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Newsletter

FROM THE BRIDGE

Ron Meyer Commodore

LMVYC is in full swing this summer with the absence of a regularly scheduled regatta but many BBQ gatherings and individual lessons being taken and much casual sailing. I have also seen members out fishing and kayaking. With the more relaxed events many members on the vacation trail!!

I returned back to Chicago after twelve-years and visited the city and my cousin. I followed this by returning to Cleveland after a hiatus of twenty-one years. We had a family reunion that hadn't occurred for my relatives in ten years. I am the oldest of nineteen grandchildren. Many of my cousins now have children older than they were the last time I visited. While there I had the opportunity to take

seven of my second-generation cousins both sailing and kayaking on Lake Erie. You also can't beat Lake Erie Perch dinners!!!

I was born in Cleveland and lived in the vicinity for twenty years.

After US Naval Service and college I relocated to the Chicago and Milwaukee area for the next twenty years started a family and career. I sailed and raced on Lake Michigan for fifteen years. In the summer of 1987 I moved my family and started in another career spanning twenty years here in California.

How fast these years have passed!!! Now I am sailing with grandchildren and second cousins!! What a Blessing!!



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Post-its from the Secretary

Welcome Aboard -The Club is delighted to welcome new members Debbie and Sam Afshar; Buddy and Kathy Coyne; Bonnie and David Eastman; Nancy and Greg Silver with their daughters Courtney and Brooke; Gigi and Purcell Styber; Rahamim and Kathleen Ron, and Donna and Bill Yount. We hope to see you all at the Club and on the water!

=====**Schedule Change**=====

Please take note that we've had to cancel our Invitational regatta on Saturday Oct.4 due to the mussel quarantine. But Race Chair Rod Simenz has come up with a great substitute on Sunday Oct. 5 instead. Read his article in this issue.

Race Chair Report Juniors Update

This summer John Olson's grand daughters, Ashley and Taylor and Tony Musolino's grandsons Mathew and Michael learned to sail in the Club Naples Sabots. This was accomplished in a series of Tuesday afternoon lessons given by John, Tony and myself. The kids enjoyed quite a bit of fast sailing in good wind but also had to deal with trying to sail in no wind. That may be good preparation for the next step – racing the Sabots.

Ross Bennett, LMVYC junior member is on a major campaign to qualify for the 2012 Olympics in the Laser class. He has been competing in Europe this summer as part of his quest and will sail in the Laser U.S. Championships to be sailed in Long Beach this August. We all wish Ross success in his efforts. Ross has his own "road to the Olympics" web site at -----
www.rbsailing.com/. Check it out and offer him some support.

LMVYC junior member **Michelle Yu** started her racing

career on our Lake last summer and progressed quickly, doing well in Sabots and Balboa 13s. At age 15 it was a somewhat late start for a junior sailor considering they get their start at age six at the hot beds of racing in Long Beach, Newport and San Diego.



Well, Michelle is making up for lost time this summer. She was accepted as a junior racing member at BYC and this has given her all the racing opportunities

she can handle. She is sailing 5 and 6 days a week and has attended several racing clinics with top coaches and racers like world class sailor and "Racing Rules" guru Dave Perry. She has been training in Gov Cup 21s and competing in numerous Sabot and CFJ regattas. A few summer highlights so far are representing BYC in the US Sailing Sears Cup competition sailed in Lightnings at Mission Bay and sailing in the Jr. Olympics held at California Yacht Club. At CYC she crewed for Caitlin Ybarra in a CFJ. They sailed 9 races and trophied by placing 6th in the field of 32 boats, their best race was a second but they also had a 29th place due to a capsize on a spinnaker run. Michelle then crewed for another skipper in the CFJ National Championships held at Santa Barbara Yacht Club where the competition swelled to 61 boats! Their best race was a 6th, they finished in the top half of the fleet and gained lots of experience including the pain of a 62nd place for being over early and not restarting. Michelle says she is looking forward to racing again on the Lake in our next regattas.

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Treasurer's Report

I thought that mid-season is a good time to give the membership an update of where we stand financially.

