

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Moti Cohen-Doron



Hello Little Shippers...

Happy Summer! I personally love these hot summer days especially when I get to hang out at the Shed in the evenings. Jill and I enjoy spending the warm evenings just watching the sunset, that's why we started Sunset at the Shed potlucks so you can join us too. So I invite you all to come to our next Sunset at the Shed happening this **Saturday, Aug 13 at 5:00pm**. Please bring a potluck item to share for 8-10 people. Also coming up is the **Joint Potluck at NYCLB Aug 19 5:00pm**. Hope to see you all there!

This past Saturday, LSFYC hosted our last race of the 2022 racing season. It was the Offshore Series race created by Fleet Captain, **Nate Tucker**. 5 boats participated with clear skies and perfect conditions. All the racers came back and enjoyed a wonderful BBQ, prepared by VC Commodore **Al Bordello**, and the trophy presentation. Our own **Ben Smith** won the overall Off Shore Race Trophy. I want to thank the Race Committee Boat provided by **Frank Franco** and all of the volunteers and who helped make these races a great success. Helping out at the BBQ were **Rob Sonz, Tracie Ichikawa** and **Jill Cohen-Doron**.

Speaking of volunteers, LSFYC member, Tracie Ichikawa is making a huge impact in Alamos Bay. She was so inspired by our Clean The Bay Day event that she has taken the task of cleaning the bay to a whole new level. Tracie spends about 4 days a week cleaning trash from the marina. People are noticing too. She gets thanked by boat owners for her efforts. She invites friends and family members to join her as well. Tracie is posting some of her experiences on the LSFYC's **Facebook** page so be sure to check it out. She posted some before and after photos too and what a difference! See her article on this newsletter as well. Thank you Tracie!!

Director **Elena Yuasa** is putting together a **Happy Hour Bay Cruise on Aug 27**. She has gotten some members to volunteer their boats to host other Little Shippers for an afternoon ride around the bay. So make sure to put that on your calendars and check your emails for more details.

Hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.

Moti Cohen-Doron
LSFYC Commodore



Vice Commodore's Report

Al Bordallo



Hi Fellow LSFYC ladies and gents...

We've said hello and goodbye to July.

I thought it a quiet and non-eventful July depending on where you hangout. LSFYC hosted a yacht race, had a potluck and I was able to host members on 'Conchita', my Catalina 34, for a July 3rd fireworks event.

I would like to thank the members who volunteered for the hosting of the July 16 Beat the Heat race event. We had a great time feeding the crews of the yachts that participated with a fire- grilled burger. The volunteers are absolutely credited with the event's success.

We begin August with another race on the 6th. LSFYC will sponsor and host the Off-shore Series Race, the second and last of the season. Our very own Fleet Captain **Nathan Tucker** designed and organized the Offshore Series Race. In case you did not know; the race begins or starts between island Chaffee and Alamitos Bay jetty just outside of the bay. All yachts head south just shy of nine miles, around oil platform Edith, and sail back to the same start line now called the finish line. Sounds like fun.

We also have a **Sunset at the Shed August 13**, a potluck at NYCLB **Aug 19** and a **LSFYC Fun Day on the water Aug 27**. Ya Fun!

I am eager to see you all at the club this August.

Al Bordallo

LSFYC Vice Commodore

Al grilling burgers at the after race Off-shore Race bbq for the racers.





Rear Commodore Report

Chris Layne



What's up Little Shippers!!!

THE RESULTS ARE IN!!!! YOU ARE THE FATHER!!!!

Yes, it's true. Team Kowabunga took the trophy (see below) home. Announced last Wednesday, we have officially brought home the bacon! We have won series 2 of the *Wet Wednesday regatta*. With 3 first place finishes in a 6 race series, we were well on our way before the final race this past Wednesday.

I would like to thank (see below) Ali Tsai, Sam Heck, Dom, Scott, Sunny, Chris, Teresa, and my boys Nick and Mark! And of course all the rest of the crew who helped us along the way to get to the top!! I must admit, it feels really good at the top of the podium. We will see how the final series stacks up. Boat 10 (a Catalina 37) is a fast one, but hopefully we can find success on another boat in the future.

Once again, I'm asking each and every one of you - If you have any interest in sailing, call me! LSFYC is trying to put a team together for the Walt Elliot Challenge next year. Let's get a team together and get out on the water!

Enjoy yourselves, be safe, and have fun!!!

Cheers,

Chris Layne

LSFYC Rear Commodore





Signals from Fleet Captain

Nate Tucker



Ben Smith winner of the Off Shore Series in close competition...

