



# LMVYC NEWS



## FROM THE BRIDGE AUGUST 2010



### **Summer Doldrums? Not for LMVYC Sailors!**

***From the Bridge....Commodore Randy Tiffany***

If you ask me, summer sailing in southern California can be some of the best sailing of the year! This year, it's not too hot, not too cold....juuuuust right. It's a chance to go *bare-footing* while sailing & maybe even getting a little wet (*and enjoying it!*). With the late sunsets of summer it is also a perfect time for taking part in regattas off the Lake. Several YCs from Dana Point to Newport Harbor have races each evening with many

skippers looking for crew (see each YC web site and message board for Crew Wanted postings). LMVYC is recognized by US Sailing, SCYA and AOCYC affording you the opportunity to compete at formalized Regattas in southern CA! Look inside for a sampling of regattas our intrepid sailors have participated in including Seal Beach-to-Dana Point, Commodore's Challenge in Newport, the Dutch Shoe Marathon in San Diego & C15 Nationals in Marina del Rey.

Looking forward, I hope you will circle August 22<sup>nd</sup> on your calendar for our own 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual LMVYC Regatta & BBQ. Look inside for details. Don't forget, you don't have to own your own dinghy to compete in the races; C14.2 Lake boats, sabots and Balboa 13's are available to LMVYC members with classes/starts for all skill levels including those just learning to race.

*Here's wishing you Fair Winds & Following Seas.*

*Let's Go Sailing!*

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**LMVYC Brings Home the Bling-Bling!  
Skipper Randy Tiffany & Willi Hugelshofer  
(Brilliant Tactician) win 2010 NOSA  
Commodore's Appreciation Race for  
LMVYC!**

NOSA (Newport Ocean Sailing Association; those fine folks who put on the Newport-to-Ensenada Race every spring) hosted the annual Commodores Appreciation Race at Balboa YC July 11<sup>th</sup>. Current SCYA Commodores have been invited to compete for the Commodores Cup since 1950. For the past several years Harbor 20's have been provided by local boat owners in Newport Harbor (fast fact; did you know there are nearly 130 Harbor 20's in Newport Harbor?)

Commodores from Alamitos Bay YC (Jeff Merrill defending Champion), Balboa YC (Dick Pacelli), Seal Beach YC (Jeff Dawson), American Legion YC (Jon Reynolds) & NOSA (Jim Jackman) and LMVYC (Randy Tiffany) competed in a three race regatta after the annual NOSA meeting & breakfast. Our own Audrey & Rod Simenz served as PRO & R/C. To keep the competition fair, boats were exchanged after each race via a blind draw from the hat. Winds were light to moderate from the southwest with flat water inside the Harbor; pretty much like sailing on our home court!

Randy Tiffany & Willi Hugelshofer raced to a 2, 2 & a FIRST in the third and deciding Race. LMVYC was tied with the defending champ ABYC after two races with ABYC having scored a 1 & 3. Team LMVYC avoided a "traffic jam" at the pin end on the start of the third race, ducking the mess to leeward to start in the middle of the start line. With excellent sail trim by captain & crew LMVYC was able to point high enough to be in second at the windward mark trailing ABYC by 3 long boat lengths. After rounding the mark, Willi called for an **immediate** tack to port while ABYC continued on starboard across the harbor. "I hate sailing in dirty air and the tide is no longer a factor!" shouted Willi as he admonished (reprimanded?) the Skipper to keep his "eyes on nothing but the tell tales". Lucky lift, or not, LMVYC reached right up to the weather mark creating a "comfortable" lead of perhaps 8 to 10 boat lengths on ABYC. The Harbor 20 boat owner (who rides along to make sure we do not bump into anything but proffers no advice) exclaimed "Victory is Ours" two legs before the finish only to make the pressure to win more palpable! The wind was waning and this Skipper hates (chokes?) sailing in light wind!

The Commodore's Cup stays at LMVYC for the next year! This is not the first time it has been captured by LMVYC. S/C Rick Quick and V/C Fon Koot brought the cup to LMVYC for the first time in 2004. Unfortunately, the trophy is too large for our trophy case and will reside in LMV Operation Manager Dave Kerr's office until next year. The Cup will make appearances at select events including our Annual Regatta just in case anyone would like to *drink from the Cup for good Luck!* Bring your Listerine as it is a 60 year old cup.



