

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Dominic Arcelin



Hello Little Shippers...

Spring is almost here and we have been having the weather to prove it. I couldn't be happier that we had sunshine and perfect temps for our LSFYC Pancake Breakfast this past Saturday. Thank you to those that came and enjoyed the morning at The Shed. Thanks to your purchase of pancakes and Liz's now famous Bloody Mary's, we raised over **\$700** for the LSFYC racing program! It is so rewarding to see our little club grow and see the wonderful community we are all building. See p. 8 for photos.

Our next club event is a little different, but just as important. Mark your calendars because **Saturday, March 15th is Clean The Bay Day**. Flyers and many emails to follow, as usual. We will meet at The Shed Saturday morning at 9:00am, coffee and snacks will be provided, and then we will all break out into our cleaning groups helping to keep the marina neat and tidy. I hope to see you there.

Lastly, our monthly Potluck/Happy Hour is scheduled for **March 21st**. We are also still looking for a few people to play host for that event. Please reach out if you might be interested! Also please reach out for ideas, suggestions, or if you just want to chat. The best part of doing this is you, the members!

Don't forget to change clocks Saturday nite 1 hour ahead!

As always, send in your stories and tales to this newsletter and keep an eye on your email for upcoming events! Hope to see you all soon.

Thanks,
Dominic Arcelin
Commodore, LSFYC



Vice Commodore's Report

Ruth DeRaddo



Ahoy LSFYC Members...

What an incredible turnout for our February 7 Chili Cookoff and Pre-Super Bowl Potluck! Thank you to everyone who joined us—your enthusiasm, good humor, and hearty appetites made the evening a huge success. **Frank Geiger** counted **40 members** in attendance, a fantastic showing for our first potluck of 2026.

We had **six brave and talented members** bring their best chili recipes to compete for the title of *Best Chili*: **Harry, Gabby, Lesley, Alyssa, Erica, and Jill**. The competition was tight, the flavors were bold, and our judges had their work cut out for them. We extend our heartfelt thanks to **Stevie Anderson Pellarin** and **Linda Katzman** for serving as our official judges. Their discerning palates and thoughtful evaluations helped determine our top three winners.

Chili Cookoff Winners:

- 1st Place: **Jill Doran-Cohen**
- 2nd Place: **Lesley Anderson**
- 3rd Place: **Erica Hinkley**

Congratulations to all our participants for bringing the heat and sharing their culinary talents with the fleet. See p. 7 for photos.

Prizes were also awarded for our Football Toss Challenge, adding even more fun to the evening. Thank you to everyone who participated and cheered each other on.

Many of you noticed the outdoor game area lighting was a bit dim. Good news—LSFYC has now purchased **portable lighting** to ensure our next outdoor event is bright, safe, and ready for action.



The LSFYC Pancake Breakfast was held February 28 at the shed. Great turnout! See page 8 for photos. (see next page)

Vice Commodore's Report (con't)

We are looking for a member (or a team of members!) to **host the March 21 Potluck**. Hosting is simple, fun, and a great way to bring our fleet together. If you're interested in choosing a theme or organizing the table setup, or just adding your personal flair to a club favorite, please reach out. Your creativity keeps our gatherings lively and welcoming.

Our annual **Clean the Bay Day** is coming up on **Sunday, March 15, 2026**. This is one of our most meaningful community efforts, helping keep our harbor and shoreline healthy and beautiful. We are still confirming who will be hosting this year's event, and we'll share that information as soon as it's finalized.

Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome—every pair of hands makes a difference.

LSFYC Opening Day Saturday April 25...is one of our most cherished traditions, celebrating our fleet, our members, and the start of another year on the water. In the coming weeks, I will be reaching out for volunteers to help with **set-up, take-down, decorating**, and to provide **deviled eggs, fruit, and pastries** for the reception. Your participation makes this day shine. So please mark your calendars as the BIG Day is approaching, and we're excited to kick off the 2026 boating season together. Stay tuned for upcoming invitations.

Please join us in celebrating **Brigitte Bigham and Tom Saddler** on their recent **engagement**. Their joy is our joy, and we wish them smooth sailing into this exciting new chapter together. Congratulations to the happy couple!

Congratulations as well to our Chili Judge, **Stevie Anderson, and Matt Pellarin** on their upcoming **April wedding in New York**. We're thrilled for them and sending warm wishes as they prepare for their big day.

P.S. The club is now looking to pass on the excitement of creating and publishing this newsletter. If you are interested, please email: lsfyclb@gmail.com

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

Ruth DeRaddo
Vice Commodore LSFYC



Rear Commodore's Report

Bob Bond



Let the good times keep rolling!...

On February 7, I attended the *Rear Commodore Training* sponsored by the [Southern California Yachting Association \(SCYA\)](#). It was a great orientation to the yachting community in Southern California. I was amazed to learn that SCYA includes over 90 yacht clubs from Stockton to Baja California, Arizona and Nevada. As members of SCYA, LSFYC can participate in many SCYA events and activities like the [MidWinter Regatta](#) (which just happened at the end of February), [tons of cruise events](#), and [Club of the Year Competition](#).

