



## Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

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NEWSLETTER

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### From the Editor

With apologies to Lewis Carrol and the walrus, "*The time has come*" the skipper said, "*To talk of many things: Of chutes and ships – and boating wax, Of harnesses and rings. And why- certain one designs are boiling hot – And whether Finns have wings.*" If you missed the newest remake of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland that premiered on TV a couple of weeks ago, it is available on video tape and it's very well done. Speaking of boiling hot one design classes, the Thistle, Lido 14 and the C-15 are pretty hot on our lake. See details on the latest regattas below. Another soon to be hot fleet will be the Capri 14.2 now that LMVA has decided to purchase 10 new boats and upgrade the rental fleet.

Have you seen the latest version of the LMVYC race course chart? If not you will see it the next time you race here. The courses are the same, but the graphics are improved and rearranged thanks to the efforts of Allyn Edwards.

Rod Simenz

### Pre-Season Tune-Up Regatta

Our first regatta of the year was sailed on February 21, in mostly gentle breezes, partly sunny skies, and an occasional windless hole to make things range from unpredictable to hopeless. This was a tune-up type regatta so the emphasis was on getting the cob webs out of the boats, reviving race tactics and sharpening crew teamwork. Sixteen boats raced a three race format. Horst Weiler conducted the races.

#### Race results:

Thistles – 1<sup>st</sup> Don and Linda Schaffner,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Matt Beattie, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ron Meyer, 4<sup>th</sup> Brett Tremaine

"A" Fleet – 1<sup>st</sup> Graham Newman, Mike Farina, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roger and Tara Robison, 3<sup>rd</sup> Allyn and Sue Edwards

Lido 14 – 1<sup>st</sup> Audrey and Rod Simenz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Sheppard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Milly Thomas, 4<sup>th</sup> John Drake

Lake Boats – 1<sup>st</sup> Ced Fields, Will Chong, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Olson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Steve and Tricia Gonsowski, 4<sup>th</sup> Randy and Norma Tiffany, 5<sup>th</sup> Troy Edwards

Note: These results do not apply to Top Skipper points.

The between race nourishment included a fresh vegetable plater provided by Tricia. Thirty people enjoyed beef brisket dinner prepared by Vivienne Savage and salad by Audrey Simenz. Set ups, beverages, dessert and everything else by the Edwards and Schaffners.

### A Class Act Week End- 3/13&3/14

Saturday and Sunday marked two days of intensive racing competition on the lake. LMVYC hosted the C-15 Invitational on Saturday, which was also the first race of the 1999 C-15 Coast Cup series. The series consists of ten regattas scheduled throughout the year at various locations including Huntington Lake, Big Bear Lake, King Harbor and Mission Bay.

The A and B fleets of C-15's raced four races with one throw out. Winds were light and shifty topping out briefly(very) at eight knots. The race committee headed by Don Schaffner and assisted by Milly Thomas, Ced Fields, Vivienne Savage and Doug Sheppard selected innovative, fun race courses which included moving the starting line for the last two races from buoy #2 up to "F" mark to ensure good weather legs for each race.

**Results:** Horst Weiler and Graham Newman took first place in the "A" Fleet. Willi Hugelshofer sailed to two second places with Tara Robison as crew and had two fourth place finishes with a different Robison as crew which gave him fourth place over all. Tim Paternoster was first in the "B" Fleet. Audrey Simenz won two races and placed second overall in "B".

Doug Sheppard brought vegetable snacks and dip for the race break on Saturday as well as on Sunday for the Thistle/Lidos. The C-15 regatta dinner featured two kinds of lasagna from Tara Robison with a salad prepared by Caecilla Weiler. Linda and Don Schaffner took care of all the other details and amenities that made the post race social activity a great success.

Sundays' regatta featured the Thistle and Lido 14 classes. This was a milestone day on the lake since it was the first Thistle Invitational in many years and the first Lido Invitational in living memory. The visiting Thistle sailors came from Newport Harbor. The Lido 14 sailors- Alamitos Bay, Newport Harbor and one boat, sailed by Joe D'Amico, came clear from Sequim, Washington. Joe is a very active Lido sailor and brings his boat down to sail in several of the Southern California regattas this time of year. He is currently a director of the Lido 14 International Class Association.

The race committee for the day was chaired by Horst Weiler with help from Roger Robison, and Steve and Tricia Gonsowski. Each fleet had its own race chart with courses specially selected to enhance the competition. Fortunately, the winds cooperated and Horst was able to select some challenging courses. The winds topped out at about twelve knots and were somewhat steady for most of the day.

