



THE MAIN SHEET

From The Bridge

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The Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club is at an all-time high for membership at this point of the year. We currently have 77 family memberships on the books. Thank you for your sustained interest in our club and please join me in welcoming them to our club. Most notably I would like to welcome Ross Nemeroff our new Rear Commodore! Ross has shown a deep enthusiasm for the club since joining in January. He has even demonstrated his prowess on the water with several top place finishes in our “A”

fleet. Speaking of new members on the water, Adam Vart and his son have been moving up the “C” fleet rankings with an excellent showing in our second regatta this year. New members Jonathan Owen and Haifeng Gao are also making waves in “C” fleet. I look forward to meeting all of our new members as we ease back to normal operations. Please send a photo of your family to the club treasurer for our membership roster:

Treasurer@lmvyc.org

We are working hard with the lake to bring the club back online with post regatta parties so that all of our members can participate. We are hopeful that we can bring a traditional Opening Day ceremony to welcome everyone back into the club. Stay tuned for dates to come.

Mark Your Calendars!

- May 16 – Spring Regatta II
- June 13 – Summer Regatta
- June 25 – Friday Night Sail and BYO BBQ Begins
- July 18 – Team Challenge Regatta
- Aug 15 – LMVYC Annual Regatta
- **2021 Opening Day Ceremony – Date TBD**
- Note: Social gatherings before and after these events are subject to LMVA Guidelines.

There will be one more regatta to finish off the first half of our season. Please come out and join us on May 16th. There is always room on the mark-set boat if you would like to take in a day on the water. The second half of the season will kick off with our Summer regatta on Jun 13th, with a short break for the Team Challenge Regatta on July 18. Adult sailors, please let the Race Chair know if you would like to participate. We will begin taking names and choose teams before the regatta.

Thank you to all of the club officers and volunteers that make our events happen and keep our club moving forward.

See you on the water!

Guy Heaton

LMVYC Commodore 2021

On Board Firewater: N2E Tune Up & Newport to Dana Point Races

N2E Tune Up

I have been crewing on Firewater a J-92, for some time now.

We entered the Newport to Ensenada tune-up and race from Newport to Dana Point.

On the tune-up we were able to track to the outside into the current doing a broad reach in moderate 8 to 11 knot wind. After about an hour (1/2 way) we were able to jibe and set the chute averaging 7 knots all the way to Dana Point. It was great and the boat ran beautifully across the swells doing a little surfing.

We were in a very close race with our competition "Blitz" (like a Melges 24). They took the inside track closer to the coast. They received a nice lift cause by the Point which allowed them to gain on us. We crossed the line ahead of them, but lost by a corrected time of 30 seconds. It was not too bad because we were 4th overall to finish.



Trolling before the start: L: your author ; R: Dave Matthews

N2E Dana Point Race

On the N2DP race we were able to increase our lake exposure by one. Kevin Weir joined us for the race.

We got to Newport Pier about 10:00AM after motoring all the way from Dana Point leaving at 7:30am. We did not want to miss the check in time, which we thought was 10:55. As it turns out we could have checked in any time before our class race, which was 1:20. Needless to say we watched everyone start their races and we sent them ALL off, because we were the last to start.

We had a great start and again took the outside track which was the rhumb line. However on this race we had a more southerly wind, so instead of running with a chute we were beating 90% of the way. We again were watching Blitz and how they were doing. We passed Dana at 7.5 knots and the majority voted for hosting the chute for the last dogleg to the finish. We were the first to hoist the chute; all of the other boats followed suit. But as it turned out we dropped from 7.5 knots down to 4.5, as the wind died. We had a winning position with Blitz, however their boat weighed 2,500 pounds less than Firewater. As we all know the last few hundred feet can be agonizing.

Well we lost this one by 1 ½ minutes. All in all we always had a good time racing, because it's not the trophy (coffee cup) it's the sport we all love with our friends.

I hope to see you on the water soon.

