



THE MAIN SHEET

LAKE MISSION VIEJO YACHT CLUB

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As the Holiday Season is fast approaching, what a fun year it has been, and the year is not over! We have had a busy and full season of monthly regattas and post-race events that have been wonderfully attended by our membership.

As I write this, we still have several fun and notable, events coming up, beginning on November 13 with our Turkey Regatta, followed by our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers for 2023. On December 3rd is the Christmas Party and Parade of Lights with the Flagship of the fleet, our Club “schooner,” leading the way! Moving into the New Year, January 15, 2023, will be our Annual Awards and Officer’s Installation Dinner at Tijeras Creek Golf Club. We have not been able to host this for the past several years due to COVID-19, so keep checking your mailbox for your invitation as it will be a fun evening! And let us not overlook Wednesday evening Around the Lake Walks, meeting up at 6pm at Market on the Lake, followed by pizza at Round Table Pizza!

Regarding membership, we now have 93 paid memberships, the most we have had to date. To our new(er) members, welcome aboard and thank you for joining our fine club. I look forward to meeting you soon. Additionally, our Club’s finances remain healthy and strong.

Mark Your Calendars!

- Dec 3 – Christmas Party
- Dec – 3 Christmas Boat Parade
- Jan 15 – Awards and Installation Dinner
- Jan 22 – Tune Up Regatta
- Feb 26 – Midwinter Regatta

As we have all noticed, the Lake’s Capri 14 Expos have fallen into disrepair, and they are down to three or four functioning boats. There’s good news on the horizon, however. The Lake has recently ordered five new Capri 14.2 boats and a trailer from Catalina Yachts. They will be sloop rigged (main and jib) with fixed keels. We do not have a delivery window yet, but hopefully in the second half of 2023.

Speaking of sailing, the Junior’s program continues to bring home very respectable finishes and trophies up and down the coast. Going to these regattas, the boats and gear, meals, and travel all come with a price. You will be receiving a letter from Rod Simenz, Jr. Program Director, and me, encouraging you to open your wallets and contribute to the Mission Viejo Youth Sailing Foundation. Your generous tax-deductible donations will benefit the Foundation in supporting our young and developing sailors.

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From The Bridge, continued

As we sail toward the sunset of 2022, I would like to reach out and thank every one of you that contribute so much time, energy, and dedication that make our club work so well. To the Flag Officers, Board and Appointees, countless volunteers, and parents, thank you so very much for your trust. It has been my privilege and honor, to serve this year as your Commodore.

Scott W. Pursell

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LMVYC Commodore 2022

General Meeting Election Results

Commodore	Ross Nemeroff
Vice Commodore	Vicki Rixford
Rear Commodore	John Pugh
Jr. Staff Commodore	Scott Pursell
Treasurer	Arnold Christensen
Secretary	Scott Davis
Port Captain	Graham Newman
Fleet Captain	Rod Simenz
Hospitality Chair	Daniela Radu

Congratulations to the 2023 LMVYC Officers!

Junior Sailing Update

Rod Simenz

Newport Harbor Yacht Club Fall Gold Cup

There were 117 entries, so lots of trailers in the parking lot and boats being rigged in the NHYC boat yard when we arrived. The boat launching was quite a scene, not only because of the crowd, but there was a super high tide and the launch ramp was partially submerged. The sailors took it in stride as they waded with their boats on dollies through 10 inches of water on the ramp. NHYC hosts Gold Cup Regattas in the spring, summer and fall. They are very popular events held at a first rate facility. The kids even get to enjoy a tradition of breakfast burritos.



Justin takes 3rd at NHYC Gold Cup

Justin Hendrichs was a competitor from our club. His Sabot Class had 17 entries. They raced a grueling 13 races over Saturday and Sunday, September 10/11. Wind was mostly steady in the 6 to 8 knot range. Justin posted many 2nd and 3rd place finishes to give him 3rd overall. Well done, Justin!

