

Three Sheets in the Wind

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



Greetings LSFYC Members!

First of all I want to thank everyone who attended our Officer Installation Dinner at the Boathouse Restaurant in Alamitos Bay. About 40 Little Ships Fleet members and guests enjoyed a great evening with delicious food, lots of prizes and great entertainment. A big thank you goes out to our Rear Commodore, **Cindy Ramirez** for organizing this event. She did an amazing job!

On **February 23rd** we are looking forward to our first ever "Tales of the Old Salts" gathering at Cerritos Bahia Yacht Club. This is an event not to be missed. See Vice Commodore, **Debra Terrell's** report for more details.

Upcoming events to mark on your calendars for March are: LSFYC Women's Cruise on **March 15th** and CLEAN THE BAY DAY on **March 29th**. Check your email and the website for details arriving soon.

Thank you to all of those members who have renewed their membership for 2020. If you haven't renewed your membership yet I encourage you to do so. LSFYC is on the rise and we need your continued support to keep our legacy going. We are still the best yacht club bargain in town!

Last Saturday Jill and I had the great honor of touring the battle wagon USS Iowa in San Pedro with our 95 year old friend Monty Khan, who is a World War II Navy veteran. We were welcomed aboard and had a private guided tour of the ship. Our guide was a Navy veteran who had served on the Iowa during the Cold War. He was a world of information and did a great job. Along the way several other veterans came and thanked our friend for his service. He was beyond thrilled with this whole experience and so were we.

Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Moti Cohen-Doron
Commodore, LSFYC



Aboard USS Iowa



Monty Khan



Vice Commodore's Report

Debra Terrell



Greetings & Happy New Year Little Shippers!

If asked to name 3 things I honestly never expected to be known as in my lifetime they would definitely include:

Spelunker (too claustrophobic)

Accountant (terrible at math)

Yacht Club Vice Commodore (not even on the radar)

I entered the world of boating on a blustery winter morning at the age of 30 or so. A friend invited me to go sailing on an OCC Sailing School Lido 14 in Newport Harbor--and although I had misgivings, I accepted. In spite of tipping over on the first tack and firmly sticking the masthead in the mud, compounded by the indignity of rescue from a passing yacht having a fancy cocktail party, I have found myself on the water here on the West coast as well as AK, HI, Mexico and both the Windward & Channel Islands for one reason or another ever since. Even so, it was something of a marvel when at the LSFYC January member's meeting I found myself installed as LSFYC's Vice Commodore for 2020.

Gosh...me...a real VC!? How to begin? Since my first sail back in the 80's, I've learned to research unfamiliar activities before diving in so I Googled 'beginner's guide to Vice-Commodoring'...but no luck. However, I did come across an official looking document stating '*it is the duty of the Vice Commodore to assist the Commodore in the discharge of the Commodore's duties.*' So it is armed with these clear & simple directions, Commodore **Moti**, that I am at your disposal and look forward to helping you implement your visions for the Club this year.

Additionally, over the next 2 years, helping the club archive its 83 year history is going to be one of my primary objectives. I intend to take stock of all the historic information we have available and implement systems to better preserve and share it. Along the way, I hope to spotlight various interesting and exciting aspects of our club's long and rich history.

This month I'd like to investigate one of our club's time honored traditions dating to the 1960s. This is the award known as the **Goof Trophy** and after several years of dormancy, it was somewhat accidentally resurrected this past year. Although they have been very quiet about it, I've come to learn the club's Old Salts are familiar with this magnificent trophy (*some who may have perhaps received it in the past?*) that memorializes some of our members more, shall we say, candid moments at sea. If this trophy could only talk...

Sadly it cannot, but there is some good news! Several of our faithful, long-term members (Old Salts) have agreed to spill the beans to the rest of us at a club gathering on **Sunday, February 23** from 3-5 pm at Cerritos Bahia YC. Please see details on the flyer (page 9) to RSVP.

