

# Three Sheets in the Wind

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## **Commodore's Report**

**Chris Layne**



### **What's up Little Shippers!:**

As I reflect on the past year serving as Commodore of Little Ships Fleet YC, I am filled with gratitude and pride. It has been an honor being able to represent our club. This role has not only allowed me to grow personally and professionally, but it has also reinforced the values that make yacht clubs like ours so special.

In the past year, we've been able to make meaningful strides in welcoming new members, maintaining relationships with long-time members, and creating new memories for everyone. It's been incredibly rewarding to witness the enthusiasm and support from our members, as they actively participate in events like potlucks, happy hours, pancake breakfasts, movie nights, and some even showing up to races to cheer on the sailors and have some celebratory drinks with them at the shed.

The lessons I've learned this year—about leadership, communication, patience, and problem-solving—are ones I will carry with me. The role of Commodore has taught me the importance of listening, of being adaptable, and of making decisions that reflect the best interests of all members.

As my term as Commodore comes to a close, I know you will be in great hands with your new Commodore, **Lara Arambula**. I am excited about the future of LSFYC. The foundation has been laid for even greater things to come, and I have no doubt that Lara will continue to build on the progress we've made.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has made this journey so memorable. Being Commodore of this incredible yacht club has been an honor, and I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to have served in this capacity. Here's to many more years of fair winds, smooth sailing, and the continued success of our cherished club.

I hope this message finds you all well.

Cheers,

**Chris Layne**

*LSFYC 2024 Commodore*

*Fleet Captain*



## **Vice Commodore's Report**

***Lara Arambula***



### **Ahoy Little Shippers!...**

Welcome to 2025! December kicked off with our always popular Annual Holiday Brunch at Acapulco's, and it was a *full house* this year! With good food, great company, and plenty of holiday cheer, it was a fantastic way to celebrate the season. The spirited gift exchange was a highlight—lots of fun and laughter filled the air as members exchanged quirky and thoughtful gifts. The buffet was varied and delicious, offering something for everyone. (see photos page 6)

For those who love the holiday season and festive boat displays, the Naples Boat Parade is always a must-attend. On Saturday, December 15, Rear Commodore **Dominic Arcelin** hosted an intimate gathering for our members to enjoy the parade from the perfect vantage point. The LSFYC Shed was beautifully decorated with holiday cheer, and the boats in the harbor sparkled with twinkling lights and festive decor. Dominic made sure no one went thirsty, pouring delicious rum punch topped with seasonal cranberries. For those feeling a bit hungry, he fired up the grill to offer a hot meal in the cool evening air. It was a night filled with holiday spirit and good company (see photos page 6).

Wrapping up the season, I had the privilege of celebrating Christmas with my family in the beautiful Channel Islands. The weather couldn't have been better for a scenic Duffy boat cruise around the marina—gliding along the calm waters and taking in the picturesque views. It was the perfect way to relax and reflect on a wonderful year while looking forward to the adventures of the next.

I would like to congratulate and thank member **Ruth De Raddo** on her acceptance of the Rear Commodore position for 2025! We are very excited to have her on board and look forward to her ideas and participation to make LSFYC the best it can be. As always, our members are at the heart of everything we do, and it's your enthusiasm and spirit that help make our club successful. Thank you Ruth! We hope to see lots of participation from members as we plan and organize events for the coming year.

A friendly reminder that the LSFYC YC's **2025 Officer Installation Dinner** will take place on **Sunday, January 26**, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at The Boathouse on the Bay restaurant. If you haven't already, please make sure to **RSVP by January 20**, including your dinner entrée choice and submitting payment. Invitations have already been sent via email, so check your inbox for full details. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Here's to a new year filled with joy, good health, and adventures on the water and at the Shed!

Happy New Year to all!

***Lara Arambula***

*LSFYC Vice Commodore*

*"Carpe Diem"*



## **Rear Commodore's Report**

***Dominic Arcelin***



### **Ahoy Little Shippers!**

I spent the morning of New Year's Eve giving my boat a thorough cleaning. The state of it was shameful. It was a sort of physical manifestation of how fast time has been slipping by in the latter half of the year. I swear that I was down on the boat a week ago, tidying it up, getting it ready for the next time Liz and I go for a sail. Turns out that was almost three months ago. Sure, we did some traveling, and the holidays happened, and it's been cold, and the weather hasn't been perfect. All of that, and everything else that comes with a year ending, led to the boat looking as tired as I felt this morning when I stood on the dock with my coffee wondering how I would get the green growth off of the rub rail.

After a few hours of soaking with Star Brite and scrubbing with the deck brush, paired with the elbow grease of a pressure washer, *Piccola Barca* looked better than ever before. There are a few more scratches than I remember. There are also some dings and dents I hadn't noticed. I may have also lost a pressure washer nozzle to the drink, but in the end I couldn't have been happier with how things turned out. Those scratches and dents just mean that we had a wonderful year sailing. Truth be told, I can't wait to add some more this year.

