



THE MAIN SHEET

From The Bridge



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Half Speed Ahead!! As we anticipate the reopening of Lake Mission Viejo, we can all look forward to being on the water again and shaping our sails to capture the wind. While our society has felt the need to take strong steps to slow the spread of this invasive virus, we have all as individuals experienced the frustration of changes to many phases of our everyday lives.

We all face continued challenges as we experience the “return to the new normal.” The pace of this return will not always be ours to determine. We will have to set our sails as the wind permits. Private boats will return to the lake first, followed by rental boats at a later date. Full regattas will hopefully return by autumn. The Lake Mission Viejo Board and Management has barred social gatherings at the lake, both inside and outside for the foreseeable future. “Bacon Deli” and “Roundtable”, are still at the mercy of our State leaders. Our Wednesday and Friday outings are like music to our ears, as is a big celebration of us all getting together again safely.

The good news is that we have heard of no illnesses during this time and we are all thankful for that. We should all continue to practice the disciplines that have gotten us this far as we return to sailing and enjoying one another’s company. It will not be completely over for some time but we will make it through this together. Check on one another. Give each other a call or a text message just to stay in touch. I have enjoyed our monthly staff meetings on Zoom just because we get a glance of our friends who share our love of sailing.

We hope to see all of you soon, and we wish all of you good winds as we head back to the water!

Randy Tisdale

LMVYC Commodore 2020

Mark Your Calendars!

- May 17 – Tune-Up
- June 14 – Summer Regatta
- July 19 – Team Challenge Regatta
- August 16 – 43rd Annual Regatta

- Note: Social gatherings before and after these events are subject to LMVA Guidelines.

Association Guidelines During Boating Re-Opening

Applies to All Members - Adults and Juniors

Source: Jim Turner, Aquatics Director, LMVA

1. **Lake Mission Viejo opens on Friday, May 15th** for private boating and watercraft use only.
Social events and group gatherings are not currently permitted.
2. **The daily attendance cap is 500 LMV members, including sailors.**
The North Beach gate will close for the day when the 500 head count is met.
No additional members are allowed into the park after 500 members have entered.
3. **No GUESTS** of members are permitted for the immediate future.
4. **The LMVA rental fleet is closed** - no vessels may be rented or checked-out.
5. **All boats must be currently registered**, with proof of insurance on file, to launch on the lake.
The Membership office opens May 15th to assist boaters. Call 770-1313 ext. 211 for information.
6. **North Beach sand and grass areas open to very 'limited' attendance beginning May 26.**
All **meeting rooms** are closed indefinitely.
Social distancing is expected, especially with employees.
Use of **face masks** on the docks is strongly recommended
7. **ONLY members actively boating, or checking their boat, are permitted at North Beach thru May 25**
No loitering. Boaters are encouraged to launch, rig their boat, and leave the dock.
Members will be asked to leave if they are not preparing to launch/land their boat.
8. **Boaters may not congregate in groups onshore**; social distancing is expected.

Boating Guidelines, continued

9. **A Dock Attendant** is available to open the launch ramp gate, and tag and un-tag boats ONLY.

Please provide the Attendant and all employees social distancing.

10. **North Beach launch ramp restrooms are open.**

11. **East Beach is closed**, including the beach, grass, picnic tables and restrooms.

The dock is available for urgent boat repairs and issues: no gathering or loitering.

12. LMVA is **not enforcing single crew restrictions** on dinghy sailing.

13. **Upon landing, skippers are expected to trailer/store their boat** and leave North Beach promptly.

14. **The Maintenance Building is closed**, including all upstairs rooms.

15. The **Market Dock** gate is unlocked.

Market Dock is NOT open for Yacht Club competitor socializing; urgent repair work OK.

The Market Dock room is available to pick up and drop off **race equipment**.

Exercise social distancing, please.

ALL guidelines are subject to immediate change

Call with any questions

Editor's Note: Please see the emphasis on physical distancing.

COVID-19 Update

LMVA Facility Re-Opening Plans

Source: lakemissionviejo.org

We are pleased to announce that The Lake Mission Viejo Association Board of Directors has approved the following Re-Opening Plans:


Phase I: Re-open the facilities to all private boats and watercraft usage on May 15th. This includes all boats in storage on site or stored off site. All current rules and policies for watercraft registration, tagging, launching and usage apply. No Guests will be allowed at this time.

Phase II: The beach and park areas are planned to open on Tuesday, May 26th with a very limited occupancy to ensure Social Distancing and maintain proper hygienic practices. Due to the limited capacity, No Guests will be allowed at this time.

Additional Phases: Boat Rentals, Snack Bar, Clubhouse Rentals and Events will be addressed.

