



# THE MAIN SHEET

## From The Bridge



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### Mark Your Calendars!

- August 16—43rd Annual Regatta
- September 13th—Fall Regatta
- October 11—Junior Regatta
- October 18—Fall Regatta 2 (in lieu of Top Skipper event)
- October 28—Weds Night Sailing Ends
- November 15—Turkey Regatta
- Note: Social gatherings before and after these events are subject to LMVA Guidelines.

Greetings to all of you! We hope this finds everyone well and taking sincere precautions to stay that way until the pandemic head winds subside. I hope that this “bump in the road” has not affected any of the great friendships that we all enjoy in the Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club.

In recent weeks we have been able to resume the Wednesday afternoon practice sails and that has spread smiles around the faces of many of our members. Turnout for these sessions has been great with an average of about 15 boats out each week. The July Regatta got us back to some very spirited competition. This all came about because of the great work of Audrey Simenz and Mia Ishikawa on the Race Committee Boat! Thanks go out to those two wonderful ladies for a job very well done.

Our Club’s 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Regatta is scheduled for Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> and we are hoping to see everyone on the water with good winds in your sails. 43 years of racing is a big deal! We want to thank Rear Commodore Scott Purcell, faithful member Allyn Edwards, and our Club Photographer Donna Stegall for their great efforts getting us an outstanding T-Shirt for this event!

We have had some recent activity from folks interested in joining the club’s activities. We will try to get their profiles into our next issue. In the meantime, if you see a new face around the docks, please be sure to introduce yourselves and make them feel welcome as we always do!

Check on your fellow members and friends during these times. These are treasured friendships that smooth the troubled waters during times like this. Smooth Sailing and we hope to see you Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

*Randy Tisdale*

LMVYC Commodore 2020

## Outrage and Kraken

Rod Simenz



Two of the fastest Sabots on the lake are Outrage and Kraken. These boats were campaigned very successfully for the last couple of years by McKenna and Griffyn Pugh respectively. The accompanying photo shows McKenna racing her Sabot at last year's LIYC Halloween Regatta. She and Griffyn have had some serious growth spurts since then and have moved on to sailing bigger dinghies, like Lasers, and CFJs. They each skippered a CFJ at the Club's July regatta. The second photo, courtesy of Donna Stegall, shows them rounding a leeward mark only a few feet apart with Griffyn in the lead at the moment. They finished every race just seconds apart - each won a race and they ended up separated by one half point at the end of the day. Can't get much closer than that.

Meanwhile, Outrage and Kraken sat in the storage rack, waiting for someone to sail them. That's when I got a call from McKenna and Griffyn's dad John, offering to donate the boats to the Mission Viejo

Youth Sailing Foundation. MVYSF then donated the Sabots to our club. What fortunate timing! The yacht club's junior sailing program had just scrapped two Sabots, #5059 and #6166 that together accounted for almost 75% of all the Sabot victories over the last 10 years. They were just worn out and literally coming apart. Those two boats were favorites of past and present junior sailing team stars like Michele Yu, Ali and Bella Murdy, Tyler Peysatt, Lisa Ponti, Ezugo Ononye, Nicole Sighiartau and Deagan Willis.

Outrage and Kraken are more than just replacements for 5059 and 6166; they represent a significant upgrade to our fleet of Sabots. They are much newer, better constructed, and fully race rigged with proven competitive records. The junior sailors and I are very grateful for the generous donation by the Pugh family. It's a gift that will benefit the kids in the junior program for years to come.



I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving: To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it - but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.

*-Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.*

## Top of the Line Tillers and Leeboard Handles

Rod Simenz

A couple of juniors were looking forward to their first time sailing a Balboa 13, but those plans were put on hold for a few days because the tiller was broken on the boat that they were going to use.

John Olsen was asked if he could make a new one. He was sure he could because he has previously made tillers for the club's Sabots and CFJs. So a few days later he delivered the beautiful tiller shown in the accompanying photo and the juniors got to enjoy a sail in Balboa #6.



