



# THE MAIN SHEET

## LAKE MISSION VIEJO YACHT CLUB

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**A**hoy Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club Members!

What an amazing Opening Day at LMVYC. I would like to thank Jr. Staff Commodore Scott Pursell and his committee for coordinating such a great event. I had a chance to speak with a couple of honored guests at the brunch. They were quite impressed with our club presentation and appreciated the timeliness of the event. We were fortunate to have rays of sun through cloudy skies during the ceremony, but weren't so lucky during the Opening Day Regatta. The rain came down and we were soaked to the core by the end of the day.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

- Mar 22 – Weds Night Sailing began
- May 21—South of the Border Regatta
- June 11—Summer Regatta and Member Meeting
- June 23—Friday Night Sailing and BBQ
- July 16—Team Challenge Regatta
- Aug 3—Fri Night BBQ and Sailing ends
- Aug 27—Annual Regatta

Since my last article, the club had three regattas, the Midwinter Regatta, Opening Day Regatta, and the Spring Regatta. Although we have had decent turnouts for our regattas, we welcome more sailors, from novice to expert. With three fleets of experience, A, B, and C, there is a fleet tailored to you.

The next regatta on the schedule is the South of the Boarder regatta on May 21, 2023. This regatta will be followed by a gathering of members, new and old, for good times, good food, and good conversations.

We are very excited about the brand-new fleet of Capri 14.2's that recently arrived at the lake. They are not for rent just yet as they need the mast and other rigging installed. A sincere thank you to Jr. Staff Commodore Scott Pursell and LMVA General Manager Andrew Comeau for their hard work and collaboration on this endeavor. We will keep you posted on the progress and hope to christen the boats for the summer sailing season.

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## From The Bridge, continued

On August 27, 2023, the yacht club will host the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Regatta. In the spirit of promoting women in sailing, the 46th Annual Regatta will feature all women skippers. The regatta will be open to all women sailors of all levels and ages. If you are a novice sailor and would like to compete, an experienced sailor from the yacht club will provide on the water coaching in the weeks prior, and will crew for you if you wish. Additionally, if you know of a woman who might be interested in skippering a boat in this regatta, please let her know about it and sign up! Feel free to contact me or Fleet Captain Rod Simenz for more information. [commodore@lmvyc.org](mailto:commodore@lmvyc.org) or [fleet-captain@lmvyc.org](mailto:fleet-captain@lmvyc.org)

Regards,

*Ross Nemeroff*

LMVYC Commodore 2023

## Of Volunteers and Duties: LMVYC Has a New Rear Commodore S/C Kevin Weir

Secretary Scott Davis assumed the Rear Commodore position replacing LMVYC Rear Commodore John Pugh who retired for personal reasons. Scott will manage both the Secretary and Rear Commodore positions in 2023.

First, thanks go to John Pugh who stepped up to assume this position at the beginning of the year. John has a well-earned reputation as an active volunteer in our Juniors Program. He continues to participate in his family's extracurricular events, defining the role of an involved parent. Ironically, it is because of his family commitments that John resigned his position.

Scott Davis, who serves as 2023 Secretary, and all of the responsibilities that accompany that position, accepted the role of Rear Commodore while continuing his 2023 secretarial role. That is commitment, as well.

We thank John for his years of voluntarism and Scott for stepping into two critical roles during 2023.

## Members Bylaws Meeting

### S/C Kevin Weir

The Bylaws Committee has made recommendations for a few changes to our bylaws. Those changes include elimination of the Bylaws Chair and Measurer appointee positions. The Measurer's duties included assuring that non-LMVYC/LMVA boats that wished to compete on the lake were within specs. With the ongoing quarantine, that duty has been inactive for some time. The Bylaws Chair oversees a standing committee; it exists year to year regardless of changes in the board. That position will be elected by the Bylaws Committee members in the proposed changes.

A copy of these changes were emailed to our general membership on May 9, as required by our bylaws. A vote by members present will take place on June 11, at the Club Room following the Summer Regatta. We hope to see you there!

## From Junior Sailor To Coach

### Rod Simenz

Junior sailor Deagan Willis sailed his favorite boat, a Laser, to many regatta wins on the lake. He is home from his first year in college and has a summer job as sailing coach at Lido Isle Yacht Club. He is the 10th club junior sailor to have a sailing instructor/coach job.



## New LMVA Rental Boats Arrive!

S/C Kevin Weir



Three of the new Capris in the water. The mast in the background belongs to an older Expo.

It began as all things do: LMVA's ten rental Expos had aged over time and use, diminishing from a fleet of ten to two. It was time to make a change.

LMVA management, with the support of the Board of Directors, purchased five newly built 14.2 Capri sloops. The order was signed on November 2, 2022 with a promise from Catalina to supply the boats within eight months to one year. They arrived in late March, 2023.



