

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Moti Cohen-Doron



Hello Little Shippers...

Happy 4th of July! Not sure what all of you are doing to celebrate but Jill and I have been told by our kids not to plan any vacations that would take us away from home on July 4th. That is because our normally sleepy neighborhood goes all out to celebrate our nations' birthday!

There are golf cart parades, bicycle parades, a huge water balloon tossing tournament with about 120 participants (which I am proud to say that I came in 2nd last year – no I didn't partner with Jill), a massive water balloon fight (after the tournament), Almost every house has a Red White and Blue front yard BBQ party and of course lots and lots of fireworks! Our neighbors are fully loaded up with fireworks and start lighting them up as soon as the sun goes down. It kind of reminds me of Beirut back in the day. We also are fortunate enough to live right near the Joint Forces Base in Los Alamitos where they put on a spectacular firework show every year. Needless to say it's a lot of fun and it's been a family favorite since we lived in our neighborhood.

Summer is in full swing now and we've had plenty of events keeping you all busy! We recently had a joint potluck with our neighbors at Navy Yacht Club. Unfortunately, we were out of town but I heard that a good time was had by all that attended. There was lots of food to share and great camaraderie! I also heard that they sang Happy Birthday to Vice Commodore **Al Bordello** since it was his our birthday on June 18th. Yes we share the same exact birthday, I really mean exact, it's the same day and same year! We have determined that Al is older since he was born in Guam and I was born in Israel.

Members also enjoyed a beautiful dock party hosted by Staff Commodore **Frank Franco** this past weekend (photos page 6). It ended up being a beautiful sunny day, we were a little nervous because a big fog bank rolled in earlier, but left before everyone arrived. It was great sitting around the dock, eating good food and enjoying the day! Thank you Frank and Lara! We also want to congratulate them too as they just welcomed their new granddaughter!! Baby Ellie was born yesterday and is the newest addition to the Franco Family!

I would like to personally thank new member **Tracie Ichikawa** for her stepping up and volunteering to clean the Shed on a regular basis. She is doing an excellent job cleaning every bit of the space. The place never looked so good. Tracie is also making a big difference in Alamitos Bay by scooping trash out of the water during her daily walks around the marina. Thank you Tracie!!

Jill and I recently returned from an RV trip we took to the Sequoias (see photos next page). If you have never been you should really try to go and see these huge and magnificent trees. They look as though they were magically placed there. It truly is an amazing site!

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While we were there we stopped in at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center for lunch. I was looking for a table to sit at and I saw someone waving at me and saying, "*Moti what are you doing up here?!*" I was surprised to see Little Ships member **Geoff Vanden Heuvel** and his wife Dorothy sitting at a nearby table! They were up there to celebrate his birthday, which was June 17th. You never know when you will run into another Little Shipper and if you do, don't forget to take a picture!

Upcoming for July we have Sunset at the Shed on July 2nd, at 5:00pm. Please bring a potluck item to share for 8-10 people. There will be a prize for the tastiest item. If you missed this date, next one is **Aug 13!**

We have the **Beat the Heat Race on July 16th** at Navy Yacht Club, at 1:00pm. Members are welcomed to join in the after race BBQ, prepared by our VC Al Bordallo and watch the trophy presentation. We will need a couple of volunteers to help with the setup and take down. Please call or email me to let me know if you could help. Hope you can join us at one of these events.

Wishing you fun summer days!

Moti Cohen-Doron
LSFYC Commodore





Vice Commodore's Report

Al Bordallo



Hi Fellow LSFYC ladies and gents...

Happy July 4th...

A few of the members got a great opportunity to watch the 3rd of July fireworks at Alamitos bay from my boat. My plan was to anchor in the marina to watch the show but for safety reasons we decided to stay at the dock for the show.

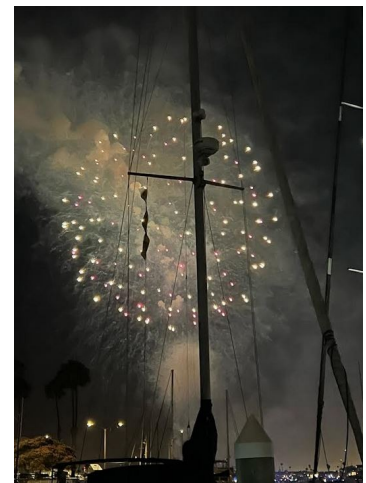
Nevertheless we had a perfect view of the fireworks display as we all celebrated the birthday of our country (see photos below). Thanks to all who attended.

Al Bordallo

LSFYC Vice Commodore



With snacks and drinks on hand, Little Shippers Al Bordallo, Jill Cohen Doron, Laura and Lou Arambula, Maya and friend Jazzie, and Sharmone LaRose prepare to watch the Big Bang on the Bay in the marina.
(Photo by Moti)





Rear Commodore Report

Chris Layne



What's up Little Shippers!!!

Can you believe it's July already! Happy 4th of July to each and everyone of you! Stay safe and sane this weekend while celebrating our wonderful country's birthday.

Well, last month our back yard was the sailing epicenter for the world. Long Beach Race Week was one for the record books. I was racing for Allie Tsai and team *KOWABUNGA* on the Catalina 37's (see photos below). The competition was tough, with a lot of really good sailors crewing on the fleet. I'll have you know we tried our best. We had some good races and had our fair share of trials and tribulations. With that being said, it's hard to have a bad day on the water. We ended up somewhere in the middle of the pack Sunday after the 7 race regatta. Not bad, but we did leave plenty of room for improvement.

Summer is in full swing! So get out there and enjoy this place we all call home. Life is short and our days are long. Mix it up, and while you're at it mix one up for me!

Cheers,

Chris Layne
LSFYC Rear Commodore





Signals from Fleet Captain

Nate Tucker



LSF is hosting two more races this season: July 16, part of the Hi Point series (this race dubbed *Beat the Heat*) and August 6, the second race in the LSF Off Shore Series. We're hoping for a good turnout for both. As always, everyone is invited to join the race skippers and crews at our facility for the after-race bash, featuring food and trophy presentations. Speeches will be kept to a minimum.

Also I can share an update on the highly anticipated solo circumnavigation planned by Captain **Kevin McQuiston**, now a member of Little Ships Fleet. In or about October of 2023, Captain McQuiston will depart Long Beach and head generally southeast, round Cape Horn, South America, continue easterly, traversing the Southern Ocean, leaving Cape of Good Hope, Africa, to port, cross the Indian Ocean, leaving Tasmania. Australia to port, thence northeasterly traversing the Pacific Ocean, finally arriving back to Southern California.

He's anticipating 170 days covering some 23,000 nautical miles. He will be alone. There will be no escort. This has not been done before. We will be able to follow the voyage via T.V. and podcasts, provided by Discovery Channel and/or Disney. The boat will be fitted with multiple cameras and also he'll deploy a drone for aerial shots as the boat is sailing. I've had a lengthy conversation with Captain McQuiston and have a lot more information to share in succeeding issues of Three Sheets. Definitely stay tuned.

Wishing you all nothing but fair winds and green lights.

Nate Tucker

LSFYC Fleet Captain

LSFYC Dock Party

Going back in time to an earlier day, LSFYC folks gathered for a dock party at SC Frank and Lara's boat to just sit and enjoy the afternoon with some chin wagging, good eats and some of VC Al Bordallo's special margaritas. Attending were Jill and Moti, Al, Sharmone La Rose, Laura and Lou Arambula, Steve & Melinda Cole, Rob & Kelly Sonz. We expect to repeat this event again soon.





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2022 LSFYC Bridge

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