

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Moti Cohen-Doron



Hello Little Shippers...

Hope you all enjoyed the holidays with your family and friends. 2021 is now behind in the rear view mirror and we're cruising into 2022 with plenty of optimism for a fantastic year. We've got some great activities planned so be sure to check the newsletter and your emails.

We would like to welcome our new members to the Board Of Directors, **Elena Yuasa** and **Jeff Potter**. Also to **Sharmone La Rose** as LSFYC Secretary. Thank you all and for stepping up into leadership roles for our club, the club really appreciates your help. If any of you other members would like to join the leadership to participate in decision making and help in paving the future direction of our club, please speak to any of the flag officers about your interest.

On that note we hope to see everyone at the Member appreciation and Installation of Officers Dinner at the Boathouse Restaurant on **January 30th**. If you haven't made your reservations yet please do so ASAP. There are still some spots left.

Our Fleet Captain, S/C **Nate Tucker**, has planned some new races for 2022 so a few of us went out to scout the LSFYC Offshore Series race course on V/C **Al Bordallo's** boat, *CONCHITA*, last month. It was a beautiful day on the water with fellow members, Fleet Captain S/C Nate Tucker, PRO/Treasurer **Dick Martin**, V/C Al Bordallo and myself (See photos next page).

Jill, Maya and I just returned from a wonderful trip to Sunny Florida. We stayed with my brother, who has an amazing home on one of the canals in Cape Coral. We were able to boat out to Captiva Island as well as Fort Myers Beach during our stay. We really enjoyed our visit and look forward to returning again soon.

Thank you to all of you who have renewed your membership for 2022. If you haven't done so already there is still time. Please renew your membership ASAP. Your dues and support are what keeps LSFYC going. You can renew your membership by sending back your check in the self addressed envelope (mailed to you by Dick Martin) or drop it off at the Shed.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy New Year and hope to see you at some of our events soon.

Moti Cohen-Doron

LSFYC Commodore

Photos
(By Moti Cohen-Doron)



Onboard *Conchita* on a dry run to Platform *Edith*, skipper Al Bordallo, Nate Tucker, and Dick Martin. Platform *Edith* just visible behind Al's head.



Offshore Florida's gulf coast Maya and Jill Cohen Doron enjoy the sunny day.



The backyard of Moti's brother's home facing the backchannel canals to/from the gulf waters.



Vice Commodore's Report

Al Bordallo



Greetings to all in LSFYC.

Allow me to introduce myself, I am **Al Giovanni Bordallo**, Vice Commodore for year 2022. I will do my best to contribute to the leadership of our club and I especially will do my best to impress all past Vice Commodores.

We have splendid people in our club throughout and am eager to share a spirit of volunteerism, charity, and community. We start with all Thursday and Friday Happy Hour gatherings for January and February by sharing food of some sort, beverages and conversation with anyone and everyone in friendship at the Shed.

We will also hopefully share the same camaraderie at the Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club Members Appreciation and Flag Officer installation Dinner **Sunday January 30th**. Check the announcement flyer.

Lastly I bring attention to the **February 18th Friday Joint Potluck** with Navy Yacht Club. Again a spirit of camaraderie will prevail with our next door neighbor. Let's all have a good time.

Let's all have some fun this year.

Thank you,

Al Bordallo

LSFYC Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore Report

Chris Layne



What's up Little Shippers!!!

To ring in the New Year, I'd like to start with a quote from Jimmy Dean:

"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination."

Happy New Year! I find it hard to believe it's 2022. Shouldn't we have flying cars by now! Anyways, it's only a few more months until racing season begins again in beautiful Southern California. Hopefully we're all ready and willing for a great spring and summer of sailing, racing or just enjoying our beautiful weather.

I am really excited to kick start this year. I'm sure we are all aware that LSFYC Opening Day is just months away but that shouldn't stop us from cruising down to the LSFYC Shed by land or by sea and replenishing our souls with a fine beverage.

There is a lot going on this year, so if any of you have some spare time and would like to get more involved with the club please stand up and be heard. We've got a lot of racing planned this summer so now is the time to get involved and spread the load. By a lot of racing I mean double of what we did last year...sooo 4 races!!!

On a personal note, I'd just like to say how excited I am to be in this new position. I'm sure that this year will hold some challenges, some triumphs, and some tears, and I can't wait to face them all!

I thank each and every one of you for your support in the club.

I hope to meet you at the LSFYC Officer Installation Dinner January 30 at the Boat-house restaurant..

Chris Layne

LSFYC Rear Commodore



Jr Staff Commodore Report

Frank Franco



Looking ahead and looking back...

It is with happy hearts that we gleefully await the coming year to pull up our collective sleeves and get ready to get to work on planning and executing an exciting list of activities and events for the membership. With some new faces (and ideas) on the Board the creative juices will flow and things will certainly happen. As always, the club cannot function without your support and we thank you all for that sincere commitment.