If you cannot attend but have some background knowledge or stories regarding the Goofs or LSFYC history, please email your recollections to me.

Let's all help to make this an active, fun and prosperous year for Little Ships Fleet. I'm honored to be on board.

Debra Terrell

LSFYC Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore's Report

Cindy Ramirez



Welcome to February LSFYC!

We were happy to see so many members and guests at The Boathouse for our 2020 Officer Installation Dinner. What a fun-filled evening. Congratulations to our award and raffle winners.

Many of you renewed your memberships with Dick Martin and we thank you. For those members that need to renew ...please send your \$125.00 ASAP. Just think, you get a bonus day due to "Leap Year! What a deal!

Also, please encourage new members to join LSFYC fun for \$225 (includes initiation fee). Any questions, please contact email **Dick Martin** or myself. We already have a new member application for this year! My goal as Rear Commodore is "a member a month" or more! So far Jan. 2020 goal reached, now on to February.

Our leadership team has many events planned for this year... please see our Vice Commodore **Deb Terrell's** calendar in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at the events and hope you enjoy our reciprocal yacht clubs in the SCYA area.

Again we are grateful to our members that volunteer and make our events successful.

Have a wonderful Valentine's Day filled with love and kindness.

Cindy Ramirez

LSFYC Rear Commodore/Secretary



Treasurer's Report

Dick Martin



Dues for 2020...

Yes, soon it's that time again...the **LSFYC MEMBERSHIP DUES** are due for 2020. Your past membership has been greatly appreciated and will certainly be so for this new year. To ensure that you will be listed on the **2020 LSFYC Membership Roster**, please send your check for **\$125.00** 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



Signals from the Fleet Captain

Nate Tucker



The first order of business is to report that the LSFYC race chart for 2020 is currently being revised and will be published on our web site (lsfyc.org) in the near future. The reason for this revision is that Mark “2” on the chart no longer exists. I have gone through all the courses that utilized Mk 2 and revised same using existing marks close by. Course configurations will remain approximately the same although the overall distance for each course changed will be slightly altered. PRO **Dick Martin** is currently recalculating the distances.

Also, I have revised about half of the courses that utilize Mark “34”. This mark is close to Belmont Pier, a venue used by LBYC to stage Congressional Cup races, and other events so now there will be some options available to the PRO using the same configuration, but skirting Mk 34. There will also be one or two new courses added.

A new feature added to this column, on an as needed basis, will be a crew list as example:

CREW WANTED

Tom Cornelius

WANT TO CREW

Joe Doaks

BTW **Tom Cornelius** is looking for crew. (I don’t know any Joe Doaks). Please contact me at 714 545-0205 if you want to be added to the list and I will do my best to get people together. Experience is not required. So if you are looking for crew or you’ve been thinking about getting into racing this would be a great way to start. Our criteria for “experience” is simply: If you know what “rail meat”, “galley slave”, “movable ballast” refer to, or sincerely believe that an inflatable woman qualifies as a PFD, then you are deemed *experienced*! No worries; we set a low bar.

Also of note, we are now using the “high point” system to determine over all winners for the season. Individual clubs will still be presenting trophies for each race. Newly established fees will be \$15 per race, payable to the hosting club.

Any questions or comments, I’d be happy to hear from you.

Smooth and safe sailing everyone!

Nate Tucker

Fleet Captain, LSFYC

LSFYC Officer Installation Dinner photos

Photos by Kari Neilsen

January 19 was the afternoon for the annual LSFYC Officer Installation Dinner where attending members enjoyed a great meal at the *Boat House* in Long Beach after which was the installation of the new Flag and staff for the 2020 year. See the LSFYC website for the new OFFICERS. Here are some photos of the occasion.



IT'S BACK !!

By S/C Frank Franco

Amongst many of the past presented trophies collecting dust in the LSFYC Shed, was stored a trophy that had fallen into disuse and was either forgotten or deemed no longer applicable. This was the historically infamous and sometimes dreaded *Goof Trophy*.

