

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Moti Cohen-Doron



Greetings Little Shippers,

I can't believe it's September already! Days are getting shorter but there's still time to enjoy our beautiful bay. Just take a nice walk around or better yet get on a boat and enjoy the wonderful scenery and fresh ocean air.

Speaking of getting out on the water, Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club is hosting the final race in the Long Beach Harbor High Point Series. The *Beat the Heat Race* will take place on Saturday, September 26th. If you would like to participate in the race, please contact our Fleet Captain **Nate Tucker** or our PRO **Dick Martin**.

Our neighbors at Navy Yacht Club broke ground this week on a much needed electrical panel upgrade. I mention this because our Shed electrical system is directly tied to Navy's, we receive power from their clubhouse. That is why our Board of Directors agreed to contribute to this important project. It is a huge undertaking, a long trench was already dug from the men's restroom all the way along the street (see photos next page) adjacent to the fire station 21 to Navy Yacht Club. Once this project is complete we will be able to turn on our lights. Navy on the other hand will have a much safer electrical system and upgraded power to accommodate for their upcoming clubhouse remodel. We are grateful to have such wonderful neighbors and we look forward to many years of continued cooperation.

As I wrote in the last newsletter, Jill and I recently bought an RV. We've had our Land Yacht or as Lara Franco calls it, the "Moti-home", since the end of May and because of all of the construction at the Shed we never got a chance to use it. We finally got the opportunity a couple of weeks ago and went away for a few days, destination - Julian. We had a wonderful time on our maiden voyage! It was a perfect drive for the RV as the roads were not too curvy. As we left Escondido we got into the foothills where the scenery changed to farm land, wineries and orchards. It was beautiful seeing the contrast of the brown hills and the green orchards. We arrived in Julian in the afternoon where it was over 100 degrees. We walked around old town, ate apple pie and afterwards we set off to our campground which was about 4 miles away. It started raining just as we were leaving town which made our experience even more magical. It was great driving along and seeing the rain all around us. It was pouring rain as we got to the main entrance of the campground and it stopped just as we dropped anchor at our campsite, perfect timing. The rain also made a significant drop in temperature to the mid- 70's. We set everything up and just relaxed. While we were there we met other RV'ers who were more than happy to share their experience and knowledge with us newbies, just like boaters do. Overall we had a wonderful time and we are already scouting places to go for our next trip, hopefully soon! See photos next page.

Check out our Face Book page (Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club) and follow us. Search for @LSFYC.
Wishing you all smooth sailing and happy trails.

Moti Cohen-Doron
LSFYC Commodore

PHOTOS



Electrical conduit trench from panels between restroom and fire station to edge of concrete walkway in front of NYCLB. Continuation will be from walkway thru grass area to new upgraded power panel in the NYCLB clubhouse. An additional line from the panel will then be routed to the new Shed building.



The Motihome takes to the road! Moti, Jill and daughter Maya enjoy the comforts of home while on 4 wheels.



Vice Commodore's Report

Debra Terrell



Sayonara, Summer!...

Boy it just whizzed by this year...and then again, on the hottest and stickiest of the long summer days, it seemed like it would never end. Time in general feels like such a contradiction these days but I'm looking forward to what this new season will bring.

One thing I'll be doing this month and some of you are joining me, is on behalf of LSFYC, providing dinners to families at the Ronald McDonald House in Long Beach on Sept 12th. It's not too late if you'd like to help—here again is the wish list of things that really allow these families to focus on spending time with their sick kids. Call or email me and I'll arrange to take donations when we deliver the meal.

Wish List

- 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

Gift Cards

- Gas cards
- Target
- Amazon
- Wal-Mart
- Albertsons
- El Pollo Loco
- McDonald's
- Starbucks
- Taco Bell

The 12th is shaping up to be a really fun day also because the Port Townsend, WA wooden boat festival is moving all of the amazing workshops, films, presentations and tours online this year. While I'll miss the salty ambiance of a long weekend strolling around Port Townsend, this year's virtual version seems like it's going to be a real bargain with hours of entertainment, a low ticket price and no travel expenses!

See next page for links to the virtual Festival ...

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Click on this link

<https://woodenboat.org › participate...> and then click on the LINK BELOW you see there for more information on the events.