LMVYC Fall Regatta Two weeks later David and Luke Ippolito sailed a CFJ in “B” fleet and grabbed 2nd place behind Emmet Rixford. Maverick Trudell sailed a Laser and placed 4th in the same class. Justin Hendrichs had another good regatta racing a Sabot in “C” fleet where he tied for 2nd.



LIYC Halloween costume contest

Lido Isle Yacht Club’s Halloween Regatta

was held on Saturday, October 22. Justin Hendrichs and his younger brother Guillaume made the trip and competed in Sabots. The skippers meeting was preceded by a traditional Halloween costume contest that features a special award for the sailor with the best race result wearing a banana costume. Six sailors showed up and vied for “top banana”. Winds were consistently in the 8 to 9 mph range with occasionally higher gusts. That suited Justin as he sailed into 1st place after 7 races with consistent top three finishes in the 18 boat fleet. Congratulations to Justin for representing us so well!



Justin (sail 9267) in the lead at LIYC

MacGyver Boys and The Wizard

Rod Simenz

Two of the Twitchell 12 sail boats had failure of their steering mechanisms. These boats don't have a tiller but instead use a joy stick and cable arraignment to control the rudder.

Commodore Scott Pursell's boat had a fracture of the fiberglass cap on the centerboard well that also serves as mount for the main sheet block and cap on the steering column. See photo.



The MacGyver Boys

One Wednesday afternoon before sailing, the "MacGyver Boys", Emmet Rixford, Frank Fournier, Bill Yount and Graham Newman gathered around Frank's boat, had some beer (it was a very hot day) and brain stormed how to fix it. All that was needed was a suitable piece of plastic, a hole saw, drill, and sander.

Frank went home and got a plastic kitchen cutting board, Bill had a set of hole saw blades, and Graham had the right cordless

tools. Cookie cutter parts of the right diameter were cut from the cutting board and fashioned into replacement parts.



Staff Commodore Frank Fournier's Twitchell "Dark and Stormy" had a completely different failure. The plastic part that fits into the top of the steering column tube broke in half due to a prior partial crack.

The internet was searched for existing replacement parts but none were found. Creating new parts or adapting something was the next alternative. The internet, Home Depot, Lowe's and Ace Hardware were checked but nothing suitable was found. John Olson, our woodworking and fiberglass "Wizard" took on the task of repairing Scott's

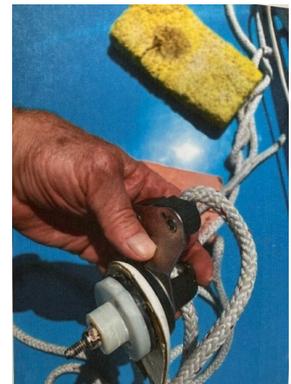
boat. That entailed creating a custom replacement fiberglass cap assembly with wood reinforcement.

See photo.



They reassembled the cap and steering column and finished the repair the same day. They checked for proper steering operation on land and Aki Hirota then took "Dark and Stormy" for a sea trial. The steering worked well and the boat has been sailed many times. The repair is holding up well.

Good job guys and thanks for restoring these two Twitchells to sailing condition.



Meet Potter Weatherwax

Rod Simenz

Potter is a member of the Club's junior sailing team. He and his twin brother Hollister were born in Mission Viejo. Potter attended Foot Hill Ranch Elementary, RSM middle school and now is at Trabuco High where a favorite subject is AP European History. His favorite sport is sailing, he also enjoys biking. He first joined LMVYC's junior sailing program in 2019 where he quickly learned the basics of sailing on our lake. He also became a member of the Dana Point Sea Scouts, Mariners Fleet 936, where he gets to experience ocean sailing on various boats including a Catalina 38.

Early on, Potter often skippered or crewed on Expo 14.2 boats but after a trial sail in a Twitchell 12 that has become his boat of choice. You can spot him regularly enjoying a sail and sharpening his sailing skills on Tuesdays and Thursdays in "Wil Power II, a Twitchell 12 generously donated to the juniors by Staff Commodore Randy Tisdale. The boat was renamed "Wil Power II" in memory of Wil Chong, an avid supporter of the junior sailing program and an active long time member of LMVYC who succumbed to COVID in 2021.



