



Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club

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MAY NEWSLETTER

CLUB BUSINESS

A General Membership Meeting was held on Wed., April 30 at 7:30 pm at the lake. It was well attended with about thirty people showing up.

In accordance with the BY-LAWS, Mike Yeargin, Rear Commodore, and Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the committee's recommendation for our Vice-Commodore position. Many individuals were considered. The Yacht Club's list of active members is growing and it was a hard choice.

The committee (made up of all the Fleet Captains) presented its choice--Gary Thomas. As there were no nominations from the floor, the nomination process was closed. Gary will be running unopposed for Vice-Commodore 1980-81. The election (to make it all official) will be held at the Annual Meeting on Wed., June 25 after the twilight race.

Gary Thomas started sailing when the lake opened in the summer of 1978. Like many of us, he attended the sailing classes instructed by our club's founder, Larry Eaks. Gary sails a Lido 14 and he sails it well!!! He has been the Lido Fleet Champion in 1978 and 79. He has served as the Lido Fleet Measurer and as the 1979-80 Yacht Club Fleet Surgeon. Gary will make a fine Flag Officer as he progresses through the next three years as Vice-Commodore, Commodore, and Rear Commodore. We all look forward to helping him as he guides the Yacht Club through the coming years. Congratulations, Gary!!!

Our splendid, hardworking Port Captain, Dick Peters, announced that he might have figured out a fisherman proof buoy. Dick has spent countless hours replacing bouys and flags throughout the year. Knowing Dick, the new bouys might appear faster than you think. That's great--the old ones are about to sink!!!

Kathy Yeargin, our enthusiastic Awards Chairwoman presented trophies to all the Regatta winners from the beginning of the year. "Hot Shot Sailor" T-Shirts (new ones designed by Cathy Scott), LMVYC Burgees, and LMVYC beer mugs were presented by Kathy. Kathy does a great job of balancing costs against everybodys idea of a "different" trophy.

Rich Umble, Commodore, asked the membership to vote on whether or not the club should pursue membership in the Southern California Yachting Association and the United States Yacht Racing Union. Rich has been corresponding with officials of both organizations in the last months. Before he continues and since he knew the financial obligations that LMVYC would incur, he asked the membership to vote. After much discussion, the membership voted unanimously to pursue SCYA and USYRU membership. We must now obtain six sponsorships from other Yacht Clubs in the local area. Presentations at SCYA meeting must then be made about our club, its sailing and social activities. It is not easy to gain membership in the SCYA and once given, membership is something we all can be proud of. LMVYC has already developed a very good name for itself in the Southern California racing community. This has been demonstrated by the well attended six outstanding Invitationals we have sponsored in the last year and a half. Members of other SCYA clubs have complimented us on these events and have asked us to join

the SCYA. Those of us who are serious sailors know of the advantages that SCYA membership will bring us. Many more races will be open to us. We will be able to exchange privileges with other member clubs that will extend us reciprocity. We hope that as our club grows more of us will come to know the excitement and adventure of competing in SCYA events throughout Southern California. Rich will be filling us in on the progress of our application as the months go by.

The evening concluded with some great slides of the recent Lido 14 Invitational taken by Jerry Charlup. After the slides, we all settled down with our beer and watched a great movie of the 1965 Long Beach Yacht Club's Congressional Cup Match Race. The movie was provided by fellow yacht club member Bob Edwards. Special thanks to Jerry and Bob!!!

FUTURE EVENTS FOR A SUMMER OF SAILING FUN

OPENING DAY REGATTA, SATURDAY, MAY 24. See the accompanying flyer for details. This is our first Major Regatta of the summer. T-Shirts and a great dinner (cooked by Gret Umble) are included in the bargain price--so is beer and soft drinks and awards which will be presented at the dinner. Tom Scott and the Race Committee will make a special effort to explain the ins and outs of racing to all newcomers at the Skipper's meeting at 11 am. A Junior Regatta will be run for all under 18. They do not have to be Yacht Club members. There will be no entrance fee for the junior racers. Six awards will be given to the Junior Sailors. A lot of people are working extra hard to make this event a really special one. In the past, this event has been one of the best attended. Help us spread the word. Let's start out the summer with a BANG!!!!

TWILIGHT SERIES

These races start on Wed., May 28 and continue for every Wed. evening until August 27. Racing starts at 6 pm. These are fun races with no fees and no trophies--the Yacht Club provides the race committee. These are good races for those of you who are a little shy about racing and getting your feet wet (no pun intended)--they are very low key.

ANNUAL MEETING

Wed., June 25 after twilight racing. Our new Vice-Commodore will be elected. Cathy Scott, our current Vice-Commodore will be installed as Commodore. Rich Umble will step down to the position of Rear Commodore. Mike Yeargin will officially become the Clubs first Past Commodore. Old sailors never drown, they just sail into the sunset. Sob!!!!

SUMMER REGATTAS

Sunday, June 8---Half Way Regatta
 Sunday, July 6--Independance Regatta
 Sunday, August 3--Warm Water Regatta
 Sunday, August 31--Labor Day Regatta

We're looking forward to our st summer yet of sailing fun. Hope we see all of you at these events!!!!

