



# THE MAIN SHEET

## From The Bridge

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### Mark Your Calendars!

- February 21—Midwinter Regatta
- Wed Mar 10—Last Lake Walk
- Wed Mar 17—Wet Wednesday Sunset Sailing Begins
- **Sun Mar 21 Opening Day - postponed. New Date TBA**
- Sun Apr 25—Spring Regatta I
- Sun May 16—Spring Regatta II
- Note: Social gatherings before and after these events are subject to LMVA Guidelines.



Welcome to the Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club and our 2021 sailing season. I am honored to represent you and our club for 2021. First, let me start out by thanking our 2020 Commodore Randy Tisdale for all of his hard work and dedication to our club during a difficult year. Please let him know that his efforts are greatly appreciated next time you see him.

We are a small club of dedicated sailing enthusiasts, humbly volunteering to bring the joy of sailing and racing to our lake community. Many of our club members also compete off the lake up and down the California coastline. Our Junior program continues to grow and impress with results and integrity on the water. Thank you Rod for all that you do! While we cannot meet and socialize like we once did, we continue to meet virtually and plan for events and our club's business. Thank you to the club officers and appointees for making our club function in these difficult times.

We had a rough start to our 2020 season due to Covid-19 shelter in place orders, but we managed to pack a full racing calendar into the latter half of the year. I would like to congratulate our Championship Series winners, Cheyenne Stegal, Nicole Sighartau and Guy Heaton. And a special nod to Nicole for winning the Champion of Champions Award for the lowest winning score of the three series winners. We are pleased to bring you a new race series format for 2021. Please see the comments from our Race Chair later in the Main Sheet.

We were able to have a super kickoff event with our Tune Up Regatta in January. We had the largest turnout of boats that I can remember for the tune up, so I'm expecting a fantastic year of racing. Thank you to the many volunteers that helped setup and take down the racecourse to get us back on the water. Our next regatta on February 21<sup>st</sup> will start our spring racing series. With brighter horizons ahead we look forward to another great year of sailing, racing, and hopefully social events.

See you on the water!

*Guy Heaton*

LMVYC Commodore 2021

## 2021 LMVYC Board Inauguration

S/C Kevin Weir

COVID-19 has pushed organizations to new levels of creativity as they adapt to the dangers and restrictions imposed by this disease. LMVYC is no exception.

January 2021 was another example of our club finding a way to perform essential functions during this time. At the board's January 5<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting, By-Laws Chair Tony Mussolino, attired in full regalia, conducted the oath swearing ceremony among board members. This usually happens at the Awards and Installation Dinner which, unfortunately, could not occur this year. The swearing in is a required step at the beginning of each board year.



On January 24<sup>th</sup>, prior to the Tune Up Regatta, Commodore Guy Heaton and Vice Commodore Scott Pursell along with Jr. Staff Commodore Randy Tisdale, dressed in jacket, shirt, and tie proceeded with additional formalities in-person. Staff Commodore and Club Historian Audrey Simenz presented the stars to in-



coming flag officers identifying each officer's rank. Jr. Staff Commodore Randy Tisdale transferred the Commodore's flag to Commodore Guy Heaton, who, in turn, transferred the Vice Commodore's flag to Vice Commodore Scott Pursell.



The formalities completed, Commodore Heaton presented Jr. Staff Commodore Tisdale with an engraved cutting board as thanks for his leadership during a very challenging year. In turn, Jr. Staff Commodore Tisdale presented gifts to last year's flag officers and appointees. The gifts, contained in decorative bags, included a metaphor: a face mask with the club's logo prominently displayed.



*"The most  
challenging times  
bring us the most  
empowering  
lessons."*

—Karen  
Salmansohn

## What's New?

Rod Simenz

Well, there are several things. We have not been able to use the Club Room so most of us have not been there in almost a year. One thing new on the south wall is the Junior Commodore plaque honoring our young sailors that have served as Junior Commodores in the Club's Junior Program over the years.



