

# LEE RAIL

**FEBRUARY 2021**



A breathtaking winter sunset at the Club.

Photo by Brian Ackerman

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sailing Seminar—February 6
- Bar Opens for Outdoor Dining - February 12—4pm
- Board Meeting— February 13-10am
- Crew Overboard Clinic-February 20-9:30 am –12:30 pm
- Warm Up Race-February 27 –12 pm
- Warm Up Race #2– March 6-12 pm
- PHRF Series #1-Race #1-March 20– 12 pm
- Fun Sail Spring Series #1-March 21– 1 pm



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### FEBRUARY Birthdays

### Happy Birthday !

Name	Birthday
Florendo Sales	February 1
Sue Preble	February 2
Elizabeth Meuer	February 2
Guadalupe Ortiz	February 2
Sam Frazier	February 5
Joonya Lopez	February 8
Paul Powers	February 10
Larry White	February 13
Ron Lee	February 17
Dick Stap	February 20
Niki Clark	February 22
Beverlie Terra	February 27
Kymberly Lacrosse	February 27
Sherry Chastain	February 28
Micheline Daly	February 29

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All articles for inclusion in THE LEE RAIL are welcome and will be considered for publication as time and space permit.

**Deadline for submissions is the 25th of each month.**

Submit articles, pictures, etc. via email by sending them to

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**pat4EYC@gmail.com**

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or via regular postal mail to:

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## COMMODORE REPORT

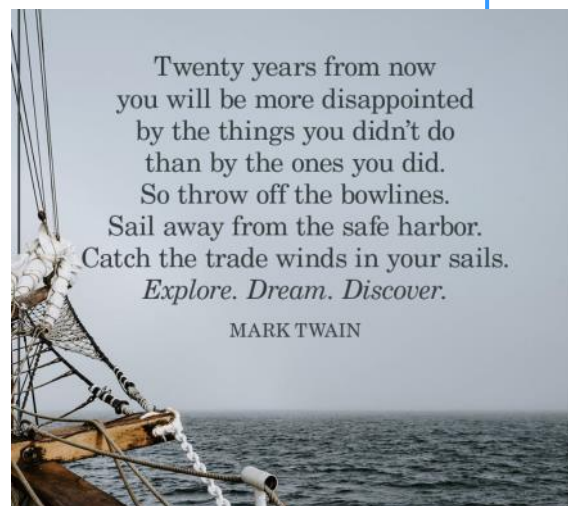
The first month of 2021 has come and gone. While we weren't able to enjoy each other in person we did have a few zoom events this month. January 23, Brian Ackerman hosted Robbie Burns night. Brian and Shane modeled their Kilts. Members shared their talents of poetry, songs, and musical instruments. A good time was had by all who attended. January 30, Peggy Lara and Sarah hosted the first sailing seminar of the year. The seminar was full of information for anyone new or not so new to racing. They also shared the racing section on our Elkhorn yacht club website. If you haven't seen it you need to check it out. Keep your eye out for upcoming sailing seminars.

The Officers, Board of Directors ,Committee Chairs, Club manager and Bar manager will be looking to do their best for and in the best interest of the EYC for this year. We will continue to monitor each up-and-coming month in order to decide what is cancelled, what events can be modified to be socially distanced and done safely, and when we may be able to start to do some of our annual events.

We have a couple major club projects being done around the club right now. We had a new fence installed around the property, just waiting on a few final touches to be completed. The annex building is being painted. The launch has been pulled out of the water and is getting a facelift. The workshop is getting a new safety door with a key fob entrance. The annex doors to the locker storage are also getting a key fob lock installed. The workshop committee is planning a cleanup and organizing work party for the workshop in the month of March. If you would like to be a part of the work party please contact Theresa Baschy at [theresabaschy@gmail.com](mailto:theresabaschy@gmail.com) or the club manager. Watch your email and for notices around the club for more details. If you haven't heard stay at home orders have been lifted. We will be opening the bar back up beginning Friday, February 12. The bar will be open Fridays from 4 to 8 and Saturdays from 2 to 7. Outdoor seated service only. Please follow all EYC and County safety prodigals. Looking forward to seeing everyone around the club.



Toni Scarborough  
Commodore



## VICE COMMODORE REPORT

### Hello EYC:

Welcome, February, the month of hearts! Our annex building is looking more lovely by the day, so I chose this setting for February's picture.

**Burns Night** this year turned out to be quite the event! Wee drams were sipped and raised in toast while poetry, limericks, stories and songs were shared if all in Zoom. Brian's poem (included) captured the times we're in and the spirit of the evening.



