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COMMODORE'S CORNER



IMPROVEMENT!!

Horst Weiler made a comment the other day I found interesting, and very true. He said "The best sailors help out others, so they will become good enough to be competition for them." It's always more fun to engage in competition when you don't know the outcome in advance. Strange, but true. Many of us have experienced comments from other boats like "Is your centerboard down?" (embarrassing....), and "Your main is too tight. Let it out.", etc. when sailing on the lake. While a few people don't relish the "free advice", those of us who are trying hard to improve our abilities are grateful for it!

The August issue of the C-15 "Mainsheet" has an article by Larry Meade suggesting that we should sail, not only to win, but for *enjoyment*. The intensity of caring more about winning than having fun makes for unhappy sailors. He advises us to ignore our egos, and thus better enjoy the sport. We should race to sail better; race to play the game, race for adventure, and race to develop concentration. By reducing pressure on ourselves, and concentrating on improved performance, winning just comes "naturally".

Good advice for all of us!

See you at the lake,

Milly Thomas-Davies
Commodore

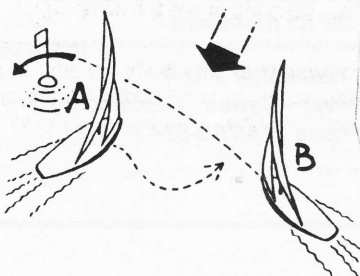
Tactics:

Situation:

"A" and "B" are approaching the mark on different tacks.

Question:

Can "A" ask for room to round the buoy inside "B"?



TOP SKIPPER REGATTA PARTICIPANTS ANNOUNCED

Milly Thomas - Davies, Commodore of the club, is proud to announce the ten participants and alternates invited to meet at the start line on Sunday, October 27, and compete for bragging rights to the title "Top Skipper 1996" of Lake Mission Viejo. All lake association members, as well as yacht club members and guests are invited to join in the festivities following the race, and to encourage their "favorites" on to victory. The club hopes to have a "chase boat" for friends, family, and well-wishers to follow the action on the water, so bring your camera!

The winner's name will be engraved on the perpetual award featuring a bronze sailboat atop a walnut and bronze base containing plates with the names of the lake champion for each year. The trophy is kept on display in the glass-fronted case located in the Board Room of the Administration building at the lake.

Last year's winner, Horst Weiler, is the current sailing instructor at the lake. In 1995, following some great competitive sailing, Horst took claim to the title that had been held for several years by John Austin, former Lake Association Board member, and Ohio lake sailor. John will be attempting to regain the title this year. Ced Fields and Willi Hugelshofer are among the group of ten who will be looking deep into their "go-fast" ditty bags to see what tricks they can come up with to get their name on the coveted award.

Everyone will sail in the 14' Holders, and boats will be exchanged after each race by a lottery system to ensure fairness, in the event some boats may be "faster" than others. This event is truly a test of skill (and luck in the draw on boats). The object of the race is to determine the best skipper with each participant in the same class boat.

Jeff Wilson, Race Committee Chairman, tallied the points, based on wins of the season, club participation, and attendance. The top ten (in descending point order), who are invited to participate according to Jeff's calculations are: Ced Fields, Roger Robison, Willi Hugelshofer, Horst Weiler, Robin Kivlen, Ken Boullion, John Austin, John Olson, Bud Nelson, and Rod Simenz. Alternates in order are: Graham Newman, Matt Beattie, Jeff Wilson, Colleen Dong, and Jean Kanjanavaikoon. Congratulations to each qualifier, and may the best sailor win!!

COAST CUP C-15 INVITATIONAL SET FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Our beautiful lake in the shadow of Saddleback Mountain will once again be the scene for the Fall C-15 Invitational Regatta, open to ALL C-15 boat owners at Lake Mission Viejo, and our invited guests in the District 1 Coast Cup Series. This event is always a popular one with boaters who come from the Southwest area roughly boundaried by Arizona, Santa Barbara and San Diego. Past regattas have included former Olympic champions, and C-15 National Fleet champions who enjoyed the thrill of mastering the constantly shifting winds that can bring even the best of talent to their knees! Local knowledge is definitely an advantage here! Fleet Captain Horst Weiler would like to see all ten of our C-15 boats on the lake for this special event. Invitations will be sent out by District Secretary Colleen Dong, who is a local club member. Anyone who does not receive the information should contact Horst, Colleen, or Milly.

All you "cheerleaders", lake members, yacht club members and guests are especially invited to be on hand to see some great sailing, and join us at the award celebration following the event. There is no admission charge for spectators. We'll do our best to provide a "chase" boat to keep on-lookers and photographers near the action! Come support the club, and join the fun! And, of course, root for the local talent! Let's hear it for "L - M - V - Y - C"!

THIS 'N THAT!!!