Our family member dues have been at the \$65 (renewal) level since 2003 when we raised it from \$50 to \$65. The first couple of years after the raise to \$65 resulted in a small surplus that was used to subsidize the Annual Dinner but as you know, last year we were no longer able to do so. Inflation combined with upgrading the quality of both food and beverages have finally caught up with us! In fact, balancing the budget for 2008 required us to hold the line on a number of line items where we would have liked to allocate a bit more money. This is particularly true for our biggest expense which is for the food and refreshments we serve after all the regattas.

The good news is that half way through the season; we are just a hair below 50% on these expenses and our biggest event: the Opening Day has already been paid for. This is mainly due to the excellent "value shopping" of our Fleet Surgeons Cathie and Marilyn and our Quartermaster Randy Tiffany.

Thank you Cathie, Marilyn and Randy!

I also realize that while every member who helps our Fleet Surgeons by bringing salads, desserts etc. is fully entitled to be refunded, a lot of you don't hand in your receipts and this obviously help the treasury too.

Thank you all!

Of course, a big reason for our low yearly dues is due to the subsidy we receive from LMVA to the tune of \$2500. They also pay for our insurance which we should have had all along but now get with the club acquiring the Sabot and Balboa 13 fleets.

Thanks you LMVA!

The bad news is that we may still be looking at a dues increase for next year. We will be working on next years budget a bit earlier than usual and the board will then have to decide on the new dues for 2009 which I hope we can present at our November annual meeting.

Willi.

In case you haven't been sailing for some time there is a new procedure for putting your personal boat into the water.

Because of the spread of Quagga mussels in the west, Lake Mission Viejo has instituted a

quarentine policy for all boats before they can be launched. Your boat must be inspected for



contamination and then you will need to wait for a quarentine period of thirty days.

After you've been cleared to launch you will be greeted by lake personnel at recovery. They will attach a seal that if unbroken will let you launch if your boat is clean and dry the next time.

. So don't leave the dock without it!



Mussels Muscle Out Fall Invitational

Sad to say but our traditional and popular October Invitational Regatta is cancelled for 2008. The current emergency rules to deal with the threat of Quagga mussels impose a 30 day quarantine period on any boat or trailer planning to launch at the Lake. So it just isn't feasible for us to invite sailors to race their boats on LMV at this time.

But stay tuned, we plan to replace the "Invitational Regatta" with a totally different kind of regatta, a fun race.

Details are still being worked on, but the essentials are to have a sail boat relay team race that will use Lake boats, Sabots, Balboa 13s and Wayfarers to sail various legs of the course.

We plan to have three relay teams, each team will have skippers and crews with skills ranging from former "Top Skipper" winners to novices. Two spectator boats will be available to cheer the teams and take photos. Watch for Relay Race flyers for more detail.

Rod Simenz

More Details

A Pancake Breakfast!

Mark your calendar, October 5, 2008.

The "Relay Race Regatta" day will start with a pancake breakfast. The Club will be looking for all kinds of volunteers.

Talented pancake flippers will be in particular demand, if that's where you shine now is a good time to let it be known.

a report from Jr Staff Commodore Tony Musolino

US SAILING Membership

8/08/08

This past March, US SAILING Board of Directors proposed adding a prescription to Racing Rules of Sailing Rule 46 - Persons In Charge. This prescription would require all sailors who are in charge of a boat in a regatta to be a member of US SAILING. Plans were to add the prescription to the 2009 – 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing. At the time of the proposal, US SAILING reported that individual membership was on a downward trend, approximately 20% over the past eight years, and at about 34,000.

Members of the Council of Sailing Associations (Area Directors, Regional Sailing Association representatives and others) were asked to explain the proposal to their Regional Associations, i.e. Southern California Yachting Association, Yacht Clubs and Sailors. After considerable effort to promote this proposal through contact with many of the aforementioned organizations and individual sailors, the general consensus was unfavorable. (Poll results taken from a small sample of LMVYC sailors reflecting a majority not in favor, were provided to the Council of Sailing Association Area J.)