At almost the same time, John was asked if he could come up with a way to improve the Sabot leeboard handles used by the juniors. Leeboard handles fifty and sixty years ago were a nice size bronze. Handles are no longer available in bronze, but there are many other different kinds, including plastic, foam and wood with a

stainless steel nut inserted. The junior program's inventory of leeboard handles includes some plastic, but mostly a stainless steel version. It's very durable but the handle is short and

has a small diameter. That gives kids a hard time when tightening or loosening it on a leeboard.

I brought John five of the short stainless steel handles and he created some very sharp looking, much improved handles that the kids love. Photo shows an original small stainless handle and John's unique modified versions. Thank you, John.



**There is nothing -  
absolutely nothing -  
half so much worth  
doing as simply  
messing about in  
boats.**

*-Kenneth Grahame*

## 2020 Championship Series

S/C Frank Roberts

2020 says it all. We started the year with a race that turned out not to be a race due to no wind in February. By March our entire schedule was postponed when the lake was closed for use. As time went by, and the reopening came, it was decided to replace some races with a new schedule so we could at least have a series to finish

ton decided to place a windward ball near the homes and a leeward ball out towards East Beach. This created a course none of us had seen before.

All started well in the first race as we negotiated the new course and became familiar with it. Winds were light and variable as we finished the first race. Our second race was a twice around.



Success soon palls. The joyous time is when the breeze first strikes your sails, and the waters rustle under your bows.

*-Charles Buxton*



July 2020 regatta action

out the year. Hence the 2020 Championship Series. Our first effective race was held on July 19.

Winds that day were coming from a direction we had not seen in years. They were coming out of the E mark at an angle, so our Race Chair Guy Hea-

This is when things got interesting for me. In second place, I forgot the course and headed to X after the windward mark. Wondering why the other boats were taking the wrong way, I continued until I realized my error. Adjusting my course I was now firmly in command of

## 2020 Champion ship Series continued

last place. Then it got fun. For some reason I thought I was finished and crossed the line, parking in the safe area near the committee boat. Never realizing I needed to do another lap, I took a DNF. As Horst Weiler used to say, "When you are in the lead, all you need to know is what's the course." This wisdom also applies when one is in second place.

Finishing the day with a once around, order was restored and we headed for home port.

While we had challenging winds, it was nice to finally get a race in. Many thanks to Audrey Simenz and Mia Ishikawa for socially distancing on the Race Committee Boat and keeping track of our races. That certainly could not have been easy with just two people.

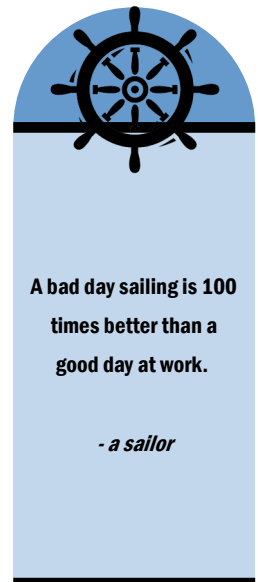
Race winners were Rear Commodore and Race Chair Guy Heaton for A Fleet, Staff Commodore Emmet Rixford for B Fleet and Jr. Vice Commodore Vivian Ikeda. Congrats to all.



July 2020 Race Committee: Audrey Simenz and Mia Ishikawa



L: V/C Heaton & J. Sighiartau. R: S/C Christensen



Your humble author

2020 Championship Series continued

## Midwinter, 2020 Photos



A fleet on glass



Vivian Ikeda waiting for wind.



Action on the water with S/C Rixford.



What bow wave? Skipper Randy Tiffany & Frank Fournier



A photo that says it all: Julius Sighiartau & R/C Guy Heaton



### S/C Peter Tietz

With many of the Clubs closed due to the pandemic and most races cancelled or postponed, there is a pent-up demand for the few races that have been held. I was fortunate enough to be invited to participate on the race committee for the start of the Crew 2 Around Catalina Regatta on July 18<sup>th</sup>. This regatta is South Shore Yacht Club's signature double-handed 90-nautical mile race around Catalina with a maximum of two skippers on board. A shorter 67-nautical mile course around Ship Rock is also offered.

