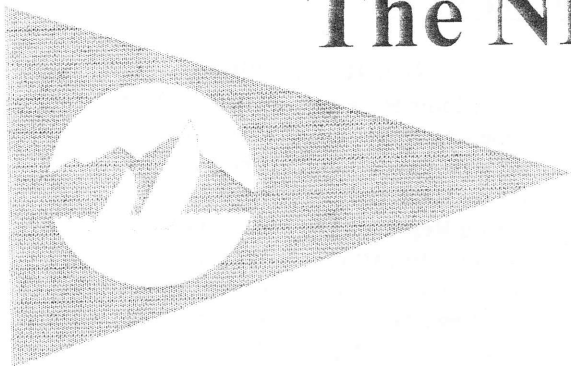


The NEWSLETTER



May June 2003



Answering a call for help from (NOSA), Newport Ocean Sailing Association, LMVYC members volunteered to help out again this year with the annual Ensenada Race. Six of our members manned the check in boat in the channel near the Newport Bay entrance. Over four hundred boats had entered this year and the team from LMVYC checked in more than three hundred of them! Afterwards we were able to watch many of the starts that took place every ten minutes from noon to almost 2 PM. The starting line was so long that three RC boats formed the line, one on each end, and one in the middle. Boats started on an assigned side of the middle boat. Enjoying the excitement before going out on the water were l. to r. Tony Musolino, Rod Simenz, Fon Koot, Vivienne Savage, Milly Thomas and Audrey Simenz

LAKE MISSION VIEJO YACHT CLUB

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Trophy chair	Vivienne Savage	830-6695
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Regatta Schedule

Midwinter Regatta	February 15/16
Opening Day	March 23
LMVYC Invitational	April 5 (SAT)
Spring Regatta 1	April 27
Spring Regatta 11	May 18
Summer Regatta	June 22
26 th Annual Regatta	August 24
Fall Regatta	September 21
Top Skippers Regatta	October 12
LMVYC Invitational	October 25 (SAT)
Turkey Regatta	November 16

**For Yacht Club membership
information call Club Secretary
Eric Kaltenbach 949-855-9748
For Regatta information call
Race Chair Rod Simenz 949-462-0838**

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

On Sunday, June 22, we'll sail the Summer Regatta followed by a Hawaiian barbecue organized by Pat and Wil Chong.

Every member is invited to participate. There will be the usual Fleet classes: A Fleet for Thistles, C 15s and Finns. B Fleet for Lidos, C14.2s, and Lasers. C Fleet for the Lake C14 (keel), Condors, and Sabots.

Wednesday sunset racing continues. Races start around 4:45 PM. Doug usually starts three classes. Join in at any time. Rental boats are free to YC members for the afternoon if you don't feel like rigging your own boat.

No scheduled LMVYC regattas in July, but there will be Sunset racing every Wednesday, followed by pizza at Round Table at Marguerite and La Paz.

YACHT CLUB RECIPROCATALS

The following Yacht Clubs have extended reciprocal privileges to the members of LMVYC. If you visit be sure to have your current LMVYC membership card with you, and sign in at the front desk. Not all clubs have food and/or beverages service and those that do may only offer bar and/or restaurant service on the weekends. So calling ahead to find out when they are open is a good idea. Check out the new bulletin board in the Club Room for any additions which may have come in after this list was printed.

American Legion YC (949) 673-5070
Balboa Yacht Club (949) 673-3515
Cortez Racing Assoc. (619) 685-7717
Dana West YC (949) 661-1185
Hollywood YC (310) 836-3862
Lido Isle YC (949) 673-5119
Pacific Mariners YC (310) 823-9717
South Bay Yacht

Racing Club (310) 822-0776
Westlake YC (818) 889-4820

Several of our members have dropped by a couple of these yacht clubs for dinner or a drink or just to visit and have enjoyed this "perk" extended to our LMVYC members from other yacht clubs.

BURP! CHILI and STAYING SOUTH OF THE BORDER

This year many intrepid members entered the cook-off for the first time. It took place after our Spring Regatta 1 on April 27. There were ten great chilis presented and members had a hard time deciding the winner. But after many return visits to the chili pots, for more sampling, the chili champ for 2003 was announced. Congratulations to Norma Tiffany! The runners up were 2nd place Corrine Musolino and 3rd place went to Rod Simenz. There were so many excellent chilis that it was really hard to make decisions. Thank you to everyone who contributed. A round of applause also for Tara and Roger Robison who organized this popular annual event, decorated the room and tallied the voting slips. On May 18th after the Spring Regatta 11 we stayed south of the border for the great fiesta put on by Norma and Randy Tiffany. Lots of great homemade Mexican food, accompanied by traditional Mexican beverages. Thanks Norma and Randy, we'll be dusting off our sombreros again this time next year!

