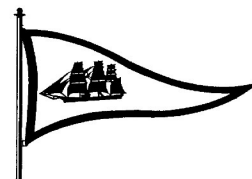


Three Sheets in the Wind



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Commodore's Report **Frank Franco**



Where did the year go?

Wow! We are approaching the year's end holidays and it seems as if the 2019 year has just rocketed by us. Maybe so, but much has been accomplished by LSFYC and due to the hard (and creative) work by Officers and members to further define the club not only to the members but the local yachting community as well. Thanks to you all for your current...and continued membership.

Nomination of new Officers and Directors...

The time has come to nominate new LSFYC Officers and Directors for 2020. As LSFYC Bylaws and tradition dictate, the LSFYC *Five Old Salts* committee have cast their net and have come up with the slate of proposed Officers and Directors for 2020. The ballot will be published (via this newsletter and upcoming email) next month for your vote. At this time, we are in need of a volunteer for **Director**. A Director helps with the operation of the club in contributing input as to best provide the biggest bang for the members' buck!

If you are interested in being a part of the decision making process, please let me know.

I am looking forward to the next year as we will be under the helm of Moti (the MOTIvator) Cohen-Doron along with Debra Terrell as Vice Commodore. These folks have been a powerhouse of energy and drive and will certainly make 2020 an interesting time for all to enjoy. We hope you will join them by participating in the events planned.

New member

We are fortunate to have among us a new Little Shipper, Mr. Bryan Lee. Bryan has told me:

I live in Dana Point, with my wife Eileen. We are both SoCal natives and have sailed for many years. I have my USCG Captains license and provide sailing charters through Dana Point Charters, on our Catalina 350, "Oceans Away". I am also involved in racing and have acquaintances that race in Long Beach as well as Newport Beach. I want to be involved in more organized group cruises, as well as additional races, and have meet up gatherings/parties with other sailors at group functions. LSFYC seems to fit the bill for exactly what I am looking for.

Welcome to Bryan and family and hope to see them soon.

LSFYC Holiday Brunch December 7

See the following pages for the LSFYC Holiday Brunch. This is a fun event and hope to see you then. See Debra's comments on page 5.

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This Newsletter will be the last for the year (no December issue) but will resume in January. If you have any items to contribute, stories, trips, information, please send them to me via the email.

Upon final count of ballots for new Officers and Directors, there will be the LSFYC Officer Installation Dinner to be held in January. Location and time to be announced....so please keep that in mind.

Frank Franco
Commodore



LSFYC folks attending at the last NYCLB Pot Luck.
From back to front: Tom Cornelius, Frank Franco, Cindy Ramirez, Al Bordallo, Nate Tucker. Kari Neilsen, Debbie and Paul DeFreitas, and Carl Curtis.



Vice Commodore's Report

Moti Cohen-Doron



Greetings Little Shippers!

2019 is fast approaching to its' conclusion. Holidays, parties and family gatherings are already in everyone's calendar. I hope you all have our **LSFYC Holiday Breakfast** on your calendar as well. It is on **December 7th at 9:30 am at Malainey's Grill in Alami-tos Bay** (between Ballast Point and The Boathouse restaurants). This is a great way to meet the members, enjoy a good breakfast and have some fun without spending a dime, it is on the club this time! The menu includes, assorted freshly baked muffins, fresh

tropical fruit, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, ranch potatoes, french toast and coffee. Hope this wets your appetite to come out and join us!

Don't forget to bring a gift valued at \$20.00 or so for the gift exchange game. Suggested items are: liquor, nautical items & books, and gift cards.

Looking back at our 2019 calendar we have had a busy schedule with events to remember:

LSFYC Installation Dinner at Huntington Harbor Y.C. -January

Women's Duffy Boat Ride - February

Clean the Bay Day - March

Opening Day - April

Land Cruise to Colton - May

Brunch at Malainey's - May

Wooden Boat Festival - June

LSFYC Hosted Regattas- June and July

Fun Bay Cruise- August

Veteran's Cruise to Iowa with NYCLB - September

Clean the Bay Day with NYCLB - September

Ronald McDonald House cook-out- October

Cruise to Catalina - November - (Postponed)

Holiday Breakfast Malainey's - up coming in December

Joint potlucks with Navy Yacht Club - every other month



We're looking forward to a great 2020 with lots of activities to participate in.

