

LMVYC NEWS

August 2009

From The Bridge

Summer is moving along, and now we get to the real exciting part of the year with the Sailing Championships still at stake and some really good family outings and races coming up. It has been a very busy year for me and my wife Cathie, we have had some very memorable experiences. The club offers so much for everyone and we still feel that is the best bargain in town, you will have to look hard to find a place to meet so many new friends that you will cherish forever. We are gaining new members every month and we will only get better.

Friday Night Sunset Sail & BYO BBQ ends on the 28th. We've had some Fridays with little or no one showing and we have had some with a large crowd, everyone had a great time no matter how many.

We have the Fall Regatta coming on Sunday September 20th with our October Fest after sailing down stairs by our Clubroom. You really don't want to miss this one. Horst and Caecilia Weiler will be hosting this great event that may include some dancing on the tables.

October will see our finest match team racing on Sunday October 3rd for the LMVYC Fall Team Challenge Regatta with two teams challenging our last year's champions. We have a kick-off family pancake breakfast and will be having a Membership meeting to vote on By-Law revisions. This is important for every member to get involved and come out and support our club. More information and the latest By-Laws will be getting to you very soon.

I'm sure we will have some wonderful reports in the newsletter for this summer's activities from our Staff, however I will recap most of it to make sure it gets mentioned.


Our Summer Regatta on June 28th saw Arnold Christensen nose out Ron Meyer in the Thistle Class. The A Fleet had Willi Hugelshofer over Horst & Caecilia Weiler and Rod & Audrey Simenz with three races decided on less than a minute on each. Nice racing teams! B Fleet was just as close with Bob Van Pelt getting the edge over Peter Tietz and Ted Ishikawa.

Next was an exciting race for me July 12th at Balboa Yacht Club with the 2009 NOSA Commodore's Appreciation Race where Jeff Merrill from the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club captured the title while Rod Simenz and I finish a close second in the finals.



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August 9th we had a special club race with our own Balboa 13's which saw some exciting racing and a wonderful time with our own yacht club boats and the new Balboa 13 challenge race. Our Vice Commodore Randy Tiffany took home the honors and the case of beer, nice job Randy. Arnold Christensen, Bill Yount, and Rod Simenz followed him. We had seven boats and all did very well. Nice job Jeff Buchman on your efforts to keep our fleet in such good shape.

We then moved on to our 32nd Annual Regatta where the Thistle's were back at it again only this time Ron Meyer got the better hand over Arnold Christensen, the A-Fleet was probably the most exiting set of races for the summer, with first going to Horst/Graham (C-15) followed by Randy Tiffany/Frank Fournier (Wayfarer) followed by Shawn & Jonathon McGraw (Balboa 13) followed by Willi Hugelshofer (Finn) and Rod & Audrey Simenz (Wayfarer). The B-Fleet had some very close races as well with Ted Ishikawa taking the title with Bob Van Pelt, Ced Fields, Bill Yount, and Tony Musolino keeping up a close race. For the new skippers, the C-Fleet featured some real new comers to the club and it is a pleasure for me to introduce them this way, Bill Birthright won the honors with Paul Fastuca and Frank Roberts learning to sail and putting on a very good show for us, welcome to the club and keep up the good work. Our Vice-Commodore Randy Tiffany put on the feedbag for us with his pulled beef and port with corn on the cob and all the trimmings supplied by our always busy Fleet Surgeons Cathie Willkie and Karin Bennett. Ced Fields was celebrating his 85th Birthday, and about the only thing I won was a corn-eating contest.

Please enjoy the lake and our club activities and we are always looking for new members, so if you have some friends that would like to join in, please have them contact our membership chair Vice Commodore Randy Tiffany and he will be very happy to answer any questions.

See you at the lake,

Morrie Willkie
2009 LMVYC Commodore
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From Randy Tiffany - Vice Commodore 2009

Wow! It is hard to believe it is already September and we're heading into the fall sailing season. But don't despair; there are plenty of opportunities for us to get out on the water before the snow flies somewhere!

Wednesday night sailing continues until the end of daylight savings time. C14.2 Nationals in Mission Bay are September 19 & 20. Our famous Oktoberfest Regatta takes place on the Lake September 20. The second annual LMVYC Team Challenge & Relays and Top Skippers Regatta are scheduled for October. If that's not enough, our Turkey Regatta and Annual Meeting take place November 8. Don't you just love living in the land of the "*endless summer*"? I surely do!

