



# THE MAIN SHEET

## LAKE MISSION VIEJO YACHT CLUB

### From The Bridge



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#### Mark Your Calendars!

- Dec 4 Christmas Party and Parade
- Jan 16 Awards and Installation Dinner
- Jan 23 Tune Up Regatta
- Feb 27 Midwinter Regatta
- Note: Social gatherings before and after these events are subject to LMVA Guidelines.

Congratulations LMVYC members, we were able to put in a full year of regattas and activities for 2021. It was a bit of slow start without having our annual awards and installation dinner due to COVID 19 restrictions, but we did have an informal ceremony at the Tune-up Regatta to make the flag officer hand off official with an exchange of flags and gifts. The 2020 individual sailor awards were given out as part of the Midwinter Regatta and the Opening Day Regatta. We had light winds for the Midwinter Regatta, but Vice

Commodore Scott Pursell posted two first place finishes to kick off the 2021 season. Deagan Willis and yours truly along with crew Lisa Ponti put up 3 bullets each to make for a perfect day at the Opening Day Regatta. Maverick Trudell crushed the competition with two first place finishes at the Spring Regatta. It was Nicole Sighiartau's time too shine at the Spring II Regatta, with 3 first place finishes.

The lake allowed us to finally get together and have an all outdoor Opening Day ceremony in June. It was a Hawaiian themed event with a post party booze cruise around the lake. The Kalua Pork from Randy Tiffany and Randy Tisdale was amazing! Plan ahead for next year if you missed out on this one. We also had a few member visit other yacht clubs and exchange Burgees as restrictions were lifted. Congratulations to Frank Robert's Blue team for winning the annual Simenz-Olsen Team Challenge trophy in August. It was a tight competition with only one point deciding the winner.

The second half of the racing season started off with a bang at the Summer Regatta. Vivian Ikeda, Arnold Christensen, Vicki and Emmet Rixford all posted 2 wins and a second in their fleets respectively. Nicole brought her A game to the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Regatta posting another 3 first place finishes. Graham Newman showed his skill at the Fall Regatta with 3 bullets of his own and then promptly demonstrated his mastery at the grill for our Oktoberfest party. Beer, brats and oom-papa music, another great party that I hope you were able to share with us this year. A hotly contested Top Skipper Regatta saw Tyler Peyatt take home a mug. Special thanks to the Twitchell 12 fleet for letting the club use their boats for this Regatta. The boats were evenly matched and great fun was had by all. The Turkey Regatta and Chili Cook-off finished off the 2021 season with Susan and Arnold Christensen taking home the top honors for the best chili.

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## From The Bridge, continued...

But wait...2021 is not over yet! December 4<sup>th</sup> is the Parade of lights at the lake. Look for your invitation to our annual holiday happening soon. This will be followed by the Awards and Installation Dinner on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

A special thank you goes out to all the volunteer members that made our regattas and post regatta events happen this year.

As my time as your Commodore comes to a close I say Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you to all of the club officers and member volunteers that made our events happen and kept our club moving forward though out this difficult year. I know we will be in good hands as Commodore elect Scott Pursell is poised to take reins of leadership and make 2022 even better. Finally I wish to send out a special thank you to Jr. Staff Commodore Randy Tisdale for his unwavering support and enthusiasm throughout the year.

Best wishes to you all, and

See you on the water!

*Guy Heaton*

LMVYC Commodore 2021

## Congratulations To Newly Elected 2022 Board Leadership!

**Commodore  
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Ross Nemeroff  
Vicki Rixford**

**Guy Heaton  
Arnold Christensen**

**Mia Ishikawa  
Graham Newman  
Rod Simenz  
Daniela Radu**

## What's New This Time?

Rod Simenz



Another Laser joins the fleet, making a total of four available to our junior sailors. Good timing too, as some of the former Sabot sailors are ready

for bigger boats. The latest Laser comes to the club's junior program via a donation that long time LMVA member, Jim Patterson, made to the Mission Viejo Youth Sailing Foundation. The boat came with a full size sail but not the smaller radial sail more suitable for junior sailors. So the Foundation donated a new IL-CA class legal (radial) sail plus a new Laser Dynamic Dolly to the Club's junior program. The boat hull, spars and blades were in very good condition but some updated lines and hardware were needed that were provided by the Club. Also, the hull was very oxidized, so some elbow grease, polishing compound and wax were required in the restoration process.



Materials were supplied by the Club and the elbow grease by junior sailor Jed Reyes, Staff Commodore Frank Fournier and me.

The Laser Dynamic Dolly came in a box of course, with some assembly required! See

pictures. The next problem was where to store the boat. A solution appeared to be, to store the boat on its



dolly, and roll it right into a lower space in the storage racks. However, the racks are constructed with cross bars a few inches from the ground that serve to provide for storage off of the ground. The cross bars were an obstacle to rolling the dolly into the space, so Operations Manager, Bryant Watilo was consulted and he agreed to remove the bars to store Lasers. Now, instead of two people required to lift a Laser from a dolly onto and off a storage rack, the boat can be simply rolled in and out of the storage space.



