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## Commodore's Report

*by Anu Day, Commodore*

December!!!! Thanksgiving is behind us, and Christmas activities are in full swing. As we get ready for this busy season, let us pause for a moment of collective gratitude for all that LCYC offers us: our little piece of paradise, a source of camaraderie, plenty of fun social events, and last, but not least, SAILING!!!

Our annual meeting is scheduled for December 2nd. I hope you have turned in your ballots. This is our club, and our participation makes a difference. Our BOG has done an excellent job of keeping members informed about all that is going on this year. Kudos to them for a job well done.

One topic that has surfaced in the past few weeks needs to be addressed. Several of you received emails with incorrect information about the lack of drinking water fountains on the docks. Here are the objective facts: The water fountains on the docks were removed several years ago because, as per Docks and Grounds, they were filthy, non-functional, and impossible to maintain. Their removal preceded the onset of COVID by several months and the two events are unrelated. **ALL** the spigots on the docks (A dock- 2 spigots, B dock- 5 spigots, C dock- 15 spigots, D dock- 15 spigots, youth dock- 1 spigot) have potable water. *This is the same water that we consume in the club house.* Our staff has also installed a stand-alone faucet on the super dock. We have contacted several yacht clubs in the area, and none of them have drinking fountains on their docks due to sanitation concerns. It was also mentioned in the e-mail that "3 of our members recently had symptoms of severe heat-related illness" due to lack of water on the super dock. In reality, all the incidents occurred on the water when members stayed out in the heat too long. They had nothing to do with the lack of a water fountain on the super dock.



Richard Galloway brought the South of Perth Yacht Club burgee to our house.



We are responsible adults who can attend to our own hydration needs. There is a water fountain and an ice machine by the clubhouse. In a pinch, there are also SEVERAL sources of potable water on the docks. The BOG unanimously voted against the proposal for a water fountain on the superdock in September 2023. However, since the misinformation about lack of potable water on the docks was widely circulated, we will establish a task force to address the issue next year.

Another issue that arose this year was the use of drones on the lake. As per the USACE, we are **not** allowed the use of drones, for safety and security reasons. This topic is now addressed on the homepage of our website.

On a brighter note, Richard Galloway (member #307 and past Commodore of LCYC), visited South of Perth Yacht Club in October. Richard did a burgee exchange with the Commodore there. Their burgee was presented to LCYC at our Board meeting in November. The Australian burgee now hangs proudly in our clubhouse. Thank you Richard.

Finally, as 2023 draws to a close, let us work together to keep our club united in its purpose of being a family sailing club. We can all work together to keep our club operating at its best. Our BOG meetings are open to all members; attend, get involved, learn more about how our club works. We are all volunteers working toward the betterment of our club. Let us appreciate the countless hours that our volunteers put in; we all have our collective best interests at heart. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as your Commodore this year. I look forward to seeing you in 2024, both on and off the water.



# Welcome New Members

*by Carolyn Cole, LCYC Club Administrator*

Paul and Shannan Sullivan, Spring Branch, TX  
David Dinneen, Canyon Lake, TX  
Scott and Melissa Boedeker, San Antonio, TX  
Matthew Begley and Brooke McFadden, Houston, TX  
Lisa Begley And Phillip Butcher, Houston, TX



# Adaptive Sailing

*by Joe McDonough, Adaptive Sailing Chairperson*



A representative from Operation Comfort (OC), an organization that promotes the welfare and rehabilitation of disabled veterans in San Antonio, joined the board of governors meeting at LCYC on November 8th. The organization wanted to recognize LCYC for our volunteerism and for the help that we provided in 2023. In 2023, LCYC conducted two adaptive sailing events for OC, taking over 50 disabled veterans and their families sailing in the spring and fall. The feedback from participants and volunteers was overwhelming and positive. The events were meaningful for participants and volunteers. The LCYC Adaptive Sailing program was established and led by long time LCYC member and combat veteran Bill McVey, and it continues as a signature volunteer event (and volunteer opportunity) for our members and guests. LCYC has scheduled three adaptive sailing events for 2024. We are always in need of boats and volunteers. Please contact LCYC member Joe McDonough at [adaptivesailing@lcy.net](mailto:adaptivesailing@lcy.net) to be added to our volunteer list to help with this LCYC program.

(Left) Joe McDonough accepts an Operation Comfort award, recognizing LCYC's Adaptive Sailing program.



# Sea Scout Ship 26

by Eliza Sutton, Boatswain's Mate

Sea Scout Ship 26 accomplished a lot in the past month. In November, we volunteered to do the flag detail at the second weekend of the LCYC Wurstfest Regatta. We really enjoyed participating.

A few of our Scouts volunteered at Wurstfest with Masonic Lodge #1425. They helped take orders and stocked food.

Eleven of our adult members attended Sea Badge at Lost Pines Scout Reservation. Throughout the weekend, they learned about leadership and how to support the youth in the program. They had a lot of fun, and we are excited to see how they apply their knowledge.

