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COMMODORE'S CORNER



MEMORIAL WEEKEND REGATTA ON TAP

TRADITIONS!

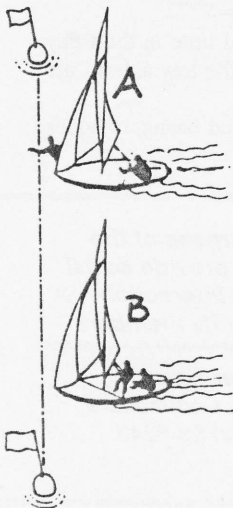
So much of what we do in life is connected to traditions..."we always have a picnic on Mother's Day"...we always have turkey at Thanksgiving and ham at Easter", etc. It's not just holidays...the sport of sailing is filled with traditions. It's customary, or traditional, to say "Man your boats" as you set off on a regatta, or the Commodore saying "I declare the sailing season officially open" on Opening Day. Or "Ready about?" when you plan to tack.

Ever wonder how these traditions were started? Or why? It can be good to start our own traditions, like having the family tell one thing they're grateful for at Thanksgiving, or each family member presenting a poem, song, or story on Christmas Eve. The same goes for sailing. It may be *traditional* to have a festive dinner dance to open the sailing social season -- but our casual club responded well to a Commodore's Brunch instead. There are no RULES that we need to comply with -- just whatever the members prefer.

So before we start these "new" traditions, let's be sure we are all riding the same wave! Let the officers of the club know how you feel about scheduled events on the calendar! This is YOUR club! We need your support and your cooperation, as well as that of the OFFICERS, to grow the club in quality and quantity of members.

See you at the lake!

Milly Davies



Tactics:

Situation:

At the finish line.
Has A beat B?

Good wind and good weather as well as good times appear to be on tap for the Memorial Day Weekend regatta. This is also a "good" weekend to stay off the highways and enjoy the amenities of the beautiful area in which you live!

Sunday, May 26, will mark the club's first Memorial Day Weekend regatta. As usual, boats are to be rigged and in the water prior to the Skipper's Meeting at 12:30 pm. Course charts and specific instructions will be given prior to the White Flag at approximately 1:00 pm on the last Sunday of the month.

Fleet Surgeon Len Savage and his crew will take a break from the traditional burger barbecue to usher in the Summer season, and have planned lasagna, garlic bread and the works instead. Members will linger over their favorite beverages and discuss the finer points of sailing, and the regatta winners will be announced at the after-sail activities. This event counts toward the right to sail in the Top Skipper event in October.

Lake members, family friends and guests, are encouraged to attend for a great day of sailing action. Mark your calendars and plan to join the fun this Sunday!

SET YOUR SAILS ON "REVERSE PORTSMOUTH REGATTA" JUNE 30!

Members of the club who have participated in Reverse Portsmouth Regattas are excited at the prospect of sailing in this first-ever unique type event on their home lake.

While some boats are built for speed, some are built for comfort, or for light winds. Good sailors like to make sure all things are equal, so that the determining factor of a win is skill of the sailor. Portsmouth ratings are a handicapping method used to equalize boat speeds to accomplish this.

Slower boats will start first, with graduated starts depending on average boat speeds according to the Portsmouth rating. The object is to pass everyone in front of you. The first person over the line is the winner. This race is guaranteed to cause a great finish. While the results do not count toward the Top Skipper Regatta at the end of the year, there will be lots of egos on the line for this Summer Regatta.

Plan now to participate June 30. Whether you're sailing or cheering your favorite sailor, it's bound to be a great day of fun with Yacht Club friends. A barbecue will follow, with results announced at the after-sail activities.

SAILING LESSONS AVAILABLE AT THE LAKE

Interested in sailing lessons for your kids (or maybe yourself) this summer? Lake Mission Viejo Association offers Beginning Sailing lessons for both adults and juniors at a nominal fee. Check with lake management to see when the next open series begins. The instructor,

Horst Weiler, is an long-term active member of the club and employee of the lake who has introduced many current members to the club. Once you've mastered the basics, you're ready to join us for continued skill improvement. Sailing on Wednesday evenings

