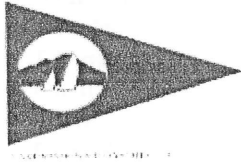


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A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL!



FROM OUR NEW COMMODORE VIVIENNE SAVAGE:

*On Behalf of Fon Koot and myself, I would like to thank the Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club Officers and Board Members, for another very successful year of sailing and social time. With these people giving us their time, energy, multi talents and skills, it makes our club the happy successful club that it is, thank you again, **YOU** are LMVYC.*

Vice Commodore, Vivienne Savage.

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Finn Willi Hugelshofer
Lido 14 Doug Sheppard
Thistle Ron Meyer

For YC membership information call:

- Rear Commodore Tony Musolino
457-0899 or Club Secretary Audrey
Simenz 462-0838

For regatta information call Race Chair:

- Jack McCollum 305-2374

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Well I know your 2005 calendar is all marked up by now, so be sure to mark a few new dates in your new 2006 calendar.

First event coming up is our **Installation and Awards Dinner on January 21**. It will be at the newly redone Fish Market and Grill Restaurant at the Lake (the former Boathouse). Event Chair Tara Robison promises a wonderful evening with great food. Look forward to seeing you all there!

Check the website for all the race results.

The following day **Sunday January 22** will be our **Tune-Up Regatta**. A good time to get boats, bodies and brains back in working order. **There will not be any food served afterwards.** This is a great opportunity to make sure all our rigging is in good working order! and have some good sailing and racing too. In February we'll have the Midwinter Regatta and before we know it the sailing and racing season will be in full swing.

Sailing Schedule

Midwinter Regatta	February 19/20
Opening Day Regatta	March 20
LMVYC Invitational	April 2
Sunset sailing begins	April 6
Spring Regatta 1	April 17
Spring Regatta 11	May 22
LAKE SAFETY DAY	
JUNE 11	
Summer Regatta	June 26
Friday Night Sunset Sail	July 15
Friday Night Sunset Sail	August 5
Annual Regatta	August 21
Fall Regatta	September 25
LMVYC Invitational	October 8
Sunset sailing ends	October 13
Top Skippers Championship	October 23
LMVYC ANNUAL MEETING	
NOVEMBER 9	
Turkey Regatta	November 2
CHRISTMAS PARADE	
DECEMBER 10	
INSTALLATION DINNER	
JANUARY 21, 2006	

Yacht Club Reciprocals for 2005

The following Yacht Clubs have extended reciprocal privileges to the members of LMVYC for the year 2005. If you visit be sure to have your current LMVYC membership card with you and sign in at the front desk. Not all clubs have food and/or beverage service and those that do may only offer bar and/or restaurant service on weekends. Calling ahead to find out when they're open is a good idea. Check out the bulletin board in the Club Room for additions to the list which may have come in after this was printed.

American Legion YC	949 - 673-5070
Anacapa Yacht Club	805 - 984-0211
Balboa Yacht Club	949 - 673-3515
Channel Islands Naval YC	
Corsair Yacht Club	908 - 803-1343
Cortez Racing Assoc.	619 - 685-7717
Huntington Harbor YC	562 - 592-2186
Lido Isle Yacht Club	949 - 673-5119
Hollywood Yacht Club	310 - 326-4553
Pierpoint Yacht Club	805 - 644-6672
Sea Gate Yacht Club	714 - 840-8049
South Shore YC	949 - 646-3102
Sunset Aquatic YC	www.sayc.org
Westlake Yacht Club	818 - 889-4820

... from the Editor.

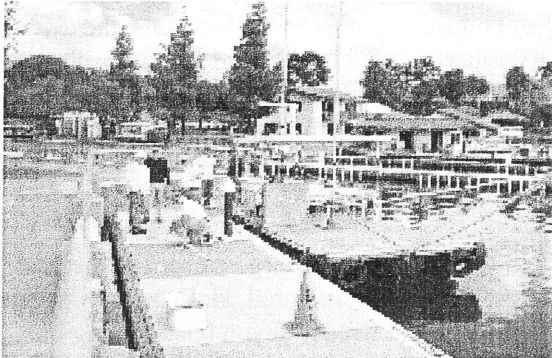
This last newsletter of the year, the November-December issue, is squeaking in under the wire before the New Year starts.

