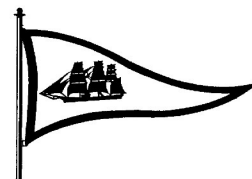


# Three Sheets in the Wind



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## Commodore's Report



Hi everyone, we are down to the final months of the year. Can anyone remember what day we had our 80<sup>th</sup> Opening Day? I'll give you a hint....IRS Form 1040. Correct, April 15<sup>th</sup> was the date. Later on in June and July we hosted Harbor Series Races. The following month of August we had our first ever "Fun Day of Sail". On November 17<sup>th</sup> we had our very important General Membership Meeting. Now following up will be everyone's favorite Holiday Party at *Malarkey's Grill* on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Oh my, how the time flies! November is a month that has two big Holidays. Veterans Day 11/11 and Thanksgiving 11/23<sup>rd</sup>. A Time of remembering our fallen heroes of the past as well as giving thanks for all our blessings that we enjoy in this great country of ours.

I want to thank our terrific LSF Board of Directors and Staff Commodores for helping me steer the ship in the right direction for the past two years. Plus everyone who has pitched in and contributed by spending their valuable free time helping out with the many tasks of running an organization such as ours. Thanks very much !

The LSFYC General Membership meeting on November 17th at *Mimi's Café* was concluded with an important direction determined by unanimous vote by those members present (see photos page 5), i.e., to operate the club under the state of *Restricted Operations*. This means that the LSFYC Board of Directors will maintain operation of the club but with a minimum workload. This will continue until such time as a full Flag of Officers can be established for 2019 and installed. In the meantime for 2018, LSFYC hosted races will continue, LSFYC member meetings will be less frequent, all activities related to SCYA/ASPBYC functions will continue, and the shed will be retained. However, 2018 Opening Day will be postponed as there are no Officers to participate in the event!

On a personal note, Kelly and I are getting married in December 2017. Hence, I will now have a new tax deduction to claim on my 2017 taxes. Most important of all, I will have a partner to share the ups and downs life throws at us on a daily basis. Kind of hard to put a price on Love and Happiness, no matter how many dollars you deduct on your 1040.

Don't forget to join LSFYC members for the **LSFYC hosted Holiday Party at *Malarkey's Grill* on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Have safe and wonderful Holidays...and a Happy New Year!



## Treasurer's Report

By Dick Martin



### LSFYC Treasury balance...

As we approach the end of the year, the club's funds are and have been in keeping with the club activity level of the past year. The largest expenses being SCYA/ASPB/C/US Sailing dues, insurance premiums, shed rent, after race parties, Opening Day expenses, stationary items, and the website.

So, by and large, as in the past, the club is currently in a pretty healthy financial state. If any member wishes to see the full balance sheet, please contact me via the website.

LSF Treasurer's Report			
As of 10/31/2017			
	Date	November	October
Checking Account	10/31/2017	\$ 6,809.64	\$ 6,253.61
Savings Account	10/31/2017	\$ 1,604.54	\$ 1,604.54
PayPal Acct	10/31/2017	\$ 473.47	\$ 973.47
Dock Party Bottle	7/31/2017	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
Cash Box	10/31/2017	\$ 20.50	\$ 20.50
Pending Invoices			
Uncleared Check(s)			\$ (68.97)
Pending Deposit			
Available Funds		\$ 8,948.15	\$ 8,823.15

### Dues for 2018...

Yes, soon it's that time again...the **LSFYC MEMBERSHIP DUES** are for 2018. 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 **2018 LSFYC Membership Roster**, please send your check for **\$125.00** to:

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

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. Thank you.

Also, if you have some accounting background or interest and want to be more involved with the club's operation, I am looking for someone to help with the Treasurer's duties with the possibility of leading up to replacing me in the future. If so interested, please email me via the LSFYC website.

## LSFYC in Puerto Rico

LSFYC member **Dick O'Reilly**, an employee of FEMA, has travelled to various disasters in the US to report on the conditions encountered. The recent series of hurricanes has kept him and his co-workers very busy attending to the matters at hand. Below are his recent experiences and impressions...

