of Hope Cancer Walk for the past 25 years. For the past 12 years, he has led a team to honor his beloved wife Vera.

A great big welcome to our new members:

Dan S. & Jan, Barbara K. , Frank & Gina G.

Jeffrey & Laura P. , Gary & Becky B.

You all have already jumped in "hook, line and sinker." Thank you.

Happy November/December Birthday wishes to our Little Ship members!

Please join us at our upcoming events & Shed Happy Hours:

Th & Fri 5-7 , Sun 1-3

Thank you to our volunteers: Al, Elena, Eva, Jeffrey, Lara, Sharmone, Moti and Cindy.

Thanks to all who attended the LSFYC Holiday Brunch at Acapulco Restaurant this Sun. Dec. 5.

Mark your Calendars....

Sun. Jan. 30, 2022 Installation Banquet at The Boathouse Regatta Room (Flyer with info. to RSVP soon)

Thank you to all members that have stepped up to be on the 2022 LSFYC Flag and BOD.

What a great 2021 ! Grateful to Commodore Moti and team. The Flag is excited to continue our events in 2022. You are all AWESOME!

We hope you renew your membership in Jan. (\$125) and invite new members (\$225)

Please enjoy your holidays and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Many blessings,

***Cindy Ramirez***

*LSFYC Vice Commodore*





## **Rear Commodore Report**

***Al Bordallo***



Hello Little Shippers:

Like it or not; this year's end will soon be upon us and New Year's on our minds. I have started early reflecting of this year soon past and wished I had guts to get in my boat, with the new canvas and all, and disappear on the Pacific (no not in) to destinations known (at least in my dreams). To say; "I'm-out-of-here" and smiling as I say it...pausing and then saying, "and I'll be back too".

The reflection came about after reading an article about the 'Baja Ha-Ha' in the newspaper magazine '*Latitude 38*'. The article describes 170 plus boats, sail and power, their skippers and crew (the crew even being wife and kids), temporarily leaving their normal lives (maybe) collecting in San Diego and then sailing 700 miles south to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Some boats returning, some staying in Mexico for a time, and some venturing further south or beyond.

I hope to someday head south and visit Hawaii. Not this year... maybe next year. The participants of this year's Ha-Ha will embark November 2nd and complete the voyage to Cabo around November 12th. I wish them a safe voyage. My turn will come and I will be grateful for the opportunity.

I am looking forward to the 2022 year with Little Ships Fleet as I am hoping you will also. Let's all enjoy this upcoming holiday season with family and friends, grateful of opportunities past, present and in the future in this wonderful country, the US of A.

God Bless,

***Al Bordallo***

***LSFYC Rear Commodore***

I had one of these when I was a kid!



**Al's white elephant gift at the Holiday Brunch**



## Jr. Staff Commodore's Report

*Frank Franco*



### Looking back and looking ahead...

The transition from Turkey Day to Christmas Time happened instantaneously from one night to the next day! Almost like the whole of this year...from beginning to the almost end. Time has certainly flown by...for me and for LSFYC.

As may have become evident to all, something is different regarding the Election of Officers for next year. Without delving into details or explanation, LSFYC Operations had encountered a speed bump that had impacted the 2022 slate, but taking the task at hand and ultimately resorting to a direction that was deemed best for the club's continued operation. Next year is expected to be a banner year for the club and will be so as we move on and not look back.

Looking back to one day in 1998, I was futzing around my sailboat in the Marina when approached by 2 guys who asked what I did I know about being in a Yacht club. Having said that I thought membership was expensive, they told me that's not always the case. These 2 guys, LSF's then Jim Campbell and **Matt Barrett** then informed me about a club by the gas dock and to go and take a look at it. They showed me the LSF clubhouse (now occupied by NYCLB) with the grassy area and told me that I, as a club member, would have access to the area. I looked at the great view, considered the possibilities of my and family's use, heard of the low dues and declared "*Sign me up!*" That was the start of one of the best decisions I have ever made.

Incidentally, I received a call last month from a Murray Kaplan, a now 97 year old former member of LSF who joined in 1976. He had called to find out about a trophy he received as a finisher on a LSF race during that time. He said the trophy is at Del Rey YC in Marina Del Rey and the folks there wanted to know the story behind the trophy. I told him I would look up what I could to find out the background. So I cracked open the LSF photo/scrap book in the shed and found photos of him and wife as well as his boat *Robin* as entered in a race. I did not however, find anything related to the trophy in question. I sent him the photos and info. I also took this opportunity to look thru the rest of the scrapbook at the various and many activities and events then hosted by LSF. What a history! This book is a time machine of the club and shows that LSF was a force to be reckoned within the Long Beach Yachting community. Took a look at the book when in the Shed. We are all proud to be members of this great club.



