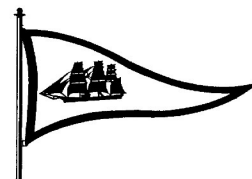


Three Sheets in the Wind



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Commodore's Report

Frank Franco



Welcome to 2019!

(...don't forget to write 2019 on your checks!)

As mentioned in previous articles, LSFYC has withstood the condition of not having a 2018 Flag, but thanks to the steadfast efforts of the Board of Directors, the year ended with a successful and satisfactory conclusion. So now on to 2019...

The new 2019 Flag...

Some of the smaller clubs in the harbor area have had difficulty in getting folks to step up to the Flag positions as some members are simply not interested in getting involved with all of the hoopla in the operation of a club. However now, for LSFYC, the ease of which 2018 operations have occurred have encouraged 2 folks to step up and dive into operations for this year: **Moti Cohen Doron** and **Debra Terrell**. Both have expressed desire to be involved with the Flag for 2019. Moti has been involved with various tasks within the club and has done so with great enthusiasm and personal enjoyment. He has certainly become an asset and great help for the club. He along with wife **Jill** have brought a new energy to the club's activities in addition to their pleasant company.

Debra has expressed interest in developing more activities as well as creating greater interest for members to participate in such activities.

With all that in mind, I had decided to reprise the role of Commodore (2003/2004) to allow Moti and Debra the opportunity to "learn the ropes" to gain the experience and confidence to deal with LSFYC club operations for the coming years. They will also be able to draw upon the expertise of the Staff Commodores as well.

Once again we have **Dick Martin** continuing on as Treasurer with **Dave Donohue** as Fleet Captain, **Larry Finley** as Port Captain, S/C **Tom Cornelius**, S/C **Nate Tucker**, S/C **Rob Sonz** and **Dave Haas** as Directors with **Dick O'Reilly** as new Director. We are fortunate to have new member **Cindy Ramirez** to volunteer to fill the long vacant role of Secretary. With this team energy behind us, success for 2019 is sure to follow!

What's ahead for 2019...

The focus for the year will be to create new activities for members and promote a greater presence of the club in the yachting community. Our neighbor, *Navy Yacht Club of Long Beach* has expressed desire to allow LSFYC to be involved in some of their activities as well as the Friday night potlucks. There will be bi-monthly LSFYC General Membership meetings on the 3rd Friday of the month at NYCLB. Dates to be announced. *(cont.)*

Commodore's Report...(con't)

There will be emphasis on membership drives...new members create new energy. Yes, we will be staging a **LSFYC Opening Day on April 13 at 9:00am** at the NYCLB parking area. We will certainly be needing your volunteer help in making that a success.

The *LB Harbor Series Races* have been revised to increase participation (see page 10). The racing aspect of LSFYC is not only for the racers, but members who may wish to participate in the operation of a race such as Committee boat crew.

The past years have seen little or no LSFYC cruising activity, so we will work on developing some destinations for group outings, this will include some land cruises.

The LSFYC Shed, located in the marina, has been a mainstay for years and is due for a HGTV makeover. There will be a date set to completely clean out and rearrange the shed to allow greater use for and by the members. Stay tuned for that...

2019 LSFYC Officer Installation Dinner...

The event will be held at *Huntington Harbor Yacht Club* on **FRIDAY Jan 25 at 6:30pm**. HHYC is a great location (off of PCH on Warner) with a large dining area and excellent menu of tasty dishes. The club is open almost daily for lunch and dinner (or just for drinks) and is welcoming to LSFYC members. Remember to sign in and wear your name tag or get one made at the bar area.

With your continued support and help, we are confident of a great new year for LSFYC.

Frank & Lara's Christmas getaway...

We decided to get away for the holiday and booked a tour (by bus and train) thru the great north of Canada. Starting from Calgary to Banff to Lake Louise to Jasper we traveled the last leg aboard the VIA overnight train to Vancouver. Cold and much snow, but with the various Fairmont hotel's lavish and festive Christmas decorations to enjoy, we experienced and enjoyed a true Christmas holiday.

The highlight of the trip was the opportunity to experience the thrill of dog sledding through the forest. Based outside of Banff, *Howling Dogs* tour group had picked us up and bused us to a remote location in the mountains where we encountered dozens and dozens of...howling dogs. We were then able to hook up the dogs to the sled trace line and get settled in.

