

Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

LAUNCHING THE SEASON

We've got some exciting events planned for 1997! The Executive Committee met and reviewed the program planned by the Vice Commodore and Port Captain, which promises to be a great year for sailors and non-sailors of all ages! You'll be hearing more about these activities next month after they have been submitted for approval to the Lake Association Board. Be on the lookout for your dues invoice and application in late February, and please respond promptly to take advantage of savings for the entire year of fun on the Lake! We are a non-profit organization, and our flat fee dues cover the cost of the before and after sailing food and refreshments for the entire year.

We've dusted off the ten-year old by-laws of the club, and are currently reviewing them for proposed changes to more accurately reflect the way the club operates today. You'll be hearing more about this in the coming months.

I'm so pleased with the great crew on board for 1997! Each one is responsible, reliable, and a valuable asset to the club, and I am honored to be at the helm along with this outstanding team of officers! We invite **YOU** to get involved early in the season, and hope your resolutions include having **FUN** at the lake in the year ahead! This is going to be a **SUPER** year and we want **YOU** to be on board!

See you at the Lake,

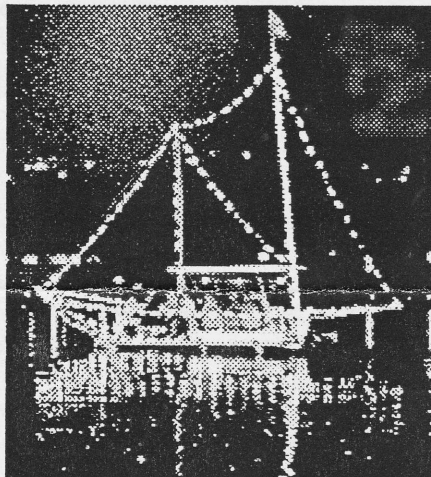
Milly Thomas

THE "PARADE OF LIGHTS" COMES OFF WITHOUT A HITCH

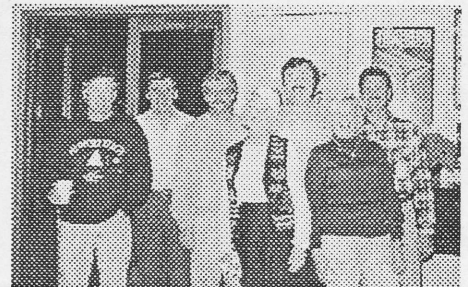
The 1996 Parade of Lights was lead again this year by the LMVYC expertly decorated entry. Fashioned after a twin-masted sailing ship and sporting a new set of motion lights. The LMVYC float was navigated by Willi Hugelshofer and led the procession of decorated boats around the lake. In addition to the LMVYC Schooner the Lake Association allowed the club to decorate and operate a second entry in the parade. The addition of a second boat allowed even more of the club members and guests to enjoy the parade up-close and personal.

Willi Hugelshofer, Horst Weiler, Don Schaffner, and Roger Robison decorated the LMVYC entry. Linda and John Robinson showed up with refreshments just as the finishing touches were being made to the boat. Due to the disappearance of the light strings the club had used in the past years the Lake Association provided a new set of high tech motion lights that brought the LMVYC Schooner into the 21 century.

Following the circuit of the lake the club members met in the boardroom for Apre-Parade activities, which included the installation of the 1997 LMVYC Board members.



THE 1996 LMVYC SCHOONER



THE 1997 LMVYC BOARD

The 1997 LMVYC board poses for a snapshot following the Boat Parade and the Installation ceremony. From left to right: Don Schaffner, Horst Weiler, Willi Hugelshofer, Milly Thomas, Roger Robison, Viveanne Savage, and John Robinson. Not Pictured are: Jeremy Kivlen, and John Austin

New Boats

The Agripina I has changed owners with Matt Beattie taking over the helm from Roger Robison. Roger picked up another C-15 from Dana Point. This increases the number of C-15 on the lake to 11.

The Yacht club also has a second Thistle to lookout for as Don Schaffner has started preparing some competition for the Black Cloud.

Turkey Regatta Results

The results for the "Special Regatta" held on November 24, 1996 are in. The winners of the annual Turkey were Horst Weiler and Graham Newman. In second place was Willi Hugelshofer and in third was Roger Robison.

This regatta concluded the race schedule for 1996. The club would like to extend it's thanks to all of those members that supported the racing by acting as race committee throughout the year.

"THIS 'n THAT"

The recent rains and Santa Ana windstorms have caused havoc with some of the Yacht Club members' boats. Most notable was the sinking of the Commodore's Lido. Even with the "expert" assistance of the lake lifeguards Milly's boat went to the bottom in the heavy seas.

