

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Moti Cohen-Doron



Greetings Little Shippers,

I want to wish you all a belated very Happy 4th of July and to take this opportunity to thank all of those members who have served in our military. It is my favorite part of YC Opening Day festivities to salute the women and men who have fought for our nation. I always loved the saying, "Home of the Free because of the Brave!"

I don't think I can bring anything new that you haven't heard already about Covid-19. I'll leave that subject alone, as we all have our own ways of dealing with this and I think we all know the drill by now!

On the other hand, I can definitely bring you some news about our Shed Replacement Project.

After the demolition, started June 9th, the City moved in to relocate the drain from under the Shed. Not having a clear picture of the newly discovered catch basin (instead of a simple drain), the City took an extra week to figure out how to proceed forward with this. With the help and generosity of our contractor, David Tran, the construction resumed on June 30th with only one week delay from the original schedule. The Shed had to move 6 feet to the North so the catch basin can remain accessible for future maintenance. On Friday July 3rd, the concrete foundation and slab were poured and the Shed framing started Monday July 6th (see page 3 for progress photos).

Our project fundraiser brought in a total of \$8490 in donations from our generous members.

I want to thank again those who made this happen:

Cindy R., Roy Q., Jane K., Dick M., Yvonne L., Steve C., Becky M., Paul D., Geoff V., Jeffrey B., Cristina D., David H., Larry R., Ray Z., Bill I., Kari N., Nate T., Brian L., and special thanks and appreciation to S/C (1989) **Linda Habermehl** for her generous contribution.

We couldn't have done this without all of you and your generous support!

On another note there are still a few of the vintage LSFYC trophies that need to be cleaned, polished and displayed when the new shed is complete. Your help is needed with making the trophies shine in their new home!

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Some of you may know that Jill and I were in the market for a boat. We sold our beloved Boston Whaler not long ago and were itching to replace her with a boat in the water. I spent late night hours online looking locally and all over the country for a new boat. We went to see several but nothing quite fit the bill. Then one day it hit me that maybe we should look at a different type of vessel. So we ended up buying an RV! We are now proud owners of a new 24' Winnebago. We haven't gone anywhere yet but we are preparing for our first outing, hopefully soon! If any of you know of any great places to camp or have any RV advice you want to share please feel free to send me an email.

If you were around the shed lately, you must have noticed the construction of the new fuel dock, operated by Dion and Sons, Marine Fuels. Stop by and check them out.

Continue to stay the course, being safe, masked and distant.

Moti Cohen-Doron
LSFYC Commodore



Jill and the new Motihome

SHED PROGRESS PHOTOS



City cleaning out the catch basin



Ready for the contractor to begin



Locating the 4" drain line and setting rebar



Pouring 11 cu. yards of concrete for the floor



Laying out the first of the framing



Walls and roof begin to appear!



Vice Commodore's Report

Debra Terrell



What are you missing?...

There's a little 'thought experiment' floating around these days and it goes like this:

1. Sit in a quiet place with a pencil and paper at hand.
2. Close your eyes, take 3 slow deep breathes in & out and focus on **nothing** but the sound and sensation of your breathing
3. As you exhale the 3rd time ask yourself this question '***what do I miss most***

right now?'

4. Write down the very first thought that pops into your head—not what you think you **should** miss most—just the honest to goodness first thing.

Did your first true thought surprise you? Is it something within your realm of control? Is there something that might be a substitute for now?

I'll confess I've tried this a few times with differing results. One of my favorites is really just a simple image of strolling along in the quiet of the cool early morning air with an old friend. With to-go cups of steaming coffee in hand we walk slowly down aisles made up of the flotsam and jetsam of other boater's lives lying on tarps in a marina parking lot. So much interesting stuff to look at...

I next applied the 3 questions to my image. *Did it surprise me?* Well, no because I really love boater's swapmeets and have been sad to see the cancellation notices one after the other this year in the Log. *Can I control it?* Not until it's safe to congregate again. *Is there a substitute for now?* I think there might be, yes!

For those of you Little Shippers who have resorted to decluttering your garages and storage lockers during the stay at home directives and are looking to part ways with any marine items, don't head to the Salvation Army just yet! Stay tuned for the virtual ***Little Ship's Swap Meet*** in the August issue of this newsletter where members will find a form that will allow them to submit items they are looking to buy, sell, trade or give away. Folks will also be able to list items they are searching for including crew, assistance with nautical questions or help with their boat projects.

