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COMMODORE'S CORNER



TEAMWORK!

I saw an illustration once of "teamwork" showing donkeys pulling carts -- an angry one kicking up his heels in front of a broken-down cart; two happy ones pulling equally. The caption said "If you're pulling, you can't kick, and if you're kicking, you can't pull!"

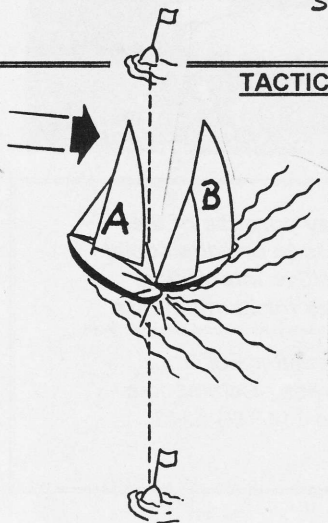
Teamwork means less work for all, with double the success. If you can see a weakness in a club, that's the spot where YOU're needed most!

Everyone pitched in to help make our Opening Day a success! To Bob, Jeff, Graham, Linda, Annabelle, Vivienne, Tara, Jean: Thanks so much for all your hard work to decorate the room, purchase and prepare the food! To Don Schaffner: Thanks for coordinating the impressive Radio-Controlled boat display and regatta! You put SO many hours into the club! To Bill Schwartz: Thanks for coming and saying some nice words about us at the Opening Ceremony -- you made our day special! To Len: As always, thanks for a good job overseeing the supplies. To John Austin: Thanks for arranging souvenir Yacht Club coffee cups -- they're cool! To Jeff Wilson, thanks for coordinating race committee and for your enthusiasm this year! To Ken, Guy and crews: thanks for your help in replacing the missing buoy! And to all the other helpers (I hope I haven't left anyone out!), thanks for a memorable day.

We're off to a fantastic year! Once again, THANK YOU for your support! I believe we've started a NEW tradition: Opening Day Ceremony Brunch!

See you at the lake!
Milly Davies

TACTICS QUIZ:



Situation:
A is hit by B at the Finish Line.
Question:
Who's the winner?

RED SAILS IN THE SUNSET SEEN EVERY WEDNESDAY AT LMV

Forget weekends! Now you've something special to look forward to in the MIDDLE of the week! Starting Wednesday, April 17, sunset sailing kicks off, with everyone encouraged to attend. **EVERYONE SAILS ON WEDNESDAYS!** No matter what your skill level, Wednesdays is the time to set aside for enjoyment of the lake!

The fun begins at 5 pm. Those who want can take part in the competitive sailing activities starting at about 6 pm, and continuing until rental boats must be returned to the dock. But racing is optional! If you're having a rough week, let your troubles float away like bubbles on the lake! It's your call! The best way to improve your skills is to practice, practice, practice! And that's what the Wednesday sessions are for -- self improvement in sailing!

At 7:30 pm (frequently depends on the wind!), the gang will reconvene at Roundtable Pizza at Marguerite and LaPaz for their weekly fix of pizza and drinks! If you can't make sailing, come join the crowd for the pizza anyway! We want to see all your smiling faces on Wednesdays!

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AUSTIN & KIVLEN FAMILIES WIN SEASON OPENER!

The family that sails together wins together! At least that's one interpretation of the two families who took the lead in the Opening Day on the water festivities. John Austin and crew, daughters Shannon and Kelly, captured the lead and sailed to first place victory in all three races in A-Fleet. Skipper Robin Kivlen with his dad, Jeremy, as crew, claimed victory in B-Fleet! Though Opening Days are usually blessed with crisp air and more wind than desired, this year was pleasantly warm, with balmy breezes better suited to a Sunday afternoon pleasure sail than a regatta.

A total of twelve boats met the mark in two fleets, following the Commodore's Brunch and short traditional Opening Day Ceremony. Other winners of the day were Willi Hugelshofer, second place in A Fleet, with Bob Milner and Jean K. taking third. Harts Hobbs in his Lido, with Coast Guard Auxiliary Flags flying, won second in B-Fleet, and Ced Fields and Vivienne Savage finished in third place in the Condor -- which was present at the first Opening Day!

The Race Committee, Milly Davies, Curtis Morton, and Jeff Wilson, made the switch to three-minute starts, with only a single postponement due to the timer's error! The first race was delayed due to a missing "C" buoy, later found floating in the "F" mark area by Viv and Ced on a wide rounding. Lake management placed a "temporary" buoy at "C" prior to the race.

An added highlight was the display of seven radio-controlled boats and a separate simultaneous competitive sail in the North Beach area. Don Schaffner has taken the lead with this group of all ages, and donates many hours of his time to building and sailing these motorless boats with controls operating rudder and sail direction.