We've had a number of new members join us since our last Newsletter was published in June. I apologize for the late *Welcome Aboard* salute to:

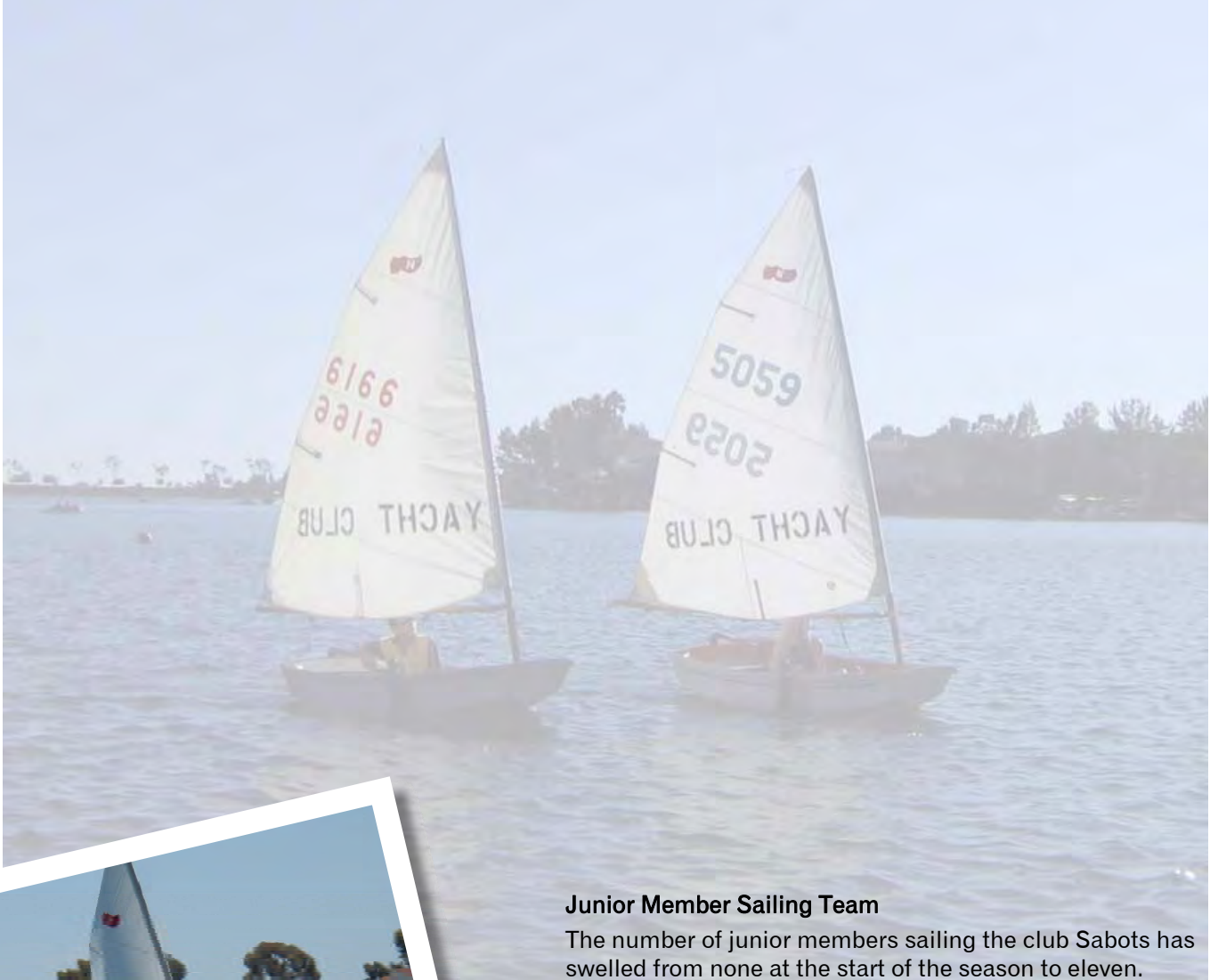
- Cheryl & Bob Badley with Amber, Alicia & Brooke
- Faith & Mike Beals
- Judy & Ralph Blakeney with Maya (Jr Sailor!)
- Diane & Dwight Broeman with Dwight IV
- Joann & Paul Fastuca with Brittany & Joseph
- Liz & Shawn McGraw with super sailor Jonathan & Shane
- Connor Morrell (Jr. Sailor!)
- Anne & Frank Roberts
- Meagan Sanders (Jr. Sailor!)
- Barbara & Brian Smith with Abby & Tommy
- Lori & George Southworth with Hailey & Lindsey
- Chrissie & Doug Zettler with Andy, Luke & Jonathan

I apologize if I have missed anyone. We'll do a special, in depth "*All About You Article*" in our next issue. Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club now boasts 73 family memberships and 184 total members including our future sailors (kids)!

I look forward to seeing you on the water!

RT





Junior Member Sailing Team

The number of junior members sailing the club Sabots has swelled from none at the start of the season to eleven. Megan Sanders enjoys taking a Sabot and just cruising around while a few others show a lot of interest and potential to become very competitive racers. One of the latter is Maya Blakeney. Maya does lots of dinghy racing during her summer vacations back in Michigan and welcomes the chance to compete with other junior sailors on our lake.

Luke Zettler, Amber Badley and Quentin Buchman are new to sailing this summer and all are making rapid progress in their sailing skills. Tommy Smith finds sailing a Lake Capri 14.2 to his liking.

Conner Morrell recently joined LMVYC as a junior member. He has taken sailing lessons off the lake and now is polishing his Sabot sailing techniques and anxious to learn the finer points of racing.

