

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Lara Arambula



Ahoy Little Shippers...

July was packed with fun, sun, and unforgettable moments—thank you all for making it such a fantastic month at the club!

We kicked things off on **July 3** with the *Bang on the Bay Fireworks Spectacular*! It was wonderful to see everyone settled in near The Shed with chairs, coolers, and good cheer. We undoubtedly have the best view in town. A special shout-out to V/C **Dominic Arcelin**, whose hot dog combo was a big hit.

The following weekend brought on our “**Beat the Heat Race!**” The committee boat, generously skippered by **S/C Frank Franco**, was staffed with an enthusiastic crew of first-timers, including **V.C. Ruth DeRaddo**, **Secretary Sharmone LaRose**, Membership Director **Bob Bond** and new members **Brigitte Bingham** and **Tom**. Many thanks to **S/C, Fleet Captain, and Race Officer Chris Layne** for leading another well-run and well-attended event. After the race, V/C **Dominic** once again worked his magic on the grill, serving up delicious burgers for the hardworking crews and Little Shippers alike.

On **July 16**, we held our monthly **Birthday & New Member Potluck**, and it was a nice evening filled with food, laughter, and connection. Members, new and longtime, came together to share dishes, stories, and a beautiful sunset. It was a simple reminder of why we're here—not just for the water, but for the community.

Most recently, on **Saturday, July 26**, we hosted a special speaker event featuring members **Steve Dunlap** and **Meghan Fabulous**, who shared the details of their upcoming **five-year voyage around the world** aboard their 45-foot Lagoon catamaran *Some Tuesday*. Thanks to **S/C Moti** for the setup allowing all those attending to watch and listen to the presentation. With photos, stories, and laughs, they kept nearly 35 members captivated throughout the evening. If you'd like to follow their journey, be sure to check them out on social media—links are included below. See photos p.2.

<https://www.youtube.com/@SailingSomeTuesday>

<https://www.instagram.com/SailingSomeTuesday>

<https://www.facebook.com/SomeTuesday/>

https://www.instagram.com/meghan_fabulous/

As our club continues to grow, it's awesome to see so many new members getting involved in club life and activities. We are always looking for ways to engage our members even more. On that note, the **position of Port Captain is currently vacant**. The Port Captain is responsible for: Assisting with dock parties, guest dockage, Shed maintenance, supplies and inventory. If this sounds like something you'd enjoy or would like to learn more about, please email me directly at tkt2fly@yahoo.com. We'd love to have you on board!

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Looking Ahead: August Events

Sunday, August 2 - The Jazz Derelicts @ The Gaslamp, Long Beach 12-3:30pm
Support LSFYC member **Dave Cunningham** as he plays in this very talented horn band.

Saturday, August 16 - Birthday & New Member Happy Hour + Potluck
5-8pm @ The Shed
Bring a dish and help us toast the celebrations!

Saturday, August 23 - LSFYC Offshore Race
Subject to enough participation. We're **currently recruiting a committee boat and crew**. Please contact Fleet Captain **Chris Layne** or myself if you'd like to volunteer.

Wishing you fair winds and calm seas,

Lara Arambula
Commodore, LSFYC



Steve Dunlap and Megan sharing the planning of their upcoming 'round the world cruise



Vice Commodore's Report

Dominic Arcelin



Hello Little Shippers!

This summer has been packed full of fun times down at The Shed. Thanks to the help of everyone involved with our racing program we have had a few action packed race days with even more action at the post race BBQ! It has been my pleasure to help make sure everyone is fed and has plenty to drink. I truly hope to see more of you at our next and final race day BBQ on August 23rd, so keep an eye out for the invite!

Even though summer is winding down on the calendar, the weather is finally in the sweet spot to enjoy the water well into the evening. I am happy to say that LSFYC Movie Night is making its long overdue return! I am planning on two movies before the weather takes a turn to the chillier side. The first film will be the classic Captain Ron! I am still working out the exact day, but it will be here soon so keep an eye on those emails!

Please reach out with any thoughts, movie requests, BBQ requests, or just to chat. The best part about being involved in the leadership of our little club is getting to know all of you.

This newsletter is all about the club...and you. So if you any stories about your adventures in the marina or travels, do not hesitate to send in to the club email.

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...

Wow! Just have to say what an experience being on the Committee boat skippered by S/C **Frank Franco** for the "Beat the Heat Race! Best view in the house! You're right at the start line watching the Flag Choreography, colorful, wind-whipped semaphore routing. It's like synchronized swimming, but with boats and horns. See photos below.

