



# The Main Sheet

## LAKE MISSION VIEJO YACHT CLUB

*From The Bridge....February 2017*

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Even though the Sierra Nevada Mountains are experiencing record, mind-boggling snow fall, it's time to start a new season of sailboat racing on Lake Mission Viejo. While the heavy rain and dangerous gusty winds kept us from our practice race in January, nothing will stop us from having another great year. Have you noticed that the days are already getting longer and the high temperatures have occasionally crept up to shorts-wearing weather? Invites to Southern California yacht club opening day ceremonies have already hit the post offices. Find your sailing gloves, tune your rigs, and make those repairs that you forgot about after the Turkey Regatta. It's time to race!



It is my pleasure to serve as your commodore this year. As mentioned at the awards dinner, all of you make this club fabulous. Everyone contributes in one way or another. It is in the giving and the sharing that we accentuate the entire experience of sailing. Thank you. Here's to looking forward to a great year on the water.

*Mark Glackin*

Mark Glackin Commodore 2017

### Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ Boat Decorating 9:00 am  
December 3
- ◆ Holiday Party 5:00 pm  
December 3
- ◆ Installation and Awards Dinner January 8
- ◆ Tun Up Regatta January 22
- ◆ SCYA MidWinter Regatta  
February 18
- ◆ Opening Day March 19

### 2016 Year in Review

Submitted by JSC Frank Roberts

First off ,I want to say thank you for all the support members gave me during 2016. My second stint as Commodore went well (at least in my books) and I enjoyed serving the club.

2016 started as usual with our Awards and Officer Installation Banquet held for the first time at Amazing Grapes. Thanks to Staff Commodore Jeffrey Murdy for pulling it together. The dinner was excellent and was such a success we did it again this year.

Our sailing season went well as we completed all of our Regattas and even had a two part Top Skipper won by our Race Chair, Guy Heaton. Guy also won A Fleet in fine fashion. B Fleet was won by Vice Commodore Emmet Rixford and our exciting Junior Nicole Sighiartau won C Fleet. So, we all have a goal for 2017 to



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to sail better and smarter to see if we can win!

Our year progressed nicely as members enjoyed our traditional post regatta festivities. Thanks to all who bussed tables, washed dishes cooked their favorite dishes and did all of it with a smile on your faces. And why not? There is so much fun to be had at LMVYC.

As a personal favorite, I really enjoy our Pizza Nights on Wednesday's. Every Wednesday during Daylight Savings Time we gather at the lake for practice sailing. This is a lot of fun and lets you practice starts and race strategy. It also allows you to tune your boat to see what works best. After sailing we go to the Roundtable Pizza place on Marguerite and discuss the day's sailing, boat tuning, rules of sailing, sports and whatever else comes up. The first Wednesday of the month is traditionally Ladies Night or WOW, Women on Wednesday. Come on out and join us. After Daylight Savings time ,we gather for a walk around the lake before Pizza. It is amazing how many world problems can be solved in a 50 minute walk. Also, it is a great way to get in on all the scuttlebutt and is a great way to make new friends.

Another fun gathering is Friday Night BBQ during the summer. On or about 4PM, a party boat full of members leaves the dock with food and light snacks for a few hours on the lake. Usually tied up on a buoy, the group converses and enjoys the afternoon on the water. Other members sail or kayak. At about 6:30 the group gathers at the BBQ's near the clubroom for a nice cookout. Again, good conversation and laughter make for a great evening.

As the year comes to an end, our Nominating Committee recruits new officers for unfilled positions. This is a tough job, but they get it right. Our Annual Meeting elects the officers to their posts and they await installation at the banquet. During the interim ,we had a beautiful Christmas Party and Parade of Lights where over 30 boats decorated and lit up in their best holiday magic did a loop around the lake following the LMVYC Schooner. The schooner is built that morning and sails one night, then is put away for another year.

So, here we are at the beginning of 2017, looking forward to a great year with Commodore Mark Glackin at the helm. Get your boats ready for a great year and I will see you on the water.

