

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Moti Cohen-Doron



Hello Little Shippers...

I hope everyone is keeping cool in this end of summer heat wave we're having. One thing is for sure, it's way cooler at the Shed, so come on down, have a drink and cool off. You never know who might be hanging out there.

August came and went so fast. Every weekend seemed to be busy with events for our members. Early in the month we held a *Sunset at the Shed* potluck. It was great to see some members we hadn't seen in some time, especially **Dan Schlesinger**. Of course he didn't waste any time by handing out drinks to the other members who attended. It was great dinner with a variety of food and a good time was had by all that attended (see photos page 5). Next event is **September 10** at 5:30pm. As last time, just bring a dish to share.

Speaking of potlucks, our members also enjoyed an evening hanging out with Navy Yacht Club members at our joint potluck event. These events happen every other month so look to October for the next joint potluck if you missed this one.

My personal favorite event this month was the *LSFYC Fun Bay Cruise*. VC **Al Bordello** and Junior Staff Commodore **Frank Franco** supplied their boats for a happy hour cruise around the bay. We even managed to do a tie up in the middle of the bay with both boats. Everyone had a great time and can't wait for the next one. A big Thank You goes out to **Elena Yuasa** for organizing the event as well as our boat captains for volunteering (see photos page 5).

Looking forward please save the date of **September 17th**, for our *Fall Clean The Bay Day*. VC **Al Bordello** is again taking the lead and will be running the event. This is a great time to give back to the bay that we enjoy so much. Please try to join us for this important event for our community and the environment. Please RSVP to VC **Al Bordello** at 714-883-8081 or a.algiovanni@gmail.com and let him know if you will be walking the docks or if you're bringing your dinghy to clean from the water. Our Commodorable Jill will prepare a light lunch for the volunteers. Prizes will be given for the most weight and the most unusual item picked.

Another way our club likes to give back to the community is by cooking dinner for the families at the Ronald McDonald House in Long Beach. If you're not familiar with this organization, they are located walking distance from the hospitals and provide at no cost a room to stay and meals for families whose children are being treated at the hospital. They are located walking (cont'd next page)

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distance from the hospitals. Unfortunately we've been unable to cook for the families there because of Covid. So as many of you remember for the last several years we've asked our members to donate items to help fill their pantry. So I have enclosed a wish list of items they need. Please keep in mind that any food item needs to be individually wrapped. You can donate monetarily too. We will collect all donations at the Shed over the course of September. Contact me to let you know when to drop off items at the Shed.

We plan on bringing all donations to the Ronald McDonald House on **October 8th**. Thanking all of you in advance for kindness and generosity for this wonderful charity.

Looking forward to another successful Clean the Bay Day!

Moti Cohen-Doron
LSFYC Commodore

Ronald McDonald House Wish List Items:

Gallon and sandwich size Ziploc bags
Heavy duty foil and plastic wrap
Microwave safe paper plates and bowls
Paper towels
Paper napkins
Sponges
Single serving granola/breakfast bars
Cup of Noodles and Top Ramen
Single serving soups
Single serving cookies, chips and snacks
Fruit snacks
Canned tuna
Dish soap
Liquid dishwasher detergent pods
Food prep gloves



Vice Commodore's Report

Al Bordallo



Hi Fellow LSFYC ladies and gents...

Hope you all have enjoyed the summer so far...hot as it has been. Some events and items to bring to your attention as we approach the Fall (already!) months:

This month on the **17th** is the **LSFYC Clean the Bay Day** where we spend some time on the docks and in the water searching for and scooping up the odds and ends that accumulate in the marina. We have done this in year's past and have had fun collecting, grading, comparing and awarding prizes for the most interesting items discovered! Please be at the Shed at **9 am** (or the long dock if you bring your dingy) to be ready to rock and roll. Nets and bags will be provided. We will then assign Alamitos Bay Marina Basins for groups to patrol. We will reassemble at 12 noon where sandwiches and snacks will be provided and the prizes awarded. Please contact me IF you will be attending...714-883-8081 or a.algiovanni@gmail.com



2023 Operations

2022 has been a banner year for Little Ships Fleet and now we need to plan for 2023 in terms of leadership. Please see page 7 regarding how you can become a part of the operation of the club.

The specific interest is for the 2023 Rear Commodore position.

Keep cool!

Al Bordallo

LSFYC Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore Report

Chris Layne



What's up Little Shippers!!!

With the unofficial end of summer upon us, aka Labor Day, I hope you are all able to reflect back at all the good times that you had this summer. We had a great season of YC Opening Days, some fun events at our club, and hopefully you were all able to spend some quality time with friends and family.

The holidays will be upon us in no time, and the next thing you know, it will be summer again! So take these last few months of 2022 and continue to have some fun and make some great memories with loved ones.

Once again, I'm asking each and every one of you - If you have any interest in sailing (and an introduction to racing), contact me! LSFYC will be seriously be putting a team together for the *Walt Elliot Challenge* next year on the Catalina 37s. Let's get a team together and get out on the water!