One of our Scouts, Eliza, completed her Quartermaster Cruise this past weekend at LCYC. A Quartermaster Cruise tests the Scout's leadership and nautical skills. She and her crew sailed across Canyon Lake working on drills, and practical sailing skills. This occurred over three days and two nights with herself and a crew of five, plus six supervising adults.

Currently, the Sea Scouts are looking forward to the races in 2024. We truly appreciate Lake Canyon Yacht Club's contribution to making this program the best it can be.



## Dylan Tomko & Casey Small Return to Texas with Big Wins

by Terry Tomko, Proud Grandpa



Terry and Gayle Tomko's grandson, Dylan Tomko and Dylan's partner, Casey Small returned to Texas with big wins in Miami, at The Thanksgiving Youth Olympic Training Camp. Over 85 teams were invited in 49er Class, ILCA, 420's and Nacra 15 catamarans. Dylan and Casey earned finishes of three firsts and two seconds.

Tomko and Small also won the Spinnaker Class catamarans 2 weeks earlier at LCYC Wurstfest II. Dylan lives at Canyon Lake, and Casey lives in Houston. Both competed in Optis for 4 years in TSA youth circuit.

Dylan Tomko and Casey Small were Wurstfest First Place Spinnaker Class catamaran finishers and brought home three firsts and two seconds from the 2023 Thanksgiving Youth Olympic Training Camp in Miami.

# Series and Event Racing

by Rick Mella, Race Director

It is my honor to announce the 2023 Race Series Winners:

2023 Race Series Winners	
<b>Fleet:</b>	<b>2023 Keel Boat Winners:</b>
J-22	Scott Dunn
PHRF Spinnaker	Phillip Davis
PHRF Non-Spin	Bill McVey
Big Boats	(SJS Team): Stacy Wilson / Jack Mogab / Steve Wilson
Multi-Hull	Drew Riddle
<b>Fleet:</b>	<b>2023 Board Boat Winners:</b>
Flying Scot	Chris Powers
Portsmouth	Jordan Merson



PHRF Non-Spin Winner – Bill McVey & Crew



Big Boat Winner – SJS Team



Flying Scot Winner – Chris Power



PHRF Spin Winner – Phillip Davis



J-22 Winner – Scott Dunn & Crew



Portsmouth Winner – Jordan Merson

Race Committee volunteers are needed. Volunteers are always welcome, no experience required! For those LCYC members / non-members, who want to help with Race Committee duties, please reach out to me since we have plenty of openings for volunteers throughout the 2024 calendar year.

Contact info: Email: [richardamella@gvvc.com](mailto:richardamella@gvvc.com) or [RaceDirector@lcy.net](mailto:RaceDirector@lcy.net)



## Port Captains' Report

*by Ann Cook and Mindy Rogers, Port Co-Captains*

We are fast approaching the final chapter of "LCYC 2023". Can it really be December already? The lake is still low, our fall workday and Wurstfest are behind us, and the annual meeting will be concluded by the time you read this, but we are excited about the prospect of a new year, a new board, and new challenges. However, one on-going challenge is the need for volunteers! Port Captains are responsible for organizing 11 breakfasts, four holiday events, food for two workdays, snacks for the series racers, dinner for the annual meeting and at least four other social extravaganzas like Italian Night, Jimmy Buffet Party, Shrimp Fest, and Steak Night. Yes, we are a sailing club, but we also enjoy good meals and camaraderie with our fellow members. So, if you have the time and inclination to help in the galley, to organize an event, or are just interested in getting to know more club members, let us know: We will definitely find a place for you!

Upcoming events:

- The traditional, end-of-year Commodore's Grog will be held on Saturday, December 9th, followed by the also-traditional Merrie Olde Christmas Party and gift exchange. RSVP for the Grog [HERE](#). Volunteers are needed to decorate the clubhouse and tree for the party, and you are welcome to bring holiday treats to share.
- The final Commodore's Breakfast for this year will be held on December 10th and will be hosted by the outgoing BOG. You can RSVP by clicking [HERE](#). Watch for menu details in the weekly briefing on Wednesday.

Wishing you all a safe and **HAPPY HOLIDAY** season! We look forward to seeing you at the club or on the water.



# Docks and Grounds Update

by Pete Prados, Docks & Grounds Committee Chair

The staff has completed post regatta assignments, including getting the marina, race equipment, and all other items back in order. The big tent was removed and put in storage.

The staff will continue replacing rotten timbers and vinyl on C and D dock slips as the weather permits.

D&G is obtaining materials and making fittings to replace damaged door hinges that were discovered on the breakwater during the annual marina inspection.

Skippers are reminded not to use 15 amp receptacles on the marina pedestals for shore power. These receptacles should only be used while the skipper is present and should not be left unattended.

## Low Water Notice

D&G is monitoring the water level in the lake and how it is affecting the launch and retrieval of boats.

At present, skippers can launch their boats at their own risk. If this changes, notices will be posted at the clubhouse, in the Weekly Blast, in the Ditty Bag, on Constant Contact, and at the base of the boat ramp.

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