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Saturday Burgers 2-7 pm

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	William 'Biff' Jelavich	<b>Social</b>	Shannon Jordan		

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birthday
Norm Davidson	December 2
Steve Jensen	December 2
Steve Murphey	December 3
Barbara Zimmerman	December 5
Sheryl Bugalski	December 6
Pam Frazier	December 6
Richard Arnold	December 7
Luis Solano	December 7
Roy Thomas	December 7
Sylvia Wanderaas	December 9
Charles Enders	December 10

Happy Birthday!

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## COMMODORE REPORT

It is hard to believe it's December already. November seemed to come and go so quickly. It was a busy but productive month of meeting with committees and planning for the year ahead.

The installation of the officer's dinner was held on November 7. It was a great night that was attended by past and present board members, significant others and members. The event included speeches, installation of the new board, awards and good food.

A special thanks goes out to Beverly for cooking us another wonderful dinner and Steve for helping Bev in the kitchen and serving. Also thank you to Stan, our master of ceremonies who kept the night running smoothly.

Our first board meeting with our newly elected board was held November 14th. Besides a few hiccups with zoom in the beginning, the meeting went well. I look forward to a great year working alongside my fellow board members.

November 26th we had our Wayward Sailors Thanksgiving lunch. It turned out to be a great day to sit outside and enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with fellow club members. I cannot thank enough, Frank, Linda, and my husband Hans for helping make this event happen.

We have a couple of events scheduled for December. A work party is scheduled for the 5th at 9:30 am. I would like to thank Melissa Sopata for volunteering to chair the work party committee and organizing the first event. On December 11th there will be a Christmas boat parade and gift exchange. Decorate your boat and join EYC members at 5 pm in the boat parade down to the South harbor and back. For the gift exchange, bring a \$20 wrapped gift to participate in our socially distanced gift exchange. This month's board meeting is the 12th at 10 am on Zoom. If you would like to attend please email me at [toni4eyc@gmail.com](mailto:toni4eyc@gmail.com) and I will send you the link.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday,

Toni Scarborough  
Commodore





## VICE COMMODORE REPORT

Hello EYC!

After a voyage on a ferry to a warm and inviting island over Thanksgiving, I think the poem says it all! Hoping everyone is healthy and safe.

Best Holiday Wishes,

Melissa Ackerman

### OF SCHOONERS, ISLANDS AND MAROONS

By Robert Louis Stevenson

Of Schooners, Islands and Maroons,  
And Buccaneers and Buried Gold,  
And Torches red and rising moons,  
If all the old romance retold  
Exactly in the ancient way,  
Can please, as me they pleased of old,  
The wiser youngsters of today—  
So be it, and fall on! If not,—  
If all the boys on better things  
Have set their spirits and forgot—  
So be it, and fall on! If not—  
If all the boys on solid food  
Have set their fancies, and forgot  
Kingston and Ballantyne the brave  
And Cooper of the land and wave,  
So be it also; and may I  
And my late-born piratic brood  
Unread beside the ancients lie!  
So be it and fall on! If not,—[1]  
If studied youth no longer crave,—  
Their ancients' appetites forgot,—  
Kingston and Ballantyne the brave,  
For Cooper of the sea and wood—  
So be it also; and may I  
And all my pirates share the grave  
Where these and their creations lie.



## REAR COMMODORE REPORT



Thank you everyone for allowing me to serve as the Rear Commodore of EYC. Be assured that I'll do my best to build upon the club.

One of my goals for the year is to increase member participation in the governance of EYC. There are several committees that do the background work for the Board. The Long Range Planning provides plans for physical and financial future needs. The Finance provides for development of

the yearly budget and oversight of income and expenses. Social plans and implements the schedule of activities. Race committee develops the schedule of races. Work Committee coordinates volunteer work parties to maintain club property. Garden committee keeps our lawns and landscaping looking great.

All of these committees could use your input and expertise. Please contact me or any of our Board members if you are interested in helping out.

## A Note From Linda Mae

I sincerely from the bottom of my heart want to thank all of you for your generosity and kindness for helping me be able to get another car after mine was stolen. I don't have the words to express how kind and thoughtful all of you have been to me.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for caring!

Love you all,

Linda Mae

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Submitted by Frank Sanchez, Membership Chair

Congratulations to our newest members!



### Michelle and Jay

We live in Morgan Hill and have been together for 8 years. We don't have children together but I have 3, two boys and a girl and two grand daughters. Jay has a son. We are opposites but we balance each other out. We do have common interests though and our biggest is boating and the ocean. We look forward to growing old together at sea!



### Dan and Dianna

We live in Scotts Valley (and have since 2003) having moved from San Jose.

Our sons, Alex and Darwin, can be seen learning to sail our boat, the Cutlass, or the club's Bic Opens. Diana rows up the slough with Santa Cruz rowing club.

