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LAKE MISSION VIEJO YACHT CLUB

From The Bridge

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Mark Your Calendars!

- ♦ Mar 3 — Midwinter Regatta
- ♦ Mar 13—Wen. Night
Sailing Starts
- ♦ Mar. 17—Opening Day
- ♦ Apr. 28— Spring Regatta
- ♦ May 18 — Spring regatta 2

2019 promises to be an outstanding season. Changes this year include adding the Midwinter Regatta in February to our series races and using the Opening Day Regatta as a fun non-series race. That being said, all of our activities succeed because of us – our gathering together and love of our sport.



At the Awards and Installation Dinner, I was proud to announce some of our lead volunteers and appointees:

Junior Commodore:	Griffyn Pugh
Jr. Vice Commodore:	Nicole Sighiartau
Webmaster:	Arnold Christensen
Quartermaster:	Frank Roberts
Newsletter Editor:	Peter Tietz
Jr. Program Director:	Rod Simenz
Trophy Chair:	Jeff Buchman
Club Photographer:	Donna Stegall
Merchandise Chair:	Guy Heaton
Bylaws Chair:	Tony Musolino
Protocol/Historian:	Audrey Simenz

This is in addition to our bridge and officers!

I want to thank the officers, appointees, and volunteers who made 2018 a success. Not everyone assumed a title; all of our volunteers, including hospitality, events, and sailors made the year what it was. I also congratulate our juniors on a great year on and off the lake. My particular thanks go to 2018 Commodore Emmett Rixford.

I am looking forward to this year as we strengthen our bonds and sail on our beautiful lake. How lucky we are.

Kevin Weir

LMVYC Commodore 2019



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Holiday Regatta

From Commodore Weir



Pre Race Race Meeting

This year, our 2018 Race Chair, Guy Heaton, announced a simple fun Holiday Regatta. The entry fee was an inexpensive wrapped gift. On a beautiful Sunday December 2, racers lined up their boats at LMVA's launch dock to begin a non-series race around the lake. Guy called the start for each boat class, using each boat's rating. The course was simple: most of the marks in the lake were to be rounded using a path from the dock to the dam then returning to the dock. Scoring was based on order of return to the dock. Racing along with the fleet, Guy made ad hoc course adjustments to keep things moving.

Emmet Rixford took first place in his Penguin followed by Bill Taylor and Bill Yount in Expos. The following fleet included (in order): Randy Tiffany with crew Frank Fournier, Guy, Nicole Sighiartau with crew Lindsay Taylor, Rod Simenz with crew Potter Weatherwax, Graham Newman, Frank Roberts with crew Hollister Weatherwax, Allyn Edwards with crew Kevin Weir, and Ted Ishikawa.

Not only were the skippers competing for bragging rights but to be first in position to select a gift after the race. The "white elephant" gift exchange allowed other recipients to claim another member's prize if one preferred what someone else had opened. Exchanges, allowed up to three times, were frequent for some gifts, but not so for the sparkling toilet dispenser or the toilet tank repair kit. Not all gifts were of this high quality – presents included wind chimes, a carved model boat, cookies, chocolates, and other fun things. Many thanks are due to Guy for promoting and organizing this event. As always, there was team participation in preparing food, scoring, and clean-up. What a wonderful way to start the holiday season!



Holo Nui Crew Hollister
Weatherwax



Kevin doing final prep



Graham ready to go



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LMVYC Awards and Installation Dinner

Over 60 of our members were on hand on Sunday evening to witness the official change of club leadership and honor the members that stood out in terms of achievement in sailing and service. Emmet Rixford took his role as Junior Staff Commodore with Kevin Weir taking over the leadership as Commodore. Randy Tisdale and Guy Heaton will assist as Vice and Rear Commodores respectively. Also taking the oath of office was Treasurer Arnold Christensen, Secretary Mia Ishikawa, Race Chair Guy Heaton, Port Captain Frank Fournier, Fleet Captain Rod Simenz and Hospitality Chair Yasemin Talay. The club functions because of the dedication of these people, many of whom has been in roles of leadership for years. Emmet's years of service were recognized with the presentation of a ship "The Pilgram", Presented by Commodore Weir.

Tijeras Creek Golf Club again did a fantastic job hosting the event with appetizers and a full bar during the social hour before the event. The meal consisted of a buffet featuring your choice of steak and salmon.

For many in attendance the highlight of the evening was the awards presentation.

