



THE MAIN SHEET

LAKE MISSION VIEJO YACHT CLUB

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Ahoy Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club Members!

2023 is off to a great start at LMVYC. Our Annual Installation Dinner and Awards night was a great event. The camaraderie displayed by all was great to see. I want to thank all of the 2023 Officers and Appointees for volunteering their valuable time to make this yacht club the best it can be.

Each commodore takes the *LMVYC Oath of Office* that includes "encouraging fellowship among our members, afloat and ashore; and to introduce new sailors, young and old, to the sport of sailing." In honoring that oath, we hope that when you receive an invitation email from LMVYC, you will participate. For the sake of our planning and hospitality committee, RSVP upon receipt, and let us know if you will be sailing and/or socializing after the regatta. It is very important to have an accurate count of racers which will allow our hospitality crew and planning committee to purchase the appropriate amount of food and beverages.

Mark Your Calendars!

- Feb 26 – Midwinter Regatta
- Mar 19—Opening Day
- Mar 19 Opening Day Regatta
- Mar 22—Wed Sailing Begins
- Apr 23—Spring Regatta
- May 21—South of the Border Regatta

We have also implemented another tool to encourage comradeship, LMVYC name tags. We didn't have the budget to purchase the engraved plastic name tags for everyone, so we decided on sticker name tags with the LMVYC burgee. These sticker name tags will be readily available for everyone to write on and wear. I encourage each of you to include your name, length of time sailing, or even if you are new to sailing and looking to learn.

In the spirit of the *Oath of Office*, "promoting and encouraging amateur sailing", I invite all members to the Midwinter Regatta scheduled for February 26, 2023. This will be our first points race for 2023. I'm guessing the forecast calls for light and shifty winds out of the north, south, east, and west, so be prepared. Food and beverages will be served afterward in the Clubroom. Thank you, Event Planner, Audrey Simenz, and Hospitality Crew; Mitchell and Trista Markowitz, John and Yoshelin Martineau, and Ron Meyer.

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From The Bridge, continued

We have a great Opening Day to look forward to on March 19, 2023. The venue has moved back to a stellar location, the Clubhouse. This is a great venue that will showcase our membership and beautiful scenery. The reception starts at 11:00 am, ceremonies at 11:45 am, Commodore's Brunch at 12:15 pm, and then the premier event, the Opening Day Regatta. You are all encouraged to stick around for some great racing action.

With the Opening Day Ceremony taking place two days after St. Patrick's Day, I am inclined to leave you with the *Irish Sailor's Blessing*:

"May the seas lie smooth before you. May a gentle breeze forever fill your sails.
May sunshine warm your face, and kindness warm your soul.
and, until we meet again, may God bless you and keep you safe."

Ross Nemeroff

LMVYC Commodore 2023

2023 LMVYC Officers



Commodore	Ross Nemeroff
Vice Commodore	Vicki Rixford
Rear Commodore	John Pugh
Jr. Staff Commodore	Scott Pursell
Treasurer	Arnold Christensen
Secretary	Scott Davis
Port Captain	Graham Newman
Fleet Captain	Rod Simenz
Hospitality Chair	Daniela Radu

Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club



2023 Regatta Schedule



Officer Instalation and Awards Dinner	Sunday	January 15th
Tune Up Regatta	Sunday	January 22nd
Midwinter Regatta *	Sunday	February 26th
Opening Day Regatta	Sunday	March 19th
Wednesday Night Sailing Begins	Wednesday	March 22nd
Spring Regatta *	Sunday	April 23rd
South of the Border Regatta	Sunday	May 21st
Friday Night BBQ Begins	Friday	June 23rd
Summer Regatta *	Sunday	June 11th
Team Challenge Regatta	Sunday	July 16th
Friday Night BBQ Ends	Friday	August 23rd
46th Annual Regatta	Sunday	August 27th
Fall Regatta*	Sunday	September 24th
Junior Regatta	Sunday	October 8th
Top Skipper Regatta	Sunday	October 15th
Wednesday Night Sailing Ends	Wednesday	November 1st
Turkey Regatta*	Sunday	November 12th
Holiday Parade of Lights	Sunday	December 3rd
* Club Championship Series Regattas		

A Sailor's Sailor



Reporting the loss of family and friends the saddest of duties. It is with that in mind, that we celebrate Bill Yount who passed away on Tuesday, February 14.

