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Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

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Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday July 15 Team Challenge Regatta
- Sunday August 12 Junior Regatta 1
- August 26 41st Annual Regatta

From The Bridge

A couple of years ago I was reading a book from my grandfather's library when I came upon a quote that perfectly described the state of yacht racing today. After an exhaustive search, I'm sorry to say that I haven't been able to find it again, so I can't share the exact content with you, but I'll do my best to paraphrase. It eloquently described how "modern" yacht design was constantly pushing the boundaries of technology, design and materials.

Now mind you, I was reading this as America's Cup boats were learning to foil their way around the racecourse, so it struck me as eerily appropriate. I flipped to the front of the book to see when this was actually written. Any guesses? Try the turn of the century and I don't mean Y2K!

For me, that's the exciting thing about sailing. It's always evolving. For example, today if you're interested in how a race is going, from your cell phone, you can track in real time where a particular yacht is and how they are faring against the competition. Heck, I can remember races where on the boat we weren't even really sure where we were. Times change and change is good. After all, it's like Mikhail Gorbachev once said: "If you don't move forward, sooner or later you begin to move backward."

That being said, not all change is for the better and some things should remain as is. When I was young the yacht club was a fascinating place. Walking in, I remember being in awe of the trophies in glass cases and half models on the walls. I can't really explain it, but there was a certain feel to the building and you knew that you had better be on your best behavior. Almost like the library or even church, something was different within those walls. Everyone was different within those walls.

I want to make sure that we don't let that aspect of yachting slip away. We may not have an ostentatious facility but I truly believe that, if nothing else, we should hold ourselves to that higher standard. We should continue to treat each other with courtesy and respect, be welcoming to new members and of new ideas but expect that everyone maintain the decorum befitting of a yacht club.

Let's not move backward,

Emmet Rixford
Commodore 2018

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41st Opening Day on the Lake

Members gathered early on a sunny yet mild Sunday morning to prepare the Club House for the official start of the sailing season at Lake Mission Viejo. Jr Staff Commodore Mark Glackin coordinated the many activities that needed to be accomplished to put on one of our biggest events of the year. By 10am the decorations were up, dishes were on the tables and the bar was ready. Soon, guests including VIP's from other clubs and government officials arrived to witness the start of new season. Even Dave Kerr the former VP of Administration at LMVA and long-time supporter of the club came out of retirement to witness the festivities.

Soon it was time for the Boy Scout Color Guard to get things started. After the introductions of the dignitaries we heard from the Commodore Emmet Rixford about his plans for this coming year and about Corinthian Spirit. The club was officially open with the raising of the burgee and with the traditional cannon shot. Those in attendance then had the opportunity to enjoy a fine brunch provided by the membership.

The club started off the championship series regatta getting in 3 races. 16 skippers competed in 3 classes for the chance to start the season with a win. In the A Class it was Ted Ishikawa and Guy Heaton tying for first with Ron Meyer only on point behind. In the B class Frank Roberts beat out Emmet Rixford for the first-place position of the day. Griffin Pugh took first place in the C Fleet. For complete results please visit the LMVYC.org website.

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Alamitos Bay YC Junior Regatta

from Rod Simenz

Eleven a.m. on Saturday January 20th this regatta saw the Harbor Department flying gale warning flags and the ABYC race committee flying the postponement flag. There were hourly updates until 2 pm when the races were cancelled. Meanwhile, four fearless Sabot sailors launched their boats to test the high winds, two capsized immediately. The two other Sabots were sailed by older kids that went on to enjoy some wild, wet sometimes out of control rides, as their coach/rescue boats kept an eye on them.

By Sunday the winds had moderated and racing conditions were good. Griffyn and McKenna Pugh sailed their Sabots in the 17 boat C3 fleet. There were a large number of Sabots from the San Diego area and they proved to be tough competition. Griffyn's best finish was a 5th and McKenna's was a 7th.

I'm singing in the rain תתת

by Kate Sweeny

Sailing in the rain is fun as long as it's not pouring. If it is sprinkling it can be nice. My mom brother sister and I went sailing in the rain yesterday. About halfway through the rain cleared up. It was fun and I was kind of sad about it clearing up. Though the rain did get our seats wet it was still awesome. I LOVE SAILING.

Rain drops keep falling on my head תתת

by John Sweeny

On Wednesday we went sailing in the rain. Due to weather, there weren't many boats there for the event. Our mom went with us and she had never skippered before. When she took the tiller she made us go in circles. We did end up getting back to the dock. It didn't take that long to return **once I was the skipper**. That's what happened. The rain stopped about half way through our sail.