We've had two very busy months at the Club. The big event in November was of course the election of our new officers for 2006 at the Annual General Meeting. We had a very good turnout of members; the needed quorum was easily met; the new Board was voted in unanimously.

The Turkey Regatta, the final event in the Club Championship series that starts with the Opening hanks to Annmarie and Chuck Seymour. All the fleet championship winners are posted on the website. A big hand is due Roger for always having all the race results posted so promptly.

Early in December plans were made for the construction of the Club's wondrous "schooner" that leads the Christmas Boat Parade around the Lake at the annual "Parade of Lights". So on the Saturday morning of the parade, enthusiastic members gathered to build the schooner, and light it with strings and strings of lights.

The Schooner Architects



There were twenty-eight boats in the parade this year and it made for a magical evening enjoyed by many of our members who had gathered first in the Clubroom for hors d'oeuvres and refreshments at the Club Christmas party and then came back after the parade for dessert and coffee. It really got everyone in the holiday spirit and fortified for that gift shopping and holiday cooking still to be done.

As I write this, two days after Christmas, that lovely holiday glow and spirit of good will toward all, is still apparent everywhere and if the decorations and the Christmas tree are starting to look a little tired, well that's okay;

it's almost time to start thinking about New Year's resolutions and Springtime. Aren't you glad there is always something to look forward to? And the Club schedule of racing and social events, which will be mailed out in January will definitely give us all something to look forward to.

Christmas Party 2005



This year the Club has had to learn lots about flexibility with our Commodore, Fon Koot, moving to Arizona mid year and our acting Commodore, Vivienne Savage, leaving in November for a three month hiatus in Venice, (poor thing!!!). But every one rose to the occasion as needed, particularly Rear Commodore, Tony Musolino, who has held three officer titles in one year; and taken on whatever responsibilities landed in his lap with grace and equanimity. Well done Tony!

We'll all miss Vivienne and Len at the Installation and Awards dinner, and look forward to welcoming them home in mid February. Look for the letter from Vivienne further on in this issue. What an adventure she's having. If you'd like to write or email Vivienne and misplaced the addresses I sent out, just let me know and I'll send it to you again.

I'm looking forward to having just one job next year and I'm very grateful to S/C Rick Quick for taking on the Newsletter. Rick will be giving the Newsletter a fresh face and new voice in 2006. I've enjoyed putting the paper together for three years now and it's time to let somebody else have the fun!

A very big thank you to all who contributed articles and material, it made the job a breeze.

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Audrey Simenz

LMVYC Board of Officers for 2006

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Vice Commodore	Tony Musolino
Rear Commodore	Ron Meyer
Jr. Staff Commodore	Fon Koot

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Race Chair	Rod Simenz
Fleet Surgeons	Sue Edwards/ Tara Robison
Port Captain	S/C Frank Fournier

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Webmaster	S/C Roger Robison
Trophy Chair	Don Schaffner
Quartermaster	Horst Weiler
Newsletter	S/C Rick Quick
Measurer	Horst Weiler
Sunset Sailing Chair	any volunteers???

Recap 2005: Jack McCollum, Race Chair

2005 was an unusual year for LMVYC...we had wind! As this year's race committee chair I couldn't have hoped for better overall conditions for this past season. Let me start with a recap of our successful regattas.

We started the year in February with our participation in the SCYA Mid-Winter Regatta that is raced at various venues around the Southland. We hosted the C-15s, International Finns and Portsmouth monohulls. Willi Hugelshofer and Horst Weiler held off all comers that day. After the races our clubroom became the retreat from the wind where the sailors had the room buzzing, recounting their adventures out on our lake with the fifteen-knot winds.

We officially started our Championship Series with our Opening Day Regatta and Commodore's Brunch. Several dignitaries including our Mayor, Trish Kelly attended this exciting event. Any member who did not attend missed one of the highlights of the year with all of the pomp and ceremony involved in the opening of the season; and let's not overlook the excellent food! The series leaders for the first day were all familiar names including

Horst Weiler, Randy Tiffany, Frank Fournier and Roger Robison.

Next came our first Invitational Regatta of the year with our Yacht Club inviting all area Lido 14s, Thistles and adult Sabots. This was another successful event with Fon Koot as Race PRO and our Finn sailors running the race committee boat.

