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LAKE MISSION VIEJO YACHT CLUB

From The Bridge



As I write this, our last series regatta is in the books. Our thoughts are now turning to our holiday gathering. How fast a year passes!

It has been another outstanding year for our club. Our time together included strengthened friendships, competitive racing, and extraordinary volunteerism. Some notable changes included changing our mid-winter regatta to a

series regatta, rather than participation in the SCYA event. Our lake rules are not conducive to inter-club participation but our sailors love to race! The Opening Day Regatta became a non-series regatta which allowed for more casual participation following our festivities. Unchanged were our hosted meals and comradery. Our Wednesday nights had plenty of wind on most evenings. Post event pizza and beer remained well-attended. Walking around the lake during standard time continued. Friday night sailing and barbecues were a success. Our regatta meals were tasty and fun through the efforts many volunteers.

As it is in life, we met some challenges as well. Our first series regatta had to be moved when heavy weather came to our venue. The lake's Expo rental fleet required some rehabilitation to allow our Junior and Top Skipper Regattas to proceed. With those challenges, and a few more, we adapted. The Midwinter Regatta moved ahead to another day and, with the invaluable help of the lake association and club volunteers, the requisite five Expos raced.

Membership numbers are stable, our financial position is sound, and our youth program is thriving. On the latter topic, I recently sent a letter to each of you asking for your contribution to our foundation. Nothing in my short volunteer tenure has provided me with as much pride and pleasure as watching our youngest sailors grow. I ask you to give in whatever way you can to this noble cause.

Finally and most importantly, I want to thank each of you – all of our volunteers – who have given time, talent and treasure to our wonderful organization. Never have I been with a group in which I have formed so many close relationships so quickly. It is a measure of who we are.

See you on December 7 at our holiday gathering and at our Awards and Installation Dinner on January 19.

Kevin Weir

LMVYC Commodore 2019

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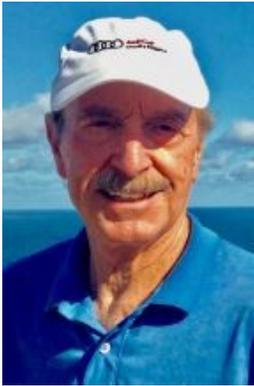
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Warriors on the Water



Dana Point Yacht Club event August 17, 2019 LMVYC was represented by Bill Taylor as one of nine sailboat skippers and five powerboat owners who took over seventy military personnel out for a day on the ocean. It was a delightful day.

As the young soldiers began arriving at the club house, I welcomed them and soon a group formed and I was surprised by their questions about me and my vocation. I shared that I learned a trade from my father and then was able to work my way through college and earn a teaching credential. The military men and women seemed to be receptive to the simple words of wisdom of a man who has experienced this precious gift of life for over three quarters of a century.

After giving sailing instructions to my crew of four young men (who had never sailed before), we sailed out to the channel and soon out to a smooth sea and a moderate wind below a sunny sky. Each Marine had a turn at steering the boat. The crew tended the jib sheets as we tacked over to chase some dolphins and pelicans near by.



The crew seemed to be enjoying the moment. The wind held, and we sailed into the slip without a problem. Up in the clubhouse we sat at our designated table and after a few beers the guys became excited about the day on the water. Zack said, "I just loved the way we tacked and sailed off in another direction". Armando said "I gotta have a sailboat one day".

It was another day of living life to the fullest for me as well as the four young men on board!
Thanks for the opportunity,



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Junior Team Challenge Regatta

By Rod Simenz



This year's teams lived up to expectations that the relay format racing would be hotly contested and so it was with final scores one point from a three way tie for first. There were four teams, each sailed a leg of the race in a Sabot, CFJ and Expo 14.2. The order changed each race and boats were also changed so no one sailed the same boat twice.

How close was the competition? Blue, Red and Yellow each won a race. After two races the Yellow team led by team captain Deagan Willis was in first place with a 1st and a 2nd, Red team with captain McKenna Pugh was in second place with a 3rd and a 1st, captain Nicole Sighiartau's team was in 3rd after finishing 2nd and 3rd. White team lead by captain Griffyn Pugh was in 4th place.





