



Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

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HERE COMES THE JUDGE!

You will have the opportunity to learn how to call the shots during our Race Committee Seminar this coming weekend! Sunday, February 26 at 1 pm will be your opportunity to not only learn the important duties of the Race Committee, but also enhance your sailing skills by becoming familiar with the proper start sequence. You can be the first over the line on the start if you learn how to time your start accurately. Spearheaded by Race Committee Chairman Bob Milner, the seminar will include choosing the best course for wind direction, how to do more than one fleet start sequence, and even how to restart a race in the event of a sudden calm! Charts, videos, and handouts will be used as visual aids. The seminar will be held in the Board Room at Lake Mission Viejo.

This seminar is geared to the non-sailor who simply wants to enjoy a pleasant day at the lake and prefers to do it without the pressure of competition. If your spouse is a sailor, and you prefer "dry land", this is a MUST for you. Committee members without experience will always be paired up with one of the "old salts" of the group, so we guarantee you will NOT be asked to run a regatta alone. A regatta without a good race committee is about as pointless as a hand without fingers! The club welcomes your participation. So mark your calendar now, and join us! It is the first step toward a great summer ahead!

C-15 REGATTA OPENS 1995 SAILING SEASON *Thistle Fleet Competition is Extra Added Attraction*

Once again, the sailing season kicks into gear with the C-15 Coast Cup Series opener on Saturday, March 4, at Lake Mission Viejo! This year, however, the C-15s will share the lake with the Thistle Fleet, a first-time event for our challenging lake.

Bob Milner, a close contender for the 1994 B-Fleet championship, has a determined look in his eye, and vows to return the Coast Cup perpetual trophy to LMVYC's trophy case. A change in the scoring procedure threw out a race he won, and Bob came up short on the scoring end in last year's series. Now he is ready to yank the trophy back. Colleen Dong and Jeff Wilson, 1993 winners, want another shot at winning the trophy. Commodore Joe Sperber is a dark horse competitor with his new boat, and Joe Steele, whose J-Boat racing schedule conflicted on several occasions, is also expected to be on hand.

All other C-15 boat owners of the lake are encouraged to join in the fun. The C-15 fleet draws sailors from as far away as Arizona, San Diego, and Santa Barbara, who enjoy the challenge of the lake's perpetually shifting winds.

The spinnaker-flying Thistles will provide extra excitement for the day. Don Schaffner, who skippers the beautiful wooden-hulled "Black Cloud" so often seen on the lake, will be joined by a group of other Thistle owners who have been eager to "have a go" (as Vivienne would say) at conquering our waters. This will be a memorable sight, and great picture material for photographers.

Whether you are sailing, or just enjoying the view, join us in the clubhouse after the event for some lively conversation and refreshments.

1995 SAILING SCHEDULE AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ENCLOSED!

THIS 'N THAT

Mike Farina, between fixing garbage disposals and studying, can often be found in his garage looking at a pile of wood and a set of drawings, scratching his head -- wondering (like Ollie) what he has gotten himself into! The former Lido and Sunfish sailor has decided that we need another wooden boat on the lake, and is building a beautiful Glen 17 complete with cabin. Watch this column for periodic progress reports on this beautiful wide-beamed boat. Mike anticipates we'll be set to christen the boat sometime this summer! But he's already warned us to be careful breaking that champagne bottle on the hull!

Vivienne and Len Savage were fortunate that their extended business trip to Kobe, Japan, was postponed! If not, they would have been smack in the middle of the devastating earthquake there!

Ski reports are still good: Rosie and Joe reported a blizzard when both happened to be in Mammoth (unbeknownst to the other) on the same weekend. Rosemary gave us the "inside" report: a huge storm so bad you couldn't see your hand in front of your face-- Joe braved the snow for the "outside" report. He said he *had* to ski, because after all, his lift ticket was paid for! (Is Sperber a Scottish name?)

Ray Turner headed for Tahoe to check out that ski area, while Bob Milner headed to the Utah slopes this week.

We're all delighted that the "old" Rosemary has returned to the group. Same smile, same vim and vigor! We're glad to hear she's been given a clean bill of health. She and Milly walked the lake in an hour flat recently!

Curtis is a busy fellow! He can hardly work in sailing with his karate and baseball practices!

Joe Sperber is keeping mum about the name for his new C-15 boat! It's bound to be a "doozy" after all the time he's had to think about it! So far, Joe hasn't even put his new boat in the water -- says he's been too busy skiing to finish rigging it! Life is so tough sometimes!

The Lake Association Board approved our proposed sailing program this year. One of the major changes: Saturday regattas instead of Sundays! The members voted this change at the general meeting in November. The sailing club originally held regattas on Saturday, and it was changed several years ago to accommodate Bruce Harrington's conflict with another hobby!

The Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club Officers voted to participate in the Lakefest activities to be held this summer. Initial plans call for manning the booth in short shifts, offering a variety of boats for inspection, raffling off sailing lessons, and showing videos of previous club activities. Details will follow.

The City of Mission Viejo has canceled its Saint Patrick's Day Parade this year, due to the budget crunch. Last year our float took first place in its first entry in the parade! The group was disappointed; we had already sketched out our sure-fire winner of a float!

Ced Fields was overtaken by a spell of Spring Fever; threw down his garden tools, and headed for the lake to take the Condor out for a sail last week. He reported perfect weather for the outing, and very tall grass the following week!

Dean Kanjanavaikoon brought his chessboard to the Pizza Parlor recently. He's a tough competitor, and will soon run out of challengers after the thrashing he gave to one of the brave adults who took him up on his invitation to play!

An outing to visit the America's Cup races is being planned. Watch this column for details. If you would be interested in going, please let Milly know.

It was good to see Cathy and Girard Scortino at a December function!! Jim Lockwood and John Hennessey joined us at pizza recently. We still miss Tony and Harry!

DON'T MISS THE RACE COMMITTEE SEMINAR THIS WEEKEND!

1995 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesdays, 6 pm: "Keep in Shape" Walk around the lake
7:30 pm: Roundtable Pizza, LaPaz/Marguerite

February 26, 1 pm:..... Seminar: How to Serve on Race Committee
March 4.....C-15 Invitational/Thistle Competition
March (Date TBD)Seminar: Tips for Boating Safety
March 24, 7 pm.....Opening Day Celebration
March 25.....Opening Day Regatta

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

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