We all love and value the wonderful supportive community that the Elkhorn Yacht Club provides.



### Landon Wivell

Fresh out of the Navy and ready to get back on the water! I'm super excited to meet and make connections with everyone at the club. Currently a student at CSUMB, I love playing music, off roading, and shooting photography.



### Frank Tarantino

I am from Lake Tahoe and currently live in Capitola. I play piano, am a long distance runner, biker, sailor, surfer and cook.

I am working in marine maintenance and restoration while attending school for engineering technology and my captains license.

I am excited about my new boat and it's home here in the North Harbor among like-minder people who are enthusiastic about being on the water.

## WORK PARTY

I am working on putting together a list of projects for Work Day Projects.

Do you have work that needs to be completed? If so, please respond with:

- A description of the task
- The date it needs to be completed by (or ideally when you need it)
- Any special notes
- Your contact information for questions.



*Melissa is EYC's new Work Party Coordinator*

Please submit initial responses/requests for Q1 back by Dec 15th. We can add more as needs arise. Also, I have Frank Lewis' requests already.

Our first 1st work day will be on Dec 5th. This day will be dedicated to working on projects that need to be completed for the new fence installation. Move fire wood, Remove signs of the fence, Clear/clean fence line.

I hope everyone is safe and well. I look forward to working together and getting these tasks completed.

Melissa Sopata  
Work Party Chair

## COVID UPDATE

The Club is open for outdoor dining on the patio. Every Friday we have appetizers from 4-8 pm. Burgers and Appetizers are available every Saturday from 2-7 pm. Food must be purchased with a drink order.

Safety procedures & rules are quite simple. While on Club property, a mask must be worn. If you have been seated and are eating food or drinks, you may take your mask off while doing so. However if you get up (for whatever reason) the mask goes back on. One guest per membership allowed. No more than 6 persons allowed at any table. For the safety of staff & others, sit with your party & do not 'table hop' or stand around other parties' tables. Do NOT move furniture or bring indoor furniture outside.

Guidance from Monterey County continues to evolve. Rules & dining availability may change under COVID restrictions at any time. Membership will be notified of any changes via email.

# DECEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 Appetizers 4-8 pm	5 Work party 9:30 am  Burgers 2-7 pm
6	7	8	9 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am	10 Finance Meeting 6 pm	11 Appetizers 4-8 pm  Christmas Boat Pa- rade & Gift Exchange	12 Board Mtg. 10 am  Burgers 2-7 pm
13	14	15	16 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am	17	18 Appetizers 4-8 pm	19 Burgers 2-7 pm
20	21	22	23 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am	24	25 Appetizers 4-8 pm	26 Burgers 2-7 pm
27	28	29	30 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am	31		

Please note the calendar may change under COVID restrictions at any time.

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



# JANUARY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Appetizers 4-8 pm	2 Burgers 2-7 pm
3	4	5	6 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am	7 Finance Meeting 6PM	8 Appetizers 4-8 pm	9 Board Mtg. 10 am  Burgers 2-7 pm
10	11	12	13 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am	14	15 Appetizers 4-8 pm	16 Work party 9:30 am  Burgers 2-7 pm
17	18	19	20 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am	21	22 Appetizers 4-8 pm	23 Burgers 2-7 pm
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## SAILING/RACING

Submitted by Peggy Carroll, Race Director

### RACING/SAILING

Happy Holidays!

With the year coming to an end it is time to look forward to hopefully a more "normal" year ahead. We have some great new things planned so let me just dive into them.

First off you will soon notice some changes to our website. There will be a link to the racing/sailing calendar. This calendar will always have the most up to date events and times. Also there will be expanded resources for water activities such as weather links, terms, knots, skills, etc.

Secondly, we will once again be offering "seminars" from basics to advanced topics. To save some space here we will send out topics etc. via e-mail...but the first batch of dates are on the calendar.

Thirdly, in an effort to get more of our members enjoying the water (and each other) we have made some changes and added some new sailing opportunities.

### **PHRF RACE SERIES (2 series. 5 races in each series. Top 4 scores "count")**

-With the exception of June, all races will be held on the third Saturday of each month between March and December. June's race will be on the fourth Saturday. This change was to allow a week break between Little Boreas and the Firecracker (EYC and MPYC racers would have had to move their boats two weeks in a row to SCYC if this change was not made).

-The PHRF Series races will all be AT LEAST 6 NM in length.

-Current PHRF certificates are required.

-Benefit of membership...no entrance fee!

-While all boats are welcome to sail in any of the races, you must be registered, and participate in at least 4 races, to be eligible for prizes.

### **Fun Sail Races (3 series. 6 races in each series. Top 4 scores "count")**

-With the exception of April 4th (Easter), all races will be held on the first and 3rd Sunday of each month beginning on March 21st.