Another new thing is some sail storage space. It's our club practice to store new racing sails reserved for use only at regattas in the club storage room. And the room is overflowing with Sabot and CFJ sails. There simply isn't any room for more sails

there. That raised a problem on where to store 4 new Balboa 13 sails purchase by the club, as well as 2 new Laser sails donated to the club by Mission Viejo Youth Sailing Foundation. Problem solved with two new sail storage boxes located on the boat storage rack that is very convenient to the Balboa and Laser boats. The boxes are three feet wide, one foot high and ten feet deep and provide ideal horizontal storage space for sails that is weather proof and secure. Many thanks to Port Captain Graham Newman who built, painted and installed them.



## Prada Cup Action

Graham Newman

Three competitors vied for the Prada Cup: U.S.A., Italy, and UK. They competed in round robin races against one another. U.K. won five races, taking them to the Finals. U.S.A. and Italy competed in the semi-finals. As many of you know, Italy won, so Italy went to the Finals against U.K.

Finals began on February 12<sup>th</sup> for U.S. viewers. In the battle between U.K. and Italy, the winner has to score seven points to advance to the America's Cup against Team New Zealand. The

races appear on NBCSN and on Facebook. I have been following the races on Facebook at TFE Live #378 at 6PM, PST. Facebook delivers a web cast from Sailing Illustrated. Occasional comment appears over the Kiwi feed; nonetheless, it is essentially the America's Cup feed live from Auckland. As noted above, the Prada Cup winner will go on to the America's Cup starting on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Go U.K.!



*"Since I was 10 years old, I knew I wanted to sail around the world."*

—Laura Dekker



## Tune Up Regatta

S/C Kevin Weir



***"You need  
something to open  
up a new door, to  
show you something  
you seen before but  
overlooked a  
hundred times or  
more."***

**—Bob Dylan**

January's Tune Up Regatta, as Commodore and Race Chair Guy Heaton noted, had a great turnout. Guy was a one person race committee. He called races from the start before joining his fleet. This year, A and B fleets were combined. C fleet would start the sequence.

The wind was generally excellent, allowing us to race at least six races. Had the bulk of the fleet not retired after the last race, I am convinced that our Race Chair would have kept 'em coming until the sun went down. It was a spectacular day.

The accompanying photos say it all. Thanks again, Guy, for your leadership.



Sisters - Maycie and McKenna Pugh



A & B fleets at the leeward mark.



Emmet & Vicki Rixford

## Tune Up Regatta, continued



Guy approaching 'X'.



Arnold Christensen racing his Aero.



New racers - Jonathan Owen & Haifeng Gao



Neck & neck Twitchells



Fleet at C mark.

Tune Up Regatta and Inauguration photos courtesy of Club Photographer Donna Stegal



Cheyenne Stegal



*"Jobs fill your pocket,  
but adventures fill your  
soul."*

—Jamie Lyn Beatty

## Eight Bells: Wil Chong

S/C Arnold Christensen



January 26<sup>th</sup> was an incredibly sad day for anyone who knew Wil Chong. On that day he became another one of the many who have lost their lives due to complications from COVID-19.

Wil and his wife, Pat, both contracted the disease at the end of December. I spoke with him on January 10<sup>th</sup> when he told me about it. He sounded fine telling me he was feeling better and was on his way to recovery. Nine days later I found out he had been admitted to Hoag Memorial and was later transferred to an inpatient rehabilitation facility only to return to Hoag a few days later. (Thankfully, Pat's symptoms were relatively minor and she has recovered from the disease.)

Wil and Pat joined the Club in 1997 and have been active participants in the Club's regattas and social events. Wil was a sailor and always available on regatta days to help any skipper who needed an experienced crew. Through the years he and Pat were event chairs for many of our summer BBQs, and on Opening Days Wil was our go to bartender, expertly fixing that Mimosa or Bloody Mary just the way you wanted it, with a smile and a wisecrack. Besides his interest in the Club and sailing, he was also an avid fisherman and tennis player. He could often be spotted on the lake, fishing with buddies or cruising with his family in his own 'party boat'. He played doubles tennis twice a week, usually as my partner-in-crime. I will certainly miss him and I am grateful to have been able to call him my friend!



