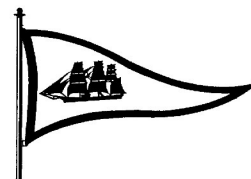


# Three Sheets in the Wind



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## **Commodore's Report**

**Frank Franco**



### **LSFYC Opening Day will be here soon!...**

LSFYC's Opening Day is coming **April 13**....it will be here soon! 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. The event will be staged in front of the Navy YC facility, where we will have live music entertainment, catered food and drinks for all attendees...as well as the pomp and ceremony introducing ourselves to the visiting yachting community.

We will certainly need your help to set up the canopies, tables, food dishes, the bar, a bartender, PA system, chairs, a flag raiser, cannoneer (shotgun), registration table greeters...and of course, takedown after the event. This will be a great opportunity for LSFYC members to see other club's officers attending as well as meeting other LSFYC members.

If you would like to volunteer and participate, please call me at **562-2429937** or email [lsfyclb@gmail.com](mailto:lsfyclb@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!

### **Clean the Bay event...**

The LSFYC *Clean the Bay Day* event was hugely successful thanks to the hard working development by VC Moti and the enthusiastic participation of members. For more on this see the reports on page 3 & 4 and photos on page 6 & 8. Look for articles in the Grunion Gazette and the LOG.

### **LSFYC member meeting Mar 15...**

There was a Member meeting on March 15 held at NYCLB during their usual Friday Potluck event. Attending were: (L to R) **Dick Martin, S/C Nate Tucker, VC Moti Cohen Doron, RC Debra Terrell, S/C Tom Cornelius, S/C Roy Queen, Paul & Debbie DeFreitas, Jill Cohen Doron**. Discussed was Opening Day preparation, meeting of the DeFreitas, and activities to be planned.

There will be another social meeting on April 19 at NYCLB. Hope to see you there....just wear your name tag.



## **Commodore's Report...con't**

### **LSFYC members are racing...**

LSFYC members are actively involved in racing programs in the Long Beach area and are participating in the major racing events such as:

The annual Newport-Ensenada Race April 26-28:

**Don Starkey** on *Ko-Star* (PHRF)

**Steve Dunlap** on *Some Tuesday* (Cruz-Orca)

**Dave Donohue** on *A Little Endeavor* (Cruz Non-Spin)

**David Sweeney** on *Kailani* (Cruz Non-Spin)

Transpac 2019 start July 10:

S/C **Ben Smith** crewing on *Onde Amo* (Beneteau First 40.7)

### **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. If you have a story to share, please send it to me at email [lsfyclb@gmail.com](mailto:lsfyclb@gmail.com).

### **Opening Days attendance by LSFYC...**

The YC's Opening Days are upon us and LSFYC was on board for Shoreline YC last March 2. Attending were (L to R) PC Larry Finley, Comm Frank Franco, Sec Cindy Ramirez, VC Moti Cohen Doron with Jill. Taking the photo was RC Debra Terrell.





## **Vice Commodore's Report**

***Moti Cohen Doron***



Greetings LSFYC Members:

### **New member's welcome...**

Spring is starting to show us some nicer weather and it's time to declare that the ice has melted in Alamitos Bay. I would like to welcome our new members, **Paul & Debbie DeFreitas, Robert Jordan, Natalie Lauren, Christopher Layne, Mary Pintarelli, and Luis Santana**. Welcome Aboard! I am looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

### **Clean the Bay success...**

Our own LSFYC *Clean The Bay Day* on March 23rd was a great success (see *photos page 6 & 7*)! With 4 boats and a total of 20 of our members we managed to collect 150 lbs of plastic, paper, styro-foam and lots of other stuff! See R.C. **Debbie Terrell's** report for more details. Thank you very much to: **Pax Starksen, Rob & Kelly Sonz., Ray Zepeda, Cindy Ramirez., Debra Terrell, Frank & Lara Franco, Roy & Carolyn Queen, Bill & Jeannie Ives, Nate Tucker, Paul & Debbie DeFreitas, Steve & Melinda Cole, Dick Martin and Jill Cohen Doron**, who all volunteered their time and boats and helped make the event so successful.

It was a fun and meaningful day for everyone. I also sent a thank you letter to our supporters: *West Marine, Whole Foods Market, Malainey's Grill, Schooner or Later, Co-Labs Creative Workspace* and *TowBoatUS* who were very excited to be a part of this event. We want to to Cindy Ramirez for obtaining additional support for this project. The City of Long Beach and the marina office expressed their appreciation and support of our project. With such a positive response all around it seems that there will be a repeat next year.

### **A fun day on the water...**

In mid March, a group of us Little Shippers, Nate Tucker, Dick Martin, Roy Queen, Frank Franco., **Larry Finley**. and I, chartered a Catalina 36 sailboat from Marina Sailing in Long Beach for a day sail. We couldn't ask for better weather. It was a beautiful sunny day with high winds that made us start off with a reef on our main sail (well, there was a small craft advisory too). Around noon the wind dropped down to about 10-12 kts for relaxed sailing the rest of the day.

