



The Nevada Yacht Club

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THE REGATTA

Commodore's Comments -- March, 2004

Greetings! I hope everyone who attended February's meeting at Romy's Cafe had a great time! Our next meeting will be back at the Lake Mead Marina on March 19th, at 7:30 p.m.

We are looking into other locations to have several more "social" general meetings this year. Our May meeting will likely be hosted by the Desert Lake County Club, in Boulder City. This is a desert gun club that has just opened a new clubhouse. We are considering having them host a Friday afternoon "shoot," followed by our meeting Friday night at the clubhouse. We will provide more information on this once we have confirmed everything. In the meantime, the Desert Lake Country Club is hosting a "ducks in the desert" event the week before Mar. 11th - 14th with \$80,000 in prizes. Go check it out for something fun to do!



Special Points of Interest:

- **NYC Board Meeting**,
Wed., 10 March 2004 6:30 PM @ John William's call 210-8218 for directions.
- **Winter Series Race #3**
Sunday, 14 March Skippers' meeting 9:00 AM
- **GENERAL MEETING**
Friday, 19 March 7:30 PM @ Lake Mead Marina.
- **San Diego NOODS**
Fri. - Sun., 19-21 March
- **Echo Bay Race**
Sat. & Sun., 27 & 28 March 6:00 AM

Sail Training

Mike and Cheryl Higgins graciously volunteered to take people out for February's Clark County Sail Training Course last weekend. They met their students Sunday morning at 9am and gave them a lesson until 1pm. Many thanks to Mike and Cheryl for their time and effort!

Boulder City Parks and Recreation has expressed an interest in joining in on the Sail Training Program. We continue to need people committed to helping and raising money to run this program. NYC makes \$50.00 per student that we take out, plus the chance to recruit possible members!! We are currently committed with Clark County to take up to 6 people once a month.

Leukemia Cup

Plans for the Leukemia Cup are going well, and I hope everyone is fundraising hard again this year. We have already seen some major contributions repeated from last year and are looking forward to a very successful year. The Boulder Creek Golf Course in Boulder City will host this year's event both Saturday and Sunday. This is a beautiful venue that is easy to get to from the lake. More information and race entry forms will be available soon.

Racing

The third race of the season is coming up on March_14th, followed by Echo Bay on March 27th & 28th. The National Offshore One Designs (the "NOODS") are the weekend of March 19th. Good luck to all who plan to participate. We will miss you at the next general meeting.

Other Events

This year we are adding in a few casual events to the calendar: On May 8 & 9, plan on joining some people at the Renaissance Fair in California. The general location is the bottom of the Cajon Pass. There are hotels near by and a KOA campground. We will call this "Road Regatta 1"! More information will be forthcoming. In the meantime, check out renfair.com

There are also plans in the works for Road Regatta 2 in early July (maybe the 4th of July weekend) to the Utah Shakespearean Festival in Cedar City. There is also a KOA and good accommodations there.

Looking further ahead, think about the Catalina trip and making plans to charter or sail your boat. Sign up soon!

I have also heard that the Mt. Charleston event will be bigger and better in late August this year.

Looking forward to these events and more!!
Glenn Frank

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Notice of Race

Nevada Yacht Club Echo Bay Race

March 27th – 28th 2004

Visit <http://www.echobay7c.com> for more details.

1. Venue

The Nevada Yacht Club (NYC) will be holding its Echo Bay Race 2004 which will consist of two days of racing on Lake Mead. On Saturday March 27th racers will start from just outside of the Lake Mead marina on the lower basin and race to just outside of the Echo Bay marina on the Overton Arm. On Sunday the competitors will race back starting from just outside the Echo Bay marina and finishing just outside the Lake Mead marina. The distance from Lake Mead Marina to Echo Bay Marina is approximately 32 miles. A competitors meeting will be held on the patio of Lake Mead Marina on Saturday March 27th at **6:30am** and the race will start at 7:30am. There will be no meeting on Sunday March 28th and the race will start at 7:30am.