Bill was the consummate sailor. He spent seven years in the Coast Guard and appeared almost everywhere locally that involved water and sails. As his spouse Donna said, he loved boats, sailing, racing, and people. I would add to that family. I sailed with Bill offshore many times; each race included a lesson, lots of laughs, and stories about his children and family.

Bill was a well-known and competitive sailor on our lake. Jeff Buchman recalled one of his happiest moments racing with Bill on Bill's Coronado 15 - passing renowned sailor Horst Weiler on Agrippina II. That was some achievement!

Bill was known for appearing on many boats in Dana Point races. Each of those skippers was lucky to have him aboard. Bill was always willing to assist any crew.

Bill's big laugh, awesome smile, and deep friendship will always be in my memories. As a poet reflected, we remember others not for their achievements but for how they made us feel. This will always be Bill. See you on the water.

S/C Kevin Weir

Congratulations to Nicole Sighiartau!

Rod Simenz



Junior sailor Nicole Sighiartau has had great success racing on our lake. She has been a winner in Sabots, CFJs and Balboa 13s over the years and served as LMVYC's Junior Commodore in 2020. Nicole also has been a member of the Balboa Yacht Club junior racing team since 2017 and was named BYC Junior Commodore for 2023. Nicole currently competes for BYC with her own boat in the ILCA 6 class.

It's worth noting that she always lists BYC /LMVYC on her race entry forms and that gains recognition for our club too, particularly since she sails in so many local and regional regattas throughout the year and does so well.

The accompanying picture, taken at her BYC installation shows Nicole, third from the left with her other junior officers and junior board members.

How Coach's Breakfast Added 30 Points To Jr. Sailor's Score

Rod Simenz

Newport Harbor Yacht Club hosted the junior Sabots at the SCYA 93rd Midwinter Regatta, February 4 and 5. Justin Hendrichs from our club signed up to race Sabot C2, a required "move up" from C3 after his 1st place finish at LIYC Halloween Regatta. The first day started out in light wind that petered out after two races and the race committee canceled racing for the day at about 2 pm. Justin was in 6th place out of 9 boats, a respectable showing for his first racing in C2 and his first time sailing in the turning basin area. Justin, his dad Laurent and I put the boat away and agreed to meet at 11:00 am the next day for the first start at noon.

On the way home I thought about how great it was going to be to have a leisurely breakfast without having to rush to Newport. My Sunday breakfast is always special. Six days a week I only have a bowl of cereal for breakfast for health reasons, but every Sunday I splurge. Usually, I have eggs, sausages, fried tomatoes and English muffins with butter and homemade blackberry or raspberry jam. And that's exactly what I enjoyed Sunday morning. After breakfast I left for Newport and arrived right on time at 11:00 and met up with Justin and Laurent. The first thing I noticed was the absence of any Sabots in the boat yard or at the docks. That was odd. Laurent said they all seemed to be out on the water practicing. I went over a few changes and sailing tips with Justin and next we went about rigging his Sabot. Then we learned that the Sabots out there were not practicing but were racing. Uh oh. We quickly went over to the Notice Board and sure enough, there was an amendment posted to the sailing Instruction. It stated, due to weather forecast of gusts to 30

knots on Sunday afternoon, the starting time on Sunday was changed from 12:00 to 11:00. So, Justin missed three races and was scored DNC (did not compete) three times for a total of 30 points.

Really heavy air never materialized but there was a stiff breeze, up to 17 knots, that lead the RC to cancel racing for the C3 class and made for exciting sailing for the other classes. Justin did get to race 4 races on Sunday, got some great experience and had fun. In his best race of the regatta Justin finished ahead of the boy that placed 2nd overall. That was a very good showing.

Lesson learned... check the Notice Board!