## Eight Bells: Wayne Welch

S/C Audrey Simenz



With sadness we are sorry to announce that Wayne Welch, member of LMVYC since 2012, passed away on January 12.

Wayne, early on sailed a Lido 14 for years. He learned to sail as a youngster in a Sabot on Balboa Island, and his love of sailing and being on the water never diminished. His wife Margaret said that being a member of the yacht club was one of the great joys of his life, mingling and chatting with other sailors after the races. He and Margaret were active participants in all our social events. He could always be counted on for help with the hospitality crew and on summer evenings joined us on the club's Friday BBQs.

During the week he found time for another favorite part of his life, horseback riding. Driving to San Clemente where his horse was stabled, he rode for hours along the trails there. He'd learned to ride as a seven year old on an uncle's farm in Iowa and he continued to ride, until two years ago, everywhere he lived. As an Episcopalian priest he and Margaret made homes wherever he was called, living all over California and for a while up in Oregon, giving him an opportunity to sail close to their home on Lake Howard Prairie. From there they often made trips to Bandon towing a horse trailer so he could ride on those wide sandy beaches.

For several years we were honored to have him give warm and thoughtful invocations on Opening Day, blessing us and our boats as the new sailing season started.

Living happily here in Palmia, he enjoyed putting and played tennis with friends from the yacht club until a few years ago. Last year he had the joy of celebrating sixty-eight years of marriage with his beloved Margaret. Wayne was thankful for a full and rewarding life until the good Lord welcomed him home.

The Commodore and officers of the yacht club offer sincere condolences to Margaret and the family.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser for the Club Junior Program Is A Huge Success!

Rod Simenz


The Mission Viejo Youth Sailing Foundation's Fundraiser late in 2020 raised \$2,300, an increase of almost 70% over the previous year's effort.

The Foundation is very grateful to the many LMVYC club members for their generous donations. These funds will be put to good use in continued promotion and support of our junior sailors as they participate in competitive sailing in Southern California.

The foundation looks for opportunities to upgrade boats, parts and equipment to enhance competitiveness of boats raced by our juniors. Procurement of two Sabot carbon fiber masts to replace existing aluminum masts is high on the list of efforts in 2021.

The Foundation is prepared to provide grants to send our juniors to advanced racing clinics, and also grants to help defray expenses for participation in the 2021 Junior Olympics and CFJ and Sabot National Championships.

These young sailors are so grateful and appreciative of all the help given to them by the Foundation and our club.



*"Learning to sail is a lifetime commitment and not just a one-course seminar."*

—Michelle Segrest





## A Poem: Wonderful Lyrics Adapted

### ...What A Wonderful World

*"I see skies of blue  
And clouds of white  
The bright blessed day  
And the dark sacred night  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world"*

*"I see babies cry  
I watch them grow  
They'll learn more  
Than I'll ever know  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world"*

Louis Armstrong (Oh Yeah)  
Enjoy him and the entire song  
On YouTube.

### ...What A Wonderful World

*"I see skies of blue  
And sails of white  
The bright blessed day  
The kids sailing right  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful sight"*

*"I see young sailors try  
I watch them grow  
They'll learn more  
Than I'll ever know  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful...lake"*

With apologies to Armstrong

- Rod Simenz

## Lickety Split: A Sailor's History

S/C Frank Roberts

A few seasons ago I had the luck to be asked to crew on Lickety Split, a 38 foot Catalina based out of Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club and owned by Joe Degenhardt. LMVYC Staff Commodores Ron Meyer and Kevin Weir were also on the boat. Joe was a long time member of BCYC and I first met him in the early 80's while sailing the Beer Can races there.



which is quite an exercise. Maintaining the curl is artist's work and requires anticipation of the wind that comes with many hours of experience.

