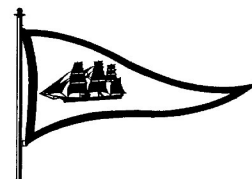


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Commodore's Report



Keep cool everybody...

Look out everyone, the long warm days of Summer are ending soon! Maybe not this week with triple digit readings across most of Southern California.

Sweet September is here, kids are going back to school, the first weekend is a three day Holiday - Labor Day Weekend and High School, College and NFL Football is back in full swing. Sailing on the water is still going strong with the final series of weeknight races and plenty of ports to explore on short

and long range cruise adventures.

This past Saturday August 26th, LSFYC members had their 1st *Fun Day on the Water* event. Special "Thank you" to **Debbie Terrell** and **Moti Cohen-Doron** for initiating, planning and executing this new event. Participating also were **VC Todd Smith** with wife **Suzanne**. **Nate Tucker** were on hand as well. We will be planning to have more of these events for LSFYC members and friends to attend in the future. I was there and enjoyed a delightful time on the water with Moti and his wife **Jill**. Once back on land, everyone was treated to a delicious feast.

Please mark your Calendars for our next LSFYC General Membership meeting at **Mimi's Café** in Long Beach. The scheduled presenter will talk about his experiences bringing his boat back to the mainland after racing in the Trans Pac race to Hawaii. The date is **Friday September 15th at 6PM**.

I will be traveling back to the East coast during the third week of September. I will be meeting up with a childhood friend of mine in NJ and be his guest on his 53' sailboat docked within the shadow of the Statue of Liberty on the Hudson River. We plan on sailing on the Hudson and sail along the West side of Manhattan – NYC. Plenty of Skyscrapers in the background.....no palm trees. Hope to see you on September 15th. Ahoy Little Shippers!

We now have LSFYC hats available for members to purchase. They can be seen on the LSFYC website and can be purchased at the Member meetings (date above) or via the website (small shipping charge applies).



Fleet Captain Report

By Geoff Vanden Heuvel



Dog Days of Summer race...

August 19 was the date of *Shoreline Yacht Club's Dog Days of Summer* race entry in the *Long Beach Harbor Series*. Seven boats came out to race on a beautiful summer day. **Ben Smith** on *Renegade* took first in the **A** fleet and the only *LSFYC* boat that raced was **Tom Cornelius** on *Bellissima* who took a 2nd place in the non-spin fleet.

Tom and his crew mate **Nate Tucker** were also the only *LSFYC* entrants into the **Long Beach to Dana Point Race** on September 2. Shoreline YC was the host club for the start of that race and posted some nice photos of the start including the nice one of birthday boy Tom below.



The last Harbor Series Race is September 23, 2017. It is sponsored by the *Navy Yacht Club* and should be a lot of fun. You can sign up for just that race even if you have not entered the series. There actually are a few non-spin boats racing lately, so come on out and race! We will see you there.

Upcoming Club Officer Elections

By LSFYC Board of Directors

As we slowly approach the end of the 2017 sailing season, one of the requisite functions that occurs at this time is the preparation for election of new Club Officers for the coming 2018 year. This begins by the consideration of potential candidates by the Nominating Committee (otherwise known as **The Five Old Salts**), then the subsequent posting of the selected nominees to be voted upon by the general membership. The Elections are open to ALL members. One or more members may be nominated for each office. Briefly, the elective officers and their duties are:

Commodore...Executive Officer of the club and presides at all club and board meetings. Represents the club at outside yacht club functions..

Vice Commodore...assists the Commodore in his duties and in his absence shall act in his stead.

Rear Commodore...assists the Commodore and Vice Commodore by organizing and executing the social functions of the club such as cruises, club parties and the Annual Installation Party.

Fleet Captain...presides over all of the club racing activities. Attends meetings with LB Harbor Assoc and PHRF to establish race calendar.

Port Captain...assists the Rear Commodore in dealing with dock parties, guest berths and duties of the Officer of the Day. Purchases supplies needed for club events. Chief BBQer.

Secretary...Records all proceedings of club meetings

Treasurer...collects and banks all monies, pays the bills

Director...helps determines the direction of the workings of the Club

In addition to the above duties, at Yacht Club functions, officers get to wear spiffy blue blazers with requisite pins of office and Yacht Club emblems to signify that this individual is someone to be reckoned with and soon will require a rum and coke...*Mount Gay*, of course! Along with the office comes a **special burgee** to hang on your boat next to your club burgee. This alerts other boat owners that, you are not just a regular club member, but someone who wears a spiffy blue blazer with pins and emblems and requires a rum and coke!

Another benefit of holding an office is the attending of the Annual **Opening Days** of the various Yacht Clubs of Southern Calif. Each club opens it's yachting season with a ceremony and celebration with visiting officers of other clubs in attendance. Following the pomp and circumstance of the introductions, declarations, announcements and requisite hand shaking and salutes comes the moment all have eagerly and patiently been waiting for...the big feed! In an attempt to impress the visiting yachtsmen, the host club will usually provide an vast spread from which to graze upon and allow visitors to test the stretch limits of the their spiffy blue blazers. Of course, the bar is usually not far away and is easily located by the cluster of blue blazered yachtsman and the recurrent echoing of: "*Gimme a rum and coke...Mount Gay of course!*"

Seriously, these offices are not an exclusive domain and are open to ALL LSF members who wish to become involved with the workings and operation of a small yacht club. Although the efforts of the above positions held are strictly voluntary, a level of commitment and dedication may be required as the staff is small and each officer will be depending on the performance of each other to share the work load. Help will *always* be available from Staff Commodores to guide new electees through the operational process! So consider being a greater part of the Long Beach yachting community by participating in a fun and interesting group of fellow boaters and yachting enthusiasts. Please give us a call (see LSFYC website) if any interest or questions.

