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COMMODORE'S CORNER



CELEBRATIONS!!

Another year of sailing on beautiful Lake Mission Viejo is coming to a close. It's been a good year, we've had lots of fun, and watched the club continue to grow in strength. The club is more solid than ever, thanks to the contributions of the officers and friends of the club who have volunteered their time, talent, and experience during the past twelve months.

Several new members have joined the club -- couples who make their home in the area, one in particular who moved to the area BECAUSE of the lake and the sailing activities. We're proud to be a part of the community we live in, offering the opportunity to join sailors with others who enjoy the challenge of lake sailing, and the commonality of difficulty in reading the wind in a constantly changing lake environment.

At this holiday time, I thank all of you for your contributions to the club, both large and small. Together we will continue to build a better sailing program -- one that will still be in place when our children and grandchildren take the tiller in hand.

Let's all join in celebrating a successful season by participating in the holiday events which begin the first weekend in December. Mark your calendars -- it won't be a success without YOU!

Happy Holidays to one and all!

See you at the lake,
Milly Thomas-Davies
Commodore

C-15 REGATTA RIGHT ON COURSE IN NOVEMBER RACE

Eleven boats met the mark for the Saturday, November 2 Coast Cup C-15 Invitational Regatta held at Lake Mission Viejo. Horst Weiler and Graham Newman once again proved a little local

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HUGELSHOFER NAMED TOP SKIPPER OF 1996

Willi Hugelshofer's skill at the helm is unquestioned. In every regatta, Willi is one of the top competitors, and remains "the one to beat", regardless of what boat he's sailing. He proved his ability to sail anything that floats when he handily beat out all competitors in the heavy fall winds on Sunday, October 27. Willi usually sails a Finn, but once again proved his skill as he solidly took the lead in the heavy wind conditions. Robin Kivlen, a Junior Sailor, gave Willi a run for his money, and came in a close second. He was disadvantaged by his light weight, and a short tiller extension on the boat in the last race, however, his talent is obvious, and we'll all be scanning "Sailing World" magazine for his name in years to come! All entrants sailed lake rental 12 footers, and hull number for each of the five races was chosen by lottery.

Lake Management had closed the lake to sailing the previous day, and agreed to let us proceed if Horst Weiler, the sailing instructor, could sail a rental boat to the end of the lake and back without losing control. This, of course, was no problem for Horst! So ten competitors took to the water in a serious competition to gain the "bragging rights" as the best skipper of the year. There were no serious mishaps, however, one of the sailors managed to go for a swim a couple of times and right the boat before the life guards could reach him.

Rod Simenz made a valiant effort to participate. He had been to two weddings the day before (one was his daughters), and yet he still was on hand at the start line!

Don Schaffner chaired the Race Committee consisting of Commodore Thomas assisted by new sailors John and Linda Robinson. Don would have been a serious contender for the title, except he was recuperating from an angioplasty procedure that was performed on him just a few days prior to the very competitive event. You just can't keep some guys off the lake!

Congratulations to Top Skipper Willi Hugelshofer, and to the other qualifiers: (From left: John Austin, John Olson, Rod Simenz, Robin Kivlen, Matt Beattie (1st Alternate), Ced Fields, Horst Weiler, and Champion Willi Hugelshofer. Kneeling are (2nd Alternate) Jean Kanjanavaikoon, Bud Nelson, and Roger Robison. Not pictured is Ken Boullion.



(C-15 Regatta, continued from Page 1:)knowledge aids the winner, as they took two firsts and a third to wrap up the A fleet. Close behind were Roger Robison and Willi Hugelshofer, with ever talented Judy Reeves and Ed Hanson teaming up to take third place.

Robin Kivlen skippered Rod Simenz boat with Rod as crew to take 1st place in the B Fleet, with Vincent Paternoster and Wayne Lewis of Agoura Hills in Second, and local talent Joe Steele and Steve Bender in third place.

