



Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

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

COMING EVENTS

- Wednesdays 6 pm Walk around the lake
Meet at Lake Mission Viejo parking lot. Latecomers
walk clockwise to meet us.
7:30 pm . . Roundtable, LaPaz & Marguerite
- November 17 Election of 94 Officers
Note: We will not meet at Roundtable on this night only)
- December 19 Installation of Officers Dinner and
Christmas Party
- January 26 - 31, '94 Ski Mammoth

(Reminder: Non-lake members please notify us you plan to attend lake events so we can leave your name at the gate for guest entry.)

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AUSTIN WINS AGAIN!

John Austin sailed to victory in the Top Skipper's Invitational Regatta and laid claim for the second year in a row to the large bronze trophy which was coveted by all contestants. Austin clearly led the field in the October 24th event, followed by Willi Hugelshofer close on his rudder, and Commodore Chris Davies sailed smoothly into third place.

Several of the would-be winners showed up with a "bag of tricks" in their quest to take home the perpetual trophy. Horst brought tools to custom rig the boat; Don Schaffner even brought out a spinnaker (which he pointed out had not been clearly prohibited)! Almost everyone had tiller extensions, and clearly everyone had the desire to lay claim to the prestigious honor of Top Skipper of Lake Mission Viejo!

To keep the competition fair, the boats were switched after each race: first with last, second with next to last, etc.

Following the event, a potluck dinner was enjoyed by all. The food was plentiful, and the conversation was stimulating. Congratulations John on your well-deserved victory!

PARADE OF LIGHTS SCHEDULED

Take time now to mark your calendar for an exciting weekend at the lake on December 11 and 12! On Saturday we will once again work to transform the Race Committee Boat into a tall-masted ship to lead Sunday's Parade of Lights. We will repeat last year's parade entry (which was blown to dockside by strong winds), which was so convincing that one of the lake board members asked "Who gave permission for that big boat to be on the lake?" Plan to arrive at the lake at 10 am to roll up your sleeves and prepare to string lights and work. We'll order in food, and do a test trial at dusk.

On Sunday evening, we will meet in the Clubroom and as many as we can safely accommodate will get to go along on the float's "glory" ride. During the concert which follows, we will submerge ourselves in the warm glow of "Christmas Cheer" and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow Yacht Clubbers and friends. You'll want to be sure and come to take part in these activities. Great memories are made of stuff like this!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY ANNOUNCED

Watch your mailbox for your very own special invitation to the annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers Dinner on Sunday evening, December 19th at Casta del Sol Country Club. Members and guests will meet at 5 pm for tasty hors d'oeuvres and cocktails prior to the 7 pm event. It is sure to be a notable event in the history of the club, and brings a hint of even more exciting things planned for the Yacht Club in the '94 season by the Vice-Commodore.

Cost for members is \$5 each, guests of members are \$10 each, and other visitors are \$15 each. This is a great price for a great evening. Don't forget to RSVP to save your place!

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**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW PIZZA LOCATION:**  
**ROUNDTABLE PIZZA**  
**LA PAZ & MARGUERITE**  
**7:30 PM WEDNESDAYS**

## ELECTION OF '94 OFFICERS

On November 17 all interested members of the sailing club are invited to meet at the Clubroom at the lake at 7:30 pm for a General Meeting and election of officers. A slate of officers recommended by the nominating committee will be announced for the new season. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor (providing the nominee has agreed in advance to have his or her name placed on the ballot).

If you or someone you know are interested in donating time and effort, and being a key player in the future of the club, please contact Vivienne Savage, Secretary, at 714/830-6695 TODAY! We can use your talent in either an officer or committee slot.

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## CREW REGATTA

The winds and weather joined hands to make the Crew Regatta of November 7 a great day for sailing. Although the turnout was small, the entrants sailed in perfect California sunshine. Only four boats sailed off the mark; two of which held novices at the helm who had *not* served as crew during the year, but were encouraged by all to shelve the rules and come out and take advantage of delightful weather.