Created some time ago in the distant past, this special and unique item was to recognize, honor and embarrass a Little Shipper who had experienced a mishap, an error in judgment or just suffered a forgettable moment during a club event in a past year.

Attached to the trophy are the individual items that represented the goof by the honored individual for that year. As an example, an attached printed circuit board represented the time a LSFer, while aboard a Committee boat during the appointed time of a race start, had blindly raised the shotgun, fired and promptly blew apart the radar antenna on the boat. Certainly, a worthy candidate for the Goof award!

Along with the trophy comes the *Goof Poem*, a literary expose of the deed performed. In past, this was the domain of S/C **Bob Fickes**, whose unique ability to focus on and capture the essence of the incident led to much enjoyment while being recited at the annual LSFYC Officer Installation Dinners. After which, the Trophy was then presented to the lucky recipient.

The trophy had been inactive for some years and was sitting on a upper shelf in the far corner of the shed....forlorn, neglected, lonely and waiting. Not all members (especially newer folks) are aware of this distinguished item. So when **Moti** and **Jill Cohen-Doron** were in a cleaning frenzy during a much needed and planned dusting out of the shed one day, not knowing the significance of what they came across and considering it as junk, promptly tossed it out the door into a waiting trash can.

Fortunately, I had happened to stop by the shed not more than 60 minutes later and upon observing the continuous stream of objects flying out the door, the first thought that came to mind was...where is the Goof trophy? I knew it was there because I put it there some time ago. Looking inside and not seeing it, I asked "...where is the goof trophy?" The reply of "What trophy?...everything is in the trash!" had me flinging items from the trash can until trapped deep within, I saw it...staring up at me in the light of day...waiting to be rescued like an earthquake survivor.

So the Goof trophy is now back in play and will be waiting for some lucky Little Shipper to take possession this year. If you know of or witness a qualifying incident or event, do not hesitate to relay this to the Commodore!

No one is immune...see the next page.



The GOOF Trophy

The Goof Poem

By Jill Cohen-Doron

**Moti and I were cleaning the Little Ships Fleet shed
When Moti discovered something unusual on the shelf
near his head.**

**It looked kind of crazy and was full of dust.
We looked at each other in shared disgust.**

**What was this thing? We hadn't a clue.
So we put it in the trash and bid it adieu!**

**Shortly thereafter Frank came to clean too, but before
he began. He had a purpose to do.**

**He was looking for something but for what we didn't
know.
He searched and he searched all over, high and low.**

**He finally focused his efforts on the full trash cans
which he started cleaning out with his 2 bare hands.**

**He pulled items out and tossed them here and there.
He continued on his mission with a wing and a prayer.**

**"AH HAH!" he exclaimed when he finally found "it."
We were surprised by his joy we have to admit.**

**He then pulled out of the trash that thing we threw out.
I couldn't believe it had caused his great shout!**

**It was the infamous Goof Trophy of Little Ships Fleet.
Frank saved it from it's near defeat.**

**So who gets the trophy, so shiny and bright?
It's Frank Franco, that is our winner tonight!**

**So in honor of you saving it, it's going to you.
We've even added a little trash can as a reminder too!**



The trash can

Come sit a spell and shake off the worries and cares of the day. LSFYC members are invited to enjoy the hospitality of *Cerritos Bahia YC* where your fellow Little Shippers will spin a few yarns about LSFYC days of yore. Tasty snacks will be served and the CBYC cash bar will be open to purchase beverages.

Please RSVP to
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Little Ships ,Old Salts and Tall Tales
 Sunday February 23, 3-5 pm at Cerritos Bahia YC
 (6291 PCH, Long Beach 90803)

February 2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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16	17 PRESIDENTS DAY	18	19	20	21	22
23 LSFYC Old Salts Tales CBYC	24	25	26	27	28	29 LEAP DAY



2020 LSFYC Bridge

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