Our two Spring Regattas came next and Spring Regatta II, otherwise known as "South of the Border" day was called by many in attendance, "The most anticipated of the year!" Randy and Norma Tiffany with the help of Cecilia McCollum put on one of the best after race fiestas we've had in recent memory. The racing, food and music were great! We had fourteen boats racing and it was the last regatta in which departing Commodore Fon Koot raced with us.

After our Summer Regatta with eleven racers in attendance we took a break in July and then picked up the action again for our 28th annual Regatta on August 21st with nineteen boats competing.

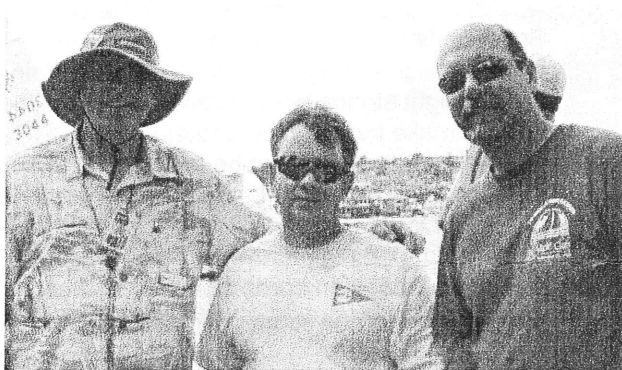
The very popular Fall Regatta followed on schedule with Horst Weiler providing the food and music to put us in the mood for the Oktoberfest which followed the races. The top sailors that day were Rick Quick, Willi Hugelshofer and newcomer Steve Schupak exhibiting some fine sailing with his very fast Lido.

Now we come to the largest event of the past year, the Fall Invitational. Hold on to your hats folks, we had twenty-seven boats plying our waters for the top spots in Finn, Thistle, Capri 14.2, C-15 and Naples Sabot classes. Looking toward the dam from the committee boat, there was a time when it looked like we had more boats than water out there! We always hope for good wind on race day but especially on a day when guests are invited to our lake. We weren't disappointed with what were probably the best steady sailing conditions of the whole year. We even had a wind related capsize during one race. Most however, were able to keep the dry side up for a perfect day of hotly contested racing with our own Bud Corning coming in second after losing the tie breaker for first place in the adult Sabots. Willi also sailed very well and had the visiting Finn sailors seeing nothing but his stern with three bullets.

Our Top Skipper's race is always a fun opportunity to see how our leading skippers would do in a fairly matched boat race. We had nine of the invited racers show on race day so we were one short. At the last minute however, Allyn Edwards, (who was out of contention due to injuries earlier in the year), showed up and offered to help out wherever he could. He got the tenth spot and really showed them, sitting all alone in first after three races. In the end Horst Weiler came from behind with the overall win.

Finally, we continued with the traditional Turkey Regatta to finish our Championship Series and it seemed as if the wind and our series ended at the same time. The wind was great for the first two races and then, half way through the last race of the year the breeze started dying with our racers struggling to the finish but then...with a few last gasps from Mother Nature the boats were wafted across the finish line.

I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered to help on race committee this past year and since it was half of the yacht club I can't list everyone's name but I really do need to mention Susanna Hugelshofer who stepped up to be the Race PRO while I was on vacation several times.



Did you know?

A duffel (or duffle) bag was a sailor's sea bag which was made from a rough woolen cloth made in the Flemish town of Duffel near Antwerp. (Alice Olson)



Installation and Awards Dinner

On January 21, 2006, annual racing awards for 2005 will be handed out and our new officers installed.

Be sure to save the date! The dinner this year will be held at the Fish Market and Grill on the Lake. Tara Robison, the event chair, will be mailing out the invitations shortly. It will be a fun evening with great food and a chance to socialize without any cleaning up duties! So watch the mail and shake the mothballs out of your party duds!



From the Bridge:R/C Tony Musolino

2005 was another great year for LMVYC. We are fortunate that beautiful Lake Mission Viejo is the venue for our Club's regatta and sailing programs. Considering the conveniences of all the facilities, our acumen for race management and reputation for friendliness and hospitality, we are a quality attraction.

