

LAKE MISSION VIEJO
SAILING CLUB NEWS

Dispite inclement weather, we had the September meeting of the Sailing Club on September 13, in one of the maintenance sheds at the lake. About 30 people were present.

First, we saw a movie about sailing and slides of the last regatta, presented by Larry Eaks. Then, Howard Besosa, our awards chairman, showed us the first place plaque that we will award at the regattas. It's very handsome--something to display proudly.

Following this we discussed club business as follows:

ACTIVITIES

Wednesday Twilight Series

The last Wednesday race will be on Sept. 20, starting at 6:00 pm. All classes will start together.

After next Wednesday we will have our series races on Saturday. 200

Regattas

The next regatta will be a Columbus Day Race. *Sunday* ~~Friday~~ *Oct* October 7 is the Junior Race and ~~Saturday~~ *Saturday* October 8 the Open Race. Skippers meeting at 1:00 pm. Pick up a registration form at the Lake Office.

We have, in the planning stage, an open class race, where all the boats entered would race against each other with one start. Handicapping determined by the Portsmouth Method. This is an opportunity to see how you stack up against other skippers in other fleets. *in November*

Also planned is a Moonlight Regatta. The next full moon is Monday October 16, so we could have this race Saturday the 14th. Each boat would need a light on the bow and a flashlight to shine on the sails in case of close encounters.

Parade of Lights

We hope to organize a Christmas Parade of Lights on the lake. The Lake Assoc. plans to put lighted Chirstmas trees down the center of the lake. We will have each fleet work out some kind of display, either by decorating their boats or a float. We need a chairman for this activity. If you have any ideas, or wish to chair the committee, please call Cathy Scott 768-6891.

Luau

The Lake Activities Committee announced a Polynesian Luau at the lake. There will be Polynesian food, music, and hula dancers. It will be on Sept. 29 from 7:00 pm to

12:00 am. The cost is \$15.00 per couple, drinks are inexpensive--\$1.00 to \$1.50. Get tickets at the office before the 26th.

FLEET NEWS

The Open Class Fleet is organized! Tony Contino is the captain. They now have an accurate handicapping system (The Portsmouth Method) and are really enjoying racing. If you are interested in joining their fleet, contact Tony 830-0670.

RACE COMMITTEE

The Race Committee is a very important facet of the sailing club. This committee has the responsibility of setting courses establishing rules and starting the races. Up until now, Larry Eaks has handled all our starts, since he is the only one who knows the procedures. Now, Tom Scott has volunteered to chair this committee with Larry as his guide. Tom would like all the fleets to take a more active part in the Race Committee. Each fleet involved in a race should have a person on the committee boat. This will solve our manpower problems. It is also an excellent learning experience. A day on the committee boat is a must to see the "other side" of racing.

If you are interested in serving on the Race Committee or just helping out on the boat call Tom 768-6891 or Larry 830-1668. We have another regatta coming up. It is in each fleet's best interest to have a person on the committee boat.

COURTESY OFFICER

We discussed our plans for having a courtesy officer at the boat launching area during peak congestion times (Sat. and Sun. from 11:00 to 1:00) to point out the rules to newcomers, help those having troubles rigging their boats and generally make things run more smoothly. This volunteer would carry a list of the rules, a key to the tool box and, possibly, information about the club and future activities. This would be an excellent opportunity to inform new sailors about the Sail Club and its activities. Each fleet will sign up for two months a year (not necessarily two months in succession) and will be responsible for manning this post during these months. Fleet captains get together with your fleet and decide on which months would be best for you. There will be a calendar posted in the Lake Office. First come, first serve!

DUES

We are growing and taking on more activities. The Sailing Club is responsible for the regattas, start and awards, and other events and we find we need funds to cover the cost of publicity and awards. Up until now, we have been an informal organization but we would like to become more organized and serve our members better. This means establishing a membership roll and collecting dues. We are working out the details of this plan and will discuss it at the next Sail Club board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at about 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Scott