



Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

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NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

How do you like your new membership cards? I understand Roger Robison made up the cards, then Tricia Gonsowski laminated them and Vivienne Savage handled the distribution. The LMVYC 1999 sailing and social calendar on the back of the card is particularly handy.

There was extra excitement aboard the race committee boat on Opening Day. The large disk that holds the starting flags onto the race signaling device fell overboard and promptly sank to the bottom in 35 feet of water. Roger Robison and crew quickly improvised and few of us were aware of any problem. A Lake diver retrieved the disk for us during the week. It has been refastened with larger bolts and is working fine.

Thanks to Tricia Gonsowski for taking on the task of making up flyers for our club activities for the rest of the year. From all of us who have been recipients of beautiful photos of our boats in action taken by Steve Hayes, thank you very much.

Rod Simenz

OPENING DAY-- 3/21/1999

Fifty family members and their guests celebrated LMVYC Opening Day with brunch and club races. Tara Robison and helpers decorated the club for the occasion and then brought out a great spread of brunch food which included Vivienne Savage's poached salmon and glazed ham specialties. What a feast!

After brunch, 17 entries in three classes

raced three races on a very pleasant spring day. Wind velocity varied from 12 to 0 knots, wind direction varied from E, W, S and N. In other words, another tough day on the lake for the racers. Roger Robison headed up the race committee assisted by Vivienne and Len Savage and Doug Sheppard's mother, Jeanne, visiting from Virginia.

RESULTS The Lido fleet was very competitive with three different skippers each winning a race. (John Drake, Al McCowan and Doug Sheppard) Doug eked out the series win by one point over Al. Audrey Simenz was third. Doug had his own cheering section as his mom urged him on from the committee boat each time he passed within ear shot. Some people are still checking the rules on that.

The Thistles dominated the seven boat "A" fleet. Don and Linda Schaffner were the winners. Matt Beattie and Tara Robison took second, Arnold and Michelle Christensen finished in third place. The Lake boat class race was won by Randy and Norma Tiffany, Doug and Emily Major were second, and Steve and Tricia Gonsowski were third.

Day Light Savings + Warmer Weather = More Boats on the Lake

So who has right-of-way? (R.O.W.) The LMVA Rules & Regulations clearly state that "A sailing vessel has the R.O.W. over a motor craft in all situations, *except when the sailing vessel is over taking a motor vessel*, in which case the sailing vessel must keep clear." Also remember that row boats, kayaks and pedal boats have R.O.W. over sail boats.

Finally, don't leave your common sense at the dock. Be alert to avoid collisions at all times. That motor craft driver on a collision course may be distracted or may not see you or simply may not have the experience and skill to avoid your fast moving sail boat. So protect yourself and your boat, sail with self preservation in mind.

In R.O.W. situations with another sail boat keep Racing Rule 14 in mind which states "A boat shall avoid contact with another boat if reasonably possible." (see full text for additional detail.)

Membership

A warm welcome aboard to our newest LMVYC members— Gail and Douglas Owens, and Loren and Erin Mollner.

SPRING REGATTA and CHILI COOK OFF – 4/18/99

The Races

Seventeen boats turned out for a day of friendly competition under sunny skies and light breezes. Don and Linda Schaffner ran the races with help from Cheryl Wegner who was attending her first regatta to watch her son Brian race his Sabot in the Juniors.

Top Finishers—"A" Fleet—Brett Tremaine 1st, Ron Meyer 2nd, Horst Weiler 3rd.

"B" Fleet--- Doug Sheppard 1st, John Drake 2nd, John Olson 3rd.

"Lake Boats"--- Steve Gonsowski 1st, Troy Edwards 2nd.

"Juniors"--- Brian Wegner 1st.

The 1999 Annual Chili Cook Off

The 1999 Annual Chili Cook-off, arranged and organized by Don and Linda Schaffner, was a great success! The generous and skilled participants were Caecilia Weiler, Linda Schaffner, Corinne Tremaine, Tara Robison, John Drake, and Audrey Simenz.