The second of our two-race Off-Shore series was run Saturday, Aug 6. Five boats answered the Starter's horn at 1155 hours and were off on a 16-mile course under clear, sunny skies and a good 10 to 12 knot southwesterly breeze. After being tightly bunched at the start, the fleet soon stretched out to a more or less single file formation with *Dos Amigos Dos*, a C&C 110 skippered by Bob Hubbard of Seal Beach YC crossing the finish line first (see photo page 7). In fact, *Dos Amigos Dos* captured line honors in both races but did not fare well in the hardware department on corrected time. Also participating was S/C **Tom Cornelius** on *Belissima*.

After the handicaps were applied the winner on corrected time was *Acapella*, a Cat 32 skippered by Dave Nastri out of Buccaneers YC in San Pedro. The overall winner of the series was *Renegade*, a Beneteau 38 owned and skippered by **Ben Smith**, a long-standing member and Staff Commodore of Little Ships Fleet. The Off Shore Series Perpetual trophy, a silver cup, will be on display at the LSF shed. Congratulations to Ben and kudos to the winners and a big thank you to all who participated in this inaugural event.

Capt **Kevin McQuiston** update: As I've mentioned before, LFYC member Capt McQuiston is planning a non-stop sailing trip around the world - non-stop meaning he's not putting into any port anywhere!. No, he's not going to sail a container ship filled with supplies. He's going to do it in an Islander 36 which can handle all the supplies he'll need. He'll have a water maker on board and all the electronics he'll need for navigation and communication.

He also plans to deploy a drone to get some aerial shots as he's sailing. Pretty neat stuff. He hasn't quite closed the deal on the boat he wants, but everybody can help - just google "gofundme page/Capt Kevin McQuiston". It will be informative and greatly appreciated.

Happy sailing everybody. Fair winds and following seas and of course green lights all the way.

Nate Tucker
LSFYC Fleet Captain



Dave Nastri accepts 1st place trophy



Ben Smith overall winner

Tracie on the Bay

By Tracie Ichikawa

"Sittin in the morning sun, I'll be sitting when the evening comes, watching the ships roll in and then I'll watch them roll away again..." the song is playing while I sit here writing my first newsletter piece for a club by the name of Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club. The song has meaning for those of us who spend our time at the LSFYC shed. Alamitos bay has a way of taking you in and somehow you just become a part of it. It's still in a way that isn't still at all. It's a different kind of quiet and there is a healing that the water offers to those who are alone and are sometimes lost.

A person can find themselves here in their search for resolve. It's the smell of the air, and the movement that you see and feel that takes place all around you. The movement is in the trees. It's on the water beneath the boats that cradle the bows and gently allow the lines to tap the masts on the sailboats that safely rest in their slips on a calm summer's morning. It's the wind on the open sails that pass the club and the birds that oversee it every day of the year. To be a part of all things Alamitos Bay is a bit of a magical gift. A true blessing. We float in space on a planet that is large to us on the vast pacific that connects us to all these amazing living creatures some of which we know nothing about. Our connection to all of these things is that we sit in a tiny corner and that corner connects us in more ways than we will ever know.

It is my goal that LSFYC becomes known for putting forth an effort to make the bay a better place for no other reason than that the bay offers us so very much. I spend my days cleaning the bay about four days out of the week. It wasn't planned but it was something that just happened. You would be amazed at how good it makes you feel. It's like therapy. I think it has this effect because it forces you to step out of your head and into searching for the next piece of man made plastic which gives your head a time in which to rest. With each piece of plastic it's like taking a problem and removing it. If you ever feel like removing a problem from your head and plastic from the bay just reach out and let me know.

I would love to have you come down and join me on the docks. It by no means tries you into another day of plastic scooping. It can be just a day or anytime you need to do yourself and the world some good. When I joined I had no idea it would change my life in the way that it has. Being a part of the club has given me a feeling of belonging. Each person I've met along the way has been a great gift. I've never met so many special people in one place before in my life and it may have something to do with the magic of the corner in which it sits. Little Ships Fleet seems to draw to it the most caring and loving people. I will be forever thankful for the warmth I receive at the shed.

Thank you for filling my cup.





With the LSFYC Offshore Series race #2 finish line buoy at lower left and after a 16 mile course, *Dos Amigos Dos* is inches from the finish with *Renegade* in hot pursuit just seconds behind. *Renegade* finished ahead of *Dos Amigos Dos* by 7 seconds in corrected time!

August 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 LSFY C OFFSHORE RACE #2
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 LSFY C SUNSET AT THE SHED
14	15	16	17	18	19 LSFY C POTLUCK NYCLB	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 LSFY C FUN DAY ON WATER
28	29	30	31			



2022 LSFYC Bridge

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