Prior to the Opening Day Regatta, a nice brunch of pancakes, sausage, sliced fruit, eggs, juice and champagne was prepared for the members. Bill Schwartz spoke to the informal and casually dressed group about the favorable changes he's seen since the first Opening Day ceremony complete with blue blazers and cannons!

At the end of the day, race results were tallied and announced over coffee, cake, and drinks. Souvenir coffee cups with the Club logo, were given to all attendees who sailed in the Opening Day event, and everyone declared it had been a great day!

REMINDER: NEXT REGATTA, APRIL 28, 12:30 PM.

THIS 'n THAT!

Curtis Morton visited his grandparents over Spring break, and also the club. He's looking good! Curtis helped with Race Committee on Opening Day. He says sports and academics programs are stronger in Southern California than Northern California where he has moved with his Mom, so he's apparently someplace where his many talents can be noticed! We wish you well, Curtis! Come see us whenever you can!

Milly made a mini-vacation trip to Phoenix in April, and came home to find her sons ready to file a "missing persons" report! Seems they forgot (they claim she forgot to tell them) that she was going to be out of town, and they went into a panic-mode and called the police after she was missing four days! Remember when the kids used to have to check in with the parents instead of vice versa?!!

Tony Contino and Harts Hobbs looked mighty sharp when they arrived at the lake for the seminar on the Coast Guard Auxiliary on April 14. Quite a few heads turned to check out the men in blue. They gave a very informational and enjoyable presentation, complete with videos and hand-out literature! First rate, guys! Glad to have you aboard!



The Dana Point Flotilla is presenting a ten week course on boating skills and seamanship beginning May 18. You'll learn everything from how to choose the best boat for you to knot tying! Check it out! Call 714/364-5520 for more information. Cost is \$30 including materials, \$12 for an additional person to share the material.

It was good to see Vern and Elizabeth Smith back in our midst! Vern was involved on race committee in early '95 season. We hope whatever health problems that intervened have gone away for good! We've missed you!

BOATS FOR SALE: Marlene Chesley is ready to part company with her beautiful Lido sailboat as well as her fishing boat and motor. (Most of us would like to have the motor on still days, wouldn't we!) The 14 foot sailboat was completely painted and refurbished about three years ago, and just needs a little TLC to be in top shape for lake or bay sailing! The boat is docked at the Mallorcas E-Dock, and would be ideal for a resident on the lake with dock facilities! She has two sets of sails -- one for blow and one for show! Call Marlene at 714/457-1728 for a steal on this beauty!

QUIZ ANSWER:. "A" must keep clear until she has sailed away from the finish line, and is disqualified.

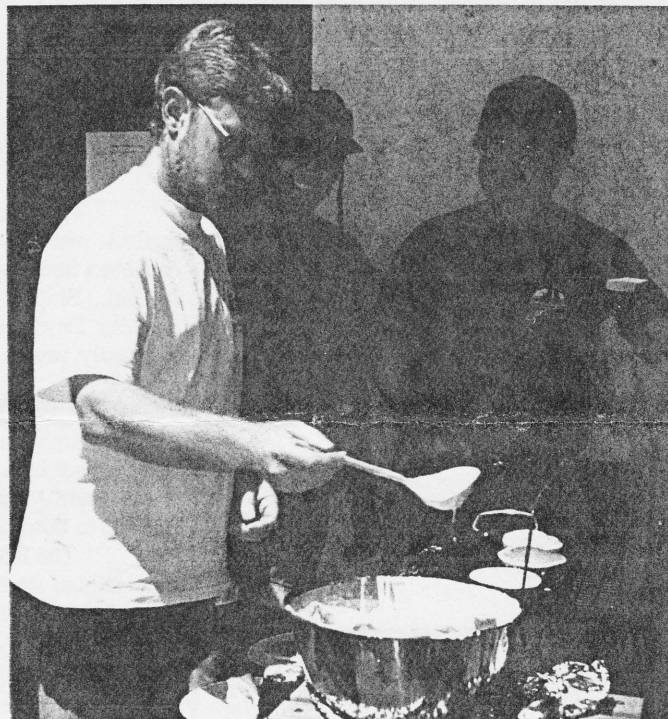


PHOTO: Left: Harts Hobbs, takes a break from Coast Guard Auxiliary functions to celebrate Opening Day at Lake Mission Viejo. Right: Graham Newman, Bob Milner, and Jeff Wilson expertly cooking up pancakes for fifty guests attending Opening Day Ceremony.

1996 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Remember : Save the last Sunday of each Month
for Yacht Club activities!*

Wednesdays, 5 - 7 pm.....Sunset Sailing
7 :15 pm:Roundtable Pizza, LaPaz/Marguerite
April 28, 12:30 pm.....Spring Regatta I
May 18, 12:30 pm (Saturday).....Thistle Invitational Challenge
May 26, 12:30 pm.Spring Regatta II "Memorial Weekend Regatta"



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

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