



Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

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NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Sometimes a lady can be reticent about her age, but the beautiful Thistle, *Black Cloud*, did nothing to keep hers a secret. Rather, she and her owners Linda and Don Schaffner celebrated her 40th year in style with shrimp cocktails and special refreshments for the club members on May 16th prior to the days racing competition in Spring Regatta II. Cheers to *Black Cloud* and her next 40 years.

NEW CAPRI 14.2 SAIL BOATS

Ten new Capri 14.2 keel boats were delivered to the lake on May 12th. These boats were purchased by the LMVA to replace the Holder 14 rental boats. Yacht club members volunteered to work on assembly of the roller furling mechanism, completion of the rigging, hardware placement and tuning.

A big thanks to all those who helped including Wil Chong, Al McCown and son Eric, Doug Major, Nick Mangano and son Nick, Randy Tiffany and daughter Holly. Special thanks go to the knowledgeable "crew" chiefs Frank Fournier, Horst Weiler & T.J., Willi Hugelshofer, Ced Fields and John Olson.

Six of the new Capri 14.2 keel boats made an impressive racing debut on the following Sunday by winning the LMVYC Reverse Portsmouth Regatta and garnering many of the other top places. A small part of their success was due to a generous handicap which needs some adjustment. Nevertheless, the boats proved to be quite fast, very stable, roomy and fun to sail.

Spring Regatta II 5/16/99

A funny thing happened on the way to the starting line-----. Eighteen boats left the dock to sail out to the starting line. The winds were a very light 2 to 4 knots, suddenly a strong 12 to 14 knot wind blew in from the direction of the dam. The winds stayed in that range with even higher gusts from unexpected directions for the duration of the first race, then backed down slightly for races 2 and 3.

The blustery conditions resulted in a capsized Lido 14, a capsized Thistle, a Thistle with a broken halyard and a Lido 14 with a broken head stay. All the skippers that kept their boats upright and avoided rigging damage were winners.

Race Results- "A" Fleet - 1st Brett and Alexander Tremaine, 2nd Don and Linda Schaffner, 3rd Horst Weiler, Graham Newman. Lido 14 Fleet - 1st Al and Eric McCown, 2nd Rod Simenz, 3rd John Drake. Lake Boats - 1st Ced Fields, 2nd Troy Edwards, 3rd Frank Fournier. Juniors - 1st Brian Wegner.

Many thanks to Randy Tiffany who ran his first regatta with help from wife Norma and Vivienne and Len Savage. The Tiffanys also capped off the day's racing with a superb *South of the Border* celebration dinner personally prepared by Norma and Randy with help from Tricia Gonsowski and dessert provided by Jane Newman. All the festivities took place in the specially decorated Board Room. What a day! And what a feat the Tiffanys pulled off - race committee and a very special dinner on the same day.

Reverse Portsmouth Regatta 6/13/99

Twenty one boats competed on this warm sunny day in mostly light breezes. As usual in this reverse handicap race the slowest boats started first and the fastest last. Starting times were based on the Portsmouth system, but modified to reflect actual boat and skipper performance on our lake.

Ideally all boats should finish at the same time, even though the fastest boats started 66 minutes after the first boat. However the mostly light and shifty winds spread the fleet finish times more than expected. Brian Wegner, sailing his Sabot, got the racing started. Twenty minutes later three Capri 14.2k boats took off after him, followed by successive class starts until the last Thistles started, 66 minutes after the Sabot. The Sabot sailed a good race and was still in the lead after two times around the course before the fleet gradually overtook it. Doug Sheppard in a Capri 14.2k took an early lead in his handicap class and was the first to finish the race. There were a few tight finishes, notably, Brett Tremaine in his Thistle who managed to pass three Capri 14.2 keel boats just before race time expired to garner 2nd place over all. Brett started 46 minutes after these boats. Another photo finish was Roger Robison and Tara sailing his C-15 to just nose out Nick Mangano by a few inches. Roger made up a 28 minute head start he gave Nick who was single handing a new Capri 14.2k and sailing it very well.

Race Results- OVERALL- 1st Doug Sheppard, 2nd Brett Tremaine, Ron Meyer, 3rd Steve and Tricia Gonsowski, 4th Doug Major and Emily, 5th Frank Fournier.

"A" FLEET- 1st Brett Tremaine, Ron Meyer, 2nd Arnold Christensen and Michele, 3rd John Austin, Holly Tiffany. "B" FLEET- 1st John Drake, 2nd John Olson. LAKE BOATS- 1st Doug Sheppard, 2nd Steve and Tricia Gonsowski, 3rd Doug Major. JUNIORS- 1st Nick Mangano, 2nd Brian Wegner.

Race Committee: Audrey and Rod Simenz, Vivienne Savage.

Following the race everyone gathered at the picnic tables around the barbecue grill for a delicious Hawaiian theme dinner. Pat and Will Chong were in charge of the food for the day and prepared barbecued chicken and sauteed rice, Bea Drake furnished the great salad, Jane McCown provided snacks and rolls. Alice Olson brought macadamia nut ice cream and sugar cones for dessert. Thanks to all of them for a wonderful meal and also to those who stayed to help with the clean up.

Wedding Bells

Horst and Caecilia Weiler are knee deep in orange blossoms as they prepare for the marriage of their daughter in July. Congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

Wednesday evening racing is bigger than ever this summer. Come join the fun!!!!

ADDENDUM TO LMVYC NEWSLETTER 6/99

About the Handicap System-The handicap system is based on elapsed time required to sail a given course. For our regatta an elapsed time of 105 minutes was arbitrarily selected for a boat with a Portsmouth handicap of 1.00. Starting times for each class were then calculated by multiplying 105 minutes by their handicap to determine what their actual starting time should be. Note that elapsed time divided by handicap for each class of boat will then give a corrected time of 105 minutes for all classes. Each boat then tries to sail as far as possible in their given elapsed time and the race ends 105 minutes after the 1.00 handicap starting time. There does that make it clear?