The dolly is so well balanced a small child can do it alone. The juniors are enjoying the new Laser, dolly and storage system and are very grateful to the Foundation and the Club for making this all happen.



## Juniors Return To LIYC

Rod Simenz

It's almost two years since any of our junior Sabot sailors have gone to any regattas off the lake. Before Covid they normally would have participated in as many as 15 such regattas each year. It's was time to start traveling again.



I encouraged 10 year old Tyler Hallstrom, and nine year old Adrian Jawidsik to race at the Lido Isle Halloween Regatta where there would be a fun day with lots of other Sabot sailors, sunny skies, ocean breezes and a Halloween costume contest. So they filled their entry forms and we all went to Lido Isle on Saturday, October 23 where there was a welcome surprise when we arrived at the launch area. Sailing director Anthony Capri met us and said he had a reserved spot for our boat trailer inside the LIYC boat storage lot so we would not have the hassle of trying to find a parking spot for it. Fantastic! We unloaded, rigged and launched two Sabots, not in sunshine and breeze but *in a steady drizzle and absolutely no wind*. Adrian and Tyler ended up getting a courtesy tow the half mile or so from the storage lot to the dock at LIYC.

Skies cleared and a light wind came up by the start of the first race. There were 47 total boats, with 15 boats in Tyler and Adri-

an's C3 class. The race committee combined C2 and C3 so each race had 23 boats on the start line and that was a new experience for our juniors. They sailed 6 races and did amazingly well.

Congratulations to Tyler for taking 1<sup>st</sup> place overall in his first regatta off the lake. Picture shows Tyler getting his award from Anthony Capri. This was Adrian's first ever Sabot regatta, an accompanying picture shows him, sail # 9267, overtaking two boats. He finished ahead of 6 boats in two of his best races.



They were competing with boats from BYC, BCYC, Long Beach YC, NHYC, and of course LIYC. Thanks to Adrian and Tyler for representing us so well and to their parents Geoffrey Jawidsik and Ali and Jeff Hallstrom for all their support at the regatta and their help loading boats, parts and equipment on and off the boat trailer.

It seems our juniors always do well at this regatta. For more than ten years they have earned one or more trophies at the LIYC Halloween regatta. Here is some recent history. In 2017 McKenna Pugh placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, in 2018 Griffyn Pugh 2<sup>nd</sup>, Deagan Willis 3<sup>rd</sup>, in 2019 Macie Pugh 1<sup>st</sup>, Madoc Pugh 2<sup>nd</sup>. Who will it be next year?



## Christmas Past and Present



One of our best junior sailors, Deagan Willis, has many other interests, like building this model L-1011 from scratch:





## Adventures in International Travel During COVID: USA to UK

Jane Newman

Being prepared is probably the first order of business! Just the paperwork alone seemed to take weeks, let alone days, before ever reaching the looming gates of an International Airport.

All the following information was supposed to be happily stored in one's iPhone for all the airport/immigration/customs personnel to access.

However, just as a precaution, technology not being our greatest friend, we made paper copies of everything. Firstly, the three day PCR COVID test had to be taken before we departed from this country. Our fingers were crossed that the results would come through before we boarded the plane! (Heaven forbid it came back "Inconclusive" - that is deemed "positive" until proved otherwise).

Then there is the "Locator Form" required by the country you are landing in. This is pages and pages of personal information, places you will be staying, etc., dates, times... on and on. Plus, if there are two of you travelling (even married couples) everything is individual, even your e-mail addresses. Needless to say passwords and code numbers all have to differ between spouses. Who can remember all of this?

Once we jumped through all these hoops and arrived at our departing airport, we were expecting huge lines and delays. However, the airport appeared empty of travelers or staff!!

Once checked in, involving a cursory look by an airline employee of all our nicely printed out papers (now an inch thick), we continued through to an empty gate boarding area and onto an equally empty plane.

Who said travelling was a nightmare? Oh,

bliss...not since the 60's or 70's has one been able to lie down on an International flight for eleven hours and have 3 or 4 seats to oneself. How we wish it could always be like this! (The only bright light in the COVID travelling era.)

On arrival in the UK, no one once asked us for any paper or proof of vaccinations (except for passports) and we entered into yet another empty airport terminal! Were we in the Twilight Zone?

After two days in the UK, we took another COVID test (a home test was ordered from USA to be sent to a relative we



## Covid Travels, continued

were staying with) which we duly mailed back to some UK lab - all accompanied by various codes and passwords too complicated to explain!

