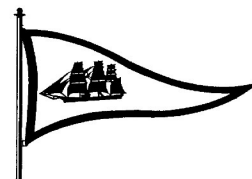


Three Sheets in the Wind



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Commodore's Report

Frank Franco



First the heat now the rain that just won't stop!

But an element that too won't stop is LSFYC for 2019. The club is getting off to great start for the year and is looking forward to accomplishing much more.

Starting off in this month was the Board of Directors meeting at Huntington Harbor YC where in addition to the treat of HHYC Taco Night we spent much time discussing ways and means to provide greater benefits for the members and more activities. Stay tuned for the results of the meeting.

VC Moti Cohen Doron has stepped up to announce the plan for the CLEAN THE BAY day in which LSFYC members have the opportunity to spend a morning tidying up a section of the Alamitos Bay marina from the water and on the docks (see page 2). This activity would certainly provide some visibility to LSFYC and help promote possible membership exposure.

LSFYC Opening Day...see page 8

LSFYC's Opening Day will be soon upon us April 13. Due to the fact of not having active Flag Officers for 2018, there was no Opening Day event last year. So now we have to make up for that in 2019. As with previous Opening Day events, we will certainly need your help to make this happen. The event will be staged in front of the Navy YC facility, we will have entertainment, catered food and drinks for all attendees...as well as the ceremony introducing ourselves to the visiting yachting community.

We will need help to set up the tents, tables, food dishes, the bar, a bartender, PA system, chairs, a flag raiser, cannoneer (shotgun), registration table greeters...and of course, take-down after the vent.

If you would like to volunteer and participate, please call me at **562-2429937** or email **lsfcyb@gmail.com**.

This is an excellent opportunity for the newest members to become more of a part of the operation of the club. Typically, we start at 7:30-8:00 am to get the ball rolling. See you there!

Newsletter articles...

In addition to providing the latest news regarding the club activities, this newsletter is to offer views into the lives of the members by posting personal stories and adventures. For example, see page 4. If you have a story to share, please send it to me at email above.



Vice Commodore's Report

Moti Cohen Doron



Greetings LSFYC members:

Don't know about you but I've had quite enough with the rain this season and I'm more than ready for Spring to show us some love. The time to prepare for some fun on the water is here, it is California after all. But first, our own LSFYC is preparing to give back some care to what we call home, Alamitos Bay.

CLEAN THE BAY DAY is just around the corner. LSFYC members (**this time it's only for our members due to liability**), will roll up our sleeves and clean the waters of our marina from dinghies and from the docks. The City of Long Beach Marine Department and the California Coastal Commission will supply gloves and bags to assist in our efforts.

Please join us with or without your dinghy on:

Saturday March 23rd at 9:30am at Navy Yacht Club

Please wear your LSFYC t-shirt.

Afterwards we will enjoy a BBQ lunch at *Navy Yacht Club*. For efficient planning of this event an **RSVP** is required by March 15th.

**For more information and to RSVP call me at:
(714) 383-1139 or email: moticodo@gmail.com.**



More stuff...

I was very lucky to captain our women's Duffy afternoon cruise on the bay last week. See the Rear Commodore's report.

Hope to see you at our next joint potluck with Navy Yacht Club on **March 15th starting at 5:30pm.**

A variety of food dishes will be available for you...on us. Drinks can be purchased from the NYCLB bar. Bring a dessert to share.

Later we will meet to discuss the upcoming events.

See you there!

Moti Cohen-Doron
Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore's Report

Debra Terrell



On a recent afternoon in February, several women of LSFYC kicked off the 2019 season with a harbor cruise in Alamitos Bay.

The group spent a couple of relaxing hours chauffeured by Captain **Moti Cohen Doron** aboard '*Dora the Explorer*'. LSFYC extends a tremendous thank you to Manny Haro of Navy YC for generously donating the use of this sweet little Duffy boat named for his mom, Dora. The good company of friends, sunny skies and a brisk sea breeze made it about as perfect a day on the water as you can ask for.

The gathering was a nicely balanced mix of both long term Little Shippers & some of more recent vintage — and as refreshments were served conversation naturally turned to LSFYC matters.

Jill Cohen Doron started us off by asking each to share how we originally became involved in Little Ships. In the telling it was revealed that several folks have been close friends and members for many years and have a wealth of historical memory about the club.

The discussion soon turned to an exploration of activities that have traditionally been enjoyed by members and what made them successful. We touched on club races, women's racing, club outings by both land & sea, a women's club within Little Ships and community outreach & support. As a result we have an exciting list of programs and projects to develop for this year and beyond.

Perhaps the most positive outcome of this get together is the consensus that we each value our little yacht club, are proud of its traditions and rich local history and recognize the necessity to develop strategies to reconnect with and engage our membership to restore LSFYC to the busy vibrant club it deserves to be.

The participants of this first outing have committed to furthering this goal by employing diligent consistency and good communications to create a fun filled calendar for 2019. Little Ships members can also play a key role by responding to a club survey coming your way this month and actively participating in activities as they are able.

So it's shaping up to be a great year, beginning this month with the ***Clean the Bay Day*** and our **82nd Opening Day** celebration soon after on **April 13**. 82 years guys!! Now that's really something to celebrate. Please plan to attend Opening Day this year. Members of both this year's Flag and women's group will be calling you soon with details.

We look forward to reconnecting with you!

LSFYC Members's page...

Quite a vacation, but no sailing (??!!)

