

Three Sheets in the Wind

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WELCOME TO 2024!



Commodore's Report

Chris Layne



What's up Little Shippers!

Happy New Year! 2024, the year of the dragon, is upon us. As your humble Commodore, I am so excited for the upcoming year. I hope to bring new life to the club this year.

As we look forward to the new year, I think it best to look back and embrace the decisions and triumphs we have made in the past . What a wonderful year we had in 2023.

For those of you who may not know or care to remember, I got married! Lord, have mercy on my soul. I guess eating my cookie got the better of me. So I hope the future is heavy in the favor of the good times and barren in bad times. But I must admit, we're off to a good start just returning from Europe (see photos next page) for our honeymoon.

Now as the faces stop melting away and trees stop breathing, I'm reminded of our first stop in Amsterdam. Our accommodations were superb at The Grand Amaranth, right outside the red light district of Amsterdam. As the smoke filled foggy haze clears my mind I'm filled with memories of the cutest river boats you've ever seen. Sail boats that have no reason to be in canals of that size. My mind is still perplexed on just how in the hell they got there! But after a few more tokes and another piece of space cake I'm sure the mothership delivered them all safely from above.

Post our stop in the heart of windmills and *stroomwafels*, we took a train ride to the City of Love.. ahh yes... PARIS, FRANCE! A wonderful city, filled with history and monuments of every kind. Beauty and the magic of love intertwined like steamed milk atop of a cappuccino filling our souls with the warmth and sweetness of our drinks. Viva la France!

Our final stop was the beautiful borough of Richmond on the Thames in West London. Not a stop for us, but for me. Possibly a stop of selfishness for me to relive my old college days at the Home of Rugby. The birthplace of the Webb Ellis Cup and the home of the Rugby World Cup! Twickenham, just a stones throw over the river, did indeed deliver a tsunami of memories of scrums and mauls on pitches all over the world. A must stop for any rugby lover!! Something I will never forget.

Now back to reality. Please see our Vice Commodores report. As I have been away she has been hard at work keeping this club afloat and our parties scheduled and alive with entertainment.. Thank you Lara!

See you all at the **LSFYC Officers Installation Dinner, Jan 21 at the boat House!**

Cheers,

Chris Layne

LSFYC Commodore

Honeymoon photos in Europe



Filling out the big shoes in Holland.



Rugby, fishnchips, bangers and mash in England.



Chris and Ginger enjoying the sights of Paris .



Vice Commodore's Report

Lara Arambula



Ahoy Little Shippers!...

Happy New Year and welcome to 2024!

As your soon to be installed Vice Commodore, I anticipate that this year will bring many new experiences and successes and hopefully few setbacks. I am honored and excited to serve as your Vice Commodore for 2024. I look forward to working closely with incoming Commodore, **Chris Layne**, as well as our entire Board to plan an exciting year of racing, sailing, and socializing. As always, if you're interested in helping plan events or have any ideas to share please reach out to any of us! We would love to have as many members involved as possible!

Looking back on last month, we started off the season with our annual Holiday Brunch at Acapulco restaurant on Sunday, December 3. The room was full and it was so great to gather together for a fantastic buffet meal and fun gift exchange. As always, there were lots of laughs and good conversations all around. Our first ever silent auction was a success and helped raise needed funds for our fast growing racing program. I simply couldn't resist and walked away with a few items myself. A big shout out to Chris Layne for securing all the beautiful items and organizing this new addition to our holiday event as well as providing some great bottles of wine and gift cards for the raffle. Thanks to everyone who participated in and contributed to the success of this party. Hope to see you all and then some next year!

Our next big event is our **Officer Installation Dinner on Sunday, January 21 from 4-7pm at The Boat-house** Restaurant in Alamitos Bay, just down the way from the LSFYC shed. If you've eaten at this beautiful spot then you know how awesome it is, especially at sunset! If you haven't, now is the time to join us and have a fantastic meal at an excellent price. Please RSVP asap to Chris at layne83@gmail.com to secure your spot. \$35/pp. Space is limited. We look forward to seeing you there as we install the new Flag of Officers and Directors for 2024.

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9. Following that, keep an eye on your email, the LSFYC webpage (LSFYC.org), our Facebook page (Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club) and Instagram page (littleshipsfleetyc) for upcoming events and further details throughout the year!

Also, it's that time of year again. Time to **renew your annual membership** to the Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club. Payment can be made online with credit card or PayPal at lsfyc.org under the membership tab or a check can be sent to 233 North Marina Dr., Long Beach, CA 90803. We are happy to announce that once again for 2024 the rate remains the same at \$145. It's the best deal in town! So get your payment in today.

Wishing you all peace and prosperity in the new year!

"The sea, once it casts its spell, holds one in its net of wonder forever."
-Jacques Yves Cousteau

Lara Arambula
LSFYC Vice Commodore
"Carpe Diem"



Treasurer's Report

Dick Martin



Dues for 2024...

Yes, it's that time again...the **LSFYC MEMBERSHIP DUES** are due for 2024. Your past membership has been greatly appreciated and will certainly be so for this coming new year. To ensure that you will be listed on the **2024 LSFYC Membership Roster**, 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.

P.S.

After 17+ years as LSFYC Treasurer, I am stepping down to allow **Robert Hughes** to take over the duties at end of January. Thanks to all of you for your continued support of the club and please continue to support Robert as well.

Meet Robert at the LSFYC Officer Installation Dinner Jan 21.

Dick Martin

Treasurer, LSFYC



Tracie on the Bay

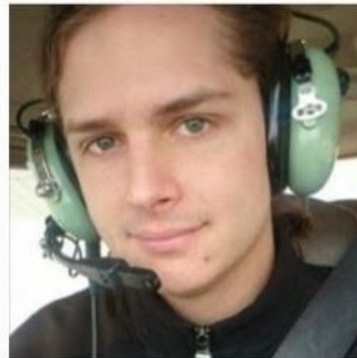
By Tracie Ichikawa

. My son Sal Jr. recently reached out to me to share a listing for a yellow submarine that he had an interest in. Some people call it synchronicity and others call it coincidence when things happens in sync. Just the day before I was reviewing the younger years on tape and ran into a video of the single man sub his father found on PCH in the 90's.

Two single man subs sat side by side in Sunset Beach, one was pink and the other orange. When I came home the orange sub was sitting in the side yard on the grass behind a white picket fence waiting for little Sal. How Sal got that thing back there I'll never know. What I know for sure is that I will always remember how excited Big Sal was for Little Sal to see it. I can honestly say, I don't know which I was more excited about. Sal seeing little Sal's reaction or little Sal seeing the orange submarine.

You couldn't look at this thing without feeling happy. Just looking at it was fun and that is all that he was able to do since he was only four. That day must be burnt on his brain because he made sure to share this yellow submarine with me with his father in mind. Big Sal's no longer with us but I imagine him smiling and remembering that day right there with us unseen but there, no doubt.

Big Sal & Little Sal



Orange sub for Sal Jr.



Yellow sub listed.



JANUARY, 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 <i>New years</i>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 BOD meet 6:30 SHED	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 LSFYC Off Install Dinner	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	30		



2024 LSFYC Bridge

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