



THE MAIN SHEET

LAKE MISSION VIEJO YACHT CLUB

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Ahoj Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club Members!

We reached a new milestone in the history of LMVYC last month with a total of 100 memberships. We would love to see more member participation, whether that be on the water or off. Your contribution and/or presence is always appreciated.

The new Capri 14.2's are in the water, at the dock, and rigged for sailing. A big thanks to S/C Frank Roberts, S/C Randy Tiffany, Graham Newman, and Jr. S/C Scott Pursell for your expertise and time in setting up these boats for all to enjoy. If you recently joined the club, like to race sailboats, but don't have one, here is a perfect opportunity to get on the water for some competitive racing!

At the past Lake Association meeting, I proposed a new fleet of remote-controlled (RC) sailboats called Dragonflite 95's. We would need to comply with all quarantine, insurance, and registration related regulations with some proposed modifications. Feel free to check out one of their websites, <https://dragonflite95.us/> for more information on the boat. The proposed area for racing would be off the Marketplace dock.

I got into RC sailing during the pandemic at Mason Park Pond in Irvine. I had no prior experience sailing RC boats but was able to pick it up right away. These RC sailboats are just as competitive and exciting as regular sailing. I recently competed in the DF95 Regional 6 Championships in Irvine where we had 30 competitors. If you don't currently own a boat, love to compete, and want a less expensive alternative, an RC sailboat may be right for you. I will keep y'all posted as we move forward with this proposal.

It's hard to believe that we are moving towards the end of the year of regattas with only five regattas left. The 46th Annual Regatta Women at the Helm, will take place on Sunday, August 27, 2023. This should be an exciting regatta for competitors as well as spectators.

The last four regattas after the Annual regatta are; The Fall Regatta, The Junior Regatta, The Top Skipper Regatta, and the Turkey Regatta. There

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Mark Your Calendars!

- Aug 23 – Friday night BBQ ends
- Aug 27–South of the Border Regatta; Women Aa the Helm
- Sept 24–Fall Regatta
- Oct 8–Junior Regatta
- Oct 15–Top Skipper Regatta
- Nov 1–Weds Sailing ends; Lake Walk begins
- Nov 12–Turkey Regatta and Membership General Meeting

From The Bridge, continued

are always great opportunities to meet and greet with new and old members at our regattas and social events afterwards. Don't be a stranger, please stop by.

Our LMVYC racing members have been well represented at regattas around Southern California. Their names are highlighted in related articles.

Smooth Sailing,

Ross Nemeroff

LMVYC Commodore 2023

Wanted: A Few Good Volunteers!

Graham Newman

The Mission Viejo Yacht Club will have some openings for the 2024 sailing season, in both elected and appointed positions. Several volunteers are stepping down after many faithful years in their positions and



are asking for anyone with the skills and time to volunteer. Please see our bylaws posted online for detailed job descriptions. Our Nominating Committee will be forming soon to receive and recommend Officer positions.

Up for Grabs:

Officers:

1. Rear Commodore - Entry flag officer position. Also oversees merchandise.
1. Hospitality Chair - Organizing the event leaders who provide regatta fixings
2. Secretary - Compiles all correspondence, emails, notes, etc. Liaison with lake management.
3. Treasurer - In charge of the club purse strings, new member applications, etc.

Commodore Appointed Positions:

1. Jr. Program Chair - Coaching junior sailing plus travelling to junior regattas.
2. Newsletter Editor - Composes and publishes The Main Sheet.
3. Protocol/Historian - Ensures bylaw and protocol compliance. Retains Club history.

This is an early notification of the club's needs. We are hoping some of the newer members have interest these positions. Please contact any officer who will be happy to answer any of your questions.

Thank you!



CALLING ALL NEW MEMBERS

Do you have a "hidden talent"? If so, LMVYC would love to know about it.

Sharing your skill is a great way to get involved in the club, without committing to a board position!

Please check any of the following skills that may apply:

- Boat Maintenance
- Web Design
- Newsletter
- Art
- Photography
- Flower Arranging
- Baking
- Event Planning
- Play an instrument? _____
- Signing
- Something else not listed? _____

Don't worry, this isn't a commitment -

Name: _____

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Please send to:

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Junior Boat Builder Adrian Jawidzik

Rod Simenz

Adrian is a very busy person. Besides twice a week junior sailing team practice he has many interests including daily piano practice. He even bakes cookies and cakes.