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What a day the Juniors had at LIYC

From Jr. Program Chair
Rod Simenz

Deagan Willis, Griffyn Pugh and McKenna Pugh had an amazing day at the Lido Isle Spring Regatta on April 8. Deagan won four firsts in five races and won the Tera class with a 13 point cushion over the second place boat. There were 15 boats in the class. Griffyn won his Sabot class with 5 firsts. McKenna had her rudder come loose three times on the way to the start line, each time she returned to the dock for repair of the stainless steel locking strip. We even tried re drilling the mounting holes. Finally we tied the rudder on with a piece of rope. Meanwhile she missed the first race and picked up 11 points for last place. She then sailed the next five races so well she took second overall beating the third place boat by seven points. Topping it all, they awarded the Koll Perpetual Trophy to Griffyn for the lowest score of the day in any of the five classes. Wow!!!

LVMYC Heads South

By V/C Kevin Wier

LMVYC was well represented in the 2018 Newport To Ensenada International Yacht Race. This year's race included three courses: Newport to Dana Point, Newport to San Diego (The Border Run), and Newport to Ensenada. **Peter Tietz**, officiated on the outside start boat and **John Boyer** was on a Check In Boat. **Guy Heaton** and **Ron Meyer** sailed in the Newport to Dana Point Course**. Julius Sighiartau**, **Kevin Weir,** and **Bill Yount** crewed on separate boats in the Ensenada course. **Tyler Peyatt** also sailed the Dana Point course and did quiet well. Each participant provided their own story.

Guy Heaton and Ron Meyer

Guy relayed that they had a later start, putting up their chute after passing their midpoint. Ron wrote: Guy and I along with two other sailors and the boat owner, a member of BCYC, raced a Cal 38, "Lickity Split" in the Dana Point portion of the annual Ensenada race from Balboa Pier off Newport harbor to Dana Point.

Lickity Split was fourth to finish of the eleven participants and corrected to a Third Place. We had good breezes and carried the spinnaker the last third of the race and across the finish. We took 2 hours and about 6 minutes to sail the 14 nautical mile course. It was a great day racing on the water.

Tyler Peyatt

LMVYC Team Loko sailing a 420 with Tyler Peyatt and Rachael Tilly completed the Dana Point course only 31 minutes behind Ron and Guy despite being 22 feet shorter. They missed out on first place by under 2 minutes.

Sailing south cont:

Julius Sighiartau

Julius wrote: I raced on Carbon Footprint, a Rogers 46. We were in A class with a PHRF rating of -3. Our start was at 11:40 on the offshore line.

We set a Code 0 sail soon after the start and kept that up for most of the afternoon. Around 4 pm we switched to a # 2 spinnaker and a staysail, as the wind speed increased to about 16 knots and we needed to sail deeper. We saw boat speed of 14 knots with that set-up.

We stayed outside the Coronado Islands, and jibed in for Ensenada at around 11PM. Our Expedition Race program called for a later jibe, but we didn't trust it... we should have. We got to close to land before Ensenada and sailed right into a hole. We doused the spinnaker and hoisted a jib, as the wind shifted. With about a mile left to the finish line we saw a number of boats coming in from a higher course finishing in front of us. We crossed the finish line at 3:40AM, dropped some of the crew in Ensenada, and sailed home that morning.

After customs and refuel in San Diego, we arrived back in Newport at 11PM on Saturday. We ended up 5th in class, 15th to finish and 19th in PHRF. This was my 15th Newport to Ensenada Race... you would think I would know better by now!

Kevin Weir

I sailed on Bon Vivant, a Catalina 30. Rick Caselli was skipper along with four crew members. Rick flew pennants identifying 35 races to Ensenada – all completed on the same boat. This was my third race; the prior races completed in 2001 and 2002 on a J120. Our crew consisted of two generations – two thirty year-olds and three of another generation.

It was a typical race with wind favored on the outside. The wind was about seven knots at the start which picked up as we went outside. We popped a chute late in the afternoon and rode it until well after dark. Later, the wind shifted, so we changed to an asymmetric. We rode that until the wind died early in the morning. There were rollers all evening.

Winds were light in the morning as we made our turn. With hindsight, we might have waited longer to head in. The wind picked up as the day progressed, allowing us to fly a symmetrical spinnaker again. We crossed the finish line with the chute up and while passing another boat in our class. Bon Vivant finished three places behind Trofina 2 (see below), in a class of thirteen boats.

We had a couple of mishaps that were quickly remedied. During the evening, the topping lift bridle failed. A new bridle was quickly rigged for both the topping lift and fore guy. A more dramatic event followed in the morning when the boom fell onto the deck. An internal pin failed. Once again, our quick thinking foredeck crew rigged the boom back onto the mast securing it with preventers attached to the mast. We sailed the rest of the race and our return home leg in that fashion.

Sailing south cont:

We ferried the boat home, leaving Ensenada at 5:00PM Sunday, clearing San Diego customs early Monday morning, and arriving in Dana Point at about 7:30PM. With the motor running, we carried both a main and jib during the night trip from Ensenada to San Diego. Fun!

Bill Yount

Sailing on Trofina 2, Bill wrote: On Wet Wednesday before the Ensenada trip, Julius and I were unable to rent a lake boat, so we discussed the N2E trip. His owner had a program that predicted wind and courses. It gave us which course to follow, which sail to have up, and when we should jibe to Ensenada.