Justin at Newport in his Sabot

Junior Sailor Sportsmanship Award

Rod Simenz

This sportsmanship award, crafted by our own John Olson, is very special ... good sportsmanship is something we look for in our young sailors and something that deserves recognition when we see it. The “Junior Sailor Sportsmanship Award” winner for 2022 is Adrian Jawidzik

Adrian is the kind of young sailor that just naturally plays by the rules and shows respect for the competition ... these are major traits of good sportsmanship ... plus he is also very willing to give others a hand. In the past year he was particularly helpful at sailing practices and regattas. He was always quick to help his fellow junior sailors rig and launch their boats. On regatta days he was a mainstay at east beach helping junior and senior sailors get safely tied up under windy conditions and at a crowded dock.



Congratulations to Adrian!

Juniors Enjoyed Themselves At The Annual Awards Dinner

Rod Simenz

The juniors were well represented at the January 15 Awards Dinner. Winners in the Fleet Championship Series (FCS) were as follows:

FCS- Spring "C" Class

2nd Griffyn and Madoc Pugh, sailed a CFJ

3rd Vivian Ikeda, sailed a Laser

FCS-Summer/Fall "C" Class

2nd Justin Hendrichs, sailed a Sabot

3rd Maverick Trudell, sailed a Laser

FCS Overall 2022 "B" Class

3rd Luke and David Ippolito, sailed a CFJ

FCS Overall 2022 "C" Class

2nd Vivian Ikeda, sailed a Laser

3rd Justin Hendrichs, sailed a Sabot

Due to schedule conflicts McKenna and Maycie Pugh did not place in the series, but did very well sailing a CFJ at the only regatta that they were able to compete in. With McKenna as skipper and Maycie as crew they were 1st in "C" class.

Congratulations to all of these winners as well as all the other junior sailing team members that participated throughout the year in the 2022 Fleet Championship Series.



Back row L to R: McKenna Pugh, David Ippolito, Madoc Pugh, Maverick Trudell, Rod Simenz. Front row L to R: Maycie Pugh, Luke Ippolito, Justin Hendrichs, Adrian Jawidzik

2023 Christmas Schooner and Boat Parade Album

S/C Kevin Weir



Aft mast assembly



Group effort



Bill Yount (seated) overseeing



Almost done



Sorting out lights

Every December, the LMVYC schooner leads the annual lake boat parade. The tallest and largest sailing vessel in the fleet, however, begins its journey in the morning as the humble biology barge. LMVYC volunteers arrive early on parade day to assemble Her Majesty. The first step is usually sorting out the many pieces to decide where they go. The second involves assembly, and the third is light installation. Finally, folded chairs are placed aboard for honored guests.

The accompanying photos document this process.



Done: awaiting her evening debut.

Christmas Schooner, continued

Our juniors along with volunteer parents and Captain Rod convert a party boat while the schooner is being built. Construction includes a Sabot mast and boom that are attached to the boat.

And, while all of this is going on, an overflow party boat is commandeered to further accommodate LMVYC members who want to join the parade. That boat also receives festive lights to qualify it as a parade entry.



Just before the start.



The Junior Boat



Lifeguards leading the schooner (taken from the LMVYC overflow boat).



The schooner at 'sea'

2023 Awards and Installation Dinner

S/C Kevin Weir



LMVYC's annual Awards and Installation Dinner on January 15 was the first since the COVID outbreak three years ago. What a wonderful feeling to see one another at this event again!

The event is essentially in two parts: 2022 racing awards and installation of the new board. Racing awards include a separate presentation for our junior sailors. Installation includes presentation of the 2022 board and appointees as well as the oath of office for the new board and presentation of the appointees.

Enjoy!



Race Chair Adam Vart &
Jr. S/C Pursell



V/C Vicki Rixford and S/C Emmet
Rixford Best Series Score



S/C Guy Heaton with
awards



Jr. S/C Pursell with Rod
Simenz C Fleet Champ



Commodore Nemeroff accepting the
2022 Top Skipper award



Luke Ippolito and Scott
Pursell

Dinner, continued...