Vice Commodore: Melissa Ackerman

***“May your joys be as deep as the ocean  
and your misfortunes as light as the foam.” -  
Armenian Blessing***

## REAR COMMODORE

I can't believe it is February already and we have been in quarantine for nearly 11 months now. It is amazing how much has been accomplished at the club given the circumstances. Maureen and Toni did a fabulous job of having a successful election of officers and transition to the new board. Frank Lewis has planned and implemented countless improvements to the interior and exterior of the club house and annex. Melissa Kelly has shepherded us safely through Covid, and our bartenders Linda Mae and Anna have remained flexible and available. I also want to recognize our live aboard members and the Ackerman's who have kept an eye on our property while activity has been so minimal.

I'm certainly looking forward to having the club open again. I miss the comradery and environment. It's just not the same without everyone. Meanwhile, stay safe and get your Covid vaccine.



Rear Commodore Rita Jacques



## A look back at Burn's Night from last Month

Member's enjoyed a virtual gathering hosted by Brian Ackerman for Robbie Burn's Night. Poems & songs were shared. Drinks were toasted. It was a great evening & everyone looks forward to when we can celebrate in person someday.



### Asynchronous By Brian Ackerman

Asynchronous, a word that best describes our just past year  
A mumbo-jumbo of space and time and events unclear  
Both together and apart on computer screens we dwell  
Living lives of solitude and community for more than a spell.  
The boredom and the chaos causing time to expand and contract  
Loneliness and longing for our loved ones to connect.

Alone yet together we reveal ourselves with masks  
Our very lives and health under constant attack  
Our minds and hearts ever poisoned by alternative fact.  
To hug and to kiss seems now so quaint and olden  
Together to laugh and dine and raise a glass of sparkling golden.

Though out-of-whack and out-of-sorts our feelings be  
What begins must end and you will see  
That the sun still rises on this glorious day  
The whales still breach on the Monterey Bay  
And as spring follows winter with eternal simplicity  
Our universe will rejoin with splendid synchronicity



**Brian in his new County Kerry kilt! And a bonnie kilt at that lad-die!**

## SAILING/RACING

### Racing/Sailing

It's hard to believe that we are already into February! We really start to kick things off this month. In addition to Seminars scheduled for January 30th and February 6th and 20th we will also have our first "warm-up" race on the 27th. It is time to get those bottoms cleaned; check lines for wear; new batteries for your electronics and make sure your PFDs (and all safety equipment) are up to snuff.

### SAFETY FIRST....ALL MEMBERS PLEASE SAVE THE DATE...FEBRUARY 20TH

**9:30 am - 12:30 am**

Crew Overboard Clinic - no matter what kind of boat you have, or if you just hang out around the water, you should plan on joining us for this clinic. This seminar goes over information and skills that need to be "practiced" every year! I will have morning refreshments (especially coffee) for everybody.

### **MBYRC** (Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Championship)

While we have all been hunkered down, the Race Directors have been meeting, by Zoom, to continue working on the MBYRC Series. The dates have been set (see calendar) for a couple of months but we have continued coming up with plans to make the races more accessible and fun. To that end we are planning on having more fleets for each race. This year we will break down the fleets as follows:

PHRF A - ratings below 100

PHRF B - 100 to 164

PHRF C - 165+

Single Handed/DbI Handed (reduced crew)

Jib & Main

Multi-hull

One-design divisions will be allowed for fleets with at least five (5) boats.

Remember, our three Invitationals are part of the series so even if you are not up for doing the whole series I hope you will at least join in for the "Otter Cup," "Little Boreas," and the "Double Angle."

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Sailing Seminar 10-12:30 pm
7	8	9	10	11 Finance Meeting 6PM	12 Appetizers 4-8 pm	13 Board Mtg. 10 am Warm up Race #1-Skippers 10am Burgers 2-7
14 /	15	16	17	18	19 Appetizers 4-8 pm	20 Burgers 2-7 pm  Crew Overboard Clinic 9:30-12:30 pm
21	22	23	24	25	26 Appetizers 4-8 pm	27 Burgers 2-7 pm  Warm Up Race #1—
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Please note the calendar may change under COVID restrictions at any time.

