

Lake Mission Viejo
Yacht Club

NEWSLETTER

CLUB BUSINESS

The February meeting of the Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club was held Wed. Feb. 28 at the Lord Byron Pizza Pub. We had about 15 people present. The meeting was called to order by Mike Yeargin, Commodore.

We dispensed with the reading of the minutes because they were included in the last newsletter.

Claire Hallenbeck, treasurer, reported that we have \$490.48 in the treasury as of Feb. 27, 1979. She announced that we have 37 members. Two new members have joined the club. "Welcome Aboard" to Frank Hammond who sails a Ghost 13, and Don Wilder with a Cyclone 13.

Claire was happy to report that only 6 members have not paid their dues for 1979. For those who have not paid, send your \$10 to Claire Hallenbeck

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You will get a free patch and one of our handsome new membership cards designed by Howard Besosa.

Awards Committee Report

Awards Chairman Howard Besosa reported that we have nine of our blue plaques left. The LMVYC will donate one plaque to each of the upcoming Invitationals. Howard will investigate other kinds of prizes to award at future regattas. There was a consensus at the meeting that something besides plaques would be fun. Howard will look into mug, plates and the like.

Howard also announced plans for a "Sailor of the Year" competition are being formulated. A trophy or plaque will be awarded to the winner for the year and a perpetual trophy will be put up at the Lake Office. We will have a series of races in various boats to find our best sailor. Howard and Larry Eaks are working on the final outline of the competition.

Race Committee Report

Tom Scott, Race Committee Chairman, reported that the Race Committee has met twice since the last Yacht Club meeting and done much planning and organizing. All the fleets are represented on this committee and discussions have gone on until late in the night. The Committee had these suggestions to make:

1. That the LMVYC should adopt the 720° turn rule as outlined in Appendix 3 of the Yacht Racing Rules. "A yacht which acknowledges infringing a rule of Part IV, may exonerate herself by making two full 360° turns (720°),

subject to the following provisions:" Please look this up in your rule books as I don't have the space her to write the entire rule. This suggestion was adopted by the members present at the meeting and will apply to all future races.

2. That the LMVYC should adopt the ruling that says that the starting signals flags should be lowered one minute before the hoisting of the next flag. This has been our practice recently at the starts, but now we are adopting it officially.

Larry Eaks Race Committee member, designed a new course chart. The chart contains some challenging new courses and also some valuable information regarding rules and signals. This course chart was adopted by the membership and will supercede all previously dated charts starting March 11, 1979.

The Race Committee announced the procedure for future regattas will be as follows: There will be a skippers' meeting at 11:00 am. The meeting has to be early because the Race Committee has much to do afterward. All entrants must be signed up and entry fees must be paid by the end of the skippers' meeting. Please try to pre-register. There are forms at the Lake Office. There will be no exceptions to this procedure. The Race Committee will take the final lists of entrants onto the Committee boat right after the meeting. That will be the official list. Any yachts racing that have not properly registered will not be eligible for a trophy. The Committee hopes this will take care of the entry foul-ups that we have had in the past. Last regatta we had 17 boats racing and only 14 entered.

Tom also announced that future regattas (for the spring and summer) will be started fleet by fleet, and awards will be presented by fleet. All yachts entered in one-design fleets must comply with their respective fleet or class rules and equipment requirements. If a new yacht has come on to the lake and has not had time to be measured she is not excluded from racing but must race in the Open Class. The Open Class race winners will be determined by the Portsmouth handicapping system. Larry Eaks has taken on the big job of improving the handicapping system so that it is as fair as is possible.

Finally, Tom requested money to purchase some equipment for the Race Committee. They need code flags for the Committee boat and materials to make a flag mast. A description of these signal flags and how they work is included on the new course chart. And they need a loud hailer or loud speaker system and a stop watch for better management of the starts. Tom estimated that this equipment would cost about \$200.00. This request was approved by the membership.

Our thanks to the Race Committee, represented by Tom Scott, Bruce Harrington, Larry Eaks, Dick Peters, Ken Hauck, Rich Umble, Jay Juskaitis, and Mike Yeargin for all there efforts.

Award Presentation

After the Race Committee report, Ron Bora presented a beautiful clock to Tom and Curt Faust for the great work they did on their boat for the Parade of Lights. Nice going Tom and Curt! And congratulations to Marlene Faust, too, who was the designer of the Snoopy and Woodstock that decorated their boat.

Invitationals

We have two Invitational races coming up, first the Cyclone Invitational on Sat. March 10. The Cyclones are expecting about 20 boats. This race is part of the National Cyclone 13 Association's Southern California Cup. Come to the Lake on Saturday and watch the fun. And since the Yacht Club is also hosting this event, maybe you can lend a hand. Let's show other sailors what a good thing we have here on Lake Mission Viejo.

The second scheduled Invitational is the Coronado 15 event. This will be held on Saturday, April 14. The Mutineers have also planned an Invitational for March, but have not set a definite date.

New Entry Forms

We have a new standard race entry form and sign up procedure. This is no great change, but we ask that you fill out the entry form and also sign your name on a separate sheet by fleet. These forms will be in the Lake Office for pre-registration. Remember sign up deadline is right after the skippers' meeting which is held at 11:00 am.

St. Patrick's Day Parade Float

Bill Buescher from the Lake management has designed a float for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Mission Viejo. He has asked that the Yacht Club get involved in decorating the float. Last year the Lake won 3rd prize in the Parade. This year let's go for the Sweepstakes Award. Decoration on the float will start on March 15. Call the Lake Office for more information.

More Future Events

Saturday, May 26 will be the annual Opening Day for the Lake. The Lake management has asked that we plan some kind of event for this day. The membership has agreed to this request and we'll try to think of something fun. Suggestions are welcome!

May Regatta and Pot Luck Picnic

May 6 is our May Regatta and afterward we will have a Pot Luck Picnic and Awards Ceremony. Kathy Yeargin has volunteered to plan this picnic. The warm weather should be upon us by then so mark your calendars.

DON'T FORGET March 11 is our next regatta!

RACING NEWS

The Polar Bear Regatta, held Jan. 28 was quite a race! Gusty winds, hail and snow made it a race for the die-hard sailor. We started the race a little late hoping for a break in the weather, but the break never really came, so out we went, notwithstanding the thick layer of hail stones in our boats. Howard and Randy Besosa in a C-15 captured first place and second was Mike Yeargin and Jerry Johnston also in a C-15. Third place went to Dick Peters in a Mutineer. Tom and I became official members of the Polar Bear Club and found out, first hand, how cold the water is during a hailstorm.

The Presidents' Regatta on February 18, by contrast, was held in beautiful sunny weather. In this regatta prizes were awarded by fleets. First in the Coronado 15 fleet was Mike Yeargin and Jerry Johnston, but only by a nose. Bruce Harrington led the Cyclones in, and Gary Thomas, in a Lido, was the winner of the Open fleet race.

The next meeting will be held on March 28. Don't miss it.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call me.

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