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LAKE MISSION VIEJO YACHT CLUB

From The Bridge

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Welcome to the 2018 Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club yachting season.



First of all, let me say that it's an honor and privilege to serve as your Commodore. I am very fortunate to have a talented slate of Officers to work with that will serve the club well in 2018 and for years to come. I look forward to the adventure.

Wow, we already have two events under our belts and the fleet looks to be as strong as ever. I've noticed the Skippers are getting serious, breaking out new sets of sails and tuning up rigs. It looks like the makings of a competitive racing season.

We at LMVYC are very fortunate. We have one of the best venues in Southern California. True, our winds may be fickle, but it just makes us that much better when we venture elsewhere. The views are spectacular, with the sun glistening off the windows of the homes across the lake and Saddleback looming in the background. You would be hard pressed to find a nicer place to spend the day.

So, come join us! I would encourage all of you to take a look at our calendar and make it a point to attend as many of the events as possible. Even if you can't participate in the regattas, come to the festivities afterward for good food, company and Corinthian spirit.

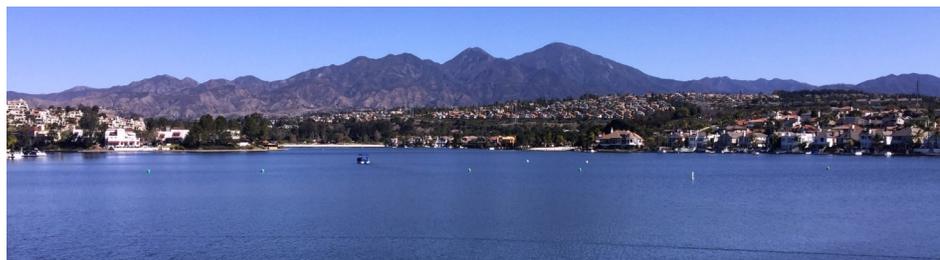
I look forward to seeing you all at our Opening Day Ceremonies and Regatta to officially open the new season.

Until then, smooth sailing,

Emmet Rixford
Commodore 2018

Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ Wednesday Sailing Starts
March 14
- ◆ Opening Day March 18
- ◆ Chili Cook Off April 22
- ◆ Spring regatta 2 May 19





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LMVYC Finishes Off The Year



Over 50 members shared the holiday season at our annual holiday party. Guests brought their favorite appetizer or dessert to share. Many of our members made a day of it by decorating the schooner and clubhouse. The schooner lead the parade of about 25 boats

around the lake for the enjoyment of many residents having their own holiday parties. Thanks to everyone who participated to make this another great event.

Installation and Awards Dinner



Coming off a great year, an almost sell out crowd was on hand at Tijeras Creek Golf Club to thank the 2017 officers and volunteers for all their hard work. Many of the same individuals will be part of the 2018 team that promises to make this year even better. While the officers are in place, many positions including event chair persons still need to be filled and the success of our events depends on the membership.



The dinner was also a chance to honor those sailors that had a successful year on the water. The Red Team finally won the Team Challenge Regatta. Race Chair Guy Heaton was honored for his first place finish in the A Fleet, followed up by Horst Weiler(2nd) and Arnold Christensen(3rd). In the B Fleet ,Jeff

Buchman finished 1st ,followed closely by Frank Roberts and Commodore Emmet Rixford. Nicole Sighartau took the gold in the C fleet ,followed by Griffin Pugh (silver) and McKenna Pugh (bronze). The C 14.2 Class was won by Jeff Buchman and Ron Meyer took honors in the Thistle class.



A class



B class 14.2



C class



Thistle



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Awards cont.:

First of it's Kind

From S/C Audrey Simenz, Historian



The Club has always had many racing award trophies; we are, after all, a sailing club. However, aware that “after all” the racing, there are other aspects of the Club that contribute to its success. A new trophy, donated by S/C Tony Musolino, is dedicated to these invaluable members. There is lots of activity by members, not necessarily officers, who give their time and enthusiasm to keep the Club running smoothly off the water. This year the board was pleased to present this recognition award to its first recipient, Daniela Sighiartau.