Racing Newport To San Diego 2021

S/C Peter Tietz



On a Friday morning the 23rd of April, I found myself at Dana Point Harbor aboard Marblehead, a Catalina 38.5, getting ready to depart for Newport for the start of the Newport to San Diego race which is part of the 73rd annual running of the

Ensenada Race. There were 44 boats heading around North Coronado Island and into San Diego with 92 miles on the course.

We had not done an overnight race on this boat before but felt pretty good about our chances after a 1st place finish in the Dana Point Spring Series 2 race the week before. We prepared for the race by registering for the N2E tune-up regatta held the week before and were in 4th place just 23 minutes behind the first-place boat.

Marblehead is a well-equipped 6-year-old boat that is actively campaigned out of Dana Point. The Skipper Steve Shryock had purchased a new high-tech mainsail for the regatta and we learned how to best use the sail with coaching from the sail maker. We also skipped a few of the weekly Thursday afternoon Pharkle races to practice with the spinnaker and work on our man overboard drills. We made sure that the latest safety equipment was on board and that everyone knew how to use it.

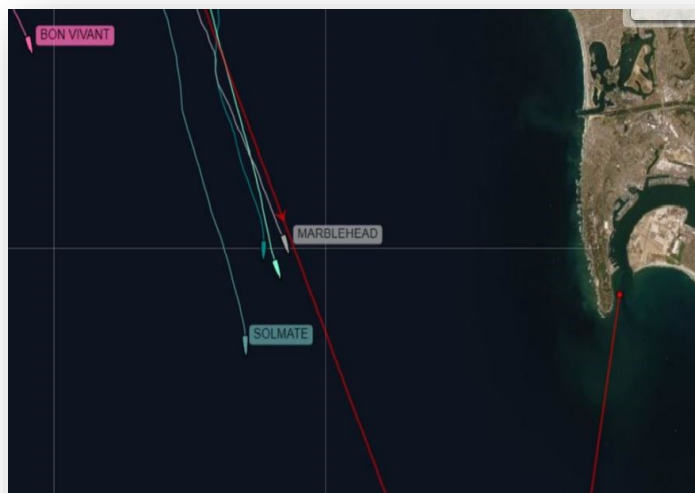
We were thrilled to watch the big boats including Peligroso and Pyewacket start on their way to Mexico. Our start was not till 12:40 in class PHRF C with 8 boats registered. The boats ranged in ratings from 126 for Sol Mate (DPYC) to 198 Fair Havens a Newport 27 (DPYC). Bon Vivant a Catalina 30 that was crewed for many years by LMVYC members Kevin Weir, Allyn Edwards and Tony Musolino was also in our class. At the start we had 8 knots of wind on the nose with four boats squeezing in by the committee boat.



Let's Go! See text on following page.

N2SD, continued

These 4 boats would be fighting it out for most of the race. Pictured on the prior page are Project 53 a J27, Marblehead, (eventual winner) Solemate a Ben 35 and Tomol also a Catalina 38.5 about 20 seconds before the start. The winds were expected to clock around allowing us to raise the spinnaker in the afternoon. However this did not materialize and we all remained on a close reach traveling about 4 to 5 knots till the wind shut off shortly after midnight. For the past few years all the competitors were given Yellow Brick tracking devices that allow the other competitors and spectators on shore to monitor our progress. When you click on a boat you can see their heading and speed and try to make predictions about the wind on different parts of the course. The snapshot below shows our position at midnight off Point Loma. We were traveling at about 2 knots.



This continued through most of the night. It was anyone's race to win, we were lucky to find a little wind at about 2 am and decided to raise the asymmetrical spinnaker to try to gain some ground on the competition. We raised the chute on a

furler but could not get the top half to unfurl. We needed to get the jib out of the way and hope that the chute would fill. Unfortunately, the jib would not furl so we dropped the spinnaker. We spent about 1 hour and 45 minutes sorting things out in the dark on a wet deck and could not figure out what was going wrong. We finally got the jib rolled up with the help of the winch and 2 people grinding. Not the way it was supposed to work. We lost a lot of ground during this time and our instruments told us that at our rate of speed we would not complete the race till well in the afternoon on Saturday. Before the race the automatic bilge pump quit working and we relied on the manual one to pump the bilge. This was fine until the manual pump failed and we were faced with using a backup hand pump and a bucket to empty the bilge. This would have been fine had the prop shaft not been leaking major amounts of water any time the engine was turned on. We needed to get this fixed and the odds were better if we arrived in San Diego sooner than later.

