

# Three Sheets in the Wind

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## **Commodore's Report**

***Moti Cohen-Doron***



### **Happy New Year Little Shippers...**

I trust you all had a healthy and happy New Year, I for one am very happy to finally have 2020 in the history books! What a crazy year it's been for us all. Hopefully 2021 will shortly provide us with calm winds and smooth sailing.

Our club is continuing moving forward with plans for 2021. The Flag of officers has been doing a great deal of planning behind the scenes. We're hopeful that we'll be able to have some events for members in the next few months. We will definitely keep you all posted. Please check our wishful calendar of events below. As you will see on the calendar we are planning to hold some joint events with our neighbors at Navy Yacht Club including their famous Friday Night Pot lucks every other month beginning in February. The food will be catered in and individually wrapped. There will be a charge of \$5 per person for the food and drinks will be available at their honor bar.

Speaking of honor bar, we will begin our own Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club honor bar. (see photos next page). We will have soft drinks and beer available to purchase. Prices will be: \$1 for soft drinks, \$2 for domestic beer and \$3 for imported beer. During these difficult times we thought it would provide members with a nice place to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Alamitos Bay.

I want to welcome **Mary Pintarelli** to the board of directors for 2021. Thank you for stepping up and joining the leadership of our club. Also if you haven't renewed your membership yet please do so as soon as possible. We appreciate your continued membership especially during these difficult times.

Over the holidays, Jill, Maya and I took our Land Trawler to Pala Casino RV Resort (photos next page). We don't gamble at all so it seems like kind of a waste but it wasn't, we really had a great time. We drove along a beautiful mountain road to get to the park. The RV park is nestled in the foothills not far from San Diego. The park is perfectly maintained and it's our best RV resort so far (we only been to four). Lately we have been using the RV to dine outside near some of our favorite restaurants. We get the food to go and enjoy a 360 degree view of the parking lot but at least the food is hot and we can go back in for refills.

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

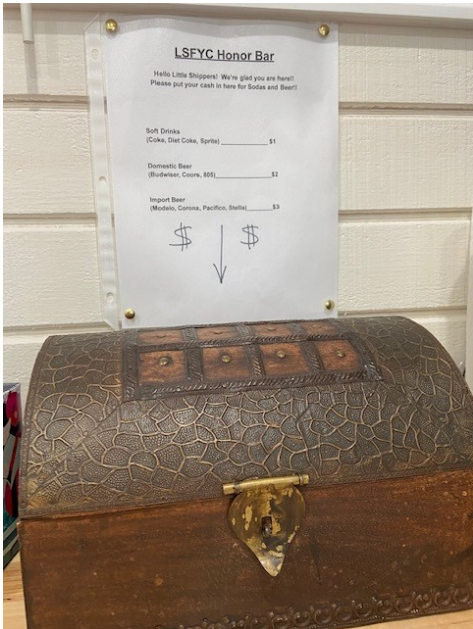
**Photos...**



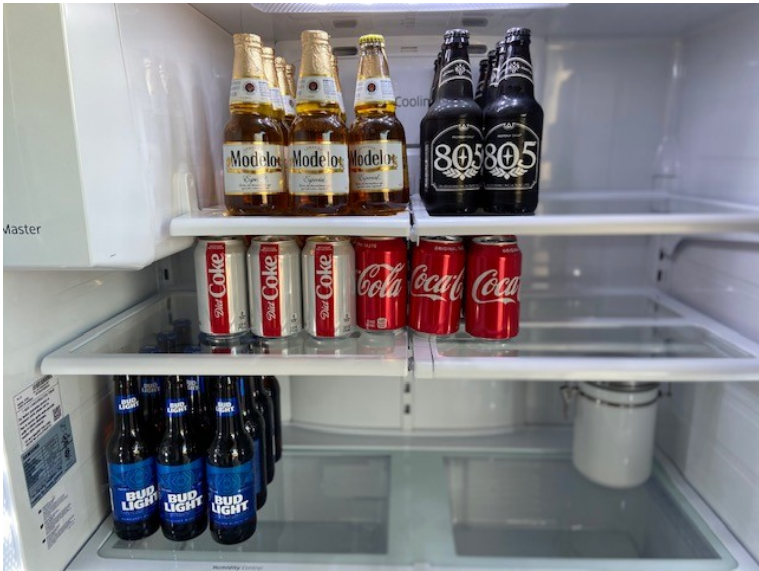
The Motihome at the RV park



Beautiful sunset



Honor cash box



Drinks for members



## **Vice Commodore's Report**

***Cindy Ramirez***



Welcome to our LSFYC members for 2021!