### Juniors do well again at Lido Isle Yacht Club

Submitted by Rod Simenz



Jaden Talay continued her dominance of the RS Tera fleet in Newport Harbor. She scored 1,1,1,2 for first place at the LI-YC Holiday Regatta to add another trophy to her significant collection of awards from that club. Griffyn Pugh, one of our new young juniors also sailed a Tera and it was a day of many firsts for him. It was his first time in a Tera, first time using a tiller extension and the first time sailing anywhere but on the lake. There was a strong tide combined with light wind in the harbor and that always adds a degree of difficulty on the race course. Griffyn used a good strategy, try to follow Jaden and trim the sail and boat the



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Juniors at LIYC cont;



the same as her. It worked most of the time and he did amazingly well, taking fourth place in a fleet of ten boats. At one point he found himself in second place at the weather mark and managed a third place in that race. See accompanying pictures where one shows Jaden near the finish line and Griffyn in the foreground, in the other picture Jaden is in boat number 5 with Griffyn in the boat on the left near the leeward mark.



### Top Skipper

Submitted by S/C Frank Roberts



This year brought a different way of holding the Top Skipper Event. Prior years had a smaller group of regular sailors competing for the top prize. In 2016, we decided to broaden the field to 18! Our Race Chair, Guy Heaton, had his hands full arranging the races. He settled on a round-robin elimination and special courses so we would have a chance of finishing in one day. The competition includes switching boats after every race so all boats get used by each sailor. This spreads the fast and slow boats around.

Our group included me, Race Chair Guy Heaton, Vice Commodore Mark Glackin, Rear Commodore Emmet Rixford, Treasurer S/C Arnold Christensen, Port Captain S/C Frank Fournier, Staff Commodore Tony Musolino, Staff Commodore Peter Tietz, Staff Commodore Randy Tiffany, Rear Commodore Elect Andrew Cornforth, Christian Davoodian, Graham Newman, Patrick Stege, Tyler Peysatt, Bill Yount, Allyn Edwards, Ted Ishikawa and new member Kevin Weir. Quite an honorable group!

All C14.2 boats headed out to the start line during a day where lack of wind is giving the wind credit. At one point, it took me four minutes just to get the entire boat across the start line. However, as our lake usually does, the breeze picked up enough to finish the races. At the end of the day, we had eight semi-finalists who would have to finish the completion another day.

After a few dates were thrown out there, we decided on December 10 to finish. The top 8 were me, Mark, Guy, Emmet, Christian, Andrew, Ted and Patrick. A couple of the guys could not make it so we had the field narrowed to 6. As I recall, the winds were pretty good that day. Although, they may have started out slow.

Another full day of racing was in store for us. R/C Guy and our intrepid Race Committee members Allyn and Sue Edwards, Susanna Hugelshofer, S/C Frank Fournier, and S/C Tony Musolino on the mark set boat helped make it a great day.



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Top Skipper Cont.

As the races progressed, we were seeing different winners. Guy, Andrew, and I had some nice finishes. The breeze cooperated and in the end the winner was R/C Guy Heaton. I took second place and Andrew Cornforth took third. So, our Top Skipper 2016 came to a nice finish and was celebrated with pizza, pumpkin pie, and refreshments afterwards.

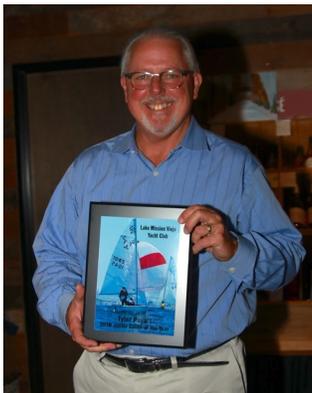
Thanks to all the racers and supporters who helped make the 2016 Top Skipper Regatta a memorable event.

### Tyler and Jaden win Junior Awards

Submitted by Rod Simenz



Jaden Talay had another great year of achievement in the sailing world. She earned a US Sailing Certificate and is now a certified US Sailing Level 1 Sailing Instructor. She was a winner at many regattas throughout the year, including winning all six races in the RS Tera class at the Lido Isle Yacht Club, All Girl Regatta. One trait that stood out during the year was how Jaden interacted with her competition. She was a gracious good sport in her wins as well as when she didn't win. She respected her competitors, played fair and followed the rules at all the regattas. She is an excellent role model for the junior sailors in our club and for all these reasons she was the choice to receive the LMVYC 2016 Junior Sailor Sportsmanship Award.