By Steve Cole

From January 2 thru January 28, 2019 my wife **Melinda** and I had what amounted to three terrific and unique adventures linked together in one trip. First flying to **Sydney, Australia** via a two hour layover in Honolulu, we crossed into a different season and day. Four days in Sydney included a bus tour, walking over the Harbour Bridge (and returning by train), much additional walking, the excellent Powerhouse Museum, a minimalist (but adequate) AirBnB, and a down-pour one day.



We followed this with an 11 hour train trip to Melbourne, where we could watch the Australian countryside roll by, small towns, etc. as we rode southward. I even spotted two kangaroos! We were met by an old friend at Melbourne's Southern Cross Station and spent five days with Tom and Cathy Park. We visited their cattle ranch and nearby wineries, drove his old sports cars, lunched at the *Royal Bristol Yacht Club*, and generally had a wonderful time with our fun-loving hosts.



The next phase had us flying from Melbourne to Queenstown, on **New Zealand's South Island**, where we met up with Little Shippers **Carl Curtis** and **Yvonne Levy**. This all started with Yvonne's telling Melinda about a 6-day bicycling tour she and Carl were joining. Seemed like a good idea, so we decided to join them. The ride was put together by a women's cycling group in Orange County.



There were 17 in the final group, including Carl, me, and one other guy. The tour was operated by *Adventure South*, with three guides and two large vans with trailers for bikes and our gear. It was beautifully run, with accommodations and meals along the way. The group inevitably became strung out as we followed the detailed maps each of us had to the next destination. Some of the hills were pretty tough, but the "sag wagon" was available to pick us up when needed. We actually only rode for five days, as a heavy rain one day cancelled all riding that day, so we walked and had an interesting

guided tour around a lake before riding the vans to the next stop.

Ultimately, we went from Queenstown to Wanaka, Haast, Fox Glacier, Franz Josef Glacier, Hokitika, and Greymouth, plus a bit more up toward the Divide, where we went by van to Arthur's Pass. There we boarded the TranzAlpine Express train to the tour's end in Christchurch. We Little Shippers added a couple extra days in Christchurch, a modern city still rebuilding (*con't next page*)

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New Zealand is a beautiful country, with the very rural and lush west coast of the South Island, the spectacular Southern Alps with glaciers and snow-capped peaks (remember, this was the middle of their summer), and the gentle flats of the eastern side.

Finally, because the travel agent offered it as an add-on, we Little Shippers flew to **Fiji** for four days. Here, we found ourselves in Likuliku Lagoon, an amazing resort, with a cottage of our own just steps from the clear water. There was snorkeling, kayaking, and parasailing for us. There were a few catamarans, too, but the day we intended to sail there was absolutely no breeze! The food was wonderful and we did more damage with our credit card in their gift shop.

A surprise came just as we arrived at Likuliku. I received a call from Wells Fargo Bank that my credit card had been hacked! Oh, just terrific! There's very good reason to never travel with just one credit card. They offered to send me a replacement immediately and when I informed them that I was on a remote island in the South Pacific I said to just send it to my home, where we would be in a few days.

It was, at least up to this point, the trip of a lifetime. However, it might be fun to see how it might be topped in the future. Stay tuned.



Carl and Yvonne



Fiji feet...life is good!

Other news...

**Belmont Mooring Co. offers Catalina-like ambiance with mooring rentals off Island White
New features such as online reservations and a burger barge are coming soon.**

LONG BEACH—What if you were told you could have the same atmospheric boating experience as visiting Catalina without having to sail too far from SoCal's shores? Belmont Mooring Co. has created a mooring field near Island White off Long Beach..

Recreational boating is certainly a calling, but with the bustle of hectic life on land, it can be difficult at times to get onto the sea – which is why local boaters love Belmont Moorings.

"We're creating a new little world out there," says Belmont Moorings, who adds the moorings are becoming similar to "a Catalina atmosphere" where boaters can BBQ, hang out on their boats and have fun.

In recent articles, *The Log* also covered the dangers of Catalina storms. Because these mooring fields are much closer to the Southern California coast, Belmont Moorings is finding many boaters are planning "staycations" on their boats closer to home during the winter season.

Belmont Mooring Co. is an environmentally friendly mooring installation/management company. Overnight anchorage is only permitted on weekends, from Friday to Sunday nights. As promised, the rules and regulations for renters are provided, including information on noise, generators and even pets.

One attraction as stated is in the works is a burger barge, where a pontoon would offer burgers for sale. Boaters out on the water will be able to order fresh BBQ without having to leave their boats.

Booking one of the mooring spots is easy. Customers can call 562-881-0567 or text to the number above with requests for a reservation. For those interested in making a reservation via text, send a message to the number above with your boat's name, size and estimated time of arrival. From there, Belmont Moorings Co. can set you up with a reservation including sending confirmation and user regulations.

For more information about the bookings, visit the website at *belmontmoorings.com*.

SAVE THE DATE

Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club

CLEAN THE BAY DAY



9:30-12:30 Saturday, March 23
2019
Alamitos Bay Marina

March 2019



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7	8	9
10 DAYLITE SAVINGS +1 HR	11	12	13	14	15 LSFYC MEET AT NYCLB 6:00	16
17 ST PATTYS DAY	18	19	20 <i>Purim (sundown)</i>	21	22	23 LSFYC CLEAN THE BAY
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Commodore Frank Franco, the Officers and members of

Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club

Cordially invites you and your guest to attend

OPENING DAY CEREMONIES

SATURDAY, April 13, 2019

9:00 Registration, 10:00 Ceremony, Buffet following

at the

Little Ships Fleet Facility

233 Marina Dr.,

Alamitos Bay Marina

Long Beach, California 90803

2019 LSFYC Bridge

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