Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Dominic Arcelin

Hello Little Shippers…

Spooky season is over and turkey time is right around the corner. This year has absolutely flown by and I am looking forward to a nice quiet holiday season. I hope everyone has been taking care and hasn't been too impacted by the Kelvin wave or the king tides and the flooding that followed them. The ocean is a powerful thing, it likes to remind of that every now and then. Flooding aside, I would like to thank everyone who came down to The Shed for the Halloween potluck! It was a great party, V/C **Ruth De Raddo** was an amazing host as always, and it was wonderful catching up with those of you I haven't seen in a while. I hope to see even more of you **Saturday November 7th** for a good old fashioned pancake breakfast! I'm sure you've seen the mails and the flyers, please come hungry and bring your friends.

I'd like to remind everyone that we are still searching for a **Rear Commodore for 2027**. The continued success of our mighty club takes all of us pitching in a little, and a few of us pitching in a little more. That could be you! Please let me know if you have any interest at all as I would love to talk to you about it. Our empty 2027 board seats have been filled, and I will send out our officer and BOD slate for your consideration within the next few weeks. The only empty spot is Rear Commodore!

In other news, I have had to postpone our golf tournament due to some logistical issues at the course. But rest assured I am already working to solve those issues and will inform you when we are ready to golf! In the meantime, please come eat some pancakes with us on the 7th. In addition to pancakes, we have our **Holiday Brunch coming up at Acapulco Saturday December 6th** starting at 9:00am. I will be sending the RSVP emails around shortly but I wanted you to mark your calendars. After the holiday brunch our next big event is our **2027 Officer Installation dinner**. It will be at the Boathouse on the Bay **Sunday January 17th** at 4:00pm. I hope to see one of you in a new blue blazer being installed as Rear Commodore. Whoever signs up, I will buy you a drink!

This newsletter is the last for 2026 as there will not be a December one. However, the newsletter will return for January 2027.

Happy Thanksgiving to all...

Dominic Arcelin
Commodore, LSFYC



Vice Commodore's Report

Ruth DeRaddo

Vice Commodore's Corner...

Good Friends • Good Times • Smooth Sailing

Ahoy, Little Shippers!

As we head into November, it's hard to believe another year is quickly ending! October brought us another fun Halloween Potluck, complete with creative costumes, spooky decorations, great food, and plenty of laughs. Please see pictures P. 4 and on the website.

Thank you to everyone who came out, participated, brought a dish, and helped make our club gatherings so enjoyable. It's the friendships, camaraderie, and willingness to pitch in that make Little Ships such a special place.

November Club Activity – Pancake Breakfast

Get ready to start your morning with good food and great company! Our November 7 activity will be a Pancake Breakfast. Come hungry, bring your appetite, and enjoy a relaxing morning catching up with fellow Little Shippers. Let's come out and support our racing program.

Around the Club—Getting Involved

Our club depends on members who are willing to participate, volunteer, and share their ideas. Whether helping with an event, lending a hand at The Shed, or volunteering for a club position, every contribution makes a difference. We encourage everyone to get involved and help keep our club active, welcoming, and fun.

The Shed – Our Club Gathering Place

The Shed is a shared space for all members to enjoy. Our games, supplies, decorations, and event equipment help make our monthly gatherings special. Let's continue taking care of our club space and the items that make our events enjoyable.

December Holiday Events

The holiday season is just around the corner! Mark your calendars and plan to join fellow Little Shippers for some holiday fun:

Holiday Brunch – Acapulco Restaurant

Let's celebrate the season with good food, friendship, and a little holiday cheer!

- **Date: Monday, December 7, 2026**
- **Location: Acapulco Restaurant**
- **Activity: Holiday Brunch and White Elephant Gift Exchange**

Bring your holiday spirit and a wrapped gift for the White Elephant exchange. More details and gift exchange instructions will be shared.

A Little Reminder

- Check your emails for upcoming club announcements.
- Watch for event invitations and RSVP when possible.
- Bring a friend and introduce them to Little Ships!
- Consider volunteering for an upcoming activity.

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Vice Commodore's Report (con't)

As we approach the end of 2026, I encourage any member who is interested in hosting a potluck soon, or next year as well, 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, meet & make new friends, 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.