After much tasting and comparing of these wonderful chili recipes. The connoisseurs in the hall took a vote of their favorites. It was decided that, for the second year in a row, John Drake had created the most popular. Caecilia and Audrey tied for second place, although a toss of a coin gave Caecilia the lead.

We also enjoyed a wonderful salad, prepared by Bea Drake. Alice Olson furnished a fabulous creme de menthe dessert.

The Club is still looking forward to the spring Regatta II on Sunday, May 16th. Norma, and, maybe Randy, Tiffany are planning a "South of the Border" theme event. Tricia and Steve Gonsowski have volunteered to be the helpers. Jane Newman will be providing the dessert. We hope to see all of the Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club members there.

There are still many opportunities for members to volunteer to provide food items for upcoming regattas. If everyone helps, the task is lessened. Please sign up to take over a monthly event or contribute to being a support person at the next regatta. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Sue and Allyn Edwards

SIGNS REPORTEDLY SEEN BY VACATIONERS

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| In a Health Food Store: | Closed due to illness. |
| Message on a Leaflet : | If you cannot read – this booklet will tell you how to get lessons. |
| On a Repair Shop Door : | We can repair anything (please knock hard on the door- the bell doesn't work.) |
| Notice in a country field : | You may cross the field for free, but the bull charges. |
| Outside a 2 nd Hand Shop : | We exchange anything – bicycles, washing machines, etc. Why not bring your mate along and get a wonderful bargain. |