We hope you are all healthy and looking forward to our calendar of events as soon as permitted.

I would like to extend our thanks to last year's Vice Commodore **Deb Terrell**. You have been a great mentor and we are grateful. I would also like to welcome **Chris Layne** and **Mary Pintarelli** as 2021 Directors.

We are also happy to announce that our yacht club added 12 new members in 2020 and 2 new members for 2021, approved at our Zoom BOD meeting on Jan. 5 th.

Welcome to: **Joe & Lori Jordan**  
**Jodi & Jesse Serrato**

We look forward to introducing you to our LSFYC Club & BOD in the near future. All members, please remember to check your emails and feel free to contact us with any questions.

As your Vice Commodore, I hope to provide you with opportunities to safely utilize our LSFYC Shed within the COVID restrictions.

We are joining Navy YCLB every other month for Friday Potlucks beginning Feb. 12th. The cost will be \$5.00 for a catered meal provided by our chef **Luis Santana**. We are grateful for his participation.

Please let us know if you would like to volunteer in planning club events (see website: [lsfyc.org](http://lsfyc.org)). Also, remember to invite others to join LSFYC .

Our hope is to meet as soon as approved. Until then... "wishing you smooth sailing."

Many blessings to you, your family and friends,

***Cindy Ramirez***  
*LSFYC Vice Commodore*



## **Treasurer's Report**

***Dick Martin***

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

Yes, it's that time again...the **LSFYC MEMBERSHIP DUES** are 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***

***LSFYC Treasurer***





## **Signals from the Fleet Captain**

***Nate Tucker***



We're all hoping 2021 will see an end or at least a diminishment of the COVID virus, and with that in mind the four clubs that host the High Point series have agreed on a race schedule for the coming season. The first race will be March 20. By that time we should start to see a "flattening of the curve". Each club will host two races. LSFYC sponsored races will be **June 5** and **July 17**, *maybe* followed by a burger bash. The full schedule, race entry forms and other pertinent information can be found on the LSFYC website.

There's also news on the issue of eel grass. Yes, eel grass is an issue. (Still) Eel grass is Federally protected and the California Coastal Commission along with the Army Corps of Engineers has developed a San Pedro Bay Eco System Restoration Plan. Under consideration is the building of eel grass reef structures, some of which will be near the Alamitos Bay jetty entrance and along the outer breakwater. Eel grass provides protection for fish, is a food source for sea creatures, and apparently halibut use it as a nursery environment. It also oxygenates the water. That said, it is also a bloody nuisance for those looking to use our watery recreational area for sailing and other water-oriented activities.

We don't know yet if these "structures" will result in "restricted" areas or even hazards for the boating public. There will be a conference call where all this will be discussed on **Jan 19 at 7 p.m.** Toll Free: **1 844 800 2712**. Access code: **199 849 5629**. Anybody can dial in. I will. (Watch this space)

I want to thank long time LSFYC member **Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel** for alerting me and others of this call.

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



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

**Frank Franco**



Well...just when we thought 2020 was the worst year ever, 2021 said "...*hold that thought...it ain't over yet!*"

The past year has certainly been a bust and has knocked the bottom out of many of the local yacht club's activities. Hopefully the situation will improve later in the year. In the meantime, continue to wear the masks, wash the hands and maintain a safe distance from others.

The cancellation of the various marina Christmas boat parades was a disappointment for many...mostly me as I was planning on entering one of them with my carefully decorated boat. So not to be too discouraged, I conducted my own boat parade...of one. During various evenings along with invited friends, we left the slip and cruised back and forth thru the Alamitos Bay marina with lites blazing and drinks flowing. A good time was had by all!



This newsletter is for the members...not only to provide the latest information, but to be an avenue for members to relate their experiences and tell their boating stories. If you have something of interest regarding your experiences that you would like to convey to LSFYC members, please send it to: [lsfyclb@gmail.com](mailto:lsfyclb@gmail.com) and I will certainly include it in an issue.

**Frank Franco**  
*LSFYC Staff Commodore*



# January 2021



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On New Year's Day a monolith appeared mysteriously in front of the shed! ...Aliens?

## **2021 LSFYC Bridge**

### **OPERATIONS STAFF**

**Commodore:** Moti Cohen-Doron  
**Vice Commodore:** Cindy Ramirez  
**Rear Commodore:** Al Bordallo  
**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 Nate Tucker  
**Director:** S/C Rob Sonz  
**Director:** Chris Layne  
**Director:** Mary Pintarelli

### **OTHER CONTACTS**

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**S/C Ben Smith**