

Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

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OPENING DAY REGATTA

The March 28 Opening Day Regatta marks the return of the sailing season to Lake Mission Viejo! Mark your calendars now to attend! Regattas on the lakes are open to all sailboats bearing proper lake registration. Participants will be grouped according to ability, so everyone has the opportunity to win. Scores will be accumulated over the season of seven "official" events, and the top ten sailors will invited to participate in the Championship on October 24.

Sailors in the first event of the season should plan to register from 11 a.m. to 12:15. The Skipper's Instruction Meeting will be at 12:15 in the Club House, and the skippers and crew will hit the water with the White Flag Start scheduled for 1 pm.

Following the event, participants and guests will meet in the Club House, and discuss the events of the day while they barbeque hamburgers to their liking, and enjoy drinks provided by the Yacht Club. Winners for the day will be announced. The Yacht Club Building is adjacent to a spacious lawn area with outdoor tables and barbeque facilities. A nearby dock is available for boat tie-up.

Dues for the Sunday regatta and after-sail refreshments are only \$8 (plus boat rental if required). Yacht Club Members are covered for this and all events throughout the season (except a \$ flat fee boat rental charge). Don't miss this exciting memorable day on the lake.



C-15 Race Committee: (See Article on Page 2)

MEMBER WINS C-15 REGATTA

Skipper Jim Lockwood and crew John Hennessy sailed to a successful win of the 1993 "B" Fleet Coast Cup Series Opener on Saturday, March 6 in the event held at Lake Mission Viejo. The victory was especially sweet for Lockwood, a Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club member, who claimed first place during last year's series for District 1 Coronado-15 sailors from eight clubs throughout Southern California and Arizona. This initial win marks him as the pace setter for all coming events, and makes Jim the "one to beat" in "B" fleet racing.

Horst Weiler and crew Graham Newman, also from Lake Mission Viejo, garnered Second Place in the "A" fleet. Other local participants were Colleen Dong and crew Jeff Wilson, (Fourth Place Winners - "B" Fleet), and Lake Association Board Member John Austin and crew Shannon Austin.

Our hats are off to the Race Committee, Chairman Bob Milner and assistants Don Schaffner, Rosemary Davis, and Chris Davies, Jr., all of whom did an excellent job!

A special thank you also goes to Secretary Vivienne Savage, for registration and to The Lake Association who provided T-shirts. The tired and hungry sailors were served up plenty of food and drink during the after-sail festivities by the Fleet Surgeon John Hennessy ably assisted by Caecelia Weiler.

The regatta was featured in the Saddleback Valley News. Watch for other pictures in the next *Noticia* from the Lake Association. Commodore Chris Davies and C-15 Fleet Captain Horst Weiler coordinated the details, with the assistance of the remainder of the officers. Chris presented all participants a Lake Mission Viejo T-shirt, and the winners were awarded nicely framed and ribboned winners plaques to treasure.

JUNIOR SAILING LESSONS AVAILABLE

Good clean summer fun! That's what all parents desire for their children during the summer hiatus. The Yacht Club is proud to do its part by providing boat handling and safety classes to junior sailors who meet certain criteria. Throughout the summer, three series of three lessons (each two hours in duration) are given. The Monday afternoon lessons also include a "Let's Go Sailing" book, LMVYC T-shirt, entry fee for LMVYC 16th Annual Regatta, and Junior (only) identification cards for those successfully completing the course. The identification cards allow those who have successfully completed the course to rent 12-foot sailboats without an adult in attendance.

If you have a family member between 12 and 15 years of age, 95 pounds or heaver, with good swimming ability, contact the Lake Association for details of registration. Sailing is a sport to be enjoyed for an entire lifetime. Start them now!

DINGHY SAILOR INITIATED

Another true "dinghy sailor" has entered our ranks! It's been said that you are not a true dinghy sailor til you have dumped a boat! Although most Yacht Club Members have accomplished this at one time or another, there's always a first time for everyone! And was he ever shocked!

The day of the Race Committee Seminar will be remembered as one that separated the men from the boys, or at least the men from their drinks! The Yacht Club Officer opted to grab for his canned drink which was about to topple over in the severe heel caused by a heavy gust of wind, instead of reaching for the main sheet to spill the wind from the sails!

After an embarassing swim, the officer climbed on top the "turtled" boat and received a royal "razzing" from the other boaters who circled and pointed, the committee boat and the people on the fishing dock. While waiting for the lifeguards to come and right the boat, this good sport explained that he had his priorities straight — after all he was an Irishman before he was a sailor!

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

COMING EVENTS

Wednesdays Pizza at Emilio's, 7 pm Winter/8 pm Summer
March 28 Opening Day Regatta
April 21 Wednesday Sunset Sails Begin
May 5 First Series, Adult Sailing Lessons
May 10 First Series, Jr. Sailing Lessons

FOR "SAIL" OR TRADE

For "Sail":

C-15, excellent condition. Newly painted with trailer. \$1200 or best offer. Call Peter Janes, 586-6414.

Lido 14 for "Sail". Call Mike Trokey, Re/Max Realtors, 714/454-8220 for details.

Wanted:

Lido boats, sails, and trailers. Unusable sailboats may be used for parts. Contact Mike, 855-4578, or Don, 582-1419.

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