

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Moti Cohen-Doron



Hello Little Shippers...

Under "normal" circumstances I would be writing about our last event which would've been our January Installation of Officers Dinner for 2021. I wish I could tell you it was a great event, and that VC **Cindy Ramirez** worked her magic and produced a wonderful event at the Boathouse with a good meal, good camaraderie, a great location and a fantastic evening for all. I could've also told you about our upcoming events, like the Joint Friday Potluck with Navy Yacht Club this month, the upcoming Clean The Bay Day, a Winery Land Cruise for some wine tasting and of course the start of our preparations for the upcoming LSFYC 84th Opening Day (it's all in our calendar of events).

Oooh I miss "normal" so much, I'm sure you're all missing it as much as I do or to some degree, but enough with woulda-coulda-shoulda. The good news is, that things are starting to move in the right direction with outdoor dining in restaurants, the COVID vaccines are being deployed and Spring is on the horizon.

Speaking of Spring, if you're planning an outing around the beautiful Alamitos Bay area, please stop by to enjoy a refreshing glass of wine, beer or a soft drink from our Honor Bar at the LSFYC Shed (you can't beat these prices, \$1 sodas, \$2 domestic beer, \$3 imported beer, \$3 wine). Let us know when you're planning to visit so we can open the door for you (my phone number is on the website: lsfdc.org). See also V/C Cindy's article for more information. The near future plan is to have the Shed open on specific days for the members to enjoy.

In January Jill, daughter Maya and I had a chance to see the last of the Christmas lights in Alamitos Bay with S/C **Frank Franco** and Lara on their boat CANTAMAR. It was cold but we had a good time sipping hot chocolate and Fireball. (see photo next page).

I also had the pleasure of delivering a 34 foot Welcraft Sport Cruiser from Newport Beach to Marina Del Rey. The boat was donated to our kids' old school. Rabbis normally don't drive boats so I was asked to deliver it to a broker in MDR. Conditions were perfect, smooth glassy surface, no wind and lots of sun (see photo next page).

I want to thank again all those who renewed their 2021 membership with Little Ships and remind you to renew if you haven't done so yet.

I also want to thank **Kelly Sonz** for keeping us up to date with S/C **Rob's** recovery from a serious illness. I'm very happy to report that Rob is back home now and doing much better under Kelly's loving care.

I wish all of you a quick return to normalcy and hope to see you very soon.

Moti Cohen-Doron
LSFYC Commodore

Photos...



Lara Franco, Jill and Maya on CANTAMAR during the personal boat parade



Captain Moti delivers the cruiser from Newport Beach to Marina del Rey



Vice Commodore's Report

Cindy Ramirez



Welcome Little Shippers...

We wish you a Happy Valentine's Day and wish all our members a Happy Birthday in February 2021. We hope you are healthy and doing well during this pandemic. We are sending our heartfelt thoughts to **Christina Dawson, Rob Sonz**, to feel better soon. If there are members that need our help in any way, please call on us, your LSFYC family.

I am sure you are ready to gather at our Shed and begin our scheduled calendar of events.... WE ARE TOO! However, your health and safety are our priority.

Solution:

Our BOD is fortunate to have members volunteer to help... **Elena Yuasa, Al Bordallo** and myself are available, please feel free to contact us to set up a time that works for you.

Here is what we can do:

- provide small orientations for members in our Shed (by appt. and each Thursday 4-6
- Utilize our Honor Bar (see Moti's Report)
- Print your name on your B- date in the 2021 calendar. Hopefully, celebrating soon.
- Look at the large wood book of our legacy and history of LSFYC (thank you to our new member **Jeannie Velazquez**, who volunteered as Historian). Please share pictures or stories.
- Share your favorite restaurants / takeouts in our "BEST Of...Book located near Honor Bar.
- Keep in mind, members only. (Safety, Clean)
- Have fun, relax and enjoy Sunsets at the LSFYC Shed

Our Feb. 12th potluck with NYCLB has been postponed. However, the Shed will be open each Thursday 4-6 pm beginning Feb. 11th.

We are anxious to set a date for our Installation Banquet in the near future. Please check your emails.

In closing, I want to thank all our members for your LSFYC renewal. I promise it will be worth the wait! We have a fun year planned and cannot wait to see everyone again. We are truly grateful for our members. Our best to you and your families.

Cindy Ramirez

LSFYC Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore's Report

Al Bordallo



Hello fellow members...

