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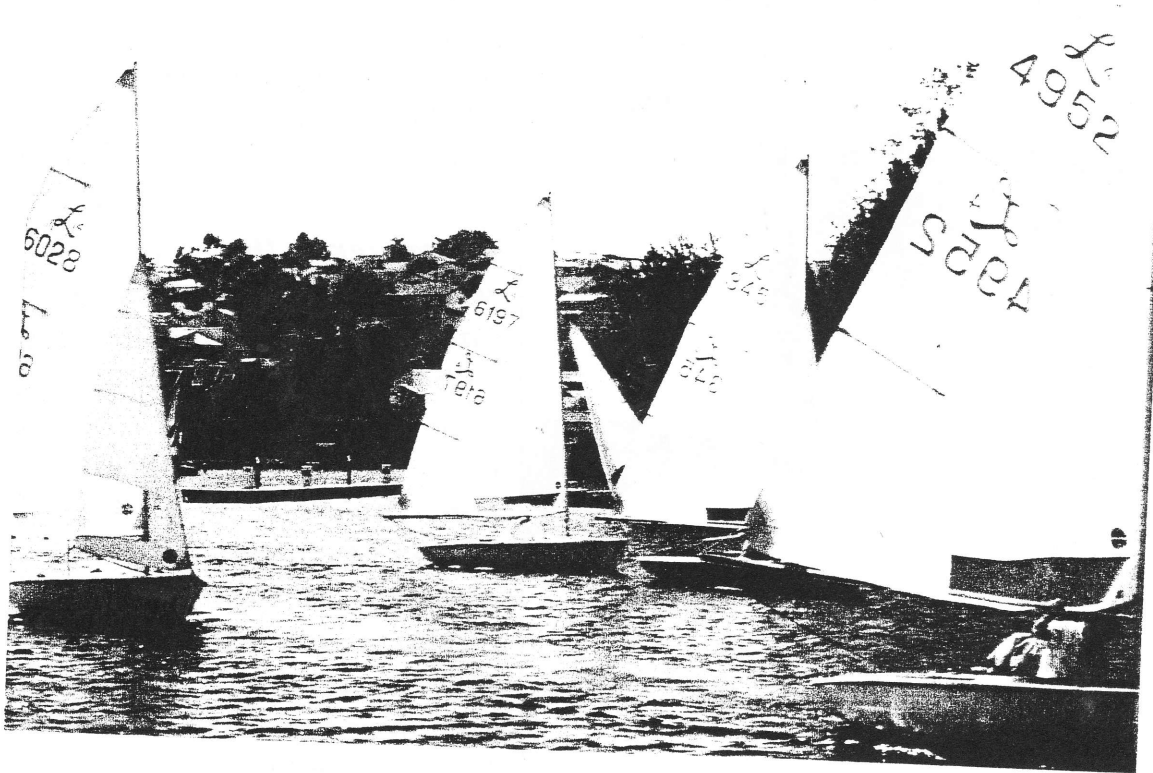
Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

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Man invented the slowest form of transportation – the sailboat –
then decided to race them

Philosopher unknown



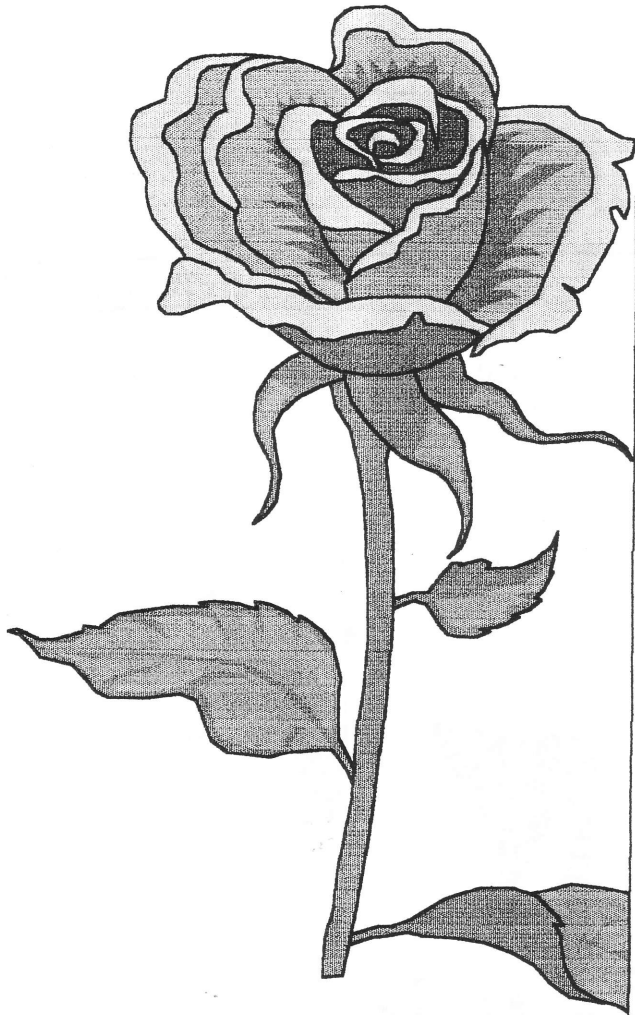
HAPPY SAILING IN THE NEW YEAR!

