



Loch Lomond Yacht Club



Winter, 2024



From The Helm
Matthew Byers,
Commodore



Happy Holidays , LYC! The season is in full swing down at the club with many club events! One I am particularly looking forward to is the 58th annual San Rafael Lighted Boat Parade this coming Saturday night! We have a good-sized LLYC fleet that will be participating, and after the parade, we will be having a delicious Soup and Chili Dinner at the club prepared by our amazing galley crew, and of course, the bar will be open! For those of you who do not have a boat, I recommend watching the parade from San Rafael Yacht Club at the turning basin which is probably just about the best spot along the Canal to view the parade!

Other upcoming events this month will be the Holiday Cocktail Party on Saturday the 14th, and our casual and very fun New Year's Eve party on the 31st! I hope to see all of you at these December events!

With it being the end of the year, my term as Commodore will be coming to an end on December 1st, and a new and very qualified 2025 Board of Directors will be stepping up with Vice Commodore David Tattersall taking the reigns as Commodore. Has it been a year and a half already!? I must say, it was an absolute honor to serve you and LLYC as Commodore, and I hope you are pleased with how the club has progressed during my tenure. I'll tell you, it was one hell of a ride, and there were some difficult challenges, but they were overcome, and we are bigger, stronger, and better than ever! Thank you so much for the support you gave me, my fellow board members, and committee chairs, and for the 2024 board and committee chairs, thank you SO much for your service and help! I could not have done it without you!!

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2024 Officers, Directors & Committee Chairs

COMMODORE: Matthew Byers

VICE COMMODORE: David Tattersall

REAR COMMODORE: Alex Melgarejo

TREASURER: Dave Hansen

SECRETARY: Jeff Moss

PORT CAPTAIN: Matthew Byers

FLEET CAPTAIN: Ed Cass

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Vivian Malcy

ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTOR: David Grega

INCOMING CRUISE DIRECTOR: Dennis Amundsen

PUBLICITY CHAIR: Donna Borok Moss

BUDGET CHAIR: David Tattersall

AUDIT CHAIR: David Tattersall

RECORDS CHAIR: Jeff Moss

NOMINATING CHAIR: Dan Grubman

GALLEY CHAIR: Stella Pereira

HOUSE CHAIR: Jeanne Amundsen

FACILITIES COORDINATOR: Julia Arno

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Charlotte Ottley

PIYCA DELEGATES: Matt Byers, Ed Cass, & David Tattersall

SHIP'S STORE "ON BOARD": Matt Byers & Vivian Malcy



Cheers from the Vice Commodore.

Last month, the Board sent out a survey (via Survey Monkey) to the membership seeking your input on things you like and dislike about the club and ideas for making the club better. Sadly, less than 50% of the membership, being 56 members out of 130 memberships responded. So the results I am sharing with you here represent the views of less than 50% of the membership and unfortunately the other 50%+ of the membership did not take the time to express their views.

The survey sought input on a wide variety of questions. Following is a summary of some of the results of the survey. The percentage refers to the percentage

of respondents, not the percentage of members.

- 1) 90% of the respondents were very or somewhat satisfied about their membership.
- 2) 22% of the respondents visit the club once a week, 32%, once a month.
- 3) 30% of the respondents attended 1-3 events this year, 30% 4-6 events this year and 30% 7-10 events this year.
- 4) Activities members want to see at the club include 50% for boating, 40% for trivia/bingo type events, 58% for holiday events, 56% for live music and dancing, 44% for wine tasting, 50% for a speaker series, 32% for sports on the screen and 12% for family events.
- 5) Preferred days of the week are 84% for Friday and Saturday, 47% for Thursday and Sunday, 23% for Wednesday and 15-17% for Monday and Tuesday.
- 6) 95% of the respondents are for evening events.
- 7) A larger number of members prefer events in the first half of the year.
- 8) 83% of respondents want email communication.

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- 9) 84% of the respondents regularly respond to Evites.
- 10) An even split between yes and no for the club being open more often.
- 11) 88% of the respondents think dues are just right for the value received.
- 12) 73% of respondents think the bar prices are just right.
- 13) 73% of respondents think the food prices are just right.
- 14) 92% of the respondents say they will renew their membership in 2025.
- 15) 62% of the respondents say they will sign up to serve on one of the club teams (committees).

Other questions included what improvements you wish to see at the club. Comments were limited but included upgraded furnishings and some refreshing.

The Board and Teams will continue to go over the results of this survey, making recommendations and pursuing changes to the club as needed.

The survey results, while useful, would have been more compelling if there had been greater participation in the survey from the membership as a whole. I expect the majority of the respondents are also the majority of members that use and participate at the

club already. Our task (the Board and Teams) is to try and capture and embrace the rest of the membership, to encourage attendance at events and participate in club operations. Remember, it is your club so if you want to see it run a certain way, you need to participate.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members who took the time to complete the survey. We will likely conduct another survey next year as we try to expand on the points of interest at the club.

Let's Fill This Barrel!



LLYC is once again collecting toys and gift cards for the needy kids of Marin through the Santa Cop program. Please bring a new, unwrapped gift and drop it in the barrel at the entrance to the Clubhouse. Bring some joy to a needy child this Holiday Season!

Upcoming Events at LLYC

- Dec 7** **San Rafael Canal Lighted Boat Parade / Soup-Chili Dinner**
- Dec 14** **Holiday Cocktail Party**
- Dec 31** **New Year's Eve Potluck Celebration**
- Jan 11** **Change of Watch Installation Dinner**
- Feb 1** **Crab Feed Dinner**



Welcome Aboard

*Vivian Malcy,
Membership
Director*

26 new memberships and 43 new members later, here we are coming to the end of 2024. And we will start off the New Year with additional new members. We hosted a very successful Open House on Nov. 23rd and brought in 19 new applications! Wow!