My name is Al Bordallo. I am writing to you as the 2021 LSFYC Rear Commodore and have recently celebrated my tenth year retired (grocery clerk/ sailor).

Ten years ago, I started outfitting my Sailing Vessel *Conchita*, my first boat, a '98 Catalina 34 MkII as a long range cruiser (LRC).

With 2020 behind us, I am eager to utilize *Conchita* as a day sailor and have my fellow members join me. I have my fingers crossed hoping these pandemic restrictions lessen to allow us at least one day sail a month.

Hope to have you aboard soon.

Thank you and see you soon.

Al Bordallo

LSFYC Rear 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



Let the racing begin...

Our HiPoint racing season gets under way next month with Shoreline YC hosting. March 20 is the date so racers get your entry forms in. Meantime there's plenty of local racing going on for fun and tuning up.

Sail boat racing presents a plethora of challenges, or problems if you want to look at it that way. I mean there's timing the start; there's knowing the Rules of the Road so when you're in a crossing situation and there's a game of chicken going on, you better know who has the right-of-way; there's knowing when to crack off or go hard to windward. And many more. It's a thinking man's sport. (All right - a thinking person's sport).

Let's look at the idea of "cracking off". Simply put, the problem or challenge is which option gets you to the next mark in the least amount of time. Starting with the premise that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line, does it follow that sailing a straight line to the next mark gets you there in the least amount of time? It's complicated but interesting because it involves a lot of factors, literally there's a lot of moving parts involved.

As an example, look at the tracks of the America Cup boats as they tack up the course to the windward mark and jibe down the course to the leeward mark. They're making as many jibes going towards the leeward mark as tacks going up. Going down wind, they could sail in a straight line at probably something like 10 to 15 kts while covering the *shortest* distance. Meanwhile, the competition sailing a zig-zag jibing course may be covering twice the distance but at 45 to 50 kts.

Yes, those AC boats are unbelievably fast, but the principle applies to our slower "displacement" boats as well. The answer is different for every boat. The skipper has to make an educated guess based on boat speed, pointing ability, sea and wind conditions, what the competition is doing, and many other factors, not the least of which is who he has on board that day as crew.

Of course racing is only a part of the *sailing experience*. Christopher Cross had a great record out a few years back - "*Sailing takes me away...*" And so it does.

Be well and safe everyone, and get some sailing in whenever you can.

Nate Tucker
LSFYC Fleet Captain



Jr. Staff Commodore's Report

Frank Franco



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

Wait a minute! I posted that once before...it's like Groundhog Day!**

Here we are one year later and all is the same...not much has changed. Where did the 2020 year go?...and has it really left us?

Lara and I (and the cat Mikky) spend these days sitting and looking at each other thinking "OK...now what?" or more importantly "What do you want to eat tonight?" Although for Mikky, he is just waiting for the sound of the can opener. Since the majority of our meals were consumed in sit down restaurants, we face a daily dilemma as to where to find a satisfying meal. Fast food...no thanks! Most of the restaurants we usually patronize are now providing a takeout/pickup service. ..

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Aside from staring at each other, we also stare at the TV. Thanks to the internet for *Netflix* and *Amazon Prime*. They provide a multitude of movies, documentaries and entertaining stuff...

Wait another minute! I posted that once before too...it's like Groundhog Day again!

Lara and I got the Covid vaccination jab #1 (Long Beach Convention Center) and are now waiting for #2. After that last injection we should? be immune from Covid 19 and any zombie attacks.

In meantime, continue wearing masks, wash hands and social distance yourself.

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 and I will certainly include it in an upcoming issue.

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Frank Franco
LSFYC Staff Commodore

* See movie *Groundhog Day* with Bill Murray

This Old Boat *By Frank Franco*

Since purchasing the 40 year old Tollycraft 30 ft power boat 2 years ago, I have spent some time (and \$\$\$) in maintaining the mechanics and upgrading components in order to enjoy the boat and stay on top of the functionality. As with all boat owners, I want it to last as long as possible. Fortunately, the 2 big gas V8s have been rebuilt and are purring like 2 big fat cats.

But as with an automobile, over time, components wear out. Especially anything involving rotating items. Such was the recent case with a propeller shaft cutlass bearing. The bearing is the sleeve that resides inside the prop shaft support strut thru which the prop shaft runs thru. The bearing keeps the shaft aligned from engine to prop. The bearing is just a brass tube with a serrated rubber inner liner. The tube is press fitted into the strut. (see an example at right).