The piano is special to Adrian. He and his sister Elisa have been taking piano lessons since they were four years old. That accounts for how well they played in a recent school variety show. Adrian performed Hungarian Dance # 5 by Johannes Brahms. Elisa shined at the same variety show with a performance of the Johann Strauss Blue Danube. Somehow amongst all Adrian's hobbies and interests he found time to build a fine sail boat that he presented to me recently. I was able to use the boat to easily demonstrate to our beginner junior sailors the almost constant changes in wind direction that they have to contend with sailing at the lake. It was a very helpful visual aid. Next, I plan to put the boat in the water and see how it sails.



Adrian, Rod, and Adrian's model.



Four junior Sabot sailors at the finish of practice. L to R Angelo Pei, Olivia Haufler, Luke Robertson and Adrian Jawidzik .



A three berry cake that Adrian brought to share at practice.

My Sailing Journey

Nicole Sighiartau

The first time that I ever sailed on the lake was Mother's Day in 2011. My mom, dad, and I took out a Capri 14.2, one of the old lake boats, and we went for a sail. From my memory, it was terrifyingly windy, and I was certain that I would fall in the water. Realistically, it was probably only about 12 knots, but the experience left me with a decade's worth of fear of capsizing. Soon after, I sailed my sabot for the first time, although I really wouldn't consider it sailing. The majority of my first sabot endeavors were spent stuck in the swim buoys while the lifeguards sped over to help free me. At the time most of my sailing occurred when my dad and I would sail on Wednesday nights in the Capri 14.2s and the once new Expos. I would skipper while my dad crewed, which initially meant I would tack when he told me or would get in trouble for talking, but it didn't take long until I was making my own tactical decisions.



By the time I was seven, I began regularly sailing sabots at Mr. Simenz's practices and started to participate in regattas at Newport Beach. I



loved sabots and ended up spending my summers at Balboa Yacht Club as a member of the Junior Sailing Team while returning to the lake to participate in the club's series. From the ages of eight through twelve I worked my way up through the sabot classes starting at C3 until I finally became an A.

Around this time I decide that it was time to challenge myself with racing a new boat on the lake. Deciding on CFJs, my dad and I began to race together again, but now in B fleet. Neither my dad nor I knew much about sailing FJs, but we made it work until I decided to find new crew. As much as I love sailing with my dad, I wanted to try competing with someone my age. I ended up enlisting my friend Lindsay Taylor. Despite never having sailed before, Lindsey was a quick learner; within a few short months we were successfully racing on the lake. Soon after I began racing FJs on the lake, I also began my short journey of high school sailing. In all honesty, I despised high school sailing. I missed being alone in the boat and the ability to make my own tactical decisions. As a result of Covid, the high school sailing season ended early, and I ended up leaving JSerra Catholic High School permanently. Sadly, it was time for me to start moving out of sabots and into a larger boat; leaving me with the challenging dilemma of what boat to pursue now.

During the summer of 2020, I ended up completing one final season of sabot racing, which resulted in some of my best performances despite being 14. Over the summer, I also tackled my hesitance towards sailing a Balboa 13. After

Nicole, continued

a bad experience with my dad, which involved incessant bailing, I was unsure whether sailing a Balboa was worth it, but nonetheless, I began practicing in the boat and loved how it was the perfect combination of a sabot and CFJ. I was now able to race in a fleet, as a result of the boat's speed and agility, without worrying about finding crew. At this point, after experimenting with racing CFJs and 420s in various regattas throughout Southern California and disliking the experience, I truly believed that I was done with sailing double-handed boats, and would continue to casually sail on the lake in my free time.

Little did I know that from September 2021 to July of 2022, I would be racing 420s and CFJs for Balboa Yacht Club. During this span, I had several different crews, but I ended up finishing my double-handed journey with John Sweeny who was also a LMVYC junior sailor, at C420 Nationals. Thankfully, since that regatta, I haven't needed to sail a 420 again. However, during this time span of double-handed sailing, I also began sailing ILCA 6s, originally called Laser Radials. Over the past year and summer, I have enjoyed learning the technique behind sailing ILCAs, as well as sailing them in several major regattas such as Midwinters West, the US Open in Long Beach, and the Leiter Cup.

I know that I wouldn't have been able to achieve any of my top sailing achievements over the years without the foundation that was built by practicing and racing at Lake Mission Viejo. The coaching I received from Mr. Simenz and my dad helped develop my love for



the sport, as well as the importance of being a polite competitor, although I primarily learned that from Mr. Simenz. I am so grateful for their patience with me when I was afraid of sailing in windy conditions as well as all of their tactical advice. I am also

thankful for everyone else I ever competed against on the lake. Every time I sail, I learn something new from my competitors, whether it's tactical or simply practical sailing knowledge, and it has collectively made me a better sailor.

