



The Nevada Yacht Club

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THE REGATTA

May General Meeting
 Friday, 21 May
 7:30 PM
 Lake Mead Marina



Special Points of Interest:

- **NYC Board Meeting**,
Wed., 5 May 2004 6:30 PM @ Maribeth McGinty's.
- **Single Handed Race**, Sat 15 May, 9:00 AM
- **Jack & Jill Race**, Sun. 16 May, 9:00 AM
- **GENERAL MEETING**
Friday, 21 May 7:30 PM @ Lake Mead Marina.
- **Clark County Sail Training**, Sat 22 May 8:00 AM
- **Wet Wednesday Series #1**, Wed, 26 May, 7:00 PM
- **Wet Wednesday Series #2**, Wed, 2 June, 7:00 PM
- **Memorial Weekend Cruise to Castle Cove, moved to Sat, 12 June, 10:00 AM**

Vice Commodores Report

Activity on Lake Mead is picking up with our spring weather, we have had several events in the last few weeks and have a full schedule of races and social events coming up.

The Spring Race was a good warm up for our annual Leukemia Cup Regatta held May 1 & 2. We raised money for a worthy cause, had over 30 boats participate in a quality event and had a great party at Boulder Creek Country Club. Lots of NYC members pitched in to help and fund raise, thanks to all involved especially Carol White and Andrea Rosaschi our chairwomen. Leukemia Cup races are held nationwide and Nevada Yacht Club's involvement puts us in a select group of organizations.

April 24 & 25 Nevada Yacht Club ran our Spring Sail Training Program, we had 46 students for the weekend session. This has always been good public relations for us, encourages safety and brings in new members. I hope we continue this worthwhile program. Thanks to the instructors & staff – Glenn Frank, Floyd White, Terry Shoemaker, Marty Smihula, John Crawford, Marcie Armstrong, Curtis Clark, John Williams, John D'Acunto, Maribeth McGinty, Guest Speakers – David Martin (fleet 51) Norine Clark (LMSC) Mel Olson (LMSC) and all the skippers from NYC, Lake Mead Sail Club and Fleet 51 who took out students sailing.

Lake Mead Sail Club put on a great potluck party Saturday April 24 for the Day of 100 Sails and everyone enjoyed having sailors, students and friends on the LMM patio having fun and promoting sailing.

Good Sailing ~ VC David Armstrong

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From The Leukemia Cup Regatta Co-Chair – Carol White

Many thanks to all who participated in the 2004 Leukemia Cup. Congratulations to the Stromberg's who won the \$500 West Marine Boaters Best gift card. Ellen is also the proud owner of the 2004 Macray print "Tenacious". I know it will look great with the Macray that they purchased last year. Allen was also the successful bidder on several other items. Thanks Allen & Ellen for your continued support! Congratulations to the top fundraisers. We could not have done it without you! Also, congrats to the race winners. I did pray to the wind gods, but they must have been busy elsewhere. My heartfelt thanks and undying gratitude to all the committee members who donated their time to ensure a successful event. Deann and I will be tallying up income and expenses and will have a final figure by mid-week. Thank you's will be going out to all sponsors, donors and fundraisers by mid-week.

I trust everyone had a great time.
 Carol White

From The Fleet Captain ~ Marty Smihula
 Visit <http://www.nevadayachtclub.com/results.htm>
 for more details.

In spite of the light air the 2004 Leukemia Cup was a great success! Lake Mead sailors pulled together to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and to test their sailing skills in some light and shifty Lake Mead winds. Thanks go out to the race committee who did an excellent job getting off 2 races on Saturday and 1 race on Sunday. Great parties were enjoyed by all on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon at the Boulder Creek Golf Club. John Williams got some great pictures of the racing from the VIP boat, which should be available soon.

It's been a good race season so far. Looking forward we have the Single Handed Race on Saturday May 15th and the Jack and Jill Race on Sunday May 16th. The Women's Regatta has been rescheduled to Saturday May 22nd (remember - one man can be on board). By the end of May the temperatures should be pretty warm and so our evening racing will start. The first of the Wet Wednesday series races will be Wednesday May 26th.

Leukemia Cup Regatta May 1 & 2, 2004 Race Results

Pos	Fleet	Boat Name	Class	Sail No	Helm	PHRF	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Pts
							5/1/04	5/1/04	5/2/04	
Non Spin Fleet - Sailed: 3 Discards: 0 Ratings: PHRF										
1	Non Spin	Este	Ranger 33	430	Alan Stromberg	150	1	1	1	3.0
2	Non Spin	Windsornaut	Capri 26	138	Steve Smith	195	2	4	2	8.0
3	Non Spin	Soulmate	Cal 25	1324	Deborah Grubbs	222	3	5	3	11.0

Spin Fleet - Sailed: 3 Discards: 0 Ratings: PHRF										
1	Spin	My Sweetie-N-Me	Holder 20	87664	Jim Rosaschi	186	1	1	1	3.0
2	Spin	Trouble	Santana 20	219	Angelo Gurreri	222	4	4	2	10.0
3	Spin	Feng Shui	Ericson 35-2	57402	Floyd White	150	2	3	DNS	13.0

