

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Little Ships Fleet YC happenings for September & October

September saw the Member Recognition and Potluck meeting at the shed on the 15th. This was an opportunity to meet many of the new members. On the 23rd was the Clean the Bay Day in the marina. If you missed it, there was no September newsletter due to technical issues. More on this inside...



LSFYC members show off the haul of trash from a previous Clean the Bay Day..



Vice Commodore's Report

Chris Layne



What's up Little Shippers!

It's hard to believe it's already October! But we know what that means... FOOTBALL IS BACK!! Now, if the weather would just realize it's Fall and cool off a bit - that would be great!!!

Team *Kowabunga* (a shoutout to **Allie Tsai**) just attended our end of season awards ceremony for the LBYC Wet Wednesday regatta and we are proud to announce that we placed in 2 series!

In series 1, we took 1st place! And in series 3 we placed 3rd! We had a great summer on the water and are already counting down the days until we're back on the water.

Be on the lookout for an announcement for our Inaugural **LSFYC Silent Auction!** We are very excited to be auctioning off some great prizes, just in time for Christmas. So dust off the old checkbooks and get ready to make some bids! Details will be sent out soon.

Thanks to Little Shippers who participated in the Sept 15 Potluck and the Sept 23 Clean the Bay Day.

Mark your Calendar for the annual **LSFYC Holiday Party** at Acapulco Restaurant **Sunday Dec 3 at 9:30 am.** Flyer to be sent out soon.

A final note, the LSFYC Board of Directors is hoping to fill an empty chair for 2024 and is asking if any member who wishes to become a part of the decision working process of the club to please contact us at: lsfy CLB@gmail.com to request information.

Cheers,
Chris Layne
LSFYC Acting Commodore
Vice Commodore
Fleet Captain (yes, I'm a very busy little beaver)



Rear Commodore Report

Lara Arambula



Ahoy Little Shippers!...

Well, we have officially entered the fall season. It's my favorite time of year as the leaves change color, the air is crisp, and the holidays are right around the corner. As the days get shorter it's a great time of year to gather and be cozy with friends and family.

In Denmark (I'm half Danish), they have a word called "Hygge" (pronounced hoo-gah). It's gaining popularity around the world. It is a feeling of being warm, safe, comforted, and sheltered amongst family and friends. It's a concept of finding comfort and joy in simple situations, such as drinking coffee before a fire, snuggling beneath a soft blanket, lighting candles when setting the dinner table, or engaging in other simple joys with family and friends. So as we move through fall and the upcoming holiday season, I invite all of you to Hygge at home, with friends and family, and with your LSFYC crew, and to appreciate the simple moments you encounter or create.

And on that note, I would love to see you all at our next **potluck on Friday, October 27th from 6-8pm**. Our September potluck was such a "Hygge" success we have to do it again! There was lots of great food, lively conversations, and it was nice to meet so many of our newest members. Please bring a dish to share and meet at the shed. In addition, we would love as many people as possible, or all who are interested to dress up in costume. Since it is the weekend before Halloween, why not? There will be a prize for the best costume!

Also, coming up on **Saturday, Nov. 4th**, approximately 10a-2p, is our annual **Ronald McDonald House** volunteer event. Please see the flyer page 8 for all the important details! Space is limited. Please contact me at 714-813-1231 if you're interested in attending. We have 5 spots remaining.

Also, November 17 is another potluck but a *Friendsgiving* one! Stay tuned for this.

Enjoy the fall season!

"To desire nothing beyond what you have is surely happiness. Aboard a boat, it is frequently possible to achieve just that. That is why sailing is a way of life, one of the finest of lives."

-Carleton Mitchell

Lara Arambula

LSFYC Rear Commodore

"Carpe Diem"

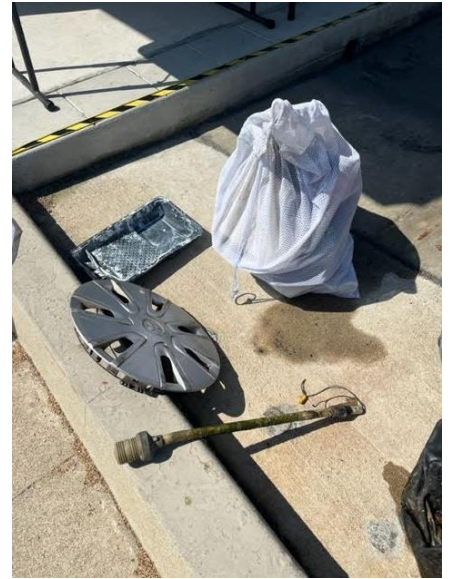
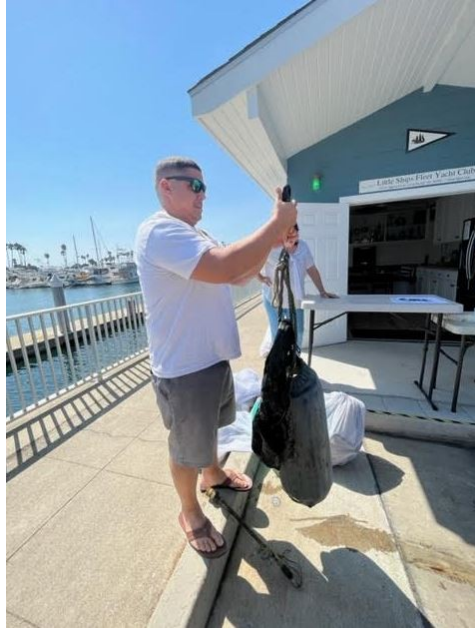
LSFYC HAPPENINGS

