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LAKE MISSION VIEJO YACHT CLUB



TOP SKIPPERS REGATTA WINNERS

Frank Fournier 2nd, Willi Hugelshofer 1st, Horst Weiler 3rd.

Flag Officers

Commodore	Rick Quick	598-0469
Vice Commodore	Fon Koot	215-2759
Rear Commodore	Vivienne Savage	830-6695
Jr. Staff Commodore.	John Olson	830-4794

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Secretary	Eric Kaltenbach	855-0748
Treasurer	Willi Hugelshofer	582-8350
Race Chair	Tony Musolino	457-0899
Fleet Surgeon	Tara Robison	855-8094
Port Captain	T. J. Henricks	459-5317

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Quartermaster	Horst Weiler	714-402-4439
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Sunset Reg. Chair	Doug Sheppard	347-9346
Trophy Chair	Norma Tiffany	830-0826
Newsletter	S/C Audrey Simenz	462-0838
Measurer	Horst Weiler	714-402-4439

For Y.C. membership information call Rear Commodore Vivienne Savage 949- 830-6695

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The **Annual General Meeting** takes place on November 17.

The **Turkey Regatta** will be sailed on November 21.

Consult the LMVYC web site for details of skippers meeting times and race start times. Skippers meeting times are also on the back of your Club badge.

For current standings of the annual fleet championships and race results check LMVYC website. Web site coordinator, S/C Roger Robison keeps the results up to the minute.

SCYA Delegates

Commodore Rick Quick is LMVYC's delegate to SCYA for 2004. Alternates are V/C Fon Koot, R/C Vivienne Savage and S/C Audrey Simenz.

The annual SCYA Commodore's Cruise to Catalina YC in September was attended by Staff Commodore John Olson representing Commodore Rick Quick.

Sailing Schedule

Midwinter Regatta	February 14/15
Tune-Up Races	February 29
Opening Day Regatta	March 21
LMVYC Invitational	April 3
Sunset Sailing begins	April 7
Spring Regatta I	April 25
Beginner's Racing Class	May 15
Spring Regatta II	May 23
Summer Regatta	June 27
Friday Night Sunset Sail	July 16
Family Fun Regatta	July 18
Friday Night Sail	July 23
27 th Annual Regatta	August 22
Fall Regatta	September 19
Sunset Sailing ends	October 13
Top Skippers Championship	October 17
Turkey Regatta	November 21
Christmas parade	December 11

For regatta information call Race Chairman
Tony Musolino 949-457-0899

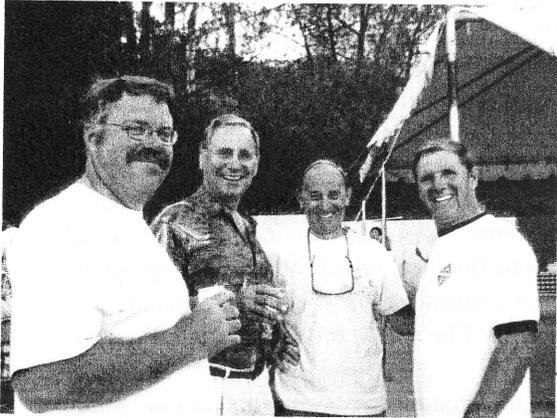
Yacht Club Reciprocals

The following Yacht Clubs have extended reciprocal privileges to the members of LMVYC for the year 2004. If you visit be sure to have your current LMVYC membership card with you and sign in at the front desk. Not all clubs have food and/or beverage service and those that do may only offer bar and/or restaurant service on weekends. Calling ahead to find out when they are open is a good idea. Check out the bulletin board in the Clubroom for any additions which may have come in after this list was printed

American Legion YC	949 - 673-5070
Balboa YC	949 - 673-3515
Cabrillo Beach YC	310 - 519-1694
Cortez Racing Assoc.	619 - 685-7717
Dana West YC	949 - 661-1185
Hollywood YC	310 - 836- 3862
Los Angeles YC	310 - 831-1203
Pacific Mariners YC	310 - 823-9717
Marina Del Rey	
Pierpoint Bay YC	805 - 644-6672
Ventura	
Sunset Aquatic YC	714 - 846-7931
Ventura YC	805 - 642-0494

