



Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

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SUNSET SAILING

Practice, practice, practice! That's what turns a student sailor into a competitor, and hones the talent of the veterans. Sunset sailing provides an excellent opportunity for practicing those start sequences, gybe routines, fine tuning your boat and all the while increasing your skills in a "non-threatening" atmosphere. It's also a good time for you and your crew to increase your communication and find out best what works for you without the pressure of a regatta.

We've had an excellent turnout for the Wednesday night sails recently, and a growing number of students (both current and "has beens") are learning the benefits of no-pressure sailing. There's plenty of free advice for those who wish some wisdom from the "old salts" on the lake, or you can just spend your time kicking back and "doing your own thing". Come on now, get off that couch, and catch the spirit of summer sailing -- join us on Wednesday nights for a vigorous march around the buoys and let the waves of relaxation take you away from your day of stress!

Guy, Ken, and the evening crew at the lake will have the rental fleet boats all set up and ready to go! The fun begins anytime after 5 pm, and the last boats are rented at 6 pm, to be returned to the dock at 7 pm. Members who have paid their \$40 annual dues sail for a flat rate, otherwise normal modest rental fees apply.

Rounds of drinks and pizza follow at Roundtable. Join us!

SUMMER ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

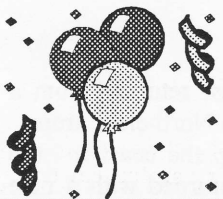
It'll be the ladies' turn to whistle and stomp this summer, as the lake continues their schedule of summer concerts with some outstanding (as well as handsome) talent! First on the agenda is Johnny Rivers, scheduled conveniently for the same day as our Family Fun Regatta, July 29. Plan to spread your blanket on the beach for an afternoon of sailing, then settle in with a front row seat for an evening of entertainment with Rock and Roll music from the 70s and 80s.

August 12 is a red-letter day for Mission Viejo, when famous singer Tom Jones will belt them out in the beautiful setting sun for your enjoyment. You've paid top dollar to catch his act in the past -- and now you can enjoy it with all the other privileges of simply owning a lake membership card. We're very fortunate to have this talented English star, who fills concert halls with screaming fans, right here at Lake Mission Viejo! Tom Jones will be a top draw, so better plan to spend the day again, and enjoy some sailing to pleasantly pass the day! This is one day the wives will outpace the men at getting to the lake!

Next, on August 26, is James Ingram -- more music for the Baby Boomer generation! This talented singer also hails from the 70s and 80s, and plays his own special brand of R&R. Again, you'll want to spend a day of sailing to get a top-notch seat!

Both are excellent opportunities to check out the snack bar now under the operation of Tony's Sea Food Landing. Mark your calendars and plan to be on hand for a day of fun, and an evening of "star-gazing"!

DON'T MISS THE ***FAMILY FUN REGATTA*** SATURDAY, JULY 29, 12:15 PM



1995 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesdays, 5 - 7 pm.....Sunset Sailing
7:30 pm: Roundtable Pizza, LaPaz/Marguerite
July 12.....Beginning Sailing Class (Course II) Begins
July 15.....Lakefest
July 29 (Saturday).....Family Fun Regatta & Johnny Rivers Concert
August 7.....Junior Sailing Class (Course III) Begins
August 9.....Beginning Sailing Class (Course III) Begins
August 26.....Summer Regatta II

"The primary purpose of the Yacht Club is to provide social and competitive interaction opportunities for its members."

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NEW BOATS CHRISTENED DURING JUNE

Two boats, new to Mission Viejo, brought a touch of excitement to the Summer I Regatta, held on June 24. Joe Sperber, Commodore of the Yacht Club, had his shiny new C-15 towed to the lake for it's virgin sail during the late morning hours. The excitement of checking the rigging and launching the boat engaged the enthusiastic Yacht Club in the process, delaying the start of the races. The still nameless boat gently took to the water, and a cheer went up to see that the boat, which has been in the process of purchase, delivery, or pre-assembly for months, could actually float! The Commodore had his boat duly "christened" with the inevitable "first ding" during a pre-start maneuver by another C-15 boat owner. The always aggressive duo of Dong and Wilson were not the least bit intimidated with the infamy attached to that "honor"! Mike Farina, who took time off from his wooden boat building to "ooh" and "aah" and help ease the snow white beauty around the mark acted as crew.