2. Rules

NYC's Echo Bay Race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2001-2004 (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of PHRF, and the Sailing Instructions (SI).

3. Eligibility and Classes

The races are open to all competitors with boats meeting the requirements of the Southern California PHRF by-laws. The classes will be split into Spinnaker A (PHRF 0 – 149), Spinnaker B (150 and above) and non-spin C (those racing without a spinnaker). The rating system to be used for handicapping will be Southern California's PHRF. If you do not have a valid rating certificate from PHRF then see the Fleet Captain for a rating. Ratings will be taken from the Southern California PHRF handicaps. If Southern California PHRF does not have a rating for your boat then an average of the available PHRF ratings from other regions will be used.

4. Entries

Entry forms can be filled out on the dock at the competitor's meeting at Lake Mead Marina before 6:30am on Saturday March 27th. Advanced registration will be available at the NYC General meeting on Friday March 19th and at the Winter Series #3 race Sunday March 14th. Registration is closed after **6:45am** on March 27th.

Entry Fees:

Race	NYC Member Price	Non NYC Member Price
Advanced Registration	\$20	\$25
Day of Race (3/27/04)	\$25	\$30

5. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions for the Echo Bay race will be available at the competitors meeting before the race on Saturday March 27th. Sailing Instructions will also be available on the Nevada Yacht Club's web site at: <http://www.nevadayachtclub.com/racing/si/echobaysi.html>

6. Courses

The race is point to point from Lake Mead marina to Echo Bay marina on 3/27 and back on 3/28. The distance from Lake Mead marina to Echo Bay marina is approximately 32 miles. A start and finish line will be set just outside the two marinas. These lines may be moved to shorten the course if conditions are not conducive. Any course changes will be announced over VHF radio on channel 68.

Notice of Race, Nevada Yacht Club Echo Bay Race, March 27th – 28th 2004 (continued)

7. Scoring

The Echo Bay race consists of two races: to Echo Bay on Saturday and the return leg to Lake Mead marina on Sunday. At least one race must be sailed to constitute a race. Each race day will count as an individual race in a two race series. The two days of racing will be scored using the RRS Appendix A Low Point System with the following designations and point assignments:

- o o DSQ and DND = # of starters + 2
- o o DNC and DNS = # of starters + 1
- o o DNF, OCS, and RET = # of starters
- o o RDG = depends on the situation
- o o ZFP = 20% penalty

There will be no throw out race.

8. Prizes

Trophies will be awarded as prizes at the NYC General Meeting on Friday April 16th at 7:30pm at Lake Mead Marina. The number of trophies awarded shall not exceed 1/3rd (rounded up to the next higher number) of the number of boats qualifying in each fleet or division with a maximum of 3 trophies. For Example – if there are only 3 boats in a class then only 1 (1st place) will get a trophy. The boat with the best overall score from all fleets will have its name added to the Echo Bay race perpetual trophy.

9. Echo Bay Information

The Echo Bay marina will be the destination where race participants will stop overnight. The marina offers multiple amenities including:

- - Boat docking: The Echo Bay marina will waive the fee for NYC Competitors to tie up their boats at the inner harbor courtesy dock. Do not use the courtesy dock located by the launch ramp. Use the south entrance to the harbor, go around the fuel dock and then tie up to the courtesy dock. Due to space limitations some boats may be required to raft up.
- - Food: There is a restaurant located by the marina and NYC has arranged for them to stay open until 9:00pm Saturday night for dinner and to open at 6:00am for breakfast Sunday morning.
- - Hotel Rooms: There is a hotel at the marina. Rooms start at \$60 per night. Call (800) 752-9669 for details and reservations.
- - Fuel: The fuel dock's normal hours are 8:00am to 5:00pm daily. NYC has arranged for the fuel dock to open at 6:30am on Sunday morning.

Visit <http://www.echobay7c.com> for more details.

10. Contact Information for Details

If you have further questions please call the Nevada Yacht Club at (702) 878-8969 or email info@nevadayachtclub.com

LAS VEGAS LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA

Weekend of May 1, 2004

Contact:
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You can raise more than a sail to help fight leukemia, Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma and myeloma by raising funds for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society by participating in a Leukemia Cup Regatta.