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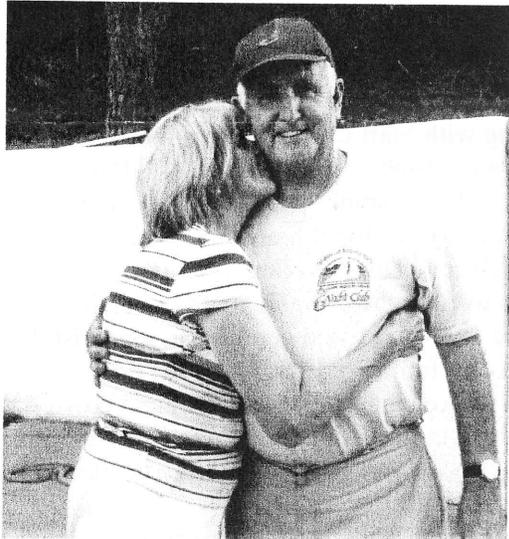
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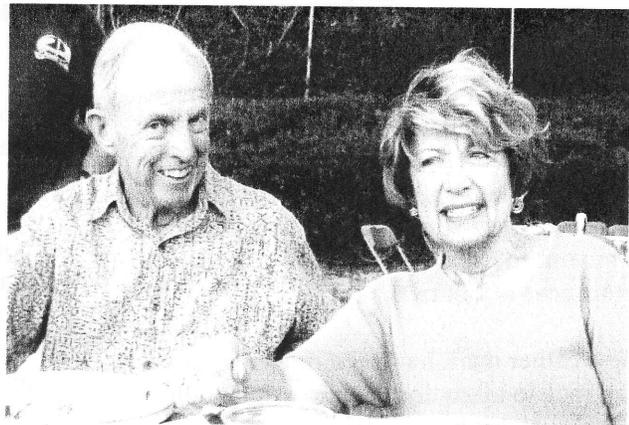
The Grahams
The Kashimuras



Caecilia cooling down Chef Horst



Vivienne gives Len a birthday buss



Joe and Rita

From the editor . . .

TOP SKIPPERS CUP WON BY
WILLI HUGELSHOFER

Well there's certainly no doubt that the summer sailing season is over. Rain squalls, and a definite chill in the air added a whole different dimension to the Top Skippers Regatta on October 17. Ten of our best sailors turned out for what proved to be a very exciting day of sailing on a gusty and rainy afternoon.

The customary five races were sailed in windy conditions that varied from light to whoa! The first race started in very gusty conditions with competitors bunching up on the start line, no laggards here, and even with the almost perfect starting line set by the race committee there were some exiting port/ starboard confrontations. Two boats had had some gear failure prior to the start but were able to complete the first race. Between races the lifeguard boat came to the rescue ... with a Phillips screwdriver! and some cam cleat screws were tightened appropriately in time for the second race.

This start saw more settled wind, calmer sailors, and Willi Hugelshofer earn his second bullet. The third race had sailors spread down the line at the start, but still had everyone off the line within fifteen seconds. In fact this was a noticeable feature of every start that day, classic competitive starts, on the line at the gun, which had the eagle eyed race committee's full attention with the over early flag at the ready! Willi scored his third bullet in the third race. With an ever threatening sky, taking a break between races was a calculated risk and the rain did hold off until the fourth race when it came down in buckets. In spite of the downpour the wind stayed strong, gusty, and shifty. Commodore Rick Quick scored a clear win in this next to last race.

The weather mark had been moved after the third race to allow for the new wind angle, by the mark set boat under the "command" of V/C Fon Koot and his crew; Peter and

