

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Lara Arambula



Ahoy Little Shippers...

I hope you've all been enjoying the warm weather we've had lately. It's made for the perfect excuse to get out on the water! According to the logbook at The Shed, many of you have been taking full advantage of these beautiful summer days (see photos p.7), and it's been great to see our members stopping by The Shed and enjoying the summer season together.

Upcoming September Events:

Saturday, September 20 – Happy Birthday & New Member Potluck

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Join us for an evening of celebration, food, and camaraderie as we welcome new members and raise a toast to our September birthdays

Saturday, September 27 – Movie Night on the Lawn at Navy YC

Bring your chairs, blankets, and favorite movie snacks for a fun evening under the stars.

Save the Dates:

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for two of our biggest events of the year:

Sunday, December 7 – Holiday Brunch

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM, currently scheduled at Acapulco

Sunday, January 18 – Installation Dinner

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

These are always festive and memorable gatherings, but please note that space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. More details and RSVP information will be shared in the coming months.

As always, keep an eye on your emails for last-minute additions to the LSFYC calendar. Also, if anyone is interested in hosting a member event, i.e. Clean the bay day, a boat cruise, a visit to a nearby yacht club (a.k.a. land cruise) please reach out to myself or any other flag members. We would love to make it happen. The more member involvement the better!

Wishing you fair winds, smooth seas, and plenty of sunshine as we sail into September.

Lara Arambula

Commodore, LSFYC



Vice Commodore's Report

Dominic Arcelin



Hello Little Shippers!

The dog days of summer are upon us and Liz and I are escaping to Scotland for a couple weeks to enjoy some cooler weather. It will be an exciting adventure, and we may try to get some sailing in while we are over there. It seems like a lot of you have been traveling lately and that's always exciting! The great news is that as fall approaches, we still have plenty of events lined up down at The Shed.

September and October will bring warm nights and warm water, so what better time to enjoy a movie at The Shed? **Saturday September 27th** we will be showing *Captain Ron* for our first movie night of the year on the grass at NYCLB. Popcorn will be available, and there is plenty of space to bring your friends and family. The more the merrier! Keep an eye out for invitations coming through your email. We will also be showing another movie in October if you can't make this one.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next event, and as always please feel free to reach out with ideas or suggestions about what you'd like to see happening at The Shed. We've grown a lot this year and I've had the pleasure of spending time a good number of you at our BBQ's pot lucks and I can't wait to see even more of you.
o the club email.

Once again, I encourage you to submit any stories, tales or travel adventures to publish in this newsletter for member enjoyment. Get your creative writing juices flowing! See page 6 as an example.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next event.

Dominic Arcelin

Vice Commodore LSFYC



Rear Commodore's Report

Ruth De Raddo



Hi LSFYC Shippers...

Wow-August flew by in the blink of an eye! As we welcome September, we're stepping into a new season full of fresh opportunities and renewed energy. Whether you're getting back into a routine or gearing up for exciting fall plans, we're here to keep you updated and inspired.

Sunday, August 2 - The Jazz Derelicts (with **Dave Cunningham**) performed at The *GasLamp* and we had a good representation from the LSFYC gang...what a great day and evening. After the performance, we went to the shed (photos below) to continue the fun and share stories, laughter, and a few more well-earned refreshments. The atmosphere was relaxed and full of good vibes -exactly how we love to wind down after a listening to great music.



The August 29th Bingo Night was cancelled due to a lack of RSVP's. However, we will be rescheduling for next month and are fully prepared for the next event. Stay tuned for the new date-we hope to see you there! Your RSVP is important to help us plan for \$5 dogs and chips. Don't miss this one!

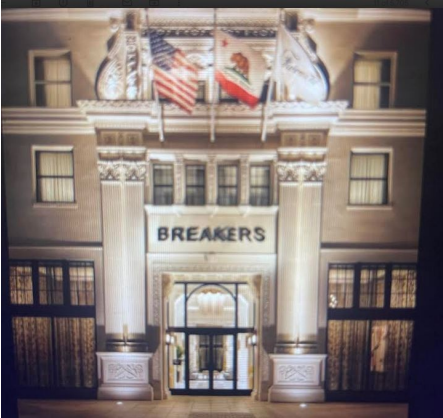
But not all was a bust-as a few of us gathered at the shed on Sunday 31 and were able to give the Bingo Game a trial run. It went great, and we're looking forward to sharing the fun with everyone soon! Frank & Gina Geiger were WINNERS!!!



