

# Three Sheets in the Wind

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## Commodore's Report

*Moti Cohen-Doron*



### Greetings Little Shippers...

It's hard to believe we are in November already. The chill is in the air (not so much during the day but definitely in the mornings) and the Halloween decorations are gone.

The end of the year is nearly here and as I stated in the last newsletter I will be happy to see 2020 go! 2021 cannot come fast enough for me, but there are many things that happened this year that I am grateful for.

Even though we have been in the middle of a pandemic and we were unable to host any activities, I think 2020 was a milestone year for our 83-year-old club. We made history this year with the construction and completion of our new Shed! Little Ships Fleet finally has a real home in Alamitos Bay. If you haven't seen it already, you really should come by, it is the nicest building on the peninsula. We're getting compliments from everyone and I even got one from the City of Long Beach. I think that we set a new standard for the area. This historic accomplishment could not have been done without the generous support we received from our wonderful members. You answered the call and made it happen and for that I am grateful.

Our Vice Commodore **Debra Terrell** has had a full plate this year. Even with her navigating a busy schedule and taking care of her wonderful, but ailing Dad, she managed to pull off a great event just before we all had to quarantine! She lovingly created an afternoon get together called, "Tales of the Old Salt's." Always interested in the history of our club, Debra had the great idea of spotlighting some of our long-standing members and let them speak about the old days of our club for the newer members. It was great listening to members recall the history of the club and hear stories about the good old days. It is an afternoon I will never forget. Debra also took the lead by organizing food donations for the Ronald McDonald House on behalf of our club. She shopped, prepped and with the help of **Cindy Ramirez** delivered everything to the House for the residents to enjoy. For her service to the club and the community I am grateful.

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## Commodore's Report...con't

This year our club membership was boosted due to the amazing recruiting efforts of our Rear Commodore Cindy Ramirez. She has taken on the role of recruitment without even knowing she volunteered for the position. In her short time as a member she has recruited almost 20 new members! These new members have already made a great impact for our little club. For her hard work and dedication to Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club I am grateful.

At the end of September we even managed to host a successful regatta, the *Beat The Heat Race*. With 4 boats representing LSFYC, **Frank Franco's CANTAMAR** as a committee boat and the volunteer spirit of our members we all had a great day on the water.

The same Board of Directors, Staff and Flag Officers will continue for 2021 with a slight change: Cindy Ramirez will step up as Vice Commodore, replacing Debra Terrell who could not continue due to personal reasons, **Al Bordallo** will serve as Rear Commodore and **Chris Layne** will be a member of the Little Ships Fleet Board of Directors. Thank you to the continuing board members for sticking with us for another year.

As I'm going into my second term as Commodore for Little Ships Fleet I am hoping that 2021 will be a better year for us all. Looking back on the year and seeing our wonderful accomplishments even during a pandemic I feel we did a lot and made an impact on our club and the community and for that I am grateful.

Wishing you all a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving!

***Moti Cohen-Doron***  
*LSFYC Commodore*



## **Rear Commodore's Report**

***Cindy Ramirez***



### **Welcome to November...**

This coming Thanksgiving, I will count my blessings, give thanks and gratitude for:

- our Flag Officers, Board members
- our members ... new and old (haha)
- our new LSFYC Shed (Kudos to Moti and Mr. Tran, shed con-

tractor)

- our Installation dinner at the Boathouse
- Tales of the Old Salts at Cerritos Bahia YC
- our donation to Ronald McDonald House
- our goal of 12 new members this year including newly approved:

John Kehoe & Liz,  
Elena Yuasa,  
Diane Newton

We are anxious to meet everyone this January for a safe Installation Banquet at The Boathouse.

Please remember to invite friends and family to join. Fee in Jan. \$225.00. Also, re-new your LSFYC memberships in Jan 2021 ...fee is \$125.00. Refer to our Treasurer's report for more information.

Until we meet, stay healthy and joyous this holiday season. Many blessings ,

***Cindy Ramirez***

***LSFYC Rear Commodore/Secretary***



## **Treasurer's Report**

***Dick Martin***



### **Dues for 2021...**

Yes, soon it's that time again...the **LSFYC MEMBERSHIP DUES** will be due for 2021. Your past membership has been greatly appreciated and will certainly be so for this coming new year. To ensure that you will be listed on the **2021 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.**

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...

