

Long Beach Singles Yacht Club  
"The Single Sailors"

# BOSUN'S PIPE

We're having fun at sea. No boat needed. We have the boats.  
Married couples welcome



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Go Sailing !

## SCUTTLEBUTT

Well, the "summer" is quickly drawing to a close. Football season is coming. With that is shorter and often cooler days. It's still a good time to be out on the water, but remember that the wind often dies near sunset. Having been on many race boats that finished just before the wind quit and many after us did not finish, it is noteworthy to remember that.

We have a few activities planned so far for the Fall season. This September 23rd starting at 3pm is Maggie's Texas BBQ at Leisure World Clubhouse #1 picnic area. Maggie must have your name to give to the gate guards so you may enter. This is a new requirement since last time when we were able to just say Clubhouse #1 at the gate. We will have a signup sheet at the Sept. 12th meeting and the flier will have Maggie's email address for you to send her your name. This event is one of our best attended events of the year. Many long time and former members show up. You can add Western Attire if you wish. Don't forget to bring food to share, your own beverages. The grills will be hot and ready for you to cook your favorite meat or veg. Also, this September 9th is planned another Women's Helm race with a dock party at the Cut in San Pedro (downtown San Pedro Marina) between the LA Maritime Museum and the LA Fireboat house. Since there is no meeting before this event, you can either come to the dock party after in San Pedro bring food, BYOB, etc. or if you wish to go on the race, contact the skippers or email Rod at [anzac1240@yahoo.com](mailto:anzac1240@yahoo.com)

and he'll pass on to any skippers needing crew. In San Pedro, there is parking on the intersecting street across from the dock area.

A cruise to Catalina is scheduled for Sept. 15-17th. Signup at the Sept. 12th meeting.

Finally on the calendar for Sept. 30th is Carl's dock party on Dock 20 starting at 4pm. Days are getting shorter and sunset that day is at 6:38pm. Bring the usual stuff: food to share, BYOB, a folding chair and a jacket. Carl usually has coffee ready and plug ins for crock pots and warming trays.

## OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED.

It's that time of year that we are looking for volunteers for next years Officers and Board Members. It is important for members to step up for these positions. Positions available:

Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Fleet Captain, Membership Chair.

Also needed is one or more members to serve as Program Chair. This is an important function to keep our meetings lively and informative.

There is an email with a Board Interest form coming this week. Fill out the form if you are interested in any of the jobs that are listed. Return this form to Rhonda and it will go to the nominating committee for review. Bill Anast, Bruce Clark and Rhonda are on the nominating committee. It's time for some of you to step up and help the club function next year. **It's YOUR club, support it !!**

Dave



**NAUTICAL QUESTION:** It's that time of the year again, the days are getting shorter, and we're out on the water a lot after sunset. So...to keep from colliding with another boat, what lights are required?

Every boat on the water is required to have a light of some sorts. If your boat is less than 23 feet in length, you need a light that can be carried, and you can turn on quickly to notify others you are in the area. Boats over 23 feet in length, have red and green side lights, a red light to port, a green light to starboard, and a white light on the stern.

Got a problem remembering which side is which? Just remember that port and left both spelled with four letters. Remember also that "Port Wine is Red." This bit of info tells you the port side is where the red light is. So which side is the green on? The process of elimination tells us that if Port is left, then green must be right. Both lights are placed near the bow, and both shine from dead ahead and back to 112.5 degrees on both sides.

At the stern is a white light, and it shines from dead astern to 67.5 degrees and cover a 135 degree arc ( $2 \times 67.5 = 135$ ).