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Junior Team Challenge cont:

The winds were mostly light for the first two races but picked up for the third and final race that saw Nicole and crew Lindsay Taylor build a nice lead in their CFJ and hand it off to Miki Ponzo at the helm of an Expo. With help from coach Emmet Rixford, Miki was able to maintain the lead and pass it on to Vivian Ikeda who then sailed her Sabot to take 1st place for Blue. That put them into a tie with the Red team. The tie breaker awarded 1st place to Blue due to their win in the last race. What a nice come from behind victory for team Blue. With Nicole's team headed to a clear win in the 3rd race it became a battle for 2nd place overall. The anchor leg of the race had the Pugh triplets sailing against each other, with Madoc sailing for White, Maycie for Yellow and McKenna for Red. The battle was won by McKenna and that secured 2nd place overall for team Red.

The light winds in the first two races took some of the excitement away for the spectators and caused tough sailing for the competitors. Nevertheless, there were many highlights, none better than to see three juniors, sailing in their very first regatta, do so well for their teams. Potter Weatherwax, Joel Ponzo and Miki Ponzo each skippering an Expo, sailed their leg well enough to help their team score a win.



Congratulations to Nicole and her all girl team, winners of the 2019 Junior Team Challenge. Thanks to Emmet Rixford, Guy Heaton and Bill Taylor for their vital role as team advisors and Expo 14.2 coaches for Blue. Red and White teams respectively. Thanks also to race committee PRO Audrey Simenz and her excellent crew Aki Hirota, Mia Ishikawa, Allyn and Sue Edwards, and Susanna Hugelshofer.

After the race parents teamed up for the BBQ. Kim Pugh, Darra and Mat Trudell, Aaron and Holly Willis handled hospitality while Monica and Frank West along with Dan and Lindsey Ponzo did prep and grilling. Food contributors included the Ponzos, Willis, Pughs, Ikedas, Trudells, and Daniela and Nicole Sighiartau. Thanks to all of them for a great meal enjoyed by everyone.





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LMVYC Juniors place 6, 7, 8 at Newport Harbor Fall Gold Cup

From Rod Simenz



Story behind the headline! There were 26 Sabots in their class that was sailed in light wind on Saturday and better wind on Sunday. Madoc Pugh actually tied for 5th with a girl from South Western YC, but lost the tie break. Also, only one boat from an Orange County YC actually placed ahead of Madoc. So, boats from BYC, BCYC, LIYC and NHYC were all behind him. Another way then to view the results is that he was 2nd among the local boats, with Maverick Trudell scoring 3rd and Maycie Pugh 4th. Sounds much better.

Highlights in the eight races were a 2nd place each by Madoc and Maycie and a 3rd by Maverick. Madoc and Maycie both finished ahead of the overall winner in one of the races. Madoc had an unwelcome adventure in the last race while on starboard tack when he was struck by a port tack boat that broke off the leeboard handle. The board kept floating up but he managed to keep pushing the board down as he sailed from the leeward mark to the finish line to salvage a 5th in that race.

McKenna Pugh, last year's 2nd place winner in C3 moved up to C2 class where she found plenty of competition in the fleet of 23 boats. It wasn't her best outing but she finished in the

middle ahead of some of the sailors from Mission Bay, San Diego, BCYC and NHYC. Congratulations to Madoc, Maycie, Maverick and McKenna for their efforts and results at the Fall Gold Cup.

Eagle Scout Awarded

By Rod Simenz



Congratulations to Ezugo Ononye for his latest achievement in earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Our 2018 Junior Commodore does keep busy, he is on his high school water polo team, co-captain of the sailing team, and staying on top academically. I've seen him interviewed on a L.A. talk show and read a four column article featuring him in the L.A. Times. Currently he's added filling out college application forms to his activities.

Thanks to Ezugo for helping out this summer at weekly junior sailing practices, the kids had even more fun when he was there. We wish him success in his college application process and hope he gains admission to his top choices.



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Oktoberfest on the Lake



How can you go wrong with German Bratwurst, Sauerkraut, Potato Salad, Apple Streusel and the Bier! A hearty Vielen Dank (many thanks!) to our Chairs Graham and Jane Newman, who volunteered to put on this event. They could not have pulled it off without the seasoned help of TJ and Cecilia in coordinating and cooking the food. Randy and Norma Tiffany, past-Oktoberfest chairs were also there to lend their helping hand from years of past experience. We all enjoyed meeting our new members Alberto and Kathy Olivares and Joe Passamano and his charming young daughter, who all jumped right in and learned the ropes as hospitality crew.



