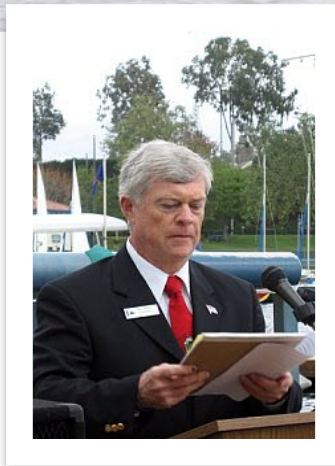


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From Commodore Ron Meyer

My season as LMYC Commodore is in its last chapter! Hard to believe it is that time of year again! I want to wish all of LMYC

members and their families a Very Merry Christmas and smooth sailing in the New Year!!

I personally want to thank the 2008 LMYC Officers for their support and assistance this past year. This assistance provided an exciting fun filled season filled with many memories of races finishing behind lake concerts and fund raising poker runs. I could not have done this without your support!!

In that regard Staff Commodore Audrey Simenz will be completing her tour of duty as club secretary these last few years. Her service has been invaluable to me and the recent past commodores not to mention her assistance in so many other club roles and functions! Thank you Audrey for your dedication and making the Yacht Club what it is today! We look forward to your participation in the future and wish you continued success!

Don't forget the Annual Awards and Installation Dinner being held on Sunday January 11, 2009. This is great time to renew the past and look forward to the new season with a new board and renewed energies.

See you on the water in the New Year! Remember the LMYC 2nd Annual Leukemia Cup being held on Saturday May 30, 2009



WELCOME ABOARD

The Club is delighted to welcome new members Sylvia & Rick Newman and Carol & Michael Weir. We hope to see you all at the Club and out on the water!

2009 INSTALLATION AND AWARDS DINNER will take place Sunday January 11.

By now all members should have received their invitation and have made their reservations for the social highlight of the Club year. This festive event is always lots of fun and a very special evening at Capriccio's - we're taking over the entire restaurant - has been planned by Dinner Chair Peter Tietz.

Dues statements will be mailed out at the end of December and the letter will include the exciting event schedule planned for 2009 and also the 2009 Duty Officer roster. With the growth of Club membership and the increased numbers attending our after race dinners the assistance of the duty officers has really helped our hard working "Fleet Surgeons".

In 2009 the Club will have a new Secretary, Michelle Asay, as I retire from the position. I've really enjoyed getting to know new members as they joined, and keeping up with old Club friends too during the four years I've been honored to serve as Club Secretary. The Club membership has grown to record numbers and Vice Commodore Randy Tiffany will take over the Membership duties part as Michelle attends to all the other myriad responsibilities under the secretarial umbrella. She is full of enthusiasm and will do an excellent job for the Club. Enjoy every minute Michelle!

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all!

Audrey Simenz

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Goal: No Flat Tires this Season

The rainy season is here and the Balboa 13s need your help. If you take a "13" out for a sail please remove the drain plug when you're through or the boat becomes a bath tub during the rains. All that water can flatten the tires of the launch dolly and may also damage the dolly. Equally important! Be sure to use the boat cover tie down lines and the PVC pipe frame to create a tent that sheds the rain water. If the cover is put on carelessly, rain water accumulates in deep pools that stretch the cover out of shape and can cause tearing at the cover seams as happened last year. A final suggestion, if you visit the Lake after a rainstorm to check your own boat, swing by the Balboa 13s and give the covers a bailing if they need it. The club appreciates your help in keeping the Balboa 13s in top shape.

The Club has acquired a fifth Sabot thanks to the generous donation by Staff Commodore John Olsen. The boat has been completely restored by John, it is fully race rigged and has a practice sail and a racing sail.

These eight foot dinghies are ideal boats for beginners as well as seasoned veterans. They are easy to rig and launch and fun to sail. In the right wind conditions they often sail faster than the rental boats so it's a good boat to race too. The Club Sabots are available to all club members at no cost. So what's involved if a member wants to use one? Simple, just call me and I will meet with you at the Lake to go over location of boats, sails, equipment, storage, rigging and launch. After that you just sign out a boat and go sailing. If you are interested in learning to sail a Sabot, free lessons can be arranged. Arnold Christensen and Ted Ishikawa raced two of the Club Sabots in the Balboa Yacht Club Sunkist Series in Newport Harbor on December 6. They both did very well. A BYC Sabot racer commented, "Who are these guys? They're very good." To learn more about these boats visit the International Naples Sabot Association web site.