If you're plowing through the water at night, and see a red light shining off in the distance, note where the light is in

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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### VIRGO

- 8. Troy Reddington
- 10. Neva Alderson
- 10. Pamela Sachse
- 18. Dore Bybee
- 18. Linda Fuchs
- 21. Susan Rehman

### LIBRA

- 27. Wendell Fleming
- 28. Susan Duncan
- 30. Armin Miraftabi

**FROM THE COMMODORE,**

The weather has been wonderful for both land and water activities. Both our Fleet Captain and Port Captain have some wonderful adventures planned for us in the coming months, so keep an eye on your calendar and join in on the fun. Thank you, Kathy, for hosting a pool party at her home and Rodney with his BBQ skills. We all had a great time!!! If you have any ideas for activities or programs, please let me know.



Very shortly, you will be sent a flyer requesting your interest in leadership opportunities for LBSYC. It is that time again to nominate a new board for 2018. There are 4 things that are needed for any club to succeed: 1) Vision/Purpose; 2) Members; 3) Finances; 4) Leadership. It is time for many of you to step up to the plate and help support your club in its leadership. You may have not had a leadership role in the past, but that is OK. We have many people in the club that can help mentor you, and support you in these roles. Please respond back, ASAP to me, directly  
Fair Winds and Fun Times,

*Rhonda Rowley*

**FROM THE REAR-COMMODORE**

Fellow Sailors and Partiers,

On Sat. Aug. 26th, we had 33 people for a pool party at Kathy Ellis's home. A few people went into the pool to swim and wrestle with the air mattresses. Others sat around the pool eating, drinking and talking. Rod cooked hot dogs and a good time was had by all. Kathy is a charming hostess. Thanks again, Kathy.



We will have 2 more dock parties on dock 20 for the year, Sept. 30th and Oct. 28th. Those will start now at 4pm. Our next big party is Maggie's Texas BBQ at clubhouse #1 picnic area in Leisure World on Sept. 23rd. The flyer will be out at the next meeting. You will have to give Maggie your name now to get thru the Leisure World gate. It's Leisure World's latest requirement. This can be done by email or we will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting. The nominal party fee will apply which covers the costs of the party supplies: utensils, cups, plates, napkins, etc.

The Charity Regatta Race is Sat. Oct. 23rd this year. There is a burger bash after the race starting at about 3pm at Alamitos Bay YC.

See you at the Crab Pot or on the water.

*Karen Rademaker*

**FROM THE FLEET CAPTAIN**

Ahoy,

Here it is the end of August, beginning of September with the weather so hot and strong cruising winds. We did have an event on August 19 billed as women at the helm race to be followed by a raftup at the navy mole. Only 2 boats showed up for the race but that was OK as it turned out to be a match race - 2 Newport 28s --. There was no committee boat, Vicki had engine troubles. I had Joyce and Karen on my boat. Karen was the designated helmsperson. Bruce had 5 on his boat and I think Camelia was at the helm. The wind was fluky at the start so it took between 8 and 10 minutes to cross the start line. We did round up once on the first leg. Both boats were close rounding the first mark. It was down



**LBSYC**

Member SCYA

Founded by Gary Severns, 1985

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wind. Rounding the second mark, Bruce went wing on wing and deployed his pole to keep the headsail flying. When I tried to pole out the headsail I found the jaws on both ends of the pole were frozen. Shame on me for not keeping up on boat maintenance. I lost track of tending the boom as we did an uncontrolled jibe. Well, the boom slammed over and separated from both the mast and the traveler. I secured the sails and rigging and limped back to home port. I was done for the day. Bruce and crew were winners that day.

Our next scheduled outing will be another race in the same area Saturday, September 9. Race to start at 1pm. At the conclusion we will head over to the Cut (San Pedro downtown marina) between the LA Marine fire station and the Maritime Museum. We can have a dock party there so bring food to share your own BYOB and everything you normally have at dock parties. We can stay on the docks for 4 hours.

*Rodney Coomber*



# SEPTEMBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 HAPPY HOUR	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 HAPPY HOUR	9 RACE & DOCK PARTY-
10	11	12  MEETING	13	14	15 HAPPY HOUR	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 HAPPY HOUR	23 MAGGIE'S BBQ
24	25  BOARD MEETING	26  MEETING	27	28	29 HAPPY HOUR	30 DOCK PARTY

**9, RACE & DOCK PARTY 1PM** Womens' helm race and dock party at the cut between the LA Maritime Museum and the LA Fire Boat Station.

