



Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

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COMING EVENTS

Wednesdays 6 pm (til 4/27/94) Walk around the lake
Meet at Lake Mission Viejo parking lot. Latecomers
walk clockwise to meet us.

7:30 pm Roundtable Pizza, LaPaz/Marguerite

April 6 - 10 Ski Mammoth

April 24 Spring Regatta I

April 27, 5 pm Sunset Sailing Begins

*(Reminder: Non-lake members please notify us you plan to attend lake events
so we can leave your name at the gate for guest entry.)*

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

YACHT CLUB FLOAT WINS TROPHY!

If you thought you saw sailboats racing down Marguerite Parkway recently, you were probably either tipping "green beer", or watching the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 12!

The Yacht Club float, winner of First Place in the Community/Service category, sailed to victory in its maiden voyage in the two hour annual event. The Yacht Club stepped up to volunteer their services on behalf of the Lake Mission Viejo Association at a recent board meeting.

About 15 - 20 happy volunteers met to decorate the float on Friday and Saturday, and participate in this happy occasion. The weather was hot with gusty winds, which required we drop the sails at times, but happily we were able to "sail" by the judging booth, and on to victory.

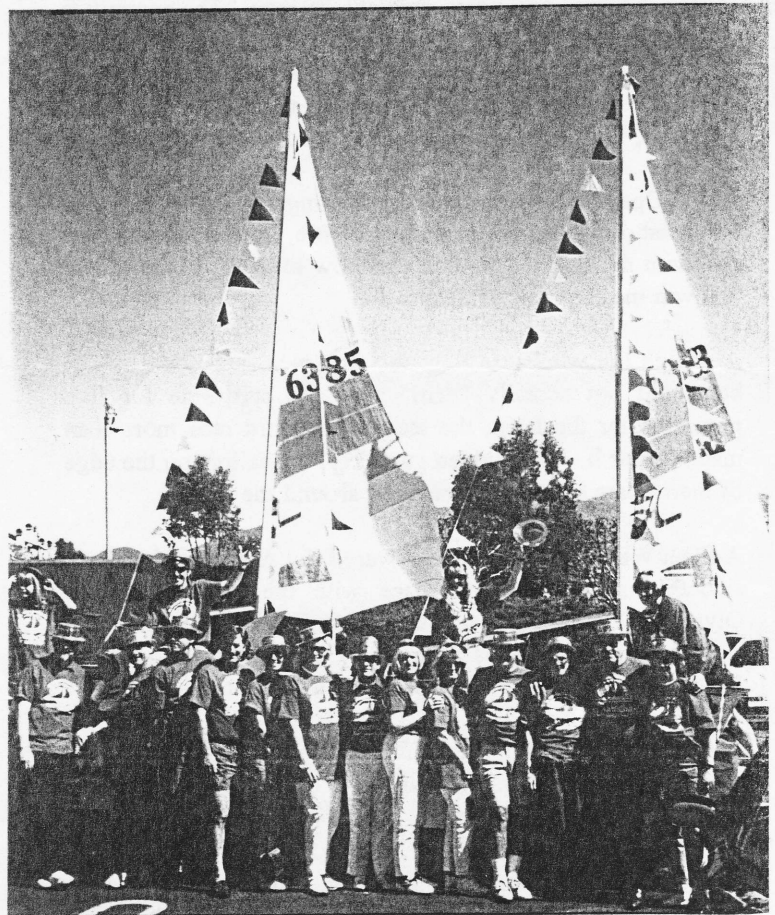
The float was preceded by our large Yacht Club banner, followed by a beautiful pristine red '67 convertible furnished by the Schaffners conveying the Commodore and two other officers. Enthusiasm was high, and plans to improve the float for next year's event have already become a hot topic for discussion at the weekly meetings.

The beautiful trophy is display, and will be permanently housed in the Yacht Club trophy case in the main building.

SPRING REGATTA - APRIL 24TH

Don't fail to be on board for the upcoming regatta on Sunday, April 24th. Registration will be 11 am, with Skippers Meeting approximately 12:15 pm. First race begins at 1 pm. You must be registered in order to win!

The Yacht club encourages you to invite your friends and neighbors to spend a pleasant day rounding the marks, then stay for food and beverages after the event to discuss the races, and hear the winners announced. You don't have to be Olympic material sailors to join the fun! Come on out and enjoy the fun! We've got some great activities lined up for you. Call the lake and leave a message if you'd like more details; a program will be mailed to you.