-Basically following in the original "Beer Can Race" tradition...minus the beer (until back at EYC!)

-Fun Series races will be between 2 and 6 NM in length.

-Benefit of membership...no entrance fee!

-While all boats are welcome to sail in any of the races, you must be registered, and participate in at least 4 races, to be eligible for prizes

-If you do not have an "official" PHRF certificate a PHRF will be given to you.

-No spinnakers /gennakers etc.

-Special Prize(s) (by points) - award points for things like crew under age 21; whole family in the "race"; Jack & Jill; first time crew member (counts for whole series); start (didn't cross early...did cross within 30 seconds of horn); whales spotted; etc.

-Even if you have never done anything like this don't worry...we are here to help you. The main objective is to HAVE FUN!

Prizes for PHRF Series 1 and Fun Sail Spring Series will be awarded at the Sailor's Dinner on July 24th.

## The Ten Commandments of “Fun Sail” Racing

(Modified from the original “Beer Can” Racing Commandments originally published in Latitude 38. Transcribed by the Monks at Spinnaker Sailing of Redwood City)

1. **Thou shalt not take anything other than safety too seriously.** If you can only remember one commandment, this is the one. Relax, have fun, and keep it light. Late to the start? So what. Over early? Big deal. No instructions? Improvise. Too windy? Quit. Not enough wind? Quit. The point is to have fun, but stay safe. Like the ad says, “Safe boating is no accident.”
2. **Thou shalt honor the racing rules if thou knowest them.** The US Sailing 2021 - 2025 Racing Rules, unless specifically stated elsewhere in the Sailing Instructions, is the current rules bible. Few sailors we know have actually studied it cover to cover: it's about as interesting as reading tax code or the phone book. For “fun sail” racing, just remember some of the biggies (port tack boats shall avoid starboard ones; windward boats shall avoid leeward ones; and outside boats shall give room at the mark). Stay out of the way of bigger boats, pay your insurance premiums and keep a low profile unless you're sure you know what you're doing. Like most things, it boils down to common sense.
3. **NO on this one- I just included it to let you see the “tradition”** Thou shalt not run out of beer. Beer (a.k.a., brewskis, chill pills, thought cylinders) is the beverage that lends its name to 'beer can' racing; obviously, you don't want to run out of the frothy nectar. Of course, you can drink whatever you want out there, but there's a reason these things aren't called milk bottle races, Coca-Cola can races, hot chocolate races or something else. Just why beer is so closely associated with this kind of racing escapes us at the moment, but it's a tradition we're happy to go along with.
4. **Thou shalt not covet thy competitor's boat, sails, equipment, crew or PHRF rating.** No excuses or whining; if you're lucky enough to have a sailboat, just go use it! You don't need the latest in zircon-encrusted widgetry or unobtainium sailcloth to have a great time out on the water with your friends. Even if your boat's a heaving pig, make modest goals and work toward improving on them from week to week. Or don't - it's only “fun sail” racing.
5. **Thou shalt not amp out.** No screaming, swearing, or overly aggressive tactics. Save that stuff for the office or, if you must, for a 'real' race. If you lose it in a “Fun Sail”, you're going to run out of crew - not to mention friends - in a big hurry. Chill on the way to the starting line....
6. **Thou shalt not protest thy neighbor.** This is extremely tacky at this level of competition and should be avoided at all costs. Perhaps it's justifiable if one's boat is damaged and blame needs to be established, but on the whole, tossing a red flag is the height of bad taste in something as relatively inconsequential as a “fun sail”. Besides proving that you're unclear on the concept of “fun sail” racing, it screws up everybody's afternoon, including yours. Don't do it - it's bad karma.
7. **Thou shalt not mess up thy boat.** Everybody knows some hardcore weekend warrior who ripped his sails up in a “fun sail” race and had to sit out a real race the next week. The point is that it's not worth risking your boat and gear in such casual competition: like the song says, you got to know when to hold 'em, and know when to fold 'em. Avoid other boats at all costs, not to mention buoys and other hard objects. If you have the luxury of two sets of sails, use the old ones.
8. **Thou shalt always go to the yacht club afterwards.** Part of the gestalt of “fun sail” races is bellying up to the yacht club bar after the race. Etiquette demands that you congratulate the winners, as well as buy a round of drinks for your crew. Besides, the bar is a logical place to see old friends and make new ones. However, when meeting new sailors, avoid the gung-ho, overly serious types who rehash the race in such gory detail that the post mortem (yawn) takes longer than the race. As much as we enjoy a quick romp around the cans, there's more to life.
9. **Thou shalt bring thy spouse, kids, friends and whoever else wants to go.** “Fun Sail” races are great forums for introducing new folks to sailing, such as your neighbors, out-of-town visitors, co-workers or maybe even the family dog. Always bring your significant other along, too - coed crews are happy crews. And don't just make the newcomers watch - give them a job on the boat. Get everyone involved.
10. **Thou shalt not worry; thou shalt be happy.** Bring the cell phone for emergencies only, bring on some loud music. Lighten up, it's not the Big Boat Series. Have fun & see you out there!

