

Three Sheets in the Wind

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Commodore's Report

Chris Layne



Greetings LSFYC family!

As the summer sun begins its descent towards the horizon, so too does the sailing season. With the crisp autumn winds on the rise and the promise of winter's chill just around the corner, it's time to bid farewell to the open waters and the thrill of sailing.

While the end of the sailing season may bring a sense of melancholy for many, it also offers an opportunity to reflect on the countless memories made on the water. From exhilarating races to peaceful sunsets, each sailing adventure is a unique experience that will be cherished for years to come.

Let's raise a glass to the countless hours spent on the water, the friendships forged, and the adventures experienced. Until next sailing season, fair winds and following seas!

Remember, as a member of LSFYC, the shed is open for business. Please enjoy our facility at your leisure.

I want to extend a great welcome to new LSFYC members **Bob Greb** and **Gary Rafelson**. We hope to see them soon at the next event.

Cheers,

Chris Layne

LSFYC Commodore

Fleet Captain



Vice Commodore's Report

Lara Arambula



Ahoy Little Shippers!...

Looking ahead, I'm excited for fall—a season of coziness, family gatherings, and time with fellow members. Please mark your calendars to join us on these upcoming dates:

Clean the Bay Day – September 14!

Join us for Clean the Bay Day on September 14! This is a fantastic opportunity to give back to our community and help keep our local waterways pristine. Volunteers are needed to assist with cleanup efforts. We meet at the shed around 8:30am for a quick overview and then we hit the water in small groups. With good attendance and if applicable, there will be prizes awarded for the most trash collected and most interesting item retrieved. Save the date and be on the lookout for a flyer and RSVP closer to the event.

Cabrillo Beach YC Land Cruise – September 21

Don't miss the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club Land Cruise on September 21. It's a wonderful chance to connect with fellow members and enjoy an afternoon and evening of social activities at the beautiful CBYC. If you have not been there be sure to mark your calendar for this exciting event and RSVP when the flyer comes out soon.

Sunday, December 8: Our annual **Holiday Brunch** at Acapulco restaurant.

Sunday, January 26: Our annual **LSFYC Officer Installation dinner** at The Boathouse on the Bay in Long Beach. These events promise to be fun and festive, but please note that seating is limited. Keep an eye out for invites in the coming months and be sure to RSVP.

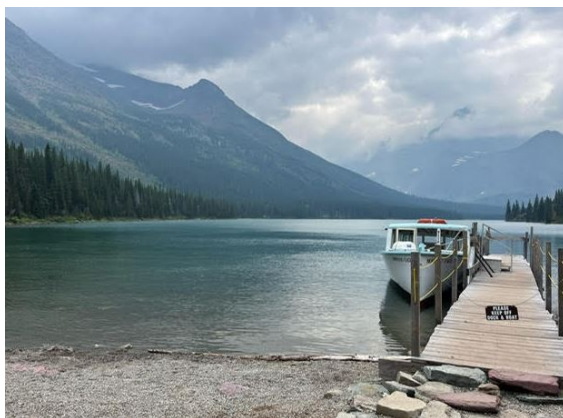
Seeking Rear Commodore Candidates for 2025!

As we have enjoyed some success this year, we would like to continue the success for the next year 2025. So we are now soliciting candidates for the position of **Rear Commodore** for the 2025 term. If you are interested in contributing to the leadership and success of our club, or if you know someone who would be a great fit, please reach out to any of our current Flag officers including Chris Layne at layne83@gmail.com, Lara Arambula at tkt2fly@yahoo.com or Dominic Arcelin at [do-marcelin@gmail.com](mailto:domarcelin@gmail.com) The sooner the better! Your involvement is crucial for the continued growth and vibrancy of our club.

As summer winds die down, I wanted to share a bit about my recent travels. I spent nearly all of August on the go, first enjoying ten days with my daughter exploring Idaho and Glacier National Park in Montana. We hiked to the Grinnell Glacier and took several scenic boat rides on the park's stunning lakes. In addition, we saw bears, moose, mountain goats, and big horn sheep, all thriving in their natural settings. Visiting this national park was on both of our bucket lists, and it certainly did not disappoint.

Most recently, I journeyed back east to experience Maine, and Acadia NP for the first time, along with trips to Boston, Cooperstown, Long Island, and Niagara Falls. The highlight of this trip was the Maid of the Mist boat ride, which took us right into the Horseshoe Falls. It was an exhilarating experience—windy, wet, and utterly magnificent! It was wonderful to meet up with family and have this special time together. See photos next page.

Vice Commodore Report...con't



I hope you all managed to stay cool this summer, spend time on the water, and enjoy moments with friends and family.

See you down at the Shed!

Lara Arambula
LSFYC Vice Commodore
"Carpe Diem"



Rear Commodore's Report

Dominic Arcelin



Ahoy Little Shippers!

Wow! When is this heat going to stop? It is definitely cooler down at the beach and at the shed here in Long Beach as it was this past Saturday for the **Movie Night** on the grass. The showing of the *Three Amigos* was a hit as well as the great grill work of hot dogs by **Chris Layne**. With requisite popcorn and drinks in hand, many Little Shippers in attendance brought beach chairs and enjoyed the cool evening. The next night was the postponed **Big Bang on the Bay** fireworks show. With great viewing from the shed and once again super hot dogs by Chris, many Little Shippers enjoyed the show in the cool of the evening.