Don Schaffner was Race Committee Chairman, assisted by Commodore Thomas and Matt Beattie of the local club. No protests were filed in this friendly competitive event on the water.

Prizes of coffee baskets were presented to the winners in the fleet at the after-sail activities which included chili, salad, and desserts.

"THIS 'n THAT!"

John and Linda Robinson can be seen just about every weekend practicing in their C-15. They plan to be hot contenders for next season, and have learned their way around a mark pretty well by now! John is already planning menus for next season as Fleet Surgeon. If he calls on you for help, I know you will all be more than willing to help him out...it's a hard job, and he needs our help.

Len Savage has done an excellent job as Fleet Surgeon the past two years. He has been reliable, organized, and invaluable to us in that position. Now that he's no longer wearing the chef's hat, will we see him at the helm?? We sure hope so!

Robinsons purchased the C-15 belonging to Ev Nichols, who moved from the area to Dana Point. These novices have become very active in a short while with the club, and have been a valuable addition to the club.

We haven't seen the Mendosa's recently, but hope they will be on hand for our next event! They have been missed! (No, not just their beer!)

Commodore Milly Thomas - Davies position was eliminated, and she is currently in the market for a position in Public Relations or Executive Secretary in a marketing arena, if you know of any opportunities for her! She has about 15 years experience in the field.

CURRENT COMMODORE TAKES ANOTHER TURN AT THE HELM IN 1997!

The November 20 election held no surprises, as Nominating Committee Willi Hugelshofer, Vivienne Savage, and Graham Newman filled the roster with talented club members -- some to repeat their roles, others new the position. Following are the officers for 1997 as elected at the General Meeting.

Commodore: Milly Thomas-Davies

Vice Commodore: Roger Robison

Port Captain: Don Schaffner

Treasurer: Willi Hugelshofer

Secretary: Vivienne Savage

Fleet Surgeon: John Robinson

Measurer: Jeremy Kivlen

Race Committee Chairman: Horst Weiler

Trophy/Awards Chairman: John Austin

Rear Commodore: : (Open)

Fleet Captains will be named by Don Schaffner at the December 8 Installation. Congratulations to each of these volunteers! Looks like we're in good hands once again, and can look forward to another successful sailing season! Anyone with suggestions for programs is invited to contact any of the officers.

A short installation ceremony will follow the Parade of Lights on December 8 in the Board Room.

The 1997 Sailing Program will be reviewed in January, and submitted to Lake Management in February. When the agenda is finalized, a package containing the schedule and membership application form will be mailed to each person on our mailing list.

CHRISTMAS PARADE OF LIGHTS & PARTY SET FOR DECEMBER 8

Once again, it's time to strut our stuff and lead the electric boat parade around the marks on Sunday, December 8. It's always a pleasure to welcome former sailors to this non-competitive event that sets the season for Christmas at Lake Mission Viejo. So be sure to invite some of the old salts who are still on your Christmas Card list to come join us.

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, December 7, to help decorate the boat and room for the event. Don Schaffner will head up the boat decorating committee, and Tara Robinson will gather names of volunteers to decorate the board room, so just show up at 10:00 am with some decorating items which will be returned to you following the event.

Please bring an hors d'oeuvre (vittles to most of you), and don't forget to arrive early (4 pm) if you're planning to ride on the grand Marshall's float -- space is limited! Also, please note the early starting time this year (4:30 pm), which gives us more time to enjoy warm holiday cheer and camaraderie with fellow sailors after the parade.

A short installation ceremony will be held in the Board Room at that time. Be sure to be on hand for what is always a memorable event.

1996 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

***Remember : 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
December 7, 10:30 am.....Christmas Parade Float Decoration
7:00 pm.....Commodore's Christmas Party
(Call 768-5243 for details)
December 8, 4:00.....Christmas Parade of Lights
(Officer Installation & Dinner follows Parade)
January TBD 1997 Board Meeting/Program Discussion.



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

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