Working in unison on both the business and recreational aspects of the Club, our Officers, Board Members and numerous volunteers all helped make the year. Our event calendar is diverse and requires a considerable amount of planning, communication, and teamwork. The support we receive from the Lake Mission Viejo Association (LMVA) Board and management is integral to our success.

Working together, an excellent rapport has built up in the process, which is mutually beneficial to all members and guests.

Our 2006 Events Calendar is set as we transition into next year. The Officers Installation and Awards Dinner is first in order and scheduled in January. Tara Robison is Chair for the event and invitations should be out soon. We expect that it will be a gratifying and exciting evening for all. Unfortunately, Commodore Fon Koot and acting Commodore Vivienne Savage will be unable to attend.

I spoke with both of them on Christmas Day. Fon and Notty have been under the weather at their new home in Arizona, so their Holiday was overshadowed a bit.

Vivienne and Len were away from Italy for a few days and were enjoying Christmas in Brussels, Belgium when I reached them by phone. Things are going well and we all can look forward to their return in February, a few days before the 77th SCYA Midwinter Regatta. In the interim, with your help, we will stay the course and make progress.

On behalf of acting Commodore Savage, I hope that you and your family had a healthy and enjoyable Holiday Season. We can all look forward to an even better year with LMVYC in 2006.

Tony Musolino,
Rear Commodore

And Tony has given permission to excerpt from his chatty e-mail to Len and Vivienne ...

Hello Vivienne and Len,

The Boat Parade and Christmas Party turned out really nice. The weather was warm, dry and comfortable for all that were at the lake that evening.

Saturday morning, our club naval architects were out in great force erecting the Schooner. The best kept secret is how a bio boat morphs into a Schooner! Early in the evening, an association member asked me how such a large sail boat gets launched on to the lake?

We had a nice turnout of club members recognizing that several could not make it. Thanks to Audrey, a cheery reminder was sent out, the Club room was nicely decorated in a festive theme, and there were plenty of goodies brought by all; never a shortage of tasty things to pick on.

Mom Tiffany who doesn't miss the cold Indiana weather a bit enjoyed herself at the Club and on Parade in the party boat with son Randy, daughter-in-law Norma and several other Club members. Randy made some fast tracks decorating the Boat after we all got through with the Schooner Saturday morning.

We also had a pleasant surprise when Grandparents Susan and Arnold Christensen walked in the Club Room with their daughter and new baby granddaughter. Friendly Frank with his stocking cap and white beard was trying to get the baby's attention, but she just wasn't sure who he was!

Doing a little counting while we were leading the procession, it looked like there were over two dozen boats in the Parade. The live performance and bonfire at the North Beach set the stage for an exciting evening. Frank, with his booming baritone voice maintained a steady pace of Merry Christmas wishes throughout the evening. Since the children really reacted with great excitement, I think we should suit him up next year.

Watching the Schooner beautifully illuminated and gliding on the lake was something really special. We are looking forward to the pictures and write-ups in the next Noticia.

"You can't keep me down", Don Schaffner was at the docks both mornings. On Saturday he was there to do some consulting to be sure the Schooner's profile from stem to stern were properly aligned and on Sunday, to be certain that the light strings were nicely rolled into little balls to make the job nice and easy next year. We understand that he learned the technique from wife Linda. The Schooner kit keeps getting enhanced: PVC tubing with more identifiable markings thanks to Rod, masts, lights and extension cords all neatly tucked away in the storage room until 2006!

Overall it was a great evening for our Club members, LMVA association residents and guests. We can be proud having the privilege to again played a major role in this annual festive event.

More later and when you have time, let us know how the holiday season is going for both of you in Italia.

Regards,

Tony

A Letter from Vivienne



Treviso, Italy, December 14th 2005.

Well here we are in northern Italy, to be precise in Treviso, a town built by the Romans, a long time ago. It's about 20 kilometers north of Venice. We left the U.S.A on Thursday, November 17, 2005 and arrived in Venice at the Marco Polo Airport on Friday, November 18, 2005. The company had provided Len with a business class ticket, but he could only purchase a coach class ticket for me, not because of the money, but because the business class was full, I will leave you to fathom out who rode upfront and who rode in the back.