We plan to form a LMVYC Junior Racing team in 2009 so watch for further announcements. **Rod Simenz**



As probably most of you know, we have increased our yearly family dues from \$65 to \$75 for 2009. This is the first increase since 2003. We decided to keep the increase to a minimum and we feel that membership in the LMVYC is still “the best deal in town”.

How are we able to provide our members with food and beverages for the approximately 12 events during the year and also pay for race committee expenses, trophies, mailings, club boats, web site, SCYA dues etc etc?

There are a number of reasons for this:

- Our Fleet Surgeons are super careful where they purchase the food and beverages, always looking out for the best buys
- LMVA contributes \$2500 yearly to our club since the Board of Directors feel that we provide a great service to members of the LMVA by offering sailing lessons and organizing sailing regattas.
- A lot of members contribute a lot of their time and effort to help run the club without spending a lot of money. Just look at how we were able to build up a fleet of club boats!
- Members often contribute food or beverages to our events without handing in an expense sheet to get reimbursed

This last item may need a bit more clarification especially for newer members. We obviously expect our fleet surgeons to get full reimbursement for the purchases they make. If you plan to hand in your receipts for items you purchase for an event, please make sure that you coordinate with the fleet surgeon to make sure that we can keep the costs to a minimum. Of course, if you are not expecting to get reimbursed, you are free to bring what you like! Caviar here we come! Finally, we typically have a couple of events labeled “pot luck”. The expectation here is that each member brings a dish without handing in a receipt unless specifically asked by the fleet surgeon to purchase certain items.

I hope I did not sound too harsh with these rules but as we grow our membership, it is important that we keep our frugal ways to keep our dues as low as possible. The way I see it is that we provide the food and beverages not as a substitute for dinner at home but as an incentive to hang out with friends after the earlier activity on the lake.

Treasurer Willie Hugelshofer



2009 Commodore-Elect Morrie Willkie

As we close out another season, we have a lot to remember from 2008.

We had an SCYA Midwinter in February, an Opening Day in March that drew a large crowd from the Southern California yachting community, our first and very successful Leukemia Cup in May, our 31st Annual Regatta in August, a Top Skippers Championship in October that saw our Balboa 13's used to determine our best, congratulations to Willi Hugelshofer, our first three team challenge Regatta that was very exciting, and a wonderful Christmas Boat Parade with a large club turnout.

Our Commodore Ron Meyer, is completing a very good year for us and we congratulate him on a job well done, we are very proud and thankful of his efforts though out the year and also organizing the Leukemia Cup and making it such a success.

We have 17 new families that joined us in 2008, them along with any members that may wish to attend are invited to our clubhouse to meet the new Flag Officers and find out what our club has to offer and how we can continue a successful organization. This will be on Sunday



"THANKS" to all of the volunteers who assembled the Schooner, decorated two more party boats and, of course, to all of you who decorated and cleaned up the Club House for the annual LMVYC Holiday Party!"

the 11th of January at noon, should last less than an hour, we will be covering the usage of our fleet of boats, sailing lessons and our club in general, and answer any questions you may have so please join us for this informal orientation and information session. Michelle, our new club secretary will e-mail everyone in January to remind you, please plan to attend, this is a way we can get the year off to a good start.

We look forward to the challenge of the 2009 Boating Season and to continue the success of our previous members and to make yachting on our beautiful lake a pleasurable and fulfilling experience.

2009 Vice Commodore Randy Tiffany

Greetings, Happy Holidays & Happy New Year to you and yours! I hope you are looking forward to warmer weather, sailing and camaraderie at Lake Mission Viejo as much as I am. We've got a great slate of sailing events for 2009 and I hope to see all of you on the water. As Vice Commodore, my duties are largely to support our new Commodore Morrie Wilkie. I will also be helping with new members welcoming you aboard and helping you "learn the ropes" of the Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club. Don't hesitate to flag me down if you have some questions about the YC or sailing. I look forward to getting to know you and to helping you get the most out of your LMVYC Membership.

2009 Rear Commodore Peter Tietz

As incoming Rear Commodore I will be available to assist the Commodore and Vice Commodore as called upon. I will have primary responsibility for coordinating the success of the 32nd Annual Regatta to be held on August 16th and will also be handling the sale of club merchandise including shirts for the Midwinter and Annual Regatta. Please contact me for any LMVYC shirts or caps since they make great gifts. One of my personal objectives is to increase the awareness of the Yacht Club in the general community and develop programs to increase membership with an emphasis on active participation in the sailing and racing programs we offer. I will be calling on the membership for ideas on how we can accomplish this goal. I hope by year-end to have put together a preliminary operations manual that can be used by new officers and committee chair people to ease them into leadership roles. Please feel free to call me with any suggestions or concerns you may have.