Now these doggies were barking and howling and jumping because they wanted to go go go! Most of the dogs were retired race dogs and young trainees, but all with the one desire to do one thing...pull and run! With the release of the sled brake and shout of "Let's go!", it felt like we were shot out of a cannon. There is no control (or steering) of the dogs other than shouts of encouragement. They are accustomed to running a set trail through the woods and will do so until the sled is braked. At the end of the outbound run, we braked the sled and a waiting staff member had to physically turn the dogs in another direction leading us back to a rest area. After some hot cocoa and snackies for the dogs, we blasted off back to the start point. There we unhooked the dogs, petted, fed and watered them. The dogs were changed out and rotated to allow rest periods between tours. This was great fun and we headed back to hotel with smiling faces.





Vice Commodore's Report

Moti Cohen Doron



Greetings LSFYC members,

I am very excited about sailing into 2019 with you, it feels like we're on a broad reach with lots of wind, smooth waters and a wide open horizon.

Speaking of which, 3 of us Little Shippers, **Nate Tucker**, new member **Ray Zepeda** and I enjoyed a fantastic overnight sailing charter from *Marina Sailing* to Catalina in December (see page 8 & 9). I wish we had some more wind, but it was a fun trip nonetheless, can't wait to do it again! All are welcome to join next time.

I and the Flag staff members are looking forward to seeing you all this year for our upcoming land and on the water activities. Some of the events already scheduled are:

- LSFYC Officer Installation Dinner** at *Huntington Harbor Yacht Club* - FRIDAY January 25th (Please wear your nametag)
- Friday Night Potlucks with *Navy Yacht Club Long Beach* beginning again on February 15th (3rd Friday, every other month).
- LSFYC Opening Day** - April 13th
- Long Beach Harbor High Point Regattas - 6/1/2019 & 7/13/2019

There are more ideas floating around that will be discussed in our BOD meetings for additional land and on the water activities.

Stay tuned and be sure to check your emails and the LSFYC website for updates.

This newsletter is not only a means for us to communicate with the members, but also to allow members to communicate with the membership. If you have a story or experience to share, do not hesitate to send your input to lsfyclb@gmail.com for publication.

From myself and family, I want to wish all of you a healthy and happy year!



Rear Commodore's Report

Debra Terrell



Ring in a new year is always a time of celebration. In the tradition of new beginnings and fresh starts, LSFYC is ready to resume full operations in 2019. (Raised glasses and fireworks!)

A new year is also a time of reflection and I have been pondering how a small club like ours can compete with larger organizations to bring value to our current members and recruit new ones.

It occurs to me that our size may actually be our greatest advantage. With little to no costs associated with maintaining a facility we are a club that is really all about our people! Without the complexities and obligations other clubs deal with, we are in the happy position of being able to focus nearly all of our efforts on creating a fun filled calendar for our members.

I look forward to exploring opportunities to promote new activities with other local fleets, more community interaction and fun & educational events for all.

One of my other goals in the coming year is to work closely with Little Ship's officers, board and members to create a long range plan for the club that reflects it's 50+ years of tradition, pride and stature in the boating community.

So Happy New Year—let's get busy!



Treasurer's Report

Dick Martin



Dues for 2019...

Yes, it's that time again...the **LSFYC MEMBERSHIP DUES** are due for 2019. 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 **2019 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.

-OR-

Dues can be renewed at the Installation Dinner Friday Jan 25 at HHYC

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...

LSFYC Event

December Holiday Breakfast at Malainey's

The annual LSFYC Holiday Breakfast was held with many members in attendance. After a tasty meal and drinks, the Gift Exchange commenced in which those who brought a gift get a number. The numbers are then dropped in a hat from which the numbers are drawn randomly in sequence. When your number is called out, you get to choose a wrapped gift from the table...or..you can "steal" a previously chosen gift from someone else. So this goes on until all of the numbers are drawn. A gift can only be handled (stolen) twice. The object is to bring a gift of equal value (\$20-\$25). Much fun with lots of laughs.



