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Commodore's Report

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Hello Little Shippers...

September was a whirlwind of a month. Liz and I spent most of it traveling through Europe, dodging heat waves and thunderstorms. It was a trip of a lifetime!

It was wonderful to see events still happening down at The Shed, and the Summer Carnival potluck looked like a blast. Thanks so much to R/C **Ruth De Raddo** for planning and hosting that event. Our next big event is **October 24th**, a Halloween themed potluck and dinghy poker run in collaboration with Cerritos Bahia YC. Keep an eye on your email for more!

I would like to send a big thank you out to Tracie Ichikawa for all her hard work down at The Shed. She took it upon herself to help with a deep clean, as well as some much needed fresh outside paint!

The bulletin board got a refresh as well. If you're down at The Shed, be sure to check it out and say thanks to Tracie.

On **November 7th**, LSFYC will have it's **first ever golf tournament**. It will be a lot of fun and I hope to see you there! I will be emailing all the details shortly, but I assure you that the tournament is set up in a way that even if you're not a golfer you will have a great time. Prizes, food, community, what else can we ask for?

Lastly, I wanted to remind all of you again that now is the time to start thinking about participating in the management of the club. We are seeking members like you to join the Board of Directors, and/or fill the position of **Rear Commodore for 2027**, and to take over for S/C Frank Franco as 3 Sheets in the Wind newsletter editor. If any of this sounds interesting, please reach out at: lsfyclb@gmail.com.

Dominic Arcelin

Commodore, LSFYC



Vice Commodore's Report

Ruth DeRaddo



Vice Commodore's Corner...

As we move into October, the boating season continues with beautiful summer weather and a full calendar of activities. September's Fall Carnival Potluck was a wonderful opportunity for members to gather, share great food, and enjoy the camaraderie that makes our club so special. Members and guests enjoyed a variety of carnival games, including the Dart Balloon Pop, Ring Toss, and Fishing Pool.

The best part? **Everyone was a winner!** Participants walked away with prizes galore... and those prizes were socks, socks, and more socks! The sock-themed prizes quickly became the talk of the event and added an extra layer of fun and laughter throughout the afternoon/evening. A special thank you to everyone who helped organize the games, prepared food, and joined in the festivities. Events like these remind us of the wonderful fellowship and sense of community that make Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club so special. (see photos p. 4).

Halloween Social □

Get ready for an evening of food, fun, fellowship, and Halloween spirit! Members are encouraged to bring a favorite dish to share and come dressed in their best Halloween costume. Whether you prefer spooky, silly, nautical, or creative attire, there will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy a festive evening with fellow club members. Join us for great food, laughter, and friendly camaraderie as we celebrate the Halloween season together.

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club shed

Costumes are encouraged, and prizes may be awarded for some of the most creative outfits. We look forward to seeing everyone for this fun-filled seasonal gathering!

As we approach the end of 2026, I encourage any member who is interested in hosting a potluck to please not be shy. Step up and share your ideas, favorite recipes, and hospitality with your fellow members. Hosting a potluck is a wonderful way to bring our club together, create lasting memories, and strengthen the friendships that make Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club such a special organization.

You do not need to do it alone. There are always members willing to lend a hand with setup, decorations, and planning. New ideas and fresh perspectives are always welcome, and your participation helps keep our club active, fun, and engaging for everyone.

Let's continue making LSFYC a place where members feel connected, involved, and excited to gather together both on and off the water. We look forward to seeing new hosts and creative themes in the coming months!

Remember: many hands make light work, and every successful event begins with someone willing to volunteer.

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Vice Commodore's Report (con't)

Looking Ahead: End-of-Year Events

As we begin to close out 2026, we have several exciting events planned for our members. Mark your calendars and watch for additional details in future communications.

- **1st Annual LSFYC Golf Tournament November 7, 2026** Join fellow members for a day of friendly competition, camaraderie, and fun on the course. We're trading docks for fairways as LSFYC hosts its **1st Annual Golf Tournament** — a brand-new tradition that's already shaping up to be a fan favorite. Swap those boat shoes for golf spikes and enjoy a day on the greens.