Daniela provides valuable assistance to the execution of the social events of our Club. She is the kind of right hand help everyone wishes for – supportive always, talented, reliable, generous with her time, imaginative, organized, and never loses her cool!

She has been the event chair for many of our summer barbecues, introducing members to Romanian barbecue and broadening our taste buds with delicious homemade food.

With her thoughtful planning behind the scenes, there is never a ripple on the surface! With Daniela's exceptional organizational skills she sees that we have a hospitality crew, and then personally fills in when any help is needed, shopping, cooking, and doing cleanup. With her computer skills, Daniela sets up hospitality crew calendars and adjusts it constantly to accommodate members' personal calendars.

Immediately volunteering after she and husband Julius, with daughter Nicole, joined the club in 2012. Daniela continues to work for the club in every way she can, while laughing off any credit. Daniela – Congratulations and thank you for all you do to make our social events so enjoyable.

The Willi Hugelshofer Trophy Awarded for the Second Time

By Audrey Simenz ,Historian

At the Installation and Awards dinner in January, long time member S/C and Treasurer Arnold Christensen was honored for his outstanding service to the Club, and presented with the Willi Hugelshofer Memorial Trophy by Commodore Mark Glackin and Susanna Hugelshofer. This trophy is awarded only periodically, and only for outstanding service and achievement by a member.

The deed of gift for the award mentions the qualities embodied by Willi Hugelshofer, beloved LMVYC Treasurer from 1978 to 2014 and awarded to a member who has demonstrated Willi's traits of Volunteerism, Leadership, Sportsmanship, Involvement, and outstanding Character in his years of Club membership. Arnold's years of membership include, like Willi's, years of service, including participation, planning, preparation, execution, and performance in many roles. He has been a member since 1997, he has





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volunteered over the years as event chair, trophy chair, webmaster, membership chair, and scorer for our regattas. Arnold was Commodore in 2003, and served twice as V/C. Later ,Arnold served as Port Captain, and in the years 2010 – 2014 when the Club had a Communications Chair, he served all four years.

He displays outstanding sportsmanship on the water, undaunted by a sometimes-leaky problem with his Thistle; he has raced to many victories over twenty years as a member, winning a Thistle Fleet Championship, a Balboa Fleet Championship, and is always a competitive threat whatever class of boat he's skippering. Topping his racing honors, he won the Club's Top Skipper Perpetual Trophy three times, in 2006, 2007 and in 2012.

Arnold's character and idea of service shone through in 2014 when he unassumingly but with great expertise, came to the Club's rescue to fill the role of Treasurer when we lost Willi. Arnold also took on the other duties of Webmaster, Membership Chair, and Regatta scorer. His overall helpfulness, advice, and calm demeanor on the Board of Directors are priceless. Arnold, the Club, is so fortunate to have you on board.

2017 Sportsmanship Award to Deagan Willis

By Rod Simenz

We all know sportsmanship is about character, playing fair, respecting the competition, being gracious when you win and when you don't, and following the rules. It's always good to see these traits in our junior sailors. So congratulations to Deagan Willis, recipient of the John Olson Perpetual Sportsmanship award for 2017.



Tune Up Regatta

By S/C Frank Roberts



On Sunday, January 21 ,we had our first regatta of the year. The Tune Up Regatta is usually little more than a pick-up race that we use to determine the status of our boats after the long winter layover of about two months. This time, however, our Race Chair Guy Heaton had a little something else in mind.

Guy got a crew together early and went out to set some marks. He prepared a race sheet with courses laid out for us and set the tone at the skipper meeting that this time the Tune Up Regatta would be different.

