

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Moti Cohen-Doron



Hello Little Shippers...

I still can't believe that we are past the Opening Day celebration/preparations. With the uncertainty of the original date that was supposed to be around April and some semi preparations starting as early as February, it seems to me that we were planning/preparing for OD for the last six months. As I said, it is the most important day of the year for every yacht club. It's a great feeling to be at the climax of this event and see how members' dedication and responsibility came together like a fine tuned orchestra. All of you helped to create an event (concert) that everyone enjoyed and had a great time at.

It is an honor for me to have this excellent team of volunteers to work with: **Al Bordallo, Cindy Ramirez, Dick Martin, Frank and Lara Franco, Rob and Kelly Sonz, Mary Pintareli, Chris Layne, Paul and Debbie DeFreitas, Elena Yuasa, Roy and Carolyn Queen, Bill Ives, Robert Jordan, Sharmon Larose, Eric and Kristin Stein (The Steins), Eva Maciel, Lara Arambula, Dave Esquivel, Jeffery Potter, Gary and Becky Byrum, Steve Smout and Jill Cohen-Doron.**

I could never thank you enough for all of the hard work you all put in this amazing 2021 Opening Day Concert. THANK YOU! (see inside pages for photos).

I just returned from a well-needed 12 day vacation in the RV (the Land Trawler) which I will tell you all about in the next Three Sheets newsletter. We got home right before the 4th of July, which we never like to miss. Our neighborhood knows how to celebrate and the 4th is the biggest event of the year around here. This year they started celebrating on the 3rd with a huge golf cart parade. There were over 100 golf carts traversing the streets of Eastgate in Garden Grove. All the carts were decked out in red, white and blue decorations of course! It was an amazing site to see!

On the 4th our street is blocked off and cars have to be off the street by 10:00am. All of the neighbors decorate and bbq in front of their homes and it is a huge block party. Our street is very organized too with a list of activities going on all day including, fireworks, face painting, bike parade, watermelon walk (for the kids), booze walk for the adults, chili cookoff, whiskey tasting, bounce house, corn hole, margarita machine, ice cream and popcorn for all! However the biggest event of the day is the water balloon toss. No kidding, they usually have between 120 to 150 people participating in this event. Now every year I partner up with Jill and we usually are out by the 4th or 5th toss. This year my nephew joined us and he happens to play LaCrosse for Oklahoma (con't)

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State. So needless to say I grabbed him as my partner (don't worry, Jill didn't sit on the side lines - she teamed up with Maya and they were out by the 4th or 5th toss). I have to tell you all, I am very proud to say that we made it to the top 3!! It was definitely my best showing ever!

Hope you all had a wonderful 4th of July! I feel so blessed to live in the best country on earth!

Please see Cindy's article for the upcoming After The Race Picnic July 17th and a Cruise Out to Huntington Harbor Yacht Club July 25th.

Moti Cohen-Doron

LSFYC Commodore



Vice Commodore's Report

Cindy Ramirez



Welcome to July Little Shippers...

Happy 4th of July and Birthday wishes to our LSFYC members!

What a joy to see so many of our members and guests on June 19th to celebrate our 84th Opening Day. A special thank you to our leadership and dedicated volunteers that helped make it a great success.

YOU ARE AWESOME!

We enjoyed a delicious lunch by El Cantarito, dancing to the sounds of Wayne Pucini and refreshing drinks by **Rob and Kelly Sonz**. Thank you for supporting our club by purchasing LSFYC shirts, hats and tote bags from **Mary Pintarelli** and **Lara Arambulo**.

We would also like to congratulate our CTBD fundraising raffle winners.

A special recognition of our new members. .. 92 year old **Silvino Maciel** and his wife Ida, parents of **Eva Maciel**.

We recognized our Commodore **Moti** and our Commodorable **Jill** and contractor Mr. Tran for our new LSFYC Shed. We are truly grateful.

Congratulations to **Chris Layne**, racing excellence. Kudos to JS **Frank Franco**, RC **Al Bordallo** and our Race Committee boat volunteers and participants. Also, hosting cruises on their boats. Special recognition to **Steve Smout** and **Elena Yuasa** for stepping up to help.

We also wish to thank Lowe's on Bellflower and Ralph's in Marina Pacifica for their donations.

Now it is time to mark your calendars and RSVP for upcoming events:

- July 3 Bang On The Bay 6pm at NYCLB
- July 4. LSFYC Shed open 1-3 pm
- July 6 BOD Meeting 6:30 pm at the Shed
- July 17 LSFYC Race and Picnic 1-3 \$5
- July 25 HHYC Cruise Out

Remember, the Shed is open :

Thursday's 5-7 Sat. And Sunday's 1-3

Please keep a lookout for future event dates for August - December

We look forward to seeing you all soon. Until then, smooth sailing and blessings

Cindy Ramirez

LSFYC Vice Commodore



Signals from the Fleet Captain

Nate Tucker



The second race hosted by Little Ships Fleet is coming up in a couple of weeks, **Saturday, July 17**, to be exact. We are expecting six boats to show up and hopefully a few more. This will be the fifth race of the LB Harbor High Point series out of a total of eight races for the season. So far, in the A fleet there's a see-saw battle for first place going on between *Dos Amigos* Dos out of Seal Beach YC and *Raptor* of Navy YC. The B fleet and Non-Spin fleet remain pretty wide

open.