Don Schaffner lost his flock of "exotic birds" (chickens) from his back yard. Seems they preferred to be in the house instead of their "roost". He found a new home for them (he *says*), but we're all a bit suspicious -- Linda's been fixing chicken for dinner a lot lately!! (Just kidding, Don!).

Vivienne and Len were in the right place at the right time on their recent trip to England. These "angels of mercy" cared for the family of a friend who suffered three aneurysms that had to be removed surgically while they were there! Funny how these things work out, isn't it! They still came home saying they had a wonderful, relaxing absolutely perfect time. What troopers!

Horst Weiler won the Kings Harbor Reverse Portsmouth in October. Weiler, with his dependable crewman Graham Newman, beat out Lightnings, other C-15s, and a myriad of other type boats to take the lead. In this popular regatta, which features staggered starts based on boat speed, the object is to pass every boat in front of you to emerge the victor. Our congratulations to Horst and Graham for a job well done!

ANSWER TO QUIZ: No. "B" is on starboard tack and does not have to give "A" room to round the mark.

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Open Letter

**We would like
to use this space to thank
everyone for their words of
encouragement, patience,
and most of all for the help
received in getting our C-
15 into the water in time to
participate in our very first
regatta (it WILL get
better.....RIGHT??).**

**It is a pleasure
to be associated with so
many truly nice people!!**

John and Linda Robinson

ELECTION COMMITTEE NAMED

Got extra time next year? Step right up to the 1997 nominating committee, and let them know you'd like to become more involved in the sailing club at LMV! The club, which was founded in 1978 and is governed with an official charter and by-laws, can use your help if your joint goal is to not only have FUN at the lake, but to steadily grow the club with quality members. Willingness to serve, along with a history of reliability, will go a long ways to putting YOUR name on the ballot! A list of the offices and their duties is available for your review.

Vivienne Savage, Graham Newman, and Willi Hugelshofer have agreed to take the lead in filling the ballot with names of qualified candidates. The election will be held on November 20, in the Board Room at the club. The slate of officers will be announced in early November.

The general meeting is open to the public, however, voting will be restricted to members of the club. Pizza will be served (wouldn't be Wednesday night without it!), and the meeting and election follow. Pizza will be served at 7:30 pm.

Be sure and be present to help chart the future course for YOUR club.

VICE COMMODORE WALKS THE PLANK

Bob and Carol Anne Milner have returned from honeymooning in Cancun, after tying the knot in a late September ceremony attended by a few friends and family. The Vice Commodore of the club, a local dentist, and Carol Anne have been friends for years, and some may remember her appearance on the award winning St. Patrick's Day Parade float in 1993.

Bob has been a member of the C-15 fleet for the past few years, and in need of a steady "first mate" for most of that time. We're hoping Carol Ann will be able to fill that position permanently, both on AND off the water! Seriously, The Yacht Club members wish them a lifetime of happiness, and one and all, heartily welcome Carol Anne to the club.

19TH ANNUAL REGATTA RESULTS

Despite a conflicting regatta held off the lake, the flu bug, and other obstacles, a turnout of thirteen boats marked a successful beginning of the 19th year of sailing on Lake Mission Viejo. The two fleets; eight in A, five in B, had a wonderful day of sailing, with great shifting wind conditions in the coves to challenge them all (as usual). For the first time in recent history, three Finns vied for top honors, and had their own mini-competition within the ranks. Matt Beattie sailed a brown beauty, recently purchased off the lake, and Ray Turner sailed his Finn which was previously owned by Peter Janes, and has mostly seen open ocean sailing recently.

John Austin, single handing the J-Boat, took first place, Willi Hugelshofer in the Flying Finn came in second place, and Roger Robison, wiped them both out in the last race, but had to settle for third place in the overall point system.

B-Fleet winners were Bud and Sue Nelson who made the Commodore's Lido smile all the way to victory, Ced Fields in the Condor placed second, and John Olson pulled ahead of John Drake to take third place after a day of intense sailing and friendly competition.

Winners were announced over a hearty dinner of lasagna, garlic bread and salad, finished off with ice cream and cookies for dessert provided by Len Schaffner, Fleet Surgeon, assisted by Tara Robison. All participants received a Yacht Club Coffee Cup, which cannot be purchased, as a special memento of the day. The summer sunset marked the end of a perfect day.

1996 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Remember : Plan Ahead!! Save the last Sunday of
each Month for Yacht Club activities!**

Wednesdays, 6 - 7:30 pm....."Keep in Shape" Walk around Lake
7:30 pm:Roundtable Pizza, LaPaz/Marguerite
October 27, 12:30 pm.....LMV Top Skipper Competition
November 2, 12:30pm.....LMVYC Hosts C-15 Coast Cup Invitational
November 20, 7 pm.....General Meeting/Officer Elections
December 8, 10: am.....Float & Room Decoration
5:30 pm.....Christmas Parade of Lights & Party



**"The primary purpose of the Yacht
Club is to provide social and
competitive interaction opportunities
for its members."**

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