

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Chris Layne



Greetings LSFYC family!

Thanks to all LSFYC members who helped out setting up and taken down of the great Opening Day festivities.

It's my favorite time of year!! Sailing season is finally here! This Sunday, May 5, is the Walt Elliott Challenge. LSFYC will be competing this year against other local yacht clubs and we are going for the gold!

Seal Beach Yacht Club just started their Pop-Top series this past Thursday, and Long Beach Yacht Club starts the infamous Wet Wednesdays Series on Wednesday May 8. I had the opportunity to sail on The Patriot on Thursday night. It was good to see former LSFYC member Steven Cole out there racing on *Love & War*, even if he was the opponent. It's always good to see a familiar face on the water!

CALLING ALL BOAT OWNERS! We need help with race committee boats! It's a great way for all boat owners to get on the water and host an exciting adventure for a few hours. It's also a great way for members to come out and enjoy the camaraderie of a race where we, as a club, open our doors to racing teams from our local waters.

Hosting races is an important part of being a yacht club. I really want to encourage members to come and celebrate with the racers after they cross the finish line. We always host a BBQ unch for the sailors and have a good time once the hard work is done and it's a fun way to meet other members of our yachting community.

If you have any questions or any desire to participate in any capacity for one of our races, please feel free to contact me at: layne83@gmail.com

Cheers,

Chris Layne

LSFYC Commodore

Fleet Captain



Vice Commodore's Report

Lara Arambula



Ahoy Little Shippers!...

I am thrilled to share the highlights of our very successful and patriotic Opening Day celebration! It was a day to remember, filled with laughter, camaraderie, and the unmistakable spirit of our club.

Under the shining sun and blue skies, our club welcomed members, guests, and visiting dignitaries from near and far. We were honored to have members present from, IOBG, SCYA, HHYC, NYC, SBYC, SLOYC (add any I forgot or didn't mention). Their presence added an extra layer of excitement to our event.

Mother nature blessed us with a picture, perfect day- sunshine, gentle breezes, and clear waters - setting the stage for a memorable gathering. We all enjoyed delicious food catered by our annual taco cart, filling our plates with cooked to order tacos, burritos, and quesadillas. Yum! The drinks were flowing at the bar inside The Shed. This was a great way to spotlight our humble and adorable shed. Thanks to Commodore **Chris Layne** for this vision and setting it up.

Our talented DJ kept the party going throughout the event with a great selection of music and before long people hit the dance floor, which came alive with laughter and joy.

New this year, we were thrilled to have three member's boats to showcase at our dock: *Cantamar* (**Frank Franco**), *Seraph* (**Frank Geiger**) & *Tantalus* (**Jim Howe**). They were available for everyone to explore, enjoy and to meet the captains. It was a great opportunity to learn more about the history of these boats, especially the nearly 100 year old wooden hull *Tantalus*! I love this addition of a boat "open house" and plan to bring it back next year! If you're interested in showcasing your vessel be sure to let me know. Space is very limited. For more photos of the event see the LSFYC facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LSFYC/>

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed their time energy and resources to make this day a resounding success! Here's to a fantastic season ahead, filled with racing and adventures on the water!

Fair winds and following seas,

Lara Arambula

LSFYC Vice Commodore

"Carpe Diem"



Rear Commodore's Report

Dominic Arcelin



Hello Little Shippers!

Konichiwa Little Shippers!

I am writing this month's report on a bullet train speeding from Osaka to Tokyo. Liz and I decided to hop over to the land of the rising sun for my birthday (happy late birthday to all the April babies), and it has been an amazing trip to say the least.

Right before we left for Japan we had just as much fun at our Opening Day ceremony! If you haven't heard already, and weren't able to make it, good times and laughs were had by all. The weather was spectacular and, at the risk of sounding biased, it was the best opening day I've ever been to. I hope to see a lot more of you there next year, as well as at all of our upcoming events!

Aside from the races coming up in the next few weeks, I'd like to invite everyone to come down to the shed on Fridays! **Tracie Ichikawa** always has something to snack on, the drinks are always cold, and the weather is getting better and better for evening drinks on the water! Come on down and bring your friends, the more the merrier.