Tape was not issued for today's "crew", (who are usually at the helm and reluctantly relinquished control for this day only). But in this case it worked out quite well for Barbara Mickelthwaite and Chris Davies. The Commodore successfully talked the novice Barbara around the course to win three out of three regattas. He said he was happy to finally have a crew that would listen to him!

Her husband Bryan Mickelthwaite paired up with Willi, and had to see for himself if Willi's instructions were good! They consistently sailed in last place. Rumor has it, however, that the last place team wound up in the same boat that Don Schaffner had for Top Skipper's Regatta, and Milly had for the Ladies' Regatta ... a real lemon at best! We are positive it wasn't Willi's tutelage nor Bryan's prowess at the sails that was the problem! Bryan and Willi were good sports about it.

Colleen Dong crewed for Jeff Wilson, and it was noted that no one got "pranged" by this (usually) aggressive duo. They placed second overall, while young Matt Newman handled the boat very well, and came in an impressive third place win with his dad Graham doing the "grinding".

Race Committee Vivienne Savage and Milly Davies kept the sailors guessing with their unorthodox starting sequences, but the sailors all managed to get off the mark at about the same time regardless of the mistakes they made!

This event, even grander in scale, is sure to return to our sailing calendar for 1994, don't miss it!

## THIS AND THAT!

Bryan and Barbara Mickelthwaite of England took to the lake "like ducks to water" in their recent visit to Southern California. The houseguests and long-time friends of Len and Vivienne Savage joined the group for pizza and took several walks around the lake during their two week stay. Bryan, retired from involvement in the British government's health program funding, offered his expertise to Willi and Milly, who were planning a simple budget for the Christmas Party on a napkin over a pizza! We all enjoyed their stay immensely, and heartily welcome them back any time!

Harry Shepherd has been a gracious waterboy to the yacht club lake lappers on Wednesdays. He offered his home as a "sandbox break" if needed, and a stopping place for the quick-steppers "A Fleet" to wait for the "B Fleet" strollers. Thanks Harry! We appreciate it!

Horst is almost back to full strength following surgery -- he made it around the lake in 55 minutes recently!

CONGRATULATIONS COLLEEN DONG AND JEFF WILSON on winning first place in the B-Fleet Coast Cup Sailing! This is a very prestigious win. Colleen and Jeff, travelled to fleet events and sailed at a variety of host clubs in all types of water throughout Southern California and Arizona this season. You've made us all proud! Watch out Horst and Jim Lockwood! (Do we hear chants of "A Fleet", "A Fleet" again???)

Ced Fields regaled us over pizza with tales of the first Parade of Lights on Lake Mission Viejo. Apparently the fog rolled in after the parade got underway, and was so thick everyone turned back but him. Since he was leading the parade, he didn't notice, and proceeded all the way around the lake, mostly navigating by sound! Chuck Leonard also recalled the historic event. He was pulling a string of lighted sailboats with a pontoon boat. When the fog rolled in, they immediately turned back. Chuck said he didn't even want to think about it -- and shuddered about the "what could have beens".

Where are you Joe Sperber, Harts Hobbs, and John Jones? We miss you.

Our very best wishes for happiness to Corina Weiler and Erik Bretz in their forthcoming marriage. Corina, the daughter of long time Port Captain Horst Weiler and Caecilia Weiler, practically grew up at the lake. During college, Corina worked at LMV as a life guard. Since her graduation in May, she has fallen in love twice -- first with Palm Springs (and moved there), where she is employed as a Recreation Director at a major hotel. We're told Erik isn't a sailor yet -- but we're sure Horst will have him into "ragtops" soon!

It has been suggested that an "unofficial" Turkey Regatta be held on Thanksgiving Day beginning at noon. If you aren't into watching football while waiting for the turkey to cook, come on down and look for some familiar faces on the lake. As Carol Contino says, "If there are two boats on the lake at the same time, there's a race going on!". Check it out.