So, being a part of LSFYC over the last 23 years has enriched my life in so many ways with directions and knowledge that I would have never had experienced just as a guy with a boat on my own. Once I understood and experienced the value of the membership in the club, I was *committed* to contributing to the activities and later to the current and future integrity of the club, not to the 2 guys who brought me in. Their stories were the same as mine. As time passed, I discovered that the more effort I contributed the more reward I got back in the form of successful events and activities as well as new boating adventures (see past issues of the newsletter for the stories). My story is not unique as many of other yacht club members have had the same experience. *(con't next page)*

## **Jr. Staff Commodore's Report** *(con't)*

But membership doesn't have to be solely about boating, just as important is also the social aspect. Meeting new people with similar interests, sharing personal stories, making new friends, establishing and enjoying fellowship at a place that one may not have an avenue or opportunity to do so is what this is about. Greater value and enjoyment comes from the commitment to this fellowship and camaraderie. This is the "glue" that keeps the club together time and again.

Membership renewal is close at hand and it is anticipated that a great many of you will renew for 2022. Your continued and valued membership is certainly welcomed and appreciated. However, it is also anticipated that a few may not renew for reasons untold.

But despite that, it is the hope that *all* current members will renew because so much will be happening next year for LSFYC. LSFYC has been around for 80 years and has continued to exist and thrive for us and folks like Murray Kaplan. So come this January, LSFYC will be leaving the dock and sailing into 2022.

For the few, please consider *what* you have enjoyed while you were with LSFYC this year and not *how* you came to be here. The best is yet to come.

Don't miss the ship and get left behind!

**Frank Franco**

*LSFYC Staff Commodore*



## **Treasurer's Report**

***Dick Martin***



### **Dues for 2022...**

Yes, it's that time again...the **LSFYC MEMBERSHIP DUES** will be due for 2022. Your past membership has been greatly appreciated and will certainly be so for this coming and exciting new year. To ensure that you will receive a 2022 LSFYC Membership Card and be listed on the **2022 LSFYC Membership Roster**, please send your check for **\$125.00** to:

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

**-OR-**

**See the LSFYC website: [lsfyc.org](http://lsfyc.org) [MEMBERSHIP] page for payment via PAYPAL.**

**-OR-**

**Drop off at the shed (233 Marina Dr.) mailbox**

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 to all for your continued support...

***Dick Martin***

***Treasurer, LSFYC***





## Signals from the Fleet Captain

**Nate Tucker**



Great News Everyone!

2022 will see the inaugural launching of two new races to be hosted by Little Ships Fleet YC. This is significant for the racers and for the Club in general as it enhances our standing in the local boating community. With this addition we will be hosting a total of four races. The ASPBYC race schedule is very crowded and it was no small feat to get two Saturday dates added. For those who don't know, ASPBYC is the umbrella organization that maintains and coordinates the racing schedules of all the local clubs.

The two new races will be a little different than the usual “around the buoys” races which use fixed marks in and around Long Beach Harbor. The new races will have just one mark, Oil Platform **Edith**, which lies approximately eight miles off shore — so around Platform **Edith** and back for a total distance of about 16 miles. These two races will be known as “**Little Ships Fleet Offshore Series**”. When I made this announcement at the recent meeting of the Hi Point series clubs and explained the concept, it was met with approval and some enthusiasm. Some logistics are still to be worked out and to that end I have been working with Commodore **Moti Cohen-Doron, Ben Smith, Frank Franco** and **Dick Martin** who have all contributed valuable input.

Speaking of the meeting of the four Hi Point Series Clubs, informally chaired by S/C Ben Smith, the schedule for the eight Hi Point races was hammered out and the complete schedule will appear in January issue of Three Sheets. The two Hi Point races (*Beat the Heat* and the new renamed *Reach to the Beach*) LSFYC will host will be **June 4** and **July 16**. And last but not least the dates of the *Little Ships Fleet Offshore Series* will be **May 14** and **August 6**.

Much more to come - watch this space.  
Smooth sailing everyone.

**Nate Tucker**  
*LSFYC Fleet Captain*



Platform EDITH

33°35'45"N 118°8'29"W



# December 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 LSFYC SHED 5:00	3 LSFYC SHED 5:00	4
5 LSFYC HOLIDAY BRUNCH	6	7	8	9 LSFYC SHED 5:00	10 LSFYC SHED 5:00	11
12 LSFYC SHED 1:00	13	14	15	16 LSFYC SHED 5:00	17 LSFYC SHED 5:00	18
19 LSFYC SHED 1:00	20	21	22	23 LSFYC SHED 5:00	24 LSFYC SHED 5:00	25 CHRISTMAS DAY
26 LSFYC SHED 1:00	27	28	29	30 LSFYC SHED 5:00	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	

# **HAPPY HOLIDAYS and NEW YEAR FROM**



## **2021 LSFYC Bridge**

### **OPERATIONS STAFF**

*Commodore: Moti Cohen-Doron*  
*Vice Commodore: Cindy Ramirez*  
*Rear Commodore: Al Bordallo*  
*Treasurer: Dick Martin*  
*Fleet Captain: Nate Tucker*  
*Port Captain : Larry Finley*  
*Secretary/Events: Cindy Ramirez*

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*Jr. Staff Comm: Frank Franco*  
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