



THE MAIN SHEET

LAKE MISSION VIEJO YACHT CLUB

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Welcome to the Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club and the 2022 sailing season. For starters, let me say that it is an honor and privilege to serve as your Commodore this year. I would like to recognize our 2021 Commodore Guy Heaton for having done such an outstanding job this past year. Thank you, Junior Staff Commodore Heaton! I would also like to thank all the other board members, appointees and volunteers who did, and do, such an excellent job making our club click so well.

This year began with a bit of déjà vu of 2021 when it became apparent that we would need to cancel our Installation and Awards Dinner at the Tijeras Creek Golf Club. We were, however, able to pull off our Tune Up Regatta in January and there were smiling sailors and our typical Lake Mission Viejo breezes. Good times and enthusiasm were the order of the day.

While the Installation and Awards event was cancelled, the awards ceremony has not been. After the Midwinter Regatta, which is February 27 and the first regatta of the Club Championship Spring Series, the awards and trophies for 2021 will be presented. And there are many.

Mark Your Calendars!

- Feb 27 Midwinter Regatta
- Mar 16 Wed Night Sailing formally begins
- Mar 27 Opening Day & Regatta
- Apr 24 Spring Regatta
- May 15 Spring Regatta 2
- Note: Social gatherings before and after these events are subject to LMVA Guidelines.

Adam Vart is our new Race Chair, relieving Guy Heaton of the task he did so well for numerous years, and Adam has an active slate of regattas on the schedule. Our Opening Day Ceremonies, Commodore's Brunch and Opening Day Regatta is March 27, so be sure you're on board for that special day.

As strange as last year was, we still had plenty of fun and a lot of great sailing. Let's make 2022 an even better year with spirited sailing and welcome camaraderie.

Fair Winds,

Scott W. Pursell

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Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

2022 Regatta Schedule



Tune Up Regatta	Sunday	January 23rd
Midwinter Regatta *	Sunday	February 27th
Wednesday Night Sailing Begins	Wednesday	March 16th
Opening Day Regatta *	Sunday	March 27th
Spring Regatta *	Sunday	April 24th
Spring II Regatta *	Sunday	May 15th
Friday Night Sail & BBQ Begins	Friday	June 24th
Summer Regatta **	Sunday	June 26th
Team Challenge Regatta	Sunday	July 17th
45th Annual Regatta**	Sunday	August 28th
Friday Night Sail & BBQ Ends	Friday	August 24th
Fall Regatta**	Sunday	September 25th
Junior Regatta	Sunday	October 9th
Top Skipper Regatta	Sunday	October 16th
Wednesday Night Sailing Ends	Wednesday	November 2nd
Turkey Regatta**	Sunday	November 13th
* Club Championship Spring Series Regattas		
** Club Championship Fall Series Regattas		

Junior Sailing Program Support

Rod Simenz



Junior Commodore Maverick Trudell racing the club's newest Laser

The 2021 Annual fund raiser for the club's junior program was another huge success. The Mission Viejo Youth Sailing Foundation is very grateful to the many members of LMVYC for their generous donations totaling \$2,120. These funds are a major source of revenue for the foundation and are used to support and promote competitive sailing for boys and girls ages 8 to 18.

From the humble beginning of one Sabot years ago, the fleet of boats available to the juniors today totals 17 and includes

four different dinghy classes. The boats are all well equipped for training and practice. Of these boats, four Sabots, two CFJs and two Lasers are newer hulls and have new racing sails that provide our juniors with competitive boats to race at Southern California yacht club regattas as well as the Junior Olympics and class championships. The juniors are looking forward to a productive, fun filled sailing season and are very appreciative of the Club and Foundation's support that make it possible.

Problem Solved!

Rod Simenz

Storage of the junior sailor's Sabot masts has been a problem for many years. Note the disarray in the accompanying picture.



So, Port Captain Graham Newman as construction boss with help from Frank Fournier and myself fabricated a new rack system with aluminum angles and all thread rods. Turned out plenty stout and should provide good storage for a long time.



