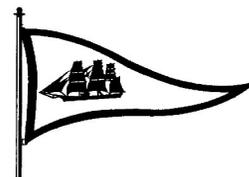


Three Sheets in the Wind



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Commodore's Report

Frank Franco



LSFYC Opening Day success...

Although many past *LSFYC Opening Day* events have been successful, I believe the April 13 Saturday's event (see a medley of photos on page 10 and captioned photos on the *LSFYC* website: lsfyc.org) has certainly set the benchmark for future ODs. Not having an Opening Day last year, encouraged us to pull out all the stops to make this a great and memorable event. We are still receiving accolades from some of the attending guests.

This success has been the result of a coordinated effort by many of the members...the *LSFYC Team* of folks, some of who have not experienced setting up for OD, but have dived in headfirst to make this happen.

I want to recognize and thank the the efforts of: **Moti & Jill Cohen Doron (with Maya & Summer), Debra Terrell, Lara Franco, Tom Cornelius, Rob & Kelly Sonz, Dick Martin, Larry Finley, Cindy Ramirez, Roy Queen, Pax Starksen, Nate Tucker, Bill Ives, Carl Curtis, Yvonne Levy, Jim Howe, Paul & Debbie DeFreitas, and Steve Cole.** Thanks to any I may have missed.

Thanks also to our new member and *Food Captain*, **Luis Santana**. for the refreshments, the Sea Scouts and the great entertainment of Wayne Pulcini. The afternoon ended with many happy smiles from both LSFYC members and attending guests.

All LSFYC activities (and operations) happen and succeed due to the *volunteer* involvement and efforts of the members. The reward of this volunteering is the personal satisfaction of experiencing the resulting successful conclusion of an event such as Opening Day. Go *LSFYC Team!* Next year's event will certainly have to top this one!

More to come...

There are some more LSFYC activities upcoming as detailed on the following Officer Reports. Please make an effort to participate and share in the fun.

Commodore's Report...con't

I am now a yachtsman!

Yes, after many years of boatlessness, I finally purchased another boat! Thinking about getting one and slowly forming a vision of the perfect boat while scrutinizing the various boat ads, I recently stumbled onto the perfect match. After meeting with the broker and examining every square inch of the advertised vessel, I concluded that all of the requirement boxes were checked off and made the deal!

Although a sailor for many years and was at first was looking for a sailboat, I decided that a realistic approach (considering my seemingly rapidly accumulating birthdays) was to determine that it was time to swap the mainsheet for an ignition switch.

Thus a loaded **Tollycraft 30** pocket cruiser with twin gas V8's capable of 30+ knots and room for 6 or more. The owner had added many extras and maintained it in great condition.

Lara and I had decided on the name of *CANTAMAR* (singing sea) after a property we had in Mexico south of Rosarito.

After first incorporating Lara's decorating requirements, we are looking forward to spending mucho time on this new home on the water, as well as making it the LSFYC flagship. It will be berthed in Shoreline Marina.



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.



Vice Commodore's Report

Moti Cohen Doron



Greetings LSFYC Members:

It's YC Opening Day season in So Cal and it's a privilege to be invited to attend other yacht clubs ceremonies. Being a part of our own Opening Day from preparation to execution took it to another level. The hard work that was put on by our team in preparing for the event, paid off multiple times over when we saw the end result.

Our guests and members had a great time and will remember this one as a fantastic Opening Day. For those of you who missed it, here is what my wife, the *Vice Commodore Jill*, had to say standing next to me at the introductions:

*It was sometime in December on a rainy winter day
When he got an email from SCYA.*

*He opened the attachment and what a surprise
It was the Opening Day list- We couldn't believe our eyes!*

*With so many Yacht Clubs to choose from on this long, long list.
I was sure at that moment there was none we should miss!*

*There's Los Angeles, Balboa and Lake Havasu
Hollywood, Santa Barbara and Dana Point too.*

*Huntington Harbor, Navy and Morro Bay
Coronado, Lake Gregory and Del Rey,*

*Long Beach, Newport and Shoreline
Oceanside, San Diego there isn't enough time!*

*Marina, Point Loma and Lake Arrowhead
I am getting tired of eating all of these deviled eggs!*

*Redondo, King Harbor and Alamitos Bay
Lido Isle, Seal Beach are on the same day!*

*Cabrillo Beach, Bahia and South Shore
Please don't take me to anymore!*

*Oh but this one, I have to, it's Little Ships Fleet
It's our own club and we think it's quite neat!*

*So here we are at our Opening Day -
Thank you all for joining us and enjoy the rest of your stay!*

(see next page)

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

I am looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events:

- **Malainey's Grill (168 N. Marina Dr.) Brunch social on Sunday 5/19/19, 9:30am. (see last page)**
- **VIP Land Cruise to Colton CA on 5/31/19 at 9:00am (see flyer page 7).**
- **LSFYC Hi Point Series Race *Murray Gordon Memorial* 6/1/19 (see last page)**
- **Cruise Out to Balboa Yacht Club for the *Wooden Boat Festival* on 6/8/19 at 10am.**

Newport to Ensenada adventure...