September 15 was the Meet the New Members Potluck at the shed. Attending were: **Frank Franco & Lara**, **Lara Arambula & Lou**, **Allie Tsai**, **Damon Ciarelli**, **Ketty Citterio**, **Ruth De Raddo**, **Frank & Gina Geiger**, **Chris Layne & Ginger**, **Sharmone La Rose**, **Elena Yuasa**, **Dan Schlesinger** (the evening's drinkmaster) , and **many others**. There was much good eats and a great and memorable time was had by all.



LSFYC HAPPENINGS (con't)

September 23 was the LSFYC Clean the Bay Day where Little Shippers spent the morning scouring the marina waters from the docks and on the water for bits and pieces of trash and stuff. Attending were **Moti & Jill Cohen-Doron, Rob & Kelly Sonz, Chris Layne & Ginger, Sharmone La Rose,** and **Robert Hughes.**





Tracie on the Bay

By Tracie Ichikawa

In the marina, people come into our lives. Like the gentle tides they drift in and they drift out and when they drift in they make a mark. It is unknown what kind of mark they will make and when they leave, sometimes they never know what kind of mark they did make. I believe that my friend Dennis Archuleta is one of those who didn't know just how much he warmed the hearts of others.

For years Dennis used to walk all around the Marina. In recent years he found himself confined to a wheelchair. Not even that could stop him from coming down to the Marina to see the baby seagulls hatch or to just watch the tide roll in. If I was lucky I'd be here when he pulled up. He could drive from his wheelchair and he would roll over to the front doors at Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club to Say Hello With A Great Big Smile! I'd grab a chair and we would go over to the rails and we would sit in the shade of the big old tree at NYCLB.

He was a charmer that guy Dennis, and smart too, but just like he drifted into our lives he drifted away. His ashes were taken out to sea last week and on that day I drifted here afterward and a dolphin drifted here, then a baby seagull came to sit here and even a butterfly fluttered by here. I'd like to believe that it was Dennis drifting here to bring these gifts to let me know I'm not watching the bay alone but that he is in the swells and tides. He's in the ripples the dolphins glide through He is the water the baby seagulls now float on and he is free in the drink we call the vast blue ocean.





OCTOBER, 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 SHED EVENT RENTAL
22	23	24	25	26	27 LSFYC POTLUCK SHED 6PM	28
29	30	31 HALLOWEEN				

LSFYC and a Feast from the Heart Preparing a luncheon at the Ronald McDonald House in Long Beach

On **Saturday, November 4, 2023** a group of up to 9 LSFYC members will create a varied luncheon menu, fund the purchase of all ingredients, and will prepare the dishes in the *Ronald McDonald House* Long Beach's* four full service kitchens, allowing exhausted and overwhelmed families, after being with their children at the hospital, the opportunity to find comfort in a home cooked meal....*provided by LSFYC!* The luncheon we prepare will be served at **12 noon**, so we will meet between **9-10 am** to start preparations and leave after having served the items and we've cleaned up (see attachment for details).

If you are interested in participating in this fun and rewarding event (it certainly is as we have done this event before), please contact RC **Lara Arambula** (tk2fly@yahoo.com, 714-813-1231).

Cooking's not your passion? Then please consider helping out by picking up some of these items next time you're at the market or Costco for us to take with us as a donation from Little Ships Fleet. The *Ronald McDonald House* is always in need of snacks for their families and cleaning supplies for their staff to keep everything ship shape and greatly appreciates the support.

Wish List of Most needed items:

- Single serving bags of chips
- Single serving bags of cookies
- Single serving Granola bars
- Single serving bags of nuts
- Individual fruit cups or pudding cups
- Heavy Duty paper plates
- Heavy Duty paper bowls
- Paper towels
- Trash bags (33 gallon and 13 gallon)
- Gallon size Ziploc freezer bags
- Sandwich size Ziploc bags
- Spray Glass Cleaner
- 409 spray cleaner
- Pod laundry detergent
- New board books for children or short story books



Little Shippers at the *Ronald McDonald House* after preparing a meal in Oct 2019

*Ronald McDonald House 500 E. 17th St, Long Beach, CA 90806

2023 LSFYC Bridge

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