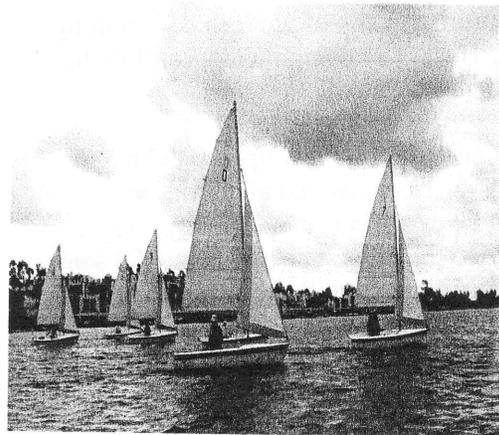
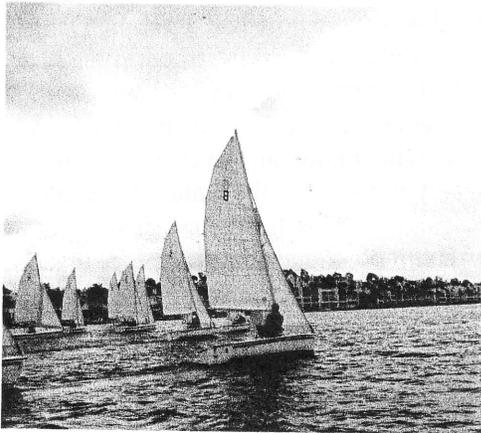
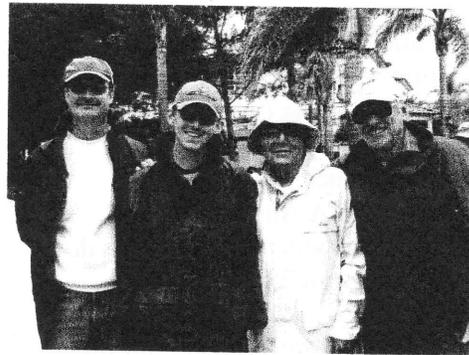
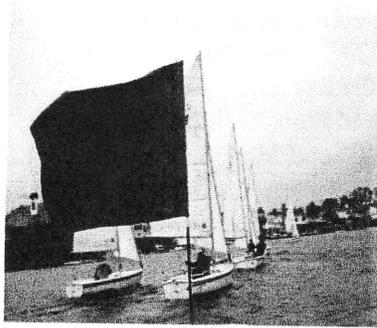
Ross Bennett and Leonard Schupac, all looking very spiffy in their foul weather gear.

By now everyone, including the race committee, was thoroughly soaked and the fifth and final race got quickly underway with another very exciting start with strong winds and all the sailors bucking to cross the line as the clock ran down. This race saw an extremely close downwind leg and several photo finishes, which had the sharp-eyed race committee finishers holding their breath. The win went to Randy Tiffany.

As the wet and weary sailors and the race committee crew, Tony Musolino, Sue Edwards, Candace and Eric Kaltenbach, Susanna Hugelshofer, and yours truly, started for the dock with the cold rain pouring down, visions of Fleet Surgeon Tara Robison's wonderful hot chili waiting in the club room was more than welcome. After shedding wet clothes and relaxing in the warmth and camaraderie of the club room, sharing stories of everyone's day, congratulating Willi on his well earned win of the Top Skipper Perpetual Trophy for 2004, weary LMVYC members went home, tired and happy. This year's Top Skippers Regatta turned out to be one of the best race days the Club has had this year; great wind and sailors at the top of their form.

Congratulations are in order for race chairman Tony Musolino who did a wonderful job of organization and planning. Along with Staff Commodore Frank Fournier, trophy chairman Randy Tiffany (who selected some spectacular take home trophies for the top three winners), and Caecilia and Horst Weiler, Tony undertook to go over all the Lake Capri 14.2s with a fine tooth comb and get them in top Bristol condition for the regatta. The Lake dock staff worked many hours to complete the overhaul in time for Sunday's regatta. A high five for you guys and sincere thanks for all your work.

TOP SKIPPERS REGATTA
October 17, 2004



See the web site for more pictures

**LAKE MISSION VIEJO YACHT
CLUB SAILS AWAY WITH NOSA'S
COMMODORE APPRECIATION
TROPHY**

Commodore Rick Quick brought home Newport Ocean Sailing Association's grand Commodore's Appreciation Cup to LMVYC in October. Rick and crew Vice Commodore Fon Koot won the annual regatta which is sailed in Harbor 20s in Newport Bay at Balboa Yacht Club. And does he have a story to tell ... as usual with tongue firmly planted in cheek!

A Day at the Beach.

The invitation to the Newport Ocean Sailing Association's Annual Commodore Appreciation Regatta (whew) said

10:00 AM Brunch
11:00 AM NOSA Annual Meeting
12:00 PM Skippers meeting on the dock
12:30 PM First of 3 races

Fon and I decided we would go for the whole enchilada and join them for brunch. Fon asked me about the dress code, and as no surprise to any of you I said something like "Heck, I'm going racing, can't do that in a blazer."

