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WEILER NAMED 1995 LAKE MISSION VIEJO CHAMPION!

Horst Weiler's sailing

instructions have finally paid off! After years of teaching students the tricks of lake sailing, the Wind Gods smiled favorably on him, and he easily locked up first place!

It seemed he could do no wrong on Saturday, October 21, when the ten top qualifiers met to determine who would win "bragging rights" to the title of "Top Skipper 1995"! Tacking frequently, and carefully watch the lay lines was the key, according to Horst. Some excellent defensive sailing on the final tack also didn't hurt! Horst made a point of sailing between the mark and his closest competitor, Willi Hugelshofer, in a very classy defensive tactical move between these two old pros of the lake.

After each race, boats were swapped by a complicated system designed to be as fair as possible, and everyone had an equal opportunity to be dealt a good (or bad) boat.



Horst Weiler is well-known at the lake, and no one knows the wind patterns better. He and his wife, Caecelia, moved to the area in the late 70s, and have been active with the lake sailing club since that time. The European-born electrical construction project manager has donated many hours of his time to giving sailing lessons during the summer, and was instrumental in the rebuilding of the club when membership dropped during the 80s. Our heartiest congratulations to Horst, and may we add: "It's about time!" (Just kidding, Horst!)

John Austin, simply put, had a "bad day". The champion for 1992, 1993, and 1994, was plagued with slow boats and a myriad of problems (including not getting certain wind lifts that benefited his opponents) that prevented this excellent lake sailor from reining in yet another top skipper title. John, although disappointed, was a good sport, and certainly can't be counted out in 1996! In fact, he's probably out there practicing right now to try and regain the trophy!

The battle was hard fought, and some teasing "Starboard!" warnings were heard given by boats on port to throw off the opponents! Although the group appeared competitive on the water, good will returned when they retreated to the clubhouse to lick their wounds after the event, and discuss who had right of way, mast abeam, and so forth.

The Junior Fleet had their own start, and some great competitive sailing was noted between Robin Kivlen and Jean Kanjanavaikoon. Jean finally emerged the winner, but the competition was close! 1996 will hold some exciting sailing for the Junior fleet, whose strength and skills are rapidly improving!

Commodore Sperber announced the winner over great food prepared by Len Savage, Caecelia Weiler, Vivienne Savage, Linda Schaffner, and Tara Robison. Race Committee: Harts Hobbs, Vivienne Savage, Barbara Kivlen, and Milly Davies.

FREE PIZZA AND DRINKS!

Who can resist free pizza and drinks??

No one in OUR Yacht Club, surely! Mark your calendars *now* that the club will foot the bill for beer, sodas, and a variety of pizzas on Wednesday, November 29, in the Board Room at the Lake. The catch? NONE! We just want to have a good turn-out for the annual general meeting and election of officers!

The nominating committee has been busy filling the slate for the election. If you'd like to see some changes made in the club, now's your time to come and volunteer! We welcome your input.

The fun starts at 7:15 pm, so be early to get a good seat. T-shirts for Annual Regatta participants will be distributed. Several key decisions for the coming year's activities will also be voted upon, according to Joe Sperber, our Commodore. A crowd is hoped for at the largest meeting of the year, so we'd like to see YOU! Remember, if you don't show up, you just might find yourself appointed to a committee! (Just ask John Hennessey!)

Please remember there are no activities for the youngsters, so you may want to bring something to entertain them while we conduct our business.

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CHRISTMAS PARADE OF LIGHTS AND PARTY PLANNED DECEMBER 10

The Yacht Club has planned a family-style evening of fun! Join us Sunday, December 10, at 5:30 pm, for exciting Christmas fun as we lead the Parade of Lights with our elegant "schooner"! We'll have music on board for caroling, and encourage each of you to dress warmly and bring a thermos of your favorite hot beverage to share.

Volunteers are needed to transform the race committee boat into a large elegant float, The decorating fun begins at 10:00 am.

After the parade, we'll return to the clubhouse for food and Christmas cheer! Vivienne Savage, chairperson, and her committee, have planned tasty hors d'oeuvres for your enjoyment! Join us for a memorable evening, filled with love, laughter, friends and Christmas season memories.



**Note: Dates Changed for Christmas Party and Officer Installation Dinner!
Now twice the fun! Christmas Party December 10; Installation January 6!
Catch more details on Page 1 or at the General Meeting!**

THIS AND THAT

Our thoughts and wishes for a return to good health go out to our friend in the lake office, Marianne Terusa, who recently underwent surgery for a brain tumor. Marianne is Bill Schwartz' right-hand gal, and has always helped us with a smile. We will add our prayers to those of her many supporters that she'll be up and 'at 'em soon!

Jim Lockwood paid a visit to the club recently. We are always glad to see all our old friends, and encourage you to keep in touch with us. We kind of got the impression that Jim's getting the itch to get back on the water! He's back checking out the competition on the Finns. Seems he's got a handle on one for "sail". We'll see you at the start line, Jim!

