

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Dominic Arcelin



Hello Little Shippers...

As May gray gives way to June gloom, summer is right around the corner. I hope all of you are enjoying longer days and the beautiful weather we've been having. It's the perfect time of year for a sunset beverage down at The Shed. If you haven't been around in a while, we also have wine stocked to serve by the glass in the honor bar!

In keeping with Little Ships Fleet tradition, we hosted a food donation drive for **Ronald McDonald House** here in Long Beach. Thank you very much to everyone who participated. They were excited and appreciative when we dropped off our donation bins. Unfortunately we could not coordinate a luncheon event, but I am doing my best to plan one later in the year.

Last weekend we hosted our first race of the year, *Reach to the Beach*, and had a wonderful turn out both on the water and at our post race BBQ. I cooked up burgers and Liz made her famous cookies for 40 racers and members! If you couldn't make it, the next one will be Saturday July 11th. Keep an eye out for flyers.

I wanted to share with all of you something that may be overlooked. Little Ships has trophies and awards that are handed out annually to members. These awards are handed out by the Commodore at the LSFYC Officer Installation dinner at the beginning of the year. They are as follows:

You Light Up My Club Award - awarded to the newest member who has contributed, participated, and been engaged the most LSFYC throughout the year.

Commodores Appreciation Award - awarded to the member who has gone above and beyond to help the club.

Golden Angel Award - awarded to a female member who has contributed their time and efforts to the club.

The Goof Trophy - awarded to whoever makes the biggest goof of the year.

These trophies are in The Shed, and I invite you to take a look at them. The goof trophy is something to behold. I bring this up because as summer approaches and we have more events happening, we can always use more help and engagement from you! If the joy of hanging out with your fellow Little Shippers isn't enough, you may just earn yourself an award for helping out.

Lastly, I'd like to remind everyone that we have our very own LSFYC merchandise shopping now. 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. If you have ideas for merchandise, please let me know and I'll see if it's something we can do.

Don't forget to join us at the shed for Movie nite...see p. 10.

Dominic Arcelin

Commodore, LSFYC



Vice Commodore's Report

Ruth DeRaddo



Good bye May, Hello June...

May flew by like a **spinnaker in a Santa Ana breeze**, and suddenly here we are — sailing straight into June with full hearts, full calendars, and a club buzzing with summer energy.

LSFYC's First Bingo Night — A Big Success!

Our club hosted its **first-ever Bingo Night**, and what a night it was. The clubhouse was full, the cards were sliding, and the excitement was contagious. We were also treated to live music from **guitarist Dennis of the Moonjellies**, who played during breaks and after the final round. His music added a warm, lively rhythm to the evening. Dennis proudly wore our LSFYC scarf. And of course, **Stevie Pellarin** was our Bingo caller, bringing her signature sparkle and humor. She added her own twist to the numbers called, keeping everyone laughing and fully engaged all night long.

Winners of the Night

- **1st Place:** Gabby Bierman
- **2nd Place:** Frank Franco
- **3rd Place:** Lori Bennett

50/50 Split Winner: Dustin (Frank & Gina Geiger's son-in-law)

Thanks to everyone who participated, bought cards, and cheered each other on — **we raised \$112 for our Racing Program**. A fantastic start for a brand-new club tradition. See photos p.7.

Reach to the Beach — Another LSFYC Success!

On **May 30th**, LSFYC hosted another fantastic **Reach to the Beach Race**, and the day could not have gone better. The breeze cooperated, the racers were fired up, and the committee boat — complete with its trusty first mates — was in **tip-top, shipshape, Bristol-fashion condition**. A true nautical operation from bow to stern. That is what I heard when I arrived.

After the race, the grill fired up and the clubhouse filled with that unmistakable “summer-is-here” energy. **Dom and Liz** served up **amazing burgers**, and members were quick to go back for seconds. And because no LSFYC event is complete without a little friendly competition, we introduced a new game: **Splash Potato**. Let's just say... it lived up to its name. Water balloons were flying, laughter was echoing across the sheds parking lot, and everyone rediscovered their inner 10-year-old. It was pure, splashy, sun-soaked fun. We even had one member take up a **bubble wand (Alyssa)**, sending shimmering bubbles drifting across the marina like tiny, floating signal flags. Between the splashes and the bubbles, the whole scene felt like a summer regatta hosted by Peter Pan. Next race is **July 11**...join us then. See photos p.7.

