

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Moti Cohen-Doron



Hello Little Shippers...

I can feel summer is right around the corner. The days are getting longer and the nights are warmer. I love spending this time of year down by the marina. This year is different however for LSFYC members since we now have our own little place. So I urge you all to take some time out of your busy schedules and come by one of our open happy hours. Just sit, relax and enjoy the view! You won't be sorry! Our Honor bar is always stocked with wine, beer and sodas.

During the month of April we had several events that our members participated in. About 30 Little Shippers came out for the joint potluck with our neighbors at Navy Yacht Club. The spring weather came through for us and it was a great evening enjoyed by all of those who attended.

Also in April, our Fleet Captain, **Nate Tucker** held a Chalk Talk for new members who are interested in learning about sailing. There weren't a lot of newbies in attendance however Nate gave a wonderful presentation none the less. He spoke about the ABC's of sailing and racing. I thoroughly enjoyed his talk and even learned a few things too. We're hoping Nate will continue to do more of these kind of talks in the future. They shouldn't be missed!

There are some upcoming events that we hope that you can join us for. First is our **Installation of Officers Brunch** at **Acapulco Restaurant**, on **Sunday, May 16th at 9am** in Alamitos Bay. This event had originally been scheduled in January but I think you all know why it was postponed until now. This is an annual event where our Flag Officers and Board of Directors are sworn in for the new year. It's a lot of fun, with good food, bottomless mimosas and lots of camaraderie with fellow club members. Please email or contact Vice Commodore, **Cindy Ramirez** to let her know you are attending. RSVP's are required for this event since we have to guarantee the number of people and the room. Please let her know ASAP if you plan to attend. The cost is \$30 per person.

Our **84th Opening Day** is coming up on **June 19th**. This is the most important day for our club during the year. If you haven't been to an Opening Day before, don't miss it. There will be a formal ceremony, champagne toast, great food and entertainment. Flag Officers guests from other yacht clubs will be in attendance. If you're planning to attend please **RSVP** to me (see below). Only a few members already volunteered to help setup and take-down on the day of the event, thank you very much for those of you who did. We will need more of you to volunteer in staging this important day.

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We will start setting-up at 8:30am, guest registration is at 11am and ceremony at 12pm. If you would like to help with setup and take down or if you just want to attend, please **RSVP** to me at: **714-383-1139** or moticodo@gmail.com We will have a **planning meeting** with the volunteers a week before the event, on **Sunday, June 13th** at 11am at the Shed.

Representatives from our club's flag officers, Jr. S/C **Frank Franco** and Lara, VC Cindy Ramirez, Commodore Jill Cohen-Doron and myself had the opportunity to attend three other yacht club's Opening Days. Seal Beach YC, Alamitos Bay YC and Oceanside YC. It is a great opportunity to network our club within the SCYA (Southern California Yachting Association) organization.

I hope you to see you all at these club events!

Moti Cohen-Doron

LSFYC Commodore



FC Nate Tucker expounding on the joys and intricacies of sailing



Vice Commodore's Report

Cindy Ramirez



Welcome Little Shippers...

Welcome to all our new and seasoned LSFYC members. Sending Birthday and Mother's Day wishes to all.

Happy to report...We have added new members and enjoyed meeting many of you at our potluck at NYCLB in April.

Welcome to LSFYC newest members:

**Gary Bynum
Dolores Grunigen
Laurie Hauser
Robert Hughes
Jerry Wietzel
Sharmone LaRose**

**Joya Ryerson
Eric Stein
Brigit Talman
Alex Mize
Eva Maciel
Irene Schnipper**

Please remember our Shed is open to members on Th 4-6 Sat. & Sunday 1-3 please use our Honor Bar and read the posted Shed Rules

Our upcoming events:

May 16 Installation Brunch Acapulco Restaurant Marina Pacifica 9-12 \$30.00

June 11 LSFYC Potluck with NYCLB 5pm

June 19 LSFYC Opening Day Ceremony (invitations to follow)

11 am Registration

12 noon Ceremony

12:30 Great food, drinks, music, fun celebration hosted by LSFYC, all members invited.

We need volunteers for set up at 8:30 am. Please contact Moti or myself ASAP

Our Opening Day Planning meeting is: **June 13, 11am at our Shed**

Thank you to our Flag and Board of Directors for the dedication and leadership.

Looking to see you at the Installation Brunch!

Cindy Ramirez

LSFYC Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore's Report

Al Bordallo



Hello fellow members...

We are now approaching the summer months and looking forward to enjoying days on the water and the camaraderie of the members of this yacht club as well as others in the marina.

The ordeal (at least locally) of the pandemic appears to be easing off and hope all of you have had the opportunity to get the vaccinations necessary to ensure a safe return to normalcy. The local communities are now in the yellow tier with easing of the previous restrictions. However, masks are still to be worn as precaution where requested or required.

As stated in the previous articles in this newsletter, events for LSFYC are now coming to life with the Installation Brunch and soon the long awaited Opening Day. I have yet to experience this event and am looking forward to it. I hope to see all of you members attending to allow you to enjoy the day and meet more of the other folks in the club.