The year started off with the SCYA Midwinter Regatta with the top 3 places were recognized. In the C Fleet 1st Place – Cheyenne Stegall, 2nd Place – Deagan Willis, 3rd Place – Kate Sweeny. In the B Fleet Vicki and Emmet Rixford were rewarded for their 1st Place finish, with Frank Roberts and Peter Tietz finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively. In the competitive A Fleet Ted Ishikawa finished on top followed by Ron Meyer in 2nd place and Randy Tiffany and Kevin Weir in 3rd place.

In the Team Challenge Tyler Peyatt, Frank Fournier, Bill Yount, Guy Heaton, Emmet Rixford and lead by Graham Newman took top honors.

In the Junior team Challenge we had a tie between the Red Team and the Blue Team. The Red team was deemed the winner according to the tie breaking rules. The Blue Team consisted of Captain Ezugo Ononye, with Madoc Pugh, Faris Hanna, Mckenna Pugh, Kate Sweeney and Sara Sweeney rounding out the team. On the Red Team we had Captain Nicole Sighiartau with Marcus Hopps, Cheyenne Stegall, Maycie Pugh, Deagan Willis, and Lucianna Noy. The blue team was advised by Guy Heaton and the red team Rod Simenz.

The Top Skipper was trophy was awarded to Guy Heaton and the individual race winners were recognized.



Part of Team Challenge Winners



Team Challenge Race Winners



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Awards Dinner Continued:



C Fleet Winners

In the 20 race championship series C fleet top honors went to Vivian Ikeda followed by Griffin Pugh, and Deagan Willis.

In the B Fleet first place went to Nicole and Julius Sighartau with Vicki and Emmet Rixford coming in a close second and Randy Tiffany and Frank Fournier following in 3rd.

Guy Heaton got top honors in the A Fleet followed by Ron Meyer in 2nd place and Arnold Christensen in 3rd place.



B Fleet Winners



A Fleet Winners

A new trophy donated by Frank Roberts called "Champion of Champions" went to Guy Heaton for having the best score from all the winners.



Champion of Champion



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Awards Dinner Continued:



Willy Hugeshoffer Award presented Posthumous to Horst Weiler

Finally, for the years of service to the Club and its members the "Willy Hugeshoffer Award" was presented posthumous to Horst Weiler. Besides being an accomplished sailor Horst was one of the original founders of the club. Over 39 years he served as Port Captain, Quartermaster, Race Chair, C15 Fleet Captain, Measurer, Sailing Instructor and host to of the club's most popular annual event, the Ocktober-fest.

On the water his achievements include frequent winner of the C-15 one design competition, frequent "A" fleet winner in the Championship Series, Top Skipper multiple times and Captain of the winning team in many of the Team Challenge Regattas. The best part of Horst's competitive spirit was his willingness to share with everyone, his knowledge and expertise on

key sailing skills such as sail trim, boat trim, rig tuning, tactics and reading the wind on the water. The award was accepted by Caecilla Weiler.





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Maverick and Kate win Special Awards

Rod Simenz



Maverick Trudell is the 2018 winner of the John Olson Junior Sailor Sportsmanship award. Like past winners Maverick had a successful competitive year sailing and while doing so showed outstanding sportsmanship. He played by the rules and respected his competitors. Several coaches from other clubs remarked on his sailing skills and exceptional conduct on the race course. Congratulations Maverick and thanks for representing our club so well.

It was a breakout year in 2018 for the RS Tera class. They were able to form classes at many more regattas than ever before and the class association introduced two new events, the Tera California Series and the North American Championship. Kate Sweeney competed in almost every event that offered a Tera class. She won or finished in the top three at most of the events and placed second in the Tera California Series held at seven different Yacht Clubs. For her outstanding performance Kate was recognized as the 2018 LMVYC Tera Sailor of the Year.





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2019 Tune Up Regatta

by Frank Roberts

Our traditional Tune Up Regatta is just that. A regatta without scoring that allows members to get their boats out of our long winter storage (two months), shake out the spiders, wash off the dust, check lines and shrouds for strength and get the boats on the water to assess their performance. It also allows skippers to practice starts and crew to practice once again putting up with their overbearing skippers.

The fleet consisted of four boats in C, four boats in B and two boats in A. Racing was similar to our Wednesday night sailing, no scoring, but plenty of starts and lots of fun. Winds blew from 1 mph to 8 mph so nothing too drastic. Skippers and crews set out to hone skills made rusty by the two months of no action on the lake.

With no committee boat, our R/C Race Chair Guy Heaton asked for and got some special help. Tyler Peyatt was more than happy to lend his skills to the crew as they set marks and started races. Tyler was an exceptional junior and is now a sailing instructor at Dana Point Yacht Club. Just one of the many Junior Sailors from LMVYC who have moved on to success. Thanks Tyler for returning to your club to help.

