

# Three Sheets in the Wind

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## Commodore's Report

*Moti Cohen-Doron*



### Hello Little Shippers...

I can now officially check off the Covid box in my medical record. A day after returning from Florida, the second time this year, I got my first flu like symptoms and the next day I tested positive for the virus. The ten days of quarantine and most of the symptoms went by relatively fast, but the sinus congestion and the overall body fatigue did not go away yet. Very similar to what Jill went through when she and the kids checked their Covid boxes off a few weeks earlier.

I am writing this piece inside our Land Trawler at the Bonelli Bluffs RV Resort. This is the second outing of the joint RV group of LSFYC and NYC, also known as RVYC.

The Bonelli Bluffs Resort is located in the hills of San Dimas overlooking Lake Puddingstone. The RV sites are very spacious with expansive green lawns throughout the resort. The view of the lake and the surrounding area is magnificent. The sunsets over the lake are out of this world. Even if you don't own an RV I recommend you come visit for the day next time the RVYC group has an outing to this resort.

A total of three RV's participated this time. Dyanna and Dave Smith, Rhonda and Bernard Brooks NYC members and us. We also had LSFYC members Roberta and **Richard Rappe** come to visit us for a few hours on Sunday morning. (see photos next page).

Our annual *Clean The Bay Day* is coming up on **March 19** at 9am at The Shed. Please join us in this meaningful contribution of our club to the community, Alamitos Bay and the environment. See flyer for more details and please let VC **Al Bordallo** know if you're bringing your dinghy to clean from the waterways or if you'll walk the docks for the cleaning.

I recently stopped by the Rappe's house (our new members) for a quick visit. I was very touched when she showed me where she displayed her new LSFYC Burgee. It's attached to a Skipper Of The Year Award that her deceased brother who was an avid sailor received from The Nautical Heritage Museum at Dana Point (see picture).

**LSFYC 85th Opening Day** is coming up next month on **April 30th**. Make sure to put it on your calendar, you don't want to miss it. An RSVP will be required for this event as a guest and/or as a volunteer to help out. Call or email me at 714-383-1139 or [moticodo@gmail.com](mailto:moticodo@gmail.com)  
Check your email for more information.

Looking forward to seeing more of you at the Shed as the weather improves.

**Moti Cohen-Doron**

*LSFYC Commodore*

## RV Trip Photos



The Land Trawler



The RV group counter clockwise: Jill, Dave Smith, Bernard and Rhonda Brooks, Dyanna Smith, grandkids Autumn and Summer.



Glorious sunset at Bonelli Bluffs RV resort



Skipper of the Year Award





## **Vice Commodore's Report**

***Al Bordallo***



### **Hi Fellow LSFYC ladies and gents...**

Here we are already at the start of March. The temperature is warming a bit and finally the time will change March 13...spring forward one hour!

After the changing of the time, we can now begin to resurrect the Happy Hours at the Shed...Thursdays at 5:00pm and Sundays at 1:00pm. Look for emails to announce the start.

We would like to announce the presence of a new member on the LSFYC roster:

#### **Tracie Ichikawa**

Sponsored by Moti, she walked into the Shed one day, liked what she saw and heard and signed up! Welcome Tracie and looking forward to meeting you at the Shed and Clean the Bay Day!

Little Ships Fleet "*Clean The Bay Day*" is scheduled for **Saturday March 19th**. Come by to join us for this fun yet beneficial event to help clean up the Marina and meet some of the members as well. We will provide everything you need to help out including scoopers and environmentally friendly mesh bags for trash. Meet at the Shed in the morning at 9:00am after which we will even provide lunch.

I am in charge of this event this year and I am sure it will be great.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy February.

***Al Bordallo***

***LSFYC Vice Commodore***



## **Rear Commodore Report**

***Chris Layne***



### **What's up Little Shippers!!!**

March is upon us. Finally spring is in the air and sunshine is on our shoulders. Let's get out there and enjoy the beautiful place we call home. The fish are biting and the beer will soon be flowing.

It's time to go fishing. The Channel Islands are home to one of the best fisheries on the planet. The illusive grey ghosts are out there and they're hungry. Now is the time to load up the boat with bait and hook up with some white sea bass. And let us not forget all the actual bass out there waiting for a feed. So let's brush off our rods and respool our reels for the bounty our oceans can provide. Pro tip: Heavy braid and a good fluorocarbon leader has always done the job for me.

