



Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

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

COMING EVENTS

- Wednesdays 6 pm Walk around the lake
Meet at Lake Mission Viejo parking lot. Latecomers
walk clockwise to meet us.
7:30 pm Pizza in the Clubhouse follows
- October 24 Championship Regatta
- November 7 Crews Regatta
- November Election of 94 Officers
- December Installation of Officers Dinner and
Christmas Party
- January 26 - 31, '94 Ski Mammoth

(Reminder: Non-lake members please notify us you plan to attend lake events so we can leave your name at the gate for guest entry.)

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LADIES' DAY REGATTA

Sunday, October 10th was a day that will always be remembered by many members of the Lake Association. A host of "ladies" (and we use the term loosely) gathered at the lake to test their skills as the best skipper on the lake. Entrants (pictured at the right) included: (Left to right) Marleen Marsden, Jean K., Colleen Dong, guest "Chris-tina" Davies, Vivienne Savage, and Milly Davies.

The Race Committee ruled the winner to be Colleen Dong after "Chris-tina" was disqualified for failing the hormone test! A great time was had at the barbecue following the event! Chris-tina acted as event chairman in the suspicious absence of Commodore Chris.

Don Schaffner was Race Committee for the crew, and Len Savage was (again) the man of the hour at the barbecue. Vivienne Savage was registrant, and John Hennessey did the shopping for another unforgettable day of fun.

TOP SKIPPERS OF YACHT CLUB NAMED

Who is the best skipper on the lake? We'll find out on October 24th, when the ten most consistent winners of the past season match their skills in the Top Skipper Regatta. Entrants in the "by invitation only" regatta are (in alphabetical order):

- John Austin
- Chris Davies
- Colleen Dong
- Mike Farina
- John Hennessey
- Willi Hugelshofer
- Becky Madden
- Bob Milner
- Don Schaffner
- Horst Weiler.

To be sure the winner of the perpetual trophy claims the title under the most fair conditions, the race committee has elected that the skippers will all sail 12' Holders (lake rental boats),

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and the last place winner will swap boats with the first place winner, second place with next to last (and so on) after each race.

The large bronze trophy will carry a permanent name plate inscribed with the winner and the year, and will reside in the clubhouse trophy case. The winner will also receive a symbolic medallion from the Commodore at the potluck dinner following the race.

Rumor has it the competition will be extremely stiff this year between last year's winner, John Austin (member of the Lake Association Board of Directors), and the 1991 winner Don Schaffner. Be sure to come out and cheer on the "best of '93" participants, and bring a dish to share for the potluck!

THIS AND THAT

The off-shore day-sailing outing from Dana Point to Newport Beach and back was blessed with perfect weather, and a good time was had by all participants. The boat carried so many passengers on board as it entered Newport Harbor that rumor had it a refugee ship had made it's way to Woody's Wharf for lunch! The only problem experienced was that the day ended too soon, and a promise was made to do it again, soon!

We are getting a lot of interest in the Mammoth trip in late January -- but alas have lost our "cheap" accommodations. If anyone knows of a lodge to recommend, please call the Commodore.

The Yacht Club members, like most Californians these days, are becoming more health conscious. Half the pizza ordered is veggie-style, and Melinda Marsden has been bringing veggies for those who prefer them to the usual chips and pretzels on Wednesdays. Thanks, Melinda!

Just in time for Halloween, Harry Shepherd recently brought some very interesting pictures, videos, and tapes of real "spirits" he has encountered in his work as Director of Investigative Research at Psynetics. Keep your eye out for the Silverado Canyon stagecoach if you're up that way! Thanks for an interesting evening, Harry!

Melinda learned the hard way that the lake has restrictions on boat length. She bought a 20' boat for a great price, but can't sail it on our friendly waters. Better check with the lake carefully before you invest!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee, appointed by the Commodore, will announce the recommended slate of officers in early November. Elections will be held in late November. If you have an interest in serving as a committee member, please contact Secretary Vivienne Savage.

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Another very warm day! The wind was blowing with gusto before the racing started and in-between races, but had a tendency to die down during the races. Don Schaffner complained to the race committee "that there was not enough wind"; the committee promised to try and do something about it!!

Twelve boats registered, but only eleven crossed the starting line for the first race. Who was missing? Then Rosemary Davis was spied sailing down by the swimming area. Had she changed her mind? Lost her glasses? Or what? After all the other sailors were well on their way, along sails Rosemary, who told the committee that "her tiller had broken, and she had to go get another boat". But she made a valiant effort to catch up with the rest of the fleet. She finished the race not long after everyone -- well done Rosemary!

History was also made that Sunday. There was an all female boat with skipper Colleen Dong and crew Melinda Marsden, who sailed with the "A" fleet. This is certainly the "Year of the Woman", right from the Whitehouse to Lake Mission Viejo! Unfortunately this bit of history was made because Jeff Wilson was not up to sailing, as he had just spent four days in the hospital. He did help out on the committee boat, and assured us he would be sailing next regatta. In fact the committee boat was more like a "hospital ship" as Horst Weiler was also recuperating from an operation.

Due to a "clerical error" the race committee displayed the wrong course, and did not find out until after the start of the race! This made the sail for "A" fleet very interesting; it was more like a treasure hunt, but they all came through with flying colors. The error was rectified in the third race.

During the second race, Mike Farina did not just go around "C" buoy, he did his best to tow it over to "B". He did have a successful day, finishing first place in "B" fleet sailing a twelve foot Holder, having already sold "his beautiful Lido".

The "Predator" wanted more wind, and as the committee promised, in the third race they got it, but both boat and sailor cooled down quickly -- Don taking another swim. He was later observed bailing for all he was worth with his shoe, and the "Predator smiled again".

Recipient of the bronze plaque representing First Place was John Austin, with Willi Hugelshofer in Second Place, and Don Schaffner a "shoe-in" for Third Place in the "A" fleet.

"B" fleet winners were in order: Mike Farina, Harts Hobbs, and Ced Fields. Novice winners: Matthew Newman, Rosemary Davis, and Marleen Chesley. Junior winner: Jeanne K.

Congratulations to the winners!

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