Overall, sailing has given me so many happy, thrilling, and stressful memories, but I couldn't imagine my life without it. Despite what my parents may tell you, I truly love sailing, and even though I'll be taking a step back from the sport as I attend Hillsdale College in the fall, I'm excited to join their sailing club and experience sailing in the Midwest. Hopefully, I'll see you on the water before I leave for school, but if not, I'll always come back to the lake because there is no place like it. Happy sailing!



Stepping Up: Rigging The Rental Fleet

S/C Frank Roberts

With lots of hard work by S/C Scott Pursell, the lake decided to purchase five new rental sailboats. The boats are the familiar Catalina C14.2k, which means they have a keel under them for stability. The hull is like most other C14.2 boats with a comfortable seating position. The high boom height keeps heads from being hit and the roller furling helps with easy jib deployment.

The boats were sent to Dana Point for a three layer epoxy bottom coating and one bottom paint coating. This will insure many years of trouble free bottom maintenance. Scott worked long and hard to make the bottom coating a reality. We owe Scott and the lake management a debt of gratitude for getting us first class boats that will last a long time.



The lake asked our Yacht Club to assemble the boats as we have many people with expertise to do so. Scott put together a work crew of himself, me and Graham Newman for the first boat. Assembly included stepping the mast, installing the roller furling, all lines, rudder and tiller assembly and hiking straps. Scott also designed a topping lift to keep the boom up when the sail is lowered for storage. This keeps the cockpit tidy for renters to enter and prevents sails from being stepped on.

Randy Tiffany helped with the next two boats. So we have four in the water and in use. The fifth boat will be rigged shortly as it had to have some repairs due to damage in shipping.



Build A Boat, continued



If you get a chance, pick one up on a Wednesday or any time. Try your hand at sailing one of these forgiving boats. Hopefully it will get your sailing juices flowing and you will want to come out and race at the next regatta. See you on the water.





Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club 2023 Regatta Schedule*

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

South of the Border Regatta Gallery



Combined A & B Fleets are off!



Combined fleets in light wind.



David and crew heading to the first mark.



Jeff Buchman in his 14.2.



Rod Simenz in his Thistle.

South of the Border, continued



Fleet at the line.



Race Committee



Race Chair Guy Heaton



A & B Fleets start while C lines up.

June Summer Regatta Gallery



A fleet underway



A fleet start



A fleet hiking out



A & B at L mark.



B fleet start



B fleet beating



B in sequence



B Fleet around X



C fleet lining up



C fleet start



Expo vs 14.2

Summer Regatta, continued



Vivian and Ross downwind



Competitive B fleet bunched up at L.



Ted hiking out on his Finn



L to R: S/C Frank Roberts, Jeff Buchman, & Graham Newman



Aero vs Finn



Mercury bow wave



Jeff Buchman downwind



Adam hiking out

2023 Championship Series

A Fleet

Sailed: 12, Discards: 3, To count: 9, Rating system: USPN, Entries: 5, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	HelmName	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	Total	Nett
1st	Ross Nemeroff	A	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	(1.5)	(2.0)	(1.1 OOD)	1.0	1.0	1.0	13.6	9.0
2nd	Adam Vart	A	(3.0 DNC)	(3.0 DNC)	(3.0 DNC)	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.5	3.0 DNC	2.0 DNC	2.0	2.0	2.0	27.5	18.5
3rd	Arnold Christensen	A	2.0	2.0	2.0	(3.0)	(3.0)	3.0	(4.0 DNC)	3.0 DNC	2.0 DNC	3.0	3.0	2.6 OOD	32.6	22.6
4th	Guy Heaton	A	3.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	(4.0 DNC)	4.0 DNC	4.0 DNC	3.0	1.0	1.0	(5.0 DNC)	(5.0 DNC)	4.0 DNC	40.0	26.0
5th	Ted Ishikawa	A	3.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	(4.0 DNC)	(4.0 DNC)	(4.0 DNC)	4.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	2.0 DNC	4.0	4.0	3.0	41.0	29.0