## Dana West Leukemia Cup Regatta

By Robert Van Pelt

On June 4, 5 & 6<sup>th</sup> LMVYC sent a team to compete in the annual Leukemia Cup Regatta hosted by Dana West Yacht Club. The first race in the series was a sprint from Newport to Dana Point in Robert Van Pelt's Capri 22 with Bill Yount and Tony Musolino serving as crew. After 3 hours of racing Reggae, the Capri 22, finished 2<sup>nd</sup> but was called over the line at the start and received a DSQ, which became the throw out for our team.

Now the pressure was on as there would be no more throw outs. The winds on day 2 were 6-8 knots, which was perfect for the light Capri 22 and Reggae came in a respectful 2<sup>nd</sup>, closely behind the lead boat, a Santana 30. The crew on Saturday consisted of Robert Van Pelt, Bill Yount and Ron Myer.

The winds on Sunday were very light and the race was postponed for an hour until things picked up. A short course was selected by the race committee, which caused some confusion as to the proper rounding of the final mark. Reggae again finished second on the proper course but a protest is still pending regarding the course layout. As it now stands, team LMVYC tied for second overall on points after the throw out. All in all this was a pretty respectful performance for our team sailing the smallest boat in the fleet against some outstanding competitors.

On July 10<sup>th</sup>, Robert Van Pelt and Willi Hogelshofer were invited to crew on Cecelia, a Santana 30, in the annual 26-mile Seal Beach to Dana Point Race. On Friday Willi and Robert attempted to motor up the coast to Seal Beach but suffered engine failure around Newport. Fortunately, the winds were favorable and sailing the rest of the way proved relatively easy. The engine did start once inside the harbor and again the next morning out to the starting line. The race itself got off to an extremely slow start due to a lack of wind. The lighter boats jumped out to an early lead but as the wind picked up it also moved forward instead of aft and Cecelia's big headsail really started to perform. In a short time we were hard on the wind and up to hull speed. We clawed our way through the pack with Willi constantly trimming the sails and Robert assisting with GPS navigation. At the finish Cecelia came in 2<sup>nd</sup> finishing ahead of an Islander 36 and a Santa Cruz 27 boat for boat. A smaller Cal 24 finishing 20 minutes behind us corrected over us dropping us down to a respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in a very tough PHRF fleet of experienced racers.