At the after race bash there will be burgers a la Finley and a trophy presentation. As always, everyone is invited to the bash whether a race participant or not. Always a fun event.

Also of note for July is the start of the biennial Trans-Pac race featuring the course itself, which is the Pacific Ocean. Starting off of Pt. Fermin the boats will head generally southwest with the finish line some 2,500 miles distant off of Honolulu. This year there will be three starts, July 13, 16 and 17. There will be a large fleet starting each of those days. It's always a spectacular sight. Anybody planning to take their boat out and be part of the spectator fleet, I'd be a willing crew member!

I'd like to thank Rear Commodore **Al Bordallo** for volunteering his boat, *Conchita*, for Race Committee duty for our last race - much appreciated, Al.

Happy sailing everyone.

Nate Tucker
LSFYC Fleet Captain

Photos of the LSFYC OPENING DAY June 19



More Photos of the LSFYC OPENING DAY



RC Al Boddallo introduced



LSFYC Newest oldest member



VC Cindy Ramirez greets guests



Reading of the Goof Poem



Wayne Pulcini



Rob & Kelly Sonz



Taco Guys



LSFYC apparel for sale



Breakfast goodies



Chow line



Moti, Maya, Jill, Josh



Bill Ives, Carolyn Queen

More Photos of the LSFYC OPENING DAY



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LSFYC Open for 2021!

The Cruise to Emerald Bay at Corsair YC *By Larry Finley*

I represented *Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club* on a cruise to Emerald Bay on the weekend of June 23rd. 7 yacht clubs were represented in this cruise. 30 boats attended. This cruise occurs every year, but was especially joyful this year after being cancelled for 2 years.

I have not sailed for a while, and was nervous about the boat functioning well after a long period of sitting in the slip. I left at sunrise Friday morning and as I passed through Angele's gate, a Carnival Cruise Ship also left the Port of Los Angeles. There was a slight breeze and I took advantage of the wind, and motor sailed to Catalina.



I made it to Emerald Bay later that morning and found plenty of moorings to choose from. I wanted to spend some time snorkeling, and found a mooring close enough to the reef.

The weather was quite pleasant during the weekend. The temperatures were warm, and the winds were mild. The swells were very low. I found that the water was too cold to enjoy snorkeling. But I did get some time in. The garibaldi welcomed me back.



The **Corsair Yacht Club** rented out their facility to our group. The facility is carved into a small canyon and is accessed by dingys.

I spent most of the day snorkeling, but it was nice to beach my dingy. If you have never beached a dingy, this would be an excellent time to learn. Your feet will get wet. My shoe choice is scuba diving boots. They enjoy being in water and are comfortable walking on a gravel beach or just sitting and enjoying a beer.

The amount of people attending the cruise increased as the weekend continued. The weather was quite warm and pleasant. I am not familiar with the Corsair Yacht club at all. I simply love their facility and their location. They do accept members, and if you enjoy cruising to Emerald Bay they might be a rewarding club to join. It was pleasant after all of this isolation to sit on stable land, and talk to people who I vaguely remember from the past.

On Saturday night we had a potluck dinner and a gathering around the camp fire. The talented people with people skills organized activities and I re-learned how to make Smores. On Sunday we had a group breakfast. I heard about small craft warnings for the Oxnard Area through Monday, and decided to head home after the breakfast. I was worried about winds, so I headed toward Point Fermin instead of Angel's gate. Point Fermin would shield me from high afternoon winds, and I could safely make my way to Angel's Gate with the wind behind me.

As it turned out, the winds were quite mild. It was enjoyable to simply set my Autotiller on, tie on the jibe preventer, and enjoy a pleasant sail down wind.

(see photos next page)

The Cruise to Emerald Bay at Corsair YC
Photos by Larry Finley





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 LSFYC SHED 5:00 PM	2	3
4 JULY 4TH LSF SHED 1:00	5	6 LSFYC BOD 6:30	7	8 LSFYC SHED 5:00 PM	9	10
11 LSFYC SHED 1:00	12	13	14	15 LSFYC SHED 5:00 PM	16	17 LSFYC RACE
18 LSFYC SHED 1:00	19	20	21	22 LSFYC SHED 5:00 PM	23	24
25 HHYC CRUISE	26	27	28	29 LSFYC SHED 5:00 PM	30	31



2021 LSFYC Bridge

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