



Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

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

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Membership dues are pouring in from those who plan to include sailing in their summer fun! The first checks received by Treasurer Willi Hugelshofer were from Marleen Chesley and Harry (Ghostbusters) Shepherd! Congratulations to these two "charter" members. If your check is not in the mail for 1993, please take care of it today. You may bring it with you to pizza on Wednesdays, or to the seminars on February 24th and 27th, or stamp and mail to Willi Hugelshofer, 26542 Esteban, Mission Viejo, California 92692.

What does your money buy? Your one-time \$40 per year membership can give you all the following privileges:

LMVYC Member Privileges:

- T-shirt (1)
- Entry Fee for all seven regattas
- After sail drinks and snacks
- Identification Card"
- Reduced rental fees during LMVYC sponsored events. (\$5/ flat fee, non-transferrable) and
- All LMVYC Bulletin/Mailings.

*The identification card is used for flat-fee rental, and may be accepted by other *participating* yacht clubs throughout the U.S.

Option 2: Join the fun and pay as you go! Still a deal! For only \$8 per event (plus boat rental), you receive a complete day of fun for you and your crew and families, plus an after-sail snack and drinks.

Either way is better than Option 3: Sit on the bank and miss all the fun!

SAILING SEMINARS

Don Schaffner and Horst Weiler have planned two interesting low-key educational events for anyone interested in learning about safety and rules of the road and participation on race committees. The first event will take place on Wednesday, February 24, at the North Beach Club House, beginning at 7 pm. and will deal with "room at the mark", "rules for starting procedures", "who has the right away", and the answer to "why do they keep yelling 'Starboard' at me?".

The Saturday seminar will acquaint "landlubbers" as well as the more serious sailors with procedures for conducting or participating on race committees (Continued on Page 2)

C-15 REGATTA

The C-15 Regatta is downwind on the calendar, and due to arrive on Saturday, March 6!

This annual event usually attracts sailors of this sleek sailboat from as far away as Arizona, Santa Barbara and San Diego. Allison Jolly, former Olympic sailing champion, and Mark Elliott, U.S. C-15 Champion are among those expected to attend this season opener for the Coast Cup Series. In 1991 22 boats participated; last year's event (held in the rain) featured 15 stalwart and serious sailors who came decked out in their wet suits and good attitudes. This year's event is expected to draw about 25 skippers and crew.

Volunteers are needed! See Horst Weiler for more details. Observers are encouraged! OCN-TV and Saddleback Valley News have been invited to attend as our guests for the day, and join us for after sail festivities as well. Don't miss this stunning season opener!

COMING EVENTS

February 24, 7pm . . Safety and Rules of the Road Seminar
February 27, 11 am . "Hands On" Race Committee Seminar
March 6 LMV Coronado 15 Invitational
March 28 Opening Day Regatta
April 21 Wednesday Sunset Sails Begin

Race Committee Seminar (Continued):

during our summer sessions. What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than on a stationary platform boat moored in the middle of the lake while the regatta revolves around you! Encourage your non-sailing family members to share your sport by participating in this important supporting role.

During the Saturday seminar you will have an opportunity to practice your rules of the road, learn the start sequence, the consequences of "over early", how to conduct a protest hearing (if ever needed), etc. Don't be intimidated -- come see how easy and fun it can be.

This meeting replaces Pizza at Emilios for February 24 only.

LMVYC SKI ACTIVITIES

What do summer sailors do during the winter months? They apply skis and try to walk on water!

A small group of ski enthusiasts among the Yacht Club members journeyed to Mammoth Mountain in mid-February for a few days on the slopes. Willi, Harts and son Bryan, Commodore Chris and son Chris Jr. joined forces and skied the slopes until the driving wind closed the ski resort lifts. Then they resorted to snowmobiling, and the tired crew arrived home disappointed that the weather had not fully cooperated with them. It was rumored that their friend "Jack" was along and added to the fun of the trip.

The President's Day Weekend also found Rosemary Davis and a group of her co-workers shooshing down the mountain. Earlier in the season, Horst and family spent some time on the slopes.

Harry Shepherd reports that skiing is too dangerous for him -- he prefers to stick to his hobby (which he claims is much safer): Skydiving!

FOR "SAIL" OR TRADE

Wanted:

Lido boats, sails, and trailers. Unusable sailboats may be dismantled for parts. Contact Mike Farina, 855-4578, or Don Schaffner, 582-1419.

For Sail:

C-15, excellent condition. Newly painted with trailer. \$1200 or best offer. Call Peter Janes, 586-6414.

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DARE TO DO

Where have all the sailors gone? After each session of lessons during the summer, enthusiasm in sailing is high. While everyone is not expected to be geared to be a competitive sailor, it seems that enthusiasm turns to fear when put to the challenge of sailing in the regattas with the seasoned sailors.

Myth: I don't want to get in the good sailors way.

Believe it or not, the more the merrier. The good sailors, especially on Lake Mission Viejo, will be glad to give you tips on improving your sailing (-- sometimes they even offer them when you don't want them!). The better the competition, the more fun it is to win. The better you become, the more challenging it is to race against you. We *want* you to join in.

Myth: I get frustrated when racing, and it isn't fun.

You may not finish any better, but the key to success is practice, practice, practice. You can't help but improve even though you are not conscious of it when you sail with better sailors. You learn by watching and imitating. See how their sails are set; notice when they tack; watch their start tactics. You will definitely not get better if you don't sail! Keep trying!

Myth: It's embarrassing to get beaten so badly so often. People will laugh at me.

To borrow a quote from Theodore Roosevelt: "Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered with failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the grey twilight that knows not victory nor defeat." Besides, if anyone gives you a hard time about how you placed, invite them to join you at the start line!

(Inspired by an article from the Hobie 16 newsletter contributed by Roger Bonzer).

LIDO NEWS

Don Schaffner reports that he and Linda took their Lido to the regatta at Alameda Bay last weekend, and that they had a great time, although Don was "a little disappointed" in the boat's performance. He didn't mention his favorite Timex's performance however, and we understand Don was pretty cautious on the third race after two "early overs".

The Schaffners sailed in the "A" fleet, to check out the "top competition". We understand they will be seeing a lot of the Schaffners as Don and Linda continually seek to improve their impressive debut into Lido fleet sailing which Don admitted was "respectable". Schaffners invite anyone with a Lido to join in and caravan to these events.