See you all soon

Al Bordallo

LSFYC Rear Commodore



Signals from the Fleet Captain

Nate Tucker



April 23, 2021 saw the revival of the Newport to Ensenada regatta after the 2020 COVID related hiatus. About 125 boats answered the starter's gun on three separate courses. For the first time entrants could choose a course to Ensenada, San Diego or Dana Point. Kudos to LSFYC member **Steve Dunlap** aboard his boat *Some Tuesday* for participating in the Ensenada slog.

In looking at the results I noticed my ex boat *Swell Lover* did the Newport to Dana Point race and I sent a note to Bob Snyder, one of the new owners, asking how the race went. Here's his reply:

"Hi Nate,

We did sail a good race. Partly because our course of about 120 degrees was just off the (steady) wind enough most of the time to keep us moving about 6-6.7 knots. It never really clocked around, so a spinnaker hoist was unnecessary.

We got a good start in very choppy, confused seas which stayed with us nearly to San Juan rocks buoy. Sea Fox was a Cat 30 and finished behind us. Oasis VI was a Cat 34 and caught us after about 2 hours or so and as you could see, beat us by less than a minute on corrected time. Oasis V was a Cat 34 and we beat her straight up.

The wind shut off almost completely from SJR to Buoy G1 (finish at Dana Point). We scrambled to get the spinnaker up for the last mile as we turned downwind and kept it sort of full during the final sprint. Fortunately, none of the boats in Spin B or Spin A gained during that time. Rick was at the helm and his son in law, David, (a newish sailor) worked the foredeck and I trimmed most of the time. Overall, I don't think we could have hoped for much more out of Swell Lover or our skills.

Trust this is enough for your article. Let me know if you have any questions or need me to make something up , Bob".

Your note is great and very informative, and no, you don't need to make anything up.

Note: LSF will be hosting races on **June 5** and **July 17**, and I'm looking forward to those two events.

Be safe everyone and smooth sailing.

Nate Tucker

LSFYC Fleet Captain



Jr. Staff Commodore's Report

Frank Franco



As always, I'm STILL awaiting for personal tales, adventures, stories of your boating experiences. Although I appreciate internet facts and such, I would like to see what YOU have to share with the members.

Yes, we do get letters to the Editor:

Dear Editor:

*Thanks for your clever News article in the 3 Sheets
G. Vanden Heuvel*

Dear Editor:

*Your article is funny. Good newsletter.
M. Cohen-Doron*

Dear LSFYC:

This is to inquire as to a position with your club as Treasurer. I am a recent graduate of the Bernie Madoff (RIP) Institute of Creative Investing and in my class I was voted least likely to be investigated. I would appreciate a response ASAP as I have an investment plan for your club that will generate a 20% return! You can reach me at: U.N.Owen@ponzi4u.com

Boat mechanic available

I recently had work performed on my Tollycraft 30 by a mechanic who had done previous work as well. Fast, efficient, reasonable and performs all tasks related to boat service and maintenance.

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See you all at the Installation Brunch...

Frank Franco

LSFYC Jr Staff Commodore

A DAY SAILING INVITATION

By Larry Finley

It is warmer now, and I will be sailing again. I have a Catalina 27 that is located at the Larson Marina in Terminal Island.

I like day sails and I usually sail on week days and start out at 11AM or so and return 4 or 5 hours later.

The Los Angeles Harbor is also known as Hurricane Gulch. Sometimes the wind picks up and the harbor is filled with white caps. This is a good place to learn how to hove to, reef, or sail in strong winds. Sometimes I simply scrub the sailing and stay in port.

My boat has room for more people. And if you would like to join me, you are welcome to ask.

You can text me at **562-346-7323** or email me at: larryfinley1@yahoo.com.

Larry





May 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4 LSFYC BOD MEET	5	6 LSFYC SHED 4:00 PM	7	8
9 MOTHERS DAY	10	11	12	13 LSFYC SHED 4:00 PM	14	15 ARMED FORCES DAY
16 LSFYC INSTALL BRUNCH 9:00	17	18	19	20 LSFYC SHED 4:00 PM	21	22
23 LSFYC SHED 1:00	24	25	26	27 LSFYC SHED 4:00 PM	28	29
30 LSFYC SHED 1:00	31 MEMO- RIAL DAY					

The Officers of
Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club



cordially invite you, your family and friends
to attend a Brunch to celebrate the postponed and long awaited

The Installation of Officers for 2021



Sunday, May16, 2021 at 9:00 am

at the
ACAPULCO Restaurant and Cantina
6270 Pacific Coast Hwy
562-596-3371

Social hour at 9:00 am
Brunch at 9:30 am with
Installation Proceedings to follow

\$30 p/p
(includes omelette bar, waffle station, menudo, salads, Mexican specialties,
seafood station, taco station, Champagne mimosas, fruit, desserts & more!
LSFYC to cover tax and tip
Raffle prizes to follow

Please RSVP to: Vice Commodore CINDY RAMIREZ
310-874-7495 or email: cjramirezpve@aol.com

Payment to:
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2021 LSFYC Bridge

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Rear Commodore: Al Bordallo
Treasurer: Dick Martin
Fleet Captain: Nate Tucker
Port Captain : Larry Finley
Secretary/Events: Cindy Ramirez

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