***Dick Martin***

*Treasurer, LSFYC*



## **Signals from the Fleet Captain**

***Nate Tucker***



Although there are no dates yet nailed down for the 2021 High Point series (watch this space) the SCYA website shows the *Mid-winter Regatta* set for Feb 6 & 7, 2021, and Feb 20 & 21, 2021. The *Midwinters* feature many venues with various clubs hosting fleet racing, including Mercury class, Cal 20, J24, Laser, Soling, Snipe, etc., along with the PHRF racers and also the RC model boats. If interested, please check out the SCYA website for more details.

America's Cup racing will return in Jan, Feb & March of 2021. At present, New Zealand holds the Cup and is hosting the event in Auckland. ESPN will probably partner with SkySports to air it locally. There will be live broadcasts, but NZ is a day and some hours ahead of us(?)(I know, right?!) so check your local listings as they say.

Speaking of AC boats, technology is the order of the day. The R&D of the individual syndicates (the owners) is closely guarded - hush, hush, if you will. I understand very little of the technology involved, but I will give you a little taste of what's going on. Take spinnakers, for example. On the AC boats you will never see a spinnaker! Never. In our "normal" sailing, the spinnaker is the most important down wind sail, but the AC boats are never sailing down wind. Is that even possible? Well yes, if you're sailing *faster* than the wind, the *apparent* wind is always forward of the beam, which means your sails are always trimmed for *upwind* sailing. And yes, these boats can sail up to three times the speed of the wind, depending on conditions, of course. This is way over simplified. There are many, many factors involved, but I'll leave it there for lack of time, space and expertise.

BTW there are plenty of great sailing videos on YouTube. Plenty of good books out there too. Stay safe everyone and have a great holiday season.

***Nate Tucker***  
***LSFYC Fleet Captain***



## **Jr. Staff Commodore's Report**

**Frank Franco**



*"If the world were perfect, it wouldn't be"....Yogi Berra*

OK, I am running out of Yogiisms and have to find another source of quotes applicable to the current situation. However, as of November 7, we will certainly become closer to a sane and stable nation.

As mentioned in Moti's report, much has been accomplished this year for the club...regardless of the pandemic...thanks to the dedicated efforts of many of the members. Some fallout tho is that there was no Opening Day, member meetings and now there will be no annual LSFYC Holiday Breakfast usually held in December and no December Newsletter. As indicated in the Commodore's Report the need for a nomination and election of 2021 Officers has been dispensed with as Moti has agreed to repeat his role as Commodore. Thanks again to Debra Terrell for her participation and efforts in providing activities for the club. Although the role of an LSFYC Officer is voluntary, personal needs and requirements certainly take priority over any duties. Hopefully, next year will allow the club to be more active.

This never ending pandemic has impacted restaurant dining in L.A. County...outside only. But now it is getting darker and colder sooner with some rain in the forecast. More challenges for the diners as well as the owners. Wear a jacket with raingear and eat fast so the food doesn't cool down or get soggy!

However, Orange County cities (including Rossmoor and Los Alamitos) are allowed inside dining (25% capacity only) so chow down there while the opportunity exists...you never know when the status will change.

One location to dine inside is *Huntington Harbour Yacht Club* (on Warner/PCH). Tuesday is Taco Tuesday from 5 to 8pm. Friday is Chef's choice 5 to 8pm. Sunday Brunch is from 10am to 1pm which is open to all visitors...\$20 (but \$17 to YC members...so wear your name tag).

So if the world doesn't explore before then, see you all next year.

**Frank Franco**

*LSFYC Staff Commodore*



# November 2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 <b>VOTE!</b>	4	5	6	7 <b>New President !</b>
8	9	10	11 <b>Veterans Day</b>	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 <b>Turkey Day</b>	27	28
29	30					



## 2020 LSFYC Bridge

### OPERATIONS STAFF

*Commodore: Moti Cohen-Doron*  
*Vice Commodore: Debra Terrell*  
*Rear Commodore: Cindy Ramirez*  
*Treasurer: Dick Martin*  
*Fleet Captain: Nate Tucker*  
*Port Captain : Larry Finley*  
*Secretary/Events: Cindy Ramirez*

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Jr. Staff Comm: Frank Franco*  
*Director: S/C Tom Cornelius*  
*Director: S/C Nate Tucker*  
*Director: S/C Rob Sonz*  
*Director: David Haas*  
*Director: Al Bordallo*

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*S/C Ben Smith*