From April 24th to May 1st, I participated for the first time in the Newport To Ensenada Sailboat Race. For us it was a cruise from MDR to LB-NPB-ENS-SD-Two Harbors and back to MDR with ASA 105/106 Certifications. I was onboard the *Marina Sailing Beneteau 41 Three Lions* with four more guys. The seven night cruise was full of memorable moments that I will keep for a long time. The sleepless nights, a full day of sailing in the rain from San Diego to Two Harbors and even taking an accidental dunk at the dock at 3am before departing Ensenada! It was all great and fun memories. Our LSFYC burgee was flying very proudly on our shrouds and no, we did not finish last. It was good to find out that four other boats were representing LSFYC and I'm glad I had a chance to meet one of the four, **Steve Dunlap**. All in all I had a great time and would do it all over again (the cruise part).

Moti Cohen Doron
Vice Commodore
714-383-1139





Rear Commodore's Report

Debra Terrell



YC Opening Day reflections...

It gets me every time...this sad and sentimental part of opening day ceremonies to remember and honor those who have served and sacrificed for our freedoms.

Flags snapping in the breeze, a sweetly mournful *Amazing Grace* on the bagpipes and 8 bells rung for our sailors who have passed on. Always makes me proud (& a little weepy) to be an American.

While recently enjoying the exceptionally warm and welcoming hospitality of Huntington Harbour YC opening day I reflected on what a privilege it is to serve as an officer of LSFYC. Membership in the club has been a valuable experience that has provided opportunities to connect with an outstanding group of peers, mentors and friends in our shared love and respect of the sea.

The support and encouragement of so many members of the boating community has made this adventure more fun and rewarding than I could have hoped for when I joined LSFYC.

I only hope that my small contributions can be somehow useful for enhancing our current member's experiences and together our efforts will make a positive impact on the legacy of this historic and resilient yacht club.



Presentation of the Colors



Bagpiper at HHYC Opening Day

Fleet Captain's Report

Dave Donohue



The annual Newport-Ensenada Race April 26-28...

Congratulations to Little Shippers who crossed the finish line in this amazing race:

Steve Dunlap on *Some Tuesday* 3rd place Cruz-Orca

David Sweeney on *Kailani* 4th place Cruz Non-Spin

Moti Cohen Doron on *3 Lions* 6th place Cruz Non-Spin

I, along with fellow crewmate Victor Schmitz, double handed the Beneteau OC 45 *A Little Endeavor* owned by **Brad and Robyn Little** who are also Little Shippers. This was our first time racing double handed with zero practice and then running the asymmetrical spinnaker as well!

We had come in 3rd in PHRF C...7 minutes out of 2nd place, 3 minutes south of best corrected Beneteau PHRF and 45 minutes off of best corrected double hand crew!

It was another N2E keel soak through the night making it my longest elapsed time but the best ranking. Victor proved to be an excellent hand and team mate. Most of all we were safe and had much fun!



Dave at the helm



Victor at the helm



Two happy guys

Our first race of the year is the ***Murray Gordon Memorial June 1***. This is your chance to participate in the racing program by either entering or crewing on the Race Committee boat...or volunteering your boat, just email PRO **Dick Martin** at dickmar@msn.com. We can also use help at the after race dock party (2:00pm)...just show up or just come to the dock party for burgers and beers. See you there!

LSFYC in the News...

The LSFYC Clean the Bay Day was a successful event that took the attention of the Long Beach Marina office and was noted in the Marina Reader...



On March 23, twenty determined members of our Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club set out on foot and by dinghy to scoop up as much trash as possible from the Alamitos Bay Marina. Designated as "Clean the Bay Day" for our club members, it was supported by The City of Long Beach Marine Bureau and the California Coastal Commission who supplied gloves, bags and scoopers to assist in the efforts.

In 2½ hours our members collected 150 lbs of debris, comprised of plastic bags and bottles, toys, styrofoam and much more. It is not until you actually see the amount of trash that winds up in the water that you realize that we must be diligent in keeping our waters clean. We wish that every boater passing through our marina or any marina will have a trash scooper to pick up debris they see along the way. Odd items collected were a St. Patrick's Day headband, a kids tennis shoe, an adult size Roller Blade and a Bird rental scooter which was reported to the marina office.

Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club members did not hesitate to jump in and get their hands dirty (even with gloves on). The enthusiasm of the club members was remarkable. We were excited to give back to our marina and contribute in a meaningful way to the environment. All of the members who

took part in this important project expressed their desire to participate again next year.

Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club would like to thank the generous supporters around Alamitos Bay that made this event possible: Mrs. Cindy Ramirez, Co-Labs Creative Workspace, Malainey's Grill, Whole Foods Market, Schooner or Later, West Marine, TowBoatUS Long Beach and Plastics Investment Group Inc.



LSFYC members with some of their trash haul from the Bay.

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 ways to keep our seas trash free.

