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LAKE MISSION VIEJO YACHT CLUB

From The Bridge...May 2017

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This year we have been focused on a recurrent theme: **“All of you contribute to making this a wonderful club.”** Opening Day was a perfect example. Many thanks to everyone who helped make our Opening Day ceremonies a great success. The Jr. -repeat- Staff Commodore, Frank Roberts had responsibility for coordinating the event but so many of you helped make it possible.



Hopefully, you heard my historically concise comments on March 19, 2017. The intent was to give you the pleasant surprise of brevity. Sailing inspires us in many ways. It is a sport that can be enjoyed by an entire family, across multiple generations. I thought about the words for months that relate to sailing – for me anyway. I hope you share in the sentiment. If you missed my opening day words, I’ll recount them here:

“Live, Love, Learn, Grow, Share, Teach, Respect, Enjoy, SAIL!”

Sailing can enable and enhance these aspects of life – wouldn’t you agree? We are fortunate to have each other to share in the experience and competition.

In the vein of respect, another remark made that day was to be sure that we are taking good care of the LMVA Expo sailboats. As Yacht Club members, we hold ourselves to a higher standard of seamanship/seawomanship. This includes keeping our vessels in good working order and taking extra care when we use a boat that we do not own. The club officers and myself trust that all members will take good care of the LMVA-owned boats whenever we use them.

Allow me to announce officially that Jeff Buchman has been selected as the new Trophy Chairperson for LMVYC. While we know that Jeff will do an outstanding job, the expectations are high. Bob Van Pelt has been the Trophy Chair for nearly a decade (2007-2016). Even as his time spent on the lake has decreased, we could always count on Bob to get the job done. Thank you so much Bob for your persistent and reliable service as our Trophy Chair. Jeff, surpassing a decade in the position is a reasonable goal...

Thank you all for making this a wonderful club.

Mark Glackin Commodore

Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ Spring Regatta 2 May 21
- ◆ Summer Regatta June 11
- ◆ Friday BBQ Begins June 23
- ◆ Team Challenge July 16
- ◆ Jr Regatta August 13
- ◆ Annual Regatta August 27



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Opening Day at Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club

From V/C Emmitt Rixford

Perhaps one of the lesser known “perks” of being a flag Officer (besides wearing a “cool” patch on your blue blazer) is the pleasure of being invited to other yacht club’s opening days – to celebrate the new season, enjoy good food & drinks and make new friends.

Vicki and I recently attended opening day at Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club in Long Beach, CA. I selfishly wanted to attend this particular opening day because they have an active Mercury fleet. I wanted to check out their boats, get some ideas on different ways to rig various controls, etc. but got so caught up in the festivities that I never got the chance.

The day started with a beautiful outside ceremony. A nice touch was the vocalist and keyboard player providing the accompanying music. The ceremony was followed by a boat parade in the harbor to toast the new season.

We were invited to join Jim & Claudia Clark on their Catalina 380 Crimson & Clover for the parade. We cruised up the channel and around the corner sipping on champagne to where the USS Iowa is docked and found it flying the CBYC burgee.

The day continued with a delicious bbq lunch served on the yacht club deck where we were joined by a family of five whose oldest son was an enthusiastic junior member. It was especially nice to see another club with such an active Junior Program.

It was a picture-perfect day! I would encourage anybody that gets the chance to take advantage of the opportunity to visit other yacht clubs activities. You wont regret it and odds are you will make new friends along the way.



Chili Cook Off

10 of LMVYC’s best chefs attempted their hand at cooking the member’s favorite chili after the regatta on April 23rd. We had 65 people come out to be judges. Enough that, an extra table was set up outside by the stairway. We had some really great chili’s from Ude Ohuhe, John Boyer, Marilyn Haehn, Corrine Musolino, Diane Broeman and Norma Tiffany. Some of the guys also thought the title should go to them including Frank Fournier, Randy Tiffany, John Boyer, and Frank Roberts. Entries were all pretty close and if any one of them had a few more votes than it might be a different group on the podium. I am told that the winner would love to share her recipe. Just ask.....

The hospitality committee with Tony & Corrine Musolino, Ude Ohuche & Oni Ononye, John & Lynda Zimmer and Peter Tietz & Marilyn Haehn did a great job under some unusual circumstances as the room was being used by the life guards during the afternoon. If this event is an indication of what Yasmin Talay and Daniella Radu the Hospitality Chairs have in store, than we



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Chili Cook Off Cont. :

have a great summer ahead. Make sure you come out to enjoy the festivities and when it is your turn to work at an event, dive in and make it the best possible.

Were you wondering who won? The winners are listed on another page.

California Boater Card
Don't Leave Shore without it.



Did you know that as of January 1 2018 you will need a license to operate a boat in CA? Well, you do if you want to operate a motorized vessel without possibly having getting a fine of up to \$100. Many of us may not need this card right away, but it is being phased in for every one through 2025. There are some exceptions but as a member of a yacht club why not get your card now. We should be better off with this regulation as studies have shown that our water ways are safer as boaters are licensed.

