



# 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."*

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## SUNSET SAILING BEGINS APRIL 21

It's time to brighten up the middle of the week by joining us on the lake every Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm beginning Wednesday, April 21. This is an excellent opportunity to hone the skills gained in your sailing lessons, experiment with new techniques or equipment, or to just let the work problems of the day lift away in the quietness of the sunset.

For those who believe that two boats on the lake at the same time means a race is in progress, Commodore Davies will sound the horn at 6 pm and announce the courses. Everyone is invited (but not required) to join this competitive crowd. In this informal setting, advice is freely given (by just about everyone!) to help those who are new to the sport. Come on down and join the fun every Wednesday!

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Pizza and drinks in the clubhouse at the lake following the Wednesday sailing, or about 8 pm.*

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

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## SPRING REGATTA I APRIL 25

Will YOU be a winner on April 25 at the second sailing event on Lake Mission Viejo? Everyone is invited to give Willi, Don and Bob some competition, as they try to hold their lead as the top skippers in the Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club. At the end of the season, the top ten finishers will earn the opportunity to win the perpetual trophy plus "bragging rights" to the title of "Best Skipper of the Year".

Registration begins at 11 am, and Skipper's Meeting at 12:15 pm. White flag is at 1 pm sharp. Mark your calendar NOW.

## OPENING REGATTA RESULTS

Sailing to victory in a brisk wind under pre-rain conditions, were a crowd of sailors who eagerly ushered in the season. The group met in the new clubhouse for registration by Secretary Vivienne. The tired sailors returned to the clubhouse to enjoy a barbeque after the event, and just in time to avoid the beginning of the storm.

Great tasting hamburgers and hot dogs seasoned with raindrops were ably served up by Len Savage, Horst Weiler, and John Hennessy.

A hearty "welcome back" to some of the "old salts" who joined us for the day – Joe Steele, Robert Beal, and a brief appearance by Don Wilder. Welcome back, guys!

### "A" Fleet:

Willi Hugelshofer	First Place
Don Schaffner	Second Place
Colleen Dong	Third Place

### Lido Fleet:

Don Schaffner	First Place
Mike Farina	Second Place
Chris Davies	Third Place

### Blue Fleet:

Bob Milner	First Place
Rosemary Davis	Second Place
Robert Beal	Third Place

## COMING EVENTS

Wednesdays	Pizza at Emilio's, 7 pm	Winter/8 pm	Summer
April 21	.....	Wednesday Sunset Sails Begins	
April 24	.....	Sailing Lessons Registration	
April 25	.....	Spring Regatta II	
May 5	.....	First Series, Adult Sailing Lessons	
May 10	.....	First Series, Jr. Sailing Lessons	

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## FOR "SAIL" OR TRADE

### For "Sail":

C-15, excellent condition. Newly painted with trailer. \$1200 or best offer. Call Peter Janes, 586-6414.

Lido 14 for "Sail". Call Mike Trokey, Re/Max Realtors, 714/454-8220 for details.

### Wanted:

Lido boats, sails, and trailers. Unusable sailboats may be used for parts. Contact Mike, 855-4578, or Don, 582-1419.

•If you want to buy or sell a boat appropriate for the lake, the listing here is free.

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## NEW RACING RULES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1

Who cares! We rarely resort to quoting rules on our friendly lake -- in fact most of us don't even have a red flag for protests aboard. Even though we are low-key, however, we should know the rules and sail by them in order to keep our regattas free of dissension. Here are some of the new sailing rules as outlined in the current April issue of *Sail* magazine:

### 1. Hitting the Mark (52.2a)

This 20-year rule was changed four years ago from re-rounding the mark to making two 360-degree turns when you are in the clear. This was done to eliminate the mess when a big group of boats approach the mark at the same time.

The new rule states that you must only do one 360-degree turn immediately after you are in the clear. So if you have a choice of hitting another boat, or hitting a mark, choose the mark. The penalty for hitting another boat is still two 360-degree turns.

### 2. Hailing Protests (Rule 68.2)

It was formerly only a courtesy to "try to inform the other boat at the time of protest". The rules didn't state how hard to try or when. The new rule states that you must inform the other boat by flying the protest flag and "hailing" the other boat.

### 3. Mast abeam (definitions)

Definition has been broadened. In the new rules you must actually be forward of mast abeam before you can hail "Mast abeam".

### 3. Spinnaker pole (Rule 64)

Thank goodness, spinnakers are not used on our lake. But just so you know, fly the spinnaker however you want, but fly only one at a time, and the pole must be attached to the mast at one end, not hand-held.

### 4. Roll Tacking (Rule 54.3a)

Good news, Horst and Willi! Now a crew can

"legally" roll the boat through a tack or gybe as much as they want, as long as the resulting speed is not greater than it would have been in the absence of the tack.

### 5. Pumping (Rule 54.3b)

Don Asfar will love this one! You are allowed to pump any sail's sheet one time per wave or puff. When you pump the mainsail, you can pull as many parts of the mainsheet as you want.

### 6/7. Tacking Near a Windward Mark (Rule 42.3a)

Two changes regarding when boats are nearing the mark from opposite tacks: When a port-tacker (P) leebows a starboard-tacker (S) near the mark, P is entitled to room only if S is able to give room. Second change: When P crosses ahead of S and tacks into a position where S cannot avoid establishing a leeward inside overlap, S is always entitled to room. This means that if you're P, you had better (before you tack) make sure there is plenty of room for S. Everybody ready for the quiz now?

### 8. Room to Tack (Rule 43.1)

This rule pertains to two close-hauled boats when one must tack to clear an obstruction, but cannot do so without colliding with the other boat. In the new rule, only the leeward (or clear ahead) boat must be close-hauled in order to use the rule. This could make the starts interesting!

### 9. Sailing above or below a proper course (Rule 39.1 and 39.3)

The new rule (which is quite complicated regarding luffing rights) simply put means that a Leeward boat is allowed to luff above a proper course and tack, as long as it doesn't interfere with the windward boat. In other words, you can tack to clear your air.

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## THIS AND THAT

The Schaffner's introduced their new white jib with a green clover logo in the Opening Day Regatta. You have never seen one like it before -- that's because it was designed and created by Don Schaffner (with a little help from Linda?! He managed to outsail some of the C-15s, and so it must have passed the test!

Lido owners in the lake association have been receiving copies of the "Bowwave" Newsletter, courtesy of the local chapter of the Lido Association. Everyone has been invited to join in their activities.

When Jim Lockwood signs up for a C-15 regatta, the big question is: "Who will be his crew?" Jim was assisted by his wife Donna in their most recent outing, and continues to hold the lead in "B" fleet, Coast Cup Series!