Occasionally, Potter will wear a Green Bay Packer T shirt to practice. The Green Bay high schools are part of the Fox River Valley Conference and I played against them in sports when I was in high school so that piqued my interest. Potter explained his grandfather Jim Weatherwax was a member of the Packer team, played in Super Bowl I and II and was credited with making the first tackle in Super Bowl history on the opening kickoff in Super Bowl I. Small world; I was at that game to see it.

Good luck to Potter when he joins in the competition, sailing his Twitchell.



LMVYC 45th Annual Regatta

S/C Frank Roberts

This summer we celebrated 45 years of LMVYC. When the club was founded by three members, Horst Weiler, Willi Hugelshofer, and Ced Fields, the lake had just been filled, the Space Shuttle was being tested on the back of a 747 and A.J. Foyt had just won his fourth Indy 500. Rocky won Best Picture, Peter Finch won Best Actor in Network and Tonight's The Night by Rod Stewart was Billboards #1 on its Top 100 songs. You probably wore bell bottoms to the local disco and ordered a Tequila Sunrise from the bartender. Of course if it was Happy Hour you got two for one and appetizers! Ah, the glory days.

So our little club started out very small with a few members. Horst would haul drinks and charcoal that he kept stored in his garage for small celebrations after sailing. The yacht club participated in a Mission Viejo parade by putting a sailboat on a trailer and making waves out of cardboard so it looked like it was floating down the street. As time went on, the lake allowed the club to use a storage room in the main building in which to keep supplies. Over more time we gained use of the club room and the storage area next to it.

When Audrey and Rod Simenz joined, they saw the potential for the club to be a part of the bigger yachting community and petitioned for our club to join US Sailing, Southern California Yachting Association and Association of Orange Coast Yacht Clubs. Our little club became part of an organization with connections all over Southern California and gave us some recognition in the sailing community.

Today, we have grown quite nicely with support from Lake Mission Viejo Association and

our growing list of members. Our junior program makes waves amongst the best programs in the area and our members compete in events on the ocean in several Orange County regattas. 2010 Commodore Randy Tiffany and crew Willi Hugelshofer won the Commodores Cup with his crew Willie Hugelshofer by competing against some of the best sailors in the area.

Now, this journey is not possible without our members. As a group, we keep our club's traditions alive. By volunteering your time, it makes our club that much better. By participating in our events, it makes them that much more fun. By stepping up to the plate when asked, you keep the club going. A club is nothing without its members so thank all of you for your support in keeping LMVYC a vibrant club for 45 years!



Now, for the reason we are a yacht club. Racing! In order to work up a good appetite for our Luau dinner, we need to do some racing. The fleets were ready to go at 1PM and were off after the first horn. After the three races were done, Vice Commodore Ross Nemeroff won the A fleet in his Snipe, Staff Commodore Emmet Rixford won the B fleet in his Mercury and Commodore Scott Pursell won C fleet in his Twitchell. Three very experienced racers so congratulations to them for a day well done.

Afterwards, Arnold and Susan Christensen hosted a wonderful luau with grilled chicken and beef skewers and all the fixings. A yearly tradition. It is not to be missed. Thanks to them and the set up and clean up volunteers for a great event.

Oktoberfest

Graham and Jane Newman

Well, it all started with a marriage: King Ludwig 1 married Princess of Saxe-Hildburghausen on October 12th 1810.

The citizens of Munich, Germany were invited to attend the festivities. A horse race with 40,000 spectators, a wine/beer tasting event, and a procession of children dressed in costume. This was repeated the following year, and so this became the annual Oktober tradition.

Moving forward 212 years to Lake Mission Viejo, we still honor this tradition.....Gone is the horse racing though, now it's a sail boat race. Gone are the 40,000 spectators and the children in costume (except for a few brave souls in lederhosen!). But the eating, drinking, and celebrating remains the same.

