

March April

The NEWSLETTER
Lake mission Viejo
yacht club



“... there is nothing – absolutely nothing – half as much worth doing as simply messing about in boats... or with boats... in or out of ’em, it doesn’t matter. Nothing seems to really matter, that’s the charm of it. Whether you get away, or whether you don’t; whether you arrive at your destination or whether you reach somewhere else, or whether you never get anywhere at all, you’re always busy, and you never do anything in particular; and when you’ve done it there’s always something else to do, and you can do it if you’d like, but you’d much rather not.”

- Kenneth Grahame, *The Wind in the Willows*

LAKE MISSION VIEJO YACHT CLUB

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Regatta Schedule

Midwinter Regatta	February 15/16
Opening Day	March 23
LMVYC Invitational	April 5 (SAT)
Spring Regatta 1	April 27
Spring Regatta 11	May 18
Summer Regatta	June 22
26 th Annual Regatta	August 24
Fall Regatta	September 21
Top Skippers Regatta	October 12
LMVYC Invitational	October 25 (SAT)
Turkey Regatta	November 16

**For Yacht Club membership
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MARK YOUR CALENDERS

On Sunday, April 27, the Yacht Club will hold the first of our Spring Regattas. Every member is invited to participate. There will be the usual Fleet classes: A Fleet for Thistles, C 15s and Finns. B Fleet for Lidos, C14.2s. C Fleet for the Lake C14 (keel), Condors, Sabots. Following the races Roger Robison will be in charge of the annual Chili Cook-off. This is always a great event with lots of good chili to sample. Why not really get in on the fun by cooking up a batch of your own personal winning chili. The competition is always a hot one! Call Roger at 855-8094 for more details and information.

WIND

Whether it's a gale or a breeze depends on whether you were out in it or not -----
There's always more wind afterwards at the bar than there was on the water, a force 4 at sea is a force 8 at the bar -----

Kinsale YC Ireland

YACHT CLUB RECIPROCAL

The following Yacht Clubs have extended reciprocal privileges to the members of LMVYC. If you visit be sure to have your current LMVYC membership card with you, and sign in at the front desk. Not all clubs have food and/or beverages service and those that do may only offer bar and/or restaurant service on the weekends. So calling ahead to find out when they are open is a good idea. Check out the new bulletin board in the Club Room for any additions which may have come in after this list was printed.

American Legion YC	(949)673-5070
Balboa Yacht Club	(949) 673-3515
Cortez Racing Assoc.	(619) 685-7717
Dana West YC	(949) 661-1185
Hollywood YC	(310) 836-3862
Lido Isle YC	(949) 673-5119
Pacific Mariners YC	(310) 823-9717
Westlake YC	(818) 889-4820

Several of our members have dropped by a couple of these yacht clubs for dinner or a drink or just to visit and have enjoyed this "perk" extended to our LMVYC members from other yacht clubs.

SPRING REGATTA 1

The Spring Regatta 1 is on the schedule for April 27. Boats racing will consist of the usual A, B, and C classes. Rental boats will be available. This will be the second event of the seven event series that make up the Club's sailing competition for the fleet championships, awarded at the end of the year. Points accrued along the way also count towards the Top Skippers Regatta in October. Another good reason to be there is because

THE COMPETITION IS HEATING UP FOR THE ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF ON APRIL 27

which follows the regatta. This hotly contested chili fest will be refereed and organized by Roger Robison who'll be in charge of the voting in this incendiary contest. To submit an entry, call Roger and let him know you will be bringing a sure winner, to be judged by the expert, impartial, discerning, and fire-eating palates of LMVYC members. Just bring along a pot of the heart warming stuff on April 27 and be prepared to defend your heart burn inducer!

The pots of chili are numbered so the devilish concoctions are anonymous for voting purposes but you may wish to give your cauldron of mysterious ingredients a tag indicating the source, the inspiration or the aftereffects. Let your imagination fire away. Chili can be made with beef, pork, sausage, chicken or even be vegetarian. Think about... Bad Attitude Chili; or Black Hole Chili; Texas Red Chili; Los Alamos Nuclear Chili; Pepper Fool Chili; Dawg Day Chili, Roadkill Chili; Mean Mama's Revenge Chili; Ten Pepper Chili; Pepto's XXX Promotional Chili; Lonely Man's Comfort Chili.

You get the idea.

... CHILI COOK-OFFS...

are a fairly recent development. The first one to be organized was in 1967 in the ghost town of Terlingua, Texas between Eastern humorist H. Allen Smith and Texas writer Wick Fowler. It ended in a tie. Things have got tougher since then and there are now two international rival groups that organize contests. It has been estimated that between them, the two organizations have raised over \$100 million for charity in the last thirty years. There are two National Championships every year run by the two organizations, one in Texas and one in Nevada.