Sadly, we withdrew from the race and motored into San Diego at about 6:00 am. At the dock and with the sun up we could finally see that the jib furling blocks had swiveled and would not allow the jib to furl. We made this repair and a mechanic was on board to replace the bilge pump by late morning.

We were heading back out of the harbor as our fellow competitors were finishing the race. Not having the results that we wanted, we are setting our sites on the CBYC race around Catalina to DPYC over Memorial Day weekend.

Wish us better luck.

N2SD, continued



Solmate and Marblehead off of Newport Beach



Marblehead's intrepid crew

Mid Winter Regatta

R/C Ross Nemeroff

Ahoy LMVYC Members! Having moved to Mission Viejo from Irvine in November 2020, I was so excited to join LMVYC. I grew up sailing Sabots, Lasers, Lidos, and Lightnings at Mission Bay Yacht Club. After graduating from UC Irvine, I continued to sail out of Balboa Yacht Club as well as Alamitos Bay Yacht Club.

I enjoy the small boat club feel and was immediately attracted to LMVYC as it reminded me of my formative sailing years. I met with Commodore Guy Heaton who showed me around. Turns out, Guy and I sailed against each other during our college years as the sail base in Newport Beach housed both of our teams, Orange Coast College and U.C. Irvine.

Looking at the club calendar, I was excited to see the upcoming Midwinter Regatta was still on schedule for February 2021. Not having a boat of my own yet, I was able to borrow a Balboa 13 with the assistance of Commodore Heaton. The Balboa 13 reminds me of a Thistle without a jib. Since the writing of this article, I was happy to see that the club further invested in this class with the purchase of new Ullman sails.



The February morning of the Midwinters was upon us. The winds were building mostly out of the northeast. From everyone that I spoke with on land, the wind direction and strength were unusual. By 11 am, the winds increased in strength to around 15 knots. These conditions were ripe for a great regatta. By 11:30 am, the winds were gusting over 15 knots. As a safety precaution, the Lifeguard postponed the start of the race until the winds subsided.

From what I was told, a postponement due to wind strength hadn't happened for decades. Not the kind of history-making that I like as I revel in high-wind sailing.

So a few hours passed and by 1 o'clock, not only did the wind strength subside, the wind was very shifty and gusting to 2 knots. The racecourse was set and our first start was around 2:30 pm. The A Fleet consisted of Guy Heaton and me in Balboa 13's, Arnold Christensen in his RS Aero 7, Ted Ishikawa in an Olympic Finn, and Randy Tiffany and Frank Fournier in a Wayfarer. Guy got off to a great start on the committee boat end of the line and never looked back. He took an easy first-place finish with Arnold Christensen a close second.



B & C fleets at the line



Action at the dock!

Mid Winter Regatta, continued

There was a delay between the first and second race as the winds nearly shut off completely and then suddenly came out of the northeast again causing my Balboa 13 to capsize at the dock by itself. Thanks to the help of the LMVYC Juniors, they righted my boat and even bailed out the water. Thanks guys!



A Fleet

The second race started in the late afternoon with similar shifty conditions as race number one. I got off the line with good boat speed, got some lucky shifts, and stayed out of the holes that brought me to the weather mark in first place. Guy was nipping at my heels the whole time but I was able to hold him off for a first-place



Graham looking over his shoulder

finish. Guy ended up winning the regatta with a one, two finish.

The B Fleet saw a total of 8 boats on the line. Graham Newman in his C14.2 came in first place followed by Emmet and Vicki Rixford in second, and Jeff Buchman in third.