**Reminder: Practice social distancing at all times on Club property.**



# MARCH 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5 Appetizers 4-8 pm	6 Warm Up Race #2- 12pm  Burgers 2-7 pm
7	8	9	10	11 Finance Meeting 6PM	12 Appetizers 4-8 pm	13 Board Mtg. 10 am Burgers 2-7 pm
14	15	16	17	18	19 Appetizers 4-8 pm	20 PHRF Series 1-Race #1 -12 pm  Burgers 2-7 pm
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## Reopening for Outdoor Dining

**EYC will open back up for outdoor dining beginning Friday, February 12th**

Per MCHD orders, we will be limited to outdoor patio service only. That means take a seat outside at the patio & a bartender will be with you shortly to take your order. **A food purchase is required with a drink order.**

**Friday Hours: 4-8 pm**

**\$2 appetizers. Appetizers will be pre-packaged and available starting from opening. Pasta meals are available.**

**Saturday Hours: 2-7 pm**

**Burger & Drink special.**

**\$7 for a burger and drink of choice: Beer, House Wine, or Soda. Appetizers & pasta are also available.**

**Guidelines to follow during your visit:**

**-No mask, No Service.** Masks must be worn at all times. Exceptions are when you are seated at your table to eat or drink.

**-A food purchase is required with a drink order.**

**-Must be seated outside to order.** No orders will be taken and no bills will be given inside.

**-Please stay seated at your chair with your party.** (No table hopping)

**-6 people only per fire pit or table.**

**-One guest allowed per membership.**

**-No food or drinks inside the building when the bar is open.**

**-The bar will be restricted to staff only.**

**-Respect 6ft social distancing from other members.** Please refrain from hugs and handshakes.

**-Sanitizer & disinfectant wipes will be available.** Guests are encouraged to use upon arrival and after using the bbq & before leaving.

**-Patience is a virtue.** Bartenders are following extra protocols for your safety & their own. It may take a few extra minutes for your order and your bill.

**-Reciprocity will not be permitted until further notice.**



## Work Shop News

### Attention: Work Shop Notice

Please remove personal property from the workshop by the end of February. If you have donated equipment to the workshop that can remain as property of EYC. We will be having a Work Party in mid-March dedicated to organizing and cleaning out the shop. We will be throwing out & recycling everything we can, such as foam, lacquers, oils, removers, etc.

Moving forward any stored items will be the property of the Yacht Club. There will be shelving to use for temporarily storing individual projects. Any personal projects stored must have a label with a name and a finish date for the project. Any unlabeled/abandoned projects will be discarded.

Leftover paint and solvents should be removed by the user. **Please don't store your unused paint there.** We will be installing a new shop door. This will make it easier to enter and exit the shop and increase security. The lock will be similar to the locks we currently use with a key fob. With this locking system, the Club will be able to keep track of who goes in and out of the shop.

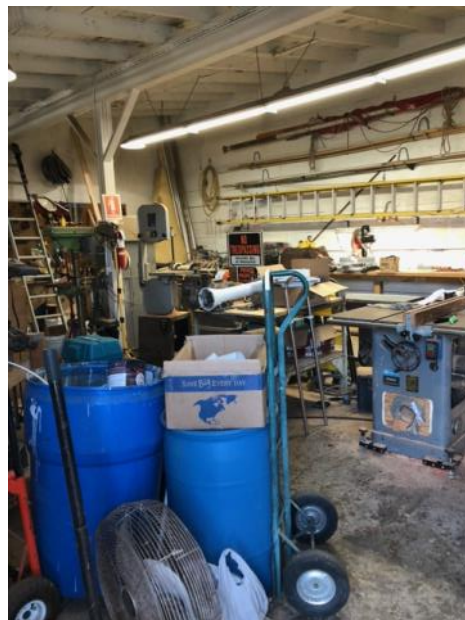
Thank you for your attention to this notice.

Stay safe,

*Theresa Baschy*

Theresa Baschy

Shop Steward



## Around the Club



A sunny nook in the Clubhouse. Photo by Melissa Kelly



Members working on the launch. Photo by Toni Scar-

## Around the Club

The winter sunsets have been spectacular. The evening of January 31st was an especially stunning sunset. Several members captured it.



Photo by Dale Jarred



Photo by Melissa Sopata





Photo by Pat Sutliff

### Reminder

EYC parking decals are required on vehicles parked on Club property. If you need a decal stop by the office.

### 2021 Membership Cards

2021 membership cards are now available. If you would like a card printed contact Melissa Kelly at

### Melissa's Office Hours

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Wednesday-Saturday  
12-5 pm

**FOR RENT-** Unit X - 444 sq. ft—\$797/month

Reminder: To be able to rent an office or locker. You must be on the waitlist. To be on the waitlist you need to submit a written request.  
Request can be emailed to Melissa Kelly at [eyc@elkhornyachtclub](mailto:eyc@elkhornyachtclub) or submitted to the office.



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A gorgeous sunset on the last night of January.

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