

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Lara Arambula



Ahoy Little Shippers...

First-Ever LSFYC Yacht Club Crawl – What a Night!

What started as a fun Friday idea turned into an instant club favorite — our first-ever Yacht Club Crawl was a huge success!

New members **Dave & Gabby Bierman**, along with **Bob & Alyssa Bond**, **Lou and me**, and most recently approved members **Rick Bennett** with Antonia, boarded a Duffy boat and visited five neighboring yacht clubs in one unforgettable evening.

First stop: *Cerritos Bahia Yacht Club*, where we were warmly welcomed by Commodore Brian and fellow members. From there, we cruised to *Seal Beach Yacht Club* and ran into friendly faces — SIBYC (& LSFYC) members **Frank & Lara Franco**. Then we headed to *Alamitos Bay Yacht Club*, where we were so well received they want to turn this into an official event! We wrapped up the night with fun visits to *Navy Yacht Club* and then *Little Ships*. It was a fantastic evening full of laughs, dockside chats, and club spirit. We absolutely plan to make this a recurring activity — stay tuned for the next crawl! See photos p. 6.

Cheers to Good Times!

Last month's Birthday & Happy Hour Potluck was a hit and well attended! Thanks to everyone who brought a dish, raised a glass, and shared stories with fellow members. Some of us lingered at The Shed well into the night with lively conversation and lots of laughs.

Next Potluck: Saturday, July 19 from 5–8 PM

We'll be celebrating all July birthdays — don't miss it!

This Thursday, July 3 – Big Bang on the Bay!

The always anticipated Big Bang on the Bay Fireworks Spectacular is back! Join us for a night under the stars with the best waterfront view in town — right outside The Shed. Vice Commodore **Dominic Arcelin** will be grilling up hot dogs, chips, and cookies for just \$5 from 6 to 8 PM. Bring your own chair and get comfy near the docks. Fireworks begin around 8:30 PM — *but arrive early*, parking is extremely limited.

Bonus reason to celebrate: It's also Membership Chair and Director Bob Bond's birthday! He'll be there with his signature good cheer — make sure to wish him a happy one!

Beat the Heat Race – Saturday, July 12 at 12 PM (for racing), 3pm for BBQ.

Whether you're racing or cheering from shore, the LSFYC *Beat the Heat Race* is a great opportunity to enjoy the water and some friendly competition. It's not too late to sign up! Interested racers can contact Fleet Captain **Chris Layne** or email us via LSFYC.org. Watch for post-race BBQ details from Dominic — last time we had over 50 attendees and a fantastic time and we hope to do it again soon!

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Commodore's Report (con't)

Time on the Water – Catalina Island Adventure

I just returned from an awesome weekend escape to Catalina Island — what an incredible adventure! We took the Catalina Express to Two Harbors, explored for the day, then boarded the Cyclone open-bow speedboat to Avalon for an overnight stay. Between the beautiful hikes, great food, fun shopping, and lively bar scene, it was the perfect way to celebrate my daughter Lucia's 25th birthday. It's truly a gem so close to home — yet it feels like you're worlds away. Highly recommend it, and we hope to do it again soon! Photos below...

Until next time,

Lara Arambula

Commodore, LSFYC





Vice Commodore's Report

Dominic Arcelin



Hello Little Shippers!

Despite the year being half over, summer is in full swing! It's one of my favorite times of year. BBQ's, warm nights, backyard hangs, good times with friends and family, July just seems to bring out the best in everything. Including our club!

We have a casual hot dog BBQ coming up this week for the Big Bang on the Bay fireworks show July 3rd. Then, just one week later, we have another post race Burger Bash on Saturday July 12th. As always, keep an eye out on your emails for flyers and invites. If you missed our last Burger Bash, try to make it to this one! \$10 for a meal with everything made from scratch and all of the proceeds go to our racing program!

With summer finally here it's time for movie nights at The Shed again! If you have something you would like to see please let me know. As always, if there are any events you would like LSFYC to have, activities to get involved in, or just want to chat, please reach out!

Look forward to seeing you all at the next event.

Dominic Arcelin

LSFYC Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore's Report

Ruth De Raddo



Hi LSFYC Shippers...

June's Potluck at the shed had a great turnout. LSFYC's potlucks are not just about the food, but about the club members, sharing stories and reconnecting.

Fast Facts - From The Log/California's Boating & Fishing News

What Old Glory Represents Today:

Today, Old Glory is more than just a nickname-it's an enduring expression of deep respect for the American flag and everything it represents. The name reflects the flag's journey through peace and war, from merchant voyages to battlefields, from statehouses to porches across the country.

Old Glory has been immortalized in poetry, song, political speeches, and memorials. Its emotional power lies not only in its very fabric but in the story of Captain Driver and his unwavering loyalty of the Union.

