



# Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

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## COMMODORE'S CORNER



### FRIENDSHIPS!!

Since the Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club was founded in 1978, many people have lined up on the starting line. Some were short term acquaintances, long time friends, current sailing students, former lake champions -- and all bound together for a moment in time in a common goal -- to win the race.

On October 13, we plan to have an "Old Salts Reunion", in conjunction with the 19th Annual Regatta. Everyone who has sailed in previous regattas is especially invited to come and relive some of the memories of regattas past. Whether you have gone on to bigger boats, taken up golf, or just "been busy", we invite you to join us at the lake for this special day of fun.

See you at the lake,

*Milly Thomas-Davies*  
Commodore

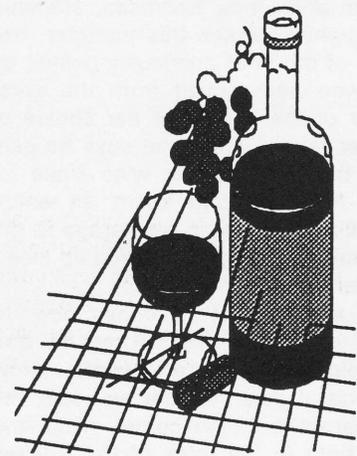
## OKTOBERFEST REGATTA SET FOR SEPTEMBER 29!

Get set for the Annual Family-style Oktoberfest Regatta at Lake Mission Viejo! Featuring a return to the "regular" schedule of three races, this event is always a super day, with cooler temperatures and steady winds providing top competitive conditions to edge us into Fall's activities.

Len Savage and his team plan to provide German-style fixings' for the after-sail activity. Winners for the day will be announced.

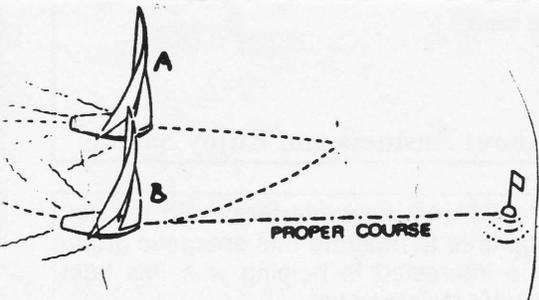
The fun starts on Sunday, September 29, with registration prior to the Skipper's Meeting at 12:30 in the Board Room. Everyone, regardless of skill level, is invited to join in the fun.

FREE to members, and a \$10 per boat/family covers costs for non-members.



## FAMILY FUN REGATTA: FUN FOR ALL!

### Tactics:



### Situation:

"B" establishes an overlap to leeward.

### Question:

Is "B" allowed to luff above proper course?

Vice-Commodore Bob Milner delivered what he promised! Good winds prevailed to ensure some competitive sailing, as the Red Team dominated the August 25th event consisting of three separate races. Though teams were assigned by lottery, most lake boats wound up on the Blue Team, and most boat owners on the Red Team.

During the Team Regatta, with the winning team the one to first get three team members over the finish, intentional fouling resulted in disqualification of close competitors, and brought the final outcome of the race down to the last two boats to cross the finish line! "Every Which Way" featured courses drawn by lottery, so the advantage went to the lucky drawers of the shortest courses. Meanwhile, VC Bob, acting as Race Committee, kept the teams cool with his water bazooka. One had to decide at what risk to cross the finish line!

The most competitive and exciting event of the day proved to be the Frisbee Relay. Several sailed along in the event, having arrived after the teams were chosen and on the water, but sticking around to enjoy the day. On-lookers from the shore saw boats milling around a mark waiting for the Frisbee to arrive, then suddenly surrounded by a large entourage of boats -- some doing their best to get in the way and delay the boat carrying the Frisbee; others just wanting to be a part of the action. It was hard to know which boat was actually carrying the Frisbee! Defensive sailing was the key when Red Team members Roger Robison and Milly Davies' passes wound up in the water. At the C-mark. Jean and Dean Kanjanavaikoon and others made an impenetrable wall of defense until Ced Fields in the Condor was able to maneuver past them and retrieve the floating Frisbee! After going around the mark again just for good measure, Ced sailed away to deliver the Frisbee to Don Schaffner at the B-mark. (Continued on Page Two)

**"THIS 'n THAT!"**

Our meeting place on Wednesdays (Roundtable Pizza) was temporarily abandoned, and the Yacht Club moved to the nearby Lampost Pizza. Seems Roundtable's license to dispense beer was temporarily lifted -- a problem with another Roundtable in Pasadena. We're back on track now at Roundtable.