This year we had a very large turnout, 32 lbs. of sausage, 13 lbs. of Sauerkraut, 10lbs of Red cabbage, all washed down with eight kegs of beer.

Many thanks to the crew for setting up and cleaning up. Special thanks to Caecilia Weiler and Randy Tisdale for cooking. Without them, we could not have had this wonderful Oktoberfest. Till next year and we will do it all over again.....

History Source: Wikipedia

Race Results: Winners were Vice Commodore Ross Nemeroff in A Fleet, Staff Commodore Emmet Rixford in B Fleet and Commodore Scott Pursell in C Fleet.



Frau Melinda Beck



Herr Joseph Passamano

Racing The Top Skipper Regatta

Rod Simenz

The twenty-ninth sailing of the Club's Top Skippers' Regatta, the highlight of our racing season, took place on October 16 this year.

Originally the invitational race was suggested in 1993 by the Irvine Company, who donated a Perpetual Trophy for the race, the Club's first one, calling for it to be awarded to the Club's 'champion' sailor. The Club called it the Top Skipper Trophy.



L to R: Graham Newman, S/C Arnold Christensen, S/C Emmet Rixford, Commodore Scott Pursell, V/C Ross Nemeroff, Jr. S/C Guy Heaton, & Tyler Peyatt

The race is like no other in the Club and is the most sought after, the top racing honor.

The number of invitees has varied over the years depending on the number of matching boats available. This year seven sailors with the best record during the monthly regattas were invited to compete by Commodore Scott

Pursell. The race

was sailed in four single-handed Capri 14.2s owned by members who loaned their boats so we could have fairly equal boats. Using a round robin series format kept all the racers involved with little down time. Nine races were planned to allow each sailor to race twice in each boat.

The first start was delayed as the race committee waited for enough wind for the boats to race. The very light shifty air persisted through the first three races but was enough for the boats to race. And race they did, changing boats after each race to keep the competition as fair as possible. Light air can be just as grueling as sailing in heavy winds, with light winds requiring patience and endurance as well as skill.



There they go : passing the RC boat at the start line.

Top Skipper, continued

Gaining a couple of knots, the wind got a little steadier as the day wore on. And by the last few races we had the longed for 6 and 7 knots.

Although there were several former Top Skipper champions competing, one other skipper, racing in top form in almost every race, racked up an impressive number of firsts and provided a new name to be added to the Top Skipper Perpetual trophy: Commodore elect Ross Nemeroff. Ross has raced in several different class boats and his current choice is a beautifully restored Snipe. No matter the boat Ross is always tough competition. This regatta was no exception. In spite of some spectacular sailing by other racers, at the end

of the long day the Club had their new champion, Top Skipper for 2022, Commodore elect Ross Nemeroff, finishing with 7 points. Runners up Graham Newman and S/C Guy Heaton both finished with 10 points, the tie being broken with 2nd to Graham and 3rd to Guy.

By the time you read this the Club will have concluded the racing season with the Turkey regatta sailed on November 13. In December Club members turn to boat building, spending hours designing and constructing the glorious gaff rigged Schooner that leads the annual Parade of Lights around the Lake, this year on December 3. Hope to see you all there. Let's light up the Lake!



Another view from the RC boat: light wind racing to the mark.

Sailors Gobbled While Nicole Raced In Mission Bay

Rod Simenz



The Turkey Regatta on Sunday was the final race in the FCS. Pictured L to R, are Guy Heaton, Commodore Scott Pursell, Guillaume Hendrichs and S/C Emmet Rixford.



Guillaume sailed to first in "C" as he took advantage of race coaching, that is permitted by Sabot class rules for beginners. Luke and David Ippolito missed race 1 due to traffic problems, but did well in the next two races sailing a CFJ in "B".

Nicole Sighiartau had a good performance at Mission Bay YC Junior Commodore Regatta where she competed in the ILCA6 class (Laser radial). There were 34 entries and 9 races. She narrowly missed 10th place overall, but was 4th in boats from clubs north of San Diego.

Good work Guillaume, Luke, David and Nicole!

Sail fast, sail smart and have fun.