A message from Commodore John Olson

It's the season. It's that time of year. It's time to start getting our boats cleaned, waxed, and tuned up, for the sailing season of 2003. We need to brush up on the sailing rules, starting sequences, and if necessary, find crew. We need to remember to keep the fun in competition. Let's enjoy the company of other sailors on our beautiful Lake. Let's enjoy the sun, wind, and our sailboats on the water. This is what our Club is all about!

I am looking forward to working with our new officers, board members, and all Club members. Each race day many members volunteer to make it a special and enjoyable day; a day we all look forward to. Please be a part of the racers, race committee, food preparation, set up, clean up, or assist anywhere you feel comfortable. I would like to see every member get involved in the activities of LMVYC.

Thank you in advance for helping to make this a fun and happy sailing year.



A Tribute to VIVIENNE

As most of you know, Vivienne decided she needed a break and did not run for election this year.

She has been a mainstay of the Yacht Club for ten years now, and worked zealously as record keeper; organizer of the roster, with its constant updates; race committee member extraordinaire; mailer of club notices and correspondence; generous contributor to our Club dinners (what a cook!) and a fun loving sailor. New members are watched over by her and old members know she'll have the answer to whatever they need to know about the Club.

Her sunny smile and warm personality, not to mention her calm demeanor make her a pleasure to be around. Thank you Vivienne for all you've contributed to all of u s

The New Year Is Here and the

new sailing year will get off to a great start with the Club's participation in the Southern California Yachting Association's annual Mid-Winter Regatta. This major regatta takes place at multiple yacht club venues in Southern California, with different clubs each hosting some of the various classes. This year LMVYC will be putting on the races for the C15, Capri 14.2 keel, Capri 14.2 centerboard, and Finn classes. The two- day regatta takes place February 15 and 16. If you can't sail in this event be sure to come to the Lake and watch these exciting races from a spectator boat or the shore. Also in February we will have a tune-up sailing day for all Club members to shake out their sails and fine tune their boats for the new sailing season. This tune up is not on the racing schedule as its going to be just an informal work out and no food will be served afterwards. Members will be notified of the date and time.

Dropping the Tune-up Regatta is one of two changes you'll notice on this year's regatta schedule. For the past couple of years the July Regatta had the least participation by members so we've reverted to the old hiatus in July. The Wednesday Sunset series will be in full swing then so there will be lots of racing available for those who are not away on vacation. And remember those rafting parties! Before we know it the days will be longer and warmer and we'll be enjoying those summer breezes on our beautiful lake.

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Some Irish sailing wisdom.

" Its easier to sail where the wind wants you to go then where you want to go

**LMVYC REGATTA SCHEDULE
2003**

Midwinter Regatta	February 15-16
Opening Day	March 23
LMVYC Invitational	April 5
Spring Regatta 1	April 27
Spring Regatta 11	May 18
Summer Regatta	June 22
26 th Annual Regatta	August 24
Fall Regatta	September 21
Top Skipper	October 12
LMVYC Invitational	October 25
Turkey Regatta	November 16

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When you need to know NOW,

LMVYC's web site is invaluable. Our web master S/C Roger Robison always has the latest race results on line. He designed and maintains this very important communications tool. If you haven't checked it out, you should. Log on today and see how spiffy it is. And other yacht clubs use it to download information about our club, print out race entries and our race results. It also provides membership data and the numbers to call for Club information. Try sharing the address with friends out of State and let them see for themselves why we all enjoy our Lake Club so much. www.lmvyc.org
My brother in Ireland logs on to get out of the rain!

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...And more ... for you Thistle sailors...

In a race, any extra speed gained by using a spinnaker will not make up for the time and hassle of hoisting it...

...The boat in front of you with a spinnaker will be going faster. The boat behind you without a spinnaker will also be going faster...