We have received questions regarding your membership dues. We are continuing to evaluate the financial ramifications as the year unfolds, as there are still many unknowns at this point. Your July semi-annual assessment will be billed at the current rate of \$127.00 per household. The Board of Directors acknowledges the current economic climate and will take this into consideration this Fall during the 2021 budget process.

These are unprecedented times and we hope that you and your families are safe. We know this has been a very frustrating time for everyone and we appreciate your patience and understanding. Be safe.



If there's one thing
that's certain in
business, it's
uncertainty.

Stephen Covey

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Social Isolation At Its Finest

Jeff Buchman

Social isolation at its finest: not a boat or person in sight. Stay safe my friends. Cheers!

April 2, 2020 on Angele, Beneteau 351, 4 miles out of Newport.



Single Handed Refuge

S/C Mark Glackin

Some may have noticed that in the past year or so, I have been unable to be as active in LMVYC as in the past. This year has been very hectic for me, leading up to the pandemic. Traveling almost weekly to the East Coast and returning to Mission Viejo from Dallas on March 19th, the California stay-at-home order was issued as I landed at John Wayne airport. Then, I isolated with one of my daughters at home for 18 days. The rest of my family was elsewhere.

On March 21st, the sea called to me. Exhausted from a marathon of months (actually years) planning for the launch of my company's first product, I needed rejuvenation. The lake was closed. Setting out by myself, I headed for Newport Beach. At BYC, I did not come



close to anyone as I traversed the parking lot and the docks and was able to keep 10 feet of separation from the shore boat operator as he took me to my mooring. My mainsail had been recently repaired. Not having any of my family or crew with me turned out to be an extra challenge. There was no doubt in my mind that I could handle the boat by myself. Unfortunately, the repair to the rope luff was right at the full batten hardware. This made it nearly impossible for me to get the luff through the feeder and into track on the mast and raise the main by myself. But I was not to be denied a sail.

Being on the ocean, single-handed on Campaign II, our C&C 34, was just the spiritual lift I needed. It was surreal knowing that the state, the country, the world was in an accelerating lock-down. Daydreaming about an extended, perhaps trans-Pacific blue water cruise, taking my family far from reality, I realized there may be nowhere to make land. How long could we stay at sea, where would we re-provision, what would the world be like if and when we could re-enter? Bringing my thoughts back from an apocalyptic, Planet-Of-The-Apes like doom, I focused on and enjoyed my solo hours on the ocean. There was one main regret, that I couldn't share the experience with any of you. Be safe, be well, ponder fair-weather sailing past and future.



**We can't direct the
wind, but we can
adjust the sails.**

Overcome and Adapt: The Leticia Pool Yacht Club

Bill Yount

While dealing with the pandemic, many of us are wishing and hoping that our wonderful Lake Mission Viejo would open again. Some of us also sail out of Dana Point Yacht Club and Dana West Yacht Clubs from Dana Point Harbor on Thirsty Thursdays, Beer Cans, series races, and from other yacht clubs up and down the coast.

I have been trying to retire for many years, but those pesky customers have other ideals. But this year finally I'm home more than not, which just makes this virus stuff just that much harder. I drive by almost every day to check out the wind coming across the lake, and just keep trying to find a way to GO SAILING AGAIN!



The Leticia Pool Yacht Club

My sweet daughter observed my depression about not sailing, and figured out a way to help me through this tough time we all have.

We officially formed LPYC which is Leticia Pool Yacht Club. I now am the commodore (which I swore I would never do).

She bought two motorized sail boats, made buoys and LPYC shirts for my birthday, but unfortunately both boats had the same frequency. So, we returned one of them.

So now we time our laps around the buoys, (Guy, sorry I'm Top skipper at this Yacht Club).

Stay healthy my friends, and we'll see you on the water soon!



Midwinters: SCYA and LMVYC

Rod Simenz

The article to the right is from the Lake Newsletter. It reports our club's first time hosting a SCYA Midwinter Regatta. The year was 2002, one year after we first joined SCYA and it was the beginning of significant support that the club has provided to SCYA since then.

For anyone unfamiliar with the Midwinter Regatta it is a major source of revenue for SCYA and draws about 600 boats that compete at 25 or more different venues. In 2003 I volunteered to be a vice chairman of the SCYA Midwinter regatta to learn the "ropes" and then ran the 2005 Midwinters. Morrie Willkie followed me and served three years on the SCYA Midwinter committee becoming Chairman in 2010. Similarly, Peter Tietz was a vice chair for two years and then chaired the 2014 SCYA Midwinter. All three of us became directors of SCYA.

After many years of popular SCYA Midwinter Regattas at the lake, the threat of quagga mussels came along and the lake had to institute a 30 day quagga mussel quarantine. That precluded competitors from other clubs bringing their boats to our lake which changed the nature of the event and eventually led to the ending of LMVYC's participation as a host of the SCYA Midwinter Regatta in 2018.