Race Committee recognition



The Big Surprise



2022 Officer recognition



Staff Commodores



2022 Appointee recognition



S/C Randy Tiffany with dessert.

Tune Up Regatta Kicks Off the 2023 Season

S/C Frank Roberts

January officially starts the LMVYC regatta schedule. However, the Tune Up Regatta is just that. No points, just a time to clean out your boat, chase out the black widows, scrape off the bird poop and rinse it out. It's a time to practice starts, try out that new piece of equipment and to familiarize oneself with the boat again. It's time for the Race Committee to dust off the sign-up sheets, fire up the starting equipment and practice their starting sequence. It's time for the Quartermaster to ice down the drinks and for the Race Chair to survey the course.

The regatta starts like all others, boats in water, sails up and skippers meeting. Race Committee preps for the day, marks are set and Race Chair calls the races. Several short races are done so everyone has a chance to practice. Since there is no score being kept, one can practice start strategies.



Skippers Meeting



View from the RC boat

Race Chair Guy Heaton started us off in reverse order so we would have more chances to encounter boats at the marks. Another way to practice rounding strategy. Try different ways and see what works.

This day our Race Committee's announcement horn did not function so the sailors had to pay attention to the flags. What a great way to start. Technology fails, but the flags do not. So, using the Course Chart, we followed the Starting Procedure and watched as the flags flew. It was a back to basics that can pay off in future regattas where it may be windy and hard to hear the horn. Following the signal flags is a great way to make sure you start on time.



Reaching

Tune Up Regatta continued...

So after several races with a nice break in between them, we wrapped up the day by picking up the marks, stowing them away and headed to the club room for pizza and refreshments.

So, if you didn't sail in the Tune Up Regatta, give it some thought for next year. It may just make you a better sailor and give you that leg up on the competition. Have a great 2023 season and see you on the water.



Downwind Expo . View from RC boat.



Twitchell action



Race Chair Guy Heaton



Expo passing RC downwind



Afternoon sun, water, and dinghies.



Race Chair leading Skipper's Meeting.



Always there: S/C Frank Fournier

Newport Racing News

S/C Kevin Weir

January 8 was a fun day: S/C Frank Roberts, Spencer Dworkin, and I were invited by S/C Mark Glackin to crew on his C&C 34, Campaign 2, for a BYC Sunkist series race. Winds were light and we were in D fleet, so the course was only to the buoy at the mouth of the harbor and back to BYC. We got a slow start, following an Ericson 35, Horse Feathers. Horse Feathers is a boat that Frank, Jeff Buchman, S/C Ron Meyer, and I chased in the 2022 N2E Dana Point sprint.

Horse Feathers remained ahead of us to the harbor opening. Then a miracle happened: the Ericson turned wide around the mark while we slipped inside at the rounding. Now we had the lead, something we held onto throughout the return leg. Horse Feathers drove into a hole coming down the channel and the race was clearly ours. We finished first in fleet and possibly first over the line for all classes. To enhance our victory, a prior owner of Campaign 2 watched us finish first and cheered us on. An excellent day, indeed.



Downwind in the channel



Spencer, Frank, me, and Mark: all smiles

This month S/C Glackin took delivery of Spitfire, a J122. Spitfire is awesome; she is a dark hulled beauty with multiple GPS screens and unique running rigging features.

She is also a pencil in the water. On Saturday February 18, S/C Glackin, Spencer, and I took her out for a shakedown sail. After spending some time charging her motor's batteries, we took her for a ride. She was equipped with a

110 cruising jib, so tacking and jibing were easy. Her mainsail sheet and traveler are rigged just forward of the wheel, so she can be handled by the driver. With only about 6.5 knots of wind she easily moved through the water at 5.5 knots – even with the small foresail.

Congratulations to S/C Glackin and family!



Spitfire

FOR SALE!

Either Vessel



Capri 14.2 or Capri Expo/14.2 conversion.

Either one to be sold.

Comes with sails, trailer, and boat cover.