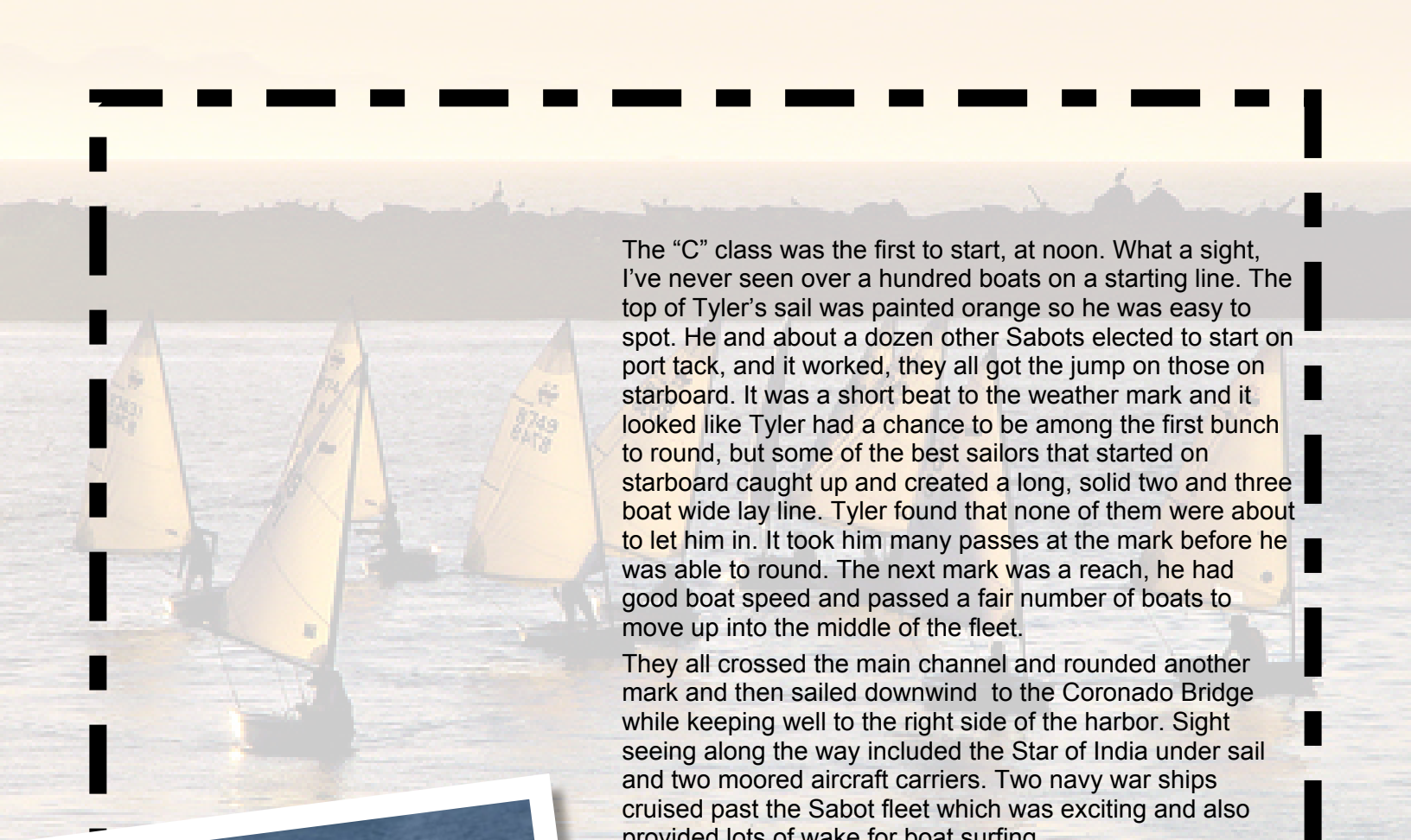
## A Marathon for Sail Boats?

San Diego Yacht Club is the host of the Dutch Shoe Marathon. It's a race from SDYC to Coronado Yacht Club sailed in eight foot Sabots. To sail about nine miles in one of those small boats surely must feel like a marathon, particularly since the race instructions allow up to four hours to finish. I mentioned the race to one of our junior members, Tyler Peyatt and his dad Kevin. Tyler has never been in a Sabot race before, so why not begin by racing against about 200 other Sabots?

Sounded good to Tyler!


Each club had to supply their own escort boat for their entries. John Olson signed on to be the LMVYC escort boat with Kevin and myself, and off we went at 7:30 am on Friday, July 23, for the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Dutch Shoe Marathon. On the way we were passed by a van towing a trailer with six Sabots from Newport Harbor YC. We spotted a second van with 5 more Sabots from NHYC and another 6 boat trailer from Lido IsleYC. It was clear that a lot of Sabots were headed to the race. It was quite a scene when we arrived at SDYC. Everything was well organized and a beehive of activity. There were 205 total entries, 107 of which were in "C", Tyler's class.






The "C" class was the first to start, at noon. What a sight, I've never seen over a hundred boats on a starting line. The top of Tyler's sail was painted orange so he was easy to spot. He and about a dozen other Sabots elected to start on port tack, and it worked, they all got the jump on those on starboard. It was a short beat to the weather mark and it looked like Tyler had a chance to be among the first bunch to round, but some of the best sailors that started on starboard caught up and created a long, solid two and three boat wide lay line. Tyler found that none of them were about to let him in. It took him many passes at the mark before he was able to round. The next mark was a reach, he had good boat speed and passed a fair number of boats to move up into the middle of the fleet.

They all crossed the main channel and rounded another mark and then sailed downwind to the Coronado Bridge while keeping well to the right side of the harbor. Sight seeing along the way included the Star of India under sail and two moored aircraft carriers. Two navy war ships cruised past the Sabot fleet which was exciting and also provided lots of wake for boat surfing.



About three quarters of the way to the Coronado Bridge some Sabots started to over take Tyler. There was a lot of kelp in the harbor and the sailors were kept busy pulling kelp off their rudders or leeboards for most of the race. Kelp may have been slowing Tyler's boat. I also noticed that Tyler's leeboard was down and the passing boats had theirs up. We were close enough to tell him about it, but they were sailing in choppy water and a fresh breeze that required frequent jibing. The extra stability provided by the leeboard seemed a good option to avoid a capsize.