The **Club of the Year** (COY) Competition is of particular interest to me for LSFYC. We have a fantastic club, we do a lot of great activities, and **LSFYC can win** the COY competition. However, it will require planning, preparation, lots of engagement from all members, tons of documentation (mostly pictures), and lots of fun for everyone. There are three award levels for the COY, and LSFYC will compete at the **Associate Club** level, which is for clubs with less than 100 active members. The COY competition runs from November 1 through October 31, so we will use the next 8 months to better understand the COY competition, assign a COY Guru, add some new activities, and get ready to kick some bootie starting on November 1, 2026. If anyone is interested in being our COY Guru for the next 20 months or so, please let me know.

In addition to my Rear Commodore training on February 7, Alyssa, Jackie and I all really enjoyed the fantastic Super Bowl Chill Cook-off event at the Shed that evening. **V/C Ruth De Raddo** was an amazing host, and she coordinated tons of great food, games and camaraderie. Thanks Ruth!

Alyssa and I also had a great time and great breakfast at the **LSFYC Pancake Breakfast** this past Saturday at the Shed. **Commodore Domenic** and Liz cooked up a very tasty and hearty breakfast for 30+ LSFYC members and friends, and made some very tasty bloody Mary's also. Another great event – thanks Domenic & Liz!

After the great pancake breakfast, several LSFYC members went to the Cerritos Bahia Yacht Club (CBYC) Opening Day event. We had S/C **Frank & Lara Franco, Dave & Gabby Bierman, Dave Chi & Sylvia, Rick Bennett & Antonia, Lou Arambula, Alyssa** and me all representing LSFYC at the first Opening Day event in the Long Beach area, and it was a ton of fun. They had a fun boat parade, and Rick piloted *Miss Tantalum* and 7 Little Shippers in the parade, then we had a fantastic pastrami sandwich luncheon. Thanks Rick & everyone!

Cheers!

Bob Bond

Rear Commodore LSFYC



Treasurer's Report

Robert Hughes



Dues for 2026...

It is that time again...the **LSFYC MEMBERSHIP DUES** are due for 2026. Your past membership has been greatly appreciated and will certainly be so for this coming new year. To ensure that you will be listed on the **2026 LSFYC Membership Roster**, please send your check for **\$150.00** to:

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

-OR-

Pay via Zelle at: 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.

Thank you for your continued support...

Robert Hughes

Treasurer, LSFYC



Membership Report

Dave and Gabby Bierman

Hello Little Shippers...

We are looking forward to “springing ahead” soon and are excited for summer. It was great seeing many of you at the pre Superbowl chili party. A good time was had by

all.

We want to share the fun with other great people in our community. Please think about any friends and/or family members that you can invite to join the club, and send them this link to our [LSFYC Membership page](#) on our LSFYC website. Please reach out to Gabby at gabbierman@gmail.com or Dave at davebierman@gmail.com to get help with any membership information and/or on boarding.

We are pleased to share a bio of our newest LSFYC member:

Ramzi Chamoun - **Ramzi and Lillian** are delighted to join the club and become part of such a welcoming community. They share a passion for the water, travel, and the outdoors, and look forward to embracing the boating lifestyle. Ramzi is a Chief Financial Officer overseeing finance, HR, and technology. Lillian is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a nature-inspired artist. Together, they enjoy spending time with friends, traveling, skiing, and exploring new places. They value the camaraderie and traditions of yacht club life and look forward to meeting fellow members and contributing to the club’s vibrant community.



LSFYC Chili Cookoff photos



Pancake Breakfast photos



Steve Dunlap & Meghan Fabulous...the adventure continues!

Already many days into their 5 year trans oceanic cruise thru the world, LSFYC's **Steve Dunlap, Meghan** and the 2 pugs, have traveled on the Lagoon 450S catamaran *Some Tuesday* from Marina del Rey down the coast of Baja California, around the tip at Cabo San Lucas, back up into the Gulf of California to La Paz and across the Gulf of Mexico back down the coast of Mexico and now approaching Guatemala!

Click on links below to follow the adventure...click on the posts shown to read the extensive and detailed narratives of the trip:

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

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

<https://www.predictwind.com/tracking/SV-SomeTuesday>



The Shed construction photos

July, 2020 was the start of the construction of the new and improved LSFYC shed spearheaded by S/C Moti Cohen-Doron and with contributions by LSFYC members and collaboration with NYCLB.



City cleaning out the catch basin



Ready for the contractor to begin



Locating the 4" drain line and setting rebar



Pouring 11 cu. yards of concrete for the floor



Laying out the first of the framing



Walls and roof begin to appear!



MARCH, 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 TIME CHANGE 1 HOUR FWD	9	10 LSFYC B.O.D. MEETING	11	12	13	14
15 LSFYC CLEAN BAY DAY	16	17 ST PADDY'S DAY	18	19	20 SPRING!	21 LSFYC POTLUCK
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



2026 LSFYC Bridge

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