

Lake Mission Viejo

ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2011

No Need to Dream of a White Christmas this Year!

Bundle up and head down to the Lake on Saturday, December 10th for a little bit of the North Pole right here in Mission Viejo. The holiday cheer starts with the arrival of Santa, who will be accepting Christmas wishes.

After convincing Santa that you belong on the Nice List, head over to the snow park, complete with a snow playground for Santa's littlest helpers and a snow slide run for elves of all ages. Then warm up at the bonfire being held on the beach while you watch the boat parade float by. Also appearing this year is the puppet troupe Swazzle, who will perform their show *Live from the Ice Cube*. There will also be a replica steam train providing rides throughout the evening.

4:30 pm	Santa's Arrival
5:00-8:00 pm	Bonfire on the Beach
5:30 pm	Live from the Ice Cube
6:15 pm	Boat Parade
7:00 pm	Live from the Ice Cube (2nd showing)
7:45 pm	Last chance to get in line for Santa, who will stay until about 8:00 pm

Come join us for what is sure to be an event full of holiday magic!

Happy Holidays

The Board of Directors, Management and Staff join to wish all members a safe holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Lake Mission Viejo will be closed on Saturday, December 25.

You Can Be Part of the Parade!

Parade of Lights organizers are always looking for new entrants who want to spread some holiday cheer by participating in this 33-year tradition. If you haven't already reserved an inverter, call the office at (949) 770-1313, ext. 202 to see what's still available.

If you have your own boat and would like to join the parade, call as soon as possible. Boats need to be decorated and lined up in the LMV North Beach Marina by 5:45 pm on Saturday, December 10th.



Winter Class Offerings at LMV

Attention: Members of all ages!

This is the time to take advantage of the best instructors teaching the most creative recreational pursuits of the season. Start 2012 out right by signing up for one of these LMV favorites. Don't take too long – these classes fill up fast!

Stand-Up Paddle Open Practice with Beachside Instruction

Bring your family and friends and join us for Stand-Up Paddle Open Practice.

Beachside instruction and board use is included. No appointment necessary and no prerequisites; however, we do require that all our paddlers be in good general health and "water safe." Parent supervision is required for all paddlers under 14 years of age. All our SUP paddlers will wear lifejackets and use board leashes that we supply.

Dates	Ongoing – dependent upon weather and other conditions	
Times	Westwindsailing.com or call (949) 492-3035 for the latest schedule	
Ages	12+ yrs	
Fee	\$25 (1 hour)	per person
	\$35 (1½ hours)	per person
	\$40 (2 hours)	per person

Westwind Sailing and Stand-Up Paddle Board Programs

Private and semi-private sailing / stand-up paddle board lessons are available for individuals who just need to refresh their skills or whose personal schedule does not permit joining a regularly scheduled course. Looking for a new and exciting activity for your scout troop, birthday party, company picnic, or other special interest group? Call Westwind Sailing for more information at (949) 492-3035 or visit www.westwindsailing.com.

Jumping Jacks and Jills 1-4 yrs

Bring your preschoolers to join in great fun, including dancing, imaginative play exercises, Follow the Leader, tunnel play, bouncing balls, beanbags, instrumental jam sessions, and more!

Instructor	Charlene Jordan, Miracles in Motion	
Dates	Tue Jan 24-Feb 14 (4 meetings)	
Time	10:00-10:50 am	
Fee	Members	\$35/\$34 sibling fee
	Guests	\$47
Place	O'Neill Elementary School	

Supersitters 11+ yrs

This class is a must for any potential babysitter. In just a few hours, learn how to prevent accidents, what to do in an emergency, child development facts, childcare do's and don'ts, age-appropriate games, job hunting techniques, and finances. A parent or driving adult must attend the last 15 minutes of class. Bring a pen or pencil. One-day workshop.

Instructor	Charlene Jordan	
Date	Fri	Mar 2
	(1 meeting)	
Time	6:00-9:00 pm	
Fee	Members	\$39
	Guests	\$47
Place	SVUSD District Board Room	

Beginning Guitar 10+ yrs

This class is designed for those who have never played the guitar. Learn classic rock songs, chords, strum styles, and single note melodies in this fun and easy class. Each session offers new songs for those who have already taken the class in the past. Bring your own acoustic guitar or electric guitar with a small amp to class.

Instructor	Ron Gorman www.rongorman.com	
Dates	Wed	Jan 11-Feb 1
	(4 meetings)	
Time	5:00-6:00 pm	
Fee	Members	\$72
	Guests	\$86
Place	Modular Building	

Registration Information

For registration forms and complete class descriptions please go to www.lakemissionviejo.org or call (949) 770-1313, ext. 200.

LMVA 2012 Board of Directors Elected

The Annual LMVA Meeting of the Delegates to conduct business and elect the 2012 Board of Directors took place on Tuesday, October 25.

Board Directors currently serving the LMVA membership are as follows:

President	Dale Tarkington
Vice President	Alan Virdinis
Vice President	Diane Lincoln
Secretary	Fred Mellenbruch
Treasurer	Sid Wittenberg

The LMVA Board of Directors and Staff join to thank the LMVA Delegates for participating in the Annual Board elections. Delegates play an integral role in the process. If you have any questions or comments for your Directors, please send an email to info@lakemissionviejo.org.