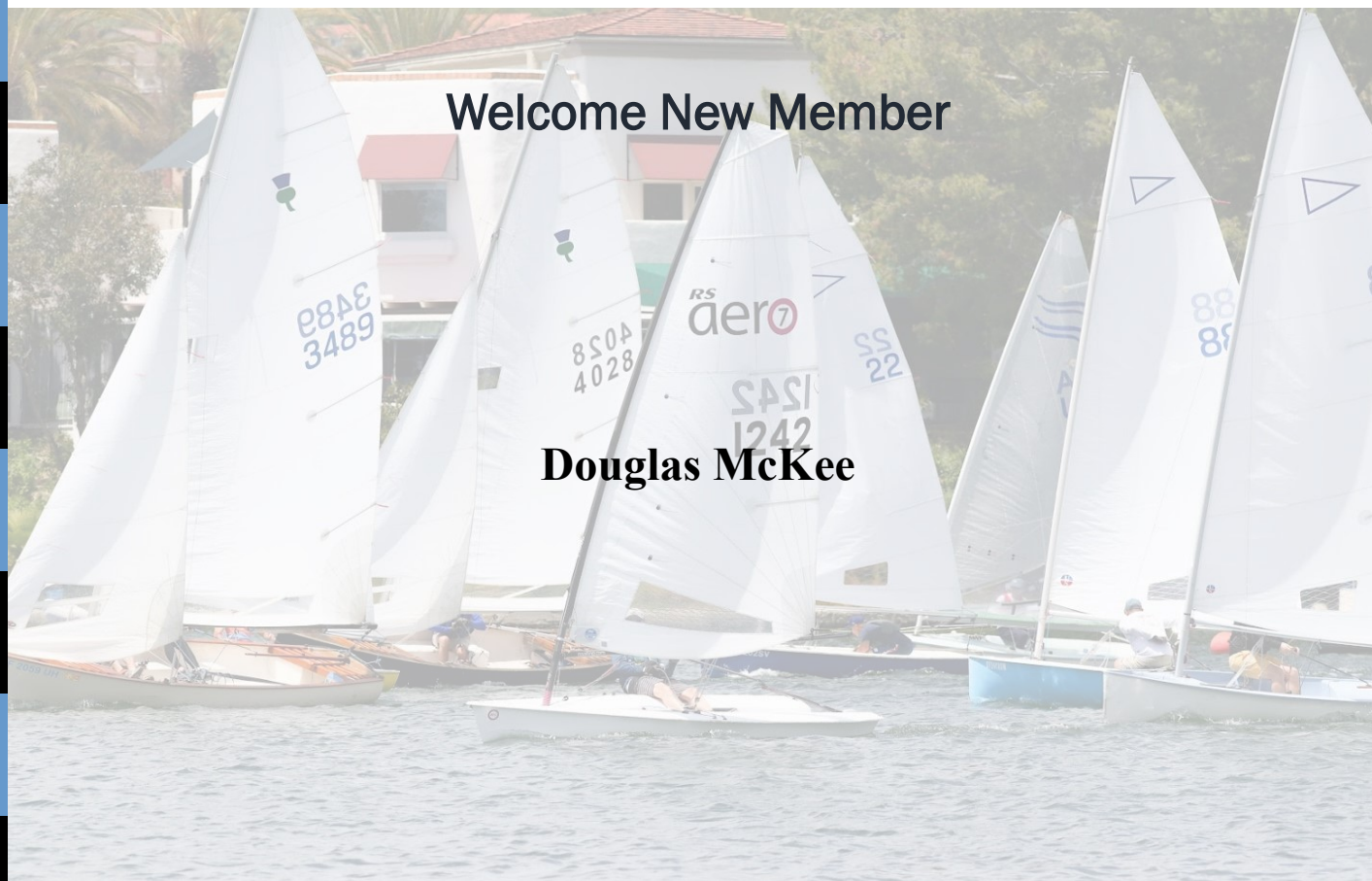
Wife says something has to go.

Asking \$1,500

Hoping to donate \$300 to the junior sailing program to thank all the people that have helped or donated parts to the conversion.

Contact: Graham Newman

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S/C Kevin Weir, 2023 Newsletter Chair