Join the Virtual Wooden Boat Festival, Sept 12, 2020

Wooden Boat Festival is all about sharing our stories from the past year(s), and the Virtual Festival is no different. For the Virtual Festival, not only do we have special content created just for you, we will also feature stories from the wooden boat community—stories about your boats, your adventures, your shops, and your COVID builds.

[Click here to purchase tickets](#) to the Virtual Wooden Boat Festival, September 12, 2020.

Coastal Cleanup...

If that isn't enough excitement for you or you're just not an armchair kinda sailor, the entirety of September is Coastal Cleanup month and Little Shippers have been great supporters of this effort in the past. The following is a message from the CA State Parks boating program:

This year, cleaning the coast will start at our own front doors.

For safety reasons, there are no large, centrally organized cleanup sites this year. Instead, cleanups will be self-guided and close to home. Practice physical distancing, and strictly follow both local ordinances and this [safety document](#).

Cleaning your neighborhoods, local parks, streets, and storm drains helps protect our coast. Trash travels through storm drains, creeks, and rivers to become beach and ocean pollution. Help clean the beach by picking up litter in your community with your household.

Today I also received this message from a irrepressibly positive friend—and I liked it so much I'd like to share it with you:

'This Labor Day, no matter where you are and what life holds for you and your family, I hope you take the day to give thanks for the things in life money can't buy — family, friends, and hope for better days ahead.'

Here's hoping you all have a wonderful holiday weekend—what other time do you get to celebrate work without actually having to do any?

Debra Terrell

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Rear Commodore's Report

Cindy Ramirez



Happy September Birthdays Little Shippers!

We are so excited for our LSFYC members to visit our new shed. As soon as all electrical construction is completed, Commodore Moti will let us know and we will be happy to arrange COVID approved safe visits. It is just AWESOME! Another BIG THANK YOU to Moti, Doug W. (NYCLB) and Tony R. (NYCLB Planning committee for this project).

Reminder to submit applications for new members before our October BOD meeting. The fee this year is \$150.00 and renewal in January for members is \$125.00. Please invite family and friends to join in our future events. Members **Chris Layne** and **Luis Santana** are anxious to cook for us! We cannot wait to return to fun and continue our service events like Clean The Bay Day and Ronald Mc Donald House.

Speaking of Ronald McDonald House...please contact Vice Commodore Deb to donate to our September 12 th contribution of a meal to be dropped off this year due to COVID safety rules. Kudos to **Lara Franco**, **Mary Pintarelli**, **Christine Dawson** for joining Deb, Jill and I with a \$25.00 donation for food items.

We are looking forward to reuniting and until then, take care and stay healthy. Have a wonderful Labor Day weekend, stay cool.

Cindy Ramirez

LSFYC Rear Commodore/Secretary



Signals from the Fleet Captain

Nate Tucker



Racing is back...

If you're into racing, the 26th of this month is what you've been waiting for. Yes, LSFYC is hosting a total of one race ***Beat the Heat Race*** this year, which is better than 0 races, which it could easily have been. Take note of the flyer (last page) in this issue for more details.

Since this is the last race of the season we will be awarding trophies, but unfortunately, there will be no usual after-race burger bash due to you know what. I'll actually miss listening to the tall tales of derring do sputtered by the odd assortment of grinders, rail meat and the like after their harrowing two hours over the bounding main harbor of Long Beach. Shellbacks all, I'm sure.

I'm already looking forward to next year which will be a return to normal - I hope; we all do, of course. We've had quite an influx of LSFYC newbies of late and I'm hoping for an uptick in racing participation. So if you're new to the club and you have your own boat but just use it for cruising and want to sharpen your skills or even if you don't own a boat and want to crew but not sure how to go about it, give me a call or email and we'll make it happen. Racing is fun, interesting, and always a learning experience.

Congrats to **Dave Sweeney** and his 16 year old son Isaac who took first place in Class C in the *Crew of 2 Around Catalina* (SSYC) race in July aboard his Cat 40.5 catamaran *Kailani*.

Be well, everyone.

Nate Tucker
LSFYC Fleet Captain



September 2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 LSFYC BEAT THE HEAT RACE
27	28	29	30			



**RACE WITH US ON
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2020**

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

BEAT THE HEAT 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)
\$15 per race**

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 1800 HRS THURS SEPT 24
RACE STARTS AT 1200 HRS --- MARK 38**

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

lsfyc.org

RACE AND SERIES TROPHIES TO BE AWARDED AFTER THE RACE (SEE NOR)

2020 LSFYC Bridge

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