

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Moti Cohen-Doron



Hello Little Shippers...

I am very happy to announce that we had our first official event of the 2021 season this past weekend at our new and improved Shed. For those of you who couldn't make it, you really missed a wonderful day at our little club. First of all the weather was perfect, not a cloud in the sky and it stayed about 70 degrees for most of the day. Second, the members funneled in and out throughout the day which complied to the safety protocols we wanted to ensure for our members. Third, our Food Captain, **Luis Santana**, made a delicious lunch for all of us that consisted of pasta primavera, salad and bread. These lunches were individually wrapped for each member to enjoy. It was great meeting new members and seeing long standing members as well. Thank you to all of those who attended and helped make this event a huge success! Your 2021 Flag of Officers are looking forward to hosting more events like this soon, as things slowly get back to normal. Your participation is needed to make sure these events are a success. See photos next page.

Also please feel free to stop by the club during our new Happy Hour times. These weekly club openings are graciously hosted by Vice Commodore, **Cindy Ramirez** on **Thursday** afternoons from **4:00pm-6:00pm** and on **Sunday** afternoons by Member **Elena Yuasa** from **1:00pm-3:00pm**. I encourage you all to come out and join the camaraderie and enjoy the beautiful bay views.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the City of Long Beach is not allowing us to have our Clean the Bay Day event that was scheduled to take place on March 20, 2021. Hopefully we will be able to do this important event another time as things improve.

We are still going forward with planning for our 84th Annual Opening Day. Please save Sunday, **April 25th** for this historic event. Opening Day is a great way to honor the club and it's members. The ceremony is short but the party afterwards is long (and fun)! We will keep you posted about volunteering opportunities as we will need help to make this event a success.

Wishing you all a Happy March and looking forward to see you all again soon!

Moti Cohen-Doron
LSFYC Commodore

Photos from Sat. March 6...



Moti, Frank, Lou, Lara, Al, Jill, Lara and Elena



Lara Arambula, Elena, Moti and Lara Franco



Members conversing outside the shed.



Lou and Lara Arambula



Mary and Jill prepare the meals.



Cindy Ramirez sets out the desserts



Vice Commodore's Report

Cindy Ramirez



Welcome to new Little Shippers...

Welcome to March 2021. "Enjoy each day"

Open House LSFYC Shed March 6

Daylight Savings March 14

St. Patrick's Day March 17

Clean The Bay Day March 20(Postponed)

LSFYC & NYCLB Potluck April 9, 5 pm

We are excited to see nearly all our members have renewed for 2021. Thank you!!!
Welcome to our newest members:

Lara & Lou Arambula

Abbie Woods

Laurie Hauser

Bobby John

Doug & Lorraine Wilson

We enjoyed meeting so many new members at Saturday's Mar 6 Open House. Hearing stories from our "Old Salts" was truly special. What a great day! Thank you to our Commodore **Moti** and Commodorable **Jill**, **Luis Santana** for a delicious lunch, our BOD team that helped make this event successful.

Please check our events calendar and updated emails...and invite interested new members.

Remember, The LSFYC Shed is open:

Thursday's. 4-6 pm

Sat. & Sunday's 1-3 pm

Feel free to come by and use our Honor Bar

We look forward to seeing you soon. Until then, stay healthy. Many blessings.

Cindy Ramirez

LSFYC Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore's Report

Al Bordallo



Hello fellow members...

We begin the month of March on a positive note with good weather, needed wet weather (rain; to hopefully quench this region's thirst), and positive news regarding COVID 19; less people dying, less getting ill, and so on.

We also had another impressive gathering at the LSFYC shed March 6th. Friendly people eager to contribute to a gathering that was not permitted the past twelve months, amid the still elevated dangers of the virus that looms.

I was happy to see about forty plus members in a four hour spread (10:am-2:30) having a good time enjoying the day. The restrictions caused by COVID did not keep us away. We all want to get back to normal safely.

LSFYC Members in attendance at the shed last Saturday:

Com **Moti and Jill**, V/C **Cindy Ramirez**, myself, S/C **Frank Franco** (later Lara), **Dick Martin**, **Mary Pintarelli**, **Chris Layne**, **Abbie Woods**, **Luis Santana**, **Christina Dawson**, **Lara Arambula** and **Lou**, **Elena Yuasa**, S/C **Roy Queen** and **Carolyn**, **Tom Pfleider** and **Kiki**, **Irene Gray**, F/C **Steve Cole** and **Melinda**, **Jeannie Vasquez**, **Kari Neilsen**, **Larry Rizzo**, **Rue Phillips**, S/C **Rob Sonz** and **Kelly**, S/C **Nate Tucker**, **Diane Newton**, **Laurie Hauser**, and S/C **Bob Fickes** with **Ginny**. Sponsored by **Lara Franco** was member applicant **Delores Grunigen**.

Thanks to all for making the day so enjoyable. We are all anxious to get this show back on the road!