Hobie 16 Fleet - Sailed: 3 Discards: 0 Ratings: PHRF										
1	Hobie 16	Gordon Bagley	Hobie 16	107984	Gordon Bagley		2	2	3	7.0
2	Hobie 16	Wildcat	Hobie 16	101379	Rex Mitchell		1	1	DNF	12.0
3	Hobie 16	John Ziolkowski	Hobie 16	502	John Ziolkowski		5	DNS	1	16.0

Hobie 18 Fleet - Sailed: 3 Discards: 0 Ratings: PHRF										
1	Hobie 18	Wild Thing	Hobie 18	5439	Clay Ostrom		1	1	DNF	5.0
2	Hobie 18	Osburn	Hobie 18	20005	Denny Osburn		DNS	DNS	1	7.0

Hobie 20 Fleet - Sailed: 3 Discards: 0 Ratings: PHRF										
1	Hobie 20	Ice Princess	Hobie 20	275	William Quinn		1	2	1	4.0
2	Hobie 20	Bobby Campbell	Hobie 20	51	Bobby Campbell		2	1	2	5.0
Corsair Fleet - Sailed: 3 Discards: 0 Ratings: PHRF										
1	Corsair	Osprey Mas	Corsair	52172	A.C. Douglas	30	1	1	DNF	4.0

Cruising Captain Report May, 2004

We have several cruising events coming up to mark on your calendars. The first is the Memorial Weekend Cruise to Castle Cove, which we are changing the date to June 12th. Meet on the Lake Mead Marina Patio, and sail over to Castle Cove. I will have a sign up sheet at the general meeting on Friday, May 21st. Cost: \$20.00, will include mimosas on the patio, and a steak dinner on Saturday evening. (if you let me know ahead, I can plan for chicken or vegetarian substitution)

Catalina Island Cruise: July 27th - 31st. We already have 10 people interested in going, and I will be scheduling a meeting shortly to organize and for all to decide which boats to charter, and then get the boats reserved.

BVI Trip first week of December. We need to have a meeting on this trip as well, since the boats need to be reserved and deposits put down by next month. Also about 10 people signed up for this trip.

Happy Sailing- Cruising Capt. Marcie Armstrong



Thanks Maribeth for this tidbit!

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**Nevada Yacht Club
Executive Board Meeting, April 7, 2004**

Meeting Commences at 1855 hrs.
Present: Glen, Maribeth, John D., Dave & Marcie, Marty, John W., Sherry

Commodore's Report: Leukemia Cup donations are slow coming in. We have \$5K now. We need to contact previous donors. Letters of appreciation were not sent to all large donors from last year. Dave, Marty & Sherry will call dues paying members.

We now have 45 dues paying members. We need to increase our membership.
Glen makes a motion to purchase membership-managing software. John D. seconds the motion.

Vice Commodore report: Sail training is coming up and 13 have signed up so far. Spoke with the Park Service. There will be a \$200 fee for two training sessions. Last fall the fee was waived. Steve Smith wants to comp sail training for a Marina employee. The Board approves the comp. Planning for sail training is moving along nicely.

Treasurer report: Balance in our account is \$1226.58. Capital account is \$10,367.64. We need more members to bring in more money.

Secretary report: A motion is made to accept minutes from the last meeting. The motion is passed.

Fleet Captain report: Spring race is set for April 17th. Women's regatta is April 18th. NOR will be posted on website.

Cruising Captain report: May 8&9 will be a road regatta to the Renaissance Fair in California. Memorial Weekend Cruise will be 5/29-30. \$20 per person includes steak dinner and cocktails. Last Weekend in July is the Catalina trip.

Membership Committee report: \$25 check was received for membership. Applicant was confused about membership fees and dues. More NYC shirts are to be ordered.

Publishing Committee report: Newsletter will be printed soon and mailed.
Meeting adjourned at 2003 hrs.

**Nevada Yacht Club
General Meeting Minutes, April 16, 2004**

Meeting commences at 1940 hrs.
Vice Commodore: Sail Training is next weekend. 33 have signed up so far. There will be classes in morning and sailing in the afternoon. 4/24 is the day of 100 sails with a party on the dock. Instructors need to fax certification to the National Park Service.

Treasurer: \$1571.48 in our checking account. \$10,367.64 in the capital account.

Fleet Captain: Good participation in our winter series and Echo Bay races. Trophies are awarded to the winners. Spring race is tomorrow; it will be a distance race. Sunday is the women's regatta.

Cruising Captain: Memorial weekend cruise participants will meet Sat. at 10am on the dock, cocktails then it's off to Castle Cove. Price will be \$20 per person including cocktails and a steak dinner. Need RSVP for Catalina trip 7/27-31 from Marina Del Rey. BVI trip is scheduled for 11/29-12/6. A meeting and deposits are needed by next month.