Tyler Peyatt had an amazing year of competitive sailing for which he was named LMVYC Junior Sailor of the Year. Tyler was very active at events on the lake as well as on the ocean. He was a regular crew member aboard the Olson 30 that won their 2016 Class Championship and was skipper of our club's CFJ that competed at the Junior Olympics hosted by California Yacht Club. Tyler and crew Ali Murdy were the first Mission Viejo juniors to ever sail in the Junior Olympics and they were very competitive with finishes as high as 16<sup>th</sup> in the 41 boat fleet representing all the top junior sailing programs in Southern California. Tyler also competed in the Sea Scout International Koch Cup sailed in CFJs. He and his crew were first in one race and finished in fifth place overall besting teams from Australia, Ireland, Poland, Norway, South Africa, Germany, Brazil and of course many teams from USA. A few months later he visited Australia and New Zealand with his family and got to race in regattas in both countries with the same scouts he had met at the Koch Cup. The Australian event was the National Pacer Class Championship in Canberra. In New Zealand he joined the winner of the 2016 Koch Cup as part of a seven man crew racing an Elliot 35 sport boat in Marlborro Sound. Tyler is eligible for New Zealand citizenship through his mother and has a goal to gain dual citizenship and then study Marine Architecture at a New Zealand university. Tyler was still in New Zealand at the time of the award so his father Kevin accepted it on Tyler's behalf.



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### Boat Fees

Submitted by Rod Simenz

You should have received the email from our Commodore regarding the need for a new fee to use our club owned boats. I just wanted to provide you additional information. The boats get frequent use and the average age the boats is about 30 years. So things wear out, up grades are needed and things break, particularly, tillers, booms, masts and rudder fittings. Torn boat covers are a continuous problem as are launch dolly tires. The fee will be a big help in keeping our fleet of boats in good condition and competitive for racing.



Some clarification is needed. The \$50 per family junior fee allows all the juniors in a family to use a Sabot, Laser and CFJ, the Balboa 13 is excluded and requires a separate fee. The fee may be paid in a single payment per the Commodore's email or \$10 per month to me and I will pass it on to the club.

A few important words of caution regarding boats filled with water when on land. A new problem was encountered since we started storing some Sabots right side up in the racks. They fill with lots of water during the rains and we have been dragging the boats off the storage rack to bail out the water. This has led to crushing of the "keelson" (it turns out to be hollow). See photo, three of our Sabots had this type of damage. Please pass the word that Sabots filled with water on the storage racks are to be bailed in place or drained with a submersible pump by a dock boy. A Balboa 13 stored right side up on the rack also filled with water and that caused extensive delamination and the boat had to be scrapped. Please pass the word.



Day light savings time is right around the corner and we will be starting practice again. I'll send details soon.

### Boat Decorating December 3, 2016



Ezugo Ononye, our up and coming CFJ wizard, wanted to help decorate the Sabots but had a schedule conflict so he sent his dad Oni who not only helped with the Sabots, but single handedly decorated the junior's party boat and then drove it for them in the parade. Other junior families pitched in and had a good time decorating the other two club party boats. The Hansens did one and the Pugh "crew" did the other.



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### Holiday Party



LMVYC was again asked to lead the annual holiday boat parade and in typical form the members again exceeded the expectations of the crowds that came to this fantastic event. The day started early as members gathered to convert the lake's utility pontoon boat to a schooner. Commodore Frank, Vice Commodore Emmet, Port Captain Frank, Ted Ishikawa, Randy Tiffany, Jeff Buchman, and Kevin Weir spent most of the morning "building" the schooner. More lights and decorations adorned the club's three party boats getting them ready for members to join in the parade. At the same time, Junior Director Rod with his flock of juniors and their parents went to work on two sabots, turning them in Santa's sleds filled with toys and gifts and twinkling lights. Juniors again provided this great shore side photo opportunity with these two decorated sabot sailboats.



As the sun set over the lake, the line to get into the facility stretched back to Marguerite Parkway. Everyone was excited to find out what the Lake Staff did this year to have it exceed the past events. Again, the festivities included sledding on imported snow, a bonfire, visits with Santa, and this year, a live band.

The Club members were again lucky to be able to watch the festivities from the Association boardroom where party chairs Vicki and Audrey and their crew of helpers, Margaret, Mia, and Susanna saw that a spread of appetizers and desserts awaited the arrival of members. Every member provided either an appetizer or a dessert for this traditional potluck. At about 6:15 the schooner left the dock captained by our Commodore Frank Roberts for a tour around the lake. Our



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with holiday parties. After the 1.5 hour trip, the cold crew from the schooner returned to the clubhouse for libations and desserts. The party continued till well after Santa and the elves had left the facility. Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped with set up and take down, as well as all the members who brought some great food to share. The event seems to get better every year and I can hardly wait to see what we will do next year.



