

# Three Sheets in the Wind

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## Little Ships Fleet Opening Day Celebration in April...



LSFYC finished the month of April participating in the annual SCYA hoopla of opening the yachting season for 2023. With the usual pomp and ceremony another LSFYC Opening Day was successfully completed followed by the raising of the club burgee indicating we are now open for business. More on this inside...

LSFYC has kicked off the 2023 Racing Program by participating in the LBYC Walt Elliot Challenge Race and hosting the LSFYC Offshore Race #1. LSFYC also welcomes 3 new members who will certainly be a part of the racing program. More on this inside too...

Happy Mother's Day to all...



## Vice Commodore's Report

*Chris Layne*



### What's up little shippers!

It's my favorite time of year - IT'S SAILING SEASON, BABY!!!! And what a way to kick off this year with Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club competing in the *Walt Elliott Challenge May 7!*

At the helm, we had our club's own, **Mark Ryan**, ducking and diving, carving up the course like a Christmas turkey. On the bow, we had LSFYC member, **Nick Santos**, locking down the pointy end of the boat. In the pit was LSFYC member **Allie Tsai**, taking care of business. In the back of the boat, we had Jr. Staff Commodore **Moti Cohen-Doron**, along with Scott, and Paco (2 volunteers) holding it down. Quick shoutout to the crew - thank you so much for coming out and making this possible!!

The 3 race regatta kicked off at 12:55pm. We had a windward mark about a half a mile from the start line. All 3 races were basically the same - 2 laps around the course. Long Beach Yacht Club was first around the windward mark and held their position the rest of the afternoon. But we held our own and took 3rd in the first race. Second race was about the same. Wind conditions started to pick up a bit. We raced our butts off but ended up 4th. Third race, we had to pull the genoa and Nick rigged the smaller jib. With the wind picking up, we got into a drag race for 2nd place.

It was a photo finish. I may be a little biased, but I think we had them. Unfortunately, the committee boat saw it the other way, so we ended up with a 3rd place finish for the last race. Once the smoke cleared, we ended up tied for 3rd place in overall points.

It was a beautiful day out on the water. The races were exciting and competitive. I think we were all super excited with the result. (see photos page 9.

Big shout out to some of our newest members, Allie, Nick, and Mark! We are looking forward to being able to compete in more races and get our club on the podium!

Cheers,

**Chris Layne**

*LSFYC Vice Commodore*

*Note to members:*

*You have received my email recently regarding the change of watch in the Flag. This is a situation that occurs now and then in the yachting community of yacht clubs, but it is certainly not the end of the world. LSFYC will, as always, continue to move forward, meeting the needs of the members and the yachting community. With your active and continued participation, we are looking forward to another successful year.*

*Chris*



## Rear Commodore Report

*Lara Arambula*



### Hello Little Shippers!...

First of all I would like to give a special thank you to everyone who came early to help set up and then later break down our 86th annual Opening Day Celebration! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We started with an empty parking lot, and before long we had tables, chairs, flags, decor, the podium, speakers, food, and a full bar set up! The DJ, photographer (see photos page 6) and popular taco cart put the finishing touches on the event. In addition, thank you to all the members and their guests who supported LSFYC with their attendance. You all had made it a success and it was great to see you!

Now with our biggest day of the year behind us, it's time to look forward and get excited about the sailing and racing season ahead! There are opportunities for anyone to get involved. Please reach out to our Fleet Captain **Chris Layne** if you're interested or have any questions. With beautiful spring days ahead, it's time to get out on or near the water and take advantage of this wonderful part of SoCal that we call home.

*"I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving: To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it - but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor."*

-Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

***Lara Arambula***

*LSFYC Rear Commodore*

*"Carpe Diem"*

# Fleet Captain Report

*Chris Layne*

This Saturday May 13, is Race #1 of the **LSFYC Offshore Series**. The race is to the offshore platform Edith 10 miles from the harbor start line. Competing in the race are LSFYC's S/C **Tom Cornelius** on *Belissima* and S/C **Ben Smith** on *Renegade*. The boats will finish at the NYCLB dock at about 3:30 pm. After which will be a presentation of trophies and a BBQ for all attending. This means you too!

Come and join us to watch the boats finish and for the trophy presentation and the burgers n beers BBQ by yours truly and **Tracie Ichikawa**.