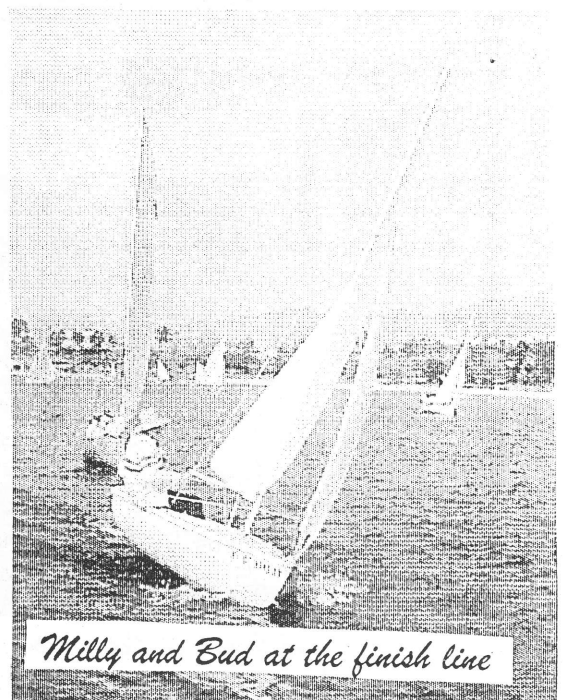


Shore to shore Lido 14's and Thistles



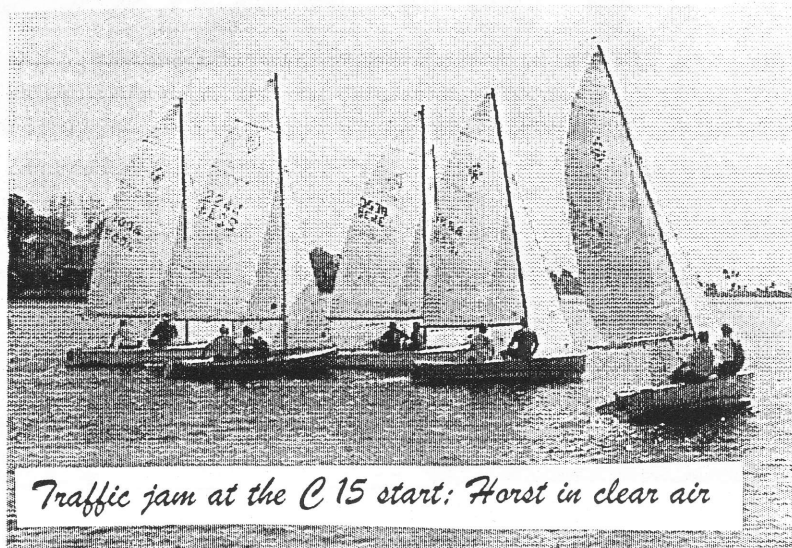
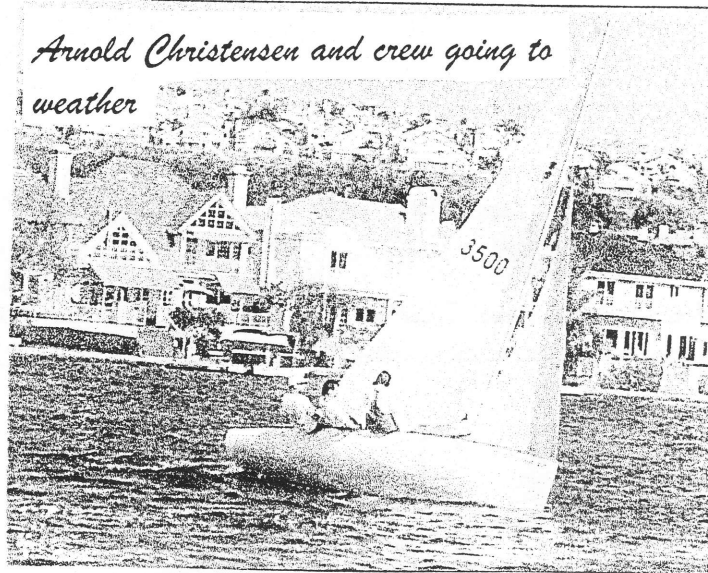
Opening Day Brunch

At McCown and sons in the lead

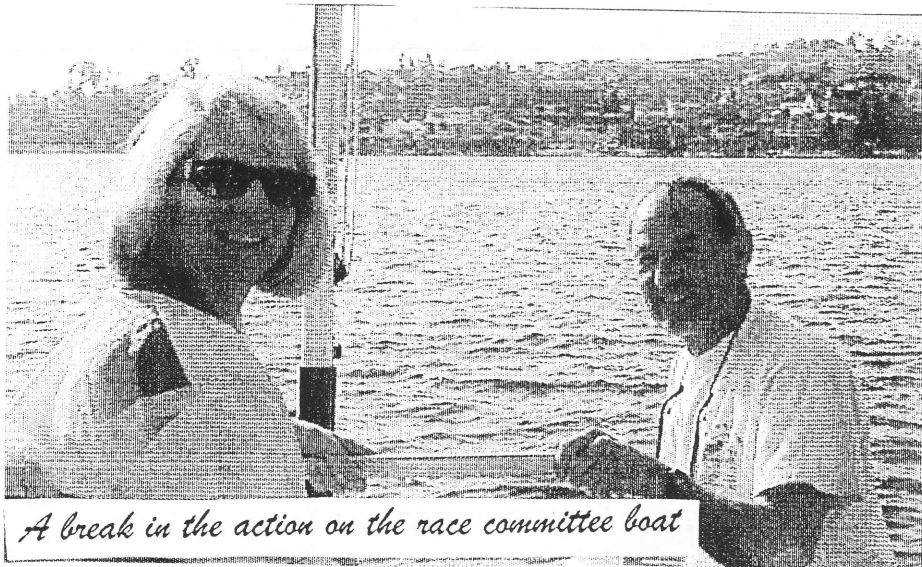


Milly and Bud at the finish line

Arnold Christensen and crew going to weather



Traffic jam at the C 15 start; Horst in clear air



A break in the action on the race committee boat