

# Three Sheets in the Wind

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE LITTLE SHIPS FLEET YACHT CLUB  
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## Commodore's Report

*Al Bordallo*



### Hello LSFYC Ladies and Gents...

2022 is now behind us and with a new Flag of Officers and staff to help, 2023 is expected to be fun and exciting for the Club.

I want to thank all of the participating members for their efforts in making LSFYC all it can be and those supporting members for your contributions in allowing the club to exist through the years. We hope that your continuing membership will allow us to sail into the new year with new and exciting events.

The Officer Installation Dinner January 29 at the Boathouse is an opportunity for members to meet the new Flag as well as some of the other members as well...and enjoying a great meal to boot! Please see page 10 for RSVPs and your entre choice.

I have big shoes to fill following Moti in this role but with his consul and your support I will have no problems in making Little Ships Fleet a great club to be in.

See you January 29...

***Al Bordallo***

*LSFYC Commodore*



# Vice Commodore's Report *Chris Layne*



### What's up little shippers!

First and foremost, Happy New Year!

The LSFYC Officer Installation dinner (January 29) is almost upon us. I have received a few reservations but have yet to see a dime. Please send checks (to LSFYC) to the clubhouse or directly to me. Hope to see you all there!

### Some business first...

We need a new webmaster. After many years of service S/C **Frank Franco** is ready to retire from the position. If you have any interest, please contact me directly.

We also are looking for a Treasurer. **Dick Martin** is ready to call it quits after this year. Any bookkeepers or CPA's out there? Please contact the Flag Officers with any inquiries or interest.

Now with the business out of the way, let's focus on our freshly passed holiday season. Baby it's cold in Idaho! At Ginger's family's home the snow was falling and the temperatures were dropping, but we still managed to heat things up!

Well, I've done it! I mean I did it. You know. No not that, I got engaged to Ginger! Yes, it's true. I'm off the market ladies. After a terrifying couple of days of avoiding eye contact and butterflies so bad I could have hurled, I got er' done.

With the weather being as bad as it was, it did make for a beautiful backdrop. Take a peek at the pics below.

I hope you're all excited for this coming year. I hope we fill it with fun and adventure. Be good to one another. Cheers!

### **Chris Layne**

*LSFYC Vice Commodore*





## **Rear Commodore Report**

*Lara Arambula*



### **Happy New Year Little Shippers!...**

My name is **Lara Arambula**, and I'm so excited to be your new Rear Commodore for 2023. I joined LSFYC several years ago to meet interesting new people, to become involved socially, and to learn more about the yachting community. I also planned to engage with the club and our community through volunteering. I'm happy to say that all of the above has happened!

From Opening Day, to numerous races, to Happy Hours at the shed, to enjoying the benefits of "reciprocals", to Clean the Bay days and so much more, LSFYC has a lot to offer! In the months to follow, I would love to get to know as many of you as possible, so please free to reach out to me at any of our upcoming events...such as the Officer Installation Dinner January 29 at the Boathouse.

My hope is that all our members will find their own ways to become involved, participate and enjoy the benefits of our club throughout the upcoming year.

Wishing you all a healthy and prosperous 2023!

*"A ship in harbour is safe, but that is not what ships are built for." -John A. Shedd*

Thank you all for your support!

***Lara Arambula***

*LSFYC Rear Commodore*

*"Carpe Diem"*



## **Jr Staff Commodore Report**

***Moti Cohen-Doron***

### **A Great New Year is ahead for Little Shippers!...**

Finally, after 3 years as Commodore, I can be Jr Staff Commodore!

Currently, Jill, Maya and I are on a trip to Florida to visit with family and to see construction progress on our vacation home.

In meantime, thanks and appreciation to all members who have supported the club through 2022 and hope that you will support the new Officers for 2023.

At the Holiday Brunch Dec 4, we had the opportunity to bestow upon our most senior member (92), a *Membership for Life* to S/C **Nate Tucker**.

***Moti Cohen-Doron***

***LSFYC Jr Staff Commodore***



Happy smiles from Nate after receiving a Life Membership Card from Moti. Dick Martin tears up Nate's previously submitted check for 2023 dues.