Jr. S/C Pursell

Before describing their construction and journey, it should be noted that all of this was done with the expertise and assistance of LMVYC Jr. Staff Commodore Scott Pursell. The lake looked to our organization for guidance; Scott provided it in droves. Scott is a broker for Massey Yacht Sales and Service. Massey has been in business for over 35 years. Scott had a history with Catalina Yachts, guiding new buyers of their

larger boats (32 feet and up) in their purchases. Scott had the relationships and experience with Catalina to make this happen.



Five New Capri hulls leaving Ft. Meyer, Fl. for Lake Mission Viejo.

The boats are brand new; they were built following LMVA's purchase. Catalina closed their Woodland Hills operations, constructing their products in Florida, creating another logistical challenge. The five hulls, their sails, and rigging had to be trucked across the country. While they arrived earlier than promised, it was not without a casu-

## New Rental Fleet, continued



Trailer-damaged Capri

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Close up of the damaged Capri. Note the cracking and inverted bottom.

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alty. One of the hulls was cracked and bowed below the waterline. Catalina has agreed to replace that boat.

LMVA, upon Scott's recommendation, is currently preparing the hull bottoms for longevity. The bottom of each hull will receive three coats of epoxy and two coats of bottom paint. The work is being done, one boat at a time, by Dana Point Shipyard. In fact, work on one of the hulls has already been completed and another is underway.

I almost forgot to describe these five new rentals: They are fixed keel and jib furler rigged. This provides an additional measure of safety for lake members.

The next process is to step the masts and set up the rigging. The lake has asked LMVYC to assist. That is also underway with the first boat to return from the shipyard. This collaborative effort speaks volumes to the mission and follow through of both LMVA and LMVYC. May these new boats provide many future years of memories to our community.



The first Capri back from the shipyard

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## Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club 2023 Regatta Schedule\*

Wednesday Night Sailing	Wednesday	Began Mar 22nd
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 Sail & BBQ Ends	Friday	August 23rd
46 <sup>th</sup> Annual Regatta	Sunday	August 27 <sup>th</sup>
Fall Regatta**	Sunday	September 24 <sup>th</sup>
Junior Regatta	Sunday	October 8 <sup>th</sup>
Top Skipper Regatta	Sunday	October 15 <sup>th</sup>
Wednesday Night Sailing Ends	Wednesday	November 1st
Turkey Regatta**	Sunday	November 12 <sup>th</sup>
Holiday Parade Of Lights	Sunday	December 3rd
<b>**Club Championship Fall Series Regattas</b>		

\*Includes dates effective May 15, 2023 forward

## April Winds Favor Our Spring Regatta

### S/C Kevin Weir

Steady winds and a lower than normal turnout were the hallmarks of our 2023 Spring Regatta. Defying the nature of our lake winds, the gods decided to provide an excellent consistent breeze translating into some extraordinary competition. However, some regular racers missed this opportunity: A Fleet consisted of three boats, B Fleet five, and C Fleet four.



Rixfords edged out their competitors for first place.

C Fleet consisted of Captain Rod in his Twitchell along with Tyler Harllstrom in a Sabot, and new member Brian Gucler and Nick Teodorescu in Expos. The final results were in that order

with Tyler scoring a first in the last of three races and Rod finishing first overall. Brian and Nick battled for third and fourth places in their Expo rentals with Brian retiring before the last race leaving their final results as a tie.



A Fleet start

Commodore Nemeroff competed against strong competition but nonetheless dominated A Fleet in his Snipe. He was followed by Adam Vart in a Balboa and Arnold Christensen in his Aero.

B Fleet was the largest of the three. The downwind shots on the following page of B Fleet approaching and rounding the leeward mark document a tight fleet. Note the upwind battle shots of the Rixfords in their Mercury and Jeff Buchman in his 14.2. In the end, the

The Regatta was followed by the annual chili cook-off hosted by Sue and Allyn Edwards. Many thanks to the Race Committee, Mark Set boat crew, and event volunteers without whom this wonderful day would not have happened.



Ross in his Snipe downwind

### Spring Regatta, continued



B Fleet downwind



Graham leading Tyler.



CFJ downwind with Luke at the helm



B Fleet rounding the leeward mark



B Fleet upwind action



Emmet and Vicki Rixford vs Jeff Buchman



Three B Fleet boats at the start with two C Fleet boats in sequence behind.



# Spring Regatta, continued



C Fleet start

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C Fleet action. L: Rod, Ctr: Tyler; Rt: Brian

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Nick racing a lake Expo.

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**Editor's Note:** This year we are lucky to have articles from two authors who had very different perspectives of this race: S/C Frank Roberts describes his experience on a committee boat at the start line while former LMVYC member Patrick Stege provides a first hand account of racing on a winning boat. Please enjoy their stories..

