

# Three Sheets in the Wind

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## Commodore's Report

*Dominic Arcelin*



### Hello Little Shippers...

March was a busy month and it isn't even summer. Our first event was Clean The Bay Day (photos p.8). The sun was shining, the weather was perfect, and we managed to gather 136 pounds of trash from the bay. While everyone collected a hefty amount on their own, **Jill and Moti Cohen-Doron** ended up bringing back 55 pounds to the weigh in! **Ginger, Chris, and Eli Layne** managed to find a plastic triceratops and that was agreed to be the most interesting collection of the morning. Between the coffee and muffins, (homemade by Liz), and paying it forward to the beautiful bay, the morning was a great success. I hope you can make it down next time if you missed it.

**R/C Bob Bond** hosted his first happy hour at the shed and the turnout was tremendous. Games, drinks, and an amazing sunset were on tap for the evening and I was once again reminded how wonderful it is to be able to hang out down at The Shed.

Our next big event is **Opening Day on Saturday, April 25th**. As members you are all invited and should have received a few emails from me reminding you to save the date. The taco guy is back this year and will be serving up tacos after the ceremony. The bar will feature my signature Tiki Punch and it will be FREE... while supplies last. Lastly we are planning on an informal boat parade. If you have a boat and want to join in, tie up at the long dock!...or email to: [lsfyclb@gmail.com](mailto:lsfyclb@gmail.com) to participate. It will be a day to remember.

I had the privilege of exchanging burgees with the new Commodore over at *Hollywood Yacht Club* during their opening day festivities. I will hang it in the Shed with the others that you may have noticed. It's a small group so far, but if you're planning on visiting any other clubs why not do a trade yourself? Let me know here you plan on heading and I can reach out and set it up.

A quick photo, a handshake, and you're forever etched into LSFYC history!

Lastly, I'd like to share that we have our very own LSFYC merchandise shop now with hats, t-shirts, etc. It has been a long time coming, and I am proud and excited of the items we have on offer. While there is no inventory at The Shed, whatever you order will be shipped directly to you. You can access the site through this link :<https://lsfyclb.printify.me/> or by scanning the QR code in the Shed or in the LSFYC website [Members] page.. If you have ideas for merchandise, please let me know and I'll see if it's something we can do.

Can't wait to see you all at opening day,

**Dominic Arcelin**

*Commodore, LSFYC*





## Vice Commodore's Report

*Ruth DeRaddo*



### Ahoy LSFYC Members...

March in the Wake — Onward to April! March is officially in our wake, and what a month it was. From Opening Days across the harbor to a lively, laughter-filled Birthday Potluck at the shed, our members showed up, showed out, and reminded us why this club feels like home.

Clean the Bay Day — Thank You, **Liz & Dom!** A huge shoutout to Liz and Dom for stepping up and hosting this year's Clean the Bay Day.

Their leadership, energy, and dedication helped make the event a success, and our shoreline is better for it. Events like this remind us how lucky we are to have members who care deeply about our harbor and our community. Thank you both for representing LSFYC with such pride and heart.

A huge thank you to our Rear Commodore, **Bob Bond**, for hosting the March Potluck and bringing along a stash of fun games that had everyone tapping into their competitive side. If there's one thing we've learned about LSFYC members, it's this: we love to play, we love to laugh, and we definitely love to win.

The shed was buzzing with friendly rivalry, full plates, and the kind of camaraderie that makes these gatherings so special. March gave us memories worth keeping — and now we're ready to sail into April with that same spirit.

### **Opening Day — Saturday, April 25th**

**LSFYC Opening Day** is just around the corner, and this is our moment to shine as a club. On Saturday, April 25th, we'll welcome fellow yacht clubs, friends, and guests to celebrate the start of a brand new boating season at LSFYC.

To make the day smooth, festive, and worthy of our fleet, we're calling on our amazing members to lend a hand. Volunteers are needed at **9:00 AM** to help with setup, décor, and all the behind the scenes touches that make Opening Day feel special. We'll also need help with teardown once the festivities wind down.

Your time and teamwork make a huge difference — and Opening Day is one of the best opportunities to show visiting clubs the heart, pride, and hospitality that define Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club. Let's make this a day to remember.

May Potluck — Survey Time!