Tomorrow we are planning on spending the day on the water. A tradition we try to uphold every year whether the weather is good or not, or whether we drink too much champagne or not. It's a way to unplug and unwind for just a bit longer before the deluge of time begins again. So even if your boats dirty, go use it! If you don't have a boat, go to the beach, stick your feet in the water, give yourself a good jolt! We all get a few more dents and scratches every year, but now is the time to appreciate them and plan on accumulating a few more. I hope everyone has a wonderful new year, and I look forward to spending time with all of you at The Shed in 2025.

On the housekeeping front, don't forget that with a new year it's time to renew your dues! If you have questions about how any of that works, feel free to reach out or check the website at [lsfyc.org](http://lsfyc.org) under the membership tab.

Finally, the **Installation Dinner** is Sunday, January 26h from 4-7pm at the Boathouse on the Bay. There will be a flyer (see page x) going around shortly with a link to RSVP, as well as pick what you would like for dinner. We have to give the orders ahead of time, so don't skip it! As usual, you will receive multiple emails from me regarding this. It will be a wonderful time with great food and drinks with friends. It's a great way to get the year off on the right foot.

Happy New Year to all and thanks for your continued membership.

***Dominic Arcelin***  
***LSFYC Rear Commodore***

## **From the Board of Directors**

Greetings LSFYC members:

We want to first thank you for your continued support of the club and hope you will continue to do so. As Little Ships Fleet YC reaches the end of a successful conclusion for the 2024 year, we are now to consider and implement the identification and placement of the Flag Officers (Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore) and the Board of Directors for the 2025 year. Typically this is a process of nomination of candidates followed by a posting and subsequent voting.

However, since the Flag positions usually follow the line of succession (the duration candidates commit to when initially taking on the role), it may not be necessary to vote on the position since it is already committed to. For the 2025 year we have the assurance of this commitment. .

The Board of Directors are members who have been a part of the past operation of the club as well as members who have expressed interest in the decision making process and providing relevant input.

Therefore, the slate for the operating LSFYC Staff for 2025 is:

### **Flag Officers**

Commodore: Lara Arambula

Vice Commodore: Dominc Arcelin

Rear Commodore: Ruth De Raddo

Jr Staff Commodore: Chris Layne

### **Operations**

Fleet Captain: Chris Layne

Port Captain: Traci Ichikawa

Treasurer: Robert Hughes

Secretary: Sharmone La Rose

### **Board of Directors**

Staff Comm Rob Sonz

Staff Comm Frank Franco

Staff Comm Moti Cohen Doron

Elena Yuasa

Frank Geiger

Dick Martin

The **Installation of 2025 Officers** (Sunday January 26, 2025 4 pm, Boathouse on the Bay, LB) is a formal dinner event to install the above individuals and to present awards and trophies to such members who have contributed greatly to the success of the club. Hope to see you all there.



## **Treasurer's Report**

*Robert Hughes*



### **Dues for 2025...**

Yes, it's that time again...the **LSFYC MEMBERSHIP DUES** are due for 2025. Your past membership has been greatly appreciated and will certainly be so for this new year. To ensure that you will be listed on the **2025 LSFYC Membership Roster**, please send your check for **\$145.00** to:

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

**-OR-**

**See the LSFYC website [MEMBERSHIP] page for payment via PAYPAL.**

**-OR-**

**Pay via Zelle to: lsfy CLB1937@gmail.com**

**-OR-**

**Dues can be renewed at the LSFYC Officer Installation Dinner, Jan 26.**

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.

Thanks for your continued support...

***Robert Hughes***

*Treasurer, LSFYC*



## Photos



A good time was had by all at  
LSFYC Holiday Brunch at Acapulco  
Restaurant.

Another good time was had again by all at the shed for the Naples Xmas Boat parade



\$35 per member, \$40 for non member guests.

Please [CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#). You must RSVP with your order, as well as submit payment, by January 20th. Payment can be made by cash or check at the shed, or with Zelle (easiest option).



# JANUARY, 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 <i>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</i>	2	3	4
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26 <i>LSFYC INSTALLATION DINNER</i>	27	28	29	30	31	



## **2025 LSFYC Bridge**

### **OPERATIONS STAFF**

**Commodore:** Lara Arambula

**Vice Commodore:** Dominic Arcelin

**Rear Commodore:** Ruth De Raddo

**Treasurer:** Robert Hughes

**Fleet Captain:** Chris Layne

**Port Captain :** Tracie Ichikawa

**Secretary:** Sharmone La Rose

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Jr. S/C:** Chris Layne

**Director:** S/C Moti Cohen-Doron

**Director:** S/C Rob Sonz

**Director:** S/C Frank Franco

**Director:** Dick Martin

**Director:** Elena Yuasa

**Director:** Frank Geiger

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