The course is available on line and free through USBoating.com. The state is requesting a fee of \$10.00 and the license is good for a lifetime. So take the course and find out how much you really know about our waterways.

Friday Sunset Sails are Starting Soon – Mark your Calendars!

Audrey Simenz. Club Historian

How does the thought of starting every summer Friday evening sailing on the lake and then enjoying a “bring your own picnic supper” appeal to you? You’re not alone! For members who’ve enjoyed this break for many years it’s become a club summer highlight becoming a no fuss relaxing couple of hours spent with fellow members.

The schedule is simple. Sunset Sails start on Friday June 23 and continue on Fridays until Labor Day weekend. A reminder flyer goes out to members each month with details.



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Friday night cont.

If you're using a Lake Expo – there's a perk that comes with club membership, on Friday afternoons your boat is free after 4:30 pm!

Even if you're not planning to sail, you can still enjoy some relaxing time on the water by reserving one of the ten available seats on the Club party boat (generously provided by the Lake) that leaves the dock in front of the Clubroom promptly at 5:00 every Friday. The party boat cruises on the lake for a while, ties up on a mooring down by the dam, and returns to the dock a little after 6:15 pm.

Reservation details for seats on the club party boat will be in the emailed monthly flyer you'll receive early June

Can't get away until later? You can still join the group for a BYO supper around 6:30 or so. The club supplies a bbq fire so all you have to do is bring whatever you want to eat - bbq, salad, sandwich, and your favorite beverage. The clubroom remains closed so remember to bring whatever utensils you need. Our usual LMVYC club spirit prevails as many members through the years have pitched in to help with the details

How did Friday Sails and BBQ start?

Well Rod and I used to cruise on the lake on late summer afternoons, and then tie up to a mooring. We'd drop our sails, set up a couple of small beach chairs in the cockpit – easier on the back(!), open up a sun umbrella and drift for a while with a margarita, a beer, and some chips, enjoying the peace and quiet. The wind gently swinging the boat around so we could see the changing light and shadows on the mountains. We started to wonder why there were seldom other boats on the water at that time of day. We were enjoying it so much we asked a few of our club racing friends if they'd like to join us; sail (race!) informally for a while

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LMVYC members enjoying a warm Friday evening at the lake, after some informal racing.
l-r S/C Tony Contino, Willi Hugelshofer, Donna Freeman, Doug Sheppard, Rita Kaltenbach, Rod Simenz, Joe Kaltenbach, Candace Kaltenbach(seated), Tara Robison, Sue Edwards, Allyn Edwards, S/C Roger Robison.



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Friday Cont.

and raft with us on a mooring late Friday afternoons. Everyone enjoyed it and it didn't take long before word spread. At the 2003 June board meeting we asked if it could become a membership event. It was presented to the membership at the June 22 regatta, they approved, and it became a scheduled event on the 2004 club schedule. By June that summer we were off and TGIFing with lots of company!

So now, we gather and socialize until it starts to get dark and it's time to head home looking forward to the rest of the weekend. So Mark your Calendars – it's almost time for Friday Sunset Sails!

New life for an old rudder

Submitted by Rod Simenz

Have you noticed the “heaving line” art work mounted on the wall in the club room and wonder what it's about? It all starts with a large number of sailing items donated to the Mission Viejo Youth Sailing Foundation. Included along with three dinghies, sails, hardware, etc. was a rudder at first thought to be for a Sabot. But the size and shape weren't quite right and it couldn't be determined what type of boat it was from. It was a beautiful piece of solid mahogany so it was given to John Olsen to use as wood stock for a future project. John got the idea to turn it a decorative object for the club room. He first refinished the rudder, added hand made wood pintles and then mounted a heaving line with a monkey fist onto the rudder. The traditional heaving line represents how sailors are ready to give a helping hand. That's a good fit for our DIY club where members volunteer for the numerous jobs that it takes to keep the club running smoothly and provide so many activities, with extensive hospitality, all for the benefit of its members. And thanks to John for creating a unique, meaningful wall plaque for our Club Room.



LMVYC on Race Committee for Major Regattas



In the last newsletter, we reported that there were ways to get involved in some of the area's major regattas. 4 of our members took advantage of the opportunity to be part of the action. Tammi Nicklin, Ed Rodrigues, John Boyer and Peter Tietz played important roles at the Border Run regatta. LMVYC has had participants on the R/C in every year of the Border Run. 51 Boats signed up for the regatta ending either in San Diego or Dana Point. While no speed records were set, the sailors had a good time with the fast finishers arriving in Dana Point in about 4 hours. The San Diego course proved a little more challenging with about



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Race Committee cont.;



Receiving instructions before the start of N2E



Check In Boat with Tami, Ed and John

half of boats not finishing in the allotted time. Proving the race is open to everyone, a 20 foot catamaran from the Arizona Yacht Club finished the San Diego Course in just over 19 hours.