And Yes There was sailing Too





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One for the Ages 2019 Top Skipper Regatta

By Kevin Weir



The Competitors



Race Committee and Spectators

Sunday October 27 began as a blustery day. It stayed that way until sundown. The lake's five rental Expos showed their age in those conditions. That being said, ten excellent sailors raced five rental boats in ten quick races making this a measure of their skills.

Preparation for the race began in late September. At that time, three of the five boats sported shredded sails. With the Junior Regatta scheduled for October 6, Fleet Captain **Rod Simenz** identified replacement sails in storage and Port Captain **Frank Fournier** supervised their installation. Many thanks are due to Lake Association dock staff who worked diligently to prepare these boats. A few additional minor repairs were identified and four boats joined the Junior Regatta without incident.





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Top skipper cont.;



As noted above, conditions for the Top Skipper Regatta included strong winds all day. Each of these accomplished sailors demonstrated their mettle. Ten races and a boat rotation schedule were planned and completed. Several racers experienced round-ups, including one capsize. Most notably, the boats were also tested. Each boat experienced mechanical failures; each repaired upon return to the dock. A mainsheet bridle tore from a boom, a deck plate raised with wind pressure, a main dropped on its mast, and a mainsheet tore, exposing a length of its core.

Following a windy day with lots of races in rotating rental boats, everyone enjoyed dinner and libations in our Club Room. Many thanks to our volunteers including **Vicki Rixford** who hosted dinner with the assistance of her generous helpers.

Many thanks are also due to our Race Committee who had to oversee ten competitive racers in challenging conditions in ten short races.

An exciting day was followed by a couple of requests for redress. Results were announced mid-week. Performance among sailors was close. Congratulations to **Guy Heaton**, this year's Top Skipper! **Patrick Stege**, **Tyler Pugh**, and **Julius Sighartau** finished in second, third and fourth places with scores just one point apart from each other. Honorable mention goes to **Emmet Rixford** who scored first in two of his five races. That being said, all of the sailors were very competitive in, as a few of them said, "scary" conditions. This was one for the ages.





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Vivian Ikeda takes 3rd place Silver Fleet at RS Tera North American Championships

By Rod Simenz



Photo Courtesy of Bronnie Daniels

Vivian competed in the RS Tera NA Championships out in the ocean at Dana Point. There were 44 boats entered and they came from as far away as Maine, Colorado and Sausalito. Saturday started with winds about 7 knots and then more than doubled by the third and last race of the day. A number of boats capsized, including Vivian. Most righted their boats and resumed sailing. However when Vivian tried to drain her boat, a chartered one, she found the drain tube clogged and was unable to drain the water and had to take a DNF (Did Not Finish) and a big score. But Sunday she came back in the 5 race series to capture 3rd. **Way to go Vivian!**

Juniors do well at Lido Isle and Bahia Corinthian

By Rod Simenz

It was a family effort by the Pugh triplets. Congratulations to Madoc and Macie for placing 1st and 2nd respectively in their class of 23 boats at the LIYC Halloween Regatta. Also, to McKenna for taking 5th place in her class of 16 boats. A total of 61 Sabots turned out for the event. Photos are compliments of Bob Yates, LIYC photographer.



Nicole Sighiartau sailed well at the BCYC Corinthian Cup, October 19 and 20. She and her crew placed one point out of 3rd in CFJ class of 18 boats, even though they sailed without a spinnaker and boats that finished ahead flew spinnakers. Nicole also lost a clevis pin on the shroud and had to take a DNF in one of the races.



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Turkey Regatta



On Sunday November the Club had its last regatta of the year and the one that could establish the series champion in some of the classes. Nice November weather allowed us to get in 3 races. Visit the website LMVYC.org to see the results. The winners in of the days racing each received a terrific prize and the grand prize winner Randy Tiffany will get to share his with the membership at the Holiday.



Besides the racing, this event also featured the annual election of officers. We will be in good hands with Randy Tisdale taking over as Commodore, Guy Heaton becoming Vice Commodore as well as Race Chair, Scott Purcell becomes Rear Commodore and Kevin Weir will be Junior Staff Commodore. Graham Newman steps up as Port Captain, Arnold Christensen continues as Treasurer, Rod Simenz as Fleet Captain, Yasemin Talay as Hospitality Chair and Mia Isihkawa continues as Secretary. Please give this group of volunteers your support as they fill the many other appointed positions that are required to keep this club in operation.



