

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Chris Layne



Greetings LSFYC family!

As the sun rises on the 4th of July, a unique sense of anticipation fills the air. For sailors across the United States, Independence Day isn't just a day of celebration on land but also on the water. Sailing enthusiasts from coast to coast eagerly prepare to combine their love for the sea with the patriotic fervor that marks this historic day.

Sailing has always been deeply intertwined with American history. From the daring voyages of exploration to the proud naval traditions that safeguard our shores, the sea holds a special place in the nation's identity. The 4th of July provides a perfect opportunity for sailors to reflect on this rich heritage while enjoying the freedom of the open waters.

Beyond the festivities, the 4th of July is a time for reflection. Sailing offers a unique perspective on freedom—a freedom to explore, to navigate uncharted waters, and to chart one's own course. It's a reminder of the courage and determination of those who came before us, who risked everything for the promise of liberty and justice.

Whether racing across the waves or peacefully cruising along the coastline, sailors cherish the opportunity to celebrate the 4th of July at sea. It's a day to embrace the thrill of adventure, the beauty of nature, and the joy of companionship—all while paying homage to the principles that unite us as a nation. So, as you gaze upon the horizon this Independence Day, remember that the freedom we cherish is as boundless as the ocean itself.

Happy 4th!

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!...

Summer is in full swing and the weather is heating up! There's no better time to get on the water and enjoy the beautiful local waters we're so fortunate to have. We have so many different activities to take advantage of right here in our own backyard. From kayaking, to paddle boarding, jet skiing to taking out a Duffy boat with friends and family, there's something for everyone!

This past weekend, my hubby Lou, and I did just that. We had a wonderful time celebrating our daughter Lucy's 24th birthday with a special trip to Catalina Island! We set sail from San Pedro aboard the Catalina Express ferry in the morning, and returned in the evening, enjoying a beautiful sunset the whole way back.

It was an amazing, picture perfect day with ideal weather. Upon arriving, we savored a picturesque lunch right on the water. Then we got to do some snorkeling, where the California state fish, the Garibaldi, were plentiful. We sipped vacation drinks on Descanso beach and then did a bit of shopping while strolling down the main drag. It was such a memorable day!

It was our daughter's first time to the island, and Lou and I hadn't been in over 20 years! We certainly won't let that much time go by before our next visit. It truly felt like a full day of vacation away from home.

Where will your next water adventure take you? I encourage all our members to take advantage of the season and plan your own adventures. Catalina Island is just one of the many beautiful destinations within reach.

I also would like to give a shout out to member **Ruth DeRaddo** for her generous donation of a cornhole beanbag set to our club! We had a great time catching up at our last Friday happy hour, where she gifted the set. This will provide a great social activity to LSFYC at the shed.

Hope to see you at the **LSFYC LUAU** this Saturday at 4 pm.

Fair winds and following seas,

Lara Arambula

LSFYC Vice Commodore





Rear Commodore's Report

Dominic Arcelin



Hello Little Shippers!

Summer is in full swing and the weather has been perfect for sailing. Long Beach Race Week was a huge success with LSFYC getting 2nd place overall in the Catalina 37 National Championship...for the second year in a row! For those of you who showed up to the after race parties to cheer the club on we appreciate it. For those of you who couldn't make it, we hope to see you next year! Big shout out to the whole crew of *Kowabunga*, but especially LSFYC member **Allie Tsai** (without whom LBRW would not have been so successful), LSFYC member **Nick Santos** who crewed with us on the boat, yours truly and of course **Chris Layne** who was instrumental in fundraising and planning for the race week. Unfortunately Chris couldn't sail with us this year, but he was definitely there in spirit. (see photos page 5).

Information about this years LBRW, as well as write ups, pictures, videos, and everything else you might be curious about can be found at: lbrw.org.

Speaking of the weather being beautiful, there is no better time to enjoy the shed. Drinks at sunset, a picnic lunch, entertaining friends and prospective members, that's what the shed is for! We even have great lawn games available to play now thanks to a generous donation from **Ruth DeRaddo**. Cornhole, ladder ball, and lawn darts are ready to entertain.