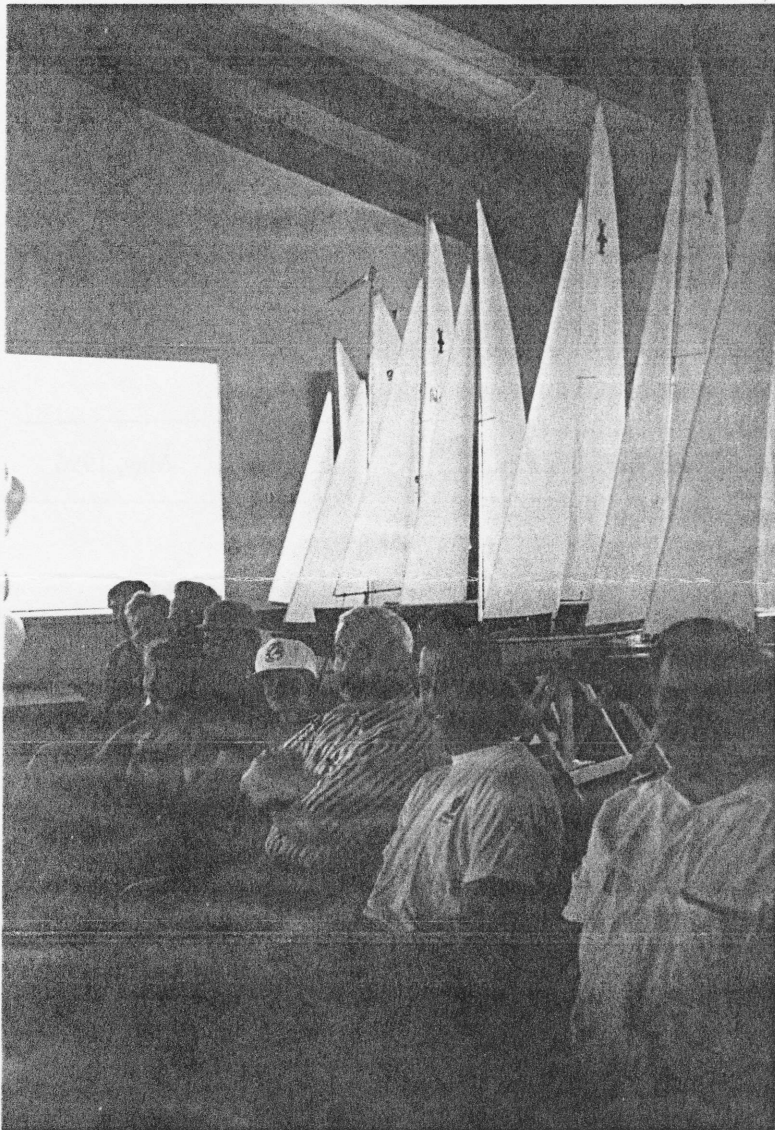


Photo: Members of the Radio-Controlled Boats Group proudly display their handicraft on Opening Day.

THIS 'n THAT!

Don Schaffner's radio-controlled boats were both munched on Sunday, April 21, at the lake. The red one was run over by a kayaker; the blue one by a pontoon boat which circled around on top of it in its efforts to move away. Seems both boaters were trying to get a closer look, and the wind stopped, so Don's boats stopped, but the bigger boat's momentum did not! Don was upset briefly (who wouldn't be?), but the damage turned out to be cosmetic only, and he was able to glue them back together and continue with his fun. You can see him and his group at the lake about every weekend enjoying their beautiful handiwork.

Vivienne's son from England came for a unexpected Mother's Day visit. What a nice surprise! Guess he wanted to see for himself how our perky club secretary is doing following health problems last fall. We hope she's doing as well as she looks like she is!

Milly just returned from a trip to Maui with her sister and husband. It was her pleasure to introduce them to the Islands the tropical isles. In addition to helicopter and submarine tours, luaus, and other sites, Milly visited the Lahaina Yacht Club and exchanged burgees with their officers. If you're ever in Maui, look for our burgee in this beachfront club that admits card-carrying Yacht Club members only.

We were told that Bob Milner sailed in the Newport to Ensenada race the end of April and missed our local regatta. We haven't heard any bragging about winning a trophy, so looks like the fun of the day was his best prize.

Members of the club had a bit of fun with Bob at pizza recently. He complained of getting metal shards in his fingers from a rental boat tiller extension while trying to beat Roger Robison to the mark. Bob got the last laugh when it was remembered that Bob was going to have a drill in his "sore" hand the next time Roger comes in for dental work! Watch to see if Robison "lets" Milner win the next match! Come to think of it, several of us may be putting ourselves in harms way!

There are only about four seats left on the June 15 boat sail in San Diego Harbor. So if you're interested, contact Vivienne or Milly to get your name on the list! Cost is approximately \$25 per person, and you're on your own for meals. San Diego Harbor is a beautiful area -- and offers a wide variety of shoreline views with relatively calm protected waters. Better hurry on this one!

The "unofficial" concert list for the summer (providing all contracts are signed, etc.) are: Peter Sotero 7/13, Everly Brothers 7/27, A.J. Croce 8/10, Brian Setzer (Stray Cats) 8/24. These free concerts are always loads of fun. Mark your calendars!

Quiz Answer: No. The Crew must be in the normal position to win.

APRIL REGATTA RESULTS

There's no end to the entertainment this club provides to its members! On April 28, we even arranged an overhead air show, with the cooperation of El Toro Marine Base! And although Horst Weiler kept trying to distract Willi Hugelshofer into watching the Blue Angels, Willi came away with first place honors in "A" fleet, edging out Horst in second. Third place went to Robin Kivlen, with Roger Robison crewing his C-15.

Ced Fields and Arash took the lead in "B" fleet, and Milly Davies singlehanded her Lido into second place.

The turnout was small due to conflicts with other regattas and activities that weekend, but everyone had a good time in the fluky winds where you were either hiking like crazy or doing the drift. It was an exciting day, with sailors leaping from the low side to the high side with the sudden strong gusts. Fortunately, there were no "overs" in the group.

Tara Robison was the big winner of the day, as she singlehandedly prepared scrumptious tacos, burritos, rice and beans, to honor Cinco de Mayo. Len Savage and Faye Carroll were the Race Committee.

1996 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Remember : Save the last Sunday of each Month
for Yacht Club activities!*

Wednesdays, 5 - 7 pm.....Sunset Sailing
7 :15 pm:Roundtable Pizza, LaPaz/Marguerite
May 26, 12:30 pm,Spring Regatta II "Memorial Weekend Regatta"
June 30, 12:30 pm....."Reverse Portsmouth Start" Regatta



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

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