The nickname may have started with a single man and his sea-bound adventures, but quickly came to represent the spirit of a nation. As long as the Stars and Stripes continue to fly, the legacy of "Old Glory" will live on - honoring a sailor's pride, a country's struggle, and the values that bind the United States together.

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN, GOD BLESS THE USA

"Friendship is not one big thing: it's a lot of little things"

Ruth De Raddo
LSFYC Rear Commodore



Membership page



Membership Report, Bob Bond

We had two new member applicants in June, and we expect to add 1-2 new members per month going forward. However, we need everyone to help make this happen! To that end, I sincerely thank new members Dave (and Gabby) Bierman and Brigitte Bigham, who both sponsored new members recently. Let's keep the energy rolling, and think of a friend or family member that would enjoy the camaraderie of LSFYC, and invite them to join and send them this [link to our Membership page](#) on our LSFYC website.

I'm very excited to introduce a couple more of our newest members:

Barrett Westover – My wife, Kimberly, and I were born and raised in Southern California. My father, Harry, had an obsession with everything boating and fishing, which transferred to me and my family. I've been a member of the Southern California Tuna Club for many years and one of my favorite trips was the yearly "Kid's Trip" to Baja, California where only the member and their children were invited to attend. We caught many different species of fish while enjoying the beautiful Sea of Cortez. We have one daughter, Victoria, who began these trips with me when she was 7 years old. We love being on the water and are looking forward to meeting and getting to know everyone in the club. Also, Alyssa Westover is my sister, which means I'm "stuck" with Bob Bond as my brother-in-law.



Rick Bennett – Hi Little Shippers! I'm thrilled to join the Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club after calling Long Beach home for 50 years. I grew up on the Peninsula's Boardwalk, with memories of Lowell Elementary, Rodgers Junior High, and Wilson High School shaping my love for this community. My family keeps me grounded...my parents, Tom and Donna Bennett, my brother Tommy and his wife Janice, and my two awesome sons, Mitchell (28) and Austin (26), who've grown into fine gentlemen. And of course, there's my wonderful girlfriend of two years, Antonia Lavender, who you might spot with me aboard my boat, Miss Tantalum. You may have seen Miss Tantalum, she's a 2005 Chris-Craft Corsair 28 with twin screws pumping out 700 HP. She's been docked in front of Tantalum for many years and is now docked in Spinnaker Bay.

I'm a member of the Los Caballeros, a riding group enjoying Catalina Island's trails via horseback for 76 years. Amongst horses and boating, Antonia and I love to go snow skiing, play pickleball and tennis, biking, and traveling. I heard about LSFYC from my good friends Dave and Gabby Bierman, and Bob Bond. Meeting Commodore Lara and Lou Arambula during the first ever Yacht Club Crawl this June sealed the deal for us. Antonia and I are excited to be connect with everyone, share some laughs, and make new memories on the water!

Photos Page

LSFYC Yaught Crawl



The Crawlers



NYCLB YC



Cerritos Bahia YC



Seal Beach YC



Alamitos Bay YC



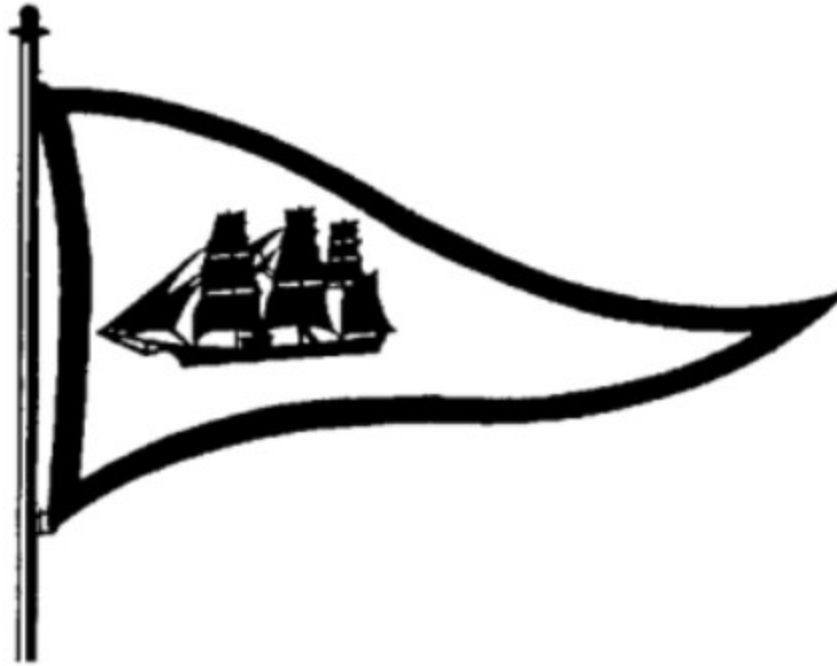
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JULY, 2025



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27	28	29	30			



2025 LSFYC Bridge

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Vice Commodore: Dominic Arcelin

Rear Commodore: Ruth De Raddo

Treasurer: Robert Hughes

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