C Fleet competing

The C Fleet saw a total of 5 boats on the line. Vice Commodore Scott Purcell got two bullets in his Twitchell followed by Randy Tisdale in second place.

I'm looking forward to more great racing



Your intrepid author

March Series 2 Regatta

Graham Newman



A Fleet action at the start

Oh the Ides of March!

Well, there was sun and wind (I think....). The Juniors "C" Fleet, were led by Olympic Champion Rod Simmons but 1st place was shared with Adam Vart, followed by old timer Scott Purcell in 3rd, and Luke Ippolito in 4th. Well done!

The seniors "B" Fleet had two of the stars of yesteryear not competing, so we were in with a chance. But the tables were turned when a young buck called Deagan Willis took 1st, constantly looking over his shoulder for the 2nd place winner behind him, Emmet Rixford. Yours truly followed, and Maicie, McKenna and Madden Pugh all came in 4th. What a coincidence! Sorry for the DNF.

"Working People" "A" Fleet, of course led by Matt Damon aka Guy Heaton, in 1st place, super star Nicole in 2nd, and the new hire Rear Commodore Ross Nemeroff came 3rd. Tyler Peyatt had a DSQ in the 2nd race and still got a 4th place. Duct tape Ted Ishikawa came in 5th. Ironman Arnold Christensen was 6th. Music Man Randy Tiffany placed 7th... and what happened to Patrick in 8th?

Thanks for food and beverages and another great sail day!!!!



Deagan Willis

March Series 2 Regatta, continued



Adam Vart and son



Maicie & McKenna Pugh



Patrick Stege



Emmet and Vicki Rixford



Nicole Sighiartau

Spring Regatta 1

S/C Frank Roberts

Seems we always wish for wind and sometimes the wish actually comes true. After our pre-race meeting and a shifty sail out to the starting line, the wind came up on time for the first race. As usual our crack Race Committee started our three classes in an orderly manner, but sailors are an unruly lot and we have a tendency to get those competitive juices flowing.



A Fleet moving out

Dingy sailing is a great way to learn the rules of the road in racing. Executing proper mark roundings and paying attention to starboard right of way are two of the most competitive situations racers find themselves in. Today was no different as setting up for good roundings by approaching a mark on starboard produces the best results.

The first race was a rather short one for the B fleet as we finished way ahead of A fleet so we got to watch the action as Arnold Christensen piloted his Aero to a first place finish in



Arnold Christensen in his Aero

a close race with Rear Commodore Ross Nemeroff in a Balboa. RC Ross is a great addition to our racing fleet and is holding his own against our tough competition. Deagan Willis won the B fleet in his Laser and Vice Commodore Scott Pursell won the C fleet in our newest fleet boat, the Twitchell.

The second race was a twice around with a long legs from 1 and 2 and leeward marks back to the windward buoys. This gives a chance for tacking



Your author on a beat to the mark

Spring Regatta 1, continued



Julius and Nicole Sighiartau

tactics to come into play and for the sailors to figure out which side of the course was best. After a long race we had Commodore Guy Heaton winning A fleet, Deagan Willis again winning the B fleet and Maverick Trudell winning the C fleet.

After our traditional break, we headed out for the third and final race which ended on a downwind leg. It was a shorter race as we needed to finish up what was a rather long day. The wind was still up so it led to another competitive race. Commodore Guy Heaton again won the A fleet, Staff Commodore Emmet Rixford won B fleet in his trusty Mercury. C fleet was finished for the day.

Winners on the day were Guy Heaton in A fleet, Deagan Willis in B fleet and Maverick Trudell with two bullets in C fleet. Well done to all the racers.

We started a new tradition with a fleet picking up the buoys at the end. B fleet assisted Staff Commodore Randy Tis-



Jonathan Owen and Haifeng Gao

dale in picking up the race buoys and putting them away. It was a nice way to end the day as one gets a whole new perspective of the lake from a party boat. Staff Commodore Mark Glacken came sailing by in his Thistle while Photographer Donna Stegall took photos. Cheyenne Stegall helped put the equipment to bed where it will sleep till the next regatta.