Wishing Everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

May your holiday be filled with family, friends, good food, and plenty of reasons to be thankful. Thank you for being part of Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club. We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming gatherings and celebrating the holidays together!

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

Ruth De Raddo
Vice Commodore LSFYC

LSFYC HALLOWEEN photos



More photos



Some More photos





Rear Commodore's Report

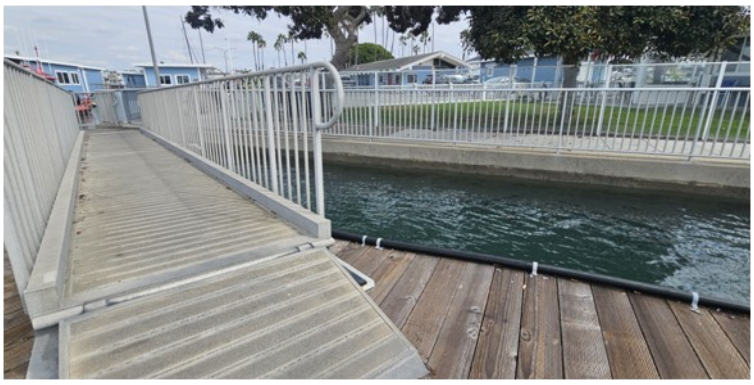
Bob Bond

Let the good times keep rolling!…

Undefeated UCLA Bruins (8-0) - Go Bruins!!!

I had a very rare and concerning experience this past week when I tried to take our 21' Triumph center console from the Cerritos Bahia Marina under PCH (near Acapulco's)…I couldn't clear the bridge and was unable to cruise that day. There is normally a 6-10 foot clearance, but the king tides didn't allow me to get through. I then went over to Horny Corner by car, and was shocked to see the water spilling over the sea wall onto Bay Shore Ave. I then thought about the LSFYC Shed, and was relieved at the time to see that the water was about a foot below the sidewalk…but the future king tides may be a big concern for our beloved shed. I spoke with one of the firefighters stationed next to our shed, and he noted the fire department plans to put a sandbag barrier around the entrances to the fire station, and we should do the same for the LSFYC Shed for the next king tides on December 12-13. The LSFYC Board meets on November 10, and we'll be sure to address this to protect our beloved LSFYC Shed as much as possible.





From a travel perspective, I had another great adventure in early October driving my daughter's car back to her in Chicago. My good friend Andy Sacks and I took Highway 40 adjacent to Route 66 and stopped at the Grand Canyon (again), Winslow, Albuquerque Balloon Festival, Amarillo, Oklahoma City, and St. Louis before reaching Chicago. When we reached Chicago, we learned that our daughter Jackie had to have knee surgery to repair her ACL, which miraculously was scheduled and performed on October 14. I was able to spend 8 days with Jackie helping her recover after the surgery. Jackie's now 17 days after surgery recovering well and back at Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism.





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Rear Commodore Report (con't)

My last and most critically important topic to highlight this month is the undefeated UCLA BRUINS…8-0! We had several Little Shippers attend UCLA games in October, including **Lara & Lou Arambula, Dave Chi** & Sylvia Mora, and myself. We're incredibly excited to keep rooting the Bruins on for a full undefeated National Title…but that's still many games away, and we're happy to earn each win as they come. My family, Dave Chi, and several other Bruins friends are also flying out to Michigan to cheer on the Bruins at "The Big House" on November 21, which is the first time in 30 years that UCLA played at "The Big House" (the Bruins won 38-9). It should be a great game and lots of fun…GO BRUINS!!!



I look forward to seeing many of you at the LSFYC Pancake Breakfast on November 7, and at the LSFYC Holiday Event at Acapulco's on December 6.

Cheers,

Bob Bond,

Rear Commodore LSFYC

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



Wow, now almost after 11 months(!) of sailing from Marina Del Rey, intrepid Little Shippers **Steve Dunlap, Meghan Noland** 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 **Tonga**.