For anyone that missed it the lake made the late night news when one of the networks showed the whitecaps on the lake as a backdrop for the weather forecast.

There were a number of boats damaged in the upper parking lot as a result of flying debris and the strong winds. Ken Boullions C-15 lost a mast when the boat and trailer were blown over. Another C-15 came completely off its trailer as the gusts reached their peak. Ced Fields Flying Condor was struck by low flying umbrella from Tony's Seafood Landing.

C-15 NEWS

The 1997 Coast Cup schedule is all finalized. Again this year Lake Mission Viejo will host two regattas.

The first event will be the opening regatta of the Coast Cup series. This is scheduled for Saturday March 15. Horst Weiler will be recruiting volunteers to act as race committee for this exciting day of racing. This early season regatta will be a test for some of the most talented sailors both on and off the lake. LMVYC has provided a large fleet of C-15 sailors in support of this annual event and 1997 should be no different.

The next event in the Coast Cup series will be sailed at Puddingstone Lake in the San Dimas area. The date of this regatta is April 26. This venue is an inland lake that should provide comparable conditions to those that we encounter at Lake Mission Viejo.

The first ocean event will be sailed at Alamitos Bay the weekend of May 24 and 25.

THE 1997 SAILING SCHEDULE IS APPROVED

Milly Thomas submitted the 1997 Sailing Schedule to the Lake Mission Viejo Board of Directors on February 11, 1997. Along with the schedule was a request for a monetary donation to the club to support the 1997 club activities. Both items were passed unanimously. Soon you will be receiving your packet of information along with a renewal notice for the 1997 Yacht Club membership. Please return it with your \$40.00 membership donation.

The 1997 schedule includes two new events that will bring added emphasis to the Wednesday evening sailing. The addition of the Sunset Sail Series that will be held on six Wednesdays throughout the summer will provide the incentive to keep our club active in recruiting new members. The second addition is the "Junior Sailing Championships" that will be held on the Saturday before the Top Skipper Championships. This Saturday event will be geared to the junior sailors in the club and provide a stage for the young members in the club to showoff their skills.

New Sailing Rules

New in 1997 are the rules that govern the sport of sailing. On November 8, 1996 the International Sailing Federation voted to accept the new simplified rules that had been used in 1996 as "experimental". The process of revising yachting rules began 1989 with the desire to write a much simpler set of rules to take effect in 1997.

Most of the "changes to the game" come from the revision of the luffing rules. You can no longer luff as hard as you please, yet you can luff longer and farther as the mast abeam restrictions have been removed.

There are other changes also: the new rules have made it harder for a boat to approach the weather mark on the port-tack layline. A starboard tackers right to change course is more restricted at starts and mark roundings, yet less restricted at other times. Finally, the onus (the burden of proof) on a boat tacking close to leeward has been removed.

The rule on avoiding contact has been strengthened. In the past, a right-of-way boat could be disqualified for not avoiding a collision that resulted in serious damage. Now you can be disqualified for any damage when you deliberately hit someone.

The 720 alternate penalty is now the default penalty; it will always be in effect unless the sailing instructions state otherwise.

The "third party rule" has been eliminated; so has the exception for "minor and unavoidable" contact. If you see contact between boats, and neither does a 720 or protests, you still can file a protest. But instead of both boats being thrown out in the hearing, only the one that broke a right-of-way rule will be disqualified.

Now, a boat moving backwards by backing a sail will have to keep clear. This makes it risky to back down if your afraid of being over the line early.

For more information on the new rules checkout the January Sailing World. That's where the above information was taken or just ask Don Schaffner. Its our sport and knowing the rules makes it safe and fun for everyone.

1997 Newsletter Editor

The LMVYC Newsletter has a new editor this year. As vice commodore Milly has asked me to take over the preparation of the monthly gossip sheet. If any news worth items occurs please let me know about them so I can include them in the next month's letter to the members. I can be reached by phone at 855-8094 or by mail at 28261 Coulter St. Mission Viejo 92692 or E-Mail R.T.Robison @worldnet.att.net

1997 Schedule Of Events

Remember: Support Your Club by Participating in the Monthly regattas and Activities.

Wednesday	6-7:30 pm	"Keep in Shape" walk around the Lake
	7:30 pm	Roundtable Pizza, LaPaz / Maguerite
March 15	11:30 am	C-15 Coast Cup Invitational
March 23	11:00 am	Commodore's Brunch & Opening Day Regatta
April 13	12:30 pm	Spring Regatta I

1997 Calendar Of Class Events

**THIS SCHEDULE IS PROVIDED AS A GUIDE
TO OTHER SAILING EVENTS OFF THE LAKE**

March 15	11:30 am	C-15 Coast Cup Invitational
April 26	TBD	C-15 Puddingstone Regatta