Board Actions

The following is an informal account of LMV Board of Directors proceedings, not the official Board meeting minutes. Board Members present for the October 11, 2011 meeting included: Fred Mellenbruch, Diane Lincoln, Alan Virdinis, and Dale Tarkington. Board Member Sid Wittenberg was not in attendance.

In New Business at the October meeting, the Board of Directors:

Approved Inspectors of Election for the October 25, 2011 Board of Directors elections. Inspectors include delegates Martin Bender and Rod Simenz as well as LMVA Administrative Manager Dave Kerr and Alternate Andy Kotnik. Motion: Diane Lincoln, Second Alan Virdinis. Vote carried 4-0-0.

Approved The 2012 LMV Operating Budget as prepared by the staff and reviewed by the Board. Motion: Dale Tarkington, Second, Diane Lincoln. Vote carried 4-0-0.

Approved The lease contract with Asyst Data Systems to provide database services for Accounting, Membership/Billing, Point of Sale and Recreation programs. Motion: Alan Virdinis, Second, Dale Tarkington. Vote carried 4-0-0.

Approved The replacement of 13 North Beach Park light poles and fixtures at a cost not to exceed \$35,155 with funds coming from Reserve Account 2046. Motion: Dale Tarkington, Second Diane Lincoln. Vote carried 4-0-0.

Approved The replacement of the Lake Aeration System Motor at a cost not to exceed \$38,000 with expense coming from Reserve Account 2046. Motion: Diane Lincoln, Second, Alan Virdinis. Vote carried 4-0-0.

Approved The retrofit of existing backup party boat to a 3rd fishing charter boat for the rental fleet at a cost of \$1,148.33, with expense coming from Contingency Account 2047. Motion: Diane Lincoln, Second, Dale Tarkington. Vote carried 4-0-0.

The LMVA Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the LMV administration building. All Lake members are welcome to attend.





19th Annual Fishing Derby Returns on December 29th

Once again it's time to enjoy an annual end of the year tradition at LMV. **The 2011 Kid's Holiday Fishing Derby is scheduled for Thursday, December 29th.** This is a perfect opportunity to spend some relaxing quality time with your child. Plus it's the perfect time to fish at Lake Mission Viejo.

4,000 pounds of trout will be stocked just prior to the derby. Call the Lake Services Office at (949) 770-1313, ext.202 no later than December 27 to reserve a space; entry is free. Walk-ins on the day of the event will be registered for the event after all RSVP entrants have been checked in.

Bring your own rod/reel, bait, stringer and parent/adult per fishing child. **Four age divisions will each be awarded prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place based on largest single fish caught.**

All fishing regulations will be enforced during the derby. Please consult the LMVA website www.lakemissionviejo.org to review fishing rules and regulations (use the "Rules and Regulations" button on the "Main Dock" page). No one is permitted on the docks until checked in. One rod is permitted in the water per entrant.

Come on down with your children, grandchildren, or just to watch all the action. This event is one of the most enjoyable things we do here at the Lake for everyone involved. Skilled volunteer help is welcome from more experienced anglers who would like to participate.

3/4 and 5/6 Year Old Divisions

9:30 am Check-in
10:00 am Derby begins
11:00 am Derby ends; fish weigh-in
11:15 am Prizes awarded

7/8 and 9/10 Year Old Divisions

11:30 am Check-in
12:00 pm Derby begins
1:00 pm Derby ends; fish weigh-in
1:15 pm Prizes awarded

LMVA Membership Cards: Don't Leave Home Without Them

The trout are biting, the rental fleet is shining, and LMV staff members are ready to help anglers catch that limit of fish they have been dreaming about all summer. The one important piece of the equation left up to you members is to make sure that your membership card is with you when you come to the gate. **Your LMV membership card is required for access to Lake facilities and also acts as your fishing license to your own private angling paradise.** Guests accompanying members are charged a \$10 guest fishing fee at the gate upon entrance.

Fishing Rules To Remember

- LMVA I.D. cards or guest fishing passes must be displayed by anglers at all times.
- The trout limit is four (4) fish per angler per day, and trout may not be released.
- Each angler may fish with only one closely attended pole and must use his or her own stringer to account for his or her own fish.
- No fishing within 15 feet of any dock, swimming area, windsurfing area, or bulkhead on LMV. The "15 foot rule" applies to all boats and fishing gear (pole, hook, or line) which must be at least 15 feet away from all private property.

LMVA Fishing Club

Fishing Club Tackles Busy Holiday Season

Rainbow trout have once again graced the waters of LMV. To date over 12,000 pounds of the tasty fish have been planted into the lake. Another 8,000 pounds are scheduled for December plantings.

The annual drop in water temperature into the 60's, which works well for the trout and their preference for cooler water, helps to spread the fish around the lake. The water continues to be very clear with average visibility over 25 feet all around the Lake.

Brand new fishing boats, motors, and batteries have been readied for the start of the trout angling season. LMV staff has converted a third pontoon boat for group charter fishing. This allows groups of up to 6 anglers to enjoy a more comfortable fishing platform while on LMV.