### Faster is better... new Sabot racing sails

By Rod Simenz



Six of our junior racers are shown here with five new Sabot racing sails just received from the sail maker. These will replace the racing sails the juniors have been using at regattas on and off the lake for the last five years. LMVA provided funds to purchase three of the sails and the Mission Viejo Youth Sailing Foundation donated the other two. Thanks to both of these organizations for their support of the club's Junior Sailing Program. The juniors have taken excellent care of the old set of sails, so while those sails are not as fast as they use to be they will very useful as practice sails for many years to come.

### Thursday at the Races

These past few years, several of our LMVYC sailors have joined up with a bunch of others, mostly from Dana Point and Dana West Yacht clubs to compete in the Thursday afternoon "Farkle" races off shore. On any given Thursday, except Thanksgiving Day, there may be 15 to twenty 20 boats in the race. Mono-hull, multi-hull, fixed keel, centerboard, and one designs of all kinds ranging from 22' to 40' in length. Although Conventional USSailing Racing Rules of Sailing apply, absent is formal race management. The skipper who won the race the prior week announces the course marks to the fleet by marine radio usually about 15-20 minutes before the 2:00PM start. Races usually are 6 to 8 miles in length and last about 2½ hours. Those who want more racing can take part in the DPYC Thursday evening beer can races during the summer after. While the race is underway at times there may be cause to alter the course by eliminating or adding marks for a variety of reasons. The weather may deteriorate, light winds may be cause for the race not being completed in a reasonable time, or conversely the course may be too short considering wind conditions. Among many unwritten Farkles racing rules, the boat skipper who is leading the fleet has the option to announce course changes over the marine radio. This works most of the time to keep skippers on proper course.



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Thursday Races cont;

The DPYC lounge is the place to be after the race. It's the customary watering hole for refreshments, snacks and lots of sailor talk. The setting provides for a fun time socializing, networking and talk about upcoming regattas, races and crew needs. There is lots of comradery among all and being out on the water doing Farkles races brings on good feelings for body and soul.

To cap the season off, there is the traditional Christmas Party. Skippers, crew, spouses and friends all gathered for Happy hour, buffet dinner, entertainment and some form of competition. One year, not too long ago, musical entertainment and skits were the theme. Skipper and their crew were asked to conjure up some form of entertainment. Vocalists, single- group musicians, string, ukulele, brass, percussion, and even poetry if you can imagine. The famous Reggae musical artist Bob Marley was honored through an amateur group skit by "Reggae" a Capri 22 skipper Robert Van Pelt and crew. Our dear friend and fellow sailor Willi Hugelshofer, who has since passed on, Bill Yount, and Tony Musolino – all in dreadlocks!



At this year party skippers and their crew were challenged to solve as many word puzzles within a ten-minute time frame. At the end, team Bon Vivant, Skipper Rick Caselli, with Allyn Edwards, Kevin Weir, Tony and Corinne Musolino among others tied for first place. The tie breaker was singing a Christmas carol. They did a great job with "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town". Everyone thought they were sunk when the other team got on stage ready to sing and play instruments. But; if you bring instruments you should at least be able to play them. The crowd of about 100 sailors and guests overwhelmingly voted Team Bon Vivant the winner.

Sailing out of Dana Point can be both competitive and fun. If you have what it takes to win on the water or in the club house, contact anyone of our LMVYC sailors who are part of the Farkles sailing group.

### Opening Day



The idea of Opening Days originated in the northeastern United States where in the spring the ice breaks, waters warm, government officials and friends gathered together to celebrate camaraderie at each other's' clubs. Here in Southern California we don't haul our boats out before the waters ice over and we don't close down our clubs for six months. We boat all year. Our Opening Days are symbolic. But we officially choose a spring date to commission our clubs for the boating season.

This spring rite means dressing up the clubhouse, break out those white pants, skirts, shoes and the blue blazers, all in preparation to show off our club to the dignitaries of other clubs and the community. Our opening day will be on Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>. We want everyone to come out to experience the festivities and to take part in the racing



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after the event. We need everyone to chip in to make this the event of the season. Watch for future emails to see what is needed. We will need help setting up the venue, with food and with take down. Let's all plan on being a part of the success of this great event.

### Chili Cook Off History

Audrey Simenz. Club Historian

With the Annual Chili Cook-off coming up on April 23, I thought newer members might be interested in how it all started. In 1998 Rod and I were Fleet Surgeons, a misnomer, long since corrected to Hospitality Chairs. But that earlier title suggested at the time that our monthly column for the newsletter be called *From the Cutting Board*. And that's where I came across the following article written in May 1998.