Now for a bit of housekeeping. Our **LSFYC Luau is Saturday July 6th** and should be a wonderful time. We received a good deal of RSVP's, but if your plans have changed or you decide you want to come down and hula your leis off please reach out to me, domarcelin@gmail.com or Chris, layne83@gmail.com to give us a heads up. By the way, FREE Rum punch while supplies last!!!

Our next race, where we will have some fierce competition on the water, is the **Beat the Heat Race on Saturday July 13th** with some friendly beers at the BBQ afterwards. It's the perfect time to come cheer on our members while they race, get involved on the committee boat with Frank, or meet skippers that might be looking for crew. So keep an eye out for invites and emails. I hope to see all of you out on the water or down at the shed soon.

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 LSFYC Beat the Heat Race on July 13 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 [@liitleshipsfleetyc](https://www.instagram.com/liitleshipsfleetyc) and our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LSFYC/>

Hope to see everyone soon,

Dominic Arcelin

LSFYC Rear Commodore



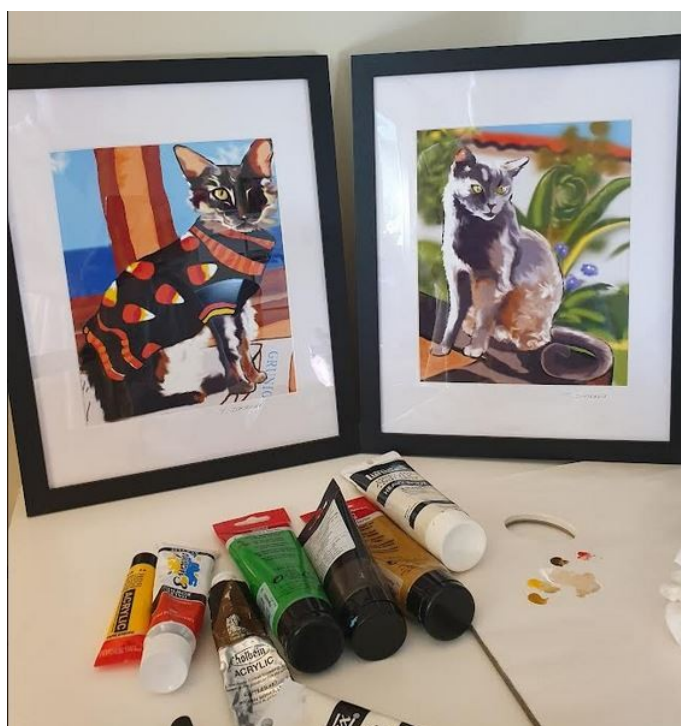
Tracie on the bay

By Tracie Ichikawa

If this doesn't blow your Little Ship's mind I don't know what will! Family and LSFYC friend Jo Murray saw a post where I was asking folks if they'd like their pets created as cartoons. She reached out and I bumped her cat up to the front of the list. Her cat Diego's picture pretty much jumped out at me! He was sitting on a news paper and I thought that in the finished piece the paper must be the *Grunion Gazette*. After all Jo writes for the Grunion and the LOG newspapers. She has written many pieces regarding LSFYC in the past.

I felt very excited about doing this piece for her and when it was finished my heart was filled with happiness! It was so beautiful. After that one I did one of Mike, her other cat. The excitement was killing me! They turned out so good! I was dying for her to see them but she was leaving town in the morning. I didn't want her to have to wait so I drove over and hand delivered them to her. Her amazing smile made me feel out of this world fantastic!...and what she did next made for such a powerful moment.

She had in her hand something I could not see. She said a few endearing words, then she held her fist out and when I put my hand under hers she opened her hand and it dropped into my palm. I could not believe what I was seeing!!! Our eyes locked with mutual gratitude. That moment presented itself in slow motion as I looked back down at what I was holding. Thank you Jo.



Editors note:

The LSFYC medallions above were created some years ago by a member unknown at this time. If any of you have any info. Please let us know.

Also, Tracie, our talented in-house artist, is seeking pet subjects to paint from photos. If you are interested please contact her at: tracie.ichi@gmail.com

Long Beach Race Week photos





JULY, 2024



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



BEAT THE HEAT RACE

JULY 13, 2024

LBHHPS HOSTED BY LSFYC
HIGHPOINT SERIES #5

POST-RACE FOOD AND DRINKS AT THE SHED
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