One day, while out in the harbor, I heard banging under the hull at the left engine. Shutting down the engine and heading back to the slip on the right engine, I thought that I had picked up some kelp. Once back in the slip, I called the diver to come at first chance to take a look and remove any obstructions. Two days later, he called and told me that not only was there kelp wrapped on the shaft but that the cutlass bearing rubber insert had been pushed out of the sleeve. &#\$#@! Now I have to get the boat pulled out to pull the prop and install a new bearing!

“...not to worry amigo!” the diver tells me “I know a guy who can install the new bearing underwater!” WHAT! So I call Bob Harris from *Pro Tech Dive Works* who tells me that he has tools and equipment to remove the old and install the new bearing without moving the boat from the slip. After determining the correct size of the bearing to replace, Bob shows up with his assistant (the diver) and hydraulic equipment that pushes out the old and pushes in the new bearing.

After removing the 17” dia (the size of a hub cap) bronze propeller, hooking up the jig and hydraulic pins to push out the old bearing, then reversing the jig to push in the new bearing, the job was done. However, the inspection of both props revealed bent blades! They being 40 years old, it was not unexpected. &#\$#@! Now I have to buy new props!



“...not to worry amigo!” Bob tells me “I know a guy who can recondition the propellers!” WHAT! So I call Gary at *Wilmington Propellers* who tells me that they can straighten the blades, balance and polish the props to a like new condition. Boat performance will improve as well he says.

I will get the props back next week for the diver to install and me to test.

There will probably be some other item to eventually wear out and have to deal with, but as long as one guy knows another guy that can fix it, all is good!



February 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Valentines Day</i>	15 <i>Presidents Day</i>	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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1973 CALENDAR

January 19	Installation of Officers - Princess Louise
February 16	LSF Meeting
February 17 and 18	SCYA Mid Winter Regatta
February 24	Sabot Warm-up Race
March 16	LSF Meeting
March 24	LSF Opening Day Parade - Dock Party at Golden Sails Hostess: Ruth Carnall
April 7	Sabot Race
April 8	Warm-up Race
April 27	Ensenada Fiesta Party - Lions Club - Hostess: Peg Gregory
April 28	Sabot Race
April 29	First Race - Spring Series
May 5 and 6	LSF Ensenada Stay-at-home Race - Invitational
May 12 and 13	Isthmus Cruise - Host: Bill Morse
May 18	LSF Meeting
May 19	Second Race - Spring Series
May 20	Third Race - Spring Series
June 2	Sabot Race
June 3	Ladies Harbor Race - Invitational - Dock Party Hostess: Mary Jo Cormack
June 9 and 10	Ship Rock Race
June 15	LSF Meeting
June 23	Sabot Race
June 24	Junior Race - Dock Party - Host/Hostess: Art & Ann Wadleigh
June 30/July 1	Isthmus Cruise - Host: Walt Ruffner
July 14	Sabot Race
July 15	Inverted Start Race - Dock Party - Hostess: Annette Daniels
July 20	LSF Meeting
July 21 and 22	Ladies Ship Rock Race - Invitational - Co-Hostesses: Joan Enderle and Lorraine Michael
August 4	Sabot Race
August 5	Ken Robertson Pt. Fermin Race
August 25 and 26	Isthmus Cruise - Host: Duane Easton
September 8 and 9	LSF Fall Invitational - Dock Party - Hostesses: Margaret Taylor and Rosemary Kaiser
September 21	LSF Meeting
September 22	Sabot Race
September 23	First Race - Fall Series
September 29	Sabot Race
September 30	Second Race - Fall Series
October 13	Sabot Race
October 14	Third Race - Fall Series and Invitational Trophy Presentation Captain's Inn
October 19	LSF Meeting
October 26	Halloween Party - Lions Club - Host: Ron Hazelhurst
November 3	Sabot Race
November 4	Crew's Harbor Race - Dock Party, Golden Sails - Hostesses: Dorothy Pettingill and Xetah Freed
November 16	LSF Meeting
November 17	Sabot Race
November 18	Team Race
December 2	Commodore's Fling
January 18	Installation of Officers

What used to be! LSFYC Calendar of Events from 1973

2021 LSFYC Bridge

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Commodore: Moti Cohen-Doron
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