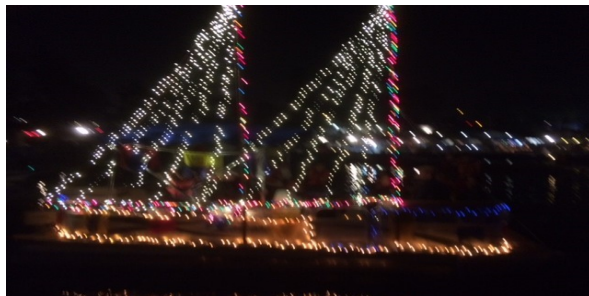
Graham Newman and Frank Fournier fabricating a new rack system.



Organized and ready for duty

Juniors' Christmas Project

Rod Simenz



Junior sailors' boat underway

It's now a 10 year tradition that the Club's junior sailors decorate boats as part of the Lake's Holiday boat parade. Some years they decorated Sabots that stayed on shore, a few times it was a Sabot towed behind an electric boat, other times a party boat.

In 2021 moms, dads, and juniors turned out to decorate a party boat. The idea was to depict two Sabots racing each other on the side of the boat. Junior Commodore Vivian Ikeda and 2020 Junior Commodore, Nicole Sighiartau took charge of one group of kids and decorated the party boat hull with nautical flags and colored lights. Meanwhile Geoffrey Jawidzik and Laurent Hendrichs, with help from a few other kids, used two Sabot masts and booms decorated with strings of lights to cre-



The junior team pulling together

ate the racing Sabots. The tricky part was attaching the mast and booms to the party boat secure enough to withstand the rocking when underway. Duct tape and bailing wire did the job. When it came time to join the parade, juniors filled the boat to capacity. Deagan Willis provided live violin music on the boat. A great time was had by all.



Under assembly in her daytime glory

Creating the Christmas Schooner

By Frank Roberts

If you have been to the Boat Parade, you no doubt have seen the Christmas Schooner leading it. This schooner starts out that morning as a humble workhorse bio boat that makes its way around the lake picking up debris, branches, dead fish and other items that litter the lake. It's hard to believe that once a year, the little bio boat that could, turns into a Christmas Cinderella that outshines most every boat on the lake.

Now learning how the schooner is built is likened to the Elders sitting around the campfire telling the tribe its history. There is not much written, just a few pictograms and memories of the Elders. One such El-



der, S/C Randy Tiffany is, who I refer to as, the Boat Whisperer. Randy remembers the way it goes

together in detail. And seeing as we had not built it since 2019, his memory really helped in the build which can be somewhat confusing.

After getting the materials down from our store room, we started to work. First we attached the two masts to the boat. After the masts we installed the PVC framework around the bio boat which gave the rather dumpy (sorry Cinderella) bio boat an elegant outline of an old wooden schooner. Then on went the lights.



Randy Tiffany , in red to left, pondering the parts puzzle.



Setting the forward mast

Christmas Schooner, continued

The lights present a challenge, especially hoisting them to the top of the two masts. Once in place, they are connected to the inverters and tested. Then the icicle lights are installed around the lower framework and connected to the inverters.

The entire lighting system is checked and then turned off, waiting for the parade. After the sun sets and the club members have enjoyed refreshments and appetizers, we have some special guests board the schooner which is then captained by the current Commodore. Commodore Guy Heaton had the honor, so the lights were turned on and the schooner took its rightful place in front of the parade.

This recent parade had, I believe, over forty entries so the line was long! Parade boats

wound around the lake and onlookers I am sure wondered how we managed to get such a big ship on the lake. Little did they know that after the clock struck midnight, the schooner would turn back into the bio boat and no one would be the wiser.

So next time you see the lowly bio boat, don't forget that even though it spends most of its days toiling in obscurity, every December it changes back into the Christmas Schooner and leads the parade of lights around the lake.

Thanks to the Schooner Elves, Randy Tiffany, Spencer Dworkin, Frank Fournier, Kevin Weir, Arnold Christensen, Scott Pursell, Adam Vart and Bill Yount.



