



Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 19

Dust off your dancing shoes, and skip a couple of meals to get ready for the Christmas Extravaganza at Casta del Sol Golf Course on Sunday, December 19! The fun begins at 6 pm with a no-host bar. Scrumptious appetizers are provided for dinner guests. The dining room will be dedicated to our primary use, and will be decked out holiday style for the festivities. Formal dress is not required, but an event of this stature suggests that a coat and tie would be appropriate for the men, and festive dresses for the ladies seems in order. At 7 pm, we'll dine on our choice of Brochette of Beef with Red Wine Sauce, Chicken Piccata with Lemon and Capers, or Halibut Fillet Broiled with Lemon Herb Butter. These appetizing dinners will be accompanied by your choice of tossed green salad or spinach salad, rolls and butter, fresh vegetables and potatoes, rice or pasta. Dinner wine and dessert of Chocolate Mousse with Coffee Sauce is also included with the dinner, along with coffee or tea.

Following the dinner will be the Installation of Officers for the 1994 season. Then the music will kick into high gear, and we'll dance the night away.

Even if your family's wish list seems too long to handle another expense, you can afford it! The cost for this elegant evening and scrumptious dinner? Yacht Club Members who paid their annual family dues pay only \$5 per person; guests and anyone on the mailing list is \$10 per person; and Lake Mission Viejo Association Members-at-Large who like may attend for \$15 per person. (Adults only, please.) Contact Vivienne Savage, Secretary, at 714/830-6695 if you'd like to come and did not receive an invitation or for more details. If you only participate occasionally, or haven't been around for a while, we'd like to give you a special invitation to attend. We need a headcount for the cooks, so get your name in the soup pot today, if you haven't already done so.

You will not want to miss this exciting event that will be the talk of the Yacht Club in the year to come!

COMING EVENTS

Wednesdays 6 pm Walk around the lake
Meet at Lake Mission Viejo parking lot. Latecomers
walk clockwise to meet us.
7:30 pm Roundtable Pizza, LaPaz/Marguerite
December 11, 10 am Boat Preparation
December 12 Parade of Lights
December 19 Installation of Officers Dinner and
Christmas Party
January 26 - 31, '94 Ski Mammoth

(Reminder: Non-lake members please notify us you plan to attend lake events so we can leave your name at the gate for guest entry.)

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"The primary goal of the Yacht Club is to provide social and competitive interaction opportunities for its members."

ANNUAL PARADE OF LIGHTS!

Santa and Mrs. Clause were ready to desert their posts and join the Yacht Club's fun during last year's Parade of Lights and Holiday Concert! The club's float was unable to lead the parade due to the sudden Santa Ana winds.

That didn't stop the group from singing along with the carols and enjoying Hot Apple Pie with Spiced Cider. (Did you say spiced with what?) Everyone had a great time!

You have an opportunity to join the fun in '93. Meet us at the lake at 10 am on Saturday, December 11, to be a part of the creative effort, as Commodore Davies once again converts the Race Committee Boat to a tall ship with lighted sails. Can he do it again?? Only with your help! (Who's got the plans?)

As many as the boat can safely accommodate will get to ride on the float. Afterwards, everyone will adjourn to the clubroom, and listen to the concert! Join us!

Support was strong for the current roster of Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club Officers, and almost all the current members accepted the vote of confidence by accepting the challenge to continue in their current positions. Re-elected to the helm was Commodore Chris Davies, who acts as an overseer of all club business, Milly Davies - Public Relations and Event Coordinator, Vivienne Savage - Secretary, Willi Hugelshofer - Treasurer, Horst Weiler - Port Captain, John Hennessy - Fleet Surgeon, Bob Milner - Race Committee Chairman. The only open position, Fleet Measurer, was filled by Colleen Dong who will be assisted by Jeff Wilson in 1994.

Installation of Officers will take place at the Annual Christmas Party on December 19. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!! Thank you for all your hard work in '93, and we look forward to a great '94!

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The revival of the Annual Christmas Party and Dinner Dance is a milestone in the renewal of the Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club spirit. Through the valiant efforts of three stalwart members who never gave up, and the new blood they brought into the group through their efforts, the Yacht Club is alive and well. Not just surviving, but steadily growing in stature and participation.

With about 150 names on our mailing list, 30 paid members, and 50 active participants, the club is once again showing the potential for a great sailing club in South Orange County.

Horst Weiler, Willi Hugelshofer, and Tony Contino watched the club burst on the scene back in 1978, when 25 or 30 boats on the lake at a time was commonplace. The lake was new, enthusiasm was high, competition was strong. Through their efforts and other members of that time, the club was chartered. Most of the original members moved on to larger waters, and bigger boats. They no longer spent their days sailing the clear waters of Lake Mission Viejo. The Yacht Club shrank in size until only the three were left.

Horst, Willi and Tony put their heads together and worked to figure out a plan for revitalization. Sailing lessons seemed the perfect way to encourage new sailors to discover the excitement of the water sport, and at the same time increase the safety and knowledge of the novice lake association member who occasionally takes out a rental boat.

Not all of our new members have come by way of sailing lessons. Some have heard of us through the *Noticia*; some have seen the Committee Boat on the lake and showed interest or were referred to us by the lake association; others are members friends who just wanted to join the fun!

So we give a special tribute this month to these three hard working members who never gave up the faith, and have given many hard hours of work and worry to make the club a success. Three cheers for Horst, Willi, and Tony!

Sailors just can't keep off the water. Even during the winter season, when water falls from the ski as snow, they try to master the water by hooking skis onto their feet!

The Yacht Club journeys to Mammoth Mountain January 26 - 30th, where we have secured a 3,000 square foot house near Chair 8 and Warming Hut II. This is no ordinary rental! The custom-built privately owned house comfortably sleeps 15 friends, and has its own jacuzzi!

Costs are only \$100 per person for lodging; \$50 deposit due immediately, \$50 due in mid-January. Call the Commodore at 714/768-5243 to get your name on the list. Only a few openings are left, but a waiting list will be taken in case the flu bug strikes, or we have last minute cancellations. A few non-skiing lodge bunnies will also be going along for the trip, so if you want an inexpensive trip to the mountains to brighten up your after-holiday blahs, don't delay! Call today!

THIS AND THAT

Our best wishes to Harts and Ruthie Hobbs for smooth sailing and fair winds as they embark on a luxurious cruise through the Panama Canal and to the Caribbean later this month. Harts has been semi-retired for a couple of years, and Ruthie recently retired from the school district.

John Hennessy, and his loyal assistant Len Savage, did a noble job of feeding the masses after most of the races this past season. Our hats are off to these two great members who never let us down, and through rain or heat, were always there with spatulas in hand to greet us with a drink and a burger following the Sunday Regattas! Thanks again, guys!



Happy Holidays!

(Note: January/February '94 issues will be combined.)

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