The first practice race was held on 8/24. The plan is to have Sabot races for the juniors once a week into the fall season. With the start of school and extra curricular activities all of these juniors carry a pretty full schedule. The challenge is to determine the day of the week and time of day for Sabot racing that works best for everyone and we are working on that.

Rod Simenz, Junior Program Chair





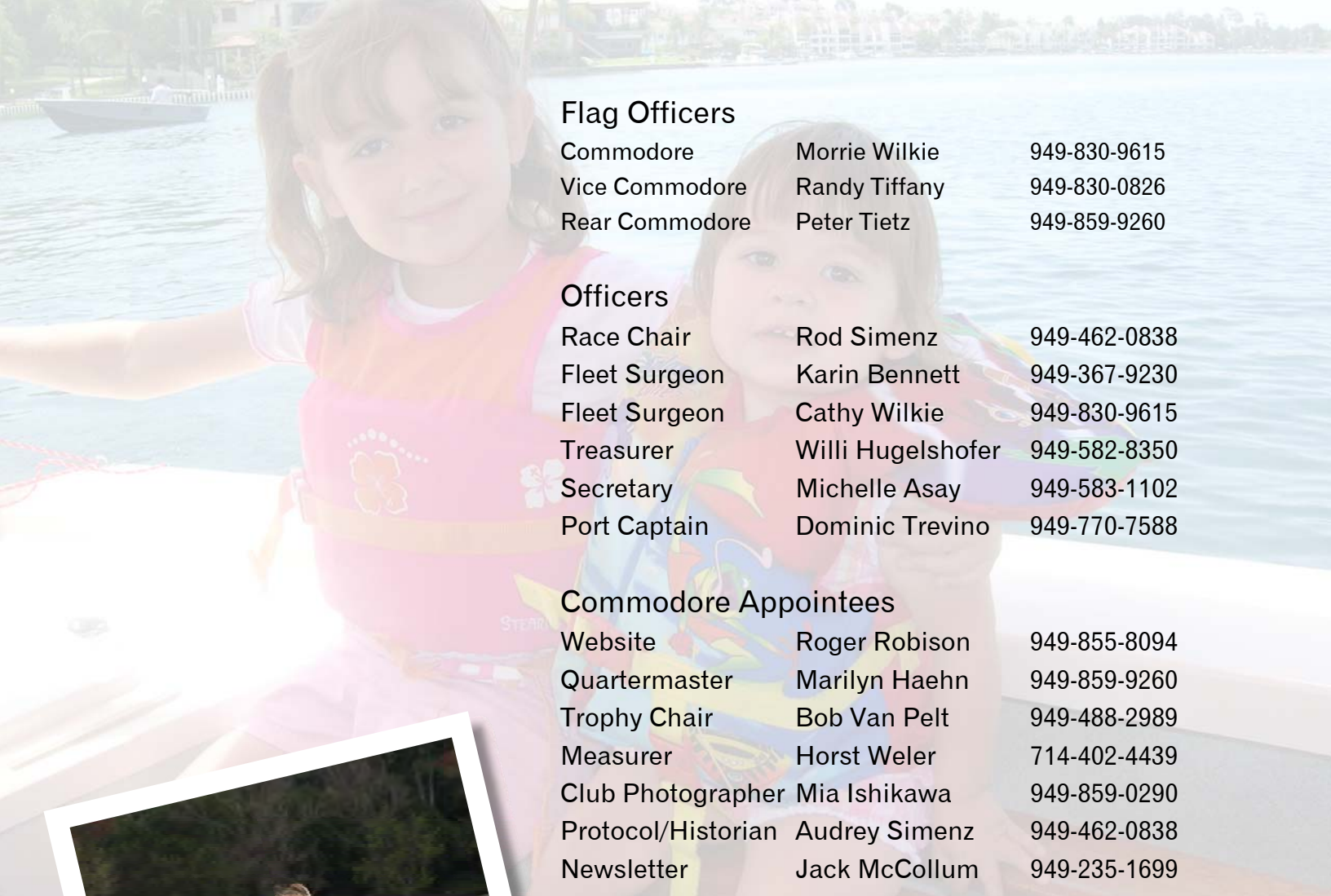
Randy Tiffany Wins Balboa Cup

Six club members responded to an invitation to compete in a one design regatta in Balboa 13s. Three races were held on August 9 in nice winds. Mia and Ted Ishikawa, Bob VanPelt and Audrey Simenz ably served as race committee and provided some challenging courses for the day. Mia captured some amazing pictures including the classic action shot of Randy in full hiking mode shown in this newsletter.

Randy's 1st, 1st and 2nd place finishes and four point total were enough to hold off Arnold Christensen who scored a 2nd, 2nd and 1st for a five point total. Bill Yount garnered third place by passing boats right at the finish line in the last two races. Arnold provided extra entertainment in the first race. He was seen busy multi tasking as he furiously bailed water while fast broad reaching after rounding the weather mark.

This first Balboa 13 class regatta was such a success with the racers that the Club has decided to make it an annual event in July with a perpetual trophy to be awarded each year.

Rod Simenz



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