When the fleet passed under the Coronado Bridge they turned up wind into Glorietta Bay and a final beat of about a mile to the finish line. Tyler took off and started passing a lot of boats. Unfortunately, he got hit by a gust and took on about 30 gallons of water. Bailing the boat while hiking out in the stiff breeze wasn't an option and stopping to bail would have taken a long time so Tyler elected to keep sailing. He still had good boat speed however tacking was very difficult. But he did a great job and managed to finish the race in good time. We transferred Tyler to our boat and then towed the swamped Sabot to the Coronado Yacht Club. Tyler changed into some dry clothes and we joined several hundred others in the warm sunshine at the Club picnic area to enjoy some good post race conversation and the buffet provided by CYC.

Rod Simenz



The Coronado 15 North American Championship was held this year in Southern California at the South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club in Marina Del Rey. The event was sailed over three Days July 23-25. We raced three races on Friday, four races on Saturday and three races again on Sunday. The course was set with the starting line about one mile off the Venice Pier and all races were windward leeward. Depending on the wind strength, the marks would be adjusted so each race lasted at least one hour.

Over the three days Graham and I actually raced ten hours. We spent a total of 17 hours on the water. On Friday and Saturday we left the dock at 11am and returned at 5pm. On Sunday we left again at 11am but got back by 4pm. Twelve Coronado 15 skippers and their crews competed in this year's North American Championship.

Starting Friday with the SYD CORP Cup Trophy event, we had winds of nine to fifteen knots and Graham and I finished with a great fifth place. In previous events we finished seventh and ninth. The next day the Fleets were split in two, but with only one start. The event was scored with six boats for the Championship fleet trophies and six boats scored for the Cabrillo fleet trophies. The sea was rough and the winds were from three to twelve knots, with three to four foot swells.

We lake sailors had a rough outing, but sailed to a second place in the Cabrillo fleet just one point out of first. Graham and I got a lot of sailing in. The SCCYC was a great host. We got to visit with old friends including many past C15 sailors, which came out to support the event of this great racing sloop.

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## Adventure in Kauai

Jack McCollum

We recently took a trip to the island of Kauai in the Hawaiian Islands with two of Cecilia's sisters from Ecuador.

If you want to summon up an image of Kauai just think of the fanciful way Hawaii is presented on film and you will have a good idea of what it's like to visit Kauai and there's a good reason for it. Most of the films you've seen set in Hawaii were actually filmed on Kauai plus it has stood in for several other South Pacific islands as well. Kauai is the oldest of the main group of Hawaiian Islands and by far the greenest with the only navigable river and over 400 inches of rain per year. Don't let that scare you off however since most of that rain is on the mountaintops and the beaches remain fairly dry.

In James Michener's WWII novel, *Tales of the South Pacific*, he mentions that his time on the exotic islands of the Pacific was comprised of "days of terror followed by days of waiting and relaxing." Depending on how comfortable you are swimming in aquarium clear water with large colorful fish the terror part was minimal for us while the relaxation was fantastic. Part of Michener's book was made into the



musical South Pacific and they chose the beaches and mountains of Kauai for the location. You can travel to Lumaha'i beach and see where Mitzi Gaynor "washed that man right out of her hair" and if you look north, you will see a familiar site. With a bit of movie magic they transformed one of Kauai's peaks into the mystical "Bali Hai".

Up the road from Lumaha'i is Hanalei beach. Do you recall the Mamas and the Papas' lyric from Puff the Magic Dragon where he, "frolicked in the autumn mist in a land called Hanalei...? They were inspired by the primitive beauty of the area to make it Puff's home.

We've traveled to Kauai many times and on each visit we try to find little known areas to explore. We usually stay in the Poipu Beach area, which is rated one of the top ten beaches in the world on many surveys, and we heartily agree.

On this trip we visited a little known area where an ancient lava tube collapsed forming a giant sinkhole with a beautiful waterfall. We had to hike through about a mile of overgrown sugar cane (known as Canaveral in Spanish according to Cecilia's sisters) and I was afraid of getting a few grumbles from the Ecuadorians but they were gung ho to see what adventure might be at the end of the path and we were certainly rewarded with a spectacular view of the pool and falls.