SPRING REGATTA II

TOP FINISHERS

A fleet (8 boats)

- 1st Willi Hugelshofer
- 2nd Horst Weiler / T.J. Henricks
- 3rd Rick Quick / Graham Newman

B fleet (15 boats)

- 1st Arnold Christensen / Michelle
 - 2nd Rod Simenz / Audrey
 - 3rd Eric Kaltenbach / Candice
- Thank you to the race committee.
Susanna Hugelshofer (PRO), Sue Edwards, Tricia Gonsowski, Tony Musolino and John Olson.

See the Club web site at www.lmivc.org for complete race results and current series standings.

Rod Simenz. Race Chairman



SAFETY DAY AT THE LAKE

On May 31 the Lake Association held the second annual Safety Day at the Lake. Doug Sheppard graciously undertook the job of organizing the Club's contribution to the day. Many of our members participated by manning a Yacht Club information table, handing out flyers about the Club's activities, and by offering free sailboat rides to visitors. The rides were an enormous success with twelve members taking turns skippering the visitors out for a twenty minute sail on one of the four Capri 14.2s provided by the Lake management, while the others helped dock the boats and assisted the novice sailors off and on the boats. In all about seventy adults and children were treated to a sail on the Lake. The weather was perfect with good breezes and lots of sunshine. It was hard to tell who had more fun, the guests or the skippers! Way to go guys, you did us proud.

WELCOME ABOARD

The Yacht Club is pleased to welcome the following new members: Patsy and Rex Bradley Jr. and sons, Rex and Tom, Karin and Kyle Buxton and their sons Trevor and Wade. Mary and Scott Crawford and Travis, James and Kelli, Suzanne Stanford and Mr. Terry Kingston and daughter, Lauren Kraft. We look forward to seeing you all out on the water and in the Clubroom.

*you never learn anything
new from someone who
agrees with you*

SAILING FARTHER AFIELD

For those who yearn for the old days of wooden boats the Nautical Museum in Newport Harbor has a treat for you. On June 28th, they are sponsoring a Heritage Regatta and Seaport Festival. They will have over twenty classic wooden boats ranging from 18' to 85', racing. Just imagine the exciting sights and sounds of wood hulls, wind filled sails and straining rigging echoing in the bay and viewable from the shore. The boats will also be at the dock and their owners will welcome you to tour and admire them. In addition to the wooden boats on view the Festival part of the day will feature wood carvers, model makers, and many other exciting characters. The International Knot Tying Guild will be there with the best craftsmen on the West Coast. (*I hope you're paying attention Frank!*) The surfing scene will be well represented with Woodies, long boards, wooden paddleboards and some slightly long in the tooth surfers. And for those with small children or grand-children there will be a children's boat building school to see who can build the best milk carton boats.

Warning. Competition will be limited to those who can fit UNDER a fairly low height measuring bar!

But don't despair if you think you have unappreciated boat building skills. Your day will come on July 12-13. That Saturday and Sunday there will be a family boat building weekend at the Nautical Museum. This is part of the Woodenboat Magazine's Family Boat Building Weekend. Participants will be divided into teams and fifty boats will be constructed over the weekend. Each team will be provided all the pre-cut materials, tools, and instructions by the Museum to build the entire 9 ft. boat on

Saturday. On Sunday morning the teams will paint the boats and then that afternoon there will be a race in the bay. (Harbor Patrol standing by in case your boat does not float!)

Prizes will include Best Construction, Oldest Team, Youngest Team, Fastest Construction, Best Paint Job, and many more.

Anyone interested in participating can fill out the form on the Museum's web site at www.nhnm.org or you can call the Museum at (949) 675-8915. Entry fee is \$75 and you get to keep your \$500 boat.

The Nautical Museum is housed on an old time sternwheeler, well worth exploring itself, (admission is free) docked right at PCH about one mile north of MacArthur, near the corner of Bayside. Easiest access is from Bayside.

WESTLAKE YACHT CLUB's

Invitational on Sunday June 1st saw several of our gung ho sailors trailering their boats up the 101 to Westlake YC's beautiful facility to race C-15s, Finns and Capri 14.2s. Randy and Norma Tiffany, Tony Musolino, Ceceilia and Horst Weiler, T.J. and Carina Henricks, Arnold Christensen and Rod Simenz all made the trip. They reported very exciting sailing as Westlake was also putting on a High Point Sabot Regatta for forty (40!) sabots, sailed primarily by height challenged minors who were up on the rules and didn't mind challenging the adult sailors for right of way and for room, at every opportunity. Everyone remarked on the excellent food provided by Westlake after the races. Willi came home with a first place trophy for the Finn class and Horst won a 2nd place trophy in the Portsmouth class. All racers were given a Westlake mug for participating in the regatta.