Apres sailing was not much. Maybe a few refreshments as the sails were folded and the boats taken back to storage. But, just maybe these sailors now have an edge over the competition that starts with our first Series Regatta of the year on February 2, the new Midwinter Regatta.

Newsletter

We have been publishing a club newsletter for many years to report on past events, share information about future events and let you know what is happening with our members and in the water-front community. Over the years it has evolved from print to online as we try to meet the changing needs of the membership. Let us know what we can do to improve our communication to you. Is this the correct format? What additional content do you wish to see? We welcome your suggestions.

The next edition is scheduled for distribution May 15th and the final call for articles will be May 8th. If you have any information that may be of interest to the members please submit it to Peter Tietz (HPTCA@outlook.com).

Remember that we have a classified section where you can post your excess gear that maybe of interest to members. If you take pictures during our events please submit them so that we can include here and on the website LMVYC.org. Please remember we also have a Facebook page that contains pictures and some information of past and upcoming events.

Associate Member and Guest Fees Update

Effective this year, the fee for associate and non-members attending regattas has changed. The new fee is \$15 for each associate or non-member who joins in our after regatta meals. The fee for associate/non-member racing sailors/crew is also \$15, which includes post-race food and drink. The \$15 fee is per event.



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Holiday Party



LMVYC again took an active role in the holiday festivities at the lake. As the snow was being piled on the hill side by the beach and the fire pit was being readied, some of our members were busy getting the schooner ready to lead the parade. Other members gathered to decorate the LMVA board room for the party that was to come later in the day. We owe a big thanks to Ude, Audrey, Yasemin, Aki, Daniela, Mia for helping set up the party room. We also thank all the members whom contributed food for the event and everyone that helped with the cleanup.

As was expected parking was again tight, as this is an event not to be missed. At about 4:30 pm many of our members were bring their holiday treats to the club house and the festivities were starting. It was good to see so many members bring their families to enjoy the event.

Santa arrived at the lake to the delight of everyone and was available for pictures. The parade officially started when the schooner got underway. With over 25 other decorated party boats following, it was an evening to be remembered.

We thank all the member who contributed their time in putting on this very successful event and especially Ude Ohuche for coordinating the event.





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Juniors had an Amazing year in 2018

from Rod Simenz



Maycie Pugh, Deagan Willis, McKenna, Griffyn, and Madoc Pugh, Maverick Trudell, Ryan and Vivian Ikeda in front of the club's newest CFJ. **160227**

Junior sailing team members were first in one or more classes at 17 regattas and placed in the top three in one or more classes at 22 events. That will be a tough act to follow in 2019, but it will be fun to try, especially with a new goal to get more competitive in CFJs.

Several juniors who have enjoyed great success in smaller single person boats for the past few years are now ready to move up to the higher performance two persons CFJ class used in high school and college racing. That's where the club's Fourth Annual Junior Program Fund Raiser in 2018 comes in, the drive raised over \$1280 for the MVYSF and that helped offset the cost of the newer CFJ purchased last November. Thanks to all those club members that made donations to MVYSF. Thanks also to the Lake management and the Lake Board of Directors that provided funds to purchase a new set of Ullman CFJ racing sails. The yacht club now has two Westerly and two Vanguard CFJs for junior sailor training in preparation for tough competition this year at local regattas, the Summer Junior Olympics and CFJ Class National Championship.



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Junior Sabot sailors are ready to roll

Rod Simenz

With the addition of a travel trailer that can transport multiple Sabots to sailing competition at harbors from Long Beach to San Diego. Vivian Ikeda, Deagan Willis, Maverick Trudell and Madoc Pugh are shown with the trailer.

It wasn't always this easy to get our boats to a regatta. In the early days of the junior program about eight years ago we only had to transport a single Sabot to races off the lake. In those days the Sabot went on the roof of Ted Ishikawa's car or Kevin Peyatt's SUV. Jim Talley's van also was used, as a Sabot fit very nicely inside his van.



The first time our kids went to San Diego YC's famous Dutch Shoe Marathon we needed to transport three Sabots there. So for that event we rented a U Haul 5x10 utility trailer and stacked the boats in it. It worked and we used a U Haul several times, but trying to secure the boats from shifting was always a problem so we looked into getting a proper boat trailer.

Jim Talay knew of a Lido trailer for sale (he once owned it) and the newly formed Mission Viejo Youth Sailing Foundation bought it and donated to the club. Jim then generously had the trailer checked out and put on new tires at his expense. It has served us well, and has at times been used to transport a Laser and a Sabot, a CFJ and a Sabot or two Sabots at a time. As the junior program grew it was obvious we needed more trailer capacity. We looked into modifying the trailer by adding Sabot racks but it turned out the trailer was too short to do that. So we search for a second trailer.