On another note, **Jill** and I recently joined *Freedom Boat Club* where we can use their fleet of new power boats (in Huntington Harbor) without the hassles of maintaining a boat in the water. They have a fleet of about 12 brand new boats that we can choose from and 200 locations in the country that we can utilize as well. So far our boating routine has changed dramatically since we no longer have to do the hard work before and after launching our boat. We just come to the dock, get the keys and go! When we return we drop of the keys and go have dinner (see photos at right). No more BOAT CLEANING!! By the way our Boston Whaler is up for sale.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and hope to see you at Malainey's on Dec 7!

Moti Cohen-Doron

LSFYC Vice Commodore





Rear Commodore's Report

Debra Terrell



I like old things—especially old classic things. I count these among my favorites:

- The Pantry in LA where the waiters wear waistcoats to serve warm bowls of stewed fruit at breakfast

- curling up with a cup of English tea (prepared with milk and sugar exactly as my grandmother's when I was a child) to watch old Betty Davis movies

- attending concerts by aging rockstars at the Orpheum Theater

- 1968 Ericson 30 sailboats

I don't remember my first experience with most of these things but I know I saw my very first E30 when I met LSFYC's very own **Dick O'Reilly** at *Narrow Escape's* slip in Basin 4. He told me some of the history of this pretty boat he had purchased in 2005 as I looked around. The interior glowed with varnished mahogany and the polished hull reflected the ripples in the water— it was evident he had invested a tremendous amount of TLC in her outfitting and upkeep. I liked her....a lot.

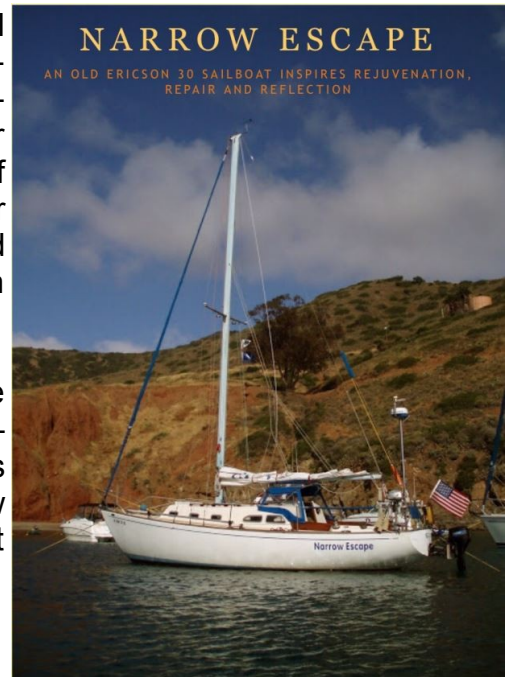
I saw Dick and his boat again about a year later and he told me he was planning to sell her. While I was truly surprised to hear this because I could tell how much he loved this boat—I was completely stunned to hear my self bleat out 'ME!' when he asked if I knew anyone who might want to buy her. Understand please that I didn't need or even want a boat. I already had a 1977 Catalina 27 midlife crisis I had been lovingly puttering on for a number of years at a pace of 2 steps forward and 1 step back. I explained all this to myself, highlighting this was not my most wisest idea ever and then, of course, immediately agreed to buy her.

But every girl deserves the boat of her dreams and by So Cal standards *Narrow Escape* is a fairly modest, reasonable and attainable dream. I will use it to engage in a classic pastime requiring time honored skills providing good clean fun. Sailing an older boat is a diversion that can quickly pull you out of the mindset of possessing the newest tech gadget or a bigger better whatchamacallit and into a universe that moves a little slower and is a little more serene. And it's also lots of fun—the kind of fun that never goes out of style.