From the Cutting Board:

Rod and Audrey Simenz

It was a dark and storming night last January at Commodore Roger Robison's staff meeting (sic) and Audrey and I were soliciting ideas and volunteers for the clubhouse dinners served after regattas. Port Captain Don Schaffner spoke up and allowed as how he made a terrific chili; he offered to take on the responsibility for the April 19th dinner. It only took Vice Commodore Jeremy

Kivlen two seconds before he spoke up and said "Well the Kivlens prepare chili that's hard to beat", and the Chili Contest was on! Word got out and soon other members wanted to submit their chili in the competition and the rest is history. The hugely successful event was run by Don and Linda Schaffner. Great chili was provided by John Drake, Sue Edwards, Doug Sheppard, Randy Tiffany, Caecilia Weiler, the Kivlens and the Schaffners. Vivienne Savage filled out

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the menu with a non- chili dish so there was sure to be something to everyone taste. Don and Linda also provided ballots, tallied the votes and awarded ribbons to the winners as well as potted jalapeno plants to all participants.

The voting was close, and first place actually ended in a tie, which sent Don searching for people who hadn't voted. The tie was broken and John Drake took 1st place honors, followed by Caecilia Weiler 2nd place, and Doug Sheppard 3rd place. At one point I counted fifty- four "judges" in various stages of sampling, savoring, voting on the chili and basically having a great time. A few good natured comments were heard, like "wait until next year!" So it looks as if the Club has started another tradition.

And indeed it has. S/C Peter Tietz and Marilyn have volunteered to be in charge this year and the more chili entries the better.

Watch for the flyer with details in early April for the twentieth Annual Chili Cook-Off!

### Wednesday Night Sail

Need some sailing practice or instruction come out on Wednesday evenings starting on March 15<sup>th</sup> for some informal racing. Lake rental boats are free to members or use one of the club boats. Whether you sail or not meet fellow LMVYC member at Round Table for pizza and beer at 7:00 all year long.

### N2E & Border Run

Quite a few of our members have taken part in the annual running of the Newport to Ensenada Regatta. The start of the regatta is quite a spectacle to view from the shore. It is even more magnificent from one of the race boats or from the one of the race committee boats. If you are not racing you may want be part of the action by being on the race committee. There are spots available at the starting line and finish in Ensenada. The start line duties are on Friday morning April 28<sup>th</sup> and you will be back at the dock at about 2:00pm. The finish line duties commence Friday evening. Please contact [Peter Tietz](#) or 619-757-3915 to find out more information or to volunteer.

Another big event is the Border Run a regatta from Newport to San Diego on April 1. There are volunteer positions open at the start line and finish line for those of you who want to get involved but are only available on weekends. Again, get a hold of [Peter Tietz](#) to get more information on this fun event.





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### Newsletter

This newsletter is a great way to communicate with likeminded people in our area. If you have anything you think is newsworthy or you would like to share with the membership, please submit this to Peter Tietz for inclusion. The newsletter is published 4 times a year around the next issue is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> followed by August 15<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>. The due dates for articles are about 2 weeks prior to distribution.

### Off Lake Opportunities

One of the great things of being part of an SCYA affiliated yacht club is the opportunities this provides to learn and give back in sailing activities that take place in the community. Our flag officers will have the opportunity to visit other yacht clubs and be part of their opening day activities. The members are also invited to take part in the learning opportunities available through [Southern California Yachting Association](#) and [Association of Orange Coast Yacht Clubs](#). Programs include Race Management Seminars, Rules Seminars and the recently completed sold out Women's Sailing Convention. There are also opportunities to be part of large events like Newport to Ensenada or the Border Run Regattas that were mention elsewhere in this newsletter. ALYC will be holding the annual sailing for the visually impaired later this summer and will be looking for volunteers. Check the websites and sign up for the SCYA newsletter for more information on events this year. We will also be listing opportunities in this newsletter.

Want some ocean sailing experience there is always the Farkle races on Thursday afternoon. Many of our members participate and would be happy to help you find a crew position. This may lead to some serious weekend racing at one of the many other clubs in the area

### Memories Of 2016

Submitted by Carl Paez





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Burgees \$23.00



Decals \$2.00

All of these items are currently in stock, Contact R/C Andrew Cornsforth to place your order.

### Classifieds

On the Market again

#### 1970 Olympic Class Finn and Zeiman Trailer

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



### 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](http://LMVYC.org). Lake Mission Viejo yacht Club conducts monthly regattas throughout the year. Other sailing opportunities include informal pick-up regattas on Wednesday evenings followed 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.