S/C Glackin in his Thistle

From The Race Course

C Fleet

Sailed: 7, Discards: 1, To count: 6, Rating system: USPN, Entries: 12, Scoring system: Appendix A

HelmName	Fleet	R1 02/21	R2 02/21	R3 03/21	R4 03/21	R5 03/21	R6 04/25	R7 04/25	Total	Nett
Scott Pursell	C	1.0	1.0	(4.0)	2.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	14.0	10.0
Rod Simenz	C	(6.0 DNC)	6.0 DNC	2.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	23.0	17.0
Adam Vart	C	(6.0 DNC)	6.0 DNC	1.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	6.0	28.0	22.0
Maverick Trudell	C	(6.0 DNC)	6.0 DNC	5.0 DNC	5.0 DNC	5.0 DNC	1.0	1.0	29.0	23.0
Luke Ippolito	C	5.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	(9.0 DNF)	4.0	33.0	24.0
Randy Tisdale	C	4.0	2.0	5.0 DNC	5.0 DNC	5.0 DNC	(10.0 DNC)	10.0 DNC	41.0	31.0
Valentine Hendrichs	C	3.0	3.0	5.0 DNC	5.0 DNC	5.0 DNC	(10.0 DNC)	10.0 DNC	41.0	31.0
Laurent Hendrix	C	(6.0 DNC)	6.0 DNC	5.0 DNC	5.0 DNC	5.0 DNC	6.0	5.0	38.0	32.0
Jonathan	C	6.0 DNC	6.0 DNC	5.0 DNC	5.0 DNC	5.0 DNC	5.0	(8.0)	40.0	32.0
Alex Yona Kim	C	2.0	6.0 DNS	5.0 DNC	5.0 DNC	5.0 DNC	(10.0 DNC)	10.0 DNC	43.0	33.0

B Fleet

Sailed: 8, Discards: 2, To count: 6, Rating system: USPN, Entries: 13, Scoring system: Appendix A

HelmName	Fleet	R1 02/21	R2 02/21	R3 03/21	R4 03/21	R5 03/21	R6 04/25	R7 04/25	R8 04/25	Total	Nett
Degan Willis	B	(9.0 DNC)	(9.0 DNC)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	25.0	7.0
Emmet Rixford	B	(6.0)	1.0	2.0	(3.0)	2.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	21.0	12.0
Graham Newman	B	1.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	(4.0)	2.0	(4.0)	21.0	13.0
Frank Roberts	B	4.0	4.0	(6.0 DNC)	(6.0 DNC)	6.0 DNC	5.0	4.0	3.0	38.0	26.0
John Sweeney	B	(9.0 DNC)	(9.0 DNC)	6.0 DNC	6.0 DNC	6.0 DNC	2.0	6.0	5.0	49.0	31.0
Jeff Buchman	B	2.0	6.0	6.0 DNC	6.0 DNC	6.0 DNC	(7.0 DNC)	(7.0 DNC)	7.0 DNC	47.0	33.0
Griffin Pugh	B	3.0	5.0	6.0 DNC	6.0 DNC	6.0 DNC	(7.0 DNC)	(7.0 DNC)	7.0 DNC	47.0	33.0
Cheyenne Stegal	B	(7.0)	3.0	6.0 DNC	6.0 DNC	6.0 DNC	(7.0 DNC)	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	49.0	35.0
Randy Tiffany	B	(9.0 DNC)	(9.0 DNC)	6.0 DNC	6.0 DNC	6.0 DNC	6.0	5.0	6.0	53.0	35.0
Maycie Pugh	B	(9.0 DNC)	(9.0 DNC)	4.0	5.0	6.0 DNF	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	54.0	36.0
Madoc Pugh	B	(9.0 DNC)	(9.0 DNC)	5.0	4.0	6.0 DNF	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	54.0	36.0
Maverick Trudell	B	5.0	(7.0)	6.0 DNC	6.0 DNC	6.0 DNC	(7.0 DNC)	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	51.0	37.0
Bill Yount	B	(8.0)	(8.0)	6.0 DNC	6.0 DNC	6.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	55.0	39.0