Each sailor in The Leukemia Cup Regatta series is eligible to win great prizes from our national sponsors, including:

- Gift certificates from West Marine
- Yacht charter vacation packages from The Moorings
- Hats and T-shirts from Mount Gay Rum
- Discount certificates from North Sails
- Artwork from marine artist John Mecray
- Model hulls from Ken Gardiner

Win a sailing trip with Gary Jobson

You can win a trip to sail world-renowned sailor [Gary Jobson](#), National Regatta Chairman. By raising \$7,500 or more, you will automatically earn participation in the trip! [Learn more.](#)
http://www.leukemia.org/hm_lls

Win a shopping spree from West Marine

For every \$500 you raise, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a \$2,500 shopping spree from West Marine.

Aside from winning great prizes, you'll be helping to save lives and to find cures for leukemia - the leading disease-killer of children - lymphoma and myeloma.

Check out the NYC website for more information and forms for:

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SPONSORSHIP/DONATION FORM
SPONSOR BENEFITS AND PARTNERSHIPS OPPORTUNITIES
SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE FORM

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LAKE MEAD

National Park Service <http://www.nps.gov/lame/index.htm>

Boaters need to be careful this spring as Lake Mead's water elevation drops. Unmarked reefs are exposed or are just below the surface of the water. Boating at night or at faster speeds can be dangerous. Special care also needs to be taken on the launch ramps. They have been underwater for years and have deteriorated.

Why is the water going down?

Information furnished by the Bureau of Reclamation

<http://www.nps.gov/lame/whylow.html>

Lake Mead stores Colorado River water for delivery to farms, homes and businesses in southern Nevada, Arizona, southern California and northern Mexico. About 96 percent of the water in Lake Mead is from melted snow that fell in Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Wyoming.



Each year, Lake Mead receives a minimum amount of Colorado River water from these states, known as the "Upper Basin" states. And each year, a specific amount of water is released from Lake Mead to users in Nevada, Arizona, California and Mexico. In an "average" year, the amount of water flowing out of Lake Mead exceeds the amount of water flowing into Lake Mead.



In some years, Lake Mead receives much more than the minimum amount of water from the Upper Basin, but the amount of water released from Lake Mead does not vary much from year to year.

The water level in Lake Mead is lower than it has been in over 40 years.

The water is going down because the Colorado River runoff for the past four years has been far below normal.

In 2000, for example, the runoff was only 56 percent of normal. The runoff has continued to be well below normal. Because of this decreased runoff, Lake Mead has received only slightly more than the minimum required amount of water from the Upper Basin. But the amount of water going out from Lake Mead has remained at normal levels. So, there has been more water going out of Lake Mead in the past four years than there has been coming into the lake. This causes the elevation to drop a little more each year.



The variation in water flowing into Lake Mead and the water flowing out of Lake Mead causes the lake's water level or "elevation" to fluctuate yearly and over multi-year periods, and has done so throughout the reservoir's 66-year history. This is normal - it is how Lake Mead was designed to work.

Water is released from Lake Mead only to meet downstream municipal and agricultural demands. Consequently, power demands in California, Arizona and Nevada do not impact its elevation.

Lake Mead is typically at its highest yearly elevation in the late fall and early spring months. The lake begins to drop in elevation in the late spring and early summer when the desert heats up and causes a higher demand of agricultural and municipal water needed in the Las Vegas Valley, in Arizona and California, and in Mexico. Some years, the drop is greater than others, depending on how much difference there is between inflow and outflow.

If there are several consecutive years where outflow exceeds inflow, Lake Mead begins each year with lower water levels, and the elevation continues to drop until a "wet year" occurs in the Colorado River. Then, Lake Mead typically receives more water than it releases, and the lake again returns to higher elevations.

This pattern - where the lake periodically fills to capacity then experiences a period of declining levels, only to fill up again - is projected to continue into the future. But no one can predict the weather, so it is not possible to predict when the high and low periods will occur.

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