



Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

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17th ANNUAL REGATTA THIS WEEKEND!!

The Sailing Club once again hosts the 17th Annual Regatta at Lake Mission Viejo. This event is open to all lake registered boat owners and lake members. The cost is free to yacht club members, and only \$10 for non-yacht club members. The entry fee also includes drink and food for you and your family or crew. T-shirts, designed by Lake Mission Viejo General Manager, Bill Schwartz, will be awarded to each crew member who finishes all three events. These shirts cannot be purchased; you must be present to receive one! What a deal! Remember, you get a great day of fun, a souvenir shirt, *and* food and drinks!

Since the first regatta when the lake was filled in 1978, this event has been one of the highlights of the sailing season. It is the last "official" sailing event of the 1994 season. This is an opportunity to prove to yourself, your family and your friends, that you are really an "old salt" at heart!

Registration is 11:30 - 12:15, followed by the Skipper's Meeting. Rules are explained and any special instructions are announced by Race Committee Chairman Bob Milner. After the Commodore calls out "Man your Boats!", friendships are temporarily set aside until approximately four pm when the races have ended for the day. It's each one for himself! The friendly competition adds to the fun of the day, and the results will be announced during the after-race festivities in the clubhouse.

Regulars, newcomers and novices are all encouraged to join the fun! You will be placed in a category appropriate for your skill-level and everyone has an opportunity to win! Rental boats are available on a first-come, first-served principle. Remember, if you only sail one race this season, this is the one! Clear your calendar, and plan to sail this weekend!

TOP SKIPPERS VIE FOR TITLE OCTOBER 30

Who is *really* the best skipper on the lake? Are they just lucky? Or is it the luck of the draw on getting the best-rigged lake rental?

The answers to these questions will become evident when the Top Skippers for the 1994 season meet at the lake on October 30, and vie for bragging rights to the title. In addition, the perpetual trophy on display at the lake will be permanently engraved with the winner's name and year.

In order to make the event as fair as possible, sailors will compete with boats from the rental fleet, which have been measured, and similarly rigged. No "go-fast" modifications will be allowed. Boats will be exchanged by lottery after every race so that the true common denominator in this equation is the talent of the Skipper.

Bob Milner, Race Committee Chairman, announced the invited participants for the 1994 title races are (in alphabetical order): John Austin, Milly Davies, Colleen Dong, Ced Fields, Willi Hugelshofer, Becky Madden, Bob Milner, Don Schaffner, Joe Sperber, and Horst Weiler. Junior participants will be Jean Kanjanavaikoon, Dean Kanjanavaikoon, Arash Kohanteb, Justin Leone, and Curtis Morton. Honorable mention goes to: Mike Farina, Graham Newmann, Scott Poe, Roger Robison, and Scott Williams. Congratulations to each of you!

The event will be followed by a potluck dinner, and all club sailors (members or non-members) are invited to bring their families and regular crew along with a dish to share. Paper goods and drinks will be provided. Come be a cheerleader and join us for dinner!

SEPTEMBER REGATTA RESULTS

Thirteen boats participated in the September regatta, seasoned by gusty winds. One sailor actually went into the drink, but several had close calls. A Junior sailor learned the hard way to hold the main sheet in his hand at all times. When caught by a sudden gust, he leaned over to retrieve it from the bottom of the boat. The change of balance had him swimming before he knew what had happened. A party boat came to his rescue and he calmly waited for the life guard boat to right the 12 foot Holder. But this brave trooper got back in the boat and was right there ready to go again on the next race! This takes courage!

The third race became rather exciting when sailors had to go the long way around the committee boat/start line to reach the "A" mark at the end of the race. Not all the sailors took this precaution, a move which cost Jim Lockwood and his Dad John Lockwood a first place win. It seems a rental paddle boat ran over the orange buoy marking the end of the start line, chopped up the rope and the buoy floated away. When discovered, the race committee instructed that the marker be placed on the dock at a nearby house! The marker fell out of sight. This gave everyone a challenge to figure out a plan to finish the race!

Standings were announced over excellent home-cooked German food served up by Joe Sperber and his committee of the day: Caecilia Weiler, Vivienne Savage, Linda Schaffner, Melinda Marsden, and Willi Hugelshofer. German-style music accompanied the meal, and Horst and Milly and a few other brave souls tried to do the "chicken" dance.

Winners in "A" fleet were: Don and Linda Schaffner in first place, Horst Weiler and novice sailor Peter Leone in second place, and Willi Hugelshofer close behind in third place. "B" fleet winner Joe Sperber edged out Father-Son team Jim and John Lockwood, second place winners. Ray Turner and Jim Polin sailed into third position. Junior fleet winners were Justin Leone, finishing in first place ahead of Dean Kanjanavaikoon, and Arash Kohanteb in third place.

Following the dinner, Don Schaffner filled the "Black Cloud" with junior sailors and gave them a thrill. The wind blew strong, and there was actually a "wake" behind Don's boat. The Juniors really enjoyed their first time of sailing with a spinnaker!

95 SLATE OF OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

The slate of officers selected by the Nominating Committee was announced this week. Headed by Joe Sperber, and with the assistance of Vivienne Savage, Horst Weiler, and Willi Hugelshofer, the following slate of officers was recommended: Commodore, Milly Davies; Vice-Commodore, Bob Milner, Secretary, Vivienne Savage; Treasurer, Willi Hugelshofer; Port Captain, Horst Weiler; Fleet Surgeon, Joe Sperber; Measurer, Colleen Dong. Rear Commodore is an open position, and must be filled with a former Commodore. Race Committee Chairman, and Newsletter Editor are two open positions which will be filled by the board members currently responsible for those duties if re-elected.

Duties of each office will be read, and nominations taken from the floor at the elections scheduled at Roundtable Pizza, Wednesday, November 9th, as part of the regular weekly meeting. Board members must be members of the Lake Mission Viejo Association, and willing to serve if elected. Please contact the nominating committee if you have any questions. Please be present and place your vote. This is YOUR club, and YOU have a say in its future.

C-15 REGATTA SCHEDULED SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Back by popular request, another regatta is slated for our popular sailing spot by the local C-15 fleet. Lake Mission Viejo has been the season opener for many years, and now has the opportunity to host the season-ending regatta. Sailing on local waters should prove to be helpful to Dr. Bob Milner, currently leading the B-Fleet, and trying hard to hold onto that position. This will be the deciding race!

Come on out and root for Bob to win! We want to keep the perpetual trophy at the lake for another year! Past winners were Colleen Dong and Jim Lockwood. These are exciting races to watch! All lake-registered C-15s are invited on the lake that day. We want to make a strong statement regarding the local talent! See Colleen Dong or Horst Weiler for more information. Volunteers are needed to coordinate this event, so don't be bashful -- volunteer your services, and join in the fun!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesdays, 6 pm: *Meet at the lake parking lot. Walk around the lake*
7:30 pm: *Meet Roundtable Pizza, Marguerite & LaPaz*
October 16..... 17th Annual Regatta
October 30..... Top Skipper's Championship
November 5..... C-15 Invitational
November 9..... Election of Officers
November 27..... Turkey Regatta
December 10..... Christmas Party & Installation of Officers
December 11..... Parade of Lights

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

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