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Mark Your Calendars!

- Night Sailing Starts March 16
- Opening Day March 20
- Spring Regatta April 10
- Congressional Cup April
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- N2E April 22-24
- Spring Regatta 2 May 22

From The Bridge....Winter 2016

Here we are, two events behind us. Our Tune Up regatta brought out those of us who had not sailed since November, some who wanted to try out new rigging installed during the break and some just to take advantage of another beautiful day on the lake. Juniors participated too. They sailed Sabots and CFJ's where they got to exhibit their sailing skills honed on our home waters.



Our Installation and Awards Banquet went well. The venue, Amazing Grapes in Rancho Santa Margarita, was unique and gave us lots of room to spread out. The food, wine, and massive beer selection was very good. Officers were installed, awards handed out,, and all had a good time. If you visit Amazing Grapes, make sure to mention you were there for our event.

March 20 is our biggest event of the year. It is our 39th Opening Day! We need to "staff up" so expect a message from our Opening Day Chair, Jr. Staff Commodore Jeff Murdy. He will be contacting you to sign up for food and for help hosting the event. Get your best blue and whites cleaned and pressed for this fun event.

Speaking of organizing events. We are in need of a Hospitality Chair. This important officer position organizes our post regatta celebrations and the people who help make the events a success. Please reach out to me if you have good organizational skills and want to be a huge help to our club.

Opening Day starts the LMVYC Series Races. These races determine fleet and overall champions for the year. Consistent sailing along with exhibiting good sailing skills might get you a spot on the podium for next year's Awards Banquet. So mark your calendars with our events so you don't miss out on our exciting races and maybe you will be champion next year!

Thank you for having me as your Commodore for 2016. I look forward to helping the club reach its goals by providing a framework for racing, fun ,and friendship.

Commodore

Frank Roberts



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2016 LMVYC Officers For a full list of officers see the web site

An Evening to Remember – the 2016 Awards and Installation of Officers

The evening started off on a high note as arrivals for the dinner at *Amazing Grapes* in RSM were greeted with an array of hot hors d'oeuvres and free to choose a beverage from a wide selection of wine, draught beer, sodas or iced tea.

Jr. S/C Jeff Murdy, who chaired the event and was master of ceremonies, had videos of club events throughout the year and almost everyone caught a glimpse of themselves from time to time throughout the evening. Great coverage Jeff!

After members had time to mingle, chat, and catch up with each other, dinner was announced and we were happy to proceed to the buffet where *Amazing Grapes* had set out a delicious array of side dishes to accompany a choice of prime roast beef or roasted salmon. The presentation of the food was beautiful and copious enough to satisfy the hungriest guest. Then while we enjoyed dessert and coffee, the awards program began. Commodore Jeff was in his element as he introduced the annual LMVYC fleet racing recipients and outgoing race chair Rod Simenz presented the trophies.

After all the racing trophies were awarded, Jeff announced there was one more trophy to present. The board had chosen the first member to be honored with the Willi Hugelshofer Memorial Trophy.

The honor went to outgoing race chair Rod Simenz who was taken totally by surprise and accepted the award with gratitude to all who had helped him including S/Cs Frank Fournier and John Olson.

He paid tribute to the example the club's beloved Willi Hugelshofer had set. Then to Rod's and everyone else's surprise the club juniors, at least fifteen of them, formed a line at the microphone to offer a sentence or two of gratitude to Rod for what he had taught them and helped them to accomplish. Rod, totally overcome by now, stood to thank them and then the whole room jumped to their feet to give Rod a standing ovation!

Then the program continued. Commodore Jeff next thanked his board for their work in 2015 and surprised



A Class winners Guy Heaton (right) and Mark Glackin (left) with SC Jeff Murdy and Fleet Captain Rod Simenz



SC Jeff Murdy with B fleet winners Christian Davoodian, Commodore Frank Roberts and Jeff Buckman



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The program continued as Commodore Jeff thanked his board for their work in 2015 and surprised them with departing gifts. Commodore Frank Roberts then presented Jeff with the club's gift for his service to the club. Rounds of applause for Jeff followed. We'll remember his sense of humor, his kindness, understanding and diplomacy with the crises, big and small, that inevitably arise for every commodore during their tenure.