I'm grateful to Dick for passing *Narrow Escape* on to my care and appreciate his generosity sharing his knowledge and experience sailing her. Dick is a talented and respected journalist in his professional life and you can enjoy the chronicles of his first few years owning, rejuvenating and racing *Narrow Escape* online at ericson30.blogspot.com

Debra Terrell

LSFYC Rear Commodore



Ronald McDonald House thank yous

By Debra Terrell

The holiday season is a traditional time of sharing and giving to those who can use a little help. For our LSFYC holiday party this year we would like to offer our members the opportunity to help support the Ronald McDonald House in Long Beach on behalf of the club.

We will continue to have our fun gift exchange among the members who attend the holiday breakfast Dec 7 and, in addition, any member who would like to bring a donation from the list of suggestions below will be providing support to families who are spending their holidays in very difficult circumstances.

The LSFYC members who cooked dinner at Ronald McDonald house recently learned that families whose children are hospitalized rarely have time to prepare meals. The community kitchen at the House is shared by many families and some children are immune-suppressed and cannot consume food that is already opened. For health reasons, they need individually wrapped snack / convenience food items for their families. The House is unable to accept donations of used clothing, used toys, and used stuffed animals.

You can also help the families by making a cash donation. For more information, please visit their website at

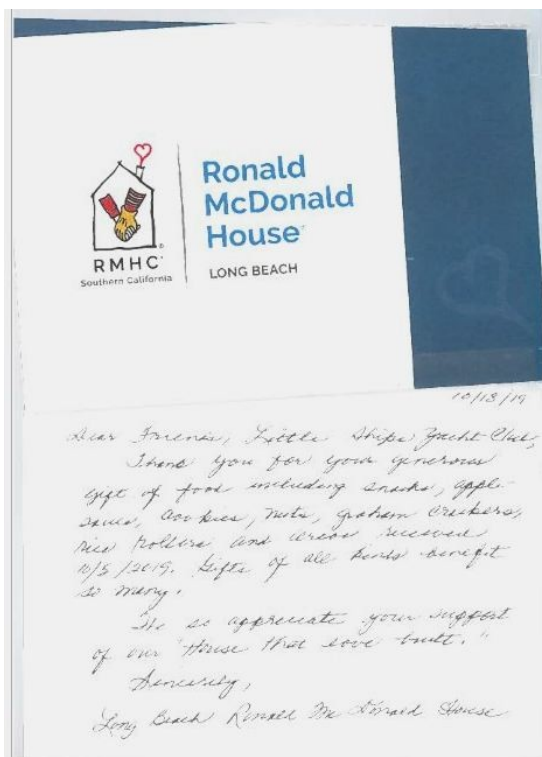
www.rmhcsc.org/longbeach

Other items they can always use:

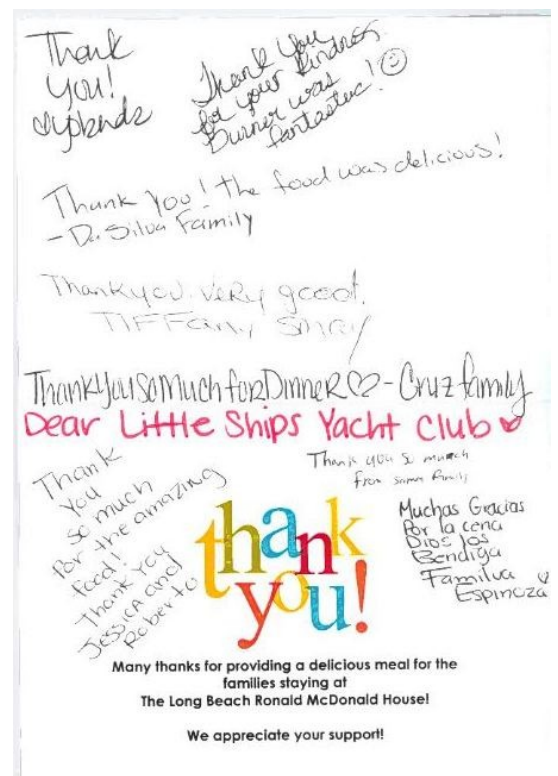
*Single serving granola/breakfast bars * Cup of Noodles and Top Ramen-Single serving soups * Single serving cookies * chips and snacks * Fruit snacks-Canned tuna * Travel size toiletries * toothbrushes and toothpaste * Magazine subscriptions

Gift Cards:

*Gas cards * Movie tickets * Event tickets * Target * Amazon * Wal-Mart * Home Depot * Albertsons * El Pollo Loco * McDonald's * Starbucks * Taco Bell * Chipotle



Thank you cards
received from folks
at the Ronald
McDonald House
for the LSFYC
effort on Oct 5.





