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MILNER WINS NATIONALS!

Fighting the elements as well as the competition brought out the best in Lake Mission Viejo's very own Milner Brothers sailing duo. Dr. Bob Milner, a local dentist, skippered his way to first place in the B-Fleet National C-15 Regatta held at Los Alamitos Bay on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 11 - 13. Assisted by his brother Mike, the two managed to survive the heavy winds that felled Horst Weiler, Ev Nichols, and Colleen Dong and others during the championship race to determine who will represent the district in the U.S. Nationals. Willi, Vivienne, Jean and Dean were onhand to cheer the LMV sailors on to victory. Onlookers said "The Driller"'s crew couldn't do anything wrong, and did some of their very best sailing under the adverse conditions.

The problems apparently started on Friday when Ev Nichols rudder cracked and sheared off, leaving him out of control and paddling back to the Race Committee boat, where he (and his 19 year old son who was crewing for him) remained the balance of the day. The very helpful folks at the regatta came up with a spare rudder so they were back in business -- temporarily. They noticed themselves sailing lower and lower in the water and found they had somehow suffered a large crack in the bottom -- possibly a stress fracture. Without the helping hands on shore they would probably have lost their entire boat which had "turtled", and seemed most certainly bound for the bottom.

Horst and Graham Newmann fought valiantly for three days in the taxing winds which had them both wondering if this was truly an "enjoyable" sport as they nursed the resulting sore muscles.

Congratulations to Bob and Mike for beating out the field of competition and the elements as well! We wish them well as they go into the next level of competition!

CLUB THROWS IN THE SPONGE!

Vacationing members of the club have traveled the world over, and come back to say how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful area. July's Annual Family Fun Regatta provided a beautiful setting for fun and games for all ages, and was followed by the Johnny Rivers Concert on the grass later in the evening. The wind challenged the abilities of all as it divided and swirled over the Mallorca Hill and kept everyone guessing as to its direction.

Ken and Gary Boullion were the "unlucky" sailors who brought the sponge across the finish line, assuring themselves a "prize" of a bar of soap to go along with it. Other "losers" were Ced Fields and Vivienne Savage, and Willi Hugelshofer in the Flying Finn! The second race "winners" were Junior Skipper Robin Kivlen and crew, his Mom, Barbara Kivlen. (Don't you just know how much he enjoyed telling her what to do for a day?!!) In addition, the lucky pickers of lucky numbers off the committee boat were Mike and Blake Parker (same scenario -- father/son. Have these Junior kids figured out an *acceptable* way to tell parents what to do and when??)

Winners of the Race-Run-Race, which featured Commodore Joe Sperber on the East Beach handing out tokens to prove you were able to find the beach (and him), were Roger and Hillary Robison (a father-daughter team), Willi again, and Colleen Dong and Jeff Wilson. (We're told Colleen added *yetanother* notch --literally-- to the front of her boat as she tangled with Robin and Barbara at one of the marks.)

Everyone had a good time in the non-competitive activities. Len Savage, Fleet Surgeon, was assisted in a "semi-potluck" by Vivienne Savage, Milly Davies, and Tara Robison. Race Committee Chairman Bob Milner did an excellent job with the games, and was assisted by Commodore Joe Sperber and Jean Kanjanavaikoon, (who also handled registration).

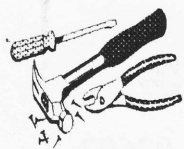


*Reminder: Due to conflict with the concert, the August 26 regatta has been changed to **Sunday, August 27!!!***

12:15 Skipper's Meeting. 1 pm White Flag

Don't Miss Sailing and BB2 to follow!

