



## Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

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### NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 1999

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#### From the Editor

John Robinson has passed his Editor's pen on to me for 1999. I'll give it my best shot but it'll be hard to match the professional look of his newsletter or its entertaining content. I thoroughly enjoyed each issue. Thanks John.

Do you remember January 1998? What I remember is I had to make frequent trips to the LMV boat storage yard, sometimes twice a day, to bale out the Lido. Five or ten gallons of water would accumulate from those El Nino storms. The weather wasn't much good for sailing and the ground was too soaked for gardening. Maybe that's why I went fishing so often. Retirement isn't all bad.

Once January and February moved on the weather improved and LMVYC shifted into high gear and carried out a program of top notch racing and social events. Thanks to everyone who helped make 1998 the success that it was. Your new club officers are now busy planning the 1999 program. Your input is important and welcome so let them hear from you.

Finally, this is a good time of the year to work on all the fixing and tweaking of the boat that you put off during the racing season. Find out where that nut or screw on the bottom of the boat came from, it might be something vital. Also, replace frayed lines, worn or bent clevis pins, do some polishing and painting, etc. Tape sharp points or protruding fasteners. You could also check out your fleet web site for the latest in legal go-fast ideas. In other words *get ready*, the racing season will be here soon.

Rod Simenz

#### The New Club Officers and Staff for 1999

Commodore.....Roger Robison  
Vice Commodore.....Audrey Simenz  
Rear Commodore.....Milly Thomas  
Junior Prog. Commodore...Matt Beattie  
Secretary.....Vivienne Savage  
Treasurer.....Willi Hugelshofer  
Port Captain.....Doug Sheppard  
Fleet Surgeon.....The Edwards &  
The Schaffners

#### Race Committee

Chairman.....Horst Weiler  
Trophy Chairman.....Randy Tiffany  
Newsletter Editor.....Rod Simenz

#### Membership

1998 was a banner year of growth for our club with the addition of the following new members: Alison Brooks, Steve & Tricia Gonsowski, Nicholas & Mary Mangano, Ron & Luann Meyer, Donald Schneider, Mike & Ruth Sheean, Nancy Shuttleworth, Sheu Low & Y.P. Tang, John & Pat Tennant, Randy & Norma Tiffany, Andre Torg, and Brett & Corinne Tremaine. We hope you enjoyed the club events during 1998 and we look forward to your continued participation in the club activities in the coming year.

## **Race Results**

### **Fleet Winners for 1998**

Four fleets were raced in each of our regattas during the year. Finish place scores were tallied for eight regattas and the winners were Fleet A, (11 starters) Don Schaffner, Fleet B, (6 starters) Ced Fields, Lido Fleet, (8 starters) Doug Sheppard and Lake Boat Fleet, (10 starters) Randy Tiffany. Nice going skippers. To the rest of us, we now know the boats to beat so let's get out there and give them some competition in '99.

### **Top Skipper Regatta**

Eleven of the best skippers on the lake competed against each other to determine the Top Skipper for 1998. The participants were: Don Schaffner, Allyn Edwards, Ron Meyer Willi Hugelshofer, Matt Beattie, Ced Fields, Doug Sheppard, Arnold Christensen, John Olson, Randy Tiffany and Graham Newman. A five race series, with two throw outs, was sailed single handed in Holder 14's. One reason for switching to the 14 in lieu of the Holder 12's used in recent years was to see if Willi Hugelshofer could sail a boat with a jib as well as he sails boats with a single sail. The answer turned out to be a definite yes he can, as Willi took top skipper bragging rights for the third year in a row. He had close competition from Ced Fields and Don Schaffner who tied in points which then resolved to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectively based on head to head results. Graham Newman sailed very consistently and earned a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish and Arnold Christensen took 5<sup>th</sup> place. Thanks to Horst Weiler and crew for a well run series of races. Oh by the way, Ced Fields showed that you can finish 2<sup>nd</sup> over all even though he capsized and turtled in the 4<sup>th</sup> race. There is hope for all of us.

### **Turkey Regatta – 11/22/98**

The thistles dominated the "A" Fleet. 1<sup>st</sup>- Matt Beattie and crew Tara Robison 2<sup>nd</sup>-, Don Schaffner, 3<sup>rd</sup> Arnold Christensen and crew Michelle. Lido/Capri Fleet- 1<sup>st</sup>-John Drake, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Allyn Edwards and crew Sue Edwards. B Fleet-1<sup>st</sup>-Mike Farina and crew Tiffany, 2<sup>nd</sup>-John Olson.

## **ONE DESIGN FLEET NEWS**

### **Thistle Fleet**

1998 was a great year for thistles. We went from two to six boats on the lake. All are active and experienced sailors wanting good competitive racing. Of the six we have two woodies, Black Cloud and the Streak#1073 owned for many years by Dale Hinkle. Dale is our newest member but has been at BYC for some time and brings a wealth of local thistling information to our fleet. Next season we expect four to five boats on the line each regatta plus possible involvement at Dana Point where the club is promoting one design racing. The local J-24 fleet may get a big surprise seeing how well the thistle moves in some of the light air conditions. There is always plenty of regatta activity for thistles including Big Bear and the Sunkist series at BYC. Meanwhile our LMV fleet seems content to just show up on the weekends and enjoy the casual racing on our home court. A couple of hours one on one single handed seems to be the popular sport this winter since winds are light. Our fleet is evenly matched so each skipper wins some and loses some.