Jr. Sailors honoring Rod Simenz at the awards dinner

With Commodore Frank at the microphone, the installation of club officers for 2016 and the final highlight of the evening began. Frank was excited to lead the club again and promised another good year for members with lots of sailing and social activities knowing that all members would pitch in to help make this happen. He introduced the club officers for 2016 and then invited bylaws committee member S/C Tony Musolino to come forward to conduct the swearing in ceremony. All officers were asked by Tony to solemnly affirm they would uphold the bylaws and honor the traditions of the club and having done so were presented with the insignia of their rank; three gold stars indicate a commodore gold star, two a vice commodore, one a rear commodore. A staff commodore wears three silver stars. Duly installed, the officers and board members were given a rousing cheer and this grand evening came to a conclusion with warm farewells, good fellowship and camaraderie abounding, and many promises to return to the scene for more good food with friends and families. More members than ever before attended the Awards and Installation Dinner this year and we hope to see even more members participate next year.



The Willi Hugelshofer Memorial Trophy Awarded at Annual Dinner

At the Annual Dinner in January S/C Jeff Murdy and the 2015 board of officers voted to award this special recognition trophy outgoing race chair Rod Simenz. Here is a recap of Jeff's presentation.

There is one more very special trophy to be awarded tonight. This trophy was established to be awarded on rare occasions for outstanding service and achievement in yacht club activities by a member. The deed of gift takes into consideration the years of service, involvement, execution and performance encompassing the traits of volunteerism, leadership, and sportsmanship. It was the culmination of these traits that depicted the outstanding involvement and character of LMVYC's beloved sailor and Treasurer Willi Hugelshofer, who passed away in 2014, and which led to the establishment of this award.



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The recipient of this trophy tonight has been a member since 1996 joining the club with a stellar sailing background having won, among many other sailing trophies, the Cal 25 National Championship in 1971 as Skipper and then as the tactician and crew on the winning Cal 25 National Championship again in 1977. Since joining the club, he won a second place in the North American C-15 Championship in Long Beach in 2000, and several fleet championships here at the lake including the Lido Fleet Championship, the Top Skipper Championship, and in 2006 the Wayfarer Fleet Championship.

He served as Hospitality Chair in 1998, Newsletter Editor 1999 and 2000, and Race Chair in 2001, 2, and 3. In 2005, he chaired Southern California Yachting Association's prestigious Midwinter Regatta and in 2006 was elected a Director by the Southern California Yachting Assoc. In 2006, he returned as our Race Chair until retiring from that position at the end of last year for a total of 13 years as race chair.

As Race Chair he started handicapping the different classes of boats who frequently race in the same fleet using the Portsmouth rating for small boats. For the first time, we raced with official handicaps and started timing the boats as they finished. This leveled the playing field so the biggest boat didn't always automatically win.

But perhaps his greatest contribution to our club has been his drive and untiring efforts to enrich the club with a thriving successful junior program. For almost nine years now he has reached out to young aspiring Mission Viejo sailors, patiently teaching them the rudiments of sailing and as their skills improved introducing them to competitive racing. For three or four afternoons every week, eleven months of the year, he's out on the lake with some juniors, practicing and coaching. And this means not only learning about racing rules and tactics, but about sportsmanship – with a Corinthian attitude, about team spirit, about respecting fellow sailors and other boats, and what fun it all can be. Turns out they didn't need to be taught that last part!

He has coaxed the club and the lake association into providing needed boats, dollies, trailers and other equipment so his juniors could compete at other venues. They've been competing – and winning – in Newport, Dana Point, and Mission Bay. One of his first students was accepted to Stanford Sailing team. Others have gone on to coach at other yacht clubs. Two years ago he founded the Mission Viejo Youth Sailing Foundation to aid in fund raising for his beloved Junior Program.

The Board of Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club is pleased to present for the first time the WILLI HUGELSHOFER MEMORIAL TROPHY to Rod Simenz.



Sussanne Huugeshoffer with recipient Rod Simenz

Junior Program Activities

Lido Isle Yacht Club Holiday Cup, December 13, 2015

Cheyenne Stegall and Kate Spencer decided to finish out the 2015 sailing season by competing in the LIYC Holiday Regatta. So we trailered the club's CFJ to LIYC, launched it at their storage yard dock, and all went very smoothly. Cheyenne was the skipper and Kate the crew. They enjoyed a nice breeze for all the races and handled the boat like pros. They ended up in fourth place which wasn't bad considering they were the





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youngest team and had sails that were about twenty five years old. Boat speed of the our club's CFJs will get a boost from the new sets of racing sails we now have thanks to support of the junior program by LMVA.