I hope and pray for a positive procession for all of us and ours to get back to normal safely in the coming months. See you all in the coming months.

Al Bordallo

LSFYC Rear Commodore



Signals from the Fleet Captain

Nate Tucker



In a recent Tuesday afternoon race, a weekly event hosted by Navy YC, *Swell Lover*, a Catalina 30, finished first among boats with a PHRF rating of 200 or higher. This is obviously not front page news, but it was of interest to me because I owned *Swell Lover* for more than 35 years, having sold it about four years ago. When you sell a boat built in 1979, there's always an element of doubt that something may go wrong or the new owner(s) will have a bad experience, and so on. So reading this article gave me a really good feeling. Not designed as a racing boat, the Cat 30 does well in club racing if sailed well; a big "if" to be sure. And a thank you to **Frank Franco** for forwarding that article to me.

Speaking of racing, the America Cup races start on March 10, pitting Italy's *Luna Rossa* against *Team New Zealand* down under in Auckland. I was wondering what my old racing guru, Mark Rounding, thought of the new America Cup boats:

Mark: Well there are tradeoffs with these boats. You've got two boats costing millions of dollars each, which attain speeds of 45 to 50 miles an hour. The research and development which went into the design and engineering of the hulls, sails and electronic and hydraulic systems is nothing short of amazing. These are the fastest boats ever sailed in a competitive setting. And it's a heck of a lot of fun watching, and a good deal of national pride is involved since sailing and rugby are the twin national sports in New Zealand.

Me: That's quite an endorsement. So what's the trade off?

Mark: Well, I mentioned the cost involved. The syndicates that own the boats consist of some of the richest people in the world, but at the end of the day, you've got a day-sailor that is only good for one thing. I know that's a little like saying "all Rembrandt could do was paint."

Me: Yeah, good point, but Rembrandt was a hell of a painter.

Mark: All I'm saying is anybody looking for a boat to buy is going to be looking for something a little more versatile, you know, race a bit, cruise over to Catalina - things like that.

Me: So if you owned an AC75 you'd trade it for a very versatile Cat 30?

Mark: Oh, hell no!

(The conversation went further downhill from there.)

Be well and stay safe everyone.

Nate Tucker
LSFYC Fleet Captain



Jr. Staff Commodore's Report

Frank Franco



Spring has sprung...

After which has seemed like an eternity, the spring weather and season is now upon us. This also reflects some new day(s) ahead of us. With the Covid vaccinations increasing and infection numbers diminishing, there appears to be a light at the end of the tunnel...hopefully it's not an oncoming train!

Having now received the second of the COVID vaccinations, I suspect that at some time in the near future we all will require to prove that we have been inoculated. After receiving the shot we are given a card indicating the vaccine type and lot #. This is the only proof of the event. After being vaccinated, I suggest you send a copy of the card to your medical provider for their records and take a photo on your phone to keep on your person.

The Soft Open House event last Saturday at the LSFYC shed was certainly a refreshing time for all of us allowing the newest members to meet the Officers and fellow new members. It was also a pleasure to see Little Shippers **Steve Cole** and **Rob Sonz** join us despite their recent respective medical concerns. They each demonstrated that sailing, boats and ocean air can be the cure for all that ails you. The big surprise was seeing a visiting Staff Commodore (1988) **Bob Fickes** and Ginny. Bob had regaled some stories of LSFYC past with the new folks.

In discussions with some of the new folks, I answered questions regarding the club and received suggestions about some possible events of interest to them...such as an introduction to racing workshop. This may be possible in the coming year.

Witnessing this event allowed me to reflect on the club's past history (since I joined in 1998) and appreciate the greatest aspect of the club regarding volunteerism. This is the engine that drives the club and the desire to get involved is the fuel. I encourage the new folks to put their toes in the water to see what benefit will await you by helping out. The Saturday event is just a small taste of what can lay ahead.

I want to recognize (again) Commodore Moti for his supreme and relentless effort in creating, spearheading, designing and managing the construction of the new building project. The Saturday event clearly demonstrated the capability of the building to provide a springboard for much enjoyment for future needs and events by and for the members.

Despite the horrors of 2020, the shining light for LSFYC has the much appreciated, unrelenting and seemingly unstoppable recruiting efforts of **Cindy Ramirez** in expanding the membership of the club to a level unprecedented in recent years. She has truly become a most valuable asset to LSFYC.

As always, wear mask, wash hands and be safe.

Frank Franco

LSFYC Staff Commodore



March 2021



| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|-----|-----|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 LSFYC SOFT OPEN @SHED |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 LSFYC SHED 4:00 PM | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Daylite sav- ings 1 hr ahead | 15 | 16 | 17 St Pattys Day | 18 LSFYC SHED 4:00 PM | 19 | 20 Spring! |
| 21 LSFYC SHED 1:00 PM | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 LSFYC SHED 4:00 PM | 26 | 27 |
| 28 LSFYC SHED 1:00 PM | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |
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2021 LSFYC Bridge

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