**25, BOARD MEETING, 7 PM,** Location Rod Coomber's



## 12, MEETING, 2ND TUESDAY

### CRAB POT

Members.

**7 PM:** Social hour,

**7:30:** Skipper's meeting

**7:45:** New people orientation

**8:00** Meeting host, **RHONDA ROWLEY**

**8:20, SPEAKER: TBA**



## 26, MEETING, 4TH TUESDAY

### CRAB POT

Members.

**7 PM:** Social hour,

**7:45:** New people orientation

**8:00** Meeting; host, **RHONDA ROWLEY**

**8:20, SPEAKER: TBA**



**23, MAGGIE'S TEXAS BBQ, 3PM** Leisure World Clubhouse #1 Bring food to cook, to share and BYOB. Normal 3,6,6,9 party charge.

**30, DOCK PARTY 4PM** Dock 20, ABM, Bring food to share, BYOB, folding chair and jacket.

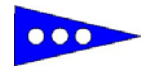
## ANY FRI, HAPPY HOUR AT THE

**CRAB POT, 5 PM** Alamitos Bay, Crab Pot Rest. Next to Dock 3. Discounted drinks and food. Happy hour runs from 2:30-7pm.






# OCTOBER 2017 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6 HAPPY HOUR	7  BUCCANEER
8  DAYS @ 2 HARBORS	9  COLUMBUS DAY	10  MEETING	11	12	13 HAPPY HOUR	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 HAPPY HOUR	21
22	23  BOARD MEETING	24  MEETING	25	26	27 HAPPY HOUR  NAVY DAY	28  DOCK PARTY
29	30	31  HALLOWEEN			HAPPY HOUR	


**10, MEETING, 2ND TUESDAY**

Members,  
**7:PM:** Social hour,  
**7:30:** Skipper's meeting  
**7:45:** New people orientation  
**8:00:** Meeting host, **RHONDA ROWLEY**  
**8:15:** PROGRAM TBA



**24, MEETING, 4TH TUESDAY**

Members,  
**7:PM:** Social hour,  
**7:30:** Skipper's meeting  
**7:45:** New people orientation  
**8:00:** Meeting host, **RHONDA ROWLEY**  
**8:15:** PROGRAM TBA



**23, BOARD MEETING 7PM** Rod's home.



**28, DOCK PARTY 4PM**  
 Carl's boat Dock 20, ABM, Bring food to share, BYOB, folding chair and jacket.

**ANY FRI, HAPPY HOUR AT THE CRAB POT, 5 PM**  
 Alamitos Bay, Crab Pot Rest. Next to Dock 3. Discounted drinks and food. Buffet discontinued. Happy hour runs from 2:30-7pm.





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relation to some point on your boat, usually a stanchion—if that red light is on a constant reference with that stanchion, you're on a collision course. Take evasive action. Best suggestion, steer to the right and go astern of the other vessel. On the other hand, if the red light is moving aft in relation to that stanchion, the other boat will pass astern; hold your course and take whatever evasive action you need. But if that red light is moving forward of the stanchion, the other boat will cross your bow. Hold your course, but take whatever action you need to go astern of the other boat.

If you see a **RED LIGHT ON YOUR STARBOARD** side. The **OTHER BOAT** has the right of way. Again, take whatever action you need to go astern of it.

A **RED LIGHT TO PORT** means the other boat has just crossed your bow and you're out of danger. The red light at sea is something like the red light at a stop sign on land.

A **GREEN LIGHT TO PORT** means the other boat is coming right at you, but you have the right of way. Hold your course. But just how much faith do you put on that other boat's helmsman? This might be his first time steering a boat. Take whatever action you need to avoid a collision.