Three days before leaving the UK another PCR test was taken which we prayed would return with the results before starting the long haul back to the UK airport. By the way, all these tests had to be pre-booked with a registration number, date, and time of appointment and paid for BEFORE we could leave the USA.

However once back in the whirl of airports on the return trip to the USA we found it exactly like the outward bound flight...EMPTY! How lucky we were (probably never happen again). It was just about worth the pre-hassle of all that paperwork we decided....just!!



Laser action in Christchurch, U.K.

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That's not Arnold!

Racing in Christchurch, U.K.

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Close Hauled in Christchurch, U.K..

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## 2021 Fall Regatta



Graham Newman

Well it comes down to me to reap the harvest of results for our sailing exploits.

Starting with C Fleet; they had a large turnout of eight boats. Good to see father and son Jawidzik. Keep practicing you'll be in 7th place next time. Then Jed in 7th in a Laser (shouldn't he be in the Beverly Hillbillies). A senior in 6th - Scott, must have been a Twitchell. 5th place Maverick (wasn't that a TV series) I'd like the Ford truck. Justin in 4th needs to be in Sabot A. He beat Maverick. 3rd place went to Luke Skywalker (I didn't know he had a brother, David). Well Done. Vivian was 2nd Yeah! You should have been 1st because we threw in a ringer for 1st—SUPER TED.

"B" Fleet 4th place was Jeff Buck Rogers. Sorry we don't see enough of him out with his C 14.2. 3rd Action man Frank who had a calling ....Octoberfest celebrations. In 2nd was Deagan who is always looking for Emmett and not me. 1st place—Graham with a R3 OOD (official.odd.duck)

Finally wow A Fleet 8 competitors. 8th Don/ Linda Schaffner - long time sailors who I believe had some equipment failure. In 7th Mark/Conner you are not ocean sailing, sorry no wind. This is M.V. 6th place Tyler (isn't he with Aerosmith). 5th Arnold flying his

Aero or is that Arrow (that's what it's like when he passes me). 4<sup>th</sup> was new Race Chair Adam. I'd better watch my P's and Q's or I'll be in "D" fleet. 3rd place that famous painter Bob Ross, did I get that right? Number 2, the one and only Super Woman Nicole... Yeah!! And finally, (drum roll) in 1st place the person who will go down in British history for trying to blow up the Houses of Parliament: Guy Fawkes, aka Heaton!

Thank you and Good Night





## Top Skipper Regatta AKA Twitchell Worlds

S/C Frank Roberts

We were all glad to get back to our Top Skipper Regatta, the one that crowns the best sailor for LMVYC. With a dwindling supply of lake boats, owners of our new Twitchell fleet graciously offered their boats for the contest. This would prove to be fun as most of us had never sailed one, but as most sailors say, “give me a ship and a star to sail her by!”

Twitchells are a unique boat. At 12 feet long, they have classic sloop lines with a beautiful reverse transom and are designed to be sailed by one person who sits facing forward and uses a joy stick to control the rudder. The jib self tends, but must be adjusted by a single jib sheet.

Commodore Guy Heaton sent out special invitations for the event to adult sailors who sailed regularly in our monthly regattas. Eight sailors responded yes. SC Emmet Rixford, SC Frank Roberts, Ted Ishikawa, Adam Vart, Tyler Peyatt, PC Graham Newman, SC Arnold Christensen, and RC Ross Nemeroff.

As we started the competition we soon realized we were witnessing the Twitchell Worlds as we have most of the boats, with maybe one or two left at other clubs. They were a limited production boat designed and built by sailors at Balboa Yacht Club who were looking for an easier boat to sail as they grew older. LMVYC was offered the boats and we jumped at the chance to get them.

The format was done by eliminating the two bottom sailors who competed in groups of four. After the first rounds were complete, we had four sailors for the finals. Tyler Peyatt, RC Ross Nemeroff, Ted Ishikawa and SC Emmet Rixford. Emmet had three bullets, a remarkable feat since it was his first time in a

Twitchell. Ted had two bullets and was key in helping win our Team Challenge earlier in the year with his stellar performance in a Twitchell.

The finals began with Tyler securing two bullets in the first two races. As the third and final race began, it was Tyler’s regatta to win as the others still had too many points to overcome. When the racing was done, Tyler won with 6 points, Emmet had 7 points, Ross with 8 points, and Ted with 9 points.

So, our newly crowned Top Skipper is Tyler Peyatt. Tyler started sailing as a junior in a sabot and has progressed nicely throughout the years. His competitive spirit and sense of humor make him a fine addition to our group of sailors. We look forward to Tyler winning for years to come.

Thanks to our Race Committee and Mark Set boat operators and to Commodore Guy for putting on a fantastic event.



Tyler and Guy

## Turkey Regatta

Adam Vart

The final regatta of the year, the Turkey Regatta, was held on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, in the midst of a late-November heat-wave. With temps in the 90s and only 2-3 knots of wind out on the course, some short courses were set to make sure we could get three good races in and get all the fleets back to the dock in time for the Annual General Meeting and Chili Cook-Off.