Speaking of SPLASH... Movie Night at the Shed — June 6

After all that water-balloon mayhem at Reach to the Beach, it's only fitting that our next event keeps the splash-theme going strong. Join us on **Thursday, June 6th from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM** for **Movie Night at the Shed** — and guess what the featured film will be? **SPLASH**, starring Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah. That's right — we're diving headfirst into mermaid waters. Consider this your official invitation to unleash your inner sea-siren. Mermaid tails, seashell crowns, sparkly scales, tridents, and anything that says “I just swam in from a secret cove” are highly encouraged. Who knows... you might even hear a siren call or two drifting across the marina as the sun goes down. It'll be a night of laughter, nostalgia, and a little bit of ocean magic — the perfect way to ease into summer.

Save the Date: Summer Solstice Birthday Tailgate Party — June 20th

Mark your calendars, crew — **Thursday, June 20th** is shaping up to be one of the biggest celebrations of the season. R/C **Bob Bond** is throwing a **Summer Solstice Birthday Tailgate Bash**, and trust me, this is one you won't want to miss.

(see next page)

Vice Commodore's Report (con't)

And here's the fun twist: **Bob and Alyssa are both turning 60**. That's right — they're officially charting a course into "**Level 60**", the decade where the seas are calmer, the cocktails are stronger, and the stories get even better. Consider this the moment they move from "seasoned sailors" to "vintage classics."

This bash is already sounding like it'll be **one for the logbooks**, the kind of night that gets retold around the SHED for years. Expect great food, great music, great friends, and that unmistakable LSFYC magic that happens when we gather under the longest sunlit sky of the year.

More details coming soon — but for now, circle the date and get ready to celebrate summer, birthdays, and our amazing club community. See p. 10.

Familiar Faces — Making Waves in SoCal Music

Familiar Faces, an indie-rock ensemble born from the sun-soaked shores of Southern California, has been making serious noise — the good kind. The band was founded by identical twin brothers **Sean & Chad Bierman**, sons of our very own LSFYC members **Dave & Gabby Bierman**. Talent clearly runs in the family like a strong following sea.

On **May 29th**, Familiar Faces took the stage in Los Angeles and **won the Guitar Center Foundation Battle of the Bands** — a huge accomplishment and a proud moment for their LSFYC family cheering from the docks. And now, they're riding that momentum straight into summer with several upcoming shows where our members can show up, clap loud, and represent the fleet.

Upcoming Performances (see page 11)

- **Sunday, June 7th — 10 AM to 1 PM** *Brunch with the Beatles* @SeaLegs at the Beach, Bolsa Chica State Beach, Huntington Beach (In our last newsletter, a beach party was suggested... and rumor has it **Gabby may have something brewing.**)
- **June 20th — 12 PM to 4 PM** @Beach City Provisions, Bolsa Chica State Beach, Huntington Beach *A tribute to Led Zeppelin & Jimi Hendrix* Perfect for anyone who likes their music loud, legendary, and a little salty.
- **July 10th — 5 PM to 8 PM** @SeaLegs at the Beach, Bolsa Chica State Beach, Huntington Beach *Sunset, surf, and live music* — a trio as classic as port, starboard, and centerline.

Let's show up and **support our LSFYC family** as they continue charting their musical course. These young musicians are making waves, and we're lucky enough to be part of their cheering crew.

As we sail into June, thank you for the spirit, kindness, and enthusiasm you bring to Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club. Whether you're volunteering, attending events, or simply showing up with a smile, you are the heart of this club. Here's to a bright, fun, and memorable May for all of us at LSFYC. See you around the clubhouse and out on the bay.

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

Ruth De Raddo

Vice Commodore LSFYC



Rear Commodore's Report

Bob Bond



Let the good times keep rolling!...

