



# THE MAIN SHEET

## From The Bridge



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We are off to a rousing start to the 2020 Sailing Season at the Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club. Coming together at the Tijeras Creek Golf Club, we had an enjoyable evening honoring our top sailors for the 2019 season. At this same event we took the opportunity to recognize and thank two of our very loyal and dedicated members for their contributions over the years. When a club of our size has so many skilled sailors like Guy Heaton and Nicole Sighiartau, and unselfish contributors like Audrey Simenz and Mia Ishikawa, we are always going to have challenging races on the water and great camaraderie afterwards! Thanks go out to all who contributed their time and energies to putting this dinner together.

Our Tune Up Regatta showed that the competition is going to be at a higher level for the 2020 season. We hope to see all of you out for the approaching Midwinter Regatta on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Thanks go out to Junior Staff Commodore Kevin Weir for his great leadership during the past twelve months. Kevin showed that friendship and hard work can make our experiences on the water and in the clubhouse enjoyable for everyone.

### Mark Your Calendars!

- Feb.23 – Midwinter Regatta
- March 11–Wednesday Night Sailing Begins
- March 22 – Opening Day
- April 26–Spring Regatta

Finally, let me encourage all of you to sign up to help with our Opening Day Ceremony and Commodore's Luncheon on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a big day for our club every year and we hope to make the 2020 celebration a special one. Ahoy!

*Randy Tisdale*

LMVYC Commodore 2020

## Three Cheers For Peter Tietz!

S/C Audrey Simenz



The officers and board of LMVYC are delighted to congratulate our longtime member S/C Peter Tietz on his appointment as Honorary Commodore of the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA).

This lifetime honor, is granted once a year

when the Association wishes to honor a person in recognition of their contributions and service over a long period. The selection, made by the Commodore-elect, was subject to confirmation by the entire Board of Directors of SCYA.

Peter started volunteering with SCYA when he agreed to chair their Midwinter Regatta in 2014 and that challenging position started many years of service to the organization. He has continued serving on their board in many positions as well as being their longtime Webmas-

ter, where he continues. He became a SCYA Director in 2017 and served in that position through 2019.

In addition, Peter, our own Commodore in 2011, races regularly in our regattas in his C14.2, serves as event chair, takes his turn as hospitality crew, is always there with a helping hand on Opening Day, and took on the responsibility as editor for our Newsletter from 2016 to 2020.

I should add that Peter is not retired from his day job either.

**Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.**

—Elizabeth Andrew

## An Invitation To The 2021 America's Cup

Graham Newman

The America Cup challenge will take place in Auckland New Zealand, between March 6th and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. I have arranged, thru [Airbnb.nz.com](https://www.airbnb.nz.com), a 3 bed-2 bath house for the whole month. It is a 10 min walk to the beach. So with that said I'm looking to see if there is any interest to join me. As of now I have only the dates available of 1st

-10th with me for a couple (double bed room) or 1st-31st for a single (hope you don't snore). Prices are in the range of \$50 per night. Non-stop flights are averaging \$900 with return. If you've needed a reason to go to NZ, this would be a good one. If you want to go but like your own space, more accommodations can be found



on Airbnb. Hope to see you there!

# Balboa Championship Race Returns

V/C Guy Heaton and Jr. S/C Kevin Weir

Balboa 13 sailors last year wanted to revive the fleet championship. Race Chair (and Vice Commodore) **Guy Heaton** set about planning this event. We already had a full regatta schedule; no open spots were available in our schedule. So, the decision was made to run the championship alongside the Tune-Up Regatta on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Our thanks are due to Guy and vol-

unteers for making this happen. Special thanks are due to **Tyler Peyatt** for prepping the fleet and making it race ready.

The races kicked off with four skippers: Guy, Tyler, **Patrick Stege**, and **Arnold Christiansen**. This was a rotational boat competition with Guy starting off strong – scoring four bullets to take an early lead before

the break. Arnold came back after the break with two back-to-back bullets. Guy finished the series of eight races with two more firsts, clinching the championship.

Race results are posted below. Congratulations to four of our best skippers who competed in this challenging regatta.



Happy Guys!



Racers rounding the leeward mark.

The lessons of competition are lessons for life.  
—Robert F. Kennedy

Name	Race								Totals	Place
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
Guy Heaton	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	10	1
Arnold Christiansen	4	2	3	4	1	1	2	3	20	2
Patrick Stege	3	4	2	2	4	3	4	2	24	3
Tyler Peyatt	2	3	4	3	3	4	3	4	26	4

## Tune-Up Regatta Fun

This year's January Tune-Up Regatta was held simultaneously with the 2020 Balboa Championships. That being said, the A & B Fleets had only three combined skippers, so the fleets were combined. The C Fleet, comprised primarily of extraordinary juniors had a great turnout. Joining them was one of our newest sailors – Aki... who raced a sabot with some coaching from Junior Program Chair and Fleet Captain Rod Simenz.

Tune-up racers gave preference to the Balboa racers. While the Balboas raced eight times, there were four tune-up starts. That being said, all racers had a great day. The Tune-



A stunning photo:  
Ted Ishikawa in his  
Finn.