PS: Mark and Blair went to Florida to compete in the C 15 nationals. The first day there they sailed in high winds and a rough sea, winds up to 30 knots. It did not go well. They capsized and the boat sunk. Fortunately the boat sat on the bot-

Father/Daughter Team Wins SCYA Midwinter Regatta at LMV

Ten-year-old Blair Elliot sailed her boat into first place February 16 and 17, beating eight other C-15's in two days of highly competitive racing on the Lake in blustery, stormy winds. Her dad Mark was her crew for the five race series.

Blair demonstrated lots of skill for her years, skills she acquired and honed sailing and racing Sabots. Her parents were able to give her useful tips, too. Blair's dad Mark has won several North American sailing championships and her mother Allison Jolly won a gold medal in the 1988 Olympics' 470 class.

Southern California Yachting Association Fleet Captain Wallace Cook presented the impressive trophies to the winners. (See photo, right, with SCYA Fleet Captain Wallace Cook presenting the 1st place trophy to Blair and Mark Elliot.)

Captain Cook also presented a trophy to the Yacht Club honoring the first Midwinter Regatta on the Lake.

In the Portsmouth class ten boats competed, with Willi Hugelshofer sailing his Olympic class Finn to a first place overall. Willi, shown sailing in the adjacent photo, had

finishes of 3rd, 2nd, 1st, 1st, 3rd, in the five race regatta series. Other LMVYC winners were Horst Weiler with a 3rd place in the C-15 class and Doug Sheppard and Arnold Christensen winning 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Portsmouth class.



tom in only 30 feet of water. They were rescued and later Mark went back to the sunken boat where he dove down and with help raised the boat and brought it back to shore. He made some quick repairs and they sailed the rest of the championship series and came away with first place!

A Bit Of History: Opening Day Challenges

S/C Audrey Simenz

Well, our club has certainly made some history this year as we continually adapt the 2020 schedule to “the year of Covid 19”. Commodore Randy Tisdale is having a most unusual year, with no racing or social events since February, and no big Opening Day festivities in March.

Surprisingly Randy is not the first LMVYC commodore not to have the chance to host a formal ceremony. Why? Because there was none, until 2001. Here’s the story.

And just to clarify, a side note here. When the club was founded in 1978 the club year started in June and ended in May. Some years later, the start of the club year changed to January. Knowing this helps to decipher articles and schedules in some of the archived Newsletters on the website.

LMVYC from the start has had a Commodore’s Brunch, followed by a regatta to open the season. There was no formal Opening Day ceremony as we have now. Just lots of food served upstairs in the administration Board Room. I can still remember Vivienne Savage’s perfect poached salmon and the fantastic carved and decorated fruit salad made by Tara Robison. Afterwards we raced the first official regatta each year.

Joining SCYA changed that a bit. In March 2001, eager to follow the yacht club tradition of a commissioning or opening ceremony, Commodore Frank Fournier became the first commodore to have a real ceremony.

Early on, it was a very simple ceremony. Frank Fournier built our new, first ever, club flagpole, using an old sailboat mast, and entailing many hours of work, plus a lot of ingenuity. It is still in use. Together Frank and I rehearsed the Chapman proscribed order with the newly purchased flags. These included the American flag, and our location identification. Next came the officers’ flags, and finally the Club burgee.

At the first ceremony, standing out on the dock in front of the Clubroom, at the flagpole, I introduced the officers and their positions to the gathered members, who lined up along the rail below the clubroom.



Commodore



Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore



Jr. Staff Commodore

A Bit Of History, continued



Port Captain



Treasurer



Secretary

These were the flags we had then. We have since included others. Frank clipped each one on a halyard and hoisted them. It was a difficult job, as several had to be clipped or tied to another one, right there and then. It took too much time and provoked lots of laughter.

Then after a short welcoming speech and lots of cheers from the watching members, the new club burgee was raised on the pig stick - everyone holding their breath until it reached the top. We then adjourned upstairs to the clubroom for the Commodore's Brunch. One member asked if we were going to have to do this before every regatta. Thankfully, no!

Next year we did better and the flag problem was solved when we had the flag maker stitch them together as he had done for the LMV flags below, the ones that denote our location, so they could be hoisted together on their own halyard as they are now. See below:



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In 2002, realizing that standing around out by the flagpole was getting to be a problem, we moved the ceremony to the picnic area. Now with a podium and microphone set up in the "No Fishing" area and with seated guests in white chairs and at the picnic tables we were very proud of ourselves! Commodore Arnold Christensen became the first commodore to have a podium and a microphone. After the ceremony, we adjourned upstairs to the buffet.

By 2010 the Club House was built and Commodore Randy Tiffany got permission for us to use it for our Opening Day, where we celebrated every year – until this year.