Summer, summer, summer...Summer Solstice Birthday Tailgate! LSFYC is cruising into summer on an awesome wave of fun and fellowship with great friends. May started with a very fun Bingo Night at LSFYC on May 8, which was hosted by our amazing Vice Commodore **Ruth DeRaddo**...thanks for leading another great event Ruth! In mid-May, Commodore Domenic hosted

the Ronald McDonald House donations, which were a big help for the charity and families dealing with cancer...well done Domenic!

On May 30, we had our LSFYC Reach to the Beach Race...where S/C **Frank Franco** captained the race committee boat with first mates **Dave Chi, Dave Bierman** and **Antonia Lavender**. After the race, Domenic & Liz hosted another fantastic burger bash at the shed for all of the racers and LSFYC members...fantastic day and food...thanks everyone!

We have several fun things happening in June...but the one I want to highlight is the **Summer Solstice Birthday Tailgate** on **June 20** at LSFYC from 4-9pm. In addition to our regular June birthday celebration, we're also celebrating the 60th birthdays for my lovely wife Alyssa (April 21) and me (July 3). We will have a similar setup to Opening Day, where we coordinated with Navy Yacht Club to share their lawn facility for eating and patio for dancing, and we'll have a taco guy and lots of fun tailgate games (corn hole, foosball, and others). Be sure to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert, and wear your favorite team's tailgate gear.

- Volunteers needed for the following – please let me know if you can help with any of these roles: Pick a month from July through November to host/coordinate the birthday/happy hour potluck... it's an opportunity for 5 volunteers to each throw a party at LSFYC. It doesn't take much time or effort to be the coordinator, and it really helps when we share the planning and effort.
- 2028 Olympics Coordinator(s) – as I mentioned in last month's newsletter, LSFYC will be engaging with the greater Long Beach community to play an active role in supporting and celebrating the 2028 Olympics. If all goes well, I will be Commodore in 2028, and I'd like to get a volunteer or two to help facilitate the Olympic activities so LSFYC can be proactive in our role and be effective in how we engage in this important event in our community.
- Club of the Year Coordinator – This is a great opportunity for someone organized and outgoing to work with our LSFYC Flag, Board, Officers and volunteers to record and gather pictures of all of the amazing things LSFYC does throughout the year.

I'm looking forward to a fantastic Summer with everyone from LSFYC!

Cheers,

Bob Bond

Rear Commodore LSFYC



Membership Report

Dave and Gabby Bierman

Hello Little Shippers...

Unfortunately, we had no new members join last month, but April was a record-breaking month with six new members! We hope everyone had a fantastic Opening Day. Gab and I were sorry to miss LSFYC Opening Day, but we had an amazing vacation in Tahiti. Below is a photo we took in Bora Bora.

We also just missed welcoming Little Ship Fleet members **Steve Dunlap and Meghan Fabulous** on their incredible oceanic journey arrival to French Polynesia (see page 9) — by only two weeks! We look forward to hearing all about their adventure and seeing everyone at the next event.

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.



LSFYC Member news and Photos

By Ruth De Raddo

🔦 Spotlight on Our Very Own LSFYC Chef — Debra Lisi Ruiz-Zelenka

In addition to having famous musicians in our LSFYC Club/Family, we also have a **Chef** — yes, you heard that right, a Chef.

I picked up the local paper, the *Grunion Gazette*, and to my surprise I saw a familiar face. And no... not *Familiar Faces* — it was **Debra Lisi Ruiz-Zelenka**. Thomas and Debra are two of our newest members, joining LSFYC in 2025.

On **Page 5** of the *Grunion Gazette*, dated **May 28, 2026**, the headline reads: **“Mom-Daughter Duo Keep Sicilian Cooking Alive.”**

The article shares their journey, how they got started, and their passion for preserving **Sicilian cooking traditions**. A quote from the *Grunion Gazette*:

Debra, alongside her 83-year-old mother, Mary Frances Cali Ruiz, offer traditional Sicilian cooking lessons together at Hartland’s in Long Beach, 1900 E. Ocean Boulevard, downtown Long Beach.

This sounds like an event we should absolutely plan — imagine an LSFYC group cooking class with Debra and her mom, Mary Frances. What a delicious adventure that would be.