Horst Weiler and daughter Corinna Weiler had been seen taking a few practice runs on the lake prior to the regatta. Horst entered and sailed Agrippina II in the Father's Day regatta at Big Bear Lake, where it was christened with champagne (by the glass). Their beautiful light brown boat, being pulled by their almost perfectly matched light brown car, brought an added touch of class to the lake festivities. Horst and his crew, Guenther Decker, were finalists in the regatta, placing third in "A" fleet.

Don and Linda Schaffner, sailing in a C-15 borrowed from the Mizell's, edged Horst's new beauty out for second place, and gave us all something to continue to ponder: is Don's usual boat, Black Cloud, just a faster boat, or could it just be that Don and Linda, regardless of the boat they're in, are excellent sailors? The answer is quite obvious. Another sailor, who can apparently also sail anything that floats, took the first place trophy. Our own Willi Hugelshofer, in his Flying Finn, once again led the field and won a decisive victory over the remainder of the A fleet, all C-15s.

Ced Fields and very competitive crew member Vivienne Savage outpaced the rest of the "B" fleet in his "Condor", and were just barely edged out of second place by Rosemary Davis. During the final race, Rosie (in a 12' Holder rental) took special glee in doing a horizon job that left everyone wondering "wha happened?". It was a special accomplishment for her she said, because after three years she finally managed to beat Vice-Commodore Davies, who had initiated her to sailing and given her private sailing lessons! The student finally beat the teacher! All these competitive ladies will no doubt continue this friendly competition during the rest of the season! Skipper Milly Davies and crew Ray Turner took first place overall in the "B" fleet sailing a Lido.

The weather freshened as the day progressed. Although initially looked like a “drifter”, some great sailing took place . Jean Kanjanavaikoon handled registration. Fleet Surgeon Len Savage very ably assisted by Vivienne Savage and Caecelia Weiler, put out an Italian feast of lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert and drinks. This hearty meal was thoroughly enjoyed by all the hungry sailors. Len, who had agreed to take the job only on an interim basis because of work obligations, always does an outstanding job of organizing the food, preparing, and serving the food for each regatta. Race Committee was by Verne Smith, whose organization and willingness to help have been greatly appreciated. Dean Kanjanavaikoon acted as his assistant. Horst Weiler made a special presentation to the club of a burgee he received from the Lister Yacht Club in Germany, and received a free replacement burgee for his contribution. The burgee, as well as any other donated burgees, will be on permanent display in the Yacht Club's trophy case in the Board Room.

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THIS AND THAT

Horst shared pictures of a very unusual Father's Day! The Friday before the Big Bear Regatta weekend brought storms to the area. He and Caecelia awoke on Saturday to the unusual site of their car covered with snow! There was some confusion on whether the event was being canceled, but Horst and Bob Milner put on warm clothing and had a good time sailing. We're told he and Bob took 1st and 2nd place....but what 's unclear is whether *more* than two boats sailed!

The April/May issue of the Bagpipe (Thistle Boat's "official" news magazine) featured a nice two-page spread written by our own Don Schaffner. Don tells, in his own charming tongue-in-cheek-style, about the beautiful "Black Cloud" wooden boat so often admired on LMV. His article includes close-up pictures of the boat and was titled "Man, Retirement and his Thistle".

Vacation News: Ced and Mrs. Fields just returned from a wonderful cruise with gorgeous weather in Northern Europe. Horst and Caecelia vacationed (again) up the coast in the San Francisco area. Milly Davies just returned with a nice tan from a week in beautiful sunny Puerto Vallarta. Ray Turner is heading off to Tahoe, and Vivienne and Len are gone so much we've lost track of their many destinations!

BOATS FOR SALE:

14 foot Hobie. Best Offer.
Ron Meek, 714/937-1800 x203 for details.