

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Chris Layne



Greetings LSFYC family!

As the sun emerges from its winter slumber and the temperatures begin to rise, sailors eagerly anticipate the arrival of sailing season. This time-honored tradition marks the beginning of maritime adventures and nautical pursuits. From serene lakes to vast oceans, sailors of all levels of expertise prepare to embark on journeys that will invigorate their spirits and challenge their skills.

Sailing season brings with it a sense of freedom and exploration, as sailors set sail to discover new horizons and reconnect with the natural world. The gentle breeze against the sails, the rhythmic sound of the waves, and the breathtaking beauty of the open water all combine to create a truly magical experience. Whether racing in regattas or leisurely cruising with friends and family, sailing season offers something for everyone to enjoy.

As the days grow longer and the weather grows warmer, sailors eagerly anticipate the adventures that lie ahead. Whether it's the thrill of competition, the tranquility of cruising, or simply the joy of being out on the water, sailing season is a time of excitement and possibility. So, hoist the sails, feel the wind in your hair, and embrace the magic of sailing season.

To kick off the beginning of the racing season, come and join us at the shed **March 17 Sunday for a tasty St Patty's day breakfast** to help fund the LSFYC racing program (see page 6).

Cheers,

Chris Layne

LSFYC Commodore

Fleet Captain



Vice Commodore's Report

Lara Arambula



Ahoy Little Shippers!...

This month I have left the beautiful waters of SoCal and headed to the majestic mountains of Wyoming and Utah. My husband and daughter are hitting the slopes on their snowboards while I introduce our recently rescued husky, Sasha, to her natural habitat! She's really enjoying the snow and all our together time.

Although we hit a snowstorm on our way into Jackson Hole, it has since cleared, and the skies are bright blue, and the snow pristine white. It's beautiful! We have visited the Elk Refuge and soon we will head to one of my favorite places on earth, the Grand Teton National Park. It's just stunning this time of year!

Spring is around the corner, and there is beauty to be seen all around us, regardless of where we may find ourselves. The air is crisp, flowers will soon be in bloom, and it should also be warming up, just in time for our most anticipated event of the year, Opening Day! I hope you will all join us on **April 21st** as we celebrate the official start of the sailing season. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events:

Mar 17 St Patty's Pancake Breakfast at the shed

April 6 Game Nite at the Shed 6:00 pm

April 21 ** LSFYC Opening Day Event ** (stay tuned for information)

May 11 LSFYC Offshore Race #1 & BBQ

May 25 Movie nite at NYCLB

June 1 LSFYC Reach to the Beach Race & BBQ

June 14 Joint Pot Luck with NYCLB

July 6 LSFYC Luau Nite at NYCLB

July 13 LSFYC Beat the Heat Race & BBQ

July 27 Bicycle Bar Hop at the Shed 7:00 pm

Aug 24 LSFYC Offshore Race #2 & BBQ

Sept 14 LSFYC Clean the Bay Day 9:00 am

Sept 21 LSFYC Land Cruise to Cabrillo Beach YC

Oct 5 Ronald McDonald House Charity Event

Oct 12 LSFYC Pancake breakfast fundraiser

Oct 26 LSFYC Shipwreck Halloween Party

Nov 9 Veteran's Day Boat Cruise to USS Iowa

Nov 16 LSFYC Happy Hour Friendsgiving at the Shed 5-8 pm

Dec 7 LSFYC Holiday Brunch at Acapulco Restuarnt.

Lara Arambula

LSFYC Vice Commodore

"Carpe Diem"



Rear Commodore's Report

Dominic Arcelin



Hello Little Shippers!

Spring is right around the corner and with it comes the racing season. So what better time to take a look back through the history of our club, and the impact Little Ships Fleet has had on racing.

Eighty seven years ago this month (before Little Ships was officially a club), Frank Davenport and five of his friends had the great idea to develop a handicap system to allow boats of different classes to race in the same regatta.

Prior to this system if you didn't have a boat that was in a designated class, you couldn't participate in a sanctioned race. In order to create a handicap, Frank Davenport and his cohorts needed some data on how these smaller, non-class boats would perform. In March of 1937 the racing of the "forgotten fleets" began and the rest is, as they say, history. Davenport's boat *Guess Again* (pictured below), performed well in the races. In one such race Davenport's wife, Mildred Coleman, took first place defeating E.Y. Sullivan's *Avisa* by 13 minutes. If Sullivan thought he had a fast boat, he should Guess Again.

Davenport and his friends would lay the foundation for the PHRF rating system as well as form the *Little Ships Fleet of Long Beach*, leaving a lasting impact on the sport of sailing as we know it. So let's get involved, let's get racing, and let's make Frank and Mildred Coleman proud!

(I would like to mention that this information as well as much, much more, comes from the beautiful history book presented to the club by Howard and Eunice Kupfer in 1962. If you haven't already, you should come down to The Shed and check it out!)

Dominic Arcelin
LSFYC Rear Commodore





Treasurer's Report

Robert Hughes



Dues for 2024...

I am still pleased to serve as Treasurer of LSFYC and follow in the footsteps of **Dick Martin**. My continuing task is the collection of the primary income source of the club which is the annual dues.

And yes, it is just a bit past that time again...the **LSFYC MEMBERSHIP DUES** are still due for 2024. Thanks to those who had submitted the dues. Your past membership has been greatly appreciated and will certainly be so for this coming new year.

However, please be aware that if 2024 dues are not received by end of this month, unpaid members will be removed from the Roster. So unless you want to be left at the dock as LSFYC sails on...

Please send your check for **\$145.00** to:

LSFYC, 233 Marina Dr. , Long Beach, Cal 90803

-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.

Thank you for your support...

Robert Hughes
Treasurer, LSFYC



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5 LSFYC BOD MEET	6	7	8	9
10 DAYL;ITE SAVING	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 ST PATTY PANCAKE AT SHED	18	19 SPRING	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 OD PLAN
31 EASTER						



2024 LSFYC Bridge

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