SALTY DOG TALK

Here on the Lake we don't have to worry about salt on our boat hulls and sails. It may seem a long way from salt to salary but is from salt that the word salary is derived. It was the Roman custom of paying their soldiers and sailors a quantity of salt as part of their wages. It was known as the *salarium* from the Latin word *sal* meaning salt, and also gave rise to the expression "worth his salt" meaning that a man was worth his keep.

Salt tablets are still issued on most ships in the tropics and even used as a crude antiseptic, hence the expression "to rub salt in the wound".

From SALTY DOG TALK by Bill Beavis, and RichardMc Closky

RACING RULES

An overview of the racing rules was put very succinctly by US Sailing Senior Judge, Don Becker.

Quite simply:

Port keeps clear of starboard.

Windward keeps clear of leeward

The boat astern keeps clear of the boat ahead

A boat tacking keeps clear of one that is not.

Avoid collisions.

If you gain right of way or change course, give the other boat time to keep clear.

The inside boat/s at two lengths from the mark is entitled to room to round the mark.

A boat that is backing up or not racing keeps clear.

If you have violated a rule, take a penalty.

This covers 95% of the situations out there...

With regard to the starting system, I have noticed that when the first signal goes up you do need to be ready to race.

Three sheets to, (or in) the wind...

When the sheet slips its cleat and is loose, it's "in the wind" and useless. If three sheets are loose, and thrashing around? The boat is out of control!!!

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(Your researching editor)

BOARD MEETING

Commodore John Olson held a meeting of the Board on June 2. Items on the agenda included discussion of the budget this year. We're right on track! Rear Commodore Rick Quick is working on perfecting a stable system for the race committee CD player, so the timing for the starts remains accurate. Secretary Eric Kaltembach reported we have a total of forty-three family memberships. Race Committee Chair Rod Simenz discussed the possibility of splitting the large B fleet into 'gold' and 'silver'. This will be brought up for members' input at the next regatta. Also to be discussed with members at the next regatta on June 22 will be the ordering of tee shirts for the Annual Regatta. Secretary Eric Kaltembach noted that if we order now they could be picked up at that regatta instead of ordering them then and waiting many weeks for delivery.

Roger Robison was congratulated for the good job maintaining our web site at www.lmvyg.org. Doug Sheppard was also congratulated for the success of the yacht club's part of Safety Day at the Lake. With no scheduled regattas in July, informal racing followed by a BBQ at the Lake on Friday evenings during July was discussed. Members would bring their own food and beverages. This would be subject to Lake approval and availability of the BBQs. It will be discussed at the regatta on June 22.

WINDVANE

a members forum

This is a tale of encouragement to those who have thought about joining us on Wednesday nights, but have not yet done so.

Three summers ago I joined the yacht club. Sporadically, over the fifteen prior years, I had raced as crew on a few boats. None of them were dinghies and rarely did I ever drive. Upon signing up, Vivienne told me about Wednesday night sunset sails and that the format was a good way to get to know people and have fun between regattas.

I rented a Capri a few times on weekends to attempt to get the hang of driving one. The wind is light in the summer and the lack of anything approaching blazing speed gave me confidence that that there would be enough time to ponder the consequences of any errant decisions I might make. So after a few more Wednesdays went by, spent screwing up my courage, I arrived at the lake after work, rented the last boat on the dock and headed out.

In those days, the procedure was different. The starting line was an imaginary thing somewhere between a house with a gazebo and F mark (F mark is on the eastside of the lake, south of East Beach). The courses were made up at the time the race was to start and communicated by calling the names of the marks in the order you should round them. I did not know any of this, but I saw a bunch of boats over that way, so

that's where I went. Upon arriving a friendly guy in an orange boat yells over at me "Edward... Harry... Frank..." calling out the military designations for the letters E, H, and F, which were the marks for the next race, which I was to figure out too late to be of much use in the present discourse.

I yell back "Huh?"

He repeats "Edward... Harry... Frank" To which I reply "Oh. Hi, Edward, I'm Rick "

To which he replies "Huh"

Then a whistle blows and I found myself sideways, on port, above the line, in front of seven rental Capris. Fortunately the lack of anything approaching blazing speed, by anyone, gave me enough time to ponder the consequences of the boat load of errant decisions I had made. If that was not bad enough, the whole cycle repeated itself once more before I figured it out. The big clue was that Edward's name had changed to George.

I laughed at myself, yelled at myself, learned a whole bunch, and generally had a great time. Wednesdays are lots of fun. You ought to try it.

Rick Quick

(Rick is our Rear Commodore. Ed.)

The editor invites all LMVYC members to submit articles, comments, opinions etc. for publication in the Newsletter, to adrfsmv@aol.com