Treasurer's Report

By Dick Martin



Dues for 2020...

Yes, soon it's that time again...the **LSFYC MEMBERSHIP DUES** will be due for 2020. 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 **2020 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 LSFYC Holiday Breakfast Dec 7

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...

Elections of LSFYC Officers for 2020

As we slowly approach the end of the sailing season, one of the requisite functions that occurs at this time is the preparation for election of new Flag Officers for the coming year. Per the Bylaws, this process begins by the consideration of potential candidates by the Nominating Committee (otherwise known as *The Five Old Salts*) and by the members, then the subsequent posting of the selected nominees to be voted upon in **November** by the general membership. One or more members may be nominated for each office. Briefly, the elective officers and their duties are:

Commodore: *Executive Officer of the club and presides at all club and Board meetings. Represents the club at outside yacht club functions.*

Vice Commodore: *assists the Commodore in his duties and in his absence shall act in his stead.*

Rear Commodore: *assists the Commodore and Vice Commodore by organizing and executing the social functions of the club.*

Fleet Captain: *presides over all of the club racing activities.*

Port Captain: performs duties related to on site club functions such as purchasing supplies, maintaining facilities and chief BBQer.

Secretary: *records all proceedings of club meetings and performs tasks related to any mailings.*

Treasurer: collects dues, accounts for and banks all monies, pays the bills.

Director: *provides guidance and contributes suggestions, decisions on the direction of the club.*

Another benefit of holding an office is the attending of the Annual **Opening Days** of the various Yacht Clubs of Southern Calif. Each club opens it's yachting season with a ceremony and celebration with visiting officers of other clubs in attendance. This provides the opportunity to visit the other clubs, meet the officers and discuss the issues and problems involved with operating a club and possible solutions.

It is at this time we ask the LSFYC members to consider fulfilling any role in the club as stated above. The Directorship is a good place to begin (even after an election, a volunteering Director may be appointed). Every member is eligible and there is substantial support and mentoring from the Staff Commodores to help to allow an easy transition into each of the roles. Yes, it some work, but there is a fun factor and the satisfaction of getting something done....successfully.

If any interest or questions, please call **Frank Franco** at 562-2429937.

VOTING BALLOT FOR LSFYC OFFICERS, STAFF AND DIRECTORS FOR 2020

Per LSFYC Bylaws, a balloted vote is required to allow selected nominated individuals to attain the office prescribed. Due to the limited selection of nominees the voting will be for the slate in entirety, i.e. vote

[X] YES or [X] NO for the entire slate as below:

Commodore: Moti Cohen-Doron
Vice Commodore: Debra Terrell
Rear Commodore: Cindy Ramirez
Fleet Captain: Nate Tucker
Port Captain: Larry Finley
Treasurer: Dick Martin
Secretary: Cindy Ramirez
Directors: S/C Tom Cornelius
S/C Rob Sonz
Al Bordallo
David Haas

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I, _____ (LSFYC member in good standing) cast my vote for the slate shown above as:

[] YES

[] NO

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*You may print out and bring this ballot to the LSFYC Holiday Breakfast Meeting this
December 7* -OR-

You may cast your vote via email by Dec. 7 to: lsfyclb@gmail.com

There will also be a follow up email ballot to respond to. See the website too.

We hope that you will participate in this important effort. Thank you.



November 2019



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30



**LSFYC hosts
The Holiday Breakfast
and gift exchange**

**At
MALAINEY'S
(formally Malarkeys)
Long Beach
December 7 9:30 am**

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

RSVP to:

562-242-9937

LSFYC Hats and
Tshirts will be
available for
purchase



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING, HOLIDAYS &
HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM
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2019 LSFYC Bridge

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