**Thistle Class Results**—1<sup>st</sup> Don and Linda Schaffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Matt Beattie, Eric Heim, Skyler Lehr, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brett Tremaine, John Austin. (Note the LMVYC sweep of the trophy winners.) Other club member finishes were Ron Meyer, Loren Mollner, Larry Harper 6<sup>th</sup>, Arnold and Michelle Christensen 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Lido 14 Class Results**—"A" Fleet—1<sup>st</sup> Al McCown and his two sons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tyler Hendricks and crew, 3<sup>rd</sup> Joe D'Amico and crew.

"B" Fleet—1<sup>st</sup> Audrey and Rod Simenz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dereck Paulin, 3<sup>rd</sup> John Drake, John Olson, 4<sup>th</sup> Milly Thomas, Bud Nelson, 5<sup>th</sup> Doug Sheppard, Maggie Waterman (Alamitos Bay Lido Fleet Captain)

After the races a crowd of fifty of the day's participants had a great time enjoying the dinner put on by the Schaffners, rehashing each race with lots of war stories, talk of mistakes, mishaps and brilliant maneuvers, etc. Look for more discussion of the day in the next newsletter.

We had a lot of camera coverage each day, so we can look forward to some super action photos and video. Finally, our trophy chairman, Arnold Christensen, delighted all the winners with some very creative trophies incorporating C-15, Thistle and Lido 14 logos.

## ONE DESIGN FLEET REPORT-

**Thistle Fleet**—The tune up regatta brought out 4 thistles. Matt, Brett, Ron and Don. This was Ron's first race in his recently purchased boat and we all were very interested in seeing how he handled his new found toy. Needless to say the winds were shifty and not everyone got to the line on time for the first start. The first leg was a weather beat to "F" mark and Ron was right up there pushing the leader. We were a bit surprised to see this excellent showing the first time out. Great job Ron, look forward to the competition. The second leg was a loose reach to "C" mark and sure enough, Matt drew first blood by breaking out the chute to run down Ron. Next up went Ron's chute. Brett didn't waste time either, and he soon had his chute up and flying. So much for courtesy tune up race, we didn't get through the first two legs of the first race before we tried our chutes on each other. Matte showed excellent down wind speed all three races but suffered up wind with the three man crew. The second race showed Brett pushing the leader to the weather mark and broke away from Ron and Matt having a luffing match. The second race was the talk of the day with Matt grinding down the leader at the finish. Don got the inside at the

## Thistle Fleet Report (Continued)

turning finishing mark and won by a foot. The last race was up and down the lake which offered a few no wind holes along the way, and he who sailed too close to the shore fell into the traps. The thistle fleet will show strong participation this year expecting 5 to 7 boats each regatta.

Don Schaffner

### Sailing in a Quote

*"It has often been said that the best way to win a race is to get out in front at the start and steadily improve your position. . . . The ones who win the most regattas are the ones who can't be counted on to stay bottled up when their situation looks hopeless."*

Ted Wells

*"Let me say that the rules were invented to keep people out of trouble with their competitors; tactics were invented to make as much trouble for them as possible."*

Gordon Aymar

*"After the race was over I could catch all of the boats that had passed me during the race, but unfortunately they didn't give any trophies for getting back to the Yacht Club first."*

Ted Wells

### Sailing Quote Quiz

Who said?—"I wish to have nothing to do with any ship that does not sail fast, for I intend to go in harms way." Hint- The first name is not Ced, and the ship is not a Condor Class.

## LMVYC 1999 – Race Committee Schedule

DATE	EVENT	RACE COMMITTEE
2/11/99	Tune up	Horst / TJ
3/13/99	C-15	Don / Milly / Cid / Vivienne
3/14/99	Lido/Thistle	Horst / Roger / Steve Tricia
3/21/99	Commodore brunch	Roger
4/18/99	Spring #1	Don
5/16/99	Spring #2	Randy
6/13/99	Rev. Portsmouth	Rod
8/1/99	Mid Summer	Matt
8/29/99	22 <sup>nd</sup> Annual	Willi
9/26/99	Fall	Milly
10/17/99	Top Skipper	Roger
11/6/99	C-15/ Lido/ Thistle	Allyn / Sue
11/21/99	Turkey	Arnold

Thank you for signing up for race committee. Should you be unable to make your date, please switch or arrange for a substitute.

Horst Weiler

Race Committee Chairman

Quiz Answer-John Paul Jones

***Next Event:* Commodore's  
Brunch and Opening Day  
Regatta- SUNDAY, 3/21/99, 11:AM**