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## LAKE MISSION VIEJO YACHT CLUB

*From The Bridge.....January 2024*

From the Bridge....Vicki Rixford



Welcome to the 2024 season of LMVYC!  
I am your 2024 Commodore. I'm looking forward to meeting new and old members at our next event.

On a personal note, I have been a LMVYC member since 2015, helping with hospitality, then Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore and now Commodore. I didn't grow up sailing but for most of the 46 + years with my husband, sailing has been a common thread. We sail our Mercury together for our monthly regattas and we also enjoy cruising around the lake on our Duffy.

My motto this year is "Learn By Doing" (which is actually Cal Poly's motto) and I encourage everyone to get involved, volunteer and "learn" a new skill, maybe even sailing! We always need volunteers, specifically we need a club photographer, newsletter editor and junior program director. Volunteering is a great way to make new friends!

Our first event is our Tune-Up Regatta on January 21<sup>st</sup>, followed by the Mid winter Regatta on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for fun, friendship and food! I look forward to greeting you personally.

Thank-you for your support! Cheers to 2024!

Vicki

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**Mark Your Calendars!**

- Tune Up Regatta Jan 21
- Mid-Winter Regatta Feb 25
- Wed Sailing Starts Mar 13
- OPENING DAY MARCH 17



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### 2024 LMVYC Membership Renewal Information

There is still time to renew your LMVYC Membership for 2024 and sign on for another year filled with terrific sailing and socializing activities. You can print this form, complete it and return it along with your annual dues payment of \$85.00 per family to the LMVYC Membership. Note that we are asking for Birthdates for all members and their children. This information is voluntary for adult members but would be appreciated. (You may leave out the year if you wish.)

	Contact Information	Birthdate
Members		
Address		
Telephone(s)		
Email(s)		
Children (under 21)*		
Vessel(s)		

\* Children age 21 and over must have their own membership if they wish to join or remain members of the Club.

*Membership includes entry fees for all monthly regattas, refreshments and food served after regattas, free rental sail boats (Capri 14.2 k) on regatta days and on Wednesday sunset sailing.*

*As a member, I/we hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the LMVA and LMVYC, their officers, clients, agents, or employees from liability or claim or action for damage from or in any way arising out of participation in any program by the member, their family and/or guests. I also agree that those listed on this membership will serve as duty officers for two to three hours, approximately once every two years when as scheduled.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign above and return this page with corrections and your check for annual dues in the amount of **\$85 payable to LMVYC**, before January 31, 2024. Mail to:

**LMVYC Membership, 26542 Esteban, Mission Viejo, CA 92692**

For more information contact : Jon Montgomery, LMVYC Secretary: [secretary@lmvyc.org](mailto:secretary@lmvyc.org)

The 2024 sailing schedule is on the previous page so you can mark your calendars and plan on attending all our sailing events!



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## LMVYC 2024 Awards & Installation Dinner



Swearing In of LMVYC 2024 Officers & Appointees by s/c Frank Roberts



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### Junior Sailors & Coach Rod Simenz

McKenna Pugh, Toby Trudell, Rod, Simenz, Maverick Trudell, Luke & David Ippolito

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## Outstanding Service & Achievement Awarded to Frank Roberts

By Kevin Weir

It is truly my honor to present a distinctive award to my friend and our recipient. Note that the outstanding service award has few names engraved on it. This is not an annual award. Rather, it is presented when our Club recognizes extraordinary dedication.

### A History of Leadership

The honoree this year, like Willi, has never found the word “NO”. This individual has assumed leadership anytime the need arose. As I say the rest, I think you will know whom we are honoring: A member since 2009, he has served twice as Commodore and currently serves as By Laws Committee Chair and Quartermaster. He, along with his spouse, have chaired multiple post regatta events. He consistently volunteers articles for our newsletter. He regularly races monthly regattas and is a tough competitor to beat. He also competes in Wednesday races and manages the pin while calling courses and starts. Without official role or recognition, he manages the pizza fund. He is always there, including Opening Day and Christmas Schooner setups. Ultimately, it is his spirit that he brings to our small society – he remains a happy, go-to leader among our peers.



