

Lake Mission Viejo

Sailing Club

January Meeting

The January meeting of the Lake Mission Viejo Sailing Club was held Wednesday January 17, 1979, at the Lord Byron Pizza Pub. There were about 20 people present.

Treasurer's Report

We earned \$68.00 at the Parade of Lights. Our thanks to Kathy Yeargin for a great job.

We have 32 members, now, and \$327.20 in the bank.

Parade of Lights

This year's Parade of Lights, our first, was a real success. The first night we had about 300 people watching from the beach and many more watching from the dam sites. We had ten decorated boats towed by the lake's pontoon boat and powered by a generator in one of the boats. By the way, a special thanks to the lake staff, they were helpful and cooperative beyond the call of duty. Also, special mention should go to Tom Faust and his family who cleverly rigged their boat with Snoopy and Woodstock trimmed in lights. Their boat was the hit of the parade. We earned \$68.00 from our refreshment stand where we served hot chocolate and Tom & Jerrys.

We plan to have the parade again next year. Kathy Yeargin, who organized it this year, will take it on again next year, and is already planning to expand the program. She wants to get a choir from one of the high schools to sing carols on the beach. We need to have more participation from our membership in the areas of boat decoration and setting up of the displays before the parade. Next year we have plans to award prizes to the most cleverly decorated boats in the hope that this will encourage more participation. We will use the pontoon boat to tow boats again next year, and we would like to have some individual self-powered displays. If you have any suggestions in this area contact Kathy.

It was suggested at the meeting that next year's parade would be enlivened by some Christmas lights for the buildings and grounds at Playa del Norte. We hope the Lake Association can add this touch of brightness.

Awards Committee Report

Committee chairman Howard Besosa reported that the patches he designed have been ordered, but have not yet been delivered. If they don't arrive

by next week, Howard will make inquiries. *See addendum

As a result of Howard's report it was decided by the members present at the meeting to spend \$105.00 for 1000 membership cards.

Race Committee Report

Tom Scott, committee chairman, reported that with the help of several members we were able to replace our racing marks at no cost to the club. Our thanks to Ken Hauck for the anchors and to Tom Faust for the flags. Thanks should also go to Rich Umble, Mike Yeargin, and Tom Scott for risking their lives while setting the buoys out on the lake.

January Regatta

Because the regatta was inadvertently scheduled for Super Bowl Sunday we had to reschedule. The January regatta has been moved to January 28th. The race will be an open class race, all boats starting together. It will start at 1:00 pm with a skippers' meeting at 11:00 am. We will award four plaques for this race; first over the line, and first, second and third after handicapping. And we will award certificates to the first boat in each fleet.

Racing Rules and Regulations

It was suggested at the meeting that all boats racing in open class regattas should conform to their respective fleet requirements for rigging and weight. For example, if a Lido 14 is required to carry 300 lbs, then it must conform to this rule even in the open class regattas. It will be up to the fleet captains to monitor their fleets.

Larry Eaks stated that is the general practice among yacht clubs that the race committee have a book containing all the racing regulations for the various fleets represented in the club. Then if there is a question, or a protest the protester can refer to the book and back his claim legally. This idea was adopted by the club. Tom Scott asked that all the fleet captains give him a copy of their rules and regulations at the skippers meeting on Jan. 28th.

New Year Calendar

At the end of this report is a proposed calendar for 1979. This calendar indicates the times for the regattas and for our regular meetings. The meetings will be held the fourth Wednesday of each month. The calendar, as it stands, was agreed to by the members at the meeting. Circumstances may warrant changes, but we hope to be able to hold to this schedule. If any fleet plans an event on the lake please refer to the calendar to avoid conflicts.

Cyclone Invitational

The Cyclones will have their race on Saturday March 10th. The club has decided to contribute on of it plaques as a trophy for this invitational race.

Yacht Club Formation

It was agreed by all members that we take the steps necessary to become a member of the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) and call ourselves a yacht club. The advantage of this is that all members of the Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club will have the right to use the facilities of any other yacht club in the SCYA.

Ken Hauck has arranged a meeting with the commodore of the SCYA. But, before that, Ken would like to have a meeting of all fleet captains to establish a proposed calendar of events involving outside organizations. We need this calendar to demonstrate to the SCYA that we have something to offer to their organization if we become a member. Ken will be contacting the fleet captains and set up a meeting date.

Social Calendar

It was suggested that we have more social events this year aside from the regattas---events, such as dinners and picnics. This suggestion was accepted by the group and I was assigned to pick some dates. I have included these on the calendar. Suggestions are needed as to what would be fun to do on these dates.

Matched Boat Racing

Larry Eaks suggested that we set up a matched boat racing contest. This is a tournament-like challenge between two skippers in identical boats. Tom Scott and Larry will investigate the rules governing the contest and we will set it up soon. The challenge will be for a perpetual trophey and title of "best skipper on the lake."

Cathy Scott


Secretary

*****Annual dues are due***** Please send your dues to our treasurer

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*The patches arrived! Members who have paid their dues are eligible for one free patch. Extra patches cost \$2.00.