If you see both **A GREEN AND RED** light, the other boat is coming right at you. Hard right on the helm, and take any evasive action needed.

If you see neither a red or green light, and only a **SOLITARY WHITE** light, you're looking at the white running light on the stern of another boat. You're safe, the other boat has passed you and is going away. Be cautious anyway in case of light failure.

If the wind dies away, as it usually does after sunset, and you decide to turn on the engine, you need to turn on the Forward Masthead light. This light is not on the head of the mast, but actually is mounted a third of the way down from the top, and covers an arc of 225 degrees (from dead ahead to 112.5 degrees aft on both sides of the mast. This light is also called the Bow Light, or the Steaming Light. The term **STEAMING LIGHT**, comes from the days when ships used steam engines for power.

Harbor lights have their own conventions. **RED, RIGHT, RETURNING** is the old

saying you use to find a way up a channel to a harbor. Put it on your right side. This is true in US and some other waters. If approaching a harbor at night, look for a red light, preferably one in close vicinity. It is not unusual to find a red light, then watch it turn green. You have fixed yourself on a traffic light, and that won't work. The red lights on the fire alarm boxes in Shoreline Marina could also fool you until they blocked out the water side.



Joe Rogers

Bill with a sailboat and no rubber ducky



Kathy's Pool Party

Bruce S. and Greta's Boat Christening



**WELCOME to LBSYC, Long Beach Singles Yacht Club** (formerly LBSSA). Couples welcome. Our club is a volunteer organization to promote sailing and socializing. Membership is approximately **30% boat owners** (sail and power) and **70% crew**. Meetings are on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays** of each month at **7 pm** (see map ) Happy Hour 2:30-7pm.  
**New Members Welcome !**

**The Crab Pot**

215 N. Marina Drive  
 Long Beach, CA 90803  
**Social Hour: 7:00-8:00 pm**  
**Newcomers Orientation, 7:45 pm**  
**General Meeting, 8:00**  
**Program, 8:15 pm**  
**End of meeting, Approx. 9:00 pm**

After the meeting we socialize in the bar. We encourage skippers to post "crew wanted" lists for day sails or club events. **All are welcome**

**No experience needed.**

**No boat needed.**

**So what is needed?**

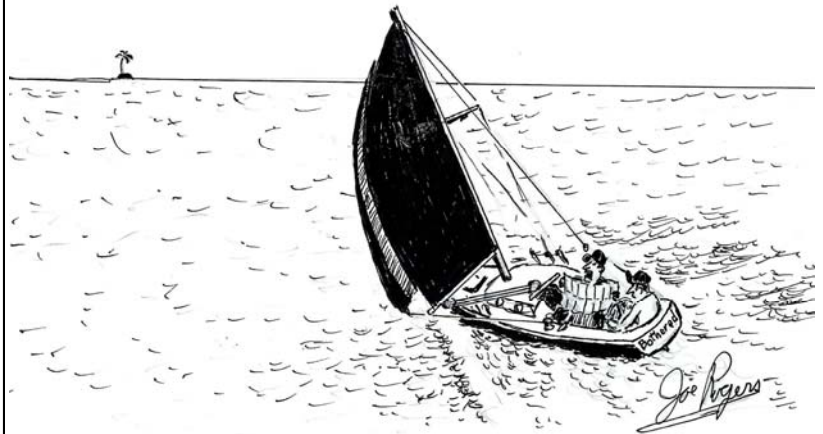
**Be over 21** and have a desire to sail and have fun.

**Website: WWW.LBSYC.Org**

This newsletter is always available on the website @ Events/Bosuns Box.

**OVER THE SIDE**

*Joseph W. Rogers*



“According to the Chart, this is the Scenic Route”

**NOTABLE QUOTES:**

“I haven't spoken to my wife in years. I didn't want to interrupt her.”

— Rodney Dangerfield (1921 - 2004)

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