### From The Deed:

“Categories taken into consideration include, but are not limited to: years of service, involvement with club events, including participation, planning, preparation, execution, and performance. In addition the Recipient of the WILLI HUGELSHOFER MEMORIAL TROPHY shall encompass the traits of Volunteerism, Leadership, and Sportsmanship. It is the culmination of these traits that depict the Outstanding Involvement and Character of Willi Hugelshofer, beloved LMVYC Treasurer for the years of 1978 to his passing in 2014. At his death he was also membership chair, newsletter editor, and website manager and perennial winner of the top racing honors.”

**Please congratulate S/C Frank Roberts.**



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## LMVYC Junior Sportsmanship Award for 2023

Sportsmanship awards in the sailing world are special due to the fact that we competitors recognize and play by the rules without the presence of umpires or referees to enforce the rules. Our club has been awarding this junior sailor sportsmanship trophy since 2014. The award by the way, was created by our own craftsman John Olson.

Recently, I came across information from the 2023 Orange bowl youth regatta. This December Florida event draws over 700 junior sailors. The event has a coveted sportsmanship award named for an Olympic Gold Medalist. What is the Orange Bowl Regatta award criteria? They look for the sailor that best demonstrates: Respect, integrity, kindness, good judgment, responsibility and self discipline. Those are good traits to consider in making our award too.



The winner of the LMVYC award for 2023 is Luke Robertson. It's been my good fortune to sail with him as he learned about sail boats and the finer points of competitive racing. He is very deserving of this award and has been a role model for the rest of the junior sailing team. Congratulations to Luke Robertson.

Rod Simenz



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**2023 Champions of Champions: Emmet & Vicki Rixford**



**2023 Team Relay: TEAM BLUE**

Ross Nemeroff - Frank Roberts - Arnold Christensen



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## Race Awards 2023



Top Skipper:

Randy Tiffany

C14.2K

A-Fleet First Place:

Ross Nemeroff

Snipe

B-Fleet First Place:

Emmet & Vicki Rixford

Mercury

C-Fleet First Place:









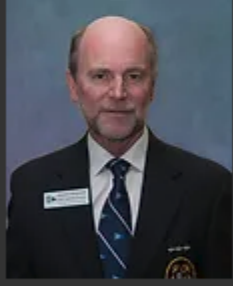



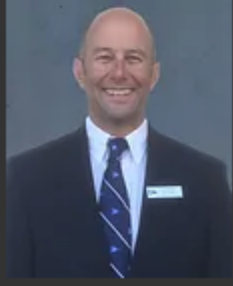







Rod Simenz

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See You Next Year!



## 2024 LMVYC Officers & Appointees

 <p>Commodore **</p> <hr/> <p>Vicki Rixford</p> 	 <p>Vice Commodore **</p> <hr/> <p>Scott Davis</p> 
 <p>Rear Commodore **</p> <hr/> <p>Adam Vart</p> 	 <p>Jr. Staff Commodore **</p> <hr/> <p>Ross Nemeroff</p> 
 <p>Treasurer</p> <hr/> <p>Arnold Christensen</p> 	 <p>Secretary</p> <hr/> <p>Jon Montgomery</p> 
 <p>Race Chair</p> <hr/> <p>Guy Heaton</p> 	 <p>Port Captain</p> <hr/> <p>Graham Newman</p> 
 <p>Fleet Captain</p> <hr/> <p>Rod Simenz</p> 	 <p>Co-Hospitality Chair</p> <hr/> <p>Randy Tisdale</p> 

Visit the official LMVYC Web Site for e-mail links to your Officers & Chairs.

<https://www.lmvyc.org/officers>



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“All in the Family”

## 2024 LMVYC Junior Officers

McKenna Pugh and David Ippolito are our junior officers for 2024. McKenna is Jr. Commodore and David is Jr. Vice Commodore. They are shown in the accompanying photo taken at the installation dinner. It's all in the family because McKenna is following in the footsteps of her brother Griffyn who served as Jr. Commodore in 2019 and David's brother Luke was Jr. Commodore in 2023.

McKenna and David are two of the best sailors on the junior sailing team and have been winners at many regattas at the lake and at local harbors. Their sailing knowledge and skills are sure to be beneficial as they help steer the junior sailing program in 2024.

Club history buffs should take note that this year the yacht club has both a female Commodore and female Jr. Commodore. Why is that special? Because it has only happened once before in the 47 years of club history.