Golf Course: Bixby Village Golf Course 6180 Bixby Village Drive Long Beach, CA

Whether you're a seasoned golfer, a casual putter, or someone who just enjoys driving the cart, this event promises laughs, friendly competition, and plenty of club camaraderie. Shine up those clubs, stretch out that swing, and get ready for a day on the greens with your fellow Little Shippers. **We have received many RSVPs and yours is next to participate.** We need volunteers to support the event. Please let us know: lsfyclb@gmail.com.

- **Friendsgiving Happy Hour Potluck (Date TBD)** Gather with friends and fellow members to share food, stories, and gratitude as we celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving.
- **Holiday Brunch & White Elephant Gift Exchange December 6, 2026** Join us at Acapulco's for a festive holiday brunch followed by our always-entertaining White Elephant Gift Exchange.
- **Christmas Boat Parade Party** Celebrate the season with one of our favorite annual traditions as we enjoy the sights and festivities of the holiday boat parade.

Additional information and event details will be distributed as plans are finalized. We look forward to celebrating the remainder of 2026 with all of you!

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

Ruth De Raddo
Vice Commodore LSFYC

Fall Carnival Potluck photos





Rear Commodore's Report

Bob Bond



Let the good times keep rolling!...

Fall is great for yachting!

Well, I hope all of your football pools are doing better than mine. At least the UCLA Bruins Football team is kicking butt...4-0 Go Bruins!

As I left off last month, my family and I were in Europe...Nuremberg, Germany to be more precise. On September 1, we trained down to Salzburg for a few days together, and enjoyed the "Sound of Music" bus tour, a fantastic Mozart concert in a castle, and wandered around that beautiful city. Alyssa and I then trained back to Munich for a fun biergarten evening with our daughter Ashley & boyfriend Hayden.

Then Alyssa and I trained to Vilshofen, a small German town on the Danube River, where we boarded the AmaMora...a beautiful riverboat in the AmaWaterways fleet. We had a great cruise through Passau, Linz, Grein, Krems, Durnstein and Vienna, including fantastic excursions to Melk Abbey (Austria), Cesky Krumlov (Czech Republic) and Bratislava (Slovakia). The highlight of our river cruise was celebrating our 32 nd wedding anniversary at the Chef's Table for a 7-course meal paired with wines and an extra anniversary dessert cake with a great couple we met on the ship, and our daughters Cheryl & Jackie, who we're finishing their last night in Vienna when we pulled into port. In all, we visited 6 countries, 15+ cities, 10+ biergartens, and never lost our phones (at least for not more than an hour...it was Alyssa this time)...a fantastic family adventure that we'll always remember. Please see photos on p. 6.

We did get to a fun UCLA Football tailgate at the Rose Bowl with the Arambulas and many other friends, where UCLA stuck it to Purdue and ran up 637 offensive yards to win 52-38. We're also traveling to Ann Arbor, Michigan on November 21 to see UCLA play Michigan at the Big House, so if anyone wants to join our tailgate in Ann Arbor, let me know.

We also had a fantastic Sunday funday at Gaslamp rocking out with Familiar Faces and several LSFYC members, including **Gaby & Dave Bierman, Lara & Lou Arambula, Erika & Jim Bond**, and Alyssa and me. After the gig, we went for a spectacular Sunday afternoon cruise in Alamitos Bay, and enjoyed watching a most spectacular sunset from LSFYC.

I'm still trying to get caught up with what's going on around LSFYC over the next few months, but I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the Jazz Derelicts gig this Sunday, October 4 from 12 noon to 3:30pm (see p. 10), and some fun celebrating after the gig at the LSFYC shed (happy birthday in advance Penny!).

Cheers,

Bob Bond,

Rear Commodore LSFYC

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Rear Commodore's photos





Membership Report

Dave and Gabby Bierman

Hello Little Shippers...

We hope everyone is enjoying fall and this interesting weather. These Pacific Coast hurricanes might be preventing you from going to Catalina, but hey, our shed now has margaritas in the honor bar, thanks to our port captain, **Brigitte Bigham!**

As always, we encourage you to share our club 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 via email at: davebierman@gmail.com —we're always happy to help welcome new faces into the LSFYC family.

