

# 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...

Rain, rain go way, come back again another day! Hopefully we have seen the last of it, but maybe not and yes it has been quite cool in the evenings. But summer will soon be upon us and the time to get out to enjoy the weather. The time is changing forward 1 hour on the 12th Sunday too.

This month is seeing some changes for the club and we are looking forward to some growth. There are now 4 potential members with submissions of applications and we expect to bring them in this month! The new brochures have already begun to do their job!

At the Board of Director's meeting, we voted in a new Director, **Robert Hughes**. Robert has shown great interest in becoming a part of the workings of the club and we know that he will be of tremendous help.

Please join us for our Thursday social meetings at the Shed from 5-7pm., and join us for the **Clean the Bay Day on the 11th**. I'll be there...rain or shine!.

See you soon,

**Al Bordallo**

*LSFYC Commodore*



## Vice Commodore's 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 seabass. 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.Patty's 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 assembling a crew for the **Walt Elliott Challenge** to LBYC coming up this May. If you have any interest at all please contact me directly. We need a minimum of 8 and a full crew max of 12. And if you'd like to 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.

Also looking for volunteer Committee boats for the June and July LSFYC Harbor Series races.

Cheers,

**Chris Layne**

*LSFYC Vice Commodore*



## Rear Commodore Report

*Lara Arambula*



### Hello Little Shippers!...

This past month I was invited to attend the Rear Commodore Seminar at King Harbour Yacht Club in Redondo Beach. It was a beautiful day after one of our rain storms and it was my first time visiting this club. It was sponsored by SCYA (the Southern California Yacht Club Assoc). SCYA has been around since 1921 and they do so much to support and engage the recreational boating community. You can learn more on their website at SCYA.org.

There were about 35 other Rear Commodores in attendance ranging from Morro Bay all the way to San Diego. The agenda included registration, a welcome and brief introductions by everyone there, followed by a presentation from Clarke Marine Garvey, an insurance provider for boat owners and yacht clubs. Next we learned the history of SCYA and then broke for a very nice brunch. They had quite the spread and I was able to speak with other RC's from Seal Beach, Dana Point and Rancho Margarita Yacht Clubs.

We resumed with a talk on Making the Most of Your Rear Commodore Year and what to expect. We received some helpful outlines and then concluded with a presentation on the history and importance of the various coveted sailing trophies. The speaker was very enthusiastic and had a lot of knowledge in this area. Trophies tell the story! Overall, I learned a lot, met some nice people and was well fed!

Wow! Next month is the **86th Opening Day** for LSFYC and we are now looking for help to set and make this another successful event for the club. Please contact me or email the club at: [lsfyclub@gmail.com](mailto:lsfyclub@gmail.com) for your desire to jump in to help. Further notice will be via emails.

*"At sea, I learned how little a person needs, not how much."  
-Robin Graham*

**Lara Arambula**

*LSFYC Rear Commodore*

*"Carpe Diem"*



## **Treasurer's Report**

*Dick Martin*



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

Ok...this is absolutely the last last call!...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, so don't miss out this 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*



## Tracie on the Bay

FYI...the fish that didn't get away!

Sam was out in Catalina one day with a spear gun he designed in his brothers garage. He went down into the water and a school of giant sea bass caught him by surprise. He got so scared he aimed at the smallest one. He hit it in the head and it went belly up.

He held the record for catching the biggest black bass ever recorded at the time. After that everyone wanted his spear gun and he became an inventor for ScubaPro.



## **Nate Tucker is retiring as Little Ships Fleet Captain!**

*By Sharmone LA Rose*

Senior Staff Commodore **Nate Tucker** has a long and varied history with Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club beginning in 1995. As a kid he loved sailing. Nate graduated from Poly Tech High School, Long Beach in 1948. On Senior Ditch Day he went to Avalon on the Catalina Steamer for the first time with the rest of the senior class.

In 1979, Nate bought a Catalina 30 sailboat and named it "*Swell Lover*". He sold it 35 years later in 2016. Nate has fond memories of sailing to Catalina many, many times with his wife Barbara and their family.

In 2002, Fleet 8, the national Catalina boat owners' association, hosted the Cat 30 National Regatta here in Long Beach and Nate was put in charge of the event. Being a member of LSFYC he went to the Board and asked if they would help with equipment, promotion and people needed to put on the event. LSFYC responded generously and the Regatta was a big success with Cat 30s coming in from San Diego to San Francisco. After the racing was over Frank Butler, owner of the Catalina Company and designer of the Cat 30, showed up and presented the trophies. This was an inflection point for Nate who then joined the leadership cadre of LSF and in 2005 became Commodore.

For 2-3 years LSFYC did cruises to the Isthmus on Catalina Island teaming up with Marina Sailing and Port Royal YC out of King Harbor. There were about 70-90 people from the three clubs barbecuing at the beach. Nate also did about 10 Ensenada races on other peoples' boats. Two or three of those races were with Dick O'Reilly who is still a member of LSFYC.

After a stint in the Army, Nate worked professionally as a Court Reporter for the State of California for about 15 years and then owned his own free-lance deposition business. He also did the newsletter for LSFYC for some time. It was easy for him to do because in his office he had a copy machine that could copy, collate, staple and cover 20 copies at a time!



In 2020 he became Fleet Captain. As Racing Chairman, he created the Offshore Series (two races). The inaugural was 2022 and he hopes these continue. Nate also created a perpetual trophy which is a knot board, now on display at the shed. This honors the person who has brought in the most new members in a year. The winner of this trophy also gets a free year's dues. **Moti Cohen Doron** received it this year. This trophy has a variety of nautical knots created by Nate. Nate is very talented at creating these intricate knots. Each knot has a history with one going back to the Roman times. Nate has also served as the Installing Officer in several Officer Installation Dinners providing members with his wit and humor.

On our website click "About LSFYC". You will find our wonderful mission statement also created by Nate Tucker.

We are so very proud of the hard work and years of service that Nate Tucker has contributed to the legacy of Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club. He will continue being a part of the races and activities as he was awarded a LIFETIME membership in LSFYC in December 2022.

Thank-you and Congratulations Nate Tucker!

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 86<sup>th</sup> OPENING DAY for 2023*



**Saturday, April 29, 2023**

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*

Please RSVP (by April ) to: Jr Staff Commodore MOTI COHEN-DORON  
714-383-1139 or email: moticodo@gmail.com

Visit us at: lsfyc.org  
Email: lsfyclub@gmail.com

# March 2023



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# Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club

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Is proud to announce a

## **CLEAN THE BAY DAY**

On March 11, 2023 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 mesh bags to reduce plastic trash.**

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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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