Dues Time

The 2003 LMVYC membership renewal Form and regatta schedule are in the mail. Our membership continues to grow and we are looking forward to another great year. Don't miss the fun, the food, and a bit of friendly competition.

Return you renewal form promptly because the fun starts in February.

If you have any questions or comments about the Yacht Club's activities, or if you know someone who may be interested in joining our club, please call me at 949-855-0748 or e-mail: eric@teamreward.com

Eric Kaltenbach
Club Secretary

Race Management Seminars

SCYA present a series of race management seminars each year. Six of our members attended the Basic course presented at Newport Harbor Yacht Club in February 2002. The seminars are conducted by Stan Betts, a Lido sailor from MBYC, and Mike Wathen of BYC who are both International Race Officers. They are excellent presenters with lots of good racing stories. I recommend this course to anyone interested in race committee activity. The cost is \$35 and includes breakfast and lunch. See the enclosed flyer for more details and a registration form.

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What A Turnout!

Club members understand that you can't have much of a regatta without a race committee. So when the call for volunteers goes out, the response is always commendable. The race committee log for 2002 shows our ambitious racing schedule and the race committee teams that contributed to the success of each regatta.

Thanks to every one of the thirty-two members for their RC service in 2002. There are clubs much larger than LMVYC that would be thrilled to have half that number of members participating on race committee.

Let's hear it for...

Peter Bennett, Ted Beresford, Colin Cauley, Bud & Sally Connolly, Charles and Jewell Corning, Sue Edwards, Ced Fields, Donna Freeman, S/C Frank Fournier, Tricia Gonsowski, T.J. & Corina Henricks, Willi Hugelshofer, Candice & Eric Kaltenbach, Fon & Notty Koot, Ron Meyer, Katie & Cecilia McCullum, Corinne Musolino, Tara & S/C Roger Robison, Vivienne Savage, Don Schaffner, S/C Audrey & Rod Simenz, Pamela Strunk, Rick Quick, Louis Wheeler.

And of course a big thank you to all who offered advice from their boats!

Rod Simenz
Race Chair

WINDVANE!

A member's forum

This month's contributor is Staff Commodore Milly Thomas.

January always brings thoughts of new beginnings, assessing where we are in reference to our goals, putting aside last year's problems, and looking clearly ahead with a bright expectancy that this time NEXT year, things will be even better! We take the best that this year offered, and build on it, always looking for improvements; always wanting to make positive changes.

And so it is with the Yacht Club.

Through the years, we've seen many new years pass, and many new boards assume the helm. All had enthusiasm for improving the club, with new ideas, new events, new blood. As a result, the club has grown in size, in skill, and in pride. It has been through the hard work of the Commodores, their board, and members-at-large that we've succeeded.

Just look at how far we've come! Here we are hosting Mid-Winters events for the Southern California Yachting Association! Only ten years ago, the club had dwindled down to such a small number that we all fit in one booth at the pizza parlor. Slowly we began to rebuild, introduce new ideas, stress "friendly" sailing, implemented more social activity, until we now have over 50 households, in the club! And our own room! And we're still growing! Where we used to count 5 or 6 boats a good turnout, we now measure 30 boats in a regatta. That is no small accomplishment, as any yacht club will tell you. We can be proud that we are truly a SAILING club with a larger

percentage of actual "sailors" in the membership than any other club locally.

While we've done well, and we've cause to be proud, let us not forget what it took to get us where we are. It took hard work, sacrifice, planning, and turning away from anger when a new sailor barged at the start line. It took giving way when new sailors assumed right-of-way not legally theirs. It took discipline and a common goal to keep the club growing. It took sitting down over a piece of pizza and ironing out differences, rather than tossing in the towel or leaving angry. It took education and instruction from the more experienced sailors to increase fairness by teaching the rules of racing to the uninformed.

It took you. Each of you, working together. Each doing an important part. Now we, together again, face another new season, with another new Commodore, John Olson, at the helm. John is an avid sailor on both on the lake and the ocean. John loves to win, but does so with a humble attitude, always giving "lucky wind" the credit. But even though we all like to win, we all share the same goal as John: "Friendly sailing on beautiful Lake Mission Viejo." When we have accomplished that, we ALL win!

Now is the time to support our new Commodore, and stand behind him all the way. Now is the time to work with him to keep our club going strongly forward, the activities family-oriented, the atmosphere warm and welcoming. But most importantly, stand beside John and encourage him into year 2003 with your presence, your applause, and your well wishes.