2022 Schooner Elves

Re-Striping My 14.2

S/C Frank Roberts



My C14.2 was looking a little tired after 20 years of battling on Lake Mission Viejo. And that was just with the docks! The decorative striping was worn off at the high point and in tatters most everywhere else. I found some new stripe decal on the Catalina Direct website and thought it would be a nice project to replace the worn out stuff with new.

First off I needed to get the original stripes off. I pondered several ways of doing it and was talking to P/C Graham Newman when he suggested just using a scraping blade. We tried a few inches and it worked perfectly. I ordered the replacement stripes immediately.

One morning I went over to the boat and started taking the old stuff off. It went very

easily with the blade and some Goof Off remover to take off the rest of the sticky glue

underneath. After I got both sides clean, Graham and S/C Frank Fournier came over to help me install the new stripes.

The new tape came with two stripes, one blue and one silver, on one roll. This made it easy to lay down parallel lines. It was definitely a multiple person job with me smoothing the lines with a plastic spreader, Graham following the masking tape markers to make sure it was straight and Frank handling the peel off part. After a few hours we finished the job and what a difference it made in the boat.

Now I am sure it is much faster and will point higher for a long time to come.



Newly Installed Burgees AT LMVYC

Graham Newman



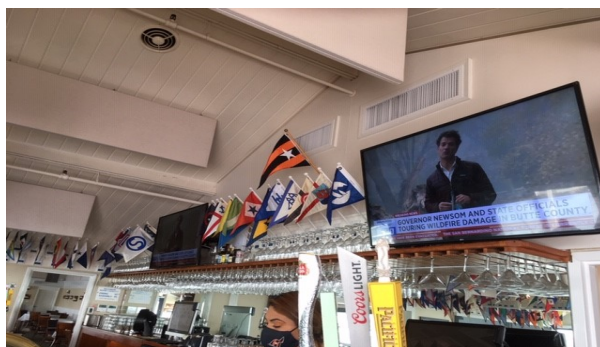
Kwajalein Yacht Club on left; Saint Lucia Yacht Club, right



Klamath Yacht Club

LMVYC Burgee Honored At BYC

S/C Audrey Simenz



LMVYC burgee to the left of the television.

Balboa Yacht Club displays yacht club burgees from hundreds of clubs all around their Burgee Bar ceiling and on rafters across the ceiling. But they have a special area behind the bar reserved for honoring only local yacht clubs. Recently our LMVYC burgee was moved to a new position to join this special group.

2022 Tune-Up Regatta

S/C Kevin Weir



A Fleet

The 2022 Tune Up Regatta welcomed sailors to 2022. This year also saw newly installed Race Chair, Adam Vart's, first event. It was an awesome day.

Staff Commodore and former Race Chair Guy Heaton introduced Adam at the skipper's meeting. Incidentally, many thanks are due to Guy for donating his time, talent, and treasure over the years.

Although the number of racers was smaller than in some years, there were competitive sailors in three classes. Three boats raced in each class. Adam's goal was to get in more than the usual three races using relatively short courses.

The wind gods blessed us with light to moderate winds at the start.



Race Committee

Tune-Up Regatta, continued



C Fleet

As the afternoon progressed, so did the wind. By the fourth race, the wind was “interesting”. Two C class laser sailors retired to the East Beach dock to take a break. The balance of the fleet soon followed. The wind continued to build. After waiting for everyone to enjoy their break, Adam called the race and the Mark Set boat went about cleaning up the course.

“Fantastic to see everyone out there fine tuning their starts and mark roundings ready for the start of the Spring Series on February 27”, said Adam. “Although it was cut slightly short due to the blustery conditions, I’d like to give a huge thanks to everyone on the Committee Boat and Mark Set Boat who made the regatta a great success.”



B Fleet: Cheyenne Stegall



B Fleet: Frank Roberts and Graham Newman

Winter Wednesdays

S/C Kevin Weir

Wednesday Night Racing doesn't formally begin until March 16, but a group of retired and semi-retired sailors are keeping this alive during winter. Emmet Rixford, Graham Newman, Frank Roberts, Randy Tiffany, and I adapt by meeting at the dock earlier in the afternoon than the Daylight savings time schedule allows. It is not without challenges, though. December saw rainy conditions and January was feast or famine; generally with either too little or too much wind.