After working our way out under very light wind, races got under way. There were three minute starts with C Class starting at one minute, B Class at two minutes and A Class at three minutes. This ensured a course filled with boats coming together at the weather mark about the same time. It gave all classes a lot of work to do in setting up to round marks. Big boats and little boats all met up for a challenge to see who



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Tune-Up Cont.:



inside overlap advantage. It was the same at the leeward mark, lots of boats meeting there to determine who could take the inside advantage and race for home.

This made the day fun with a lot of shorter races. In all, we must have done at least ten races.

In the end, this no-score event turned out to be a lot of fun and got our racing juices flowing, our starting line strategies going, and the spiders out of our boats. Afterwards, a few stalwarts had refreshments and chips provided by our Hospitality Chair, Yasemin Talay.

Also, thanks to Donna Stegall for manning the committee boat and taking what I am sure will be great photos.

So, our season kicks off in earnest in February with the Midwinters, followed by Opening Day in March.

SCYA MidWinter Regatta



LMVYC was again one of 27 clubs that hosted classes for the 89th annual regatta. Over 600 boats, from model remote control to the TP 52 racers, participated. This regatta is how the Southern California Yachting Association funds its efforts to educate, coordinate, communicate, and celebrate the yachting community. To see more of what SCYA does for the community, check out their website at SCYA.org.

At LMVYC, the day started with a continental breakfast during the registration process. The racers were split into 3 classes with 5 races being held over the day. The winds were typical for the lake, varying in direction and strength throughout the day. For the most part, they remained on the strong side and the racers were back in the clubhouse in quick order. The racers, race committee, and a few guests were treated to a great dinner. All the hospitality was a result of the efforts of Audrey Simenz. For more info on the regatta, check out SCYAMidwinterRegatta.org.





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Juniors at the SCYA Midwinter Regatta

From Rod Simenz



Junior sailor turnout was light this year but the three that sailed were treated to some of the best wind in a long time. Cheyenne Stegall sailed a Laser radial, while Deagan Willis and newcomer Kate Sweeney sailed LMVA's new RS Teras. They competed in Portsmouth "C" along with an Expo 14.2. Cheyenne won three of the five races to place first overall and Deagan took two firsts for second place overall. This was Kate's first regatta on our lake and she also did very well. All three enjoyed some fast rides and no capsizes, while they demonstrated their racing skills. The Laser is well known for its performance in strong wind so it was no surprise to see Cheyenne blazing

around the course, but it was good news to see how well Deagan and Kate were able to handle the stiff breeze and strong gusts in the Teras, conditions that would have been much more difficult in a Sabot



"Prospector", a Mini Maxi

By Mark Glackin

While I pride myself on playing a major role in getting my siblings involved in yacht racing, some of them have gone farther in the sailing world than I could have ever imagined.

My brother, Tery Glackin, is the skipper and person in charge of "Prospector", a Mills 68 ocean racing sloop. My sister, Colette Storck, the firstborn of the ten of us, is the cook (and she has been on most of the races including the Transatlantic). The Prospector syndicate started racing in 2015 with a Farr 60. They competed in races like the Transatlantic race, the Fastnet, Middle Sea, and more. Initially it was going to be a short-term endeavor, less than 2-years. But the partners were hooked. They loved the challenges, experiences and accomplishments. Then they bought a bigger boat. You can read more about it on-line: <http://www.prospectorsailing.com/>