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Rear Commodore's Report con't

Michael and I just stayed at *The Fairmont Breakers* Hotel in Long Beach to celebrate Michael's birthday-highly recommend it for a staycation! Beautiful setting, great service, and the perfect local escape without having to travel far.



Shed Housekeeping Reminder:

Please remember, we do not yet have a Port Captain for the facility. Although we welcome members to use the shed, please take a moment to read the posted house guidelines inside (see p.8). While we do love our four-legged friends, dogs are not allowed inside the shed. You're more than welcome to have them with you outside the shed.

Lara, Dom and I appreciate your cooperation in keeping the space safe clean and organized for everyone. Lara and I try to come in and clean the shed as much as we can, although volunteers are certainly welcome to step in and help.

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

Ruth De Raddo
Rear Commodore LSFYC



Membership Report

By Bob Bond

We added one new member in August, and we plan to add a couple more in September. 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:

Tom Bennett – Ahoy Little Shippers! My wife, Janice, and I are so excited to be members of LSFYC! We live just a stone's throw away in University Park Estates. We have a blended family with five kids - our two teenagers are at Wilson High School (one graduated a year early), and our three adults are out in the world, with the oldest getting married in 2026!

I'm a member of the Long Beach Century Club, a nonprofit that raises money for youth sports, and we are also members of Old Ranch CC. Janice is a full-time water polo and swim mom. You may also know us from our family business, Tom's Automotive Service Center. We're celebrating our 25th anniversary this year and are proud to be a long-standing part of the Long Beach community.

My brother, Rick Bennett, and the [Biermans](#) introduced us to the club, and we're thrilled to have joined. We're all about the outdoors and the ocean—we love paddleboarding, boating, cycling, and traveling. We may not have a boat yet, but we're always good 'Gilligan's'. We can't wait to meet everyone and become part of the LSFYC family.



Jim Bond – Ahoy Lil Shippers. My wife, Erika and I, are pretty pumped about being new members of the Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club. We heard about LSFYC from my brother Bob and his wife Alyssa. On July 3rd, we were able to enjoy the Fireworks Show at The LSFYC Shed with our Grandson Caleb. What a Blast...! (pun intended). We have a blended family with 9 kids and 5 grandkids.

I'm retired now, but I worked for LADWP for over 30 years, most of those at the Haynes Generating Station right down the street from LSFYC. Living in Monrovia, I got to drive the 605 freeway daily, top to bottom. Oh those freeway blues, but I'm looking forward to the drive to hang out at the Shed.

Erika and I enjoy the outdoors and especially a beautiful sunset at any beach we're blessed to be near. We look forward to meeting all the other members and especially in creating some memorable times for us all to enjoy!

This Old Boat

By S/C Frank Franco

Since purchasing the 40 year old Tollycraft 30 ft power boat *Cantamar* some years ago, I have spent some time (and \$\$\$) in maintaining the mechanics and upgrading components in order to enjoy the boat and stay on top of the functionality. As with all boat owners, I want it to last as long as possible. Fortunately, the 2 big gas V8s had been rebuilt and are purring like 2 big fat cats.

But as with an automobile, over time, components wear out. Especially anything involving rotating items. Such was the recent case with a propeller shaft cutlass bearing. The bearing is the sleeve that resides inside the prop shaft support strut which the prop shaft runs thru. The bearing keeps the shaft aligned from engine to prop. The bearing is just a brass tube with a serrated rubber inner liner. The tube is press fitted into the strut. (see an example at right).



One day, while out in the harbor, I heard banging under the hull at the left engine. Shutting down the engine and heading back to the slip on the right engine, I thought that I had picked up some kelp. Once back in the slip, I called the diver to come at first chance to take a look and remove any obstructions. Two days later, he called and told me that not only was there kelp wrapped on the shaft but that the cutlass bearing rubber insert had been pushed out of the sleeve. &%%\$##@! Now, I thought, I have to get the boat pulled out to pull the prop and install a new bearing!

“...not to worry amigo!” the diver tells me “I know a guy who can install the new bearing underwater!” WHAT! So I call Bob Harris from *Pro Tech Dive Works* who tells me that he has tools and equipment to remove the old and install the new bearing without moving the boat from the slip. After determining the correct size of the bearing to replace, Bob shows up with his assistant (the diver) and hydraulic equipment that pushes out the old and pushes in the new bearing.

After removing the 17” dia (the size of a ‘55 Buick hub cap) bronze propeller, hooking up the jig and hydraulic pins to push out the old bearing, then reversing the jig to push in the new bearing, the job was done. However, the inspection of both props revealed bent blades! They being 40 years old, it was not unexpected. &%%\$##@! Now, I thought, I’ll have to buy new props!