If you're looking forward to racing season and want to get involved, reach out! Fridays at the club is a good place to start, or email anyone of us. Frank Franco will be using his boat as the Committee boat for the first LSFYC Offshore Race on May 11th and I'm sure would love to have some crew, or even better, have you join him out on the water in your boat!

As the nights get warmer, I hope to see more and more of you coming down. More information is available on the LSFYC Instagram **@littleshipsfleetyc** and our facebook page **<https://www.facebook.com/LSFYC/>**

Hope to see everyone soon, sayonara!

Dominic Arcelin

LSFYC Rear Commodore

Tracie on the bay

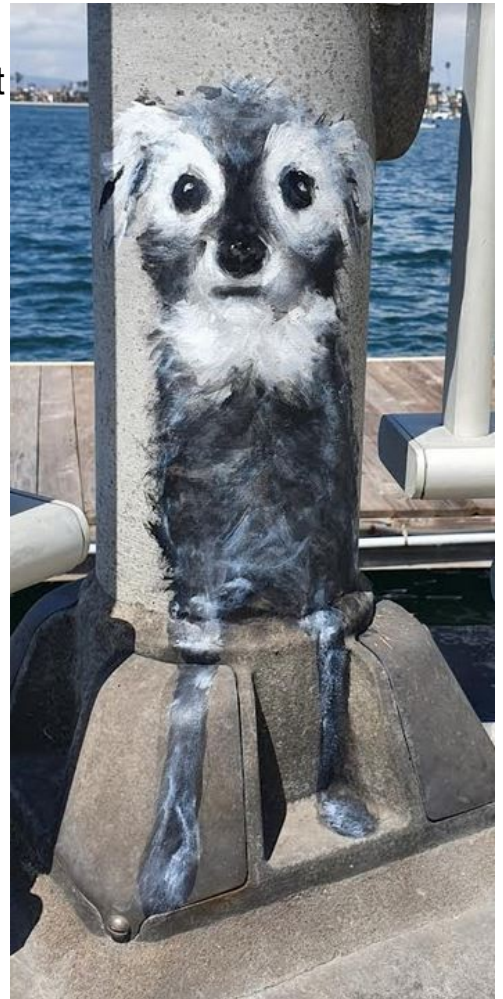
By Tracie Ichikawa

Tony is a retired fireman. The first time I ever saw Tony he was walking his dog Stuart along the walkways between docks 5 and 6. Tony kinda reminded me of Tony Danza in the show *Who's the Boss*. You can see a sweetness inside some strong men sometimes and he is one of them. His best friend was Stuart.

On LSFYC Opening Day while we were getting things ready I saw Tony walking towards me. I will never forget the look he wore on his face that day. Tony...where's Stuart? I have bad news Tracie. He was holding his tough look but tears rolled down and if ever there were a moment in my life when I wanted to heal someone from their broken heart this would be that moment. I grabbed his hand and pulled him along for a walk and we talked about a way to make things a little better. He had Stuarts ashes in his pocket as we looked out at the bay together. I said, you know, no dogs ever pee on this pole and it's the best spot in the bay.

I sat painting it the day after. A local runner that I see every day gasped! OMG!!! That's Stuart!!!??? Stuart had his own unique look. She said, Tony is going to freak out!!! She hugged me with love in her heart and each person who passed by got teary over the Stuart of Alamos Bay.

In loving memory of the best dock dog and the best friend a man ever had.



Located behind NYC

Opening Day photos

By Lucy Arambula



Opening Day photos



Join LSFYC Members
for a BBQ AT THE
SHED after the race.

Around 3 pm.



LSFYC
Offshore Race #1
Saturday May 11 @ 12pm

Open to PHRF, non-spin, and one-design

Starts near Mark 38
to Oil Platform Edith

For SI, notice of race,
entry forms, and fees,
please visit
www.lsfyc.org

MAY, 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 FRIDAY AT THE SHED	4
5 WALT ELLIOT RACE	6	7 BOD MEET SHED 6:30	8	9	10 FRIDAY AT THE SHED	11 LSFYC OFFSHORE RACE /BBQ
12	13	14	15	16	17 FRIDAY AT THE SHED	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 FRIDAY AT THE SHED	25
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY	28	29	30	31	



2024 LSFYC Bridge

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