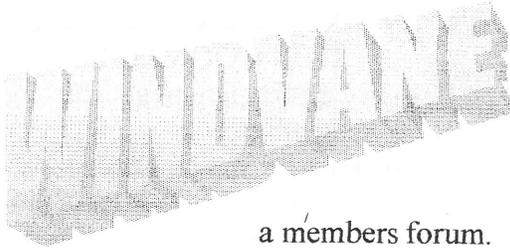
Chili eating goes way back in American frontier lore. Travelers in Texas in the 1850s made a meal of dried beef, fat, pepper, salt and chilies that they pounded together. Texas Rangers and soldiers carried dehydrated chili "bricks" in their saddlebags.

There are approximately 4,600 versions of chili powder but the number and variety used by any one cook is a closely guarded secret. Try getting John Drake to reveal his secret mixture! Although I do hear he spends a lot of time in his garden nurturing his pepper plants, anticipating and timing the harvest. But he isn't talking much. Last year's winner Eric First was just as non-committal about what went into his winning recipe.

It may be too late to start growing your own peppers but the grocery aisles are full of choices, just remember to check who's watching behind you!

Researched by Rod Simenz





a members forum.

From the Bridge:

What a great Invitational regatta on April 5th! We had good wind, boats, skippers, crew, and good food too.

As part of the race committee (my being the weakest link when joining the rest of the "Finn fun group") it was very exciting to see all the starts and finishes. I want to thank all the people who made this day a great event. Thank you!!! Your involvement made a nice impression on all our visitors. Especially with our beautiful lake, delicious snacks, appetizers, dinner and dessert. It was hard not to over eat. Sue Edwards was a super cook and shopper too! That smoked turkey was so good.

Many thanks also go to our trophy chair Vivienne Savage for her selection of trophies. The racers were wowed when they received them, and other sailors wished they'd sailed better to receive an award.

With all your support, I am looking forward to the next event... racing and then eating chili! Thanks to Doug Sheppard for our first Wednesday night sail. I didn't mind the "one paddle, two paddle, three paddle, four" race to the dock!

Commodore John Olson

And a sailor's account of the day:

The LMVYC Invitational was well attended with a total of 23 boats entered.

Sailors were greeted and treated to a continental breakfast before the skippers meeting. Sailors were then welcomed to exceptionally good wind and sunny skies. (12-17 knots with white caps) before the first race. I deferred judgement to start or not to my crew Norma. Having nearly capsized on the way to the start and finding no place to hunker down we headed back to home port before the race began (dry chickens) Lou Wheeler and Bob VanPelt elected to head to port AFTER capsizing (wet chickens) Susan

Taylor and Werner took first place in spite of mechanical failure (jib halyard) clasp broke in the second race and they sailed the third with only a main... Refreshments and a great turkey dinner were served afterwards. Beautiful cut

glass decanters were awarded to first place finishers. We missed you guys from San Diego, you'd have loved the "breeze".

Randy Tiffany

Overheard by Doug Sheppard from a visitor, over dinner ...

"I prefer sailing here, to Mission Bay. Here it's a new race every three minutes"

And finally an excerpt from the Lido web site.

... sunny with a few puffy clouds and beautiful views of the green hills and the Cleveland National Forest. Big winds (20 MPH) were predicted in So. Cal. And for the most part it seems they showed up. I'm guessing that the winds on the lake were in the 12-17 knot range. Despite the wind it was reasonably warm.

Lake Mission Viejo is a man made reservoir (construction started in 1974, lake opened in 1978) formed by a dam in a canyon in the foothills below the Cleveland National Forest in Orange County, Cal. The prevailing winds flow up the canyon and spill over the dam and swirl their way down the lake. However there are plenty of opportunities for winds to come down the sides of the hills and approach the lake from other directions. True to form, we saw lots of big wind shifts a few large enough to count as "auto" tacks. At a more micro level, there are the geographical shifts along the shorelines that come into play - in short there was no shortage of opportunities to make good gains. As we sailed up the lake towards the dam, the wind velocity decreased and became more erratic, making for some nervous moments while competitors tried to figure out how to hold their place in the fleet...

The racing consisted of three races with a short break between race #2 and race #3. Many teams parked their boats at the public docks near the start/finish line, dropped their sails and had a quick lunch. All in all the lake is excellent for Lido 14 racing and today's racing was surprisingly fun.

The organizers did a fine job in organizing the day's events from registration, the skippers meeting, and the awards. They were especially good at feeding the sailors; breakfast stuff at registration, snacks and dinner after racing. Thanks guys!

A very nicely run event.
John Papadopoulos