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*"When Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico on Sept. 20, I had just arrived in Georgia, responding to Hurricane Matthew, which sank or damaged more than 30 boats in the Intra-Coastal Waterway at the border of Georgia and Florida. A couple weeks later I would be there doing a FEMA report about the Coast Guard clearing the boats and destroyed docks from the water. My FEMA summer had started in August in West Virginia for a small disaster in the northern mountain counties. In both West Virginia and Georgia, I was the only writer deployed by FEMA.*

*Fast-forward to 2 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24. After the roughest flight I can remember, I had arrived from NYC in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the only FEMA person on the flight, which was 3.5 hours late because of the storm-delayed departure. A cab took me to the San Jose Convention Center, which was lighted up but devoid of activity.*

*I had heard about the huge room full of cots. It was all true! I sought out an empty one, grabbed a sheet and a thin blanket from a stack of bedding, and tried to go to sleep. At 6 a.m. people were getting up and so did I. Welcome to Puerto Rico, which had been devastated by Maria. Power was out nearly everywhere. There were no traffic lights. The few hotels that had auxiliary power were full. After a 12-hour shift working amid about 100 FEMA External Affairs employees from many mainland offices, I boarded a waiting bus and was taken to a ship, the T.V. Kennedy, shown a bunk room, a luggage storage area, and the galley, where I would eat pretty good food for the next 10 days, until I could get a hotel room.*

*I had entered into a new world, at once terribly depressing, terribly exciting, terribly challenging and wonderful and awful at the same time. Every branch of the government was there. Many were here to perform duties they knew from their own agencies, but now doing them for FEMA. All branches of the military were everywhere. The Army Corps of Engineers (mostly civilians I learned) were assigned the job of installing portable generators in every village, town and city, while at the same time getting the remnants of the destroyed power systems repaired and working again.*

*Many teams of people were being distributed around the island to set up Disaster Recovery Centers in rented spaces. Those are the locations that people can go to ask questions and get information. As always, they were expected to register with FEMA before-hand by the internet, by telephone, or in person at a FEMA center. More than a million have registered. They already have received \$160 million in recovery grants. Local governments have been given \$440 million in public assistance grants to clear debris and begin repairing public facilities. More than 2,900 miles of roads have been cleared of debris. Hundreds of generators have been installed in towns.*

*There still are few working traffic lights, even in San Juan. Work will go on for years. It is the Northridge Earthquake times 1,000 or maybe 10,000. Workers are beginning to leave, including me. I leave behind new friends and old. I leave behind the Puerto Rican people are friendly, patient, take their fate without complaint but with many, many heroic stories of survival when prodded a little. They will be tested to the limit as they recover, but I have no doubt they will recover. I will take with me memories of how one should handle trouble if it occurs."*

(See photos next page)

## **Puerto Rico Photos...by Dick O'Reilly**



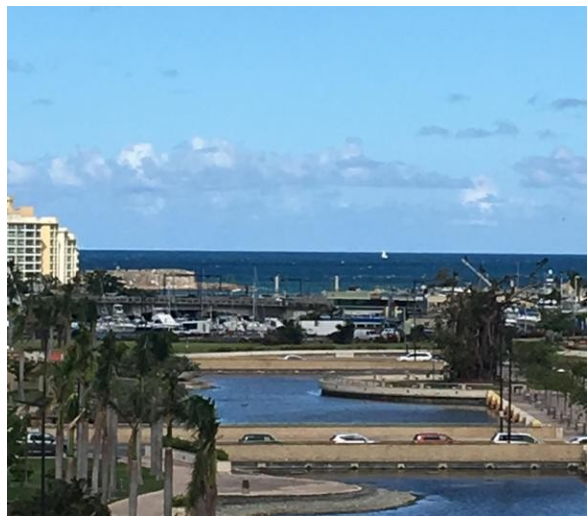
**St. Marys River Georgia-Florida border  
Hurricane Matthew damage**



**Cots, San Juan PR**



**TV Kennedy..FEMA berthing quarters first  
week in San Juan**



**Caribbean Sea from 3rd flr balcony of San  
Juan Convention Center**



### **November 17 LSFYC General Meeting photos**

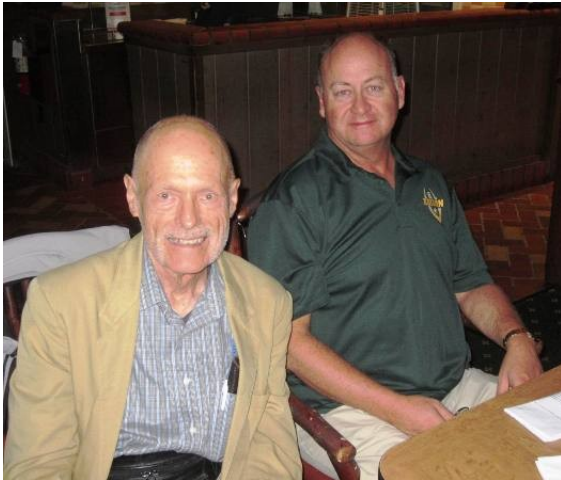
At the end of the meeting subject, **Larry Finley** regaled the attendees with an enlightening and humorous presentation of his attendance of the infamous *Burning Man* desert event in Nevada.