## **Treasurer's Report**

*Dick Martin*



### **Dues for 2023...**

Yes, it's that time again...the **LSFYC MEMBERSHIP DUES** are due for 2023. Your past membership has been greatly appreciated and will certainly be so for this coming new year. To ensure that you will be listed on the **2023 LSFYC Membership Roster**, please send your check for **\$145.00** to:

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

**-OR-**

**See the LSFYC website [MEMBERSHIP] page for payment via PAYPAL.**

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 for your continued support...

***Dick Martin***

*Treasurer, LSFYC*

# Photos from the Holiday Brunch

By Lara Franco

The LSFYC Holiday Brunch at the Acapulco Restaurant Dec 4, 2022 was great fun along with a great meal! Many members attended and also enjoyed the Gift Exchange and steal.



Roy & Carolyn Queen



Jill by the tree



Elena Yuasa with mom



Chris Layne with Ginger



Frank and Lara



Lara with cousin Delores



Frank & Gina Geiger



Tracie & Lara



Lara & Lou Arambula



Kelly & Rob Sonz



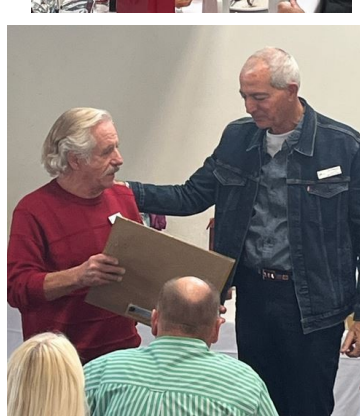
Richard & Roberta Rappe



# More Photos from the Holiday Brunch

By Jill Cohen-Doron

The Gift Exchange and steal presented many surprises, but still lots of fun for all.





## Tracie on the Bay

This is a story about two men. One older and one younger, and they had a mutual interest in one family...a gull family that lived in the Alamitos Bay. It was the summer of 2022 and Winter was on it's way. The two men were not the only people who followed the growth of this one little bird, but the growth of the bird bonded the older man and the younger man. The younger man would come to sit and wait for time to pass and as he did he was the first to notice the egg.

As a long shoreman he would travel far and stay with his friend on Naples Island during the weeks that he worked. He would ask his friend to come watch the bird and report how she was doing because Idaho was so far away. The little chick grew and grew and as she grew, their affection for the bird grew even stronger. A painter at LSFYC (that's me) painted the birds and the young man had to have the painting. He explained...*"I had a boss who is now retired. He comes to see the bird to pass the time. He has had a very interesting life. He is a very great man in many ways and has been very good to me. I want to give him this painting because this is the only thing we did together outside of work."*


This painting has meaning for us both. I want to give it to him as a Christmas Gift. Well, it's now already hanging in a home in Naples today and the bird will fly by his house for as long as it lives and a beautiful memory will live on through the gift of a painting and the stories once told.





# LSFYC Brochure

One of the items on the Club Operations hit list of things to accomplish for 2023, is that of a promotional Brochure to promote the club and to provide information for interested folks. This will be available in the coming weeks and be posted outside of shed for passer bys & copies inside the shed for access for members who wish copies for handing out to interested parties.



At a time when many Long Beach yacht clubs are having a hard time filling their mahogany paneled bars and dining rooms with well heeled members, one club continues to thrive since its' beginning in 1937... **Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club.**


We think of ourselves as a blue collar rather than a blue blood yacht club! We are a fully bona fide, accredited, non-profit yacht club and are affiliated with the *Southern California Yachting Association* as well as several other major yachting & racing organizations in Southern California.

With a facility (the Shed) operating out of the Alamitos Bay Marina, LSFYC offers a yacht club program for you and your family at a fraction of the usual cost!

Our emphasis is on sailboat racing, socially orientated member activities and club cruises to various So. Cal. locations throughout the year.


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**Location**




Next to the Alamitos Bay Marina fire station, gas dock and Navy YC at 233 N. Marina Dr.

**The Little Ships Fleet YC Shed**





## Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club

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**CLUB INFORMATION**



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**ABOUT US**

**WELCOME to the Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club**...the best kept secret in Long Beach!


Located on the water in beautiful Alamitos Bay, Long Beach, LSFYC, is a bona fide, fully accredited, non-profit, volunteer run yacht club. We belong to the major yachting associations in Southern California and our focus is on boating activities including sailboat racing, club cruises to Catalina Island and to other yacht clubs during the year. We also conduct member meetings and social event activities to allow you to have more fun with your boat and family. LSFYC, with the encouragement of equity, diversity and inclusiveness, has a wide range of members of various ages and boating experience, and the member fleet is comprised of sail, power, and electric boats.