Sure enough, we show up at BYC in our LMVYC tee shirts and all parties in attendance are in blazers (for the meeting). "I guess they didn't get the memo," I said. "Ahh, they just don't know what's what," says Fon. We were going to be a good team. It actually worked out in our favor, since nobody gave us second looks when we poured our own coffee. As it turns out, Fon knew half the people in the room personally. "What's what" indeed.

Brunch went well (I kept syrup off of my shirt). The day was shaping up nicely with about 5 knots coming down the harbor and an outgoing tide to make it interesting. I am

tightly wound at this point. The last, and only previous, time I was here was for the Sunkist last winter. Cathy was crewing that day and I dumped her in the 58°F water during my first-ever capsized. Greeaaaaat. A pleasant gentleman named Fred pulls up in a Harbor 20 (Harbor 20s were to be our mounts for the day and the boats were loaned by Fred Pawell, BCYC; Carolyn Hardy, BCYC; and Mary Longpre, BYC). We introduce ourselves, and he says "Finn and Thistle sailors? You guys are welcome to race my boat anytime. It was the winning boat last year." Good to know.

Four teams, three boats (the Harbor 20 nationals are this very day). Rules are that the boat's owner is to be a third crew member, but cannot help with trim or tactics. Race Committee decided to run four races, drop the 4th place team and race a winner-takes-all final. Good for us because I hoped just to survive and be up to speed by then.

We draw lots for boats. We then proceed to lose our first race rather badly. Learning the boat (they are fast enough, but they don't accelerate like a Thistle) and deciding not to play chicken with the Catalina Flyer both played a part. But the only thing that really mattered is that we now had 3 points. Dang. We float up last to the dock to see if we race next and I attempt to toss the painter to another racer waiting to tie us up. Of course it throws with a knot, and of course it lands short, and of course in the water. Greeaaaaat. I start to count in my head: One, two and three. Right on queue someone pipes up, "Is that how they do it on the lake?" I earned that. I reply, "Yup. By the way, what do they call that rope anyway?"

We are on the bench for the next one. No boat swapping. John and Alice Olson are there and offer encouragement. Fon is doing an admirable job trying to cheer me up. As luck would have it, the same boat came in last again. So they decided to run the two last place crews against each other and move the winner into the final. Good. I just have

to get a good start and cover. Just. And we will be on Fred's boat "Rebel" this time.

We get in four practice starts before the starting sequence. The start is a reach so it is mostly timing. We catch a break during the pre-start when our competitor is delayed by a power boat. We are 4 seconds late over the line, but leading, and we cover as planned. Rebel is faster which allows me a mistake or two. The current is stronger now and we hit the windward mark due to my bad judgment. As we are doing our 360° we see that the other crew missed it as well and had to tack to get to the mark (another reason to cover from above). We stayed out front and made it to the finals. Fon tosses the painter this time as my stomach is starting to tighten up like a \$2 watch.

We again draw lots for boats in the final race and we luck out and get to sail Rebel again. The Skippers include the NOSA Commodore Paul Decapua and SSYC's Commodore, last year's champion, Don Albrecht, and skipper Barry Levy from BCYC. The start is the key here and these guys can race.

The start goes well but in my heart of hearts I thought we were over early. I bore off hard just before the line as Fon counted down his watch. I then hailed the RC to make sure they didn't want me to go around. "All clear.?" Well okay then, lets race.

We keep our speed and lead at the turning mark for the beat. The 3rd place boat splits tacks hoping for a good shift. We decide to cover the 2nd place boat closely and let the shift gods decide.

Boy, do I dislike racing in a current. It feels like you're dragging an anchor. The 3rd place boat's gamble does not pay off and we lead at the windward lay line. We stayed clear of the windward mark this time and continued to cover on the run. They forced us to gybe a half dozen times (at least it looked that way to me) but we stayed with it. We crossed the line in 1st place.



I almost tied a spare halyard to Fon since I swear I could see daylight underneath him. We get to the dock first this time.

Nice bunch of folks. Lots of good-natured ribbing and laughing. I am still a little stiff, not quite knowing what to say. We thank Fred and all the other racers and the NOSA Commodore and staff for extending us the invitation. I am sure I said "thank you" too many times, but oh well. I hope everyone looks as goofy as I must have when they receive such a trophy. There is one more open plaque left on its crowded base. The oldest plaque is dated 1950. Now LMVYC will be on it at least once.