I will be hosting our May Potluck, and with the Memorial Day holiday weekend, I know many members may be traveling or out of town. To keep things simple — and fun — I'm considering holding the potluck on Sunday, May 3rd at 3:00 PM. And yes... the game of the month will be BINGO. That's right — BINGO is back, and there will be prizes!

*(see next page)*

## **Vice Commodore's Report (con't)**

Before I finalize the date, I'd love to get a sense of how many members would be interested in attending. If you're in, please give me a shoutout with "BINGO" so I can plan accordingly. Let's kick off May with good food, good company, and a little friendly competition.

Membership Matters — Thank You, **Dave & Gabby Bierman!**

A heartfelt thank you to our Membership Co-Chairs, Dave and Gabby, for their continued dedication to growing our club. Their enthusiasm, outreach, and welcoming spirit have brought wonderful new members into LSFYC. We appreciate all you do to keep our fleet thriving and our community strong.

Ahoy — Welcome Aboard!

A big Ahoy and Welcome Aboard to our newest LSFYC members! We're thrilled to have you as part of our fleet and look forward to sharing good times, great events, and plenty of adventures together on the water.

A Friendly Reminder — Your Club, Your Participation

As a reminder, this is your club. We welcome — and truly appreciate — member participation, whether it's hosting a potluck, helping with an event, volunteering on Opening Day, or bringing fresh ideas to the table. LSFYC thrives because of the energy, creativity, and involvement of its' members, and every contribution helps keep our community strong and vibrant.

*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!...

March turned out to be a rather jam-packed month with lots of great planning activities and events.

We had an LSFYC Board meeting at the shed on March 10, which was very well attended, and helped us align the course for LSFYC throughout 2026. We also had a **2028 Olympic** planning meeting sponsored by the Long Beach Marina Boat Owners Association on March 19 that Ruth and I attended. It was led by Sean Devereaux, the Community Engagement Officer for the City of Long Beach (aka LB Olympic Guru), who talked about the 11 Olympic and 7 Paralympic events that will be held in Long Beach in July 2028. He also noted that 3 countries have already selected Long Beach as their primary host city during the Olympics - Denmark, Greece & Ireland...and probably many more will also select Long Beach. LSFYC will collaborate with Navy Yacht Club to be a host location for certain activities during the Olympics, and we also expect to have other volunteer opportunities for our LSFYC members...more details will be shared in coming months.

The LSFYC Flag (Commodore **Domenic & Liz**, Vice Commodore **Ruth & Michael**, Alyssa & me), and several other LSFYC Staff Commodores and members attended **Opening Day celebrations** for other So Cal clubs in March, including *Long Beach Yacht Club* on March 14, *Shoreline Yacht Club* on March 21, and *Hollywood Yacht Club* on March 28. These are fun events where each club invites other members of the yachting community and shares their yachting pride and hospitality to kick-off the 2026 yachting season. Please be sure to attend our **LSFYC Opening Day on April 25** to share our LSFYC pride with the So Cal yachting community.

We had a very fun **Birthday / Happy Hour / March Madness Potluck** celebration on March 21 with games and prizes. Who knew that our Vice Commodore had such incredible basketball skills, as Ruth won the pop-a-shot contest...nicely done Ruth! We also had a blast playing *Blank Slate* with 30 little shippers, which was also rather competitive, and congratulations to **Frank Franco** for winning that fun game. Thanks to everyone who made it out, and happy birthdays to **Chris Layne** (3/21) and **Kelly Sonz** (3/23). See photos .p.6.

Mark your calendars for another fun **Birthday Bash on June 20** at the LSFYC shed and Navy lawn, at which we'll play corn-hole and other games, and we plan to have a taco truck to help celebrate. To take full advantage of the summer solstice, we are extending this birthday bash to start at 4pm and end at 9pm.

We also had a great opportunity to help **Clean the Bay** on March 22, which was hosted by Commodore **Domenic and Liz**. Liz made and shared great home-made muffins, and we gathered dozens of pounds of garbage from the water and walkways around Alamos Bay. Thanks for coordinating Domenic & Liz!

I also want to thank our amazing **Membership Co-Chairs, Dave & Gabby Bierman**, for doing an incredible job bringing in new members and helping them feel welcome and engaged. We had an awesome time greeting some of the new members and enjoying a fantastic Alamos Bay cruise, and we greatly appreciate everything you're doing for LSFYC Dave and Gabby!