B Fleet

Sailed: 12, Discards: 3, To count: 9, Rating system: USPN, Entries: 6, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	HelmName	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	Total	Nett
1st	Emmet Rixford	B	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.0	(3.0 DNC)	(3.0 DNC)	(3.0 DNC)	1.0	1.0	1.0	18.5	9.5
2nd	Frank Roberts	B	2.0	2.0	2.0	(6.0 DNC)	(6.0 DNC)	(6.0 DNC)	3.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	2.0	2.0	2.0	39.0	21.0
3rd	Jeff Buchman	B	(3.0)	3.0	(5.0)	1.5	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	(4.0)	33.5	21.5
4th	Randy Tiffany	B	(5.0)	(6.0)	3.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	3.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	(5.0)	5.0 DNC	5.0 DNC	46.0	30.0
5th	Graham Newman	B	(6.0)	(5.0)	(4.0)	3.0	4.0	4.0	3.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	4.0	4.0	3.0	46.0	31.0
6th	Luke Ippolito	B	4.0	4.0	(7.0 DNS)	(5.0)	5.0	5.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	(6.0 DNC)	5.0 DNC	5.0 DNC	50.0	32.0

C Fleet

Sailed: 12, Discards: 3, To count: 9, Rating system: USPN, Entries: 9, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	HelmName	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	Total	Nett
1st	Rod Simenz	C	(3.0 DNC)	(3.0 DNC)	3.0 DNC	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	(4.0 DNC)	3.0 DNC	2.0 DNC	26.0	16.0
2nd	David Collins	C	2.0	1.0	1.0	(5.0 DNC)	(5.0 DNC)	(5.0 DNC)	3.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	32.0	17.0
3rd	Bill Taylor	C	3.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	(5.0 DNC)	(5.0 DNC)	(5.0 DNC)	2.0	2.0	1.0	4.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	2.0 DNC	38.0	23.0
3rd	Tyler Hallstrom	C	3.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	2.0	2.0	1.0	(4.0 DNC)	(4.0 DNC)	(4.0 DNC)	4.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	2.0 DNC	35.0	23.0
5th	Guillaume Hendrichs	C	1.0	2.0	3.0 DNF	(5.0 DNC)	(5.0 DNC)	(5.0 DNC)	4.0 DNC	4.0 DNC	4.0 DNC	4.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	2.0 DNC	42.0	27.0
6th	Vivian Ikeda	C	3.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	(5.0 DNC)	(5.0 DNC)	(5.0 DNC)	4.0 DNC	4.0 DNC	4.0 DNC	4.0 DNF	1.0	2.0 DNC	43.0	28.0
7th	Brian Gucler	C	3.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	3.0	3.0	(5.0 DNS)	(4.0 DNC)	(4.0 DNC)	4.0 DNC	4.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	2.0 DNC	41.0	28.0
8th	Nicolae Teodorescy	C	3.0	3.0	3.0	(4.0)	(4.0)	3.0	(4.0)	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	41.0	29.0
9th	Elisa Jawidzik	C	3.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	3.0 DNC	(5.0 DNC)	(5.0 DNC)	(5.0 DNC)	4.0 DNC	4.0 DNC	4.0 DNC	4.0 DNS	3.0 DNC	2.0 DNC	45.0	30.0

Team Challenge Regatta



L to R: Rod Simenz, Nicole Sighiartau, Adam Vart; Graham Newman, Scott Pursell, Emmet Rixford; Arnold Christensen, Ross Nemeroff, and Frank Roberts.

This regatta starts with a pancake breakfast. My wife Anne helps set up and gets the sausages and fruit ready. Mia, Mike and John cooked the pancakes. This small event is mostly made up of the sailors and support people. Its always fun and Anne and I are happy to host it.



The Team Challenge is just that, teams race different boats in a relay race. This year we had nine skippers so we used three types of boats, the Twitchell, Balboa and the new C14.2K lake rental boats. The new boats are the subject of another article, but this was the first time we could sail them in a regatta.

After teams are set and team color assigned, the teams get busy deciding a strategy to put the skipper best suited for the boat. This is usually a self sorting process, but can also be difficult as a team may not have experience in all the boats.

The race starts off with three class boats starting first. The second class starts when their teammate crosses the finish line. The third class starts as the second teammates finish. This sounds easy, but can be quite challenging as the adrenaline surges when its your time to start. Too early or too far behind can allow the races to tighten up if they aren't already.

So after the first race, Team Red with Rod Simenz, Nicole Sighiartau and Adam Vart took the lead with one point, Blue Team with S/C Frank Roberts, S/C and Treasurer Arnold Christensen and Commodore Ross Nemeroff finished second and White Team with Junior S/C Scott Pursell, Port Captain Graham Newman and S/C Emmet Rixford took third.

Teammates waiting their turn to start gather on East Beach dock to cheer on the competitors. This friendly competi-

Team Challenge, continued

tion adds to the fun as cheers and jeers are yelled across the water. As their teammates get closer to the finish, its their time to jump on their boat and head out for the start.