The trophy will be on display in LMVYC's clubroom trophy cabinet until next year's regatta.

A final thought. I could not have asked for a better crew than Fon Koot. For a guy with no jib on his boat, he sure knows how to trim one. And he has this way of making the sun come out.

Rick Quick

V/C Fon Koot provided some of the names and clubs for Rick's article.

Edwards/Hugelshofer team to Top Ten Finish at C14.2 Nationals!

Allyn Edwards (skipper) and **Willi Hugelshofer** (crew) raced Allyn's Catalina C14.2 *Swift* to a **Top Ten Finish** in the C14.2 Nationals held on Mission Bay in San Diego, CA this past Sept. 18 & 19. Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club sent four teams this year; three in the Gold Fleet and one in the Silver Fleet.

This was the first year in the Gold Fleet for Edwards/Hugelshofer after having won the Silver Fleet last year. Also racing for the first time in the Gold Fleet were last year's second place Silver Fleet team of **Jack McCollum & TJ Henricks**. **Rob Van Pelt & Arnold Christensen** rounded out the Gold Fleet representatives from LMVYC. Four windward/leeward races were sailed on Saturday. Three races were held on Sunday. Winds were shifty & moderate at 12 – 15 knots on Saturday picking up to 18 plus knots by Sunday's final race.

Sixteen C14.2s were on the line for the Gold Fleet start. The skill level and the intensity definitely picks up as you move up to the next level in racing. And in the Silver Fleet, TJ Henricks noted, "*The starts were nothing like last year in the Silver Fleet. It was crowded, a lot of 'rubbing' and bumping and a heck of a lot of screaming and shouting!*" The Gold Fleet had seasoned sailors from Lake Mission Viejo, Mission Bay, Marina Del Rey and from as far away as Arizona, the newest C14.2 Fleet. Yet youth outdid experience this year with junior sailors Brian Vanderspek and Megan Magill (MBYC) taking a first in Gold. Another MBYC junior sailor,

Scott Hoffman, skippered his 14.2 to a first place finish in the Silver Fleet.

Randy Tiffany skippered C14.2 *Partnership* with Horst Weiler as crew, to a fourth place finish in the Silver Fleet. A "respectable" finish, one point out of third, after suffering two DNC/DNS the first day due to mechanical failures including a second dismasting in as many visits to Mission Bay for Tiffany. "*Just unbelievable". TWO ring dings fall out in ONE race? I admire Horst for having the nimble fingers and balance to replace the first ring ding on the boom block. We started the race about two minutes behind the start. We were making up for lost time when the second ring ding failed on the starboard shroud adjuster at the windward mark. TIIIIIMBEER!*" A new "two mast length" rule or precautionary warning is being considered for regattas in which Randy races the *Partnership!*

Post race tear down revealed more hardware problems with Edward's *Swift*. Rumors are that C14.2 crews are now demanding OSHA inspections & 'hazard' pay for crews in next year's Regatta!

Randy Tiffany

Complete race results are available on-line at <http://capri14.org>

Allyn and Randy relaxing at LMVYC



**INTERESTED IN BUYING A BOAT
FOR RACING ON THE LAKE ?**

Horst Weiler has forwarded information about two C-15s for sale. One is equipped for racing, the other hasn't been checked out. The racing one is a 1985 and belongs to Will Durant. He's asking \$2,000 but it will probably go for half that. More information on both boats is available from Mike Shea at

The C-15 class would like to keep the boats in S. California. Both boats come with their own trailer.

**LMVYC GENERAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 17 at 7 PM**

The Nominating Committee has posted their proposed slate of officers for 2005.

Commodore:	Fon Koot
Vice Commodore:	Vivienne Savage
Rear Commodore:	Tony Musolino
Treasurer:	Willi Hugelshofer
Secretary:	Audrey Simenz
Fleet Surgeons:	Charles & AnnMarie Seymour
Race Chairman:	Randy Tiffany
Port Captain:	Doug Shepperd

Pizza and refreshments will be served in the Clubroom after the election.

LMVYC'S CAPRI 14.2 RACING TEAM AT MBYC FOR THE NATIONALS

L to R. Arnold Christensen. Jim McCollum. TJ Henricks. Horst Weiler. Randy Tiffany. Tony and Corrine Musolino. Willi Hugelshofer. Allyn Edwards.