Nostalgia and some sadness for me...

I was looking through the last weeks issue of the weekly LOG newspaper and saw the article that triggered some memories for me regarding the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant. See:

<https://www.thelog.com/news-departments/its-been-two-years-whats-up-with-the-san-onofre-nuclear-plant/>

The Songs 2 & 3 Unit Plant has been shut down and is now being demolished after years of operation and unfortunately before it's operational lifetime expires. As the article indicates, there was some major equipment failure that prevented the plant from continuing to operate safely.

It is of concern to me because I was on the 4 year Bechtel project team that designed the plant. Some of my design stuff (Radwaste and Safety Injection Systems) was in there and I was familiar with the process of the Pressurized Water reactor and the major supporting components. I was also able to spend time in the plant during (and after) construction to work on some design issues. There are many stories behind the design and construction that are untold, but don't matter so much now.

When later working at So Cal Edison, I worked on the Songs Unit 1 (the sphere...which has been long long gone) designing some unique mitigating items resulting from the Three Mile Island disaster. It was exciting to also be able to visit the plant and see the items being installed....and yes it was a radioactive environment requiring full suit up with dosimeters! While there I also worked with the pipefitters and welders keeping them busy with sketches to meet the aggressive schedule.

While there I stayed in Dana Point in a hotel that had boat slips where I had trailered my boat and was out sailing in the evening.

During that time we had hoped nuclear power was going to continue, but didn't come to pass!



← Songs Unit 2 & 3
Songs Unit 1 →



Frank Franco
LSFYC Jr Staff Commodore



Treasurer's Report

Dick Martin



Dues for 2022...

Yes, it's that time...the **LSFYC MEMBERSHIP DUES** are due for 2022. Your past membership has been greatly appreciated and will certainly be so for this exciting new year. To ensure that you will receive a 2022 LSFYC Membership Card and be listed on the **2022 LSFYC Membership Roster**, please send your check for **\$125.00**

to:

LSFYC, 3585 Tacoma Ave., Los Angeles, Cal 90065.

-OR-

See the LSFYC website: lsfyc.org [MEMBERSHIP] page for payment via PAYPAL.

-OR-

Drop off at the Shed (233 Marina Dr.) mailbox

To be sure the Roster will list your current information, please indicate current address, E-mail address, phone numbers, spouse name, boat type and name, slip location, and indicate if you are looking for crew or want to crew.

Thanks to all for your continued support...

Dick Martin

LSFYC Treasurer



Signals from the Fleet

Nate Tucker



Hi all Little Shippers...

2022 is upon us and COVID 19 is still with us. Damn! Nevertheless , we push on and look forward to this coming season with great anticipation and excitement. In addition to the two Hi Point Series races we have hosted for the past several years, this year we will be hosting two additional, brand new races. These new races will be known as the Little Ships Fleet Off Shore series. The Hi Point series and the Off Shore series will be open to any and all boats with a current PHRF rating.

Racing is a true test of skippers and crews boat handling skills and the competition is keen. That said, we encourage all skippers to come out and participate. Yeah, yeah, yeah - it's true there's keen competition, but there's also a huge element of fun and satisfaction when you participate. When I first started racing my own boat, I set a goal for myself - not to finish last in at least one race. I managed to accomplish that. And that was the start!

If you want to get your feet wet (not literally, of course) visit the LSF website (lsfyc.org) and click on the race/cruise tab. Then click on any of the colorful posters displayed on that page to see Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, race entry forms and more. If you don't have a boat but want to get involved by crewing, contact me and I might be able to hook you up.

HI POINT SCHEDULE FOR 2022:

1. April 2 SYC
2. April 9 SLB
3. May 7 NYC
4. **June 4 LSF**
5. **July 16 LSF**
6. July 30 SYC
7. Aug 20 SLB
8. Sep 10 NYC

LSFYC OFF SHORE SERIES: **May 14 and Aug 6**

Be safe everyone, and I wish you all a great year for 2022 - fair winds and smooth seas.

Nate Tucker

LSFYC Fleet Captain



You're invited to
LSFYC Members Appreciation Dinner
 &
Officers Installation
 at



On Sunday, January 30th @ 4:00pm

Members price is \$20pp

(LSFYC will cover an additional \$25pp of the full cost of \$45)

Non-member guests price is \$45pp

Since space is limited to 40 people, reservations for non-member guests will be accepted after January 8th.

All reservations and payments **MUST** be received by January 23rd with your choice of entree:

Beef, Chicken, Fish or Vegetarian.

An RSVP is Required

Contact Moti at moticodo@gmail.com or 714-383-1139

Make your check payable to LSFYC and mail it to:

5501 Santa Monica Ave.
 Garden Grove, CA 92845

January 2022



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2022 LSFYC Bridge

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