Boats awaiting their skippers

Thankfully by the time we started racing enough of a breeze had settled in to allow for some great close and competitive racing!

In A fleet, 6 boats turned out for 3 very spirited races with no more than 1-2 minutes separating all the finish times. Mark roundings were especially tight and resulted in quite a few penalty turns. Race 1 saw Ross Nemeroff nail the start and get out to an early lead in his Snipe before running out of wind on the downwind leg and watching Guy Heaton & Nicole Sighiartau in Balboas sail right up to him (haven't we all been there). Guy managed to hold off



Randy Tiffany and your intrepid author

Nicole by a slender 7 seconds, and Nicole herself had enough margin over Ross to just hold on to 2<sup>nd</sup> place on corrected time.

In Race 2 Mark Glackin really had his Thistle moving nicely and gapped the fleet by enough to not only claim line honors but also the race win on corrected time. Although Arnold Christensen crossed second in the Aero, carrying his big sail meant giving away quite a bit of time to the Balboas and Nicole finished close enough to push him into 3rd.

Race 3 saw Nicole lead everyone around the course and cross the line comfortably ahead, claiming a good win ahead of Guy, with Ross in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Overall Nicole's second and third races were enough to overhaul Guy for the regatta win, with Mark & Ross in equal third place.

## Turkey Regatta, continued

A small group of 3 boats battled it out in B fleet. Graham Newman started like a rocket in his C14.2 with comfortable wins in the first 2 races over Frank Roberts (C14.2) and Randy Tiffany (Lido) and looked to be running away with things.

Not to be outdone, however, the promise of cold beverages and hot chili back in the clubhouse caused Randy to really get his Lido up and running in Race 3, crushing the other two by almost 4 minutes in a dominant victory. Frank just beat out Graham in the battle for second. Randy's Race 3 heroics were not quite enough to secure him the overall regatta win, which went to Graham with 2 wins and a third, followed by Randy with Frank in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

'C' fleet had the largest fleet of 7 boats which was dominated by the LMVYC Junior Sailors! In Race 1, McKenna & Maycie Pugh got out to a nice lead in a CFJ and crossed the line well ahead. They had enough of a lead over Vivian Ikeda in a Laser Radial to also secure the win on corrected time, even after giving away some time. Griffyn & Madoc Pugh in another CFJ finished far enough ahead of Rod Simenz in his Twitchell to claim 3<sup>rd</sup> and push Rod into 4<sup>th</sup>, who was followed closely by Jed Reyes (Laser Radial), Luke & David Ippolito (CFJ) and JB & Haifeng (Expo 14.2).

Vivian managed to turn the tables on McKenna & Maycie in Race 2, with Rod just pipping Luke & David for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Race 3 saw a dominant performance by Luke & David, crossing the line almost 3 minutes ahead of the rest of the fleet and getting the win on corrected time. McKenna & Maycie crossed ahead of Vivian but it wasn't enough to stop Vivian claiming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the race and with it the regatta win in C fleet. McKenna & Maycie were a close 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, with the Ippolito boys after their stellar third race tied with Rod for 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Special mention in C fleet must go to JB & Haifeng, who overcame the lack of a telltale on their Expo by Mac-Gyver-ing one using a cork, a wooden skewer and a short length of cassette tape. Very impressive! Thankfully C fleet avoided a protest hearing and instead talked through and resolved one lingering dispute so all sailors could sit back and enjoy the festivities to come.



Arnold taking a break



# Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

## 2022 Regatta Schedule



Tune Up Regatta	Sunday	January 23rd
Midwinter Regatta *	Sunday	February 27th
Wednesday Night Sailing Begins	Wednesday	March 16th
Opening Day Regatta *	Sunday	March 27th
Spring Regatta *	Sunday	April 24th
Spring II Regatta *	Sunday	May 15th
Friday Night Sail & BBQ Begins	Friday	June 24th
Summer Regatta **	Sunday	June 26th
Team Challenge Regatta	Sunday	July 17th
45th Annual Regatta**	Sunday	August 28th
Friday Night Sail & BBQ Ends	Friday	August 24th
Fall Regatta**	Sunday	September 25th
Junior Regatta	Sunday	October 9th
Top Skipper Regatta	Sunday	October 16th
Wednesday Night Sailing Ends	Wednesday	November 2nd
Turkey Regatta**	Sunday	November 13th
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## Welcome New Members!



Sincere thanks are extended to: Commodore Heaton, S/C Frank Roberts, Rod Simenz, Jane Newman, Graham Newman, and Adam Vart for their contributions to this issue. Here's to a fantastic 2022!

S/C Kevin Weir, 2021 Newsletter Chair

