

Three Sheets in the Wind

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After a great meal and the gathering of Little Shippers at the Boathouse on the Bay in Long Beach, the LSFYC Officers and staff were installed for the 2024 year.

Above were **Dominc Arcelin** as Rear Commodore, **Lara Arambula** as Vice Commodore and **Chris Layne** as Commodore. See page 6 for more photos.



Commodore's Report *Chris Layne*



Greetings LSFYC family!

As February unfolds, sailors around the world find themselves drawn to the open waters, seeking the unique and serene beauty that this winter month has to offer. While many may associate sailing with warm summer breezes and sunny days, February presents its own charm for those who dare to embark on maritime adventures during the colder months.

The crisp air and cool temperatures of February create an atmosphere of tranquility on the water. Sailing enthusiasts appreciate the solitude and peacefulness that come with fewer boats crowding the marinas. The sound of the wind gently rustling through the sails and the rhythmic lapping of water against the hull provide a meditative backdrop for sailors looking to escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

While February may not be the traditional sailing season for many, those who embrace the winter waters are rewarded with a unique and serene experience. The tranquility, challenges, and off-season exploration make February an enticing month for sailors seeking a different kind of maritime adventure. So, hoist the sails, embrace the cold breeze, and set forth on a February sailing journey that promises both challenges and the sheer joy of navigating the winter seas.

Stay dry out there!

Cheers,

Chris Layne

LSFYC Commodore

Fleet Captain



Vice Commodore's Report

Lara Arambula



Ahoy Little Shippers!...

I'd like to start off by thanking all of those that attended our wonderful Officer Installation dinner at the Boathouse on Sunday, January 21st. As guests arrived and socialized, Mother Nature provided a stunning sunset as a backdrop to our already picturesque venue. All the food was very well prepared and delicious!

We successfully installed our new flag officers and announced recipients of several long standing trophies. Now we are excited to get a jump on this year's events and activities. We will be working on finalizing the 2024 calendar soon. When it's ready our webpage will be updated, as well as an email sent, and in addition, our Facebook and Instagram pages will continue to be a source for upcoming and recent events.

Mark your calendars! On **Friday, February 9th** we will be having a **Valentines pot-luck at the shed** from 5-8 pm. Bring a dish to share and join us for a good time with fellow members. If you've got anything red or pink to wear, why not wear it!? I for one don't have much of anything red as I'm a devoted Bruin, but I'll see what I can come up with. Also, mark your calendars for our biggest event of the year, **Opening Day!** It is scheduled for **April 21st**. This is one of the most traditional and well attended events of the year. More on this to come.

As I'm writing this, I'm also preparing for a weekend cruise to Ensenada. Our group of 17 will be celebrating many February birthdays and getting together to have a grand old time on the big blue Pacific Ocean. We are really hoping the weather remains calm in light of the upcoming storms. I'll let you know how we fared in next month's newsletter.

Hope to see you on the 9th!

"No literature is richer than that of the sea. No story is more enthralling, no tradition is more secure."

-Felix Riesenberg

Lara Arambula
LSFYC Vice Commodore
"Carpe Diem"



Rear Commodore's Report

Dominic Arcelin



Hello Little Shippers!

My name is Dominic Arcelin and I am honored to be your new Rear Commodore for 2024. I have not had the pleasure of meeting many of you as of yet, but I look forward to getting to know all of you.

I am a relatively new member to the LSFYC, and have never been part of a yacht club in the past. That being said, I have felt nothing but warmth and friendliness from my fellow little shippers, and I hope to foster that tradition moving forward as an officer. Our bylaws state that the duty of the Rear Commodore is to assist the two senior flag officers in the discharge of their duties, which puts me in a wonderful position to learn from the very capable **Lara Arambula** and **Chris Layne** about how to best help our club grow and prosper.

With our senior flag officers at the helm, the rest of the board, and the wonderful group of past leaders in the club, I cannot wait to jump into this role with both feet and have a great year with all of you down at The Shed and on the water!

Please don't hesitate to reach out, and I thank you all for the support.

Dominic Arcelin

LSFYC Rear Commodore



Treasurer's Report

Robert Hughes



Dues for 2024...

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

And yes, it is 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.

Thank you for your support...

Robert Hughes
Treasurer, LSFYC

LSFYC Officer Installation photos



Board of Directors: Frank Geiger, Dick Martin, Rob Sonz, Frank Franco. Elena Yuasa not present,



Treasurer: Robert Hughes taking over from Dick Martin



LSFYC *Light up my Club Award* to Sharmone LaRose



LSFYC *Golden Angel Award* to Ginger Layne



LSFYC *Commodore's Trophy* to Tracie Ichikawa



FEBRUARY, 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 LSFYC POTLUCK	10
11	12	13	14 Valentine Day	15	16	17
18	19 PRESENTS DAY	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			



2024 LSFYC Bridge

OPERATIONS STAFF

Commodore: Chris Layne

Vice Commodore: Lara Arambula

Rear Commodore: Dominic Arcelin

Treasurer: Robert Hughes

Fleet Captain: Chris Layne

Port Captain : Tracie Ichikawa

Secretary: Sharmone La Rose

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