Once again, it's time to start thinking about who will be **Rear Commodore** in 2025. I would invite everyone to take a look at our [member's page](#) on Isfyc.org. If you have not already received the password, please reach out to S/C Frank Franco (Isfyclb@gmail.com) , or any of the flag officers and we can provide you with it. If you aren't familiar with our website, this page gives you access to some critical information about our club. The member roster, some historical information, but more importantly our **Club Bylaws**. This is a great place to start if you're curious about getting more involved with the club, or becoming our next Rear Commodore!

School is now back in session, it's getting dark earlier, and fantasy football is right around the corner. I hate to say it, but summer is winding down pretty fast. Lucky for us SoCal residents the weather is still beautiful! There is no better time than now to grab a blanket, a snack, and enjoy the sunset at the Shed!

Now for some housekeeping. I want to pick your brains about a few things within the club. For instance, are you interested in new merchandise (shirts, jackets,etc)? Is there an event you would love to see us host? Would you like to engage more? Am I sending too many flyers? As we move closer to the new year and start thinking about what our calendar for next year might look like, I really want some input from all of you! The club is for the members afterall, isn't it?

So keep an eye out in the coming weeks for an email from yours truly. I will be sending out a simple Google survey with some questions I would love for you to answer. (It will be just like the even RSVP forms I send for events.) After such a wonderful summer of events, I think we can all work together to make next year even better!

August was a whirlwind of work and travel. While I didn't get to spend as much time on the water as I would have liked, Liz and I did get to take a wonderful road trip for a wedding. The highlight of the trip was a two day sojourn through New Mexico and Arizona. We wandered around Taos and Santa Fe, went to the Georgia O'Keefe museum, and I ate enough green chile to put a serious dent in the New Mexico surplus. We even spent a night on historic Route 66 in a wigwam! It was the kind of summer adventure I looked forward to all year as a kid, and it was a great way to see some southwestern history first hand. See next page for photos.

Rear Commodore's Report...con't



Hope to see everyone soon,

Dominc Arcelin
LSFYC Rear Commodore

Tracie on the bay

By Tracie Ichikawa

Sometimes you can find the oddest things in the oddest places and this happens to be one of them. You have to be on the water to see it. (see below). That really does limit the amount of people who can see it and some may never see it at all even if they are going under 2nd St Bridge which we all now know as Davie's Bridge (next to Davies boat launch ramp) or the Naples Bridge. While digging for the back story on the very large gremlin I ran into an entirely different story.

The story of Davie's Bridge. For a time the bridge sat like a very large piece of art! It had no approaches. So one day a guy told everyone to come pay and see him climb way up the bridge and jump down into the water! He made a cool hundy from the experience minus the \$15.00 fine he got when the police got to the brave 30 year old. What a cool cat!

Anyway back to my original story. I reached out to many marina friends and as I was doing this I realized if anyone would know it would be my friend Jo Murray. She answered me with one word. I could share it with you but then I realized that maybe the mystery is the real magic in it. I guess I kinda had an idea all along who did it. Who do you think put it there?



The old 2nd St bridge built in 1956 with no approaches (the bridge to nowhere). It was completed in 1959 connecting Naples and PCH.

Race Committee boat views & blues...Part 2

By S/C Frank Franco

The LSFYC *Offshore Race #2* was Saturday July 24 and the outlook for this race even happening was doubtful as there were again too few boats entered, but I did have a crew (photo below) for the Committee boat on *Cantamar*. Onboard were **Chris Layne**, **Robert Hughes**, **Dick Martin** and So-lene, a French exchange student currently staying with Tracie Ichikawa.

So prior to the race I had spent much time soliciting race entries via multiple emails and the LSFYC online entry form attempting to drum up some entries. On the Friday before the race there were only 2 boats entered! Not enough to provide a competitive race. It looked like the race would have to be cancelled. So then I called each of the 2 racers and asked them if they would still be willing to participate, even with only the 2 boats entered. They each said that they only wanted to get out on the water and enjoy the day despite the lack of competition. So we had a race!

So with all crew present we loaded the boat with all of the race gear, poles, flags, and horn needed to conduct the race for a 12 noon start. I fired up the boat and we left to head up the channel out of the marina to the start line. We brought with us the pin/flag to set up another remote start line from the usual Mark 38 buoy. Now the Offshore Race is 20 mile roundtrip course from the start to Oil Platform Ellie and back to the finish off of the NYCLB clubhouse.

About a quarter to 12, the boats show up and position themselves for the start. We had a Beneteau 36 and a 28 ft trimaran skippered by LSFYC's **Damon Ciarelli**. After the appropriate display of flags and horn toots, the boats were off! So then we pulled the boat anchor, retrieved the pin and headed back to the shed to unload the gear and wait for the boats to finish some 2-3 hours later.

Being the last race of the season for LSFYC, there was also a BBQ hosted at the shed to celebrate the end of the 2024 racing program. This BBQ was much promoted thanks to R/C **Dominic Arcelin's** flyers emailed to the members during the month. Hosted by Chris and Ginger with chicken on the grill, salads, fruit and cookies with drinks from the honor bar. A pretty good spread on a pretty great day in the marina. The only thing that was missing was...YOU.





SEPTEMBER, 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 LABOR DAY	3	4	5	6 FRIDAY AT THE SHED	7
8	9	10	11 PATRIOT DAY	12	13 FRIDAY AT THE SHED	14 CLEAN THE BAY DAY
15	16	17	18	19	20 FRIDAY AT THE SHED	21
22 FALL	23	24	25	26	27 FRIDAY AT THE SHED	28
29	30					

2024 LSFYC Bridge

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