We did several races around the oil islands, which were long races of up to 27 miles in length. I also crewed in the Sunkist series which is a shorter race. When I

got a request to crew shortly after Joe passed, I was surprised by a memorial set up on the dock along with a bar! Skipper Andrew said we were to enjoy the day and have a few Bloody Marys before we set sail.

BCYC plans a memorial event for Joe on July 10 so if anyone of you knew him, I'm sure they will be glad to have you attend.

The first time I crewed on Lickety Split was many years ago at a Leukemia Cup in Dana Point. Joe was skipper that day and we had a fun time. My recent crewing experience was with Andrew Degenhardt. Joe's health declined in recent years and he was not able to sail. With the onset of our recent pandemic, he had been confined and unable to visit his beloved Lickety Split. Then on January 1, 2021, Joe died peacefully at his home of natural causes.

Sailing on Lickety Split was a learning experience for me. It was my first time using a spinnaker and my first time flying an asymmetric spinnaker. Both were lots of work and lots of fun. I usually handled the guy line as it is easier for a rookie to handle. Foredeck work was left to the experienced crew. But as I got more comfortable, I eventually got to handle the sheet,



**"I must go down to  
the sea again, to the  
lonely sea and the  
sky. And all I ask is a  
tall ship and a star  
to steer her by."  
— John Masefield**



S/C Ron Meyer

## Pharkle Phunnies

S/C Kevin Weir



Looking back at the fleet.

Many of our sailors also race off-shore. S/C Frank Roberts' article is an example. The race series attended by the largest number of our sailors is not a formal race series at all, but is an informal scrimmage off of Dana Point every Thursday. This is a long tradition; formed over thirty years ago. Skippers and crew are often every bit as competitive as in formal series races.

The onset of COVID19 and initial stay at home orders reduced the

number of boats and crew. Since then, skippers, crews, and boats are back to more usual numbers – with known precautions. I have been doing this for the last few years as have many of my fellow club members. Through it, I have met new friends, learned new skills, and had memorable days that I just feel lucky to have in my life. I am sure that a somewhat long list of our club members share this sentiment. I attached a few photos taken by Jeff Buchman from Out Of The Blue on February 11, 2021.



Watching the finish.



Approaching the finish line.



Dana Point and the returning fleet.



**"To some it's just water. To me, it's where I regain my sanity."**

**— Anonymous**



## Caught On Camera! Post Inauguration Hitchhiker

Donna Stegal



Newly installed Jr. Staff Commodore Randy Tisdale and guest.



*"When your life is  
moving too fast and you  
find yourself in chaos,  
introduce yourself to  
each color of the  
sunset."*

- Christy Ann Martine

## Winter Wednesdays S/C Kevin Weir

Our Wednesday afternoon lake sailing schedule follows daylight savings time. All of us look forward to longer days and the late sunsets that translate into great experiences scrimmaging on the water.

It is an endless summer for those of us lucky enough to either be retired or semi-retired. Sailors including Graham Newman, Emmet Rixford, Arnold Christiansen, Randy Tiffany, Randy Tisdale, Rod Simenz, and me have been able to extend our Wednesday sailing by simply setting out earlier from the dock. Frank Fournier is usually at the dock to

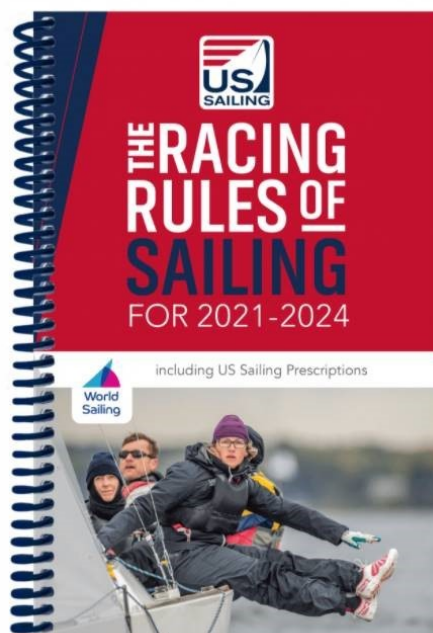
see us off. Arriving between 1PM and 2:30, or so, we have been able to get in a few hours of racing and enjoying one another's company.

