

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Moti Cohen-Doron



Greetings Little Shippers...

Here we are officially in fall. It's funny, as I look back on the last 6-7 months sometimes I feel like it dragged by slowly, like a sailboat heading upwind and sometimes I feel like it has sped by like a freight train that just missed me! Either way it's been a crazy year for us all and I for one, will be happy to see 2020 in my rear view mirror!

Even with a pandemic, we were able to accomplish some pretty amazing things this year and the successful completion of our Shed replacement is at the forefront. Navy YC's electrical work was finished about a week ago and we were finally able to turn on the lights. Some members of Navy YC were nearby and were cheering this great event. There was a little glitch though with our new fridge (generously donated by Rear Commodore **Cindy Ramirez**). So I ask of all of you, how many Little Shippers does it take to turn on a new fridge? I think the final count was 8, but the winner was **Chris Layne**! He managed to download the manual and now we have a fully operating fridge! Thanks Chris, we were a little worried that we would have to drink warm beer in our new Shed. So after 83 years, Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club finally has a new permanent home (The Shed) in Long Beach. This historic project was only made possible by the generous support of our members. Thank you to everyone who donated to make this dream a reality. This was a huge accomplishment, especially during a pandemic, but you made it happen. In addition, I am currently working with the City of Long Beach to extend our lease from 5 to 15 years.

Another great accomplishment was made by Vice Commodore **Debra Terrell** for her organizing an amazing dinner (and snacks for the pantry) for the *Long Beach Ronald McDonald House*. I am sure she'll discuss it further in this newsletter (page 2), however I just want to thank all of the members who donated and helped with the logistics. It's a wonderful charity and I am very happy that LSFYC members have embraced it with their generosity and support.

As some of you may know we will be holding elections soon for the 2021 Board of Directors and Flag officers. These are all voluntary positions and we would love to see some of our new members take part in the leadership roles of the club operations and management. If you are interested in becoming a Flag officer or a director on the board, feel free to contact me and I would be happy to discuss the details with you. Don't be daunted, it is not a huge commitment, the Board only meets every other month. As soon as the situation is safe we will get together to celebrate the grand opening of our LITTLE SHIPS SHED.

I encourage you all to visit our new Facebook page, **Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club**. **Kari Nielsen** took it upon herself to add content and keep members up to date on club news and happenings. Be sure to check it out, become a friend and follow us. In the meantime, continue to stay the course and be safe.

Moti Cohen-Doron
LSFYC Commodore



Vice Commodore's Report

Debra Terrell



"... you will discover that you have two hands. One is for helping yourself and the other is for helping others." – Audrey Hepburn

I love this quote and the similar 'One hand for yourself, One for the ship' that many of us learn as children. So simple and sensible.

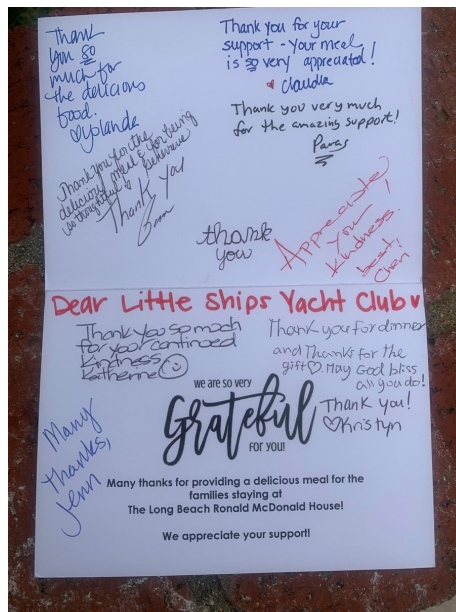
It never fails to touch and humble me when I hear inspiring stories of ordinary folks who give generously of what they have to help others. Some share their time and talent, others money or goods, and all throw in lots of heart.

A handful of our LSFYC members (you know who you are) again extended a generous amount of all of these last month during our annual support of the *Ronald McDonald House* in Long Beach.

Tremendous thanks to each of you who continue to embrace this project and help create a little light and comfort for families in some of their darkest hours.

I feel very fortunate to be a part of this group of you who contributes to the outreach work of Little Ships Fleet with such care and compassion. Thank you for always stepping up.

Debra Terrell
LSFYC Vice Commodore



Thank you card from the RMH folks



Rear Commodore's Report

Cindy Ramirez



Welcome to October...

I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and ready for cooler fall weather, the Blue Moon and Halloween. The trick ...will be to have fun in costumes on zoom. Lol
Happy October Birthday's to our members.

We are anxious to resume our gatherings when safe and approved. Until then... we have successfully continued with distanced events:

- the completion of our renovated shed, new electricity and new refrigerator.
- our club's donation to the Ronald McDonald House in Long Beach
- LSFYC sponsored "Beat The Heat Race"

A big thank you to all our members that helped to make these events a success.

Speaking of members.... welcome to Ashwin Jackson, a friend to our club from Lowe's. Please invite new members to join LSFYC.

We are presently working towards safe alternatives for our Dec. Brunch and Jan. 2021 Banquet. We will keep you posted.

Take care, stay healthy and joyous. Happy sailing...

Cindy Ramirez

LSFYC Rear Commodore/Secretary



Signals from the Fleet Captain

Nate Tucker



LSFYC Beat the Heat Race...