Please see the attached clipping of the article.

Wow, Debra — we can’t wait to hear more of your story and for you to share some amazing Sicilian recipes with us. Congratulations!!



LSFYC Event Photos



LSFYC Bingo nite at the shed

**WINNER, WINNER!
...CHICKEN DINNER!**



LSFYC Reach to the Beach racers at the shed after race burger bash.

LSFYC Race results

This May 30 was the the first race of the LSFYC calendar...*The Reach to the Beach* Race which is the 4th race of the Long Beach Harbor Hi Point Series of 7 races. Congrats to S/C **Ben Smith** and his crew on *Renegade* for placing first in the race. The next LSFYC race, *Beat the Heat*, is July 11.

Little Ships Fleet YC
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 Class: PHRF A . PHRF (Time on distance)
 ONE START
 REACH TO THE BEACH
 Start Time: Saturday, May 30, 2026 12:00:00: Distance 6.7

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2	2	46966	DOS AMIGOS DOS	HUBBARD,B	81	SLBYC	CC110	13:14:18	01:14:18	01:05:15	2
3	1	47112	RAPTOR II	BUTNER,H	58	NYCLB	J112	13:11:45	01:11:45	01:05:16	3
4	5	97884	CHEERS	FLAIG,K	186	SYC	CAT30	13:49:45	01:49:45	01:28:59	4
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Speed as VMG of winning boat: 5.2 knots



Racers setting up at the start line in the Reach for the Beach race.

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

Now after nearly 175 days of sailing from Marina Del Rey, intrepid Little Shippers **Steve Dunlap, Meghan** and the 2 pugs, have journeyed aboard on the Lagoon 450S catamaran *Some Tuesday* across the Southern Pacific Ocean. After reaching their destination of **Nuku Hiva** in the Marquesas, they have continued on to other Atolls in the various archipelagos that are scattered in the Pacific region.

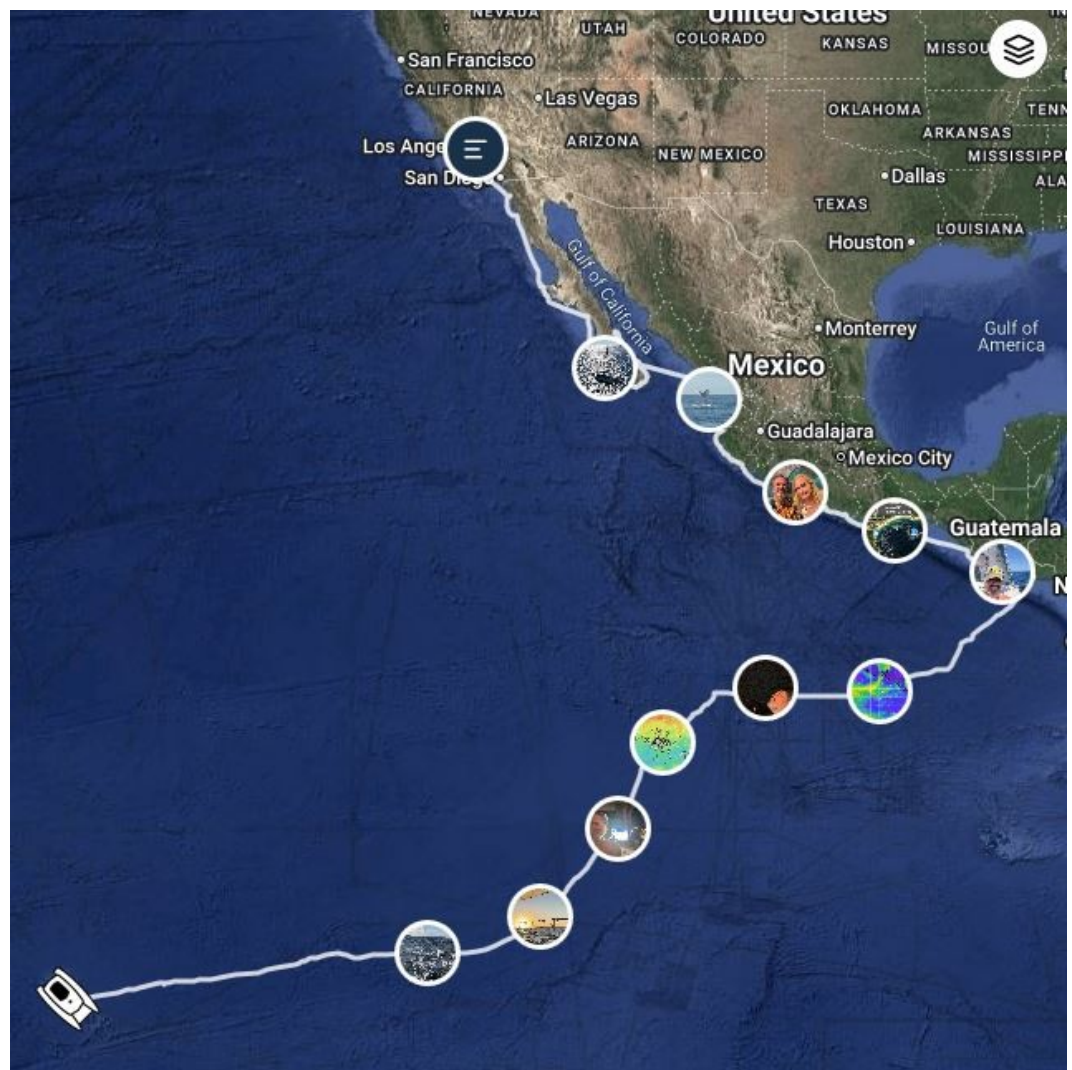
As of this writing, they are provisioning to very soon hoist anchor and proceed to the next destination. We wish them Bon Voyage and God Speed.