The chow line at Malainey's



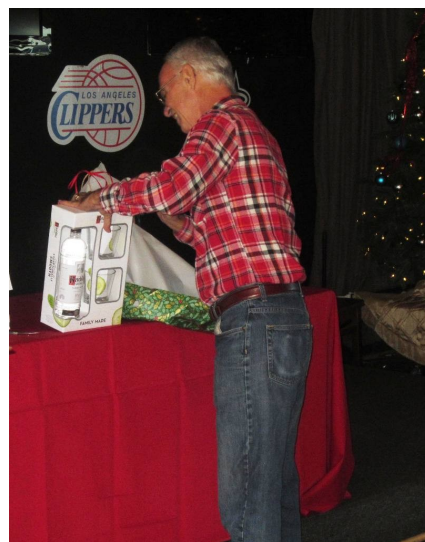
The gift table



Bill Ives gets a thing



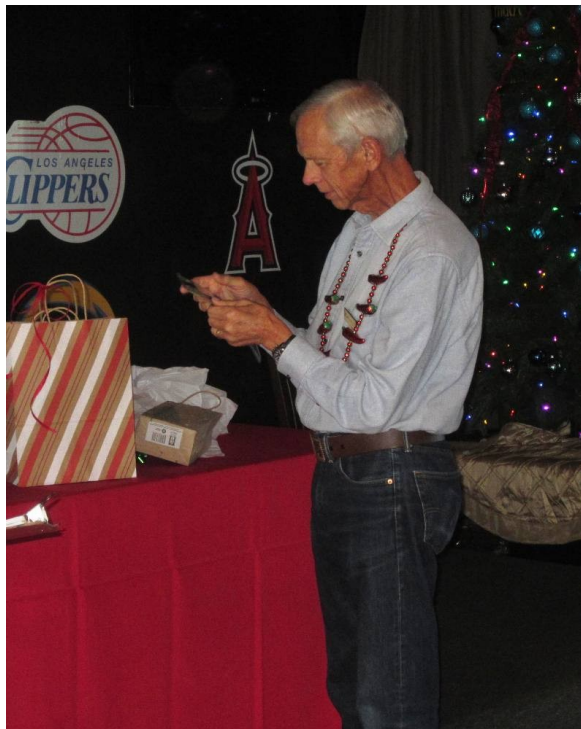
Dick O'Reilly gets another thing



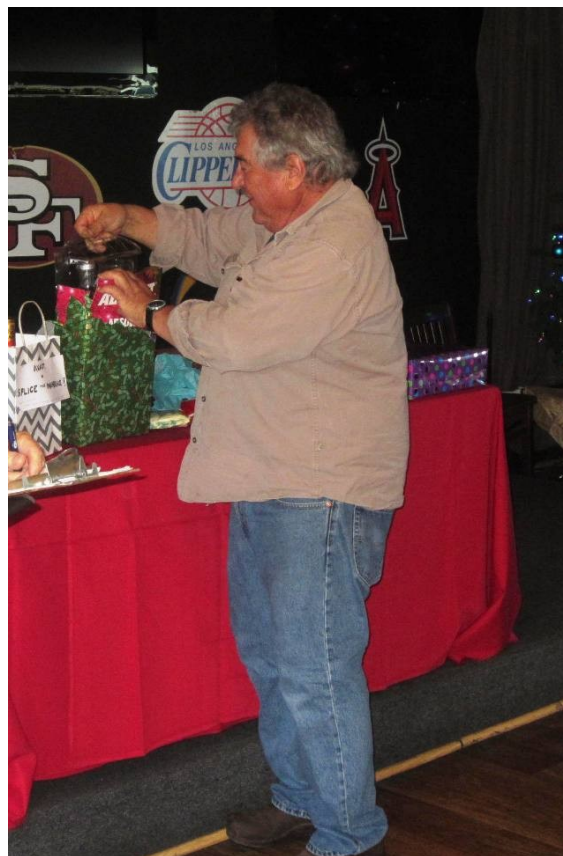
Tom Cornelius gets booze

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LSFYC Event...con't



Steve Cole gets something interesting



Ray Zepeda gets booze



Lara Franco gets an Amazon card ...and later lost it

Member's Page...part 1

By S/C Nate Tucker

OVERNIGHT TO AVALON

(Introducing Ray Zepeda)

Moti Cohen Doron called me one day to ask if I'd be interested in taking a boat out of *Marina Sailing* to Avalon one day and back the next. Well, sure I'd be interested, but we'd need a third guy because of my two bad knees and a really bad rotator cuff, meaning he and Mr. X would have to do everything. Perhaps I could steer and give orders. He said sure he understood and that he had a bad shoulder himself. We both made calls to prospective crew mates and both came up empty.