Rod Simenz



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## “Way to Go”

One of our longtime members, Rod Simenz, is stepping down from a position he’s held for over fifteen years as the Junior Sailing director, during which time he’s taught innumerable young boys and girls not just to sail, but to race.

From February to November every year he reached out to the Mission Viejo community to find interested juniors. Very few had ever sailed before, so three or four afternoons a week he could be found out on the lake, teaching them the basics. As with any sport some juniors found the excitement of competition to be just what they wanted, others were content to enjoy just becoming proficient on the water.



Rod taught and enjoyed working with all the young sailors. Through the years some of these same young sailors have given many of our racing members a real challenge here on the lake. But one of Rod’s, and of his students, favorite events is when he’s taken them to other clubs to compete in harbor racing. He’s spent years hauling them, and their boats, to youth races at other yacht clubs up and down the coast, scouring their websites for racing days open to juniors, lining up who wanted to go, and those who liked to sail but not to compete.

Almost always these jaunts to other clubs have also involved the parents who helped. Over the years the parents participation opened up to the family the real pleasure and comradeship that exist between sailors and parents at other clubs, forging new friendships, and spreading word of our lakeside club.

After fifteen years and literally teaching hundreds of young people to sail, Rod has decided he wants to retire from those often four days a week teaching to sail, and concentrate on just coaching the fewer number who wish to do some serious racing here and at other venues, and who want some specialized coaching. This will lessen his workload considerably and give him more free time. Through the years he has held many other positions in the Club, but perhaps his greatest contribution to our club has been his drive and untiring efforts to enrich the club with a thriving successful junior program.



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# SAVE THE DATE

## LMVYC Opening Day

Sunday March 17, 2024

Watch for details

Opening Day is a time-honored tradition observed and celebrated by yacht clubs around the world. This marks the Official start of the sailing season, after the ice has melted and the Harbor is clear and open for sailing. Officers from other Yacht Clubs and local dignitaries are invited to attend. A fabulous buffet will be open after the short ceremony concludes.

**ALL LMVYC MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**





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### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail To: [jr-staff-commodore@lmvyc.org](mailto:jr-staff-commodore@lmvyc.org)



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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).
- Custom dolly to transport to the water.
- Full boat cover to protect the deck and hull.
- Custom made mast sock for mast-up storage.
- Padded storage bags for rudder and daggerboard.

### Contact:

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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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# Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club



## 2024 Regatta Schedule



Officer Installation and Awards Dinner	Sunday	January 7th
Tune Up Regatta	Sunday	January 21st
Midwinter Regatta *	Sunday	February 25th
Wednesday Night Sailing Begins	Wednesday	March 13th
Opening Day	Sunday	March 17th
Spring Regatta *	Sunday	April 21st
Women at the Helm Regatta	Sunday	May 19th
Summer Regatta *	Sunday	June 23rd
Friday Night BBQ Begins	Friday	June 28th
Team Challenge Regatta	Sunday	July 14th
Friday Night BBQ Ends	Friday	August 23rd
48th Annual Regatta	Sunday	August 25th
Fall Regatta*	Sunday	September 15th
Top Skipper Regatta	Sunday	October 13th
Wednesday Night Sailing Ends	Wednesday	October 30th
Turkey Regatta*	Sunday	November 17th
Holiday Parade of Lights	Sunday	TBD
* Club Championship Series Regattas		





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YACHT CLUB

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LMVYC CELEBRATES  
46 YEARS OF  
SAILING EXCELLENCE

Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club is located at 33 38' N 117 38W

Member of US Sailing

Member of Southern California Yachting Association

Member of Association of Orange Coast Yacht Clubs



*Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.*

--Mark Twain

## Membership in Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

Membership in the Club is unrestricted but access to the Lake requires membership in the Lake Mission Viejo Association or admission as a guest of an Association member. A Membership Application along with dues information can be found inside this newsletter.

Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club conducts monthly Regattas from February through November. Other sailing opportunities exist throughout the year including sailing Invitationals, informal "pick up" races on Wednesday evenings and summer "raft ups" followed by BYO-BBQs in July & August. See our 2024 Sailing Schedule inside for details.

In the true sense of Corinthian sailing, our goal at LMVYC is to promote sailing, to encourage good fellowship among yachtsmen afloat and ashore, and to introduce non-boat owning amateur sailors young and old to the sport of sailing.

***Share this News & Invitation to Join LMVYC with a Friend!***