Speaking of Finns, Ray Turner was seen returning to shore at Kings Harbor looking down at the bottom of his Finn which was being towed by the "Baywatch" folks at the end of an open class regatta there. When asked what happened, he said "You know those watertight compartments? Well, they weren't..." Ray learned the hard way that his boat did not have enough flotation, and when it capsized after being hit hard by a wave, took on water, and turtled on him. He's become an expert at righting the boat by now with all his ocean sailing adventures, and was right back out there a week after his boat was fixed! (Yes, Tony and Harts, he was very wisely wearing a wire that kept him secured to his boat and had a life vest; but no GPS system!)

Speaking of ocean sailors, has anyone seen Ev Nichols lately? Last we heard he had a patch on his, and we sure hope it was a good one!

Miss Vivienne is feeling better these days! She thinks the illness she picked up in Boston may have been "lime disease"! We always new she was a "limey"! (That's a British sailor for all you blokes!) She got a kick out of crewing in the recent C-15 regatta with Jeff Wilson on the "Orient Express"! They did quite well, improving position in each race, ending up in B-Fleet's second place the last race behind Willi and Ken! She said it was easier to sail than Ced's Condor -- was that because you didn't have to hold it together, Viv? (Just kidding!)

We heard a rumor that another Thistle may be heading our way! We like the idea that Don Schaffner will have some competition, but probably no more than the "Black Cloud" sailor does! Don is also still heading up the radio-controlled sailboat projects; see him if you are interested.

Congratulations to Mike and Michelle Farina on their new home! They are in the "oh no, what have we done!" part of the process -- moving in! They'll be near enough to Horst now that Mike won't have to *drive* by to check-out the "go fast" equipment Horst is adding to his boat!

Horst and Len are doing a good job of leading the fleets around the lake walk. Len heads up the A-Fleet-Feet walkers, and Horst takes a slower pace with the B-Fleeters! Be sure to join them at Great Western Bank and Market on the Lake at 6 pm! You know you'll need to walk off those extra pounds you pick up during the holidays, so you might as well start now!

Horst and Caecelia have been visiting their families in Germany. Caecelia planned to surprise her Mom by showing up on her birthday, and Horst had planned to surprise Caecelia by showing up too! But the cat was out of the bag, so it wasn't a surprise after all. Corinna didn't get to go because of her new job as a teacher at a pre-school in Rancho Santa Margarita. (Now we know where all the parties were last weekend!)

WANTED: Someone with smooth brown skin, a broad chest, a heavyweight, who loves to eat, looks good at the table, and makes sure everyone else has a good time on holidays.

Or, where were all you "turkeys" on the afternoon of November 11?

A small, but very happy group (who remembered the date had been bumped up to the 11th to avoid opening day of fishing) showed up on Saturday, November 11, to vie for the turkey, stuffing, and cranberry prizes. It was "swapping" time (come on now, I'm talking boats, here)! Everyone had a spectacularly great time sailing familiar waters in unfamiliar boats! Their laughter could be heard all over the lake!

Due to the size of the crowd, the prizes were drawn by lottery. All were donated back for club use at the January 6 Installation of Officers Dinner! So ultimately, all of us will be the winners! Race committee was Jean K. and Hiliary Robison. Great food was prepared by Vivienne Savage (boy, does she wear a lot of hats!), Barbara Kivlen, Linda Schaffner, Tara Robison, and of course, led by Len Savage, Fleet Surgeon.

Everyone lingered over coffee (or whatever) and enjoyed a long, pleasant much-needed and much-enjoyed gab-fest. Ken, the lake manager, joined in, on what was one of the very best events ever held on the lake! Looks like some of us had our priorities screwed up!

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C-15 COAST CUP REGATTA

Twelve boats entered the Second Coast Cup Invitational held at LMV on Saturday, November 4; only eleven boats finished, as Barbara and Robin Kivlen experienced a broken tiller extension on their borrowed C-15.

Six of eight boats in B-Fleet were lake members, and local knowledge was definitely helpful! First place winner was Willi Hugelshofer and crew Ken Boullion. Ken jumped right into competitive sailing after one set of sailing lessons, and is already looking good out there! Second place went to Paul and Brian Rudolph, and third place to our own Jeff Wilson and crew Vivienne Savage. (Colleen was seeing the lake from behind a video camera on the spectator boat.)

Commodore Sperber announced that A-Fleet, winners were Don and Betsy Coie, second Joe O'Reilly and Bob Anderson, with Ed Hanson and Willie Paul pulling into third place. This was the first time a race has been protested on our lake in recent history! A mixup by the Race Committee, Don Schaffner, Jean K. (again!) and Milly Davies, meant that a boat was only "called" over early (no horn was sounded). After the flag, the head of the race committee pored over his rulebook (even used his glasses!), agreed with the sailor, and put the offender back in the race. Following the exciting regatta, everyone enjoyed a good chili supper before heading home to Long Beach, Westlake Village, and Garden Grove. Everyone had a great time, and promised to return in March of 1996 for the annual Coast Cup kick-off.

ADD THESE DATES TO YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

**1995/1996
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Wednesdays, 8 pm....."Keep in Shape" Walk around Lake
7:15 pm:Roundtable Pizza, LaPaz/Marguerite
December 10, 5:30 pm.....Christmas Parade of Lights & Party
January 6, 6 pm.....Installation of Officers Dinner
& White Elephant Gift Exchange



"The primary purpose of the Yacht Club is to provide social and competitive interaction opportunities for its members."

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