“...not to worry amigo!” Bob tells me “I know a guy who can recondition the propellers!” WHAT! So I call Gary at *Wilmington Propellers* who tells me that they can straighten the blades, balance and polish the props to a like new condition. Boat performance will improve as well he says.

I got the props back the following week for the diver to install and me to test. There was a definite improvement in performance and smoothness of operation of the boat!

There will probably be some other item to eventually wear out and have to deal with, but as long as one guy knows another guy that can fix it, all is good!



Photos Page

Members enjoying the shed



LITTLE SHIPS FLEET SHED HOUSE RULES

As a benefit of membership, the “Shed” is for the exclusive use by LSFYC members for official club meetings or member private events. The use and occupancy of the shed is for the continued *benefit and enjoyment* of the LSFYC members and their guests, consequently, the following rules apply at all times:

Unless otherwise notified and for events other than official LSFYC scheduled events or in presence of any LSFYC Officer, the shed to be open from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm.
No open flame cooking of food in shed (other than use of microwave) is allowed.
Cleanup of all portions of any food items in shed after use to be completed before departure.
Shed is to always be maintained in a clean and *odor free* condition and is subject to monthly cleaning of floor and counter tops.

Per Bylaws: *“LSFYC members are held responsible for the conduct of themselves as well as their family members and guests at all LSFYC functions and related activities within the yachting community”*. This applies to conduct at the shed as well.

Alcoholic beverage consumption is allowed within the shed. Consumption is not allowed on the city marina walkways or parking lot. Please drink responsibly. NO smoking in or near Shed.

Unruly or excessively loud behavior by any member or guest will result in being asked to leave the premises.

No discussion or promotion of a political topic or position allowed.

Shed contents only to be of items necessary for entertainment or function of the shed. NO personal items (except for personal alcohol) shall be stored or be accumulated in the cabinets or refrigerator.

Pets may be allowed on the premises, however:

No pets at scheduled LSFYC events at the shed where a large member turnout is expected, otherwise small gatherings are OK.

Pets must be on lease and held by owner at all times and are not allowed inside the shed

Pets not allowed with radius of 12 feet of the shed doors *when food is served and being consumed by members*.

No feeding of snacks or table scraps to pets from or near tables where food is being serviced will be allowed.

Cause of disturbance or unruly behavior by pets will result in removal.

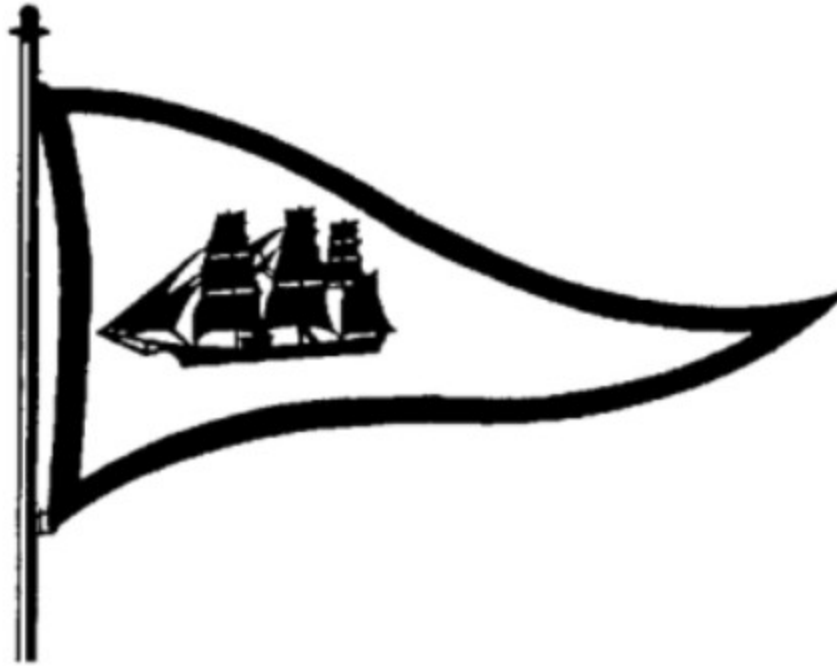
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| | 1 LABOR DAY | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 ASPBYC MTG 6:30 SHED | 9 LSFYC BOD MTG 6:30 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 LSFYC POTLUCK 5 PM SHED |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 LSFYC MOVIE NITE 7:30 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |
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2025 LSFYC Bridge

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