Please welcome our newest member, **Shahen Hairapetian** and his wife, **Arax Mansourian**.

After searching for a few years (with many disappointments along the way) for a good quality 36-43 foot sedan that two novices could learn to operate to travel along the Pacific Coast, my wife and I were fortunate to find our Mediterranean 38. See photo below taken the first day after we bought the boat. We've been learning about our boat's maintenance and operation since last year, becoming more accustomed with and less intimidated by the boat and its innumerable systems and features. The timing has worked out well for us, as my wife retired from accounting, and I retired from practicing law, before we bought our boat. We are looking forward to the camaraderie and opportunity to meet and share boating experiences with our fellow Members of the Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club.



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

Wow, now after 10 months(!) 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* down Mexico, Central America and across the Southern Pacific Ocean. After reaching their first 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. Then reaching and spending time in **Tahiti**, they have moved on to **Moorea**, then on to **Bora Bora** and beyond.



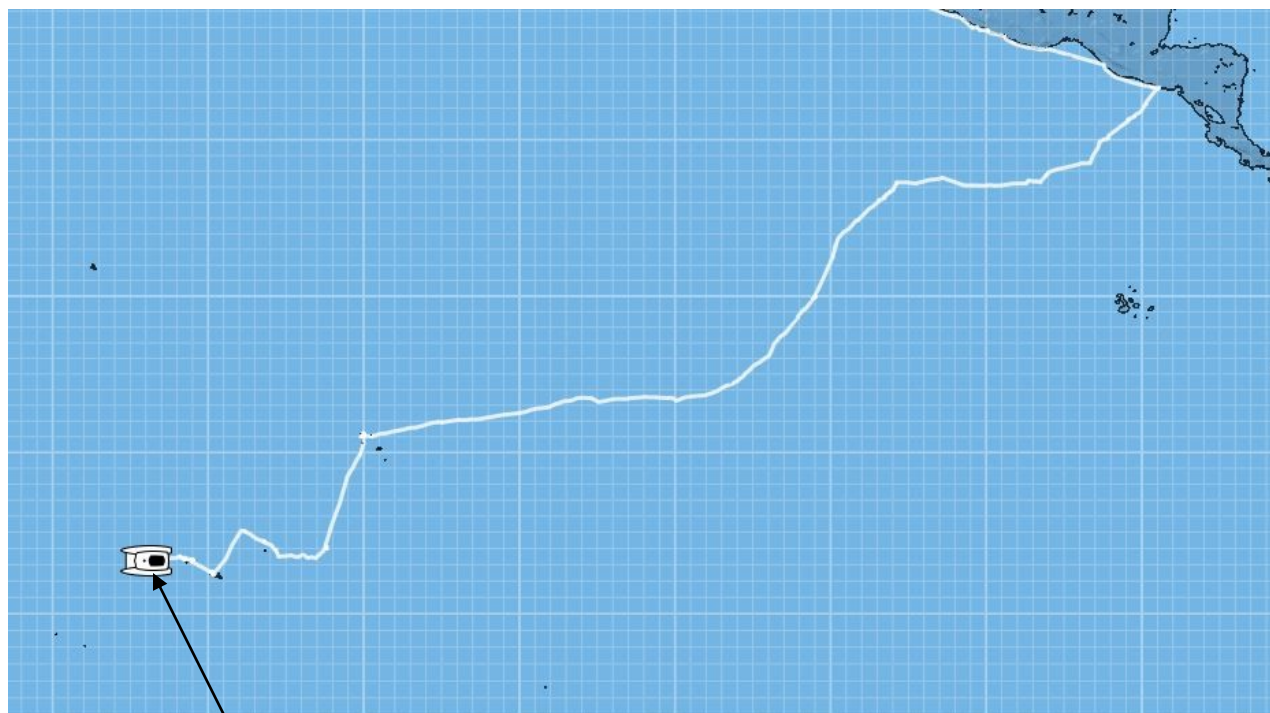
Click on links below to follow the adventure...and click on the posts shown to the live stream pod cast of the daily happenings, view posted videos and read the extensive and detailed narratives of the trip:

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