

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Lara Arambula



Ahoy Little Shippers!:

As we set sail into February, I am excited about the opportunity to serve as your Commodore for 2025 and I look forward to working with all of you to keep Little Ships thriving. I extend my gratitude to all of you for making our yacht club a welcoming and vibrant community. January was a fantastic start to the year, especially with the success of our **Officer Installation Dinner** (see photos p. 5 & 6). It was truly a wonderful evening celebrating our incoming Flag Officers and Directors, enjoying great company, and looking ahead to an exciting year on the water. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making it a memorable event!

Congratulations to our 2024 trophy recipients!

Golden Angel Trophy: **Ruth De Raddo-RC**

Light Up My Club: **Dominic Arcelin-VC**

Commodores Trophy: **Robert Hughes-Treasurer**

Upcoming Events:

Join us on **Saturday, Feb. 22nd from 5-8 PM** for our monthly Happy Hour/Potluck with a festive Valentine's Day theme! Bring a dish to share, wear something red or pink, and get ready for an evening of laughter, good food, and camaraderie. We will also be celebrating any January and February birthdays, so come on down to the shed!

In March, we plan to have our 2nd Annual St. Patrick's pancake breakfast. It was such a success last year, and this helps raise funds for the club. Details to follow soon.

For April, please mark your calendars for our biggest event of the year, **LSFYC Opening Day!** It is scheduled for **Saturday, April 19 at 11am**. We would love as many members as possible to attend!

I want to emphasize the importance of staying connected through our emails and monthly newsletters. These are your go-to sources for upcoming events, updates, and important club news. We will be having races and other social events so please check your inbox regularly so you don't miss out on any anything. Our website: lsfyc.org, Facebook and Instagram pages have updates and photos as well.

As we move further into the year, I encourage everyone to stay involved, share ideas, and make the most of the club's activities. Whether you're joining us for social events, enjoying time on the water, or simply stopping by to catch up with friends, your presence makes a difference. If you have an idea for an event, or if you're interested in helping out with planning or hosting, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us. This includes our philanthropic efforts as well. We're here to help and welcome any input you have. And if you own a boat and would like to host a dock party or cruise event, we'd love to make that happen!

Wishing you all fair winds and following seas,

Lara Arambula
Commodore, LSFYC



Vice Commodore's Report

Dominic Arcelin



Hello Little Shippers!

I am honored to be your new Vice Commodore for 2025. After a wonderful year as the Rear Commodore learning from all of you, I can't wait to dive into this year and see what we can accomplish! 2025 will be full of fun events and opportunities for you to get involved and meet more of our members. We are already planning on monthly events for Happy Hour down at the Shed with the first one coming up on the 22nd of this month.

As usual, you will receive many emails from me reminding you about the upcoming events and I apologize in advance. In March we have a volunteer event planned with Ronald McDonald House in Long Beach where we will be making and serving lunch at their facility. Stay tuned to your email for an invitation to that as well. Per the LSFYC bylaws, *"It shall be the duty of the Vice Commodore to be the club activities coordinator,"* and I am very excited for the year ahead.

Based on membership feedback from our end of year survey in 2024, we will be bringing back all of the favorite events: Pancake breakfasts, Clean the Bay Day, and movie nights just to name a few. Since these events are for you, the members, I would love to hear any and every idea you might have about a new event or activity! After all, participation is the heartbeat of the club, so I would love to be able to get all of you involved and excited.

Thank you all again for the opportunity to participate as Vice Commodore for our historic club. Last year I enjoyed the privilege of getting to know a lot of you, and I hope that this year I can spend time with everyone at the Shed and on the water.

At the Installation Dinner last month, we welcomed **Bob Bond** as Director and Membership Chairman. Any Membership inquiries or information please contact Bob at: bbond@bcstamm.com.

We also welcome new member **Tomas Smallery** from Palos Verdes. Tomas has a trimaran and is anxious to get involved in the harbor races.

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

Dominic Arcelin
LSFYC Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore's Report

Ruth De Raddo



Hi LSFYC members!...

I'm so excited and looking forward to serving as your Rear Commodore for 2025. With the help of **Lara Arambula, Dominic Arcelin, Chris Layne** and **Frank Franco**, I will learn the ropes quickly.

The year started out busy for me in January:

1. Attending 2 board meetings – At these meetings I learned more about the club and the values that make the LSFYC so special.
2. Saturday – January 25, 2025 I attended my first Rear Commodore Seminar Presented by Southern California Yachting Association and hosted by Seal Beach Yacht Club (see below). What a fun event and a great way to meet other Rear Commodores from other clubs. At this seminar a booklet was handed out, which I will leave at the shed for all to read and catch up on rules, events, websites, etc.,

At this seminar the following was discussed which I felt was of interest to our Club, which was *Preparing Towards the 2028 Olympics*. This is a great opportunity for sailing clubs to volunteer and are encouraged to participate in and support Olympic-level events while gaining valuable exposure.

Please register to attend seminars and visit the SYCA website for more information. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the 2028 Olympics and have our LSFYC involved.

At the Officer Installation Diner, what a surprise to receive the *Golden Angel Trophy*. What a great way to meet more members. Thank you.

A few suggestions for new events for the club, when the weather starts to warm up and daylight-savings time kicks in: BINGO Night, Karaoke Night – I will try to secure a karaoke machine, Cornhole Tournaments

I look forward to a fun 2025 with LSFYC.

Ruth De Raddo

LSFYC Rear Commodore





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 CLB@gmail.com

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...Officer Installation Dinner



More Photos





Installation of Officers: Robert Hughes-Treasurer, Chris Layne-Jr. Staff Comm, Ruth De Raddo-Rear Commadore, Domionic Arcelin-Vice Commadore, Lara Arambula-Commadore, Sharmone La Rose-Secretary

FEBRUARY, 2025



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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 : Vacant

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: Bob Bond

Director: Elena Yuasa

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