Lido Isle Yacht Club Mid-winter Tune Up Regatta January 24, 2016

The 2016 racing season got off to a good start with some of our junior sailors competing in the informal racing at our club's tune-up regatta at the lake and others traveling to Newport Harbor for the LIYC Midwinter Tune-Up. Jaden Talay and Ezugo Ononye represented our club at LIYC and both did very well.



Jaden sailed five races in the Sabot class that had an early 11 a.m. first start and enjoyed the best winds of the day. She placed fifth overall with finishes that included a second and a very well sailed first place in the last race. (see photo of Jaden, 8096 in the lead at the weather mark) Congratulations to Ezugo for winning the Tera class in a boat furnished by the American Legion Yacht Club. He won the first race with a monstrous lead, then got a poor start in the next race and found himself far behind in last place rounding the leeward mark, but on a short leg to the finish line he managed to overtake boats to climb into second. He finished the day with another second plus a win in the last race. (see photos of Ezugo with inside overlap at leeward mark and receiving trophy from Vice Commodore Tim Fernandez)



Junior Party, December 28

The juniors had a year end get together to watch a sailing feature film, "Wind" and then shared and critiqued some highlights and low lights of their 2013 to 2015 sailing seasons as captured in photos taken by Donna Stegall. Most of the junior sailing team members were there and they enjoyed pizza, cake and ice cream that accompanied the movie and photo show.

Rod Simenz





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LMVYC Staffs Border Run R/C



Photo courtesy of JoySailing.com

Since its inception 8 years ago, LMVYC members have teamed up with South Shore Yacht Club to assist with the operations of the Border Run Regatta every year. This year over 50 racers started off of Balboa pier on the short course to Dana Point or the long course to San Diego. Tony Musolino, Ron Meyer and Peter Tietz worked to get the racers started on their way south. The winds for the start were favorable for the sailors with the fast boats making it down to Dana Point in a little over 3 hours. Those who went on to San Diego ended up spending a long cold night on the ocean. Even the Mighty Merloe a 60' trimaran with a rating of -197 took over 14 hours to finish. In all, only 5 boats made it to San Diego before the 14:00 cutoff. But for those of us on the committee boat it was a great day out on the water and a chance to spend time with like-minded sailors and watch the start up close.

If you are interested in helping out on one of the sailing events, let Peter Tietz know and he will assist in finding you a spot. The next

major event is the annual running of the Newport to Ensenada Regatta April 22nd and our members have had a strong contingent of volunteers for many years.

52nd Annual Congressional Cup

World-class match racing comes to Southern California on April 6 to 10, with the 52nd Congressional Cup regatta, founded and hosted by Long Beach Yacht Club (LBYC). This rare opportunity to view the world's top ranked skippers, in heated competition, is entirely free to the public. "Whether you're a racer looking to improve your game, or an armchair sailor just out for an afternoon of entertainment – the Congressional Cup is for you," says Chairman Camille Daniels. "Our live commentators explain the ins and outs of match racing and tactics," continues Daniels; while spectators also enjoy music and entertainment, refreshments, shaded bleachers, and an enthusiastic crowd

of fellow boaters from far and wide. Races are held directly off the Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier, and begin at roughly 11:30AM April 6 to April 10.

In match racing, competing teams race two at a time in identical boats, making each match a test of pure strategy and skill. Skippers try 'any trick in the book' to outwit their opponents on the water, while on-the-water umpires hover nearby, to ensure fair play. And the event is pure excitement, as contenders race so close to the pier, viewers can practically reach out and touch the sails!





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The Congressional Cup features five days of yacht racing at its finest, with the world's top WORLD SAILING-ranked skippers vying for the esteemed Crimson Blazer – an honor bestowed to sailing icons like Dennis Conner, Dean Barker, Ken Read, and Ted Turner. View Congressional Cup racing at the Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier, located at 15 39th Place in Long Beach, CA. Parking and facilities are available. To find out more about the event check out www.thecongressionalcup.com. Parking passes are available on the website also. We hope to put a group together to go view the event ,so watch for further information in your email.

Opening Day



The century old rituals of Opening Day persist even here in southern California where the yachting season never ends. Without an opening day, it really would not be a yacht club. Our club will be holding the ceremonies on Sunday March 20. Invitations to the dignitaries have been mailed and now is the time for action on the part of our members. We will need lots of volunteers to set up, bring food, help with the service ,and assist with the cleanup. S/C Jeff Murdy is coordinating the event and an e-mail has been sent out asking for assistance.