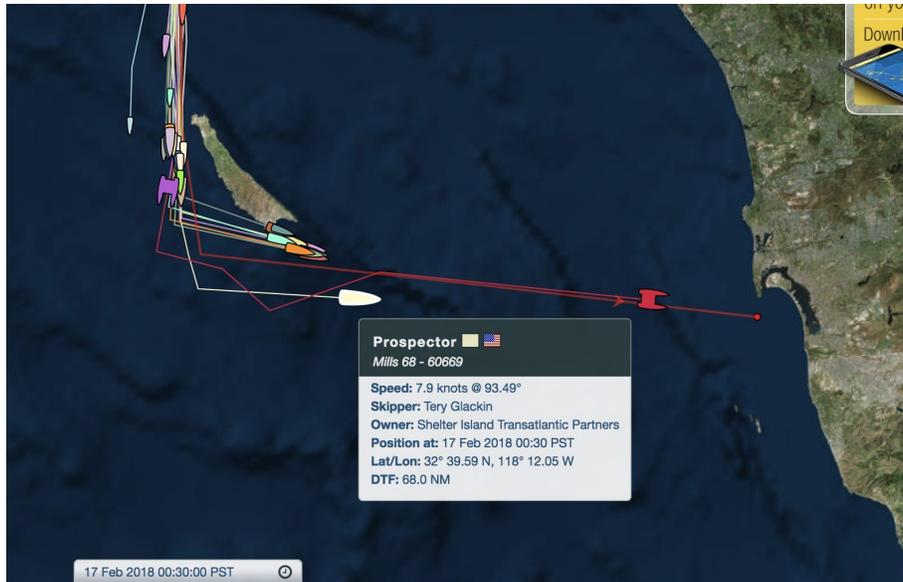
This year Prospector is campaigning in the Pacific. They just completed the Islands Race from Long Beach to San Diego, finishing 3rd in their division. This year's schedule includes the Puerto Vallarta race, California Offshore Race Week, The Pacific Cup and the Sydney Hobart race.



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On Tuesday, February 13, Prospector headed out of Rainbow Harbor in Long Beach to test new sails. A bunch of us went along as crew (Connor Glackin, his friend and crew on Campaign II: Rodrigo Hernandez, Frank Roberts, Jeff Buchman, Spencer Dworkin, and myself; also on 2/15 Ron Meyer and Jeff Buchman went out). It took most of us to just get the new mainsail from the dock and in position to be hoisted. Did you know that Frank Roberts follows directions literally? Tery said, "Frank, take the wheel", so he did. Actually, the wheel is temporarily removed to make room for the massive mainsail when hoisting or dropping. Attaching the new main requires a crew member in a bosun's chair, 15 feet above the deck to put heavy duty Harken cars onto the track on the mast about every 10 feet the length of the luff. We crept slowly out of Long Beach Harbor under power, the Queen Mary to starboard. At one point the depth sounder read less than 17'. Prospector draws 15.5 feet. Don't look for Prospector in Newport Beach harbor this year. Even if they participate in an event hosted by a local yacht club, the harbor is not deep enough to accommodate Prospector.





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Clearing the Long Beach breakwater, we had a pleasant seven knots of breeze. With the new sails up, we were doing 7.3 knots upwind, faster than the wind. Prospector is an amazing machine. There are four two-person bikes. If your modern ocean-racer experience is as limited as mine, you might know the term coffee-grinder. Today, they call them bikes. Not only did the LMVYC representatives on Prospector get a fabulous experience, they also got a good workout. Connor, Rod, and Jeff worked the two bikes closest to the primary winches. One of the full-time crew worked the bike by the mainsheet. Frank and Spencer worked the bike in the stern, providing tons of force for the running backstays. All of the bikes can be linked for extra power and speed. This can be critical for things like raising the asymmetrical. Four people are needed to manage the running backstays during tacks and jibes. My role was to let off the working running back but not before Henry (a sailmaker from the North Sails loft in Newport, RI) had loaded up the new working running back, with Frank and Spencer providing the power. Tery said, "don't worry, if you mess this up, you'll break something" (like the rig coming down). There is no backstay. Transferring the load from one running back to the other and making sure the mast is never unsupported or the change in pressure is not too fast or too slow and the new leeward runner does not impede the mainsail, are all very important.

Going up wind, Tery let me take the helm a few times as he inspected the new sails with two representatives of North Sails and the professional crew. After a time, we came to a reach to test a new staysail. Once that sail was up, we hit 10.5 knots of speed with 8.5 knots of true wind. We also set an asymmetrical spinnaker. I worked the tail on the asym sheet. Each time I projected, "trim" I felt a little guilty. Rodrigo and Jeff would instantly muscle into the hand-powered bikes (OK, it is connected to your hands but it requires power from your whole body) driving the primary winches.