September 24 Saturday is the *LSFYC Cruise to Cabrillo Beach YC*. Located at 211 W. 22nd St in San Pedro, the club has great amenities for dining and a great bar as well. Parking is across the street. Come by land or boat. We will meet upstairs for drinks and dinner at 4pm. Please contact me IF you are attending:

layne83@gmail.com

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

Cheers,

Chris Layne

LSFYC Rear Commodore

LSFYC Event Photos



Sunset at the Shed with Little Shippers and guests Rory, Moti, Laura Conte, Jeff Potter, Elena Y, Jill, Lara F, Dan S. behind the mask and Big Al seated. (photos by F. Franco)



Fun Day on the Bay on *Conchita* with Lara Arambula, Christina Masri, Jill, Lou Arambula and Big Al the helm.



On *Cantamar*, guest Jill with Lara F, Elena Y and Sharmone L. Above photo Moti looking on from *Conchita* rafted to *Cantamar*.

Tracie on the Bay



The day I met Commodore Moti and Vice Comm Al I had no idea it was the beginning of a new chapter in my life. They were so personable and fun to talk with and when they asked if I wanted to join Little Ships Fleet my first question was can I do my artwork here, but when I got home my thoughts swam around something entirely different. It was the water that occupied my thoughts more than anything.

On my walks I'd see lots of things from straws to a bible believe it or not. The shed had poles with nets and it was perfect for what I had in mind. I've been spending about four days a week scooping trash out of Alamitos Bay. At first I would pull two to three dock carts of trash out of the water a day. After a couple of months it was one to two and then slowly one cart full a day. These days I cover 4 docks with just a net. On average I do four gangways/dock each day. I cover from The Boat House to Schooner or Later and I want to cover more. Today as I walked along the water I notice it was clear and there wasn't any trash, anywhere! For a minute I thought I'd time traveled to the 70's! LOL

I also noticed lots and lots of fish, large schools of them and seagulls on the docks. It took my breath away! It was beautiful! It never crossed my mind that Alamitos Bay could be almost pollution free. I thought I would always have tons of trash in at least in the gunk pile by Schooners but there was hardly anything there. My hope is that with all the folks I meet that maybe monkey see monkey do will take place. One of the best parts of the journey is all the volunteers that come to help scoop plastic. They love doing it as much as I do!

I hope to see you on LSFYC Clean the Bay Day September 17. There are areas that need help still. It would be amazing if the entire marina looked great for the boat owners and visitors but most importantly for the quality of the water for our sea life and the birds. A memory that I have of my father reading his daily news paper comes to mind. It was an article about plastic and how it was going to change the world. It sure has.



Upcoming Club Officer Elections

By LSFYC Board of Directors

As we slowly approach the end of the 2022 sailing season, one of the requisite functions that occurs at this time is the preparation for election of new Club Officers for the coming 2023 year. This begins by the consideration of potential candidates by the Nominating Committee (otherwise known as **The Five Old Salts**), then the subsequent posting of the selected nominees to be voted upon by the general membership. The Elections are open to **ALL** members. One or more members may be nominated for each office. Briefly, the elective officers and their duties are:

Commodore...Executive Officer of the club and presides at all club and board meetings. Represents the club at outside yacht club functions..

Vice Commodore...assists the Commodore in his duties and in his absence shall act in his stead.

Rear Commodore...assists the Commodore and Vice Commodore by organizing and executing the social functions of the club such as cruises, club parties and the Annual Installation Party.

Fleet Captain...presides over all of the club racing activities. Attends meetings with LB Harbor Assoc and PHRF to establish race calendar.

Port Captain...assists the Rear Commodore in dealing with dock parties, guest berths and duties of the Officer of the Day. Purchases supplies needed for club events. Chief BBQer.

Secretary...Records all proceedings of club meetings

Treasurer...collects and banks all monies, pays the bills

Director...helps determines the direction of the workings of the Club

In addition to the above duties, at Yacht Club functions, officers get to wear spiffy blue blazers with requisite pins of office and Yacht Club emblems to signify that this individual is someone to be reckoned with. Along with the office comes a **special burgee** to hang on your boat next to your club burgee. This alerts other boat owners that, you are not just a regular club member, but someone who wears a spiffy blue blazer with pins and emblems!

Another benefit of holding an office is the attending of the Annual **Opening Days** of the various Yacht Clubs of Southern Calif. Each club opens it's yachting season with a ceremony and celebration with visiting officers of other clubs in attendance. Following the pomp and circumstance of the introductions, declarations, announcements and requisite hand shaking and salutes comes the moment all have eagerly and patiently been waiting for...the big feed! In an attempt to impress the visiting yachtsmen, the host club will usually provide an vast spread from which to graze upon and allow visitors to test the stretch limits of the their spiffy blue blazers. Of course, the bar is usually not far away and is easily located by the cluster of blue blazered yachtsman and the recurrent echoing of: "*Gimme a rum and coke!*"

Seriously, these offices are not an exclusive domain and are open to **ALL** LSF members who wish to become involved with the workings and operation of a small yacht club. Although the efforts of the above positions held are strictly voluntary, a level of commitment and dedication may be required as the staff is small and each officer will be depending on the performance of each other to share the work load. Help will **always** be available from Staff Commodores to guide new electees through the operational process! So consider being a greater part of the Long Beach yachting community by participating in a fun and interesting group of fellow boaters and yachting enthusiasts. Please give us a call (see lsfyc.org) if any interest or questions.



Paul and Debbie De Freitas scooping up stuff from the bay at last year Clean the Bay Day

September 2022



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Little Ships Fleet is now recognized by the city with a sign on Marina Drive! Woo hoo!

2022 LSFYC Bridge

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