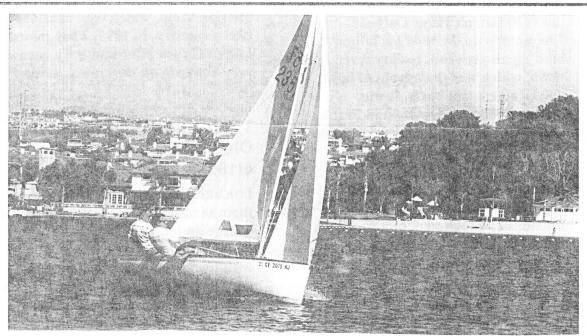


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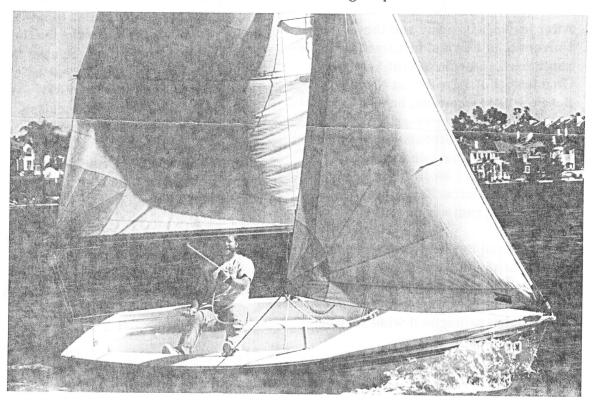
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White Cloud Going Up Wind



T.J. Henrichs-Check Out the Bow Wave

Member Profiles

<u>ON DECK: Vice Commodore</u> <u>Frank Fournier</u>

Frank was born and raised in Wayne, a small town near Detroit, Michigan. His father was an avid sailor and won the 1920 Detroit River Catboat Championship. In 1940 his father built an all plywood, twenty seven foot sloop, which was the advent of light displacement sail boats. It was extremely fast for its size and Frank had many memorable experiences on it cruising the great lakes.

During his teenage years he raced Lightnings and later crewed on a Lueders 16 which took him to Bermuda for the International Championship races in 1953. They managed to get the most beautiful trophy of all, the consolation trophy. It was a brass port and starboard lamp mounted on Philippine mahogany.

After leaving the army and the University of Florida, he came to Southern California to visit his sister. On a beautiful June day at Newport Beach, while swimming, he met Elisabeth. He was mesmerized. She was visiting from Stockholm, Sweden. Every weekend that summer he courted her in a Lido14 from Newport Harbor to Alamitas Bay. It was the best of times, summer of 1959.

They married the following year and lived in Anaheim, raising two children who were water babies from the beginning. They learned water skiing, Sabot sailing and wind surfing at early ages. Today they are married and living nearby, and still active in water sports including sail boat racing.

Frank and Elisabeth moved to Mission Viejo, which they consider God's country, in 1997. They joined LMVYC soon after and have been very active in all the club activities.

Three Time Chili Cookoff Champion- John Drake 4/16/00

Don and Linda Schaffner conducted their annual chili cookoff contest with a large and hungry crowd of fifty members and guests on hand to help with the judging. It was conducted with numbered sampling cups which corresponded with the six different types of chili available for tasting. After we polished off the chili, corn bread, etc., the secret ballot voting was held. The winner in this blind tasting event was John Drake for the third year in a row. I think he's ready for the big time, like maybe one of those famous Texas events. First runner up was Chris Schaffner and second runner up was Vivienne Savage. Thanks to all six of the chili cookers and to Alice Olson for her creme de menthe cake which capped off the meal.

We had a great day of racing too. Len and Vivienne Savage, and Tricia Gonsowski were race committee for the day and put on three races in good winds for us.

RACE RESULTS- Spring Regatta I A FLEET 1st Don and Linda Schaffner 2nd Matt Beattie and H. Robison 3rd Arnold Christensen and James Berry **B** FLEET 1st Audrey and Rod Simenz 2nd Doug Sheppard 3rd John Olson and Wil Chong C FLEET 1st Steve Gonsowski 2nd TJ Henricks 3rd Troy Edwards JUNIORS 1st Tom Anderson

Spring Regatta II and South of the Border Celebration 5/7/00

This was a record day which drew the largest crowd in recent memory, with 24 boats on the water and sixty diners at the after race get together

Norma and Randy Tiffany decorated the Board room and the race committee boat to create the theme for the day. Later Norma served her home cooked specialties along with Tara Robison's rice and beans. Thanks to them for the great dinner and to Audrey Simenz for the flan finale.

Putting on a full dinner and then cleaning up afterwards is no easy task with the size crowds we are now getting. It speaks well for our club that people pitch in and clean up their own areas and then help with the general cleanup and "put away" required.

We are a do it our selves club and it's working well, let's keep it up.

About the Racing

It was about noon when I heard a group of our top sailors discussing

whether we would have any wind and from which direction. One said it was going to be our prevailing south westerly, another said more northerly, some said light, another said gusty. They were all correct! It was, well, an interesting day with gusts of 12 to 14 knots, but they were unusually frequent and of short duration. That's lake sailing alright.

Randy Tiffany with John Olson ran the race committee boat for the day. Some highlights were Kevin Henricks winning the first race and brother TJ winning the third race in the Lake boats. New member Todd Conover sailed his bright yellow Lido 14 with daughter Rebecca and displayed competitive speed in only his second regatta with us. Don Schaffner with son David crewing scored three bullets sailing Black Cloud in the "A" fleet.

Top Finishers Were: A FLEET 1st Don and David Schaffner 2nd Roger and Tara Robison 1st non Thistle Willi Hugelshofer B FLEET 1st Doug Sheppard 2nd John Drake 3rd Audrey and Rod Simenz C FLEET 1st TJ Henricks 2nd Mike Farina 3rd Frank Fournier JUNIORS 1st Brian Wegner

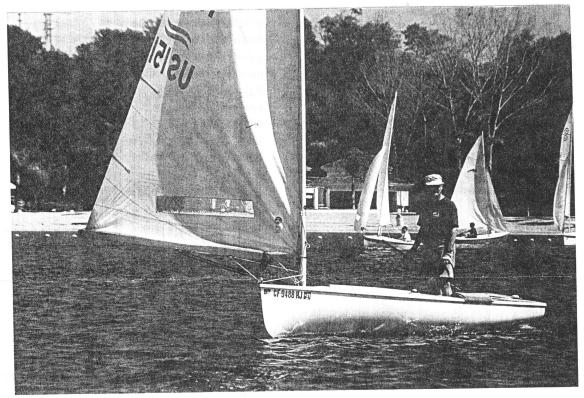
The Lighter Side

We are in the midst of the NBA playoffs so it seems timely to recall comments from a couple of basketball's big names.

"We're going to turn this team around 360 degrees" Jason Kidd, Phoenix Suns

"I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body" Winston Bennett, U. of Kentucky

Newsletter Editor- Rod Simenz



Seventh Inning Stretch ???



Welcome Aboard-Joe and June O'Connell, DaLee and Tom Lazarich, and Kevin Henrichs