AUSTIN WINS C-15 REGATTA

It doesn't much matter what boat he sails, John Austin has proven over and over again that he is a champion sailor! Skipping to victory in a borrowed C-15, assisted by crew Willi Hugelshofer, John took first place in B-Fleet during the annual C-15 regatta held at the lake on March 6.

Bob Milner (who purchased Jim Lockwood's B-Fleet 1992 winner), and Colleen Dong (93 winner) also placed in the standings. The Yacht Club is doing its best to keep the season-winner perpetual trophy in Lake Mission Viejo for the third year in a row!

Winds were light, and the race was plagued with over early penalties resulting in "DNS" rankings to some of the seasoned veterans, so some surprise winners (especially in A-Fleet), were announced. The visiting sailors, from Arizona, West Lake, and Puddingstone Lake, good sports all, enjoyed the food and drink provided by the club. Unique nautical candles, which caught Horst's eye, were presented as prizes to the winners by Commodore Davies.

SAILING SEASON KICK-OFF

Sailing season at Lake Mission Viejo began with gusto -- a small but enthusiastic group of members toasted the success of the coming season at the Commodore's Cotillion on March 26. The group dined on wonderful food including whole poached salmon, shrimp, and homemade cheese cake. The committee of Vivienne, Harts, and Milly (with a lot of assistance from Melinda) spearheaded the event. Melinda and Vivienne decorated the Savage home, where the event had been relocated, with a nautical flair that added to the festivities.

At the Opening Regatta on the following day, those who had been best of friends only the night before, lined up on the start line with nothing but thoughts of how to beat out the others and win the first sail of the season!

Although the wind was light the first race, and some of the boats did not actually "drift" over the start line for five minutes after the horn, the second and third race more than made up for it. The sudden gusts kept the sailors on the edge of their boats as they maneuvered around the marks.

A-Fleet Winners for the opener were John Austin in his J-Boat smoothly sailing to first place with the help of (future Olympian?) daughter Shannon as crew; Willi Hugelshofer was close on his stern in his Finn; and Commodore Davies with "go-fast" rigging on a 12' Holder brought up the rear.

Ced Fields, assisted by Len Savage, edged out Joe Sperber in second place and Glen Vitek and able crew daughter Mary in third place.

Refreshments were served to members and guests, all friends again, in the main building club room following the race, bringing an end to the wonderful Opening Day Festivities.

THIS AND THAT

It's been great to see some former members return for summer fun! Glenn Vitek, Joe Sperber, and Mike and Michelle Farina joined us again for the opening day regatta. Welcome back!

Peter Stoneberg, a newcomer to the group, brought out his Laser Opening Day, but decided there was not enough wind - too bad you didn't stick it out Peter. We'll look for you next time!

Horst Weiler and Caecelia have been entertaining guests from Germany in their home. We took them under our wing, and welcomed them into the group. You should have heard Fritz, with limited English, trying to direct the float builders! We look forward to their next visit.

Rumor has it that each member has been directed to bring a sandbag to the next race, and throw it into John Austin's J-Boat in order to handicap his "light" crew and his "fast" boat! Do you suppose there's any truth to that?

Harts and Ruthie are traveling again -- this time to Minnesota. Seems like they haven't stopped to catch their breath since Ruthie recently retired from the school district as attendance clerk! Bryan will be home to watch the fort for them.

After surviving fires, rains, and earthquakes, a sneezing bout felled Milly while recuperating from her January surgery. She returned to work April 1 after a three month recuperation, and is gearing up for summer sailing!

Rosemary has been missed -- but we understand you can almost always find her on a mountain in the winters. She has skied Banff, Whistler, and Mammoth this year among others! She'll be back with us when the snow melts!

Bob Milner got a funny look on his face when asked during a discussion on building the float if he had a "drill". He said he had a whole office full! (Bob is a dentist in Mission Viejo.)

Peter Jones and Jim Lockwood joined us recently for Wednesday night fun. We invite all the old members to come say "hello" to old friends -- we miss you!

Be sure to ask Willi and Bob to tell you about their embarrassing moment in the C-15 regatta. It seems they couldn't get their boat going, and someone passed by and remarked that they might have better luck if they put their centerboard down! As it was the first time on the water this season, and Bob's first time in his new boat, we suppose they could claim loss of memory??

Bob Milner kept us laughing recently telling stories about the trials and tribulations of children as patients. Some of them bite!