After round two, Red and Blue teams were tied with three points each and white had six points. So round three would be the decider. The Balboa's started first. Off to a fast start, these boats are the quickest in the race. Commodore Ross is



View from the R.C. boat

expert at the Balboa and got off to a good lead. The Twitchell's went next. They are fun boats with a little stick to control the rudder and a self tacking jib. Maintaining the lead, S/C Arnold cruised across the finish line which then gave me the last leg.

The new C14.2k performed flawlessly as I was able to maintain the lead given to me and crossed the line giving Blue Team the victory.



Balboa skippers hiked out.



Downwind Balboas



Winner! Team Blue

From Pond to the Sea: Racing Off of the Lake

S/C Kevin Weir

Many of our members also race away from our lake, representing our club in other ports. This article focuses on some of those experiences and attempts to provide an overview of some of those race efforts as well as provide context to our shared love of sailing. My apologies in advance to anyone that I may have overlooked.

Many of those experiences are in offshore 'big' boats, but not all of them. In addition to some of Nicole Sighiartau's achievements noted in the accompanying article, our commodore, Ross Nemeroff, has been racing the smallest of vessels – RC boats. Most recently he competed in a championship on Irvine's Mason Park pond placing 8th among 30 competitors with his DF95.



The RC race is on!

2023 R/C and Secretary Scott Davis joined the crew of the J120, Dani Girl in the Balboa Yacht Club July Beer Can races. Scott normally races on a competing J120 (Baraka) but she is in repairs due to a Duffy collision. Also



Spitfire

competing in these races is S/C Mark Glackin in his J122, Spitfire. S/C Frank Roberts and I both were able to join Mark in one race each this year. Julius Sighiartau has been spotted on Carbon Footprint over the years. S/C Peter Tietz volunteers as race committee in Newport and can also be found on Marblehead in Dana Point's Thursday Farkle races.



Newport sabot racing posted by Peter Tietz

Off Lake Racing, continued

Dana Point probably has the largest contingent of LMVYC racers. Bob Van Pelt competitively races Hu Nuu, a J80, regularly in Dana Point. Rich Bennett, campaigns Firewater, a J92, from Long Beach to Oceanside. Firewater recently dominated PHRF B class in August's Oceanside Elizabeth Hospice Charity races. PHRF A class also had an



Firewater crew in Oceanside

LMVYC alumni win: Patrick Stege crewed on Rode Rage to take first place in their class. Patrick and I have also been crewing on Bon Vivant, a Catalina 30, in DPYC's Thirsty Thursday races, winning first in class last year.



2022 class champs: L to R: Patrick Stege, me, Rick and Chris Caselli.

Jr. S/C Scott Pursell crews on Tenohawk, a very competitive J109. Jeff Buchman, Daniel Katzman, and I crew on Out of the Blue, a Catalina 320 and a boat to beat. Jeff, who holds a captain's license, also sometimes skips the boat for the owner, Jeff Browne. Out of The Blue won last year's Harbor Championship and, this year, placed first overall in the non-spin DPYC series regattas. I have also been lucky enough to race with Jeff and the Out of The Blue crew on Ocean's Away, a Catalina 350, providing support for race charters.



Out Of The Blue crew. L to right: Jeff Browne, Jeff Buchman, Daniel Katzman, and your author.

Finally, a word about Bill. Bill Yount raced both on our lake and anything that could float in the ocean. We miss his presence on the water every day.

Boats are always looking for crew. RC racing is growing in popularity, as well. If this peaks your interest, please reach out to one of our members noted above.



DF95

RS
Aero

For Sale

Asking
\$7,900



RS Aero sailboat (13ft.) in excellent condition. This is a very lightweight (less than 100lbs.) and fast single-handed sailboat that planes very easily in moderate winds. Included are:

- 9 AND 7 meter rigs and sails. (Both sails in good condition).
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- Custom made mast sock for mast-up storage.
- Padded storage bags for rudder and daggerboard.

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FOR SALE!

Thistle Sailboat #776

This is a classic woody built in 1952 of all mahogany wood with black anodized mast and boom – a former class champion. Racing sails are in good condition. Also includes a practice set of sails. Comes with an excellent trailer, NEW full-skirt top cover and a bottom cover. Also includes rudder and centerboard bags.

Asking \$9,900



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Welcome Aboard New Members



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Wanda Marin
Qian Xiao
Thida Haufler
Jon Montgomery
Michael Katsuyama
David Hess
Knowlton Shore
Kyle Robertson
Joseph Vohnout
Oscar Villanueva
Ellen Taylor
Jim Black
Robin Griffin
Lorna Ladd
Tom Cascio**



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S/C Kevin Weir, 2023 Newsletter Chair

