



# Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

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## COMMODORE'S CORNER

### DISAPPOINTMENT!!

*A*ll of us, at one time or another in life, deal with disappointments. We can't get through life without them, regardless of wealth, talent, or birthright. Its been said that it isn't the *successes* we have in life that build our character, its how we deal with the disappointments.

*A*nyone who watched the recent Olympics saw the pain of the gymnast, swimmer, or other athlete who trained long and hard for the opportunity to represent their country, then "blew it" when their big moment in the spotlight came. We've all been there, done that (as Horst would say).

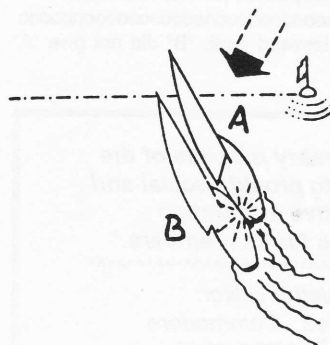
*A*nyone who has sailed our lake is strongly aware of the skill it takes to read the wind and the water. Many of us have experienced disappointment in our sailing efforts. More visitors than I can count have remarked that lake sailing is a cinch because they are OCEAN sailors. I heard an ocean sailor explaining to his crew recently that "this leg is a broad reach, this leg is a run". It's not that simple. After being burned by headers, and surprise tacs, we frequent sailors know you can have ALL points of sale in a single leg! (Especially on a day like our last regatta!)

*I* encourage you to stick with it! to work at it! to learn from your trials and errors! You are not alone! The only promise I can make you is that the elements are not within your control and you *WILL* have other frustrating days! However, the more you work at it, the more *experience* you gain (that's a key factor here), the greater the chances for an enjoyable day of sailing!

*D*on't just quit! Work at it! You will never conquer the wind, but you CAN learn to "co-exist" on Lake Mission Viejo by learning the "usual" wind patterns! And the challenge of winning in the face of so many obstacles is what makes a successful day just that much sweeter.

*See you at the lake,*

*Milly Davies*  
Commodore



### Tactics:

#### Situation:

"B" establishes an overlap to leeward of "A" prior to the start and touches "A".

#### Question:

Who is at fault?

## DONG-WILSON WIN SECOND AT C-15 NATIONALS

Vancouver, British Columbia, was the site of the U.S. Nationals competition for C-15s. The Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club stands proud to announce that Colleen Dong and Jeff Wilson took second place honors in the July '96 event. Colleen and Jeff sailed in the B-Fleet competition in their red and white boat, "The Orient Express". Competition was strong, and the first place trophy slipped out of the grasp of Southern California for the first time in many years. Colleen and Jeff, as well as the other C-15 sailors at the lake (some who previously held the title themselves!) are determined to return the first trophy to the club's trophy case in the board room.

Colleen is the secretary of the Southern California/Arizona C-15 fleet #36, and Jeff is the Race Committee Chairman for Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club. Be sure to congratulate them on their accomplishment, and wish them well on their goal: "Return the gold to the fold!"

## HOW TO WIN WITHOUT TALENT

Everyone loves to be a winner! Sunday, August 25, everyone will have the opportunity to "win" at a Family Fun regatta where skill takes a back seat, and the emphasis is on "fun".

Vice Commodore Bob Milner is in charge of the day's activities. The local dentist has been busy thinking up new regattas for our entertainment where neither the speed of the boat nor the skill of the skipper determines the winner; it's a matter of "luck"! According to him, three races will be held: a "go every which way", a Frisbee relay, and team racing "with a twist". Bob will announce all the details at the Skipper's Meeting to be held at 12:30 in the Clubroom. (The Board Room will not be available because of the concert the night before.) One hint was given by Bob: **EVERYONE SHOULD BRING A WATER GUN--defending your position is encouraged!**

Be sure to be on hand for the activities which begin with registration prior to the Skipper's Meeting, a full afternoon of sailing fun, and ending with an after-sail barbecue. John Austin, Trophy Chairman, has been put to the task of coming up with appropriate prizes to be awarded. Don't miss the activities which will be appropriate for all skills and all ages! "Sailors" with electric boats are invited to join in. So bring the family, bring the neighbors, bring your friends -- just COME -- we guarantee a good time!

**REMINDER: NO GLASS CONTAINERS AT THE LAKE!!!**

## JULY REGATTA RESULTS

"The worst winds I've seen in fifteen years sailing this lake!" That pretty well summed up everyone's feeling on the subject of the July 28 regatta! Don Schaffner's remark was right on target to describe the constantly swirling, rapidly changing wind shifts that prevailed on this otherwise pleasant Sunday afternoon. Tired of the battle at the end of two regattas, Don and Milly Davies were ready to throw in the towel, but the other stalwart competitors were ready to go again, so the races resumed. (Another impetus was that Fleet Surgeon Len Savage announced anyone not sailing would be expected to light and tend the barbecue for the after-sail activities!)

Turnout was unusually light for the regatta. It was suspected those at home watching the Olympics on TV were probably wiser than those of us who dragged themselves through a tiring day, exhausted from leaping over center boards and back in unplanned tacs and jibes!

Roger Robison, sailing solo, in Agrippina I took A-Fleet top honors over second-place winners Don and Linda Schaffner in the beautiful wooden Thistle "Black Cloud". Roger also beat out Horst Weiler and Graham Newman in Agrippina II, former owner of the winning boat!