At the LSFYC Holiday breakfast we met a brand new member...**Ray Zepeda** and his wife **Marcia**. Ray is short of stature and built like a fireplug and when he talks he sounds like a bullfrog with laryngitis. He's affable, laughs easily and tells a mean shaggy dog story, which I immediately liked. He owns a vintage Islander 32 moored in Alamitos Bay and is an experienced sailor, and yeah he'd like to go with us. So it was settled! We'd each bring some grub, drinks, etc. and split the cost of the charter and mooring fee three ways.

It turns out that Ray is an interesting guy. He's mainly, but not entirely, of Greek and Mexican heritage. He has an advanced degree in literature and writing and has taught creative writing at CSLB for several years. A round trip voyage to Catalina Island on a small boat is a great way to get to know someone, and we had plenty of time to talk. Not surprisingly, Ray has read extensively and shared with us some of his favorite books and authors, including a few Tinsel Town characters he's crossed paths with. He's also into jazz and photography. We exchanged book titles and recommended films to each other. Ray took the lead on these topics, being a professional writer and all.

The photo accompanying this article is, of course, Ray enjoying his pipe and taking in the salty air environment. Sailing, per se, was minimal due to flat wind and sea conditions. We did manage to sail two or three hours on the return trip, but a grand time was had by *los tres amigos nuevos*.

If you spot Ray or any other new(er) member at any upcoming LSFYC event, please step up and introduce yourself. You'll be glad you did.



Member's Page...part 2

By Ray Zepeda

My wife **Marcia** and I had a great time at the LSFYC Holiday breakfast. We felt welcome even though we were complete strangers. Everyone there was very friendly and gracious. We had some good laughs with everyone when the "Stars and Stripes" book (that we had brought as the gift) moved from **Dick O'Reilly** to **Moti Cohen Doron** and, finally to **Jim Howe**. Jim, we found, knows our son, Taylor, from Wayne Ettel's docks and floating shop, where Jim is working on his wooden boat, *Tantalus*, which we hear is classic. It will be difficult for us to find a gift as good and as popular as that book, to bring next year. But we will try to top it, somehow.



I was invited by **Nate Tucker** and Moti to I sail over to Avalon and back for a couple of days, and so I joined them for a good sojourn to the island. I hadn't been in Avalon in forty years or so, and when we pulled into the harbor and grabbed a can to moor, I was glad to see that the water was still as clear and clean as it had been when I stayed there on a friend's boat during many summers, when I was in junior high and high school. We've never sailed our boat, *Bacchante*, to the island, but I can see that changing now because of my learning the ropes of going there and mooring, once again, and enjoying that place that hasn't changed much, it seems, since I was a boy. Nate and Moti were great people to be with for those two days, and we had a few good literary talks, and a few laughs, and a few good b. s. sessions going over, and on shore, and coming back. A large pod of dolphins followed us for a while on the way back, and Moti clapped and summoned them to the side of the boat, like a magician. They were also welcome friends. The best of the trip was when the wind finally came up, on our way back. We raised the sails and cut the popping of the diesel motor and finally had that welcome silence.

I raised the burgee of LSFYC, on *Bacchante*, a week ago, and my neighbor on the dock, Dave Craig, told me of the many good years that he and his family spent as members of the LSF Yacht Club, how he and his brother even helped to construct the building and plant the flag pole. He had many good things to say about the group of people that he knew way-back-when, and the fun that they all had. I could tell that he misses those LSFYC days. Anyway, we're glad to be among such fine people, and we see many good things on the near and on the far horizon.

We hope that you enjoy our company as much as we enjoy yours.

Ray and Marcia Zepeda

2019 Long Beach Harbor Series Race Proposed Changes

Participation in the *Long Beach Harbor Series* (LBHS) has been declining for years. Over the past several years, many changes have been attempted to increase participation. We have tried sending NORs through PHRF...We have tried different courses...We have tried recruiting other clubs to participate. All to no avail!

After the 2018 series completed, NYCLB proposed changing the LBHS to a "High Point Series." On Saturday, December 15, 2018, four clubs met at the NYCLB to discuss the proposed Long Beach Harbor High Point Series (LBHHPS). Present at the meeting were Deb Kelly (SYCLB), Tony Rietdyk (NYCLB), Bob Hubbard (SYCLB), Ben Smith (LSFYC), and Gary Green.