I am leaving this position in the very capable hands of Kelly London. I know she will enjoy working with the 2025 new members as much as I have this year. It has been my absolute pleasure to work with all of our new members and look forward to seeing you at the Club in 2025.

Thank you Stella, Dan and all of the other volunteers who assisted them for the fabulous taco bar at our last New Member Mixer.

New Members

We have inducted the following new members since our last Salty. We are so pleased to have approved:

Kim Cheadle and Rick Brodersen

Janet Ekberg

Gus Richard and Deborah Munk

Please join me in welcoming all of these folks to LLYC!

On-Line Store

New items are being added to the on-line store as they become available so don't forget to visit the store at <https://www.lochlomondyachtclub.com/ship-s-store>.

If you have purchased swag from the store, please be sure to wear it to the club so others can see what it looks like.

IMPORTANT: Lands End Business Outfitters is a separate entity from Lands End. The items must be purchased through this link:

<https://www.lochlomondyachtclub.com/ship-s-store>

Scribbles & Notes

*Jeff Moss,
Secretary*



At our Annual Membership Meeting on November 16, we elected the new Officers and Directors for 2025 and voted to amend the Club Bylaws. Regarding the election, the following persons were elected to serve:

Commodore	David Tattersall
Vice Commodore	Dan Grubman
Rear Commodores	Christine Adams and Alex Melgarejo
Secretary	Donna Borok-Moss
Treasurer	Dave Hansen
Fleet Captain	Mathew Byers
Port Captain	John McKillop
In-Coming Cruise Director	Dennis Amundsen
Entertainment Director	David Grega
Membership Director	Kelly London

Many thanks to these folks for stepping up. I hope all Members will look at this list and decide to volunteer; the Club needs your help. If you have any questions about volunteering, contact David Tattersall, Commodore-Elect, or Charlotte Ottley, Volunteer Coordinator, for more information.

Also presented at the Annual Meeting were some amendments to our Bylaws. While the Bylaws really require a full review and revision (which is a big job), the Board wanted to get some amendments approved, hoping that they will give our 2025 Board more flexibility to achieve their goals. An updated copy of the Bylaws with those Amendments will be sent to you in the next couple of days. It was a pleasure to serve as LLYC Secretary for 2024. With your new Secretary, Donna Borok Moss, we will be keeping the position in the family! I know you will join me in wishing the new Board Members a successful year.

Incoming *Dennis Amundsen, Cruise-in Director*



During this time of the year, we generally do not have many cruise-ins. People are hunkering down and getting ready for the holidays. We are now preparing invitations to be sent to various Yacht Clubs everywhere, inviting them to cruise in the next year and join us at Loch Lomond Yacht Club to have a fun experience and enjoy our hospitality or "boatitality" as I like to call it.

We do have one Yacht Club signed up for June so far, the San Francisco Yacht Club. They are a fun group and we will welcome them when the time comes. In the meantime, we hope to have a prosperous year and look forward to many cruise-ins and reach out to those who have never been here.

Denny,
Your Cruise-In Director

Volunteer of the Month

We wish to congratulate this month's Volunteer of the Month: **Charlotte Ottley**. Charlotte is new to the Club as of this year, and she has jumped in with both feet! She has taken on the new position of Volunteer Coordinator. From the get-go, Charlotte has been busy implementing Teams (previously known as Committees) to get us all organized and on board with the various happenings around the Club. If you have not yet signed up to be on a team, you will be hearing from Charlotte! There are so many avenues to volunteer, and she wants to make sure each member gets involved (to the level that they can or desire) in order to make this Club thrive. She is energetic, enthusiastic, and fun and really wants to see Loch Lomond Yacht Club succeed! Her efforts to do so are so very much appreciated. Charlotte, we salute you as LLYC's Volunteer of the Month!



2025 Officers & Directors

At our recent Annual Membership Dinner, we were presented with a new slate of officers and directors. The vote was unanimous and thus, we are pleased to share our new Board for 2025:

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Borrowing from the Club?

If you have recently borrowed anything from the Club, please note that our House Rules say that permission must be granted first by the Port Captain or any officer in charge and must be arranged ahead of time.

If you have any items that were borrowed from the Club, we ask that you please return them *as soon as possible!*



Getting Ready for the Holidays!



Do you think Santa will stop by when he sees how festive our Club has become?

Many thanks to Commodore Matt for making the Club look festive!

From the Commodore

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I will be stepping up to the Board next year as Fleet Captain, managing club boating, cruising, and racing activities, which is my true sweet spot at the club, so plan on a fun time out on The Bay & Delta, as well as (so rumor has it) out The Gate for some cruising up and down the coast on the mighty blue Pacific! At the club, you will still see me on a weekly basis, I can't stay away from our beloved LLYC! Once again, it has been an honor to serve you and LLYC for the past year and a half! See you around The Club my friends!

Annual San Rafael Canal LIGHTED BOAT PARADE



A Marin County Holiday Tradition Since 1966!

**Saturday,
December 7**

Boats leave LLYC docks at 5:30

Parade begins at 6 pm

If you wish to participate in the Parade, please contact
Commodore@LochLomondYachtClub.com

There is no fee to join the parade.

For shoreline viewing, you may watch from
San Rafael Yacht Club.



Following the Parade, there will be a Soup/Chili Dinner
at the Clubhouse.

\$15 per person



It's a Holiday Cocktail Party



*Join us for some
Holiday Cheer!*

Sat, December 14

5:30 - 9:00 pm

Cocktails & Hors d'Oeuvres

\$15 per person



**Dress in your
Retro Best!**