Up race is not scored; however, the competition remained. Sailing were: **Ted Ishikawa** in his Finn, **Kevin Weir** in his Capri 14.2, and **Graham Newman** with Commodore **Randy Tisdale** as crew, in Graham's Capri 14.2.

A post regatta meal is not traditionally planned for this event but Quartermaster **Frank Roberts** made sure that hungry sailors had both food and drink available. Fixings for sandwiches filled some empty tummies followed by the Commodore's announcement of the Balboa Championship Regatta results.



Above : C Fleet queuing up.



Upper L: K Weir followed by  
G. Newman & R Tiffany.

Bottom L: C Fleet in foreground;  
Background—  
Balboas heading to leeward

## 2019 Junior Program Fundraiser Success

Rod Simenz

Our club's 2019 annual fund raising drive to support our junior sailors with donations to Mission Viejo Youth Sailing Foundation (MVYSF) was a huge success. A total of \$1,450 was raised which surpassed the prior year by thirteen percent. Thanks to our 2019 LMVYC Commodore Kevin Weir for leading the effort and to all members that made contributions to MVYSF, a special thanks for their generosity. This support helps provide our junior sailing team with resources to compete at a high level during their active participation in major youth regattas at Long Beach, Newport Harbor, Dana Point, Mission Bay, San Diego and Marina Del Rey as well as our own club's regattas on the lake. It also supports a particular focus for the junior program in 2020 that is to increase participation in special events such as the Junior Olympics, National Class Championships and advanced training at one design sailing clinics.

There is no exercise  
better for the heart  
than reaching down  
and lifting people  
up.

—John Holmes

## Rose Bowl Invitation Regatta

Rod Simenz

The Rose Bowl Invitational is hosted by US Sailing Center- Long Beach and the USC Varsity Sailing Team. It is held every year in early January. The event is for collegiate and high school sailors and the boat sailed is the two person CFJ dinghy. It is limited to 30 college and 70 high school teams. This year our own Ezugo Ononye and his team mate from Sage Hill won their division that had 20 high school teams competing. Ezugo, now a senior at Sage Hill, is co captain of the sailing team. He is a former Junior Commo-

dore of LMVYC's junior sailing team and still sails at our regattas whenever he can make it.

An interesting and important part of the Rose Bowl event is the College Sailing Forum for students and parents interested in college sailing in general and specific collegiate programs. Cornell was able to tout their sailing programs having placed third in this year's Rose Bowl with only St. Mary's and Georgetown ahead of them. That was of special interest to

Ezugo because he recently learned that his application to Cornell was accepted and he will begin studies there next fall and also ... will be on their sailing team! Way to go Ezugo!



## SCYA Midwinter Regatta Sabots at NHYC

Rod Simenz

Maycie, Madoc and McKenna Pugh competed at Newport Harbor February 8 and 9. Preparation to travel to NHYC began with loading three Sabot hulls on to a trailer. But that’s just the beginning, Sabots are in the category of “some assembly required”. Here is the check list used to be sure everything else that’s needed makes the trip:

racing sail	8’ tube	sail bag	rudder	tiller	tiller extension
leeboard	leeboard handle	mast	boom	paddle	bailer
wind telltale	sponge	life jacket	pinnie	mainsheet	launch dolly



Madoc, Maycie, & McKenna Pugh

That’s times three for three boats. Fortunately John Pugh has his kids well trained to round up all these parts and equipment.

We arrived at NHYC in foggy conditions. Over 80 boats were entered and the boat yard was a beehive of young sailors dashing around preparing their boats while they munched on breakfast burritos. There was a lot of energy and excitement in the air as they began launching their boats. The launch ramp accommodated only three boats at a time so it was crowded; however, there was nothing but cooperation and help among the kids, parents and coaches and it all went smoothly.

The weather forecast for the weekend was not promising, cloudy and cool Saturday; cooler, rain and high wind on Sunday. That led to a race committee announcement at the skipper’s meeting that they would try to get as many races as possible on Saturday in case weather conditions were too bad to sail on Sunday.

Seven races were sailed on Saturday in mostly light air. Some of the kids don’t know the rules and that has been a complaint of our juniors for years and it was a problem at this regatta. I saw Madoc get denied room at the leeward mark though he had inside overlap rights. It was costly. Well, Madoc decided to pursue a protest all on his own. He informed the girl that fouled him, notified the race committee after the race, filed a written protest and had witnesses. At the protest hearing he was told he would have won the protest but it was not filed before the deadline. The protest committee did inform the girl being protested that she was clearly in the wrong.

The standing of our junior sailors after the Saturday races was not up to expectations; Maycie had the best record, tied for 6<sup>th</sup>. As usual getting a good start in the big fleet of boats was a big problem, unfortunately it’s not something we can practice on the lake; we just don’t have that many juniors. Nevertheless, we discussed starts and other tips Sunday morning before the racing and the three of them went out determined to have a better day.

