

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Al Bordallo



Hello LSFYC Ladies and Gents...

Sunny days are now ahead of us after the seemingly never ending rains. Let's get out there to catch the rays.

Some LSFYC news flashes:

Joining the LSFYC Board of Directors this month is member **Robert Hughes**, whose insight will be greatly appreciated in the months ahead.

We want to welcome new members to LSFYC:

Alex DeShazer whose boat *Serendipity*, a Moody 38 is in Shoreline Marina

Jerry Mazzochi residing in Seal Beach

Bobby Lambros a Long Beach resident

We are looking forward to seeing them soon.

S/C **Ben Smith** has now taken full control of the LSFYC website. If any questions or additions you would like to see, contact Ben at email above. He has also updated the PHOTO page on the website to include past events.

We need your help for setting up the Opening Day event at the shed (see page 3). This is a great opportunity for newer members to get involved and meet the other members as well.

Have a great Easter with family and friends and I will see you all on the 29th...

Al Bordallo

LSFYC Commodore



Vice Commodore's Report

Chris Layne



What's up little shippers!

Happy Easter!!

A quick reminder to all of you sailors and scalawags - if you have a desire to race on the very same vessels as the Long Beach YC Congressional Cup, there might be a spot for you. From time to time we run low on crew members for the May Wet Wednesday Races. Therefore, I can get you on to give it a go! Just know that it is racing and it is competitive. All levels of experience are welcome. Obviously the more experience you have, the better your race might be. Feel free to shoot me an email or a call if you're interested. I'll then give you all the details and get your name on the list.

We had a great Clean the Bay Day March 11 (see page 9). Thanks to those who participated and the next one will be coming again soon.

LSFYC is getting ready to host our *Offshore Series* starting next month **May 14**. This is a great opportunity to crew for some of the boats in the series. Again, if you're interested in getting out there and mixing it up, let me know. There always seems to be boats short on crew. There will be a BBQ and trophy presentation after the race and you are invited....don't miss this.

I can't wait to see you all at LSFYC Opening Day...especially with your helping hands to make it a success!

Cheers,

Chris Layne

LSFYC Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore Report

Lara Arambula



Hello Little Shippers!...

March was a bit of a wet month, to say the least, but we still managed to hold our weekly Thirsty Thursday Happy Hours hosted by Commodore **Al Bordallo!** As the days are now longer and the weather a bit sunnier now's an even better time to head to the shed Thursdays from 5-7 to socialize with fellow little shippers and meet some of our newest members. It's a great place to enjoy the sunset, play a game or two, and have a beverage from the honor bar. Hope to see you there!

Next up is our annual **Opening Day on Saturday, April 29.** Mark your calendars! We hope to have as many members as possible participate in one of our most important days of the year! Invitations have been sent via email so please RSVP ASAP to Staff Commodore **Moti Cohen-Doron** (see flyer page 8). We've got a great day planned, but we need volunteers to make it a success.

All volunteers will meet at the shed at 8:30am prior to the event. We need help with setting up, registration, breakdown etc. More info to follow regarding this, So keep an eye out for this. Looking forward to seeing you all at our 86th Annual Opening Day!

In the meantime, enjoy the beautiful days of spring and hopefully you can get out on the water as well

Enjoy the Easter holiday...

"You can never cross the ocean unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore" -Christopher Columbus

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

By Tracie Ichikawa

Planet home today was once planet home to one of the most dangerous and feared predators to ever live in the seven seas. The Megalodon Shark! 400 million to 200 million years ago one of this monster's tooth (see photo below...I got this from my Uncle Sam) crushed the life out of giant prehistoric creatures. Cold, fossilized and rock heavy you can feel its power and history in the palm of your hand. Some refer to it as black gold and black gold amazes me.

So just how big was the megalodon shark!? Well, I'll tell you! It was 3 times bigger than the largest recorded great white shark! Twice the size of a T-Rex and big enough to send a salty seamen screaming like a baby. Big enough to frighten a cruise ship captain and big enough to make JAWS look like a child's nursery rhyme. To compare the two would be just silly. Megalodon was the king of the ocean.