**Don Schaffner**-Thistle Fleet Captain

## Lido Fleet

On behalf of the Lido 14 fleet I'd like to wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. I think we have had a very successful 1998. We had some new faces attend our sailing clinic presented by John Papadopolous early in the year. We also saw some additional Lidos at our regattas. At our "open house" some adventurers came out for a Thistle/Lido test drive. I'd like to encourage each of you Lido sailors on our mailing list to come and visit one of our regattas this year. If your boat isn't up to par we will most likely be able to find a seat on one of our boats. If you are not sure of your boats rigging or tuning we will be happy to check it out. We will have a Lido invitational on March 13 in conjunction with the C-15 fleet. Top Lido skippers from Newport harbor and points north and south will be invited. Finally, if there's wind I'll see you on the water.

**Doug Sheppard**-Lido Fleet Captain

## C-15 Fleet

Congratulations to Horst Weiler and his crew Graham Newman who took advantage of the difficult wind conditions at Mission Bay on Dec. 12 and sailed to three bullets to win the Hot Rum Regatta. Congratulations to them for also taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall in the 10 event Coast Cup Series for 1998. Fleet 7 Captain, J. O'Reilly noted that during 1998 attendance at most of the regattas increased over 1997. He wants to see a further increase in 1999. So if you need crew, a skipper, gear, or anything else to help sail your C-15 give O'Reilly or Horst a call. They want to help.

## Sailing in a Quote

*"The art of racing is not in winning, but in winning so the rest of the fleet are pleased you have won, and the only way they can be pleased is for you to have shown better helmsmanship then they and also perfect sportsmanship."*

*Uffa Fox*

*"We race for fun. To be sure there are times- special series and crucial races- when things get pretty intense, but in most racing we are out on a sunny afternoon to see what we can do to make our boat go a little faster than it has ever gone before and to guess correctly the wind, the water and what the other boat is going to do."*

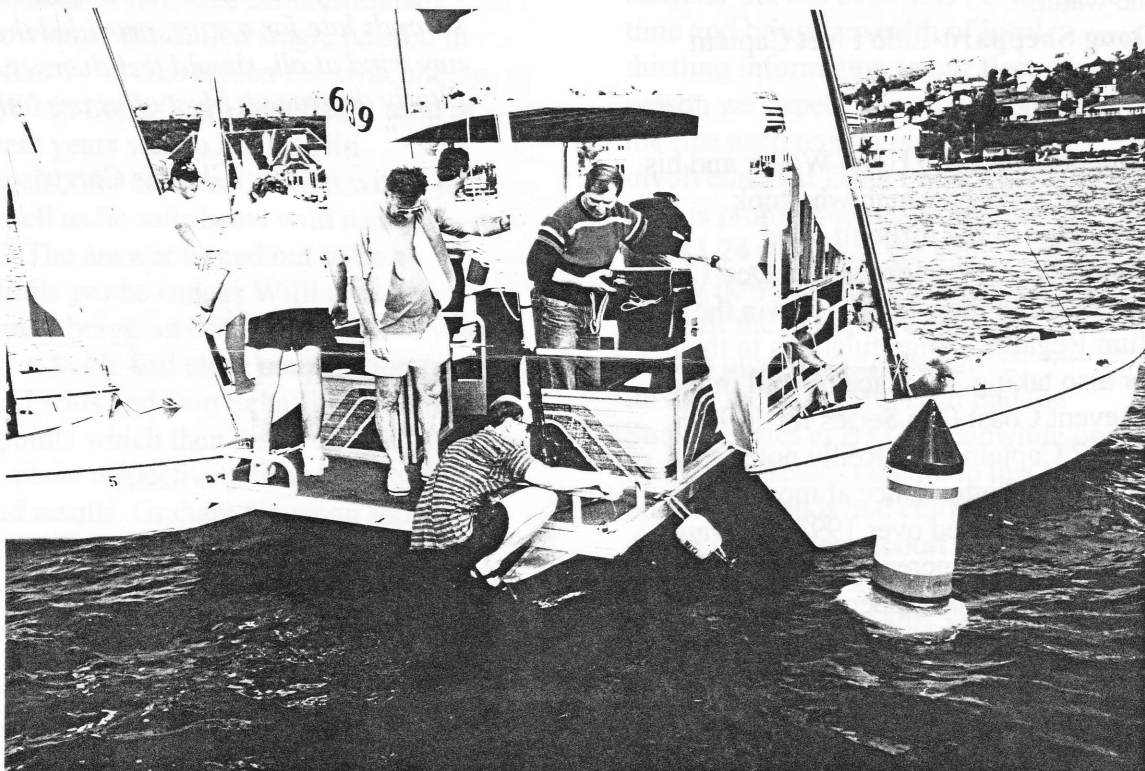
*Gregg Bemis*

*In light and fluky winds. "Stay really near to the starting line for the last minute. Anyone who is more than 15 seconds late for a start, provided there is any wind at all, should feel themselves utterly disgraced. Most of us are half the time."*

*Charles Curry*



**C-15 Invitational Regatta**



**Exchange Of Boats Between Races- Top Skippers Regatta**