Also this is the last chance for you to join the Committee boat crew aboard S/C **Frank Franco's Cantamar** to see the on the water start of the race. Just show up at the shed at 9:30am Saturday.

*Join Little Ships Fleet YC for the*



**Race #1: May 13, 2023    Race #2: August 5, 2023**

Welcome to the LSFYC **OFFSHORE SERIES**, starting from near Mark 38 to Oil Platform **EDITH** (N 33° 35' 45" W118° 8' 29") and return to the startline for approx 16 miles R/T.

Open to PHRF, non spin and one design.

Individual race trophies and an Overall PERPETUAL trophy will be awarded at NYCLB after race party.

For SI, Notice of Race, Entry Forms & Fees, see LSFYC website:  
<http://www.lsfyc.org/RACING/RACING.html>



## **Tracie on the Bay**

By Tracie Ichikawa

One of my personal favorite ways to showcase shells is to put them in glass domes and vases. That big one in the center (see below) was in a dirty box on the floor of a filled garage. It was sitting inside thick clear plastic, double bagged.

My jaw dropped at the sight of it. In the bottom of the bag there was this thick bright salmon colored goop. I'm not going to try to sound like a brave trooper by saying it didn't frighten me. The idea of what it might smell like when I remove the shell from its long existence in that bag was a real concern. A gag reflex was almost a sure thing so I opened the house up and took it to the sink. With a squinchy face I held the bottom of the bag with one hand and with the other I pulled the shell from the top. I was holding my breath but eventually I had to take in air and so I did.

What's this? It was like sweet vanilla!? I'm kidding of course that's just crazy talk but can you believe zero was the scent of the pinky peach ages old goop in the bag! I was shocked! It didn't change my face though. Just the idea of cleaning it was occupying my grossed out head space. I sat it in the sun light to dry and later placed it under this dome to adore every time I step into my kitchen. Oooh, that big shell...how I love it!



# LSFYC OPENING DAY PHOTOS

*By Lia Arambula*

From the setup to the ceremony and commissioning of the club, Opening Day celebration involved many folks and the result was a great time for all. Zoom in to get a better look. More next pages...



# More LSFYC OPENING DAY PHOTOS

By Lia Arambula



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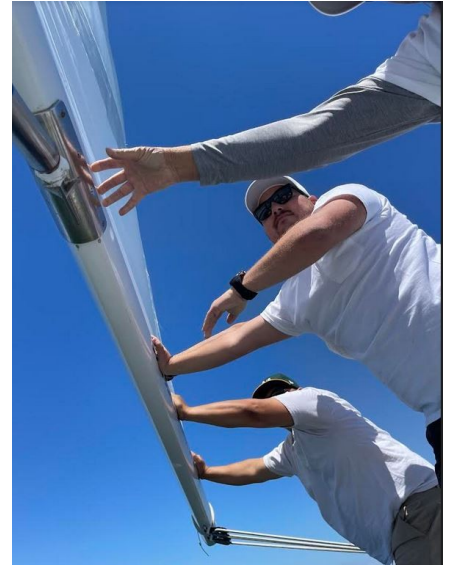




## Walt Elliot Challenge Race photos

By Moti Cohen-Doron

This race is the challenge to last year's winner Seal Beach YC. Competing in the Race was Long Beach YC, Shoreline YC, Alamitos Bay YC, Cabrillo Beach YC, Navy YC and LSFYC. The boats used were the one design Catalina 37 as seen at the LBYC dock. There were 3 races and scored by points as to finishers of each race. The LSFYC team, headed up by Chris Layne, made a good showing and with this race has begun the successful start of the LSFYC Race program! See page 10 for more photos.





Walt Elliot Race crew: Allie, Nick, Mark, Moti, Chris, and Scott.

# MAY 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 LSFYC OFFSHORE RACE#1
14 MOTHER'S DAY	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 <sup>4</sup>	27
28	29 MEMORIAL DAY	30	31			



Presenting Old Glory on LSFYC Opening Day Ceremony

## **2023 LSFYC Bridge**

### **OPERATIONS STAFF**

*Vice Commodore: Chris Layne*  
*Rear Commodore: Lara Arambula*  
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*Fleet Captain: Chris Layne*  
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