Currently, skippers can either enter the entire series or individual races. The proposed changes would eliminate the series entry option and require skippers to submit individual race entries to the host club for each High Point Series race. The elimination of the series entries would mean the participating clubs would no longer receive a share of any series entry fees, but each club would see an increase in individual race entry fees. Individual clubs would be responsible for issuing Notice of Race (NOR), Sailing Instructions (SI), course charts, collecting entry fees, posting results, and providing trophies for each of their races.

The proposed changes include eight races for scoring in the ***Long Beach Harbor High Point Series***. The included races are:

SYCLB April Fool's Race 3/30/19

SIBYC Ensenada Preview Race 4/13/19

NYCLB Armed Forces Day Race 5/4/19

LSFYC Murray Gordon Memorial Race 6/1/19

LSFYC Beat the Heat Race 7/13/19

SYCLB Dog Days of Summer Race 8/10/19

SIBYC Point Fermin Race 8/24/19

NYCLB All Hands Race 9/21/19

Any boat entering any of the races included in the LBHHPS would automatically be included in the high point standings. LSFYC's **Ben Smith** has volunteered to score and track the race entries using the following formula: $((\text{number of boats beat}/\text{number of starters}) * 100) + 10$. Tony Rietdyk has volunteered to purchase the series' trophies and present them after the final race at the NYCLB.

Clubs participating in the LBHHPS would be required to provide \$20 per race towards the purchase of series' trophies. This cost would be offset by the increased entry fees received for each club's individual races.

The goal of these changes is to increase weekend racing in the Long Beach Harbor and we hope to see more participation by the YC racers and crews.

Other News...

For folks who are not aware , the Newport Beach American Legion Yacht Club is no more. See extract from Post 291 Commander 's message to Post members:

As Commander of Post 291, I want to thank all Post 291 members for your support as we, together, have taken actions which have made Newport Harbor Post 291 now the largest active American Legion Post in the nation. That has taken a lot of very hard work by members dedicated to make Post 291 not only the largest active Post in the Country, but, in my opinion, the best Post in the country based on all we do in support of veterans, through our programs.

*Unfortunately, amidst that success, a conflict has arisen between the Post, and one of our programs, the American Legion Yacht Club (ALYC). All efforts to resolve the conflict by good faith negotiation having failed. The Post 291 Executive Board on Dec. 6, 2018, reluctantly but necessarily voted to **terminate** the ALYC as a program. This action is necessary due to ALYC's refusal to comply with the National American Legion's "Five Rules Of Subsidiary Corporations Or SAL And Riders Or Semi Independent Programs," referred to as the "Five Rules" of the parent National American Legion. [The "Five Rules" are attached separately.]*

However, all attempts to resolve the problem by negotiation have failed; the ALYC has opted for litigation, suing the Post and all members of the Executive Board: and the ALYC continues to refuse to comply with National's "Five Rules."

There can be no doubt that the ALYC, as a Post program, has enhanced the image of our Post and done some good things for our Post, as have all our programs.

But all Post programs are required to comply with the rules of the National American Legion as well as Department and Post rules. The ALYC, however, asserts that because it is incorporated as a "Social Club," it is not subject to oversight and control by the Post and refuses to comply with the "Five Rules" of the National American Legion which all Post programs must obey.

All Post 291 members have to understand that the "Five Rules" are not Post 291's rules—they are the rules of the National American Legion which is imposed upon all programs in all the more than 13,000 Posts in the country. Post 291 cannot change National's "Five Rules," only National can. Post 291 cannot refuse to enforce the Five Rules. Post 291 has no choice but to obey those rules at risk of sanctions of the Post by the National Legion; and no choice but to terminate the ALYC, or any other program, which refuses to obey the National American Legion's "Five Rules."

It is unfortunate that the ALYC has had to be terminated—but it had to be done because of ALYC's continuing refusal to comply with the "Five Rules" of the National American Legion.

This does not mean that Post 291 will be without a yacht club. A new Newport Harbor Post 291 Yacht Club is being established which will comply with National American Legion policies, including the Five Rules, and will function as a program, part of the Post 291 Legion Family, subject to the rules required of all programs, and not as an incorporated "social club" separate from the Post.

The Officers of
Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club
 cordially invite you, your family and friends
 to attend a dinner to celebrate

The Installation of Officers for 2019

FRIDAY, January 25th, 2019 at 6:30 pm

at the
Huntington Harbor Yacht Club
 3821 Warner Ave, Huntington Beach, 92649
 562-592-2186

Please wear your LSFYC nametag!

RSVP to 562-242-9937

January 2019



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2019 LSFYC Bridge

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