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:

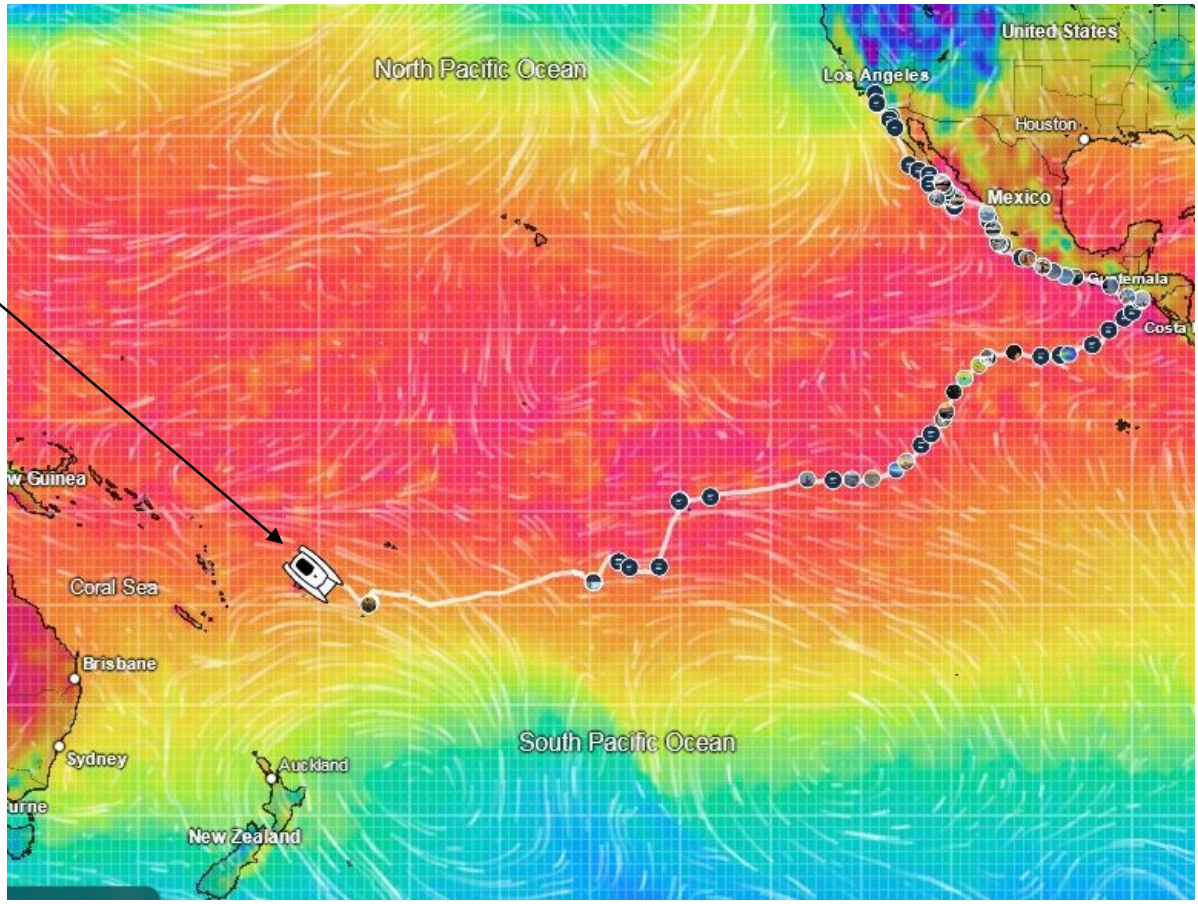
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NOVEMBER, 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 DAYLITE SAVINGS BACK 1 HR	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	***7 LSFYC PANCAKE MEAL***
8	*9*	*10*	*11* ***VETERANS DAY***	*12*	*13*	*14*
15	*16*	*17*	*18*	*19*	*20*	*21*
22	*23*	*24*	*25*	*26* *TURKEY DAY*	*27*	*28*
29	*30*					



Intrepid LSFYC seafarers Steve Dunlap and Meghan Nolan aboard *Some Tuesday*, display ,via Youtube, the remnants of the original LSFYC burgee issued to them in 2017. A new burgee will soon be sent to them at their temporary layover in Fiji.

2026 LSFYC Bridge

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