Comradery - It's a great team vibe. Whether you're anchoring marks, logging finishes, we were all in it together. It was a great morning spent with the Membership Director **Bob Bond**, Race Officer **Chris Layne**, Secretary **Sharmone LaRose**, new members **Brigitte Bingham** and **Tom Sadler**. I have to say Dominic did not disappoint on the grilling. I threw in socks as a bonus on prizes.

What an awesome event, I watched the Bang on the Bay Fireworks Spectacular from Naples Island. I was able to see the LSFYC shed from my view.

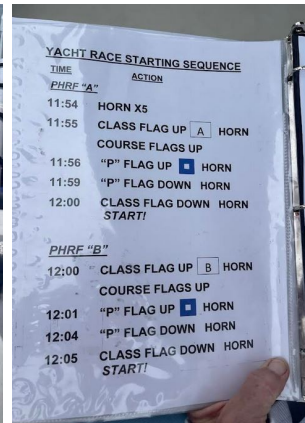
So excited to see our LSFYC grow with new members each month, **Bob Bond**, you are doing an awesome job!!!!!!

Looking forward to August 16 Birthday & New Member Happy Hour, Potluck.

"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 added three new members in July...thanks to great referrals from Rick Bennett and Dave and Gabby Bierman! 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. Also, due to increased costs, we increased our one-time initiation fee from \$100 to \$125, which started August 1, 2025.

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

Erica Hickey – Hi Little Shippers! My husband, Tim, and I are excited to be a part of the Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club. I am a 20-year resident of Long Beach, my husband joining me here last August after our marriage. We are a blended family of 5, 4 daughters and 1 son. I heard about the LSFYC from my dear friend Brigitte Bigham and thought the club would be a great place to make new friends, and have new adventures. We have a little ship that we currently keep in Lake Tahoe, Ca., but it has also had a home in Lake Havasu, Az. We are long time boaters with a love for the oceans, rivers, and lakes. We enjoy spending time in the outdoors...hiking, water sports, snow skiing, to name a few. We are looking forward to participating in the club activities, sharing some laughs, and getting to know everyone!



Harry Wallace – Hello Little Shippers! I'm blessed to be married to my loving wife Donna for 32 years. We have one beautiful daughter, Camille. We've lived in Newport Beach, CA for the last 30 years. While raised in San Marino, CA, my family would often visit my grandparent's beach house in Corona Del Mar. It was during these visits that I enjoyed many boating and camping trips to Catalina. I also took numerous fishing trips with my uncle Harry and his kids, Barrett & Alyssa Westover.

I have been practicing law for 30 years as a probate attorney. I volunteer as a temporary judge for the small claims court at the Orange County Superior Court. Donna was an insurance claims representative for 30+ years, but is currently retired, and volunteers at the Newport Beach Friends of the Library bookstore.

Presently, I am a cast member in the Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach...I play the Apostle Bartholomew, in the final Last Supper scene. We look forward to participating in many events at LSFYC.

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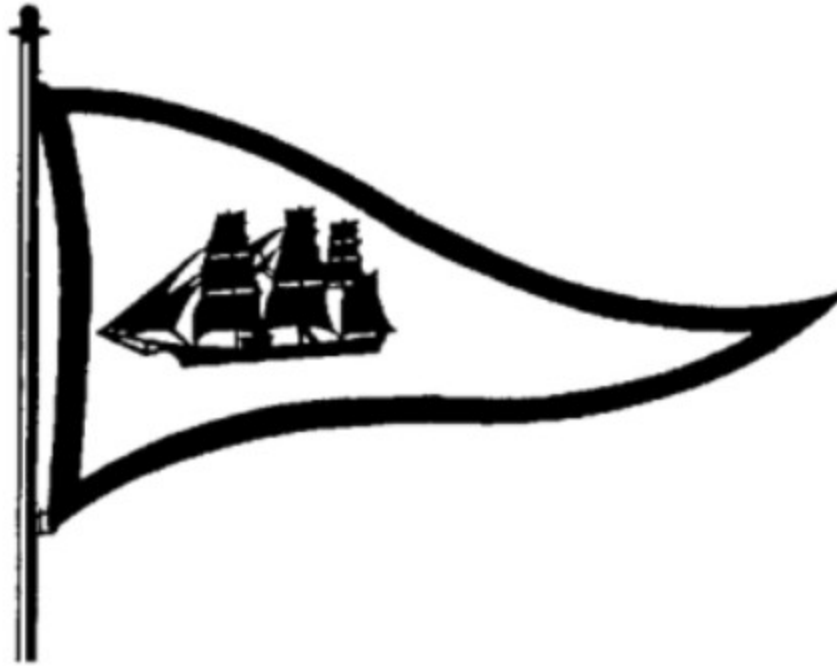




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2025 LSFYC Bridge

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

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