## From The Start Line: The 75<sup>th</sup> Newport to Ensenada Race

### S/C Frank Roberts

After participating in the race last year, I volunteered to help start this year's race. I was assigned to the outside Race Committee boat and received instructions on sighting the line to look for boats starting early. My assigned boat was the

Albert Soiland, named after the founder of the Newport Beach Yacht Club. Dr. Soiland was a pioneer in radiology and founded the American College of Radiology. The boat is used to start races all year long at NBYC.



After training for our roles, we loaded up the boat with our starting equipment, sandwiches, and water. Heading to the start line was a breeze as the CAT powered boat cruised up the coast. After anchoring on the line, we kept a watchful eye for any boat starting early. After the start, we put up the required flags and



Gathering the signals

took our position watching the racing yachts jockey for position on the line. The tension built on the starting line as our crew prepared for the start. Pen in hand to record boats as they crossed the line, we kept a watchful eye for any boat starting early.

After the start, we recorded all of the boats that crossed the line. That was difficult as overlapping sails blocked out numbers. So, several of us called out numbers as we saw them.

This happened over and over as the classes started. After all of the classes were on their way, we pulled up anchor and motored back to the harbor.

I must admit, after working the start line, my sailing blood began to boil a bit as I watched the boats sailing away – wishing I was one of them.



As they go by: a stern view

## Winning Our Freedom: The Race To Ensenada

Patrick Stege



On the podium. Your author at left.

I raced in the Newport to Ensenada race with Freedom, a Melges 32 based out of Dana Point, skippered by Jon Taylor. Freedom raced in the UL-B fleet, which was comprised of 11 boats, with PHRF ratings ranging between -14 and 6. Freedom had the highest rating in the fleet (slowest boat). I was running the foredeck on Freedom, as well as doing shifts at spinnaker trim throughout the night.

Freedom had a clean start in the middle of the line, giving the bigger boats in the fleet space to maintain clean air. About 20 minutes into the race, Freedom did their first sail change, switching from the jib to a Code 0. This gave them a great angle down the course and they started passing the boats in other fleets with earlier start times.



L: Patrick Stege. R: Chris Caselli

Freedom carried the code 0 until they were off the coast of Encinitas, where they switched to the A1. As the wind shifted to the West, Freedom was able to get offshore, passing the Coronados about 6 miles outside. As the wind lightened up at night, Freedom was able to maintain boat speed with active trimming and great helm work. All throughout the night, Freedom was doing downwind gybes, often closely crossing their competitor Nereid so closely that even in the dead of night the vessel was visible.

Freedom gained an advantage over Nereid when entering Todos Santos Bay, about 10 miles from Ensenada. Freedom's tactician made the decision to enter the bay as close to shore as possible. This was to cut down on distance sailed, but risked not having wind. The age old adage "you're always an hour away from Ensenada" held true for the last 10 miles of this race. We were going 10 kts

## Freedom, continued



Pre-race crew shot taken in Dana Point. Following this, Freedom travelled north to Newport to line up for the race.

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when 10 miles away, 8 kts when 8 miles away, 4 kts when 4 miles away, and it started getting brutal when going 0.5 kts when 0.5 miles away. We were eventually able to drift across the line, taking line honors for the fleet, edging out Nereid by about 5 boat lengths.

With everyone in the fleet owing Freedom time, we secured first place in the UL-B fleet. The winning title came with the honor of jumping into the pool at Casa Del Sol.

## Cinco De Mayo, LMVYC Style!

S/C Kevin Weir



What better way to celebrate Cinco De Mayo than with good friends on the water? An informal gathering of LMVYC volunteers gathered on the lake May 5 to celebrate one another and our beautiful lake. Graham Newman was the first to launch his newly acquired Duffy, preparing it with food, drink, and spare blankets for his guest's "three hour tour". Vicki and Emmet Rixford followed shortly thereafter; their larger new Duffy filled with guests and provisions. They also had the advantage of plastic wind covers.

Following a short drive on the lake, the two boats tied up together exchanging food, beverages, and conversation. While enjoying one another, along came Randy and Norma Tiffany skipping a pontoon party boat also full of LMVYC guests. The cool weather and calm conditions made for a great late afternoon voyage.

In the spirit of the season, please join us in the Club Room following the May Regatta on May 21. There we will once again celebrate with a South of the Border theme.



L to R: Rod Simenz, V/C Vicki Rixford, Sue Edwards, and S/C Audrey Simenz.



L: Ted Ishikawa. R: Graham Newman.



## Welcome Aboard New Members

**Chris & Stacey Bonnaud  
Louise Gallagher  
Brian Glicker  
Brian McDonald**



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S/C Kevin Weir, 2023 Newsletter Chair