THANK YOU to those who donated toys and gifts to the CHOC Toy Run! Your gifts will certainly be appreciated by the children and staff of CHOC who need a little lift as they battle through their illness.



Burgee Exchange in Japan ! By Ted Ishakawa

Since I joined LMVYC this year, I have had tremendous support from the club members.

So I was always thinking what could I do for the club? One day I asked Rod Simenz, "Do we have any burgees from Japan?" He said, "No, I don't think so". I thought "OK, this is my job".

Each year during Thanksgiving week, Mia and I go to Japan to see our parents, relatives and friends there. So I thought this was a good chance to visit some Japanese yacht clubs to exchange burgees.

Since Japan consists of small islands surrounded by the ocean and major nourishment for the Japanese come from there, there are many harbors and fishing boats everywhere even in small sea villages. But surprisingly most harbors are only available to commercial boats. I think this might be completely different from USA. So sailing as sport or leisure was not very popular in Japan even if it was easy access to the ocean. (I think still so even nowadays)

One of the clubs I visited this time was the one I had seen almost every day during my teenage years. But the club and its yacht harbor was something different and a closed world to me. So I've never tried to enter into their club house even when I went close by. So this time's visit reminded me of the feeling I had before and it excited me a bit.

Here is the summary about the clubs I visited.

Hayama Yacht Club

Hayama is a well known resort area as the emperor's resort house is located there.

The Yacht Club is one of the oldest in Japan and its harbor was allocated in a part of commercial fishing port - Hayama port in 1935. They were involved in the Tokyo Olympics as the backup-harbor.





Enoshima Yacht Club

The club organized as an association with full-time staff is one of the most prestigious clubs in Japan. The club as well as the harbor was established to host the yacht races of the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. Current King of Norway - Harald V came to Enoshima as a sailor to race in its Olympics. His relationship with Japan's emperor family led to the forming of the Norway Friendship Yacht Race which has been held every spring since 2001, sponsored by the embassy of Norway and Japan's state government.

Surprisingly (at least to me), they have a Jr. club to bring up kids to be good and serious

sailors. In fact, I saw a lot of junior sailors when I visited there (see a picture). It looked

different from what I remember for this yacht club.

This visit taught me that now Japanese yacht clubs are trying to change their ways.

Generally speaking Japanese clubs used to have the corporate and school members in a major role. But now they are focusing more on the individuals.

Finally, I'd like to thank LMVYC for giving me a chance to exchange burgees this time. This was quite an exciting event for me. If the club is still interested, I'd like to continue to do so as one of "my jobs".





Turkey Regatta 2008 Report by Jack McCollum

This year's Turkey regatta was a case of "Last comes first!" The last race of the season will be remembered by all as the best wind of the 2008 Championship Series. Veteran sailor Ced Fields who has raced on Lake Mission Viejo since the beginning of time couldn't recall a windier race day. We had gusts up to thirty knots with sustained winds in the fifteen plus range. Just to give some perspective, the Wayfarer class website considers anything over twelve knots to be "overpowered". I even heard a rumor that Horst Weiler fell out of his Coronado 15 during one race. (I say rumor because he still somehow managed to beat my boat that race!)

Tony Musolino volunteered to sail with me that day and we had a bit of excitement while sailing off wind in the second race when a big gust hit us and we started planing. It was great fun and I'm sure that even the racers who got wet when their boats went over came up with smiles on their faces. These are the days we live for!

There were only two entries in Thistles this year and Arnold and Susan Christensen won all three races.





I've never seen boats sailing up there before!



In A fleet we had six entries with one Finn, one Coronado 15, two club Balboa 13s and two Wayfarers. Willi Hugelshofer won two out of three for the overall win. Horst Weiler and Graham Newman came in second and Steve Johnson finished third.

B fleet had three entries this year with two Capri 14.2s, and one Condor. Ced Fields and Ted Ishikawa won the first race and Randy Tiffany and Bob Van Pelt won the other two races in Randy's Capri 14.2 sail number 924 for the overall B win. This was Randy's last race in #924, which has been sold to Ted Ishikawa who will take over the reigns for 2009.

There was some fast paced action in C fleet. There were five Capri 14.2K lake boats and Bill Yount snagged first followed by Frank Fournier and Peter Tietz.



This Newsletter marks the close of 2008. Please check this space in the next newsletter for updated 2009 contact information.