In addition to many dolphins around us, the highlight of the day was when a small whale came to about 40' from us before diving under our boat. It was so close we could see its' eyes! It was certainly a fun day for all.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our **82nd Opening Day on April 13, at 9am** at Navy YC. If you would like to help set up, please be there by 7:30am.

More up coming events to look forward to are:

**Social potluck at Navy YC on April 19th at 5:30pm**

**Brunch at Malainey's Grill Long Beach on May 19th at 9:30am**

**Wooden Boat Festival at Balboa YC June 8th at 10:00am**

***Moti Cohen Doron***

*Vice Commodore*

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## **Rear Commodore's Report**

***Debra Terrell***



While preparing for LSFYC's Clean the Bay Day March 23 I learned a fact I found really astounding:

*Between 4 and 12 million metric tons of plastic enter our oceans globally each & every year.*

And if that's not bad enough, just let this sink in for a second:

*Marine scientists expect that amount will double in the next 10 years.*

Where does all this plastic trash that chokes & pollutes our waters turning them into minefields for our sea life come from? The short and simple answer is: Us. We are surrounded by it. It's in very nearly every mass produced affordable consumer good we purchase, and we each create on average 250 pounds yearly just going about the day-to-day business of living our lives.

I noticed how automatic plastic use is in my own life just getting things together for the volunteers on Saturday morning — like the trail mix I planned for them to carry. But wait...the dilemma of all those little individual plastic bags and the big one they come in? That felt a little hypocritical. And all the pens I rounded up for the sign-in & tally sheets? Any other day I would have thrown them in a ziplock without a second thought. It's not easy to even get out of the house in the morning without opportunities to use plastic.

So it felt really good to join 18 others from LSFYC to become part of the solution by spending 2 1/2 hours and scooping up nearly 150 pounds of plastic trash (*see some of the photos below*) out of Alamitos Bay marina last Saturday. In the big scheme of things it made just a tiny dent but it helped me realize a couple of things. The first is how much work it will take to remove all the tons of plastics that go into our oceans every year. And secondly that I need to take this plastic crisis personally and get serious about what I purchase and how I recycle at home.

So how did I solve my own little Saturday morning dilemma? I came up with a hair band for the pens that I used later for my ponytail and sadly no trail mix for the gang—but luckily someone brought a box of donuts!

As a final note, the information from our cleanup has been registered with the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup database. This information helps ocean advocacy groups promote ocean conservation by providing the data necessary to push for effective policies to keep our seas trash free.

Tremendous thanks to everyone for their hard work. It was a great day and I enjoyed our time together. Let's do it again!



## LSFYC Member's page...

### **Welcome to new members Paul & Debbie DeFreitas!**

We are your most recent additions to the LSFYC roster and are lifelong sailboat racing and cruising enthusiasts. Since 1975 we have had sailboats ranging in size from a 14 foot catamaran to our current boat – a J/40 named “*Flame*” and have cruised extensively in the local Southern California waters and the Channel Islands. We have also ventured as far as the Sea of Cortez in *Flame*. We have raced on a variety of boats, including many years crewing on the J/35 Rival.

Most of our previous boating and yacht club experiences were based in Ventura County where we lived for many years before the arrival of our new granddaughter residing in Newport Beach – hence the move to Orange County. We have a condominium in Huntington Beach only 15 minutes away from the granddaughter!

We are both retired and look forward to getting to know the other members and participating in LSFYC boating and social activities. Our boat is berthed in ABM Basin 2/Dock 10.



Paul and Debbie after scooping up stuff at the *Clean the Bay* event.



## Clean the Bay Day photos



Bill Ives, Nate Tucker & Roy Queen unload their haul of trash.



Steve Cole & Melinda enjoying the sunny day.



Moti, Pax Starksen and Jill examine the water for plastic bags.



Cindy Ramirez finds a baby shoe...but no baby.



Lara Franco and Cindy Ramirez walk the docks.



Rob Sonz, Jill and Pax proudly display their catch!



## More Clean the Bay photos



Cindy and Lara happy in their work...



Dick Martin and Debra Terrell display their haul.



Dick Martin with the scooper



The crew of the "Motiboat" at work...





LSFYC MEMBERS DISPLAY 150LBS OF TRASH COLLECTED ON *CLEAN THE BAY DAY*

# April 2019



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 APRIL FOOL	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 LSFYC OPENING DAY!!!
14 PALM SUNDAY	15	16	17	18	19 LSFYC MEET AT NYCLB 6:00	20
21 EASTER SUNDAY	22	23	24	25	26	27 PASSOVER ENDS
28	29	30				



*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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