As in previous years ,the event will be held in the LMVA Main Club house with registration starting at 10:30. The ceremonies start at 11:30 with the Commodores Brunch following. The Opening Day Regatta will start at about 13:30 and be the first race in the 2016 Championship Series.



Daylight Saving Time = Night Sailing



On Sunday March 13th the clocks are moving an hour ahead signaling the start of the Wednesday evening sailing season. This is a great time to hone your sailing skills, learn from the veterans ,and sail some different types of boats. You can use your own boat, one of the Club boats ,or one of the Lake Rental fleet boats (free to club members on Wednesday evenings) The informal racing starts at about 5:00 and finishes in time for pizza at Roundtable at 7:00.



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MidWinter Regatta



For 2 weekends in February, 26 yacht clubs around the southland hosted the 87th running of the SCYA MidWinter regatta. Over 600 boats and 1500 sailors participated. Through the years some of the area's best sailors have participated in what is believed to be the largest regatta of its kind in the United States. But the MidWinter regatta is not just for the rock stars of sailing, but open to almost everyone with a boat. There is a place to race for every type of boat from day sailors, to Farr 40's, to Sabots. There are even venues for remote controlled model boats and a predicted log course for power boaters.

LMVYC was the host to 17 boats racing in 3 classes. In the Portsmouth A class, Horst Weiler along with crew Graham Newman scored first place with Mark Glackin and Connor Glackin in second. In the B Class, Rear Commodore Emmet Rixford and Vicki Rixford were tied for First Place with Commodore Frank Roberts. The tie breaker was won by Emmet. In the Sabot class, Jaden Talay won first place with 4 bullets out of 5 races.

This regatta is a major fund raiser for the Southern California Yachting Association and is critical in running the activities of the organization. SCYA's mission is to provide the support and promotion of

amateur, recreational, and pleasure boating in southern California and Arizona. SCYA offers member yacht clubs and their members an organization to foster local, regional, and national competition, coordinate race schedules, activities, and regattas, as well as conduct training and education on race management and safety at sea. This regatta is a major fund raiser and is critical in running the activities of the organization. SCYA thanks the members of LMVYC who came out to support this event.

- The- Sweet Life ON DECK

Article from Santa Margarita High School's local newspaper - The Eagle Eye.

The Murdy twins embark on unusual sailing adventures together.

By Camille Manese & Claire Robidoux, Staff Writers

Nearly capsizing the boat on their first sailing experience wasn't exactly what juniors Ali and Bella Murdy had in mind when their father took them out on Lake Mission Viejo. The day ended with the lifeguards towing in the 11-year-olds' sailboat as they called for their slightly embarrassed father. However, this experience wasn't enough to stop the twins' interest in the sport that nearly cost them their lives.

After this close call, their mother realized it was about time the girls learned to sail properly and set them up with coach Rod Simenz at Lake Mission Viejo.

"I was very scared to go to practice," Ali said. "I would tell my mom I was sick or had too much homework to do. I would use any excuse I could think of, but my mom made me go to practice. It was a lot of fun and I knew I



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wanted to keep sailing.” Simenz had coached a senior who went on to sail at Stanford and was in search of new prodigies. “Rod was looking for new juniors and we were looking for a teacher,” Bella said. “He is an incredibly successful and well-respected man who dedicates his time to share his love of sailing.”

Over the past six years, the twins’ sailing career has made the Mission Viejo Yacht Club widely known around Southern California. What began as a team of the twins and fellow sailor Tyler Peyatt grew into a team of 25 sailors. Not only has Simenz seen the team blossom, but he has also recognized the success that Ali and Bella have experienced.



Hiking the boat - Juniors Ali and Bella Murdy lean their bodies against the wind to avoid capsizing the boat in Newport Beach.

“They’ve become very accomplished sailors starting from no knowledge,” Simenz said. “They have been instrumental to bring others in [while] also [building] their own skill.”

Competence and loyalty are not only qualities that the twins bring to the table. They shine as responsible young ladies with integrity. During a competition in Dana Point, Simenz noticed the lack of modesty among many of the competitors. However, when he turned to watch Ali and Bella, he saw opposite characteristics.

“[Ali and Bella] are just good kids,” Simenz said. “They obey the rules and always show amazing sportsmanship.”

The twins have matured not only as sailors, but also as individuals. Sailing has allowed them to escape the realities of high school and take a mental breather.

“It’s a sport that has always been an outlet for me, [an activity during which] I can forget about everything else and just focus on sailing the boat,” Bella said. “It’s refreshing to be able to utilize the wind — something so elusive and strong — to sail around and feel free on the water”.