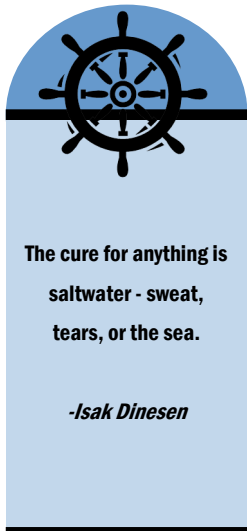
Winds in mid channel were at 19 knots at the 11:00 am start so this promised to be a fast race. There were 20 boats in 3 classes that sailed the around Catalina course.

Half of them finished the course in under 16 hours corrected with the winner correcting out at 13:35. The strong winds took their toll: of the boats on the shorter course, only 6 of 17 boats finished. Skippers came from San Diego to Marina Del Rey and every harbor in between representing 16 separate yacht clubs. Boats ranged from a 31-foot Pacific Seacraft rating 192 to Peligroso a 68-foot sled rating 107, and everything in between.

In a year where most signature races are on hold the 74 sailors got their money's worth. SSSYC has held this regatta for over 50 years and this is the best turnout in decades.

## Around the Oil Islands Series Race

S/C Frank Roberts



About halfway to Catalina Island sit three “oil islands” or offshore oil platforms. These platforms are busy pumping oil from the bottom of the sea and can be seen from land on clear days. This makes them perfect for racing buoys.

Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club sponsors this three race event that takes place June, July and August. The start happens at the Balboa Pier just off Newport Beach. Classes are usually A, B and C, but this last race included a #1 for the longest and fastest

boats. The extra class was added as most races in the Southern California area are cancelled. This is also a spinnaker race. So, I was excited to get some spinnaker experience.



Lickety Split

The boats started slowest to fastest. Our boat, Lickety Split, a Catalina

38, was in the B class. Our very own Staff Commodore Ron Meyer was also crew on this boat. A class held the lightweight boats. Peligroso (in the photo) was in class 1 at about 70 feet as I recall. With waves, current, and lots of wind we started the second race in good position. Our skipper, Andrew, ex-



Peligroso



## Around The Oil Islands, continued

pertly maneuvered the craft into a good spot to start the race.

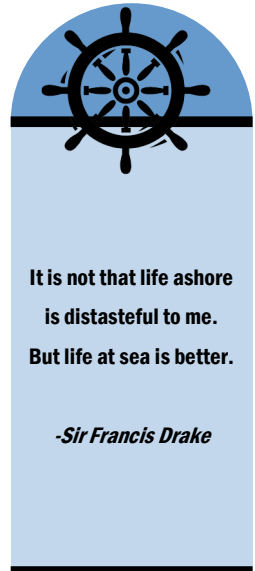
One of the first rules on how to lose a race is not to stick with the fleet. However, the wind was such that we felt it best to take a starboard tack that headed towards the right hand oil island. Most others went on port tack towards Long Beach. We felt the winds would get stronger further out and as we approached the island, we were ahead of some of the A boats. A couple tacks later we were on the far side of the islands which stretch out for two or three miles. The photo is of the middle twin platform named Ellen and Elly. They are massive structures that seem to be operating with no one aboard.

After rounding the third oil island, it was time to deploy the spinnaker. With the finish off Newport Pier, we steered downwind while watching Peligroso almost at the finish. Peligroso is a speed machine! Our strategy included following the wind until we needed to make a jibe, which is tricky

with a spinnaker. All went well as we headed for the finish and we arrived in second place. This combined with a first place finish in the first race put us in a good spot for the last race on August 29. We will see what the sailing gods have in store for us then.



Back at you! At the mast: Frank Roberts.



# 2020 Wednesday Night Photos!

S/C Frank Fournier