The accompanying photos were taken on one of the windless afternoons. Sailors met and gathered in the boat yard waiting for the wind to pick up. It did not. While enjoying each other's company, we noticed that Arnold Christensen's Thistle, Leaky Tiki, had collected water in its cover during December. Graham bailed it out.



Wednesday February 9 was one of the windy days. With Santa Ana winds behind them, three 14.2s sailed downwind to the more open waters of the lake. Graham caught the wind from hell at the dam, tacking back up the lake to the dock with sails luffing. As I sailed downwind, I felt the boat rise up in the water while wing and wing. As I looked to my left, I saw Frank Roberts recovering from a round up, only to have his main sheet tangle in his tiller and force him into a parked boat. After observing the windy carnage, I knew that there was no racing to be had.

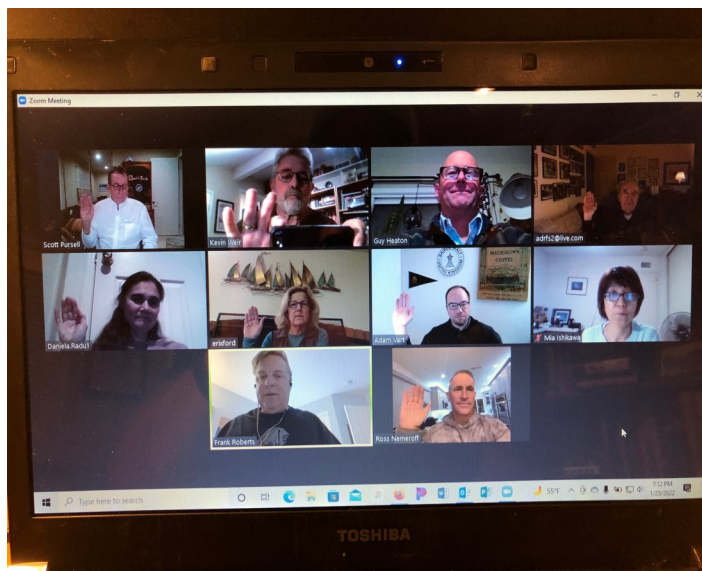
I eased everything to maintain control on my way home. It was not enough. I rounded up twice on the return trip – the second time unable to completely release the jib sheet. Nothing like looking at water on the gunnel in those conditions! All three of us managed to make it in after rounding up.

Randy Tiffany, in his Lido, left the dock, then thought better of it and returned. Emmett Rixford later sailed his Mercury nearby avoiding the worst. He then sailed further down the lake where he took on water before returning.

Winter has been generally "either/or" on the lake but that's sailing. As usual, several of us continue to walk around the lake in the evening, then to pizza.

Swearing In 2022 Officers

S/C Kevin Weir



Jan 25 Zoom swearing in with Scott Pursell, Guy Heaton, Rod Simenz, Daniela Radu, Vicki Rixford, Adam Vart, Mia Ishikawa, Frank Roberts, and Ross Nemeroff.

As we all know, COVID 19 has had profound impact upon our lives. The virus touched our club most profoundly when we lost a treasured friend, Will Chong.

With the Omicron variant at its peak, your board decided to forgo the annual Awards and Installation Dinner. That being said, our by-laws required that the elected officers be installed by the end of January. And there are recognitions and awards to be presented from last year.

So we adapted once again. By Laws Chair Frank Roberts swore in 2022 officers on January 25 via Zoom. Two officers who missed the Zoom swear-in agreed to their oaths the following night at Wednesday pizza.

As Commodore Pursell noted, the Awards Ceremony for 2021 achievements will follow the February Mid-Winter Regatta on February 27th.



Frank Roberts swearing in Arnold Christensen and Graham Newman on January 26.



Sincere thanks are extended to: Commodore Pursell, S/C Frank Roberts, Rod Simenz, S/C Audrey Simenz, Graham Newman, and Adam Vart, for their contributions to this issue.

Thanks are also due to Club Photographer Donna Stegall for her excellent regatta images.

S/C Kevin Weir, 2022 Newsletter Chair