Upon arrival at the airport Len picked up a rental car, a stick shift, or should I say four on the floor. Actually it would be six on the floor, five forward gears and one reverse gear. The hotel we where booked in at, don't be fooled by the name, the "Laguna Palace" Mestre, could only be described as a disaster hotel.

Apparently it used to be an apartment hotel, but was sold to the Dutch Company NH who converted it into a residential hotel. What they did was to take all the apartment features, like the kitchen, and replace it with nothing. There was no restaurant, room service, no means of making a cup of TEA or coffee and not a decent or comfortable seat to sit on. It did not take long for us to decide we had to move. To top it all on the day we arrived there was a murder/suicide in the parking lot. We actually saw the murdered body lying there and the police taking all the details. We did not see the suicide; a husband had shot his wife and then went home and shot himself.

On our first Sunday we went out to look at other hotels in the area. We were about to cross the road to look at an hotel which someone from Long Beach had recommended, but the

side walk was cut away at an angle, I did not see or expect this, and down I went, hands first, my right wrist took the impact, it was very badly bruised from my fingers to just below my elbow, it was very painful and I was unable lift or use my fingers. Monday was Len's first day at work, so he had to go. On Tuesday we spent the day in the Mestre E.R. Oh that was quite an experience, the doctor, who spoke English, and staff, who didn't, were extremely kind to me, but I could write a book about what an ordeal it was. It's said the best way to know a country is to mingle with the natives. I spent a day with them going through the process of the Italian E.R and even though none of the other patients spoke English, I knew what they were feeling and saying. When it was time for a change of venue, which was often, they made sure they took me with them, x-rays in hand.

The good news was my wrist was not broken, but very badly bruised, so I had a soft cast put on, which rendered my right hand useless, and wouldn't you know it, I'm right handed. Having a husband certainly comes in useful at times, he made sure I was alright before he went to work in the morning, and I eagerly waited for his return in the evening. It's still a little painful but well on the mend.

After two weeks we found a nice apartment in Treviso, a very Old Italian town, founded by the Romans. It's a lovely place, and it's only a short train (or bus) ride into Venice. The apartment is on two levels; downstairs is the kitchen/dining room, a bedroom and a full bathroom. Upstairs is the living room, a bedroom and another full bathroom. The owner, because we only spoke English, decided to get "Sky TV" for us, but I think we lost out on the deal. When they came to install the TV they said it could only be installed downstairs, so the kitchen/dining room became the kitchen/dining/living room, a little congested. Really it was all to no avail because everything on the TV was still in Italian. We are now in the process of trying to reverse the situation.

The owner appears to be a nice lady, she provided me with a new iron, ironing board and two easy chairs. The chairs are not very comfortable but the thought was nice, her daughter Giulia, speaks good English and has become a good friend to me, making sure I had a phone, but unfortunately it could not be a

world wide service because I would be back in California before it was approved. This was due to the bombings in London in July. She said there would be so much paper work I would be long gone before I was approved. In spite of everything, including the unusual early freezing cold weather just after we arrived, it's quite an adventure and it gives us another outlook on life, and the convoluting journey we take. Tonight as I write this letter it is our 21st wedding anniversary so we are planning a dinner out

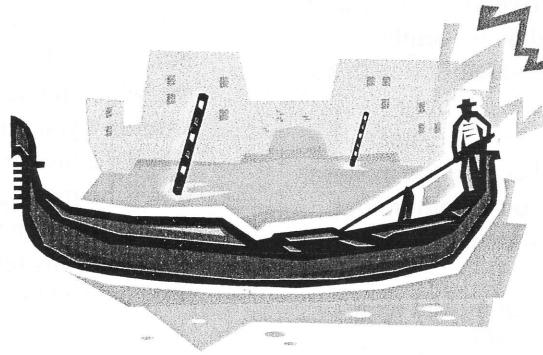
The restaurants don't open till about 7.30 p.m. some as late as 8.00 p m. Well I guess as I am feeling a little hungry, I will close now and wish you all a very merry Christmas and all the

best in the New Year, I will be with you in mind and spirit on Installation and Awards night, if not in person.

If you are interested you can view the apartment at the following web site; the apartment number is number 10.
http://www.palazzobrando.it/sito_eng/index.html

All my love and best wishes to everyone, at this Holiday Season, and always,

Vivienne.



And a look back at some of the good times we had in 2005