Willi revealed that he had been in the Swiss Army when a resident of Switzerland. Seems he was issued a Swiss knife too! But strange as it sounds, when his tour of duty was up he had to return the knife, yet got to keep the uniform! Go figure!

Mike Farina is pushing hard to get his wooden boat completed. He's looking at a possible first of January completion date. Keep at it, Mike!!

More C-15s on the lake! New members John and Linda Robinson, students in Horst's beginner classes this summer, are proud owners of the boat previously owned by Ev Nichols, who has moved from the area. Linda, skipper of the boat, has her choice of crew within her family, and John says he gets to accept all the trophies she wins since he provided the funds! John spent an entire weekend detailing the boat in his garage to get it in shape to sail, and says it cleaned up nice - they are eager to get it in the water.

Rod and Audrey Simons, new to Mission Viejo, joined us at the last regatta, and offered to help clean up afterward! Now THAT's the kind of new member we *really* roll out the red carpet for! Welcome! Rod and Audrey were right in the thick of the Frisbee relay last month, and looked like they were thoroughly enjoying themselves.

Jay and Betsy Mendosa and Ced Fields have been swapping tree-removal stories. Seems they felled a whole row of them across the back yard of the home they moved into several months back, and were too exhausted to sail in the regatta, however did remember their promise to bring some home-brewed beer and joined us for the after-sail activities. Welcome Jay and Betsy!

Peter Janes was at the lake recently sailing a rental boat. Peter formerly owned a C-15 and a Finn on the lake and was responsible for putting together our "fancy" course board a few years back.

ANSWER TO QUIZ PAGE 1:

No, "B" must NOT sail above the proper course.

**FAMILY FUN REGATTA, (Continued from Page One)**

Schatfner's boat got hung up on an abandoned fishing line near the A-mark, and the resulting delay of getting free gave the Blue Team the opportunity to get close enough for a photo finish and a whale of a good time for everyone!

Prizes of miniature (plastic) trophies, whistles, and leis were awarded the winning team, who gloated over a spread of turkey, ham, and the fixings, while also enjoying some home-brew brought by Jay and Betsy Mendosa. Beth Fields and Ataya brought decorations and a birthday cake appropriately trimmed with an orange sailboat to jointly celebrate the 72nd birthday of Ced Fields. Len Savage and his crew did an excellent job, as usual, of providing vittles for the after-sail activities. It was a great day of fun for all the participants, and everyone enjoyed the friendly competitive action. We can probably look forward to more events such as this during the coming fun-filled sailing season.

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**EVER WONDER WHY.....**

- Why do you need a driver's license to buy liquor when you can't drink and drive?
- Why is it that when you transport something by car, it's called a shipment, but when you transport something by ship, it's called cargo?
- Why do you drive on parkways, and park on driveways?
- Why do they put Braille dots on the keypad of the drive-up ATM?
- If nothing sticks to TEFLON, how do they make TEFLON stick to a pan?
- Why can't they make the whole airplane out of the same material as the "indestructible" little black box?

Do you know who in 1923 was

- 1) President of the largest steel company?
- 2) President of the largest gas company?
- 3) President of the New York Stock Exchange?
- 4) Greatest wheat speculator??
- 5) Great Bear of Wall Street?

These men should have been considered some of the world's most successful men. Now, more than 55 years later, do you what happened to them?

- 1) Charles Schwab. Died a pauper.
- 2) Edward Hopson. Is Insane.
- 3) Richard Whitney. Released from prison to die at home.
- 4) Arthur Cooger, Died abroad, penniless.
- 5) Cosabee Rivermore. Committed suicide.

**Moral of the story: Stop Worrying about Business and Enjoy Sailing!**

The Radio-Controlled boat group's leader said work now interferes with his fun, and has been unable recently to devote the time to head up this energetic group of senior and junior-aged sailors. Anyone interested in helping with this boat building and sailing activity, please contact the Commodore.

1996 <b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>	
<b>Remember : Save the last Sunday of each Month for Yacht Club activities!</b>	
Wednesdays, 6 - 7:30 pm.....	"Keep in Shape" Walk around Lake
7:30 pm: .....	Roundtable Pizza, LaPaz/Marguerite
September 29, 12:30 pm.....	Summer Regatta II
October 13, 12:30 pm.....	19th Annual Regatta & "Old Salts" Reunion
October 27, 12:30 pm.....	LMV Top Skipper Competition



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

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