September 26, 2020, a date that will live in - no, not infamy, a memorable date, the date of the one and only race our club successfully hosted this COVID-shortened season. Twelve boats answered the siren call to the start line on a near perfect day, blue skies, flat seas, and a coying 5 knot south-westerly breeze, which later built to a bruising 5.3 knots - still coying though.

The **A** and **B** (spinnaker) fleets were closely contested with only about one minute separating first and second place in both fleets: *Raptor* (NYCLB) edging out *Dos Amigos Dos* (SLBYC) and with **Ben Smith** on *Renegade* (LSFYC) narrowly taking first in front of *Bilbo Baggins* (SLBYC) after navigating a challenging 7.7 mile course

The **non-spinnaker** fleet, sailed over a 6.6 mile course, was not so close with **Larry Rizzo**, a one man crew, aboard his Harbor 20 *Hey Riz* easily besting the rest of the non-spin fleet. Larry, by the way, is a new member of Little Ships Fleet and we welcome him aboard! Also participating was **Geoff Vanden Heuvel** on *Swell Lover*. Congratulations to the winners and to all the participants (see next page for results).

Also, a shout out to S/C **Frank Franco** for volunteering his boat, *Cantamar*, a Tollycraft 30, for Race Committee duty. Frank tells me he'll be doing race committee next year as well, which is very much appreciated as in the past we've sometimes had to scramble to find a committee boat.



Committee boat crew: FC Nate Tucker, Lynn, Skipper Frank Franco, PRO Dick Martin (with mask).

Photo by Moti Cohen Doron



Everyone, enjoy your club and boating experiences and be safe.

Nate Tucker

LSFYC Fleet Captain

Beat the Heat Race results

LSFYC Beat the Heat Race 9/26/20

				Spin A		
Pos	On Sail	Boat	Skipper	PHRF	Club	Type
1	2	56454 Raptor	Butner, Heinz	66	NYCLB	J 109
2	1	46966 Dos Amigos Dos	Bob/Tom, Hubbard/Valcich	81	SLBYC	C&C 110
3	4	52316 Buenos Aries	Williams, Mark	81	DWYC	Beneteau 36-7
4	3	60530 Rode Rage	Cochran, Peter	81	DPYC	Beneteau 37

				Spin B		
Pos	On Sail	Boat	Skipper	PHRF	Club	Type
1	2	46338 Renegade	Smith, Ben	108	LSFYC	Beneteau 38S5
2	3	67917 Bilbo Baggins	Weimer, Don	111	SLBYC	Cat 38
3	1	46299 Swell Lover	Vandenhoevel, Geoffrey	186	LSFYC	Cat 30

				Non-Spin		
Pos	On Sail	Boat	Skipper	PHRF	Club	Type
1	3	77422 Hey Riz	Rizzo, Larry	198	LSFYC	Sloop 20'
2	4	77735 Que Linda	Lewis, Steve	186	SYC	ERC 28+
3	5	87044 Knotty Girl	Acosta, Janie	120	SYC	Santana 30-30 GP
4	2	7637 Good Grief II	Sapp, Billy	102	SYC	Cat 42 Mk II
5	1	7389 Belissima	Cornelius, Tom	198	LSFYC	Ranger 26



Ben Smith on *Renegade*



Larry Rizzo's *Hey Riz*



Tom Cornelius on *Belissima*



From the LSFYC shed, Moti presenting Spin A first place trophy to Heintz Butner (NYCLB). Looking on is crewmate Tony Rietdyk.



Jr. Staff Commodore's Report

Frank Franco



"When you come to a fork in the road, take it!" ...Yogi Berra

Wow...no one Hollywood movie script writer could ever come up with the apocalyptic scenario we are all experiencing now. Let's see...a global pandemic outbreak, multiple raging forest fires on the West coast, protests (read riots) in the streets, out of control unemployment, an earthquake, business shutdown/restrictions/collapse, widespread homelessness, racial division, and political election hijinks. Truth can be stranger than fiction...but don't fret, there is a rocket now travelling to Mars whose mission will one day in the future allow us an out of this world opportunity to escape from this planet!

Yes, this October 4 is the fork in the road. Regardless of direction, take the opportunity to vote.

OK...back to yachting. The Americas Cup Race is next year, however, the cash strapped and boat-less hometown LBYC's effort appears to be floundering which will leave only a handful of competitors for the event. I know some folks can hardly wait for the race to begin.

But if you can't wait and want some boating action soon, coming November 8, 2020 is the start of the *Vendee Globe*, the solo, single handed, non stop (without assistance) around the world race held every 4 years. The start/finish is from/to Les Sables-d'Olonne, France. The current fleet consists of 33 international super sailors (men and women) whose mono hull (some with foils) boats are the most advanced design with one objective...to go fast in all conditions. These ocean going Ferraris are equipped with every conceivable electronic communication and navigation aid to allow constant contact with race organizers...and internet viewers, as you will be able to follow the race via the internet: <https://www.vendeeglobe.org/en>

The boats get faster and faster and this year may see the record broken as now foils are being used by some of the boats. This is an extremely challenging race, the supreme test of skill and knowledge and not all finish. The current record is 78 days.

Enjoy this video*: <https://www.vendeeglobe.org/en/web-tv>

Frank Franco
LSFYC Staff Commodore

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October 2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 <i>Columbus Day</i>	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>Halloweenie</i>



2020 LSFYC Bridge

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