### SCYA Midwinter Sabots, continued

There were a few showers during the day but winds were much better and so were all of their performances. Six races were sailed on Sunday for a total of 13 in the regatta and the worst score was thrown out. Maycie scored a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> on Sunday and moved into 5<sup>th</sup> place behind four junior sailors from San Diego area yacht clubs. Madoc's best finish on Saturday was a 5<sup>th</sup> place, but on Sunday he posted a 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 1<sup>st</sup> ending in 7<sup>th</sup> overall, one point out of 6<sup>th</sup>. McKenna sailed in higher competition and placed in the middle with a best finish of 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Coach's comments: This turned out to be an excellent regatta and all three Pughs learned a lot, especially, Maycie and Madoc. They loved the higher winds on Sunday and sailed with a lot of confidence, proved they were as fast as anyone else on the course, had great mark rounding and a few come from behind finishes after tough starts. They demonstrated a huge improvement in their sailing skills and understanding of racing tactics, so this one regatta was well worth the time and effort. The Sunday races seemed to be pure fun for them.

Maycie earned an award for her 5<sup>th</sup> place and had her picture taken with John Fuller, Commodore of Newport Harbor YC. Then learned he lived in Mission Viejo many years ago and sailed in the very first races held on the newly created Lake Mission Viejo.

Finally, many thanks to John Pugh and his four kids for handling all aspects of getting the boats to and from Newport. It's a lot of work and rainy conditions don't make it any easier. It's greatly appreciated.



Flooded launch ramp scene



Maycie and other award winners with NHYC Commodore

## Awards and Installation Dinner Celebration

As Commodore Tisdale noted, the Awards and Installation Dinner was, once again, a wonderful evening. We returned to the beautiful Tijeras Creek Golf Club on January 19, this year. As always, a social hour preceded dinner with awards and installation following.

2019 Series first place winners were:

C Fleet - **Deagan Willis.**

B Fleet - **Nicole Sighiaratau** along with her crew, **Lindsay Taylor.**

A Fleet - Race Chair **Guy Heaton.**



First, Second, and Third place recipients are pictured above right.

Winner of the C14.2 class was **Graham Newman.**



Team Challenge T-Shirts were presented to the White Team including Team Captain **Graham Newman**, S/C **Emmet Rixford**, **Rod Simenz**, and **Bill Yount.**

The Blue Team, captained by **Nicole Sighiaratau**, raced to first place in the Junior Team Challenge. The Blue Team included skippers **Vivian Ikeda**, **Miki Ponzo**, and crew **Lindsay Taylor**. S/C **Emmet Rixford** served as coach.



The Junior Sportsmanship trophy was awarded to a worthy **Madoc Pugh**. Maverick Trudell presented the award to Madoc.

The Horst Weiler Top Skipper trophy was presented by 2019 Commodore Kevin Weir to **Guy Heaton**. Guy graciously invited **Emmet Rixford** to the stage to join him. This was an extraordinarily competitive race with outstanding performance by Emmet and other top skippers.



Dinner, continued



The Champion of Champions Trophy—awarded to the boat with the lowest overall score in any fleet in the series races—was earned by **Nicole Sighiartau** with crew **Lindsey Taylor**.

And there were our two coveted service awards. Neither trophy is awarded every year but both were well-deserved this year. **Mia Ishikawa** received the Hospitality Trophy for her consistent outstanding volunteer service in that category.



S/C **Audrey Simenz** was awarded the Willi Hugelshofer service award for her generous contributions of her time, talent, and treasure in her many leadership roles over the years.

2019 Commodore **Weir** presented and thanked his officers and appointees for their leadership. Each received a token of the club's appreciation.



Finally, the 2020 board was sworn in by Staff Commodore **Tony Mussolino**.

After presenting a gift of the club's thanks to Kevin Weir, 2020 Commodore **Randy Tisdale** regaled the crowd with some stories and his appreciation of our organization.



Thank you to all of the volunteers who gave their time and talent to make this evening memorable. Special thanks to Trophy Chair Jeff Buchman and Photographer Donna Stegall.

# A Sad Farewell

Graham Newman

As with all things, there is a time to say goodbye. On February 4<sup>th</sup> this year that time came for Agrippina II. With a sad heart it was time to pass on a boat that had a long and happy life on the lake. She started life with Horst as a daysailer that the previous owner had grown tired of. Horst was excited as he felt he had a steal of a deal. With retiring Agrippina I he went to work equipping Agrippina II for racing. He would constantly adjust and tune rigging. Cecilia



bought him a new set of sails and he was over the moon. Every year we would join the C15 fleet to compete in the Coast Cup series traveling the boat up

and down the free-ways. We competed in 3 Nationals. She went everywhere from lakes to oceans.

Now the next generation will enjoy that fun. The new owner is going to teach his grandson to sail. However, I am sorry that Agrippina II will not be on Mission Viejo Lake but on Lake Perris. I wish him well.

As a side note - the money raised from selling the boat was donated to the Mission Viejo Junior Sailing Foundation in Horst's and his family's name. Thanks for 30 years.

