



Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

CHOOSING OUR CREW

A common problem of competitive sailing is selection of the crew who share your goal for that championship trophy. Reliability is a key factor. Not only must your crew unquestionably follow your lead on the course you choose — they must train, swallow their disappointment when the skipper makes a bad judgment call, and most importantly be counted on to "show up" for the big day! A former sailing champion recently told me he gave up racing because of unreliable crew, and was buying a small boat where a crew was either optional or not required for this very reason! His crew had obviously missed the point!

As we venture further into this sailing season, it is becoming more and more obvious we have a great crew at the helm in 1997! Each event so far has been well organized and the feeling of camaraderie has been strong! Horst has done a great job lining up race committee for the entire season; John and Linda are doing an excellent job with organization of the food; and the lake management group have come through with flying colors for each and every event! All the officers are on board with the program!

If you're new to sailing and would like to become more involved, we welcome you! If you only sail occasionally, or recently finished sailing lessons and just want to spend a fun day on the water, we're here for you! If you're an avid sailor with a bad memory, be reliable in your planning! You won't want to miss a single event! Can we count on you?

See you at the lake!

Milly Thomas
Commodore

SPRING REGATTA I

A FEAST OF BEEF AND HAM

Spring Regatta I was held on April 13 with Jeremey Kivlen, Linda Robinson and Len Savage acting as Race Committee. Nine boats took to the lake to compete in the first sailing event of the year. With five boats in the "A" fleet and four in the "B" fleet the race event was equally balanced. The "A" fleet racing was highlighted by a four way tie for second place after the second of three races. Ultimately winning the A fleet was Willi Hugelshofer in his flying Finn. Second place honor was claimed by Audry and Rod Simenz. Rounding out the placing in the A's was Tara and Roger Robison. The B fleet, which had a diverse mixture of boats, was won by Ced Fields and Doug Sheppard in the Condor. In second place was John Olsen sailing a Twitchell. Third place went to John Drake also in a Twitchell.

While the sailing was competitive and exciting; the highlight of the day was the meal that had been prepared by Vivienne Savage. With such delicious delights as barbecued beef and ham, baked beans, and a fresh green salad. Vivienne set a standard for future regattas. Vivienne received a well deserved standing OVATION by the appreciative diners.

CINCO DE MAYO REGATTA

The Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club held its answer to the Newport to Ensenada race on May the 4th. The theme of this event was Cinco De Mayo and a celebration of the culture of our neighbors to the south. While the turnout in numbers was not close to the entrants in the "largest sailboat race in the world" the competition was as intense.

The race committee duties were handled by Len Savage, Roger and Zachary Robison. There were 6 entries in the "A" Fleet and 5 in the "B" Fleet. The winner of the A fleet was Willi Hugelshofer followed closely by Audry and Rod Simenz in second and Matt Beattie and Julie Robinson finished in third. The B fleet was won by Al and Eric McCown. Second place was claimed by Milly Thomas and Doug Sheppard followed by John Olsen in third.

There were two highlights during the day's event. Both involved new boats to the Yacht club stable. First Don and Linda Schaffner sailed their new Thistle (apparently soon to be christened the White Cloud). While not choosing to officially enter the regatta, they sailed around the set courses and were consistently ahead of the fleet. The second new vessel to come to the lake was a Lido purchased by our Commodore Milly Thomas from a Balboa Yacht Club member. Milly's new investment showed great speed right off the trailer propelling her to a second place finish in the B fleet.

"THIS 'n THAT"

With the time change the Yacht Club has resumed it's Wednesday night sailing. Participants are asked to be on the water and ready for some sailing fun by 5:30 pm. The race courses and starts are called from the fleet so everyone can participate. The importance of Wednesday night sailing is two fold. First it allows everyone to practice starts and tactics in an atmosphere of fun rather than the pressure of race days. Second it allows the Yacht club to be visible to potential members and the student sailors. While our organization is not totally dependent financially on new members, the addition of new members brings a wealth of new ideas and enthusiasm that is contagious. I hope I will see many of our sailors out on Wednesdays evenings throughout the summer.

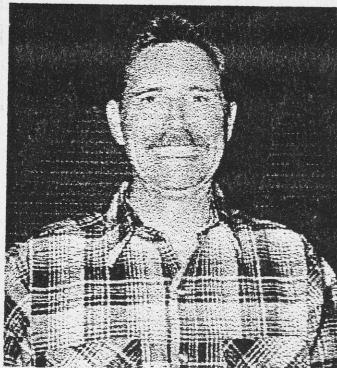
CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale:

C-15 Sailboat with fiberglass centerboard and rudder. Sail #2789. Contact Jim Mizell at (714) 459-5577 for more details.

Wanted:

Lido Sailboat in good condition. Contact Milly Thomas with any information about available boats.



John Robinson
1997 Fleet Surgeon

UP COMING EVENTS

The Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club will be sponsoring a number of sailing events during the next few weeks.

The Memorial Day weekend will be highlighted by the Spring Regatta II on Sunday May 25. The skippers meeting will be held at 12:30 pm with the first race starting at 1:00 pm. With Ced Fields in charge of the race committee, the day promises to be great for some sailing fun.

Beginning on June 11 the Yacht Club will sponsor a new sailing event, the Sunset Series. This event is made up of six Wednesday evenings that will culminate in the presentation of the series champion on August 20. The point system for this series will be designed to reward participation in all six race evenings while encouraging competition among the sailors. For a complete schedule of these Wednesday evening events see your 1997 Sail Calendar.

On June 29 the second annual Reverse Portsmouth Regatta will be held. For those of you that missed this event last year, the racing commences from the dock with a staggered start. The fastest boats start last and the winner of the regatta is the first to cross the finish line. This format allows all types of boats to sail in one race. Last year's participants included a Sabot as the first starter and the C15 fleet as the last to leave the dock. The results of this regatta are for bragging rights over a cold drink at the end. A complete set of rules and sailing information will be available at the skippers meeting at 12:30 the day of the race.

A NOTE FROM THE "GALLEY"

A "Thank You" to Vivienne Savage for a wonderful feed provided at the April 13th Regatta. I was lucky enough to be provided with a plate of "goodies" that awaited my return from my trip to Maine that night (who said that "rank does not carry privileges")?

I would also like to take time to say "Sombrero's Off" to Tara Robison for her great Cinco de Mayo spread put on for us at our May 4th regatta.

Both of these ladies went "all-out" in order to make these after-race meals a super success. Those of us in attendance KNOW what good eating is ... Those who didn't show ... won't know.

Thank You to all

1997 Schedule Of Events

Remember: Support Your Club by Participating in the monthly regattas and Activities.

Wednesday	5:30-7 pm	Wednesday Night Sailing
May 25	7:30 pm	Roundtable Pizza, LaPaz / Maguerite
June 11	12:30 pm	Spring Regatta II
June 25	5:30 pm	Sunset Series Race 1
June 29	5:30 pm	Sunset Series Race 2
	12:30 pm	Reverse Portsmouth Regatta

1997 Calendar Of Class Events

This Schedule is Provided as a Guide to Other Sailing Events Off the Lake

May 24	10:00 am	C-15 Memorial Day Regatta
June 1	11:00 am	Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
June 21 & 22		C-15 Westlake Cup
		Westlake Yacht Club
		Sail Bear
		Big Bear Lake