The same members also worked the start line of the Newport to Ensenada regatta. Almost 200 boats came to this year's event, with a really great turn out in the ORCA, Maxi and Fast 50 classes. The predicted Santa Ana winds did not materialize until a few hours into the regatta. The starts were uneventful at first with the cruising classes playing it safe. So, safe that many of the boats were as much as 5 minutes late for their start. Things picked up as the bigger boats many with "marine industry racers" on board hit the start line within seconds of each other. Being on the center boat we were favored end for the inshore line and we got to see close up as Tyler Peyatt aboard "Cool Man Cool" was hit by another boat as the gun went off. As the winds build Phaedo3 completed the course in 5 hours and 45 minutes only 4 minutes ahead of Mighty Merloe.



Tyler Peyatt aboard Cool Man Cool at start after being hit by Dark Star

If you want to see some of the areas best sailors in action being on the race committee is a great way to do it.

Juniors have big plans for exciting summer of racing

Submitted By Rod Simenz

Weekly practice is heating up as the summer season approaches. A big help this year is the time and effort some of our experienced juniors are giving to help train our newer members. Junior Commodore Jaden Talay is using her US Sailing, Level I Sailing Instructor skills to give sailing lessons to several novice juniors, Cheyenne Stegall sails a CFJ at every opportunity with former Sabot sailors as crew to give them experience in that class boat. Junior Vice Commodore Ezugo



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Junior sailing cont.;



Ononye recently completed his first year on a high school sailing team where he competed in large fleets of CFJs (usually about 60 boats) as part of the Pacific Coast Interscholastic Sailing Assoc. program. He now is teaching things he learned to our juniors who are just beginning to sail CFJs.

Ali Murdy is busy with college prep, not the required high school courses but rather which college to choose (SMU), finding a roommate, making a list of what to pack and things like that. Nevertheless, she also is taking time to help train juniors in her own CFJ as shown in the picture with newcomer Naomi Stark as crew. Nicole Sighiartau, our winningest Sabot sailor, is helping our new Sabot Sailors improve their boat handling skills by leading them in spirited games of "follow the leader" at practice. Seen in the picture are Nicole followed by "Kenna", Griffyn and Madoc Pugh.

The busy summer season kicks off with 5 regattas in June and 10 in July. First up is DWYC's Annual Charity Regatta June 3rd followed by BCYC Leukemia Cup the next day. Sabot, CFJ, Laser and RS Tera are among the classes invited. The next weekend features the popular "All Girl Sail Jam" at MBYC on Saturday and our own Summer regatta on Sunday. Our juniors plan to compete at all four of these events and hope to score a few trophies. Good luck to them and have fun.



SCYA Midwinter Regatta

SCYA has held the Midwinter regatta for 88 years. The regatta is thought to be one of the largest regatta held in the United States. Traditionally this regatta is held at 25 venues with over 100 classes being represented. Over 600 boats take part and over 3000 sailors/volunteers are involved. This year's regatta had its challenges with ominous weather in the weeks leading up to the regatta. 4 clubs postponed the regatta out of concern for the safety of the sailors and some of the clubs reduced their race schedule. High waves at the King Harbor Yacht Club came over the breakwater and destroyed cars at the yacht club. The last regatta scheduled for May 6th was further delayed when the Lake Gregory Yacht Club had 2 inches of snow on the ground with more expected during the day.



Waves breaking at King Harbor



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Midwinter Regatta cont.;

Even with all the setbacks sailors were eager to get on the water with 580 boats expected to participate when the regatta concludes in June. The regatta entrance fees and funds paid by the sponsors help put on the regatta and pay for the SCYA sponsored programs that benefit the local yachting community. SCYA thanks LMVYC for again being one of the host venues and thanks the sailors that took part at the lake. Next year's regatta is being held over the weekends of February 10-11 and 17-18. Let your club officers know your preference on dates and please tell SCYA what can be done to make this an even better event. LMVYC has not only hosted the regatta but 3 of the club members have been the Chairperson. S/C Frank Roberts will join this special group of individuals, being the Event chair person in 2019. To find out more see SCYAMidwinterregatta.org or SCYA.org

Off Lake Opportunities

Many of our members are sailing on Thursday afternoons in the Pharkel Regatta that has been held for over 28 years in Dana Point. This is a informal race that is meant to be fun but has some serious competition as well. If you are interested in racing on the ocean please contact Peter Tietz HPTCA@outlook.com and he can tell you more about it.

Dana West YC is holding their 20th annual charity regatta on the 2nd 3rd 4th of June. Events include 3 days of PHRF racing, a junior regatta, poker run, wine tasting, auctions and the usual post-race parties. All of the events are open to the general public and many LMVYC will be involved. To find out more please see. <http://apollo2.nextmill.net/~dwyc/charity-regatta/>. All proceeds are going to support the City of Hope and the Dana West Youth Sailing Foundation.



Congratulations to

First Place: Norma Tiffany

Second Place: Daniela Radu

Third Place (tie): Corrine Musolino
Marilyn Haehn