So I made sure to relay this information to my skipper. Did we follow it...NO!

We were in first place for the first hour or so, until all the “hot boats” passed us. Of course they all went way outside the Coronado Islands and we were the closest to them. My wife Donna at home could track us with the supplied “yellow brick” GPS tracking system available on a web-site. If she could have got through to us (no cell service) she would have told us we (not just me) were on the wrong course!

As we approached the Coronado Islands about midnight the wind had shut off. The swells were about 10 to 12 feet and, as one of the helmsmen, my previous surfing experience was an asset.

We made it to the finish line at 4:30 PM, 3 minutes and 30 seconds behind the fifth boat. 6th place was it for us.

They tell me I had a great time in Ensenada!! (Editor’s note: Bill made the required first timer’s swim in the Casa Del Sol pool the following morning).

We made our way back to the U.S. arriving in San Diego customs around 5:30 and made our way back to Dana at 6:30. The wind was mild and the seas were flat. I took my rest time (2 hours down 1 hour up). We got up to 20 knot winds gusting to 25 knots. We had only the main up doing 7.2 knots on auto pilot. On the next shift auto pilot failed and the seas were building. It was like a movie with waves crashing over the bow, with a 20 degree heel, in a confused sea. We all did quite well, and arrived in Dana Point at 3:30 AM.

The next day I asked the boat owners if we would do this this race again, and we all agreed that the way home was the best part of the trip. Go figure!

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Hospitality Opportunities

We are almost half way through the year and thank everyone who has helped on the hospitality crew for the previous events. Please review the schedule that was provided earlier to see if you are on the list to help out this year. If you are on the list please make sure to check with the event chair early to see how you can help out. If by some chance you can not make your assigned event please try to find a replacement and let Daniela Radu (daniela.radu@lpl.com) know as soon as possible. If you are not on the list and wish to help out please also contact her. The success of the events is due to the efforts of all the members.

Friday Sail and BBQ

You know summer has officially started when the Friday evening festivities commence. Come on out at about 4:30 or 5:00 to sail one of the lake boats (free to members) or bring you favorite beverage and an appetizer to share on the party boat at the mooring on the lake.

Can't make it that early, then meet up with fellow members for an evening picnic outside by the club room at around 6:30. The club provides the charcoal. Just bring you favorite dish and maybe something to share. We meet every Friday till the end of August watch your emails for further announcements and the method to RSVP for the party boat.

Spring Regatta I and Chili Cook Off

On a beautiful Sunday in April, 18 skippers and their crews came out to compete in the second race of the club championship series. As usual the winds were a little fickle but the leaders used their best skills to deal with the conditions. As is all too often common Guy Heaton finished first in the A class one point ahead of Ron Meyer. Seven skippers entered in the B class with Nicole Sighartau beating out sailors that have many time the experience under their keels. With nine boats entering the C Class one must give credit to Griffin Pugh for finishing with 2 first's and a second to capture the gold.

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Spring Regatta and Chili Cook Off Cont.:

While the regatta was hotly contested the Chili Cook Off was just as contentious a battle even pitting mother against daughter. We had 10 contestants vying for the title of LMVYC TOP CHEF. The chili's were judged by the members and there were some hands down favorites. The top two chefs were within 2 votes of each other. Top chef's were Vicki, Margaret, Nicole, John, Randy.

Some of the Chili Cooks keep reading to see who won

Our thanks to everyone who entered. This event could not have happened with out your participation. It is time to state thinking of next year.

DWYC Charity Regatta

Dana West Yacht Club held their 21st annual charity regatta during the first weekend of June. LMVYC members have been a long time participants in this event and we have even coordinated the motor cycle poker run one year. This year was no different and 2 of our club members entered the regatta. Racing in the random leg spinnaker class was Bob Van Pelt and Bill Taylor on their J80 HUNU. In the Non Spinnaker class was Carl Paez skippering a Catalina 27 Elizabeth with Peter tietz as crew.

Friday's course was a sprint from Newport Beach to Dana Point which HUNU finished in under 2 hours to capture 2nd place. The courses for the LMVYC boats on Saturday were a random leg event. The first race was abandoned after about an hour and a half when the race committee learned that one of the marks had appeared to have sunk. The boats all reconvened at the starting line to start a new race later in the afternoon. In that race Elizabeth finished with a decisive 1st in class and HUNU finished 3rd in class.

27 Boats reconvened on a beautiful Sunday morning to complete the regatta. All boats raced on the same random leg course with great wind conditions.. Carl again finished first in class and Bill and Bob held on to their 3rd place position.

Over all this was a great event that raised funds for the American Cancer Society through a dingy poker run, silent and live auction and a wine tasting event. Over the years DWYC has raised over $1.7 dollars through their efforts. Mark your calendars for the same time next year for a really great time.

Elizabeth

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Spring Regatta 2

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