PRE-PLANKING PARTY INVITATION



Mike Farina, who has been working long and hard to complete his dream of building his own wooden boat has reached a milestone in his task! Everyone is invited to bring a lawn chair, and join the Farina's at their home for a "Pre-Planking" Pizza Party for the "*Fina Lee*" on Wednesday, August 23 at 8 pm! Printed directions are available, or call Mike (714/855-4578) or Milly (714/768-5243) for details. (*This replaces the usual gathering at Roundtable for this night only.*)

THIS AND THAT

Our sympathies to Commodore Joe Sperber, in the recent loss of his father after a long-term illness. Joe traveled to New Jersey to be at his Mom's side during this trying time. That's a tough one, Joe. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Doing more pleasant traveling, Rosemary Davis and friends soaked up some sun in Cancun; Graham Newmann and family enjoyed surprisingly warm (downright hot!) weather during their recent trip to England to visit family, Roger and Roberta Bonzer are heading back to the Chicago area for a class reunion, and Vivienne and Len Savage are off again -- this time to tour the New England states near Boston. Don and Linda Schaffner traveled to Cleveland with their Thistle to participate in a boat show with the beautiful "Black Cloud" representing 50 years of Thistle boat-building.

Robison's had great seats at the Johnny Rivers concert. Zach Robison made friends with the band drummer's daughter earlier in the day while swimming and playing at the lake, and they saved seats for Zach and his group! Vivienne and Len joined the Robisons at front row center, all report a wonderful time.

We're told that Tara Robison managed to arrange front row seats for the Tom Jones concert as well! She slept in her car to be first in line at the gate on Saturday to accomplish that! Now that's a dedicated fan! In case you were one of the few who missed the concert, you missed a great show (but the seating was a nightmare!).

Congratulations to the North Mission Viejo Little Leaguers who recently became champions of Southern California! Curtis Morton, one our Junior Sailors, is one of the umpires who has been involved with the team when he's not on the water. Curtis keeps a busy schedule, and sometimes even winds up wearing his ball uniform to sail in!

Willi Hugelshofer is sporting a shiny new 4-wheel drive Jeep Cherokee these days. How will we ever recognize him without his blue van and its "custom painted" primer spots? Nice wheels, Willi!

The C-15 fleet continues to grow!! Ev Nichols, new to the area from Ventura, is jazzed about the club, and has joined right in. He's an adventurous sailor, and has sailed his C-15 all up and down the coast from San Francisco to San Diego! Some times he arranges in advance for a mooring; other times he pulls up onto any available beach! (He and Ray Turner should team up -- Ray's always looking for someone to sail along with him and his Finn to Catalina! After Los Alamitos, I'm sure Ev can appreciate the importance of the "buddy system" when ocean sailing in small boats!!)

We've had large turnouts for Sunset Sailing. One recent Wednesday evening we had (including students) eighteen boats on the lake! About 20 people were present for pizza! If you're letting work interfere with your fun, you may want to rearrange your schedule! After all, "we must keep our priorities straight"!

Rosemary Davis, who has faced new health challenges recently, reports a clean bill of health, much to the delight of all her many friends and co-sailors who've been concerned about her.

Milly had her hands literally "full" during the last regatta! Sailing without a crew, she wrestled with a centerboard that came up when it shouldn't, and wouldn't when it should. The mess ended when the whole centerboard cap with the main sheet cleat and the entire centerboard attached broke off in her hands! The boat is being repaired as good (or better than) new by a Good Samaritan in the club who wishes to remain anonymous in order to not get overwhelmed with repair requests!

BOATS FOR SALE:

16 foot Hobie racer with trailer, \$1100. Roger Bonzer, 714/532-9966

C-15. #2352. Former winner at Nationals, B-Fleet. Boat and/or accessories (5 sets of sails, custom-made racing rudder, etc.) Mast stabilizer. No trailer. Fred Lewis, Westlake Village, 805/379-0473 or 818/379-0473.

1995 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesdays, 5 - 8 pm.....Sunset Sailing
8 :00 pm: Roundtable Pizza, LaPaz/Marguerite (except 8/23)

August 23, 8 pm....."Pre-Planking" Pizza Party @ Farina's
August 27.....(Note: New Date!).....Summer Regatta II
August 30..... Intermediate Sailing Clinic..... (See Horst to sign up)
September 16....."Oktoberfest" Regatta

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

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