The coronavirus is impacting how we experience so many things these days and, while the virtual substitutions will never replace the real ones, technology does allow us to maintain our connections with one another from a safe distance. So next month prepare to get up early, grab a steaming cup of coffee and sit down with your Three Sheets and your list of wants, needs and find-a-new-homes and let's get this swap meet started!

Debra Terrell

LSFYC Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore's Report

Cindy Ramirez



Aloha,

I look forward to our first gathering to celebrate and welcome our new members and newly built shed. We are excited and grateful to have all our Little Shippers contribute and patiently anticipate our first event. Hopefully, in August ... Please keep an eye out for future emails.

A special thank you to our Commodore Moti and Commodorable Jill and the Board as well as NYCYC Committee members.

Speaking of members, we have 8 new members this year....just approved are: **Jeannie Vazquez** and her fiancé **Mario Trejo**. They live near our club and our anxious to get involved this year. So happy to have you on board. Congratulations.

Please invite friends or family to join LSFYC this year for \$150.00 total (due to reduced activities because of COVID-19).

We will be celebrating Birthdays, the new shed, and renewing our friendships overlooking our Los Alamitos Bay.

Stay healthy and happy.

Aloha and Smooth Sailing ☐

Cindy Ramirez

LSFYC Rear Commodore/Secretary



Jr. Staff Commodore's Report

Frank Franco



"It's like deja vu all over again" ...Yogi Berra

Yep...here we go again...close, open and then close again...a Covid-19 revolving door that is appearing to be endless and making us dizzy. So continue to hang in there and have faith in Yogi's acute perception of the outcome of future events... *"It ain't over till it's over!"*

I have been visiting the LSFYC/NYCLB shed replacement construction site to observe the progress and am surprised to see how quickly the erection has taken place. The contractor is certainly not wasting any time on this effort. The smaller front portion is for NYCLB to store the chairs/tables and their other items with the remainder of the bldg for LSFYC to store race gear, refrigerator, past trophies, supplies and various other items. Although meant solely as a storage facility, the LSFYC part will certainly be much more than just a simple "shed". With extras (from your donation\$) such as drywall, interior carpentry, windows, flooring, cabinetry, countertops, lighting and other niceties (to be announced), the bldg will provide the members a base to proudly visit and admire as a true home in the Alamitos Bay Marina. I believe the shed should now find a new name to reflect the new appearance. Maybe a contest to submit and vote on a new moniker?

Upon completion of the bldg and despite the Covid 19 frenzy, it will be a new day for LSFYC to recognize the creation of the new facility as a launch point to future plans for the club and members...for the remainder of 2020 and next new year. Stay tuned for this...

LSFYC has been extremely fortunate in the competent, efficient and superb handling of the club by the current Flag of Officers. RC **Cindy Ramirez** has been a seemingly unstoppable powerhouse of energy not only as Secretary, but as a membership recruiting machine! Thanks to her and the new members. VC **Debra Terrell** has been focusing on the membership by creating new avenues for future member participation and current activities for the LSFYC ladies.

Like a NASA rocket headed into orbit, Commodore **Moti** (as 2019 VC) has exploded upward in an accelerating column of flame from the launch ramp to not only plan but to execute his duties and vision of potential activities for LSFYC. Although his plans for 2020 have been sidetracked, he has (in conjunction with NYCLB) established his role as work coordinator and Project Manager for the shed replacement and thanks to his dedicated efforts it is now happening!

Many thanks also to the efforts of the LSFYC Board of Directors as along with our esteemed Treasurer **Dick Martin**.

Thanks always and recognition to you folks that have supported the club thru the many years....the fun is just beginning!

Frank Franco
LSFYC Staff Commodore

SHED REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

- 1) On Friday, June 5th a temporary 20' container will be dropped off at the parking lot.
- 2) When we're done moving all the content from the shed to the container, our contractor will demolish the shed (the week of the 8th-12th).
- 3) Monday, June 15th the City will start to work on the drain and complete it by Sunday, June 21st.
- 4) Monday, June 22nd our contractor will start the shed construction (3-4 weeks).
- 5) In mid July we will move our stuff from the container back to the new shed.
- 6) By Friday, July 31st the container will be picked up.

July 2020



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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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2020 LSFYC Bridge

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