Milly Davies and novice Lido crew Doug Olson "graciously" (??) kept to the rear of the group, enjoying their music, conversation, and cool refreshments. They told the other competitors they could enjoy the music also if they would get behind them! But there were no takers. John Olson, sailing a Twitchell, and Ced Fields with crew Vivienne Savage in the orange and white Condor forged ahead to battle it out for first place. John Olson was winner by a hair -- probably because Ced wasn't sure which way to round "A" on the last race, so he went around it both ways just to be sure!

Though exhausting, the day was fun. During the barbecue the hot and hungry sailors were joined by the Mendosa's, who are new to the area. They were enthusiastically greeted and invited to join us -- not just because they are experienced Lido and regatta sailors -- not just because they were so pleasant and we liked their competitive spirit, but also because beer brewing is a hobby of theirs, and they've offered to donate a keg of home-made dark beer to the club's next regatta!

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## THIS 'n THAT!

Once again, Tara Robison and her group had the best seat in the house for the concerts! We understand she lines up to get in the gate in the wee morning hours, and has so far always had her blanket in the area between the stage and the sidewalk! At the Dave Mason concert, she and Roger met the star performer and get an autograph on an album. Roger says she will be on hand for the last concert in the summer series as well.

Zach Robison can finally eat apples again since his new front teeth have grown in.

Jetset report: Horst and Caecelia are back from Germany, Viv & Len have been to Burbank.....Burbank??? (Does that count??)

Horst's sailing tip: Head for the dock if you're on the lake at sunset and start getting little erratic puffs from the east. The wind dies very quickly here.

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## KIVLEN LEADS ALL-STARS TO VICTORY!

Robin Kivlen, a dynamite sailor in our junior club, has other talents! Kivlen is also an outstanding baseball player! This easygoing young man with a nice smile and polite mannerisms was named a member of the local area All-Star team, and pitched his team all the way to the Southern California Championship!

Kivlen won each time he was on the mound, and admits that his fast ball is his best pitch. He estimated it was probably in the 70 mph range! This talent is one to keep your eye on! We may have a professional in our midst at this rate!

Congratulations, Robin, well done! We're all proud of you!

## OLYMPIC RESULTS

The Olympic sailing events, held on Wassaw Sound in Savannah, Georgia, received very little press during the competition. The events presented a logistics nightmare according to the August "Motor Boating & Sailing" magazine. Sailboats were launched several miles up the Ogeechee River, then rowed to Wassaw Sound, where an enormous barge was built to serve as a day marina. From there, the athletes sailed out to the ocean, and multiple races were held simultaneously. Over 200 powerboats were used as support boats for the judges, timers, media, rescue/first aid, etc. in the sailing and rowing categories!! (Imagine the wakes!)

Two medals (both bronze) were received by U.S. sailors in the one-design category. The honors went to Skipper Jeff Madrigali, age 40, and his crew from the Santa Barbara area, sailing a 26' 11" Soling, and Courtenay Becker-Dey, age 31, from The Dalles, Oregon, in a 11' Europe. This was disappointing, since the '92 sailors at Barcelona brought home nine medals. America's 1996 team, on whom high hopes had been placed, had been expected to equal or better that amount.

Orange County athletes accounted for a total of 11 medals out of the 101 total medals awarded the U.S. Only 44 of those medals were gold this year.

Lanee Butler, a 25 year old from Aliso Viejo, Mistral sailboard entrant, finished 11th. She had many local fans because of her determination and enthusiasm, and had a high profile in the Dana Point area. Nick Adamson of Newport came in 21st in the Laser class.

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## TOP SKIPPER STANDINGS

Top Skipper standings at the mid-season have been announced by Commodore Davies as tallied by Race Committee Chairman Jeff Wilson. Currently eligible to participate in the Top Skipper Regatta the last Sunday in October are: (In descending order) Ced Fields, Roger Robison, Willi Hugelshofer, Horst Weiler, Robin Kivlen, Graham Newman, Ken Boullion, Colleen Dong, Jean Kanjanavaikoon, and John Austin. Close enough to still be contenders are: John Olson, Harts Hobbs, Bob Milner, Don Schaffner, Kevin Bawler, Daniel Bak, and Joe Steele.

The October 27 "Invitational" competition traditionally features sailors in standard 14' rental boats which are exchanged after each race. In 1995, Horst Weiler managed to unseat John Austin, who held firm to the title for three years. The competitive Austin will try to regain his title in the popular spectator event. There is still time to make the list, if you start NOW. Points are given for attendance, participation on committees, etc., in addition to winning regattas.

All club members are encouraged to be on hand to participate, cheer on your "favorite", or console the "also rans" at the traditional potluck dinner following the sail-off. The winner's name will be engraved on the perpetual trophy which is on display in the Board Room.

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## NEW YEARS DAY PARADE

If anyone is interested in watching the 1997 Rose Parade from reserved bleacher seats at one of the five best locations in Pasadena for about \$35 per person, call Milly for details. Breakfast may be purchased for \$6, and car parking is \$10. (Sorry, no motorhome accommodations, Harts!) Transportation to this is on you; if enough are interested, a bus charter can be arranged, however. You can "see" the parade on TV, but to *experience* it, you have to be present. This event usually sells out within two weeks, so if you are interested, let her know NOW.

Keep your hand on your wallet, and stay tuned for more details...

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QUIZ ANSWER: "B" -- Although she is the leeward boat, "B" did not give "A" enough room to luff and keep clear.

### 1996 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Remember : Save the last Sunday of each Month  
for Yacht Club activities!**

Wednesdays, 5 - 8 pm.....Sunset Sailing  
8 :15 pm: .....Roundtable Pizza, LaPaz/Marguerite  
August 25, 12:30 pm.....Family Fun Regatta II  
September 29, 12:30 pm.....Summer Regatta II



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

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