Owners of any kind of boat, including trailerable are welcome. We also have room for non-boat owners as well. If you're interested in finding out more about or joining us, please click on the [Membership] tab on our website [lsfyc.org](http://lsfyc.org) or speak to the Membership Chairman at **562-242-9937**. We look forward to hearing from you.

**EVENTS**



LSFYC hosts a variety of member events throughout the year. With member potlucks at the LSFYC Shed, after-race parties, community based involvement, cruises and formal dinner meetings, there

is certain to be something for everyone to enjoy.



**RACING**

LSFYC hosts many races during the year and you are invited to enter your boat or to participate by crewing or help hosting after-race trophy presentations.





**MEMBERSHIP**

Your membership in LSFYC will allow you to get involved in and be a part of the Long Beach Yachting and boating community, either through water based and/or land based social activities. There is also opportunity for:

1. Allowing you to race your boat in SCYA sponsored races.
2. Water and/or land based cruises
3. Social programs participation
4. A Club Burgee, Membership Card and monthly Newsletter
5. Member apparel & accessories
6. Reciprocal Agreements with other So Cal Yacht clubs
7. Becoming an Officer or Operations Staff member.

Our only requirement is your willingness to participate by volunteering some personal commitment and time to assist the other members in organizing and setting up events such as the annual LSFYC Opening Day.



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**LSFYC  
INSTALLATION  
DINNER**

The Boat House  
1903 N Marina Dr, Long Beach  
January 29, 2023 @ 4:00pm  
\$30 per member & family

Please RSVP with your choice of  
steak, chicken, or fish for your  
entrée

**RSVP to Vice Commodor Chris Layne at (209) 996-0848 or layne83@gmail.com**

# January 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 <i>BOD MEET 6:30</i>	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 LSFYC IN- STALLATION DINNER 4:00PM	30	31				



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Thank you  
Cheri

November 3, 2022

Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club  
233 N Marina Dr  
Long Beach, CA 90803-4604

Thank you letter from the Ronald McDonald House folks for the contributions by LSFYC members to the Long Beach facility.

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff, please accept our appreciation for your generous gift of \$170.00 to the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House. We are committed to creating a community where children and their families embrace life and healing with a sense of hope, enthusiasm, courage and joy. The House was built on the simple idea that nothing else should matter when a family is focused on healing their child – not where they can afford to stay, where they will get their next meal or where they will lay their head at night to rest.

We believe that when a child is hospitalized the love and support of the family is as powerful as the strongest medicine prescribed. We continuously hear from families how grateful they are to have had a comfortable, peaceful place to rest, de-stress, and get a wonderful home-cooked meal, while still being just steps away from their child when they need them the most. This is possible with the support of caring people like you. You have helped more than 5,137 families and more than 18,605 people find comfort at our “home-away-from-home.”

Again, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your support. If I can ever assist you in any way, please contact me at (562)285-4310 or by email at [cbazley@rmhsc.org](mailto:cbazley@rmhsc.org).

Sincerely,

Cheri

Cheri Bazley  
Executive Director

*Please consider this letter official receipt of your tax deductible contribution on 11/1/2022 in the amount of \$170.00. No goods or services were provided to you in consideration of this gift. Our federal tax identification number is 95-3167869. This organization is a 501c(3) tax exempt organization, IRS Section 170(b)(2)(iii) for both federal and state tax purposes.*

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## 2023 LSFYC Bridge

### OPERATIONS STAFF

**Commodore:** Al Bordallo  
**Vice Commodore:** Chris Layne  
**Rear Commodore:** Lara Arambula  
**Treasurer:** Dick Martin  
**Fleet Captain:** Chris Layne  
**Port Captain :** Tracie Ichikawa  
**Secretary:** Sharmone La Rose

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**Jr. Staff Comm:** Moti Cohen-Doron  
**Director:** S/C Rob Sonz  
**Director:** S/C Frank Franco  
**Director:** Elena Yuasa

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