A Fleet

Sailed: 8, Discards: 2, To count: 6, Rating system: USPN, Entries: 9, Scoring system: Appendix A

HelmName	Fleet	R1 02/21	R2 02/21	R3 03/21	R4 03/21	R5 03/21	R6 04/25	R7 04/25	R8 04/25	Total	Nett
Guy Heaton	A	1.0	(2.0)	1.0	1.0	1.0	(5.0)	1.0	1.0	13.0	6.0
Ross Nemeroff	A	4.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	(5.0)	2.0	2.0	(9.0 DNS)	30.0	16.0
Nicole Sighartau	A	(6.0 DNC)	6.0 DNC	2.0	2.0	2.0	(7.0)	3.0	2.0	30.0	17.0
Arnold Christensen	A	2.0	4.0	3.0	(6.0)	(9.0 DNS)	1.0	5.0	3.0	33.0	18.0
Ted Ishikawa	A	3.0	3.0	(6.0)	4.0	(7.0)	6.0	6.0	6.0	41.0	28.0
Patrick Stegall	A	6.0 DNC	6.0 DNC	(8.0)	(7.0)	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	43.0	28.0
Tyler Peyatt	A	6.0 DNC	6.0 DNC	5.0	(9.0 DSQ)	3.0	3.0	(9.0 DNF)	8.0 DNF	49.0	31.0
Randy Tiffany	A	5.0	5.0	7.0	5.0	6.0	(9.0 DNC)	(9.0 DNC)	9.0 DNC	55.0	37.0
Mark Glackin	A	6.0 DNC	6.0 DNC	(9.0 DNC)	(9.0 DNC)	9.0 DNC	8.0	7.0	5.0	59.0	41.0

What's New?

Rod Simenz

A donated Laser hull from Mission Viejo Youth Sailing Foundation (MVYSF) is one thing that is new. The club needed a third Laser because there has been a shortage at recent regattas and at junior sailing practice. The boat is in very good condition, especially after Deagan Willis worked on the entire hull using rubbing compound to remove oxidation and then followed up with a coat of wax. The club had an extra Laser mast, boom, dagger board, rudder, tiller and extension for the boat and also provided a new main sheet and vang. MVYSF donated a new racing sail and the boat was ready to race.



Deagan sailed it in Spring Regatta I. It was the first time the boat was ever sailed on the lake and Deagan had a good day with it winning "B" class as reported in Graham Newman's article. The accompanying photo of Deagan enjoying a fast Laser ride make it obvious why the kids like sailing Lasers.

New storage spaces for Lasers

The Lake has provided three storage spaces in the racks for the club Lasers. The spaces are at ground level so there is no need for the juniors to lift the boats onto the racks. Graham Newman modified the racks to make it even easier to store Lasers. He built two rails for each rack. They are made of ten foot 2x6 lumber with a plastic material attached to the top surface to make the boats slide better into the racks.

Lasers had been stored on launch dollies, so moving them to the storage racks helps alleviate the overcrowded condition of boats on dollies in the rack aisles. Thanks again Graham.

New Sabot boat covers

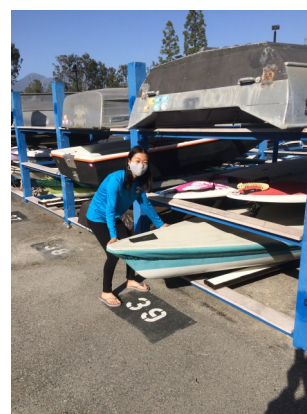
MVYSF donated two new Sabot boat covers to protect the boat interiors, wood surfaces and lines.



New Sabot covers



New rails



Vivian Ikeda



Laser in storage on rails

Welcome New Members!



Regatta Photos courtesy of Donna Stegal, Club Photographer

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