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Holiday Party



Time to celebrate the holidays LMVYC style. The club will again be putting together the schooner that will lead the parade of decorated boats around Lake Mission Viejo on December 7th. The festivities start at 5:00pm with the boats leaving at 6:00pm.

JoJo Collins is heading up this event. Make sure that you sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c4da9a92ba7f49-lmvy to let her know your coming and what you are bringing.

This years event will be held in the club house not the administration building as in the past. This will make setup and clean up easier. This is how we used to do it for many years and we are going to try it again.

Try to keep some of your morning open to help with the Boat Decorations and to set up the party room. Watch for more information in your email.



Remember that we are also hosting a toy drive to support CHOC.


LAKE MISSION VIEJO YACHT CLUB
 Annual Holiday Potluck Party 2019
 Saturday December 7 at 5:00 pm
 LMVYC Club Room - 2nd Floor

PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT TO SHARE

*Last name A - L	Savory: Appetizers
*Last name M-Z	Sweet: Desserts

You will receive an email from SIGN UP GENIUS to sign up for what dish you are bringing

All Members are Invited to the Potluck
If you are bringing a guest, ask them to also bring a dish

BYOB: Bring your own beverage!!


 5:00 pm Appetizers
 6:00 pm Boat Parade of Lights
 7:00 pm Dessert & Coffee


 For questions contact your Party Chairs
 JoJo and David Collins
jojo@partyscapesoc.com 949-426-3398

Be sure to dress warmly to ride on the schooner or the Club's party boats


 And in keeping with the season you're invited to participate in the
CHOC TOY RUN
 We will have a collection box at the party for the Orange County ft.O.C. Chapter
 Please bring a new, unwrapped toy

SEE THE WISHLIST AND GUIDELINES BELOW

CHOC gladly accepts new toys for using with our patients. Durable, cleanable toys are most useful in the hospital setting. Please choose from the following items only for your donation:

- Wish List:**
- Crib Toys - mobiles, mirrors, busy boxes
 - Teething & Bannets
 - Little People/Weeble People
 - Musical Toys (ones with buttons, knobs, light up, etc.)
 - See 'n' Say/Talking phones
 - Shape sorters/Stacking toys
- Wish List:**
- Action Figures: (Batman, Superman, Dora, Sponge Bob, My Little Pony, etc.)
 - Barbie Dolls/Small dolls
 - Beads & jewelry making kits
 - Coloring books, Paint by Numbers, Velvet color posters
 - Craft sets/ Stickers
 - Spy Books/Look 'n' Find books
 - Light-up wheels/Light & spin toys
 - Small Lego building sets/Broncos
 - Matchbox /Hotwheel cars
 - Playdoh/Model magic/all colors
 - Playing cards & Uno cards
 - Puzzles - 24, 48 & 100 pieces
 - Markers & Crayons (8, 16 & 24 pack)
- Items:**
- Model kits (snap-together cars, airplanes, etc)
 - Handheld electronic games
 - DVDs- Latest new releases with G, PG, or PG13 ratings (English and Spanish)
 - Video games Wii, Playstation 3 & 4, Game Cube (Rated E & T recommended)
 - Puzzles - 300 & 500 (themes that teenagers would enjoy)
- Due to the hospital's infection control policy, they are not able to accept the following items:**
- Stuffed animals
 - Handmade blankets, hats, socks, etc.
 - Girl-well cards
 - VHS tapes
 - Big items, i.e. bikes, skate boards
 - Used toys



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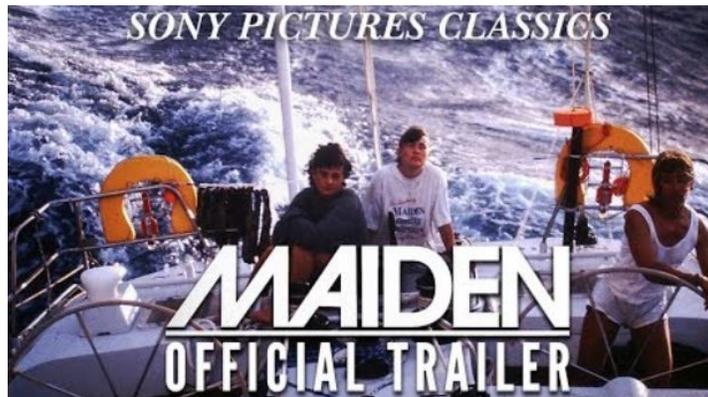
Sailors come up **BIG** in Dana Point

Many of our sailors compete in regattas held in Dana Point throughout the year. There is the Pharkles raced every Thursday afternoon for over 30 years. Which is mainly for fun but the competition is just as fierce as many of the club sanctioned events. This year a “Out of the Blue” skippered by Jeff Brown with crew Kevin Weir, Jeff Buchman, and Allyan Edwards secured first place in the competitive Non Spinnaker Class on October 12 to win the DPYC Fall Series.