Submitted by Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club, 233 Marina Drive, Long Beach, 90803. Visit us on the web at: www.lsfyc.org.

The follow up to this event is the Land Cruise to Colton:

Land Cruise to Colton, CA

Friday, May 31st 9am - 4pm

To close the circle of a successful **Clean The Bay Day**
Join us on a special **VIP** tour and lunch to learn everything you need to know about Plastic.
Manufacturing, packaging, post industrial recycling
and post consumer recycling.

In a state-of-the-art, injection and blow molding manufacturing company.

**Fluid Forms,
United Beverage,
Penta Water,
Plastics Investment Group Inc.**

We will meet at the **Ayres Hotel** on Seal Beach Blvd.
(off the 405 Fwy.) Bus Captain Moti will do the driving.

Cost is \$13 pp (tour, lunch & transportation)

Please RSVP to (714) 383-1139

Don't wait! There are only 5 seats remaining!.

Little Shippers in the past

By Steve Cole

Having been a member of LSFYC since 1977, I have known some interesting members through the years. I thought it would be fun to recall some of them and pass along some of our history.

Hugo Enrico was quite a colorful member of LSFYC some years ago. Hugo was originally from Argentina and was a life-long sailor. Although he worked for IBM by day, he also made spinnakers in his garage in Long Beach for friends . . . and they were very good. And boy did he have tales to tell!

In Argentina at the time, you had to build your own boat, in his case a Lightning. Hugo described how he went to the lumber company and had to buy a log, because they didn't have sawn lumber and you had to hope the log was good inside. Only after you bought the log was it sawn into the boards needed. It then had to be dried before it could be used for construction. Hugo said he had the boards, with spacers for drying, all through his house for months prior to making his boat. He had a beautiful scale model of the boat in his house.

He recounted one time when he was racing his Lightning in the river in Buenos Aires. He was leading the race and when he raised his spinnaker, he saw to his horror that he had raised it sideways! However, he was in the lead and it was pulling well, so to lower it and correct the error would be more costly than simply going with it the way it was. The race went past spectators at the yacht club, so he had to endure the prospect of teasing later, but he did win the race.

Many years later, now in Long Beach where he sailed a Newport 30, he was walking around the marina and spotted a boat with the Argentine flag flying. Thinking this might lead to a conversation with a fellow countryman, Hugo approached the man and a conversation began. Soon they were telling tales and the man recalled a humorous event years earlier where he had witnessed a race in Buenos Aires where the winner had flown his spinnaker sideways!

Hugo got a good laugh out of that so many years later.

In Memorium

It was just learned of the sudden passing of Past Commodore **Mike Maronta** from an unknown illness. He was 72 and resided in Seal Beach with wife Colleen.

Mike was the owner of an engineering firm for many years and previous owner of a Catalina 38. After retirement, he approached LSFYC for membership and soon after became interested in the workings of the club. Being also involved in the Marina Sailing racing program, he encouraged some of his racing crew to join LSFYC as well.

Being a mover and shaker, Mike stepped onto the LSFYC Flag ladder and in 2008 became Commodore. He instituted many programs within the club and created new activities that sparked and invigorated the club, although not without generating some friction as he was “commanding” in his approach to running the club. Even so, he fulfilled his role and got things done...such as substantially revising the website.

His legacy was promoting a few of the LSFYC members to follow in his wake by becoming Commodore as well allowing the club to enjoy some years of good times!

After LSFYC Mike became further involved with ASPBYC by becoming Commodore in 2009.

In later years, he was part of the Seal Beach Police Dept as Chief Radio Operator.



Feb 5, 1947—April 24, 2019

Opening Day photos (see Isfyc.org)





**RACE WITH US ON
SATURDAY JUNE 1, 2019**

**RACE NO. 4 OF THE
LONG BEACH HARBOR HIGH POINTS SERIES**

***THE MURRAY GORDON
MEMORIAL RACE***

SHORELINE YC SEAL BEACH YC NAVY LB YC LITTLE SHIPS FLEET YC

**PHRF A and B - Non Spin - ONE DESIGN CLASS
(DEPENDING ON SIGN UPS)**

\$10 per race

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 1800 HRS FRIDAY MAY 30

RACE STARTS AT 1200 HRS -- MARK 38

TROPHY PRESENTATION AFTER RACE AT NYCLB

**NOTICE OF RACE, ON LINE REGISTRATION, COURSE CHART
AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILBLE AT**

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May 2019



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You're Invited to
**Little Ships Fleet &
Navy Yacht Club's**

Cruise Out to
**Malainey's Grill
for Brunch on the Bay**

Come out and enjoy a wonderful all you can eat Sunday Brunch on the Bay with friends from both clubs!

Date: **Sunday, May 19, 2019**
Time: **9:30am**
Where: **Malainey's Grill** 168 N. Marina Dr., L.B.
Price: **\$19.95 (Early bird - after 10:00am \$26.95)**

Bottomless Mimosas \$9.99



2019 LSFYC Bridge

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