When you get back to the dock remember St.Pattys day is right around the corner. So let's refuel our bodies with enough corned beef to choke a horse and enough Guinness to drown the beautiful Irish town of Dublin! If a pint of the black stuff doesn't tickle your fancy then I'm sure a little green dye in your favorite frothy ale will suffice. Pro tip: it's impossible to be drunk and hungover at the same time. So buck up party people and let a good hair of the dog save the day.

### **Calling all sailors...**

LSFYC is attempting to assemble a crew for the ASPBYC *Walt Elliott Harbor Challenge Race* coming up this **May 15**. The challenger is LBYC and is looking to accept challenges for the race in the one design Catalina 37s.

We need a maximum active crew of 8 for the series of 3 races (with spinnaker runs) in that day. If you have any interest at all, please contact me directly.

If you'd like to first get a little taste of the action, I am able to take a guest out for a Wet Wednesday race at the LBYC starting in May. Again, please contact me directly with any inquiries (layne83@gmail.com).

Cheers,

***Chris Layne***  
***LSFYC Rear Commodore***

### In Memoriam

We have just learned of the passing of **Darrell A. Sausser** 90, a long time boater in the Long Beach Marina community and past (2007) Commodore of LSFYC.

Darrell was an interesting man with many talents, interests and skills. He was a retired chairman of the Riverside Community College music department where he taught piano and music and performed in the Performance Riverside Orchestra.

He and his family lived in Riverside in an unique geodesic dome shaped house designed by him.

He was also a pilot and with his airplane took the family for trips. They called themselves the "Flying Sausers".

An avid sailor, Darrell sailed through the South Pacific to Tahiti with his Ericson 38 *Escapade* where at one point

it become beached on the shore, but he managed to get it back to Long Beach. He has since raced *Escapade* in the harbor as well as the Newport Ensenada Race. He was a presence at after dock parties and other YC events such as with NYCLB.



In 2004, while he was Commodore of Hollywood YC and attending an Opening Day ceremony at Cabrillo Beach YC, he approached then LSFYC Comm Frank Franco to ask if possible to join LSFYC and position himself in line with the Flag as he was in dispute with HYC regarding an administrative issue. Frank agreed and Darrell was RComm the following year. During his tenure Darrell brought in many new members and created new and fun activities for the club.

Darrell was also a member and Commander of the Lake Arrowhead Power Squadron. After LSFYC he was Commodore of Marina YC LB and recently a Director of SCYA.

Darrell was a friendly man, always with smile, a gentleman and a truly nice man to know. He will certainly be missed.

Note: There will be services for Darrell Monday March 28, 2022 in Riverside.

If interested, please contact by phone: 951-780-2694 or 310-770-0869 or 415-215-4245

*Frank Franco*





Darrell Sausser on his big blue *Escapade*

# March 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Time Change Spring forward	14	15	16	17 St Patty Day LSFYC SHED	18	19 CLEAN THE BAY
20 LSFYC SHED 1:00	21	22	23	24 LSFYC SHED 5:00	25	26
27 LSFYC SHED 1:00	28	29	30	31 LSFYC SHED 5:00		



## Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club

lsfyc.org

Is proud to announce a

### **CLEAN THE BAY DAY**

On March 19th, 2022 from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Members of **Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club** will sweep the waters of Alamitos Bay Marina, up and down the fairways and along the docks, picking up trash to help give back to the community and the Environment.

Please let us know if you'd like to bring your dinghy for cleaning on the water, or if you'll join the volunteers cleaning from the docks.

**Please be at the Shed no later than 9:00am**

For RSVP's and information call VC Al Bordallo at (714) 883-8081.

**Prizes will be given to the Person who collected the most trash and the most unusual piece.**

In cooperation with the City of Long Beach, Parks and Rec. Dept. and Adopt-A-Beach Program (562) 570-1749

**We use reusable collection mash bags to reduce plastic trash.**

The Officers and Board Members of

## Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club



cordially invite you, your family and friends to attend and enjoy a celebration of

*The 85<sup>th</sup> OPENING DAY for 2022*



**Saturday, April 30, 2022**

at the

**LSFYC Facility**

**233 Marina Dr.**

**Long Beach, Calif. 90803**

**Registration: 11:00 am**

**Ceremony: 12:00**

*Followed by a luncheon buffet hosted by El Cantarito with entertainment by Wayne Pulcini*

Please RSVP (by April ) to: **Commodore MOTI COHEN-DORON**  
**714-383-1139** or email: [moticodo@gmail.com](mailto:moticodo@gmail.com)

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## **2022 LSFYC Bridge**

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