We spent a week there visiting many sites like Waimea Canyon described by Mark Twain as the "Grand Canyon of the Pacific" and it is a startling sight when you walk up to the lookout to see it for the first time. While there are a few great Luau's it's not really an island for those who like tons of nightlife and that's fine with me.

For all the scenic wonders we saw my favorite moment of the trip was listening to the three sisters from Ecuador singing old Spanish love songs to the accompaniment of the waves while sitting at the shore one star filled evening. It was truly a wonderful, relaxing trip.







### Second Annual Balboa 13 Club Championship

Six of our most competitive sailors came to race the Club Balboa 13s on Sunday July 25. They were 2009 defending champ, Randy Tiffany, Ross Bennett, Arnold Christensen, Ron Meyer, Shawn McGraw and Willi Hugelshofer.

All of these skippers plus Frank Fournier and Peter Tietz spent Saturday morning checking out each boat to be sure it was in top condition for the race. They rigged outhauls and vang, replaced worn or broken halyards and much more.

Five races were sailed on Sunday. The decision whether or not to have a discard in the scoring was put to a vote and the skippers opted to discard their worst finish. Boats were assigned by lottery. Each skipper sailed his assigned boat for 3 races, then changed to another boat for the final 2 races. Winds were fairly steady in strength and direction which made for good racing conditions. The use of the starting flag as the leeward mark resulted in a great view from the race committee boat, particularly when 4 or 5 boats tried to jibe around the flag at the same time.

All of the races were close, but Willi prevailed with a score of 6 points in four races to edge out Arnold for the 2010 Balboa 13 Club Championship. It wasn't easy. Willi lost the first race when Ross Bennett surged across the finish line on a puff to overtake him at the last second. Willi had better luck with close finishes in the next race as he held off Arnold to win by a few inches. (See the photo finish picture caught by photographer for the day Ted Ishikawa) Arnold came back to win the fourth race and Ross demonstrated his sailing skills by placing first again in the last race.

Thanks to Frank Fournier, Peter Tietz, Bob Van Pelt and Audrey Simenz for doing a great job on race committee. See the Club web site for the complete race results and more pictures.

Rod Simenz



Hitch up yer wagon and git on over to the Lake on  
Sunday August 22

An' check out LMVYC's 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Regatta Round-Up

Tie up yer horses in the shade and rig that ther' floatin'  
wind wagon for some excitin' stompin' on the waves.

Driver's Meetin' at High Noon down at the rail outside  
the Club's Waterin' Hole.

After a couple hours a' that bone rattlin', water chillin'  
fun, yer throat'll be parched and yer belly'll be a callin'  
out fer some vittles, not to mention yer missus'll be  
ready to say howdy to some old cow pokes and their  
wimmen from t'other side o' the north forty.

That commodore varmint Randy, he'll be a cookin' up  
real tasty stuff at the BBQ. An' I hear tell he's a got his  
sidekicks doing some fancy sides too!

And while yer at it come wish that grand fella Ced a big  
ol' Happy Birthday - I hear tell his Beth's a bringin' a  
big cake!

So y'all come, ye hear?

Stranger in town? It'll set y' back \$15

## Reciprocals Update

Alamitos Bay YC	Long Beach, CA
American Legion YC	Newport Beach, CA
Bahia Corinthian YC	Corona del Mar, CA
King Harbor YC	Redondo Beach, CA
Hollywood YC	Wilimington, CA
Marina Venice YC	Marina del Rey, CA
Navy Yacht Club	Fiddler's Cove Marina, Coronado
Oceanside YC	Oceanside, CA
Pacific Mariners YC	Marina del Rey, CA
Pierpoint YC	Ventura, CA
Port Royal YC	Redondo Beach, CA
South Shore YC	Newport Beach, CA
Redondo Beach YC	Redondo Beach, CA

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ALWAYS BE COURTEOUS WITH CLUB EMPLOYEES.

WHEN PLANNING CRUISE-TYPE VISITS MAKE ARRANGEMENTS EARLY IN THE YEAR WITH THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS.

WRITE A THANK YOU NOTE AND MENTION ANY MEMBERS OR EMPLOYEES WHO WERE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A REGATTA OR RACE CONDUCT YOURSELF AS A GUEST

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