In 2020 Jr. S/C Kevin Weir, and his committee had everything in order; Commodore Randy Tisdale was ready, the boy scouts all alerted, then literally just days before, everything had to be cancelled. It's small comfort to know that other clubs have all had to postpone or cancel too.

When the situation improves and it's safe, I know when we next get together it will be one BIG celebration.



A Blast To The Past

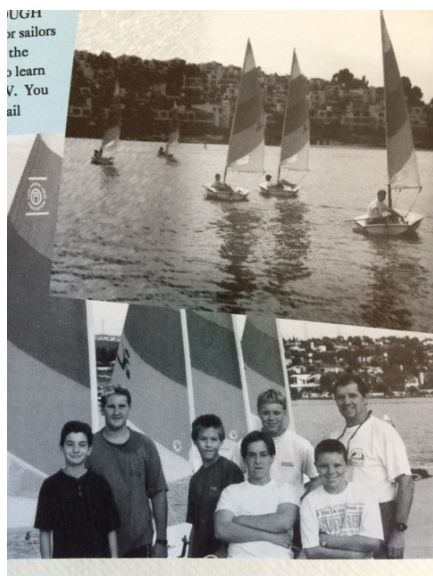
Graham Newman



1985 at Sail Bear.



Junior Sailing Instructor Horst Weiler and team. What great looking boats!

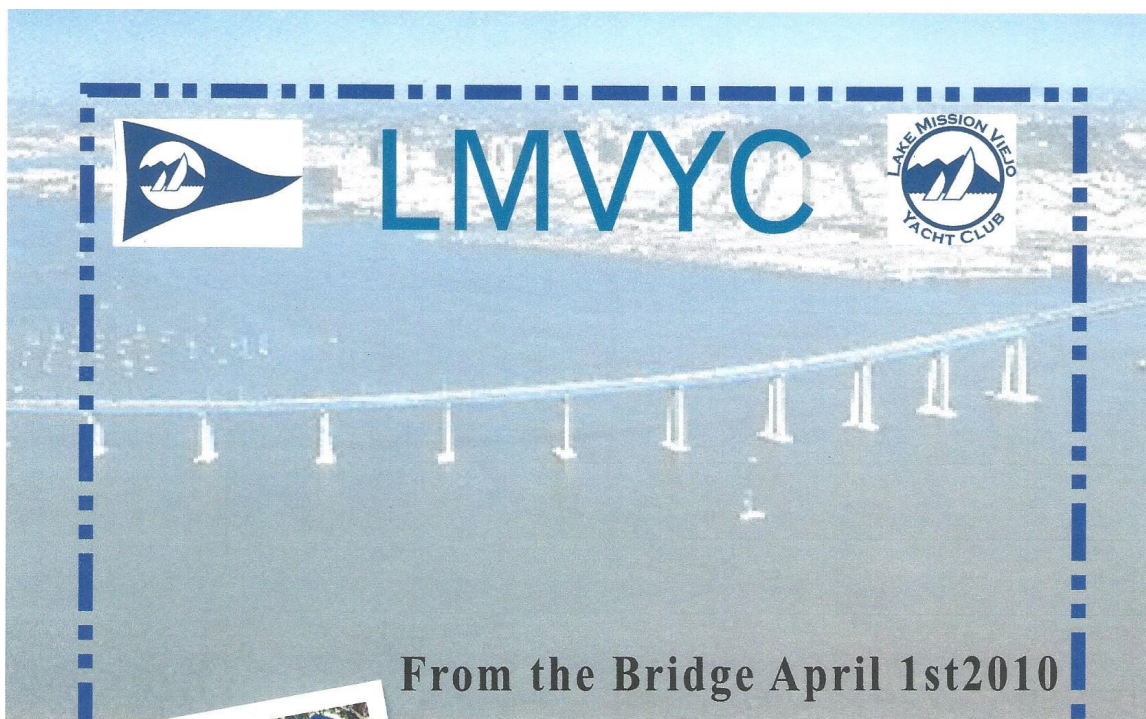


Junior Sailing Team



LMVYC Float at St. Patrick's Day Parade.
Recognize some faces?

News You Can't Use



Mission Viejo Approves Lake Expansion!

Last night, in an unannounced special meeting, the Mission Viejo City Council approved Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club's Commodore, Randy Tiffany, plans to expand Lake Mission Viejo. The Lake expansion will nearly double the size of the Lake to more than 300 acres.

The present dam located at Alicia Parkway will be replaced with the new dam at Trabuco Parkway. The present Alicia Parkway road and dam will be replaced with a suspension bridge improving traffic flow and also view of the Lake. The area south of Alicia parkway, presently a miniature golf course, will become permanent open space satisfying the needs of sailors and environmentalists alike. Newly created lakefront property is expected to enhance property values throughout the community.