Light line (4 pound test) and small hooks (#16 treble hooks) combined with power bait are the top choices of most LMV anglers. More experienced anglers prefer to cast lures (kastmasters, roostertails, or mepes spinners) which are good choices to attract the wary trout. Small plastic worms (power worms) attached to a single hook and light line has become a popular method of taking a limit of trout.

LMV is famous for its trophy trout that travel from as far as Northern California and Western Nebraska to test angler's skills. Set some time aside this winter to join in on the fun fishing for beautiful rainbow trout in your own back yard.

Opening Fishing Club Meeting

The first meeting of the Fishing Club is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 pm in the Lake Administration Building. Current fishing conditions will be discussed and there will be a special guest to bring members up to speed on the most current techniques regarding landing a trophy trout at LMV.

December Tournament

The December tournament will be held on Saturday, December 3 from 6:00-11:00 am, with weigh-in at 11:15 am. There are 3 divisions: Kids 11 and under (\$4.00), Teens 12-17 (\$5.00) and Adults 18 and over (\$5.00). Anglers can sign up for the tournament at the meeting on Wednesday night, Thursday, or Friday in the Boat Rental office or the morning of the tournament prior to 6:30 am. Prizes will be awarded in all divisions as well as a Big Fish prize for the largest trout of the tournament.

Kid's Holiday Fishing Derby

This event is planned specifically for the younger anglers to land their first trout. It is set for Thursday, December 29 right after our last trout stock of 2011. We welcome members of the Fishing Club to join in on the action by helping tie on and bait hooks, untangle tangles, and offer friendly advice to the youngsters on how to land a trophy trout.

2012 Assessments Due

The January 1-June 30, 2012 assessment bills are in the mail. **Assessments are due January 1, 2012, and are considered late on February 1, 2012.**

Along with the traditional method of mailing in a check to LMVA offices, there are several electronic methods of paying your bill.

It's all about convenience. There are several ways to pay LMVA assessments without writing a check. **In an effort to keep pace with the electronic world,** members can use any of the following methods to pay the semi-annual assessment for the January 1, 2012 due date.

Pay with your credit card. The procedure is very simple and secure. Just log on to www.lakemissionviejo.org and follow the link on the main page to guide you through a very easy process. You will need to verify your account with your LMVA account number and your last name. The rest is very easy. A service fee of \$3.00 will be charged to offset fees charged by the credit card companies. Dues must be paid in full when using this service.

Use your online banking service through your bank and LMVA will be able to receive your payment electronically. There is no fee from LMVA to process your payment in this manner. Bank fees may apply.

Members can also have their assessment automatically debited from their account by using the convenient ACH processing service. Call the LMVA billing office for details at (949) 770-1313, ext. 209.

Yacht Club Finishes 2011 Season Under Full Sail

The LMV Yacht Club is nearing completion of another successful campaign on the waters of LMV. From a cool and blustery start to the season on Opening Day through the Top Skippers regatta held in October, **Commodore Peter Tietz has provided excellent leadership at the helm.** Highlights of the year include an increased membership roster, the growth of the Junior Sailing program (**a hearty thanks to Rod Simenz for his tireless effort working with the kids**), and increased participation in all the regattas.

For the second year in a row **Randy Tiffany took home the hardware as the Club's Top Skipper** in the October races. Always a highly competitive event, the Yacht Club's top 10 sailors squared off in LMV's 14.2 Catalina sailboats for five races to see who comes out on top.

As the sun sets on another sailing season, Club members filled with holiday cheer will don their wool sweaters and take to the icy winter waters of LMV to lead the famous **LMVA Parade of Lights** from the deck of the legendary Lighted Schooner. Don't miss the parade on Saturday, December 10 set to sail around 6:15 pm from the North Beach Marina.

The LMVYC is open to all members. Everyone, regardless of sailing ability, is encouraged to join. For more information about how to join the Yacht Club, check the Lake website at www.lakemissionviejo.org.



LMV Hours

North Beach

8:00 am-10:00 pm Mon-Fri
 6:00 am-10:00 pm Sat-Sun

East Beach

Closed for the season

Market on the Lake

8:00 am-10:00 pm Daily
 With Market Dock
 Access Card

Snack Bars

Closed for the season

Membership/Billing Office

8:00 am-5:00 pm Daily

Beach Bag Store/ Lake Services

8:00 am-5:00 pm Daily

Tackle Box/Boat Rentals

8:00 am-5:00 pm Mon-Fri
 6:00 am-5:00 pm Sat-Sun
 Last boat rented at 4:00 pm,
 due in at 5:00 pm.

January

- 1 Happy New Year 2012!
LMV Open All Day
- 10 Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 11 Trout Stocking
- 11 Fishing Club Meeting 7:00 pm
- 14 Trout Tournament 6:00 am
- 25 Trout Stocking

February

- 8 Trout Stocking
- 8 Fishing Club Meeting 7:00 pm
- 11 Trout Tournament 6:00 am
- 14 Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 20 Presidents' Day
- 22 Trout Stocking