After putting our boats to bed and telling tall tales, several of the sailors reconvene at Plaza Del Lago at 6PM for a walk around the lake. More tall tales are told and world issues resolved.

Traditionally, LMVYC members would enjoy pizza after the walk. This year has been different, of course. Nonetheless, we have successfully extended our year, sailing and walking this beautiful lake.

## From The Water: New Racing Format

Commodore and R/C Guy Heaton



Welcome sailors to a new and exciting year on the water. 2021 has a new format for our Championship Series. We will split the year into two seasons. This will provide for more winners without having to compete for a full year. However, the Champion of each fleet will be crowned after the totals from both seasons are added together. Please review the Notice of Race for further details. The NOR appears on the next page.

Every four years there are changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing, and this year there are new rules being implemented. The one with the biggest effect is how a boat starts and finishes. A boat will now be judged by its hull. This means that a sail or a body part may cross the line, but the boat does not start or finish until the hull hits the line. Bow sprits are not considered the hull.

Good Luck and see you on the water!



# NOTICE OF RACE

## Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club 2021 Fleet Championship Series

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Season</u>
February 21	Midwinter Regatta	Spring Series
March 21	Opening Day Regatta	Spring Series
April 25	Spring Regatta I	Spring Series
May 16	Spring Regatta II	Spring Series
June 13	Summer Regatta	Fall Series
August 15	Annual Regatta	Fall Series
September 26	Fall Regatta	Fall Series
November 14	Turkey Regatta	Fall Series

I Rules- The Regatta Series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of each class, LMVA rules and by the Sailing Instructions.

II FLEETS- One Design fleets will be recognized when at least three boats of a class (sailing in accordance with class rules) participate in a minimum of half of the total races. One Design and LMVYC Portsmouth handicap fleets - all participants will be assigned to a fleet as follows:

“A” fleet will consist of Thistle, RS Aero, C-15, Finn, Wayfarer, Laser, Balboa 13 and any other comparable boats (Portsmouth rating 94.9 or less\*).

“B” fleet will consist of Lido 14, CFJ, Laser B, Capri 14.2, Expo 14.2, Mercury, Balboa 13B and any other comparable boats (Portsmouth rating 95 to 102\*).

“C” fleet will consist of CFJ B, Twitchell, Expo 14.2 B, Sabot A and B, and any other comparable boats (Portsmouth rating 103 and higher\*).

\* Boats with higher or lower rating may be allowed with Race Chair permission

### III AWARDS-

- Individual awards will be presented to participants in recognized One Design fleets and to those in the A, B, and C fleets. First place finishers will be recognized as Fleet Champion for the year. The number of awards will be as follows:

1 - 2 participants	-	no awards
3 - 4 participants	-	first place
5 - 7 participants	-	first and second place
8 or more participants	-	first, second and third place

- Perpetual trophies for the A, B, and C fleets and One Design fleets that meet the requirements will be maintained to recognize each fleet champion.
- When a competitor has the lowest final series score both in a One Design fleet and a Portsmouth handicap fleet, the competitor may choose to accept the winner's award in one fleet or the other. A competitor is not eligible to win in both fleets.

### IV SCORING

Regatta - Three races are planned for each Regatta; one race will constitute a Regatta. The Low Point System will apply, except that a skipper that did not compete, did not start, did not finish or was on course side will be scored the number of entries for the day, plus one. This changes RRS A4.2 and A9.

Series – The yearlong Championship will be split into 2 seasons. There will be winners for each season and an overall champion for each fleet. RRS A9 is applicable. Each skipper's season and championship series score shall be the total of race scores excluding their worst scores after 5 races, 2 worst scores after 8 races and 3 worst races after 11 races.

Note: A Skipper, who serves on race committee or event chair and thereby misses a Regatta will be scored for that regatta their average score for the series.

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