Committees:
Leukemia Cup: Two weeks to go. All is going well, permits and reservations are done. 23 boats have entered so far. Donations raised so far: \$14k. Wed \$30k last year. We are way behind in fundraising. Volunteers are needed for Friday and Saturday. Head count for parties is due by 4/26.

Clark County Sail Training: 5/8 and three or four people have signed up. Need help for sail training. Children's camp is scheduled for 8/2-7.

Membership: 44 paid members.

Unfinished Business:
By Laws Committee: Changes have been made and published. They need approval. Steve Foster seconds a motion made by Andrea to accept the changes. Motion is passed. New By Laws are submitted to the secretary.

New Business: Commodore: Glen attended the Clark County Water Safety committee meeting. No funding is available for sail training next fall or next spring. We need to charge \$150 per person. We also need people to attend the Desert Valley Water Safety Committee meetings.

Lake is low: 1137 feet. It will continue to recede at one foot per month for the foreseeable future. Next meeting will be May 21 at Lake Mead Marina. The raffle is held and the meeting is adjourned at 2045 hrs.



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Lake Mead National Recreation Area Launch Ramp Update

Ample sunshine and warmer air and water temperatures are providing many opportunities to enjoy Lake Mead National Recreation Area. The Lake Mead water elevation is currently at 1,134 feet. Due to lowering water levels boaters need to be careful when launching their vessels and should watch for emerging reefs, sandbars, and other hazards. The Bureau of Reclamation is projecting an additional five-foot vertical drop in elevation this month. The summer months are predicted to remain stable at about 1,128-1,129 vertical feet. The Bureau's web page with reservoir level projections is located at: <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/24mo.pdf>.

Information about ranger-led programs and a variety of other information about the park is available on our website: www.nps.gov/lame.

There are a wide range of recreational activities available to visitors on Lakes Mead and Mohave. All nine marinas in the park are open and have many services ranging from great places to have a meal to various boat rental options. You can also make reservations for a boat tour. Fishing and camping opportunities abound. Personal watercraft are allowed on 95 percent on Lakes Mead and Mohave. Additional information on services and facilities at Lake Mead can be found at website: www.funonthelake.com.

Boat Launch Ramp Update:

A large-scale capital improvement project funded with park entrance fees to improve the launch ramps on Mead began this summer and continues this winter. "We are taking full advantage of the opportunity that lowering water levels at Lake Mead are providing for the launch ramp reconstruction project," said Superintendent William K. Dickinson. "The sections of the launch ramps exposed were under water for almost 40 years. This caused crumbling and deterioration of the asphalt. Replacement of these launch ramps significantly improves conditions for boaters using these Lake Mead facilities," added Dickinson. Half of the funding came from park entrance fees. The other fifty percent of the funding came from three sources: the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act, the state of Nevada, and state of Arizona.

The current launch ramp conditions at Lake Mead and Lake Mohave are:

Lake Mead

Hemenway Harbor

Hemenway Harbor is only open for shallow launching. Please be advised the National Park Service has a major rehabilitation project underway at this ramp. Superintendent Dickinson stressed, "I want to assure visitors to Hemenway Harbor that at least 1-2 shallow launching lanes will remain open during construction. No construction work will be done on weekends or holidays."

The Hemenway Point fishing pier was relocated into Horsepower Cove south of the Las Vegas Boat Harbor Marina earlier this year.

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Boulder Harbor Launch Ramp (next to Lake Mead Marina)

An alternative launch ramp with four to five lanes is available for launching. There is currently construction on the lower section of the old ramp.

Las Vegas Bay Launch Ramp was closed December 15, 2003. The campground, fish cleaner, and picnic area remain open and available to serve visitors. The area is also open for shoreline fishing. The closure was necessary due to lowering water levels and the rapid movement of an expansive delta front generated from erosion in the Las Vegas Wash. The courtesy dock was also removed. In October 2002, lowering water levels and the growing delta caused the Las Vegas Bay Marina to relocate to the Horsepower Cove area of Hemenway Harbor. The marina operation is now known as the Las Vegas Boat Harbor.

Government Wash and Pearce Ferry launch ramps remain closed.

Callville Bay

All eight launch lanes are open and the ramp is suitable for deep water launching. There is a lengthy walk from the parking areas to the launch ramp. The access road to the marina is undergoing construction to make the road safer and easier for boat trailers and other vehicles to travel on it. There could be up to 15-minute delays on this access road. The concessioner offers free shuttle service from the ramp to the parking lot.

Echo Bay

All six launch lanes on the south are open for all size boats. The parking areas are marked; please do not park on the launch ramp.

Overton Beach

There are four-six lanes open and the ramp suitable for deep water launching. At least two lanes are suitable for deep water launching.

South Cove

All four launch lanes are open and the ramp is suitable for deep water launching.

Temple Bar

Two launch lanes are open and suitable for deep water launching on the west side of the ramp. Three to four launch lanes are available for PWC and shallow boat launching. There is typically no waiting line for launching and there is abundant parking. The concessioner offers free shuttle service for those parking in more remote locations.

Lake Mohave

Lake Mohave launch ramps are open and available for use.

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Thanks to David Armstrong for sending this article for our newsletter.



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