Meanwhile MVYSF bought two newer Sabots for the Club and when transporting them on the existing trailer from Santa Ana back to the lake one flew off the trailer sustaining major damage. That experience made it clear we needed a proper trailer to carry multiple boats and soon!! John Pugh located a used tandem Jet ski trailer and MVYSF acquired it for the club and had it modified to carry four Sabots. With a simple further modification it will be able to carry a Laser on top of the Sabot rack.

The juniors wish to thank all the club members who made contributions to the MVYSF fund drive that made the new trailer possible.



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Wednesday Night Sailing Begins



It's hard to believe but the next round of sailing on Wednesday nights is just around the corner. The association boats will be available without a fee starting March 13 for informal racing. Members will be meeting every Wednesday around 4:30 till October 30th. This is a great time to practice your starts and any other maneuvers that will help you win races when it really counts. The experienced members will be there to give the newcomers plenty of advice.

Until then many members meet at 6:00 pm on Wednesday to get some exercise by walking around the lake before having pizza at Roundtable Pizza across from the library. Everyone is invited and the female club members are especially encouraged to come on the first Wednesday of every month.

Winter Storms hit Lake Mission Viejo

Mission Viejo has had almost 4 inches of rain in the last month. The storm that pounded the area on the weekend of February 2nd forced the cancellation of the Midwinter Regatta. This was to have been the first race in the Championship Series.

Well now the sailors have an extra month to hone their skills. The regatta has been rescheduled for **March 3rd**. Check out the entire schedule at the end of this publication.



Spring Regatta



Want to win the club championship? You have a shot by entering the Spring regatta on April 28th. This is the second regatta out of a series of 8 that will determine the club champion. The regattas are spaced throughout the year with the last one finishing in November. Do not want to race then join the other members afterward for beverages and food in the clubhouse.



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Opening Day

From the beginning of March till the end of May almost every weekend will feature many opening day ceremonies. Here on the west coast we have jettisoned many of the east coast yachting traditions, but the year really can't begin until a club has an opening day ceremony. They will usually feature a debut of the white pants and blue blazers, visiting dignitaries, great food and drinks, speeches, flags and of course the cannon shot to break up the ice.

Our club officially starts our season on March 17th with our opening day festivities and regatta. This year's regatta will not be part of the club championship series so members will have more time to enjoy the event. This is also Saint Patrick's Day and I'm sure that there may be some green beer to be found somewhere.



LMVYC Opening Day March 17th

There is a lot of work to putting on this event, so please keep some time open to help with the setup and take down after the event. We will also need to have food available for the 100 or so people that attend so be sure to sign up for what you can contribute. More information will be sent out as the date draws closer.

N2E

Since 1947 the annual pilgrimage from Newport Beach to Ensenada has taken place every April. Many of our members have taken part in this tradition either as racers, or support staff. If you are not going to be on one of the hundreds of boats heading south than come out and help out by working on the race committee. There will be slots open for people to man the check in boats, starting line boats, and finish line boats. This is your chance to get up close to some of the areas hottest race boats. Get a hold of Peter Tietz if you are interested in helping out April 26, 27 or 28th





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FOR SALE: '82 VICTORIA 18 SAILBOAT WITH TRAILER

Navy blue hull, Length 18, Beam 5'5", Draft 2'.
Fixed keel daysailer with small cabin and high aspect rig.
Four sails; white main and jib, multi colored genoa spinnaker.
Removable motor mount included.
Price: \$2,995.

Optional addition: Used Mercury 5.0 four-stroke long shaft outboard suitable for the Victoria 18 sailboat - \$800. (outboard not for sale separately)
Sailboat currently stored at Lake Mission Viejo.

Call Dennis at 949-306-0941 to see the boat.



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LMVYC 2019 Event Calendar

Midwinter Regatta*
Wednesday Night Sailing Begins
Opening Day Regatta
Spring Regatta 1*
Spring Regatta 2*
Friday Night Sail and BBQ Begins
Summer Regatta*
Team Challenge Regatta
42nd Annual Regatta*
Friday Night Sail and BBQ Ends
Fall Regatta*
Junior Regatta
Top Skipper Regatta
Wednesday Night Sailing Ends
Turkey Regatta*

Sunday March 3rd
Wednesday March 13th
Sunday March 17th
Sunday April 28th
Saturday May 18th
Friday June 21st
Sunday June 30th
Sunday July 28th
Sunday August 25
Friday August 30th
Sunday September 22nd
Sunday October 6th
Sunday October 27th
Wednesday October 30th
Sunday November 10th

Regattas with an asterisk (*) are part of the Club Championship Series