At the Southern California Yachting Association Meeting this past May, US SAILING President Jim Capron presented the proposal. Subsequently, US SAILING Board of Directors met in June and a decision was made which resulted in the following press release:

US SAILING WITHDRAWS MANDATORY MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

Portsmouth, R.I. (June 17, 2008) - US SAILING, national governing body for the sport of sailing, has announced today that its Board of Directors last night voted to withdraw a proposal that would require US SAILING membership of racing sailors.

"We have heard from our members and we thank everyone for their input," said US SAILING President Jim Capron. "Many sailors and sailing organizations

have told us that racing sailors should be members, but that their membership should be voluntary. We also appreciate that many of these sailing organizations have indicated their willingness to help grow our membership. We look forward to working with all of you to strengthen both our organization and our sport."

(end of press release)

Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club has membership to US SAILING. Members who may be unfamiliar with this organization can learn more by going to the US SAILING website:

www.ussailing.org (Jr. S/C Tony Musolino)

Sail for the Blind and Visually Impaired –Saturday, October 18, 2008

Location: 215 15th Street, Newport Beach

Time: 10:00am – 5:00pm

This benefit program sponsored by the Women's Ocean Racing Sailing Organization (WORSAs) and hosted by the American Legion Post 291 and American Legion Yacht Club is going on its 18th year! Lots of exciting things are in store for the Blind and Visually Impaired who are treated very special throughout the day. Food fare, a special program and SAILING! Volunteers are needed to act as escorts, crew, and guide dog sitters and also help with food service. The event is expected to draw over 200 Blind and Visually Impaired adults, thus the need for a great turnout of volunteers.

Last year LMVYC had a nice handful of volunteer members join numerous others for the first time.

Continuing with the spirit of volunteering to support needy individuals and organizations, LMVYC looks forward to pitching in again this year. Check out the WORSAs website: www.worsa.org and click on "Visually impaired". Detailed program information is reflected for 2007 and will soon be updated with similar program information for 2008. In the interim, interested members may contact Jr. S/C Tony Musolino ...phone:

949-4570899,

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Repainting a classic Newport Finn; Randy Tiffany

I bought a "classic" 1965 Newport Finn last fall on E-Bay. It was advertised as in "*Great Condition. Missing only a small 10" piece of rub rail*". After the busy Holiday season I returned to the Finn and it seemed to have lost its luster and indeed looked like an old '65 E-Bay Finn. I decided to repaint the Finn, top & bottom. How difficult can that be? March 1. Let's Paint a Finn!

The West Marine catalog has a concise description of refinishing and repainting the hull of your vessel. Two short pages! Plus, I have the experiences of several of LMVYC finest & most experienced sailors who have tackled the same project before me. How difficult can this be? After a quick trip to West Marine and a larger than expected investment in epoxy, paint & supplies I was ready to dive in and knock this thing out.

Proper preparation before painting is tantamount to success.

And sanding the bottom of your boat is a very dusty proposition. I tried to minimize the impact by hanging sheets of plastic to create my own private "spray room". This WON'T keep the dust out of the house. In fact, everything in the garage and house becomes a paint, gel coat, epoxy & fiberglass magnet.

Week 2. I've lost track of how many coats of epoxy, primer and "final" coats I've applied to the hull of my Finn. But I finally found a movie on You Tube demonstrating the art of "Rolling & Tipping" (rolling on paint and quickly eliminating the bubbles with a quick, light pass of a brush). I found a good 6" foam roller is better than a "non-shedding" roller followed by "tipping" with a cheap foam pad. I've now applied one quart of two part epoxy, two quarts of primer and two quarts of epoxy paint. I'm out of paint so I must be done with the hull.

March 15. Time to flip the boat and start on the top side! More sanding, more dust. A trip to Home Depot to buy & install NASA grade gaskets for the garage door is mandatory. Sanding, painting and entry to the garage

prohibited until I clean the dining room, kitchen & living room.