After a good day on the water, the Prospector syndicate treated us to dinner. It was a wonderful experience. One of the LMVYC delegates turned to me earlier in the day and said, "Your brother is a real rockstar". Yes, he is. The intense responsibilities and accomplishments as skipper and manager of Prospector are quite impressive. I am so proud.

You can bet that we'll be tracking the progress of Prospector on various races to come. And we'll be on the lookout for more opportunities to get more sailing time on Prospector.



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Opening Day



In sunny southern California why even have an opening day as we never really stop sailing?

This custom traces back to the practices of climatically challenged clubs on the East Coast. It does not matter that the season here never closes. Every yacht club must have its Opening Day, or it just wouldn't be, a yacht club. In sunny Southern California it's a chance for club members to deck themselves out in formal attire, have a few drinks, celebrate camaraderie and welcome the start of another year on the water.

In a few short weeks we will be hosting our opening day festivities and the first official regatta of the series that determines the season champion. The ceremonies will be held at the LMVA Club House on Sunday the 18th of March. While the reception does not officially start until 11:00 am we could use everyone's

help setting up the room early that morning. Help is also needed after the event to bring equipment and supplies back to the yacht club. So if you are not sailing plan of sticking around a little.

Invitations for the event have been sent out. This is a potluck event so please take a look at the potluck sign up sheet to see what you can contribute. <https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/FKIZ9462>

This is one of our premier events and we look forward to your participation.

Event Chairs and Hospitality Crew

The success of our events are dependent on the efforts of the volunteers that help to stage the event. Members are asked to serve on the hospitality crew about once every 2 years. This usually involves some set up before the event, insuring that things go smoothly during the event and clean up after. The event chair will provide more information as to what is required for the specific event.

The schedule for 2018 was sent out March 2 so please mark your calendars if you are on the list. If you have a desire to lead there are still some openings to chair an event. Please contact Daniela Radu dradu@lpl.com if you can contribute or have any questions.

Wednesday Sailing and Pizza

Improve your skills and have fun doing some informal racing on Wednesday nights starting March 14th. Grab a boat and meet at the center of the lake for some fun with your fellow sailors. This is a great way to tune up your skills, and the boats are free to members. After some fun on the water meet up at Round Table Pizza for food and beverages at 19:00.

Chili Cook Off



You have 6 weeks to perfect your chili recipes for the club's annual Chili Cook Off. This year it will be better than ever and offer some great prizes. This year's event will be April 22nd after the regatta. Bring a crock pot of your famous chili and see if you will be the Club's Top Chef. Watch your email for more information.



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LMVYC Schedule 2018

Please note the date change for the May event



Sun-21-Jan	Tune-up Regatta
Sun-18-Feb	SCYA Midwinter Regatta
Wed-14-Mar	Wednesday Night Sunset Sailing Begins
Sun-18-Mar	Opening Day Ceremonies & Regatta
Sun-22-Apr	Spring Regatta I
Sat-19-May	Spring Regatta II
Sun-10-Jun	Summer Regatta
Fri-22-Jun	Friday Night Sunset Sail & BYO-BBQ Begins
Sun-15-Jul	Team Challenge Regatta
Sun-12-Aug	Junior Regatta I
Sun-26-Aug	LMVYC 40th Annual Regatta
Fri-31-Aug	Friday Night Sunset Sail & BYO-BBQ Ends
Sun-23-Sep	Fall Regatta
Sun-07-Oct	Junior Regatta II
Sun-14-Oct	Top Skipper Championship
Wed-31-Oct	Wednesday Night Sunset Sailing Ends
Sun-11-Nov	Turkey Regatta and LMVYC Annual Meeting
Sun-02-Dec	Holiday Regatta
Sat-08-Dec	Christmas Party & Parade of lights