Maiden

From Frank Roberts



If you have seen the sailing documentary Maiden, you know this story. If not, it is worth a watch on Netflix.

Anne and I watched it and were impressed by the incredible story of overcoming adversity by a female sailor in an age where females were relegated to cooks on ocean racing yachts.



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Maiden Cont;

Skipper of Maiden, Tracy Edwards, was a cook who wanted to sail in the Whitbread Round the World Race. The race leaves Great Britain and sails 32,932 nautical miles around the southern route.

Tracy met all sorts of headwinds when she announced she was putting together the first all female crew for the race. They were dismissed as too weak for such a demanding race and that they would be lucky to finish the first leg to Uruguay. Laughed at by sailors and news commentators alike, she doggedly pursued her dream.



She purchased a retired boat and set about with her crew making it seaworthy. Piece by piece she got the boat ready for the race. Money problems forced her to borrow funds on her home when she got the idea to contact King Hussein, a charter guest she met while cooking on a boat, and asked if he would sponsor her team. The King jumped at the chance and Tracy was on her way to enter the Whitbread.

The race began with this odd crew of girls who were figured to turn around after a few hours at sea. They surprised everyone when they came in third when they reached Uruguay. The boat won two more legs and finished the Whitbread in a position that no other boat from England has finished in since, male or female crew. Watch the movie for the full story.

Maiden was lost to history after the race as funds and crew dried up. Tracy set about once again finding her boat, which turned up rotting in the Seychelles. Once again Tracy got the funds to purchase the boat and after a fully refit, sails the world again with her all female a crew. But this time it's mission is not to win races, but to raise funds for girls education.



It was on this mission that Anne and I got to tour Maiden and meet some of her current crew.

The boat was in Long Beach and was open for tours. Having just seen the movie we could not miss the opportunity to see her.

A few photos of our visit follow this article. Please look up Maiden at www.themaidefactor.org for news, donations and more information about this important yacht.





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For Sale for a Great Cause

1982 Coronado - C15.



Racing /cruising ready. 2 - person boat.

Trapeze, 2 - harnesses,
lifting sling
trailer
racing sails
4 life vests
boat cover with new zipper and velcro.
A proven race winner

A complete boat with woodwork refinished, in good condition.

No minimum or maximum price, boat will go to highest bidder and ALL proceeds will go to junior sailing program in Horst Weiler's name.

Please be generous and hopefully it can stay on the lake where it belongs.....

Thank you,

Graham Newman
949 633 2715





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LMVYC 2020 Calendar

Tune Up Regatta & Balboa 13 Championship	Sunday	January 26
Midwinter Regatta **	Sunday	February 23
Wednesday Night Sailing begins	Wednesday	March 11
Opening Day Regatta	Sunday	March 22
Spring Regatta 1 **	Sunday	April 26
Spring Regatta 2 **	Sunday	May 17
Summer Regatta **	Sunday	June 14
Friday Night Sail & BBQ Begins	Friday	June 26
Team Challenge Regatta	Sunday	July 19
43rd Annual Regatta	Sunday	August 16
Friday Night Sail & BBQ Ends	Friday	August 28
Fall Regatta **	Sunday	September 13
Junior Regatta	Sunday	October 11
Top Skipper Regatta	Sunday	October 18
Wednesday Night Sailing Ends	Wednesday	October 28
Turkey Regatta **	Sunday	November 15

** Club Championship Series Regatta

Newsletter

This newsletter and all the past editions are made possible by all the individual writers that have contributed to bring you information that may be of interest to the Membership. A special thanks goes out to those parties that have helped make this issue possible Rod Simenz, Commodore Weir, Frank Roberts and Bill Taylor.

Want to contribute to future edition? Send your information to Kevin Weir. Know someone in the club that has knowledge and an interest in being the Webmaster also contact Kevin.