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REMEDY FOR "JUNE GLOOM" DISCOVERED!

A sure cure for the "June Gloom" has been found: Break out of the morning mist, and meet us at the lake for a day of sailing and fun! A full day of sunshine and perfect breezes has been ordered for the June 24 regatta on Lake Mission Viejo! The registration is prior to the 12:15 pm Saturday sail, and white flag goes up about 1 pm to start the day's activities. But it won't be a perfect day unless YOU are there!

Come aboard for fun! Invite your friends and neighbors! We'll see you at the lake!

FAMILY FUN DAY SCHEDULED IN JULY

Beware of flying sponges at the lake on Saturday, July 29, as the second annual Family Fun Day returns to Lake Mission Viejo! That's when skills of 'best start, best decision-making' go out the window, and what's important is who's got the best arm to toss a sponge! Last year's event found the faster boats lying in wait at the finish line for some unlucky "schmuck" to sail by within sponge tossing range. According to the rules, the last person to cross the line with the sponge in the boat is the 'winner', regardless of the order they crossed in. Graham Newmann and son were the (un)lucky winner's of last year's event, and are eager to give up their title and redeem themselves in the 1995 season. Valuable "prizes" (such as a bar of soap to go with the sponge) will be awarded the "winners".

Other events will be announced by Race Committee Chairman, Bob Milner, at a later date. Last year's Run-Swim-Run is a likely candidate for rematch, but the chairman will no doubt be reluctant to repeat the 'pick-up-points' race which found the fisherman and paddleboaters removing numbers from the buoys almost as fast as he could distribute them! He will have other equally mindless games to challenge the sailors on that day.

More exciting details will be announced for this fun-filled day that is open to all Lake Mission Viejo Association members! If you have a suggestion for a non-serious type race, contact Bob or any board member. Our Fleet Surgeon and his crew promise to supply refreshments and snacks at the end of the festivities. Anyone can 'win', everyone is guaranteed to have fun! So mark your calendars now and save the date!

TOP SKIPPER STANDINGS

Everybody wins when you volunteer your time to help the club! Milly Davies, Vice-Commodore, who has been unable to sail because of ankle and foot injuries suffered in a fall in early April, has served on the Race Committee for several races, and tops the list with 90 points as Top Skipper (even though she's only actually skippered in one regatta this season)!. Dean Kanjanavaikoon, a very talented junior sailor who never misses a race, follows with 88 points, and Len Savage, the hard-working guy who is doing a superb job as our Fleet Surgeon, has a whopping 86 points in the 'bverall' category in this closely fought competition.

In the important "regatta winning" sailors category, Willi Hugelshofer leads with a 'horizon job' of 84 points, followed by John Austin at 58 and Joe Sperber with 50 points in the A Fleet. The B class Top Skippers are John Drake (74), Ced Fields (72), and Mike Farina (70).

Top A-Fleet Crewmembers are Linda Schaffner with 30 points, followed by Graham Newman (26), and Jeff Wilson (24). Leading the B-Fleet as crew are Jean Kanjanavaikoon (28), and a tie between Roger Robison (26), and Len Savage (26).

Statistics are provided by Commodore Joe Sperber, who is making a list, and checking it twice, to make sure that the club volunteers are not penalized for doing 'shore' duty while the rest of the sailors are out having fun! As a result, the volunteers are highly ranked at this time. Joe has an elaborate point system that assures fairness in the selection of the participants who will face each other in the annual October "sail off". Results will be published periodically.

TURNER TAKES MAY'S B-FLEET PRIZE!

Though still saying he prefers ocean sailing, Ray Turner, a Fullerton resident, sailed to a solid B-Fleet victory in the May 20 regatta on Lake Mission Viejo. Turner, who became acquainted with the club in 1994 when visiting a boat owner in the area, sailed often when he resided near San Francisco -- "where the surf is always rough, and the winds are always strong". The former "big boat" owner has (like all of us) been frustrated by the fluky winds and sudden shifts on Lake Mission Viejo in the past, but persevered and conquered the wind while sailing to first place victory in a lake members' 14' Lido. Ray, who likes to sail his own 14' Finn, in Dana Point, Long Beach, Newport, and Big Bear, was joined during one of the races by Mike Farina. Mike, a former Lido owner, said he was willing to give Ray some pointers, but the seasoned skipper really didn't need them! Congratulations, Ray! Well done!