COMMODORE'S CORNER

This past year was a good one for the Yacht Club. Many natural progressions to a larger and more organized organization were made. Many more will happen as the years go by. As always there are some people that go that extra mile to help us along. I think that it is fitting that some of these people are recognized.

When I took over as Commodore, one of the first and most important things that needed

attention, was the status of the Yacht Club in its relations with the LMVA. As a result of many meetings with officials, lawyers, and accountants of both the Mission Viejo Co. and the LMVA, it was decided that the LMVYC would be allowed to be a separate legal entity. This allows us to have full use of the lake and its facilities, but to chart our own course with a minimum of interference from the LMVA. When I needed support and votes, Ron Potts and Mike Yeargin were extremely helpful.

Members of the Executive Committee that ran the club during the winter months when interest subsides -

Cathy Scott, Vice Commodore, our Commodore - to - be and past Secretary has been an inspiration to us all,

Mike Yeargin, Rear Commodore, Past Commodore, has put lots of effort into insuring our growth and I am sure he will continue to,

Elaine Johnston, Secretary, active member who can be counted on in the future,

Jerry Charlup, Treasurer, was at every Regatta collecting money, put our records on computer, was a constant help to me.

Dick Peters, Port Captain, Mutineer Fleet Captain, as mentioned earlier, has been valuable in his help. I am sure many people do not realize that before every event Dick was the earliest one to arrive and the last one to leave. He always checked and repaired the buoys, made sure everything was available at the onshore activities. LMVYC would not have functioned without his help.

Gary Thomas, Fleet Surgeon, was always an eager participant and helper in all activities. He will make an excellent Vice Commodore.

Bruce Harrington, Cyclone Fleet Captain; Charlie Hohman, C-15 Fleet Captain; Willi Hugelshofer, Open Fleet Captain; Geoff King, Lido 14 Fleet Captain rounded out the Executive Committee. All of them have contributed their time to the Yacht Club besides running their own fleet's activities.

Other key individuals that I would publicly like to thank are: Willi Hugelshofer--besides being an outstanding sailor, Willi has organized two events aimed at extracting lake handicaps for all our boats. He has been Chairman of the Protest Committee--a job that really no one else was capable of doing. Kathy Yeargin, Awards Chairwoman, has spent many hours worrying and organizing the club's awards. That alone is a big and critical job, but she didn't stop there. For two years she has been creator and organizer of the Annual Christmas Parade of Lights. Under her leadership this event has become an event the whole community can be proud of. Tom Scott, Race Committee Chairperson, has served for almost two years in this position. In the beginning, he spent many lonely hours on the pontoon boat while we all enjoyed ourselves "racing." Later, as we also learned what a race was all about, he got help. Gret Umble, Yacht Club Chef, has cooked three dinners for over a hundred people each!!! She is cooking and organizing the dinner for the Opening Day Regatta. She also planned and organized the First Annual LMVYC Awards Banquet..

My apologies to the people that I have not mentioned due to my poor memory. Many people helped to make this a good year. I hope that many more will help Cathy Scott when she becomes Commodore. I know Cathy will continue to do the great job that she already has done as Secretary and then as Vice-Commodore. I wish her all the best and pledge my support as I step down to Rear Commodore.

THE RACE COMMITTEE WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION OF BASIC RACING RULES AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AT THE SKIPPER'S MEETING. THIS IS A SPECIAL EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE NEW SAILORS TO JOIN IN WHAT PROMISES TO BE A GREAT DAY OF FUN!!! COME ON OUT AND JOIN US!!! YOU WON'T FIND THIS MUCH FUN AT THESE PRICES FOR A LONG TIME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

LMVYC Opening Day Regatta

May
Saturday 24

T-Shirts and
Dinner



THREE RACES! SKIPPER'S MEETING AT 11:00 AM. 1st RACE STARTS AT 1 PM.

A GREAT DINNER IS PLANNED AFTER THE RACE. PLENTY OF GOOD FOOD, BEER, AND SOFT DRINKS WILL BE SERVED. AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS AT THE DINNER.

ADMISSION FEE: \$12.00 FOR TWO MAN BOATS. FEE INCLUDES ONE LMVYC OPENING DAY REGATTA T-SHIRT FOR EACH SKIPPER AND ONE EACH DINNER TICKET FOR SKIPPER AND CREW.
\$9.00 FOR SINGLE MAN BOATS. FEE INCLUDES ONE T-SHIRT AND ONE DINNER TICKET. BOTH FEES ARE DOUBLED IF NOT A LMVYC MEMBER.

ADDITIONAL DINNER TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE SKIPPER'S MEETING FOR \$3.00 EACH. \$1.50 EACH FOR KIDS UNDER 18. ADDITIONAL T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS AFTER ALL SKIPPERS HAVE RECEIVED THEIRS. \$5.00 PER T-SHIRT.

A JUNIOR REGATTA WILL BE PART OF THE EVENT. ANYONE UNDER 18 CAN SAIL FREE! SIX

Junior Racing

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE JUNIOR WINNERS!

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