I now realize I need to make a new floor board too. This becomes a project unto itself. See the associated Tech Tip article by Jack McCollum on fiber glassing. In the process of making this floorboard I've modified an old adage; *measure thrice cut twice*. At the time of this writing I'm still uncertain how it will fit. But, with all the glass and paint it will be sturdy.

Week of March 24th. Back to sanding & painting the top side. I am now asking myself, "*Why didn't I just leave this to be a "beater boat"?* And how much does eight quarts of epoxy paint weigh anyway? But I feel like I am in the home stretch now. At least wet sanding isn't dusty. But work has gotten in the way of my little project. There is now way this will be ready for our Opening Day/Commodore's Brunch now.

March 30. Reality Check. This isn't going to look like a brand new boat or like a professional job from "Tony in Costa Mesa". But, it is a far sight better than when I started. In fact, I can see my reflection in the deck. Norma's also given me a reprieve on the time line so I no longer feel rushed to mount the new hardware.

March 31. West Marine, Harken & Annapolis Maritime Master Card Bills arrive. Why didn't I buy a new DeVoti?

April 1. My goal is to have the new, old, classic '65 Newport Finn ready for Spring Regatta I in April. In my mind's eye the project boat is looking pretty good. I look forward to christening it with you sometime during our Chili cook-off. *Editor: Randy and Finn at Chili Cook-off!!*



Do you have any problem areas that need a strong and permanent fix? If so then read on and see how Randy Tiffany repaired some holes from previous "modifications" and strengthened his new Finn's

floorboard.



Randy chose West Systems epoxy resin because it has a proven track record for marine

use and it comes with handy pumps that eliminate any mistakes in mixing the ratio of resin to hardener.



You can see him here preparing a hole on the deck by cutting a small piece of glass

cloth to place into the hole to be filled later with leftover resin from the floorboard in the foreground.

Randy will paint the finished floor later but if you wanted a stained finish it must be

done before the epoxy and cloth are applied and will eventually show through the clear finish.



After mixing the resin by adding equal pumps of resin and hardener Randy first mixed the epoxy and then quickly poured



it out thin onto the floorboard. If mixed epoxy is left in the container it will quickly heat up to the point where it would be impossible to hold it and would harden too fast as well.

By spreading it out you will have more time to work with it before it sets up. Randy first applied a layer of resin and then a layer of glass cloth. Let your glass cloth fall over the edges so that resin will bond it to the sides. Then he used a squeegee to smooth it out, pushing the bubbles toward the edges. You could also put the cloth onto a dry



board and work resin into the surface but that doesn't always result in the strongest bond especially over a large surface.

Next he mixed up another batch of resin to apply while the first layer was still tacky. This will provide a strong chemical bond. Once a layer of epoxy hardens there will no longer be a chemical bond for subsequent layers and



you will need to sand the finish for a physical bond.

All that is left to do is trim off the excess cloth from the



edges and sand the surface to your liking for paint.

That's it for this time and I'd like to say thank you to new member Gigi Stybr who sent in some nice pictures. We



always appreciate Race committee volunteers!

LMVYC INFO

Regatta and Sailing Schedule

Midwinter Regatta	February 16
Opening Day Regatta	March 30
Wednesday Night Sunset	TBA
Sailing begins	April 2
Spring Regatta I	April 20
Spring Regatta II	May 18
Summer Regatta	June 22
Fri. Sunset Sail & BBQ	July 11
Fri. Sunset Sail & BBQ	August 29
LMVYC 31th Regatta	August 17
Fall Regatta	Sept. 21
LMVYC Fall Invitational	Oct. 5
Wed. Night Sailing Ends	Oct 8
Top Skippers Regatta	Oct. 19
Turkey Regatta	Nov. 9
Christmas Party & Parade	Dec. 6

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- Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
- American Legion Yacht Club
- Anacapa Yacht Club
- Corsair Yacht Club
- Dana West Yacht Club
- Huntington Beach Yacht Club
- Marina Venice Yacht Club
- Marina Yacht Club of Long Beach
- Navy Yacht Club of San Diego
- Pierpoint Bay Yacht Club
- Redondo Beach Yacht Club
- Shoreline Yacht Club
- South Shore Yacht Club