But sailing isn’t just about enjoying the serene atmosphere. The twins have faced complications along the way. When Ali was competing in the Dutch Shoe Race in San Diego, her rudder (essentially, the steering wheel) broke at the beginning of the race. She had no way of moving the boat and panicked. However, with a little help from her coach, she was able to continue and complete the race.

“I just wanted to finish it,” Ali said. “At the end of the race, we had to sail through the Coronado Bridge. After I went under the bridge, I was really glad because there were times during the race where I just wanted to get out of the boat and leave. Finishing the race made me feel pretty accomplished.”



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Twin Telepathy - Juniors Ali and Bella Murdy

The twins' strong bond has helped them conquer all the challenges they have faced and will face in the future.

"Sailing as a team helps us work together and we really enjoy it," Ali said. "I know we will continue to sail through our lives".

Though they may not live on a luxury passenger cruise liner like Zack and Cody, Ali and Bella still have a pretty sweet life on deck.

Boatless in the OC

If you love being on the water but are without a boat, or you want to get out in different boats, or you don't have much experience but want to learn, there are lots of opportunities to get on the water. The Club has a number of boats that are available for members use. If you also want to sail in the ocean or Newport harbor, there are a lot of opportunities available. For example, there are many skippers that do not go out because they can not find crew and the crewing opportunities are plentiful. If this is your desire, let some of the senior members of the yacht club know and they will assist you in finding a ride on some great vessels. There is friendly racing every Thursday afternoon out of Dana Point known as the Farkles. A half dozen members regularly race in this regatta and know skippers who are actively looking for crew. This is a great way to learn in a fun non-competitive environment. If you are interested in racing more competitively, there are also options at night to take part in the beer can races or weekend regattas out of Dana Point. The club also has a number of members who are involved with sailing in Newport Harbor. If this is something you are interested in please contact Peter Tietz 619-757-3915 and he will try to set you up with a ride.

News Letter

This news letter is intended to keep you informed on events that may be of interest to LMVYC members. If you have anything that you wish to share or find interesting, please forward it to the newsletter chair Peter Tietz at HPTietz@live.com and I will try to get it in for publication. The articles do not have to be sailing orientated, but should be of interest to the membership.

You can also submit anything for the ad section that may be relevant to the membership. This publication is scheduled to go out 4 times a year. The due dates for providing information are May 29, September 4, and November 20. We look forward to your submissions.



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Classified Ads

For sale

1970 Olympic Class Finn and Zeiman Trailer

Olympic Class Finn with spars used in 1972 Olympics for sale!
 Fresh paint, new control lines & racing cleats, three sails including
 VICTORY racing sail. Ready for racing! Make offer!
 Randy.tiffany@cox.net (949)830-3577



CREWING OPORTUNITY

LMVYC member is looking for crew to sail in "Farkle" races held
 each Thursday from 1 until 5 ("ish") in Dana Point aboard a 30' Catalina. No experience necessary—will train in all
 aspects of racing. Good physical health required. Contact Jack Houston at: vbcoachjack@gmail.com.

LMVYC Gear

Hey LMVYC members - the club store has replenished its inventory. Below is a list of the items currently in stock. Wear our
 colors proudly this season while helping support LMVYC programs.

Item Description	On Hand	Sales Price
LMVYC Burgee Decal	36	\$2.00
LMVYC Burgees	25	\$22.00
LMVYC Hats - Denim	25	\$10.00
100% Silk Scarf	9	\$27.00
100% Silk Tie	5	\$25.00
2015 Annual Regatta T-shirt Men's Long Sleeve (Large)	1	\$17.00
2015 Annual Regatta T-shirt Men's Short Sleeve (Large)	1	\$15.00

Membership in Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

Membership is open to all members of the Lake Mission Viejo Association. A membership application along with
 dues information can be found at LMVYC.org . Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club conducts monthly regattas
 throughout the year. Other sailing opportunities include informal pick-up regattas on Wednesday evenings fol-
 lowed by gatherings at Round Table pizza ,and summer raft ups with a BYO BBQ in July and August.

No Boat? No Problem. LMVYC has Sabots, Balboa 13's and Expo 14.2 boats available for your sailing pleasure.
 Free lessons are also available by appointment throughout the summer.

In the true sense of Corinthian sailing, our goal at LMVYC is to promote sailing, to exchange good fellowship
 ,and to introduce non-boat owning sailors ,young and old ,to the sport of sailing. Share this news & invitation to
 join LMVYC with a friend.