R.C. Susannah Hugelshofer, Aki Hirohito, & P.R.O. Audrey Simenz.



View looking south from RC boat

Turkey, continued



Guillaume downwind



Rod following Guillaume downwind



A & B Fleets near the leeward mark



Ross went in to assist a stuck Capri. His second rescue of a beached boat that day.



LMVYC Crewed Vessel Wins Dana Point Harbor Championship S/C Kevin Weir

Many boats in Dana Point include LMVYC crew and skippers. This is part of the fun of an LMVYC membership: comradery and competition on both little and big boats. The weekend of October 15 and 16 was set aside for the Harbor Championships, hosted by DPYC. This race was invitation only; boats must have taken a first place in the 2022 racing series.

Members from LMVYC crewed on *Out Of The Blue*, a Catalina 320 and *Firewater*, a J92 owned and skippered by LMVYC member Rich Bennett. Rich raced in the larger spinnaker class; *Out Of The Blue* competed against the non-spin boats. Bill Yount was aboard *Firewater*. Jeff Buchman, Daniel Katzman, and I were aboard *Out Of The Blue*. This article is about my experience on *Out Of The Blue* as she participated in the non-spin title fight.

The first day of racing was a dud. The wind did not show and the race was abandoned. Always ready to take advantage of an opportunity, *Out Of The Blue* crew retired to the skipper's place to play cards and have some fun. Worked out for me; I had a scheduling conflict and could not be there on Saturday.



L to R: (in blue): S/C Kevin Weir, Skipper Jeff Brown, Jeff Buchman, Daniel Katzman. Missing: Marc Winger.

Moderate wind developed on Sunday at the start line, so the races were on. The spinnaker class boats, of which there were many, started first. There was a windward/leeward course. We were able to observe their start and make decisions about our own strategy. The race committee gave us a 7 mile random leg designated by a new course flag.

More about that flag later.

We got a great start just aft of the RC boat. We quickly tacked over to port while most of the fleet continued on starboard. By doing so, we covered our most challenging competition – *Tekeela*, a well skippered J22. *Tekeela* had to tack off. This allowed us to get to the first mark well ahead of her. The rest of the fleet tacked to port further out and behind us, as well. While we had to make two quick tacks to get around the mark, we were ahead of the fleet at that point and our blood was up.

We continued to our next two marks on broad reaches with only one boat posing a threat. As we rounded the third mark, that boat, *Getting Off*, held on to us as if on a tow line. With a sense of déjà vu, we missed laying the fourth mark (Green) by a few feet just as we did with the first mark (A). After our repeat of two quick tacks,

Harbor Championship, continued

we headed to our final mark – A, again. We observed Getting Off continue along the Dana Point jetty towards the wrong mark – W. She went so far as to round W and head back towards the fleet who was already going from A to the finish line.

We were first across the line. We watched as the rest of the fleet finished behind us – but, a very talented Tekeela remained our focus. While we were well ahead of her, we owed her so much time that she corrected only 46 seconds behind us. That being said, a bullet is a bullet.

We expected another race but that was it. We won the non-spin Harbor Championship based on a single race.

As she finished, Getting Off stated over the radio that the Race Committee changed the course. The RC had not done that. Getting Off did not observe the posted course change after the spinnaker boats started – perhaps because many the competitive spin boats were over early, causing some excitement.

Also aboard Out Of The Blue were owner/skipper Jeff Brown and Marc Winger. Under Jeff's leadership, I thought that we were an extraordinarily effective crew.

Post Script: On Thursday November 17, Out Of The Blue hit a submerged rock, damaging the keel. She will likely be out of the water awhile. A sad end to an outstanding season.



Out Of The Blue



Welcome New Members

Daniel Katzman

Christopher Stauss

Keith Weiner



Sincere thanks are extended to: Commodore Pursell, Rod Simenz, S/C Frank Roberts, and Graham Newman,

Thanks are also due to Mia Ishikawa and the above writers for their photos.

S/C Kevin Weir, 2022 Newsletter Chair