Comm Rob Sonz conducting the member meeting



SC Nate Tucker promoting his membership drive incentive.



Dick Martin and Rob Sonz



Larry Finley with SC Tom Corne-



Larry Finley entertaining the members with the *Burning Man* slide show



**More LSFYC General Meeting photos**



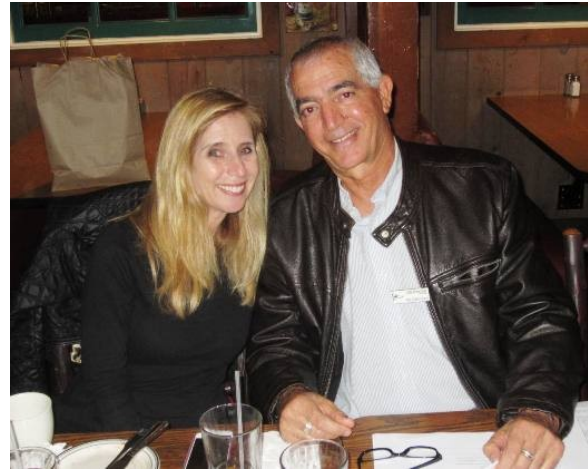
**Andy Spisak and wife .**



**Steve Cole with wife Melinda**



**Bill and Jeannie Ives**



**Moti Cohen-Doron and wife Jill**



**SC Roy Queen with wife Carolyn**



**Members Carl Curtis and Jim Howe**



# LSFYC HOSTS THE HOLIDAY BRUNCH AND GIFT EXCHANGE

Join us for a great  
Brunch (on us) and  
bring a gift (\$20-25)  
to exchange (and  
maybe steal back!).

RSVP to:

714-235-2339

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LONG BEACH

DECEMBER 2

9:00 AM

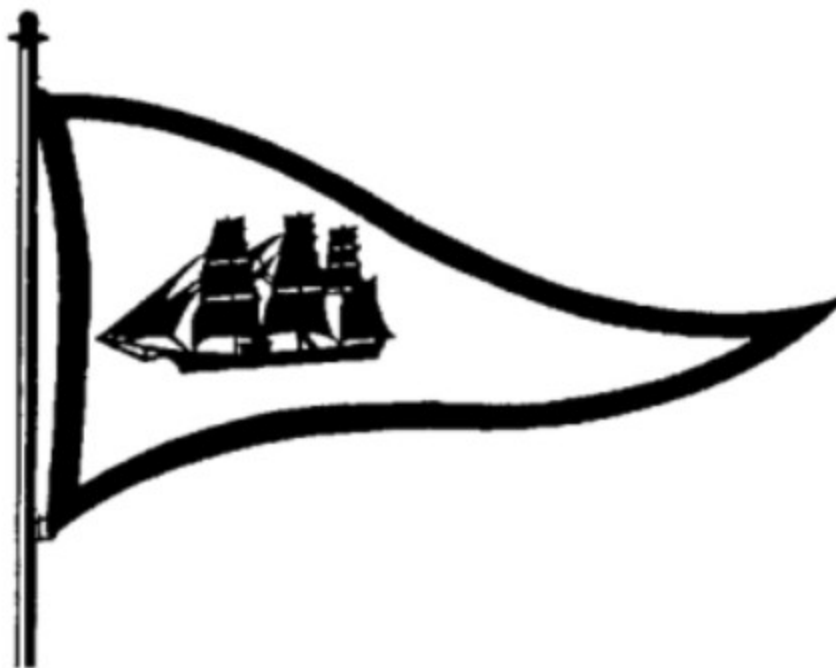
LSFYC Hats  
and Tshirts  
will be avail-  
able for pur-  
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## December 2017



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 LSFYC XMAS BRUNCH
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 HANUKKAH	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29	30
31 NEW YEARS EVE		More events at <a href="http://www.lsfyc.org">www.lsfyc.org</a> , click [Events/Photos]				



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS & HAPPY NEW YEAR  
FROM  
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**2017 LSFYC Bridge**

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*Vice Commodore: Todd Smith*

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*Port Captain : Larry Finley*

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