How I'm spending my summer

By Dick O'Reilly

In May I listed my restored 1967 Ericson 30 for sale. The asking price was about half of what I spent having it restored. In August, with not a single person even looking at “*Narrow Escape*”, I took it off the market. Apparently buyers want Catalinas. A friend's Catalina 28 was sold in a few weeks by the same brokerage I used.

In the meanwhile, in July I drove my RV to Oshkosh, WI to work as a volunteer at the Experimental Aircraft Association's annual “*Airventure*” event that attracts 10,000 private airplanes. (Last year I attended in my own 76-year-old airplane.) This year my goal was to work as a volunteer at the event, which depends on 5,500 volunteer workers to produce (see photos next page).

Dry camping in our motor home in the airport's vast campground, I began working about a week before the fly-in and daily air shows began. I was a painter (see page 8) for five days putting finishing touches on some new construction at the Vintage aircraft area.

As airplanes started to arrive a couple days before the events began, I became a flight line worker, riding an airport motor scooter to lead airplanes to grass field parking areas that stretched for two miles alongside the taxiways. Daily rains at first kept the fields soggy and it was challenging to find paths through the grass that both the scooters and airplanes could negotiate.

About half-way through show week, early arrivals began to depart. Many would leave in the morning before the afternoon air show began, while others would rush out in mid-afternoon as soon as the air show ended. I worked eleven-hour days, but they weren't grueling. No planes could move while the afternoon air shows were conducted. During the air shows, we marshals made sure the crowd stayed behind the safety lines. Only a few people kept creeping forward, and we kept politely asking them to move back.

My wife Julia couldn't get enough time off to join me for the whole trip, but she was able to meet me in Milwaukee afterward for her favorite part – the road trip back in the motor home. It was a great drive south through Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and the Mohave desert. Mostly the weather was great, but we did encounter a heavy thunderstorm in New Mexico that dumped more water on the road as Julia drove than either of us had ever experienced. Fortunately traffic was sparse on that narrow two-lane highway in hilly country.

Once home, life returned to normal routines. And then FEMA called a couple weeks ago and told me to be in West Virginia the next day. Lucky me! That assignment has me already deployed in a low-key disaster while FEMA is contacting more than 100 people for what promises to be a difficult time in Texas for many months to come. I may get orders to go there after my two months in WV are up.

Because of the Texas floods, for the first time in my 11 years as a FEMA reservist, everyone is being deployed.

How I'm spending my summer photos

By Dick O'Reilly



Aircraft departing the field



B-25 overflight



Blue Angels overflight



Overflight of B-52, B-2 & B-1B



Newly restored B-29

How I'm spending my summer photos
By Dick O'Reilly



B-1B Lancer display



Julia with the O'Reilly mobile

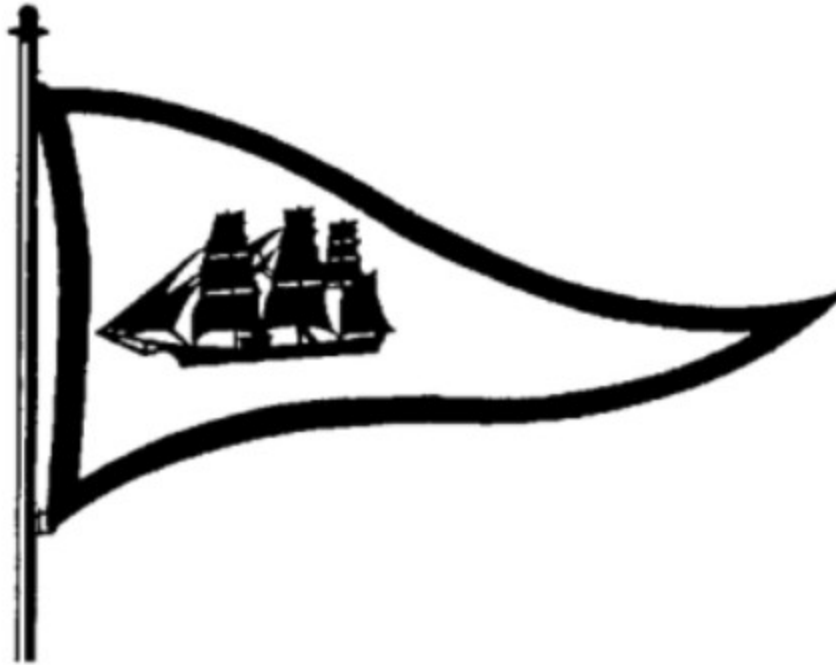


Dick O'Reilly wondering if this was the right move in coming here!

September 2017



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 LSFYC BOD MEETING	12	13	14	15 LSF GEN MEMBER MEET-MIMIS	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 ALL HANDS RACE-NYC
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		More events at www.lsfyc.org , click [Events/Photos]				



2017 LSFYC Bridge

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