Second place in the B-Fleet went to Dean Kanjanavaikoon, a junior sailor in a 12' Holder, who managed to outsail most of the more "experienced" lake and ocean sailors, and edged out the "Condor" and two Twitchell boats in the process. Ced Fields and various crews (i.e. Len Savage and "Kitty") had a photo finish in the second race to nail down the third place win in B-Fleet overall.

Willi Hugelshofer, in his "Flying Finn" flew around the courses and finished yards ahead of team Jeff Wilson and Jean Kanjanavaikoon and dynamic duo Roger Robison and Joe Sperber, both in C-15s.

Mexican food seemed an appropriate bill of fare for the May event. Tara Robison supervised the food preparation, according to Len Savage, Fleet Surgeon, and she and her crew received lots of kudos for a sumptuous spread of taco and burrito fixin's, complete with refried beans, chips, and Spanish rice. Tara was ably assisted by Vivienne Savage, our valuable "team player" who (as usual) wore several "hats" for the May event, including Registrar, Race Committee member as well as her "regular" position of Club Secretary. (What would we do without her??!! All of us hope we never find out!)

The Race Committee boat looked like a party all on its own, and was staffed by Horst Weiler, Milly Davies, Vivienne Savage, Verne Smith, and part-timer Mike Farina who jumped ship to the Lido during the second race when he was bitten by the sailing bug. Cliff Davis, a new member, sailed in a couple of races "unofficially", and promises to be back on deck for the June regatta. Welcome aboard, Cliff! We look forward to sailing with you.

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THIS 'N THAT!

Horst will take his new boat, Agrippina II, out for her first outing on Father's Day weekend at Big Bear Lake. We think it would be appropriate for Caecilia to crew on the "maiden" voyage, don't you? Several classes will be participating in the Big Bear event, which is the season highlight of our off-lake sailing activities. All the members are encouraged to come for the day, or come for the weekend, and watch some great sailing -- not only Horst's, but several other LMVYC members as well, including Colleen and Jeff, and Bob Milner in the C-15 class.

After huffing and puffing up a hiking trail to the top of Mount San Jacinto behind Harts and Ruthie Hobbs, Harts was asked what was the secret to their stamina and good health. Harts reflected that he believed it was largely because he and Ruthie had always lived in a house with stairs! Hey, it beats a gym membership or a "Stairmaster"! And you can't argue with the good results! We should all be in such good shape!

After 17 years sailing on the lake Ced Fields knows lots of the homeowners and people in the area. Those he doesn't know, he soon meets. At the start of the third race during the May 20

regatta he struck up a conversation with a couple of fisherman returning to the dock. They provided Ced with a new crew member (as well as dinner!) The crew was listed as "Kitty", but his wife shouldn't be concerned about this slick little gal -- we heard she's really a cold fish! (Catfish, that is!)

Don and Linda took a little trip to San Diego to celebrate their anniversary just before Memorial Day. It's quite a tribute to the couple that Linda still crews for him after all these years together! Apparently Don doesn't "speak above the wind" to her too often! They are still planning to take their pristine "Black Cloud" to the Cleveland boat show in August, where it will represent Thistle's 50 years of boat-making!

Milly has a group outing for 20 planned on July 29th -- jazz at the Hollywood Bowl, featuring Bobby McFerran and Chick Correa. Tickets are \$20, including the round-trip bus ride from Fullerton. Call if you are interested. Someone asked her recently if she ever bought just twotickets to an event!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesdays, 5 - 7 pm.....Sunset Sailing
7 :30 pm: Roundtable Pizza, LaPaz/Marguerite
June 12 (Mondays).....Junior Sailing Class (Course I) Begins
June 14 (Wednesdays).....Beginning Sailing Class (Course I) Begins
June 24 (Saturday).....Summer Regatta I
July (TBD).....Lakefest
July 5 (Tues.).....Intermediate Sailing Seminar II
July 12.....Beginning Sailing Class (Course II) Begins
July 29 (Saturday).....Family Fun Regatta

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

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