Click on links below to follow the adventure...and click on the posts shown to the live stream pod cast of the daily happenings, view posted videos and read the extensive and detailed narratives of the trip:

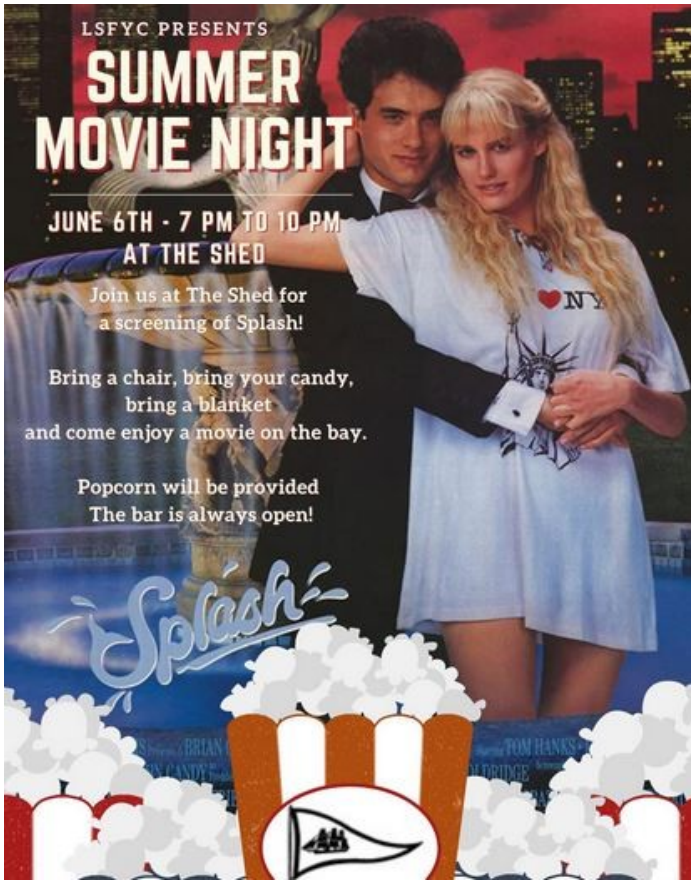
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JUNE, 2026



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21 FATHERS DAY	22	23	24	25	26	27
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**Sunday, June 7th,
10am-1pm**

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