I don't know about you but I for one am relieved that they are extinct.... or are they? Some say that they still are alive and well in the deep waters of The Mariana Trench, the planet's deepest point. What do you think? Do you think they're still alive and well? We may never know.



Big tooth

LB HARBOR RACE MARK MAINTENANCE IN AN ATMOSPHERIC RIVER

By S/C Ben Smith

In early January 2023, I agreed to take on the responsibilities of Rear Commodore of the Association of San Pedro Yacht Clubs (ASPBYC). The main responsibility being maintenance of the race marks in the Long Beach and San Pedro harbors. The ASPBYC traces its beginning back to 1967 when it was first formed as the Yacht Club Association of Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors. Today the ASPBYC provides the following services: coordination of a master racing calendar of member clubs, establishment and maintenance of commonly used racing marks and promotion of interclub racing events.

In a normal year maintaining the race marks involves confirming that the marks are still in the correct locations and an occasional cleaning. This year's winter has been anything but normal with more than 12 "atmospheric river" events by mid-March. These atmospheric rivers bring unusually heavy rain, gale force winds, and rough seas to the local harbors.

So far this year we have had to recover mark 32 off the beach, mark 37 off Island Freeman (photo below), and mark 38 disappeared completely.

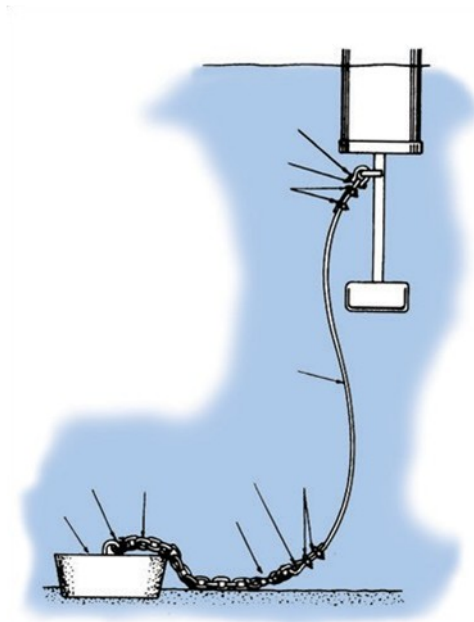


Like many jobs, the first thing I learned was who to call in different situations. If a mark ends up on the beach, call the LB Beach maintenance supervisor. If a mark ends up on an oil island, call the LB lifeguards. The lifeguards then coordinate with the THUMS crew that run the oil islands. THUMS is an acronym for the consortium that originally constructed the four oil islands in San Pedro Bay (Texaco, Humble, Unocal, Mobil, and Shell) in 1965. If a mark disappears, it's time to call the company that manufacturers the buoys and place an order.

Once a mark is recovered, we take it to the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club (ABYC). ABYC has generously allowed ASPBYC to use a corner of their storage yard to store and repair race marks. If the mark is in good shape, the repair consists of replacing the ground tackle. The ground tackle consists of a Danforth anchor and rode. The ground tackle is shackled to a ring on the counterweight below the mark (sketch below). If the mark is not in good shape, the repairs are more involved. Sometimes requiring replacement of the center post and counterweight. Sometimes repairs to the ABS body of the mark itself are required. Once the repairs are complete, the next (see next page)

LB HARBOR RACE MARKS (con't)

is to tow the mark to its assigned location and reset the anchor. As stated earlier, we use Danforth anchors. We do not use concrete blocks as shown in the sketch below.



I have found this job rewarding and challenging. I enjoy getting out on the water and maintaining the race marks feels like I am contributing to the racing community. Let me know if this sounds interesting to you. I am always looking for volunteers to help.

Ben Smith
LSFYC Staff Commodore

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 86th 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

April 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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23	24	25	26	27 THIRSTY THURSDAY 1 SHED 5PM	28	29 LSFYC OPENING DAY!!!
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Little Shippers proudly display their booty from the Clean the Bay Day in Alamitos Bay Marina.

Attending were:

From right...Moti, Tracie w/Tootie, Lara F., Chris L., Al, Ginger, Jill, Lou A.,Lara A., Robert H., Reina H., Lucy . & kids.

Photo by Kelly S.



2023 LSFYC Bridge

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