Cheers,  
**Bob Bond**  
Rear Commodore LSFYC



## **Membership Report**

***Dave and Gabby Bierman***

### **Hello Little Shippers...**

As we head into the longer, brighter days of spring, there's a renewed energy around the club and plenty to look forward to on the water and ashore. It was wonderful connecting with so many of you at our recent gatherings—your enthusiasm is what makes LSFYC such a special community. As always, we encourage you to share that spirit with others. If you have friends, family, or colleagues who would enjoy being part of the club, please invite them to learn more through our membership page. For any questions or help with the process, don't hesitate to reach out to Gabby or Dave—we're always happy to help welcome new faces into the LSFYC family.

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](mailto:gabbierman@gmail.com) or Dave at [davebierman@gmail.com](mailto: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:

### **Vickie Dewey**

Hi everyone! I'm Vickie Dewey, and I'm thrilled to be a new member! I call Huntington Beach home, where I live with my two adorable (and slightly spoiled) dogs. I have twin sons—one nearby in Newport, and the other up in Santa Cruz with his wife and my very cute two-year-old grandson. I recently retired after 35 years in commercial property management—so yes, I've officially traded spreadsheets for sunshine!

These days you'll usually find me traveling in my RV, golfing, kayaking, playing pickleball, or getting a little competitive with cards and dice. I also love parties... basically, if it involves fun, I'm in! I'm a huge sports fan too—cheering on the Angels and the Green Bay Packers (yes, I can handle the heartbreak ??). I'm really looking forward to meeting everyone and making some great new friends!



Welcome new members, we will get your photos and bios for next month:

-Rosa Bierman and Shawn Gill

-Shane and Laura Foster

**LSFYC March Potluck photos**



## Shoreline Yacht Club Event

*Little Ships Flag Officers attend March 21 Shoreline YC Opening Day Celebration.*

*S/C Frank Franco & Lara, V/C Ruth De Raddo & Micheal D., R/C Bob Bond, Jr S/C Lara Arambula & Lou, Director Frank Geiger & Gina.*



**Clean the Bay Day photos**



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

Already many weeks now 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 are now in El Salvador!

Come this Thursday, they will be departing El Salvador and launching on the trans Pacific hop to French Polynesia...a 3 week non stop journey on the high seas! The LSFYC burgee has never been so far south before. We wish them Bon Voyage and God Speed.

Click on links below to follow the adventure...and 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>



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The Officers and Board Members of  
**Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club**



cordially invite you and your family  
to attend and enjoy a celebration of

*The 89<sup>th</sup> OPENING DAY for 2026*



**Saturday, April 25, 2026**

at the  
LSFYC Facility  
233 Marina Dr.  
Long Beach, Calif. 90803

Registration: 11:00 am  
Ceremony: 12:00

Followed by brunch with taco bar and drinks from the shed

Please RSVP (by April 10) to:  
[domarcelin@gmail.com](mailto:domarcelin@gmail.com) or [lsfyclb@gmail.com](mailto:lsfyclb@gmail.com)

*This is the annual opportunity for LSFYC to shine in the Marina where Officers from the other yacht clubs are invited to visit and see who we are. LSFYC members are invited to help out in setting up the program as well as taking part in the festivities. Just show up at 10 am to lend a hand!*

# APRIL, 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
<b>5 EASTER SUNDAY</b>	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	<b>25 LSFYC OPENING DAY!</b>
26	27	28	29	<b>30</b>		



LSFYC burgee from around the world. View from the longboat in Thailand by LSFers Thomas Zelenka and Debra

## **2026 LSFYC Bridge**

### **OPERATIONS STAFF**

*Commodore: Dominic Arcelin*  
*Vice Commodore: Ruth De Raddo*  
*Rear Commodore: Bob Bond*  
*Treasurer: Robert Hughes*  
*Fleet Captain: Chris Layne*  
*Port Captain : Brigitte Bigham*  
*Secretary: Antonia Lavender*

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*Jr. S/C: Lara Arambula*  
*Director: S/C Moti Cohen-Doron*  
*Director: S/C Rob Sonz*  
*Director: S/C Frank Franco*  
*Director: S/C Chris Layne*  
*Director: Elena Yuasa*  
*Director: Frank Geiger*

### **OTHER CONTACTS**

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