# Around the Club



Brian & Manuel braved the elements for a drink out on the patio.



A small & safe gathering of members on Thanksgiving.  
Left to Right: Rainer, Niki, Kathy, & Rick



Niki & Mitzy enjoying a Saturday burger with a view.



Holiday cheer on Norm's boat.



# INSTALLATION DINNER

The Installation Dinner took place on November 7th. For the first time, it was held outside on the lawn. It was a blustery, cold evening. Everyone stayed warm under the rented canopy as they enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Chef Beverlie Terra . The new Board was installed & farewells and thanks were made to previous Board members.

## Awards

Commodore's Award: Brian Ackerman

Racer of the Year: Sydney Drake

Crew Member of the Year: Lara Jacques



Staying warm under the canopy



Filet mignon & caesar salad.



Left to Right: Lara, Arjay, Pat, Maureen, Rita, & Stan



Port Captain Brian Ackerman



Left to Right: Theresa, Biff, Anna, Betty, Sydney, & Peggy



Lara receiving Crew Member of the Year & Race Director Peggy

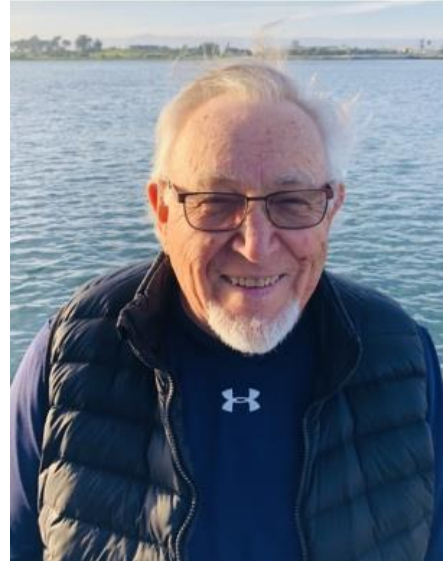
## Remembering William 'Bill' Nielson

October 26, 1937 ~ October 1, 2020 (age 82)

**Joined the Club in September of 2006**

William "Bill" Clarence Nielsen passed away peacefully at home in the early morning of October 1, 2020, in the company of his beloved son David, after complications from a staph infection and organ failure. He was born in Visalia, California on October 26, 1937 and was the first son of Clarence and Nourhalma "Nourie" (Springer) Nielsen.

He attended Exeter Schools, was a member of the Cub and Boy Scouts of America, and while attending Exeter High School, participated in band, basketball, and football. He often spoke of the honor he had playing football alongside local legend Kenny Guinn. Bill graduated Exeter High School in 1955, earning Life CSF and the Bank of America Math Award. He received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Fresno State College in 1959. Bill was a member and treasurer of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He also served in the National Guard for two years, stationed at Fort Ord, Monterey, California. He married Charlene Gay Brooks of Dinuba in 1960 and then worked for the Insurance Company of North America (INA) in San Jose, California. Bill and Charlene settled in Exeter in 1964 to begin their family, and Bill joined his father Clarence at the Nielsen & Eddy Insurance Agency.



In 1974 when his father retired from the insurance industry, Bill put together the merger between Nielsen & Eddy and Sellars & Sons agencies, to form NSE Insurance Agencies. After leaving NSE in 1983, Bill launched Nielsen & Associates Insurance Services in 1984. He was always very proud to have his family involved in the operation of the agency and felt especially blessed to have David join him in 2005. Bill's professional accomplishments included: earning his CPCU degree—the highest professional designation in the industry, being appointed Regional Representative of the Commercial Union Producers Group in Boston, MA, State Big "I" and Education Committee Chairman, President of the Tulare/Kings County Independent Insurance Agents Association, and AIMS Computer Group President. He was also a real estate broker.

Bill was instrumental in the development of insurance contracts for the crop insurance industry. After the local 1990 freeze, he designed a special freeze policy for packing houses that is still written today.

Bill enjoyed snow and water skiing and taught his kids to become accomplished skiers as well. He also taught many others to enjoy water skiing. Additionally, fly-fishing, tennis and snowmobiling were favorite past times. Although Bill had the opportunity to travel to many points throughout the world and visit all 50 states, his favorite vacation spot was the family cabin in Mineral King. He enjoyed designing and remodeling several homes and side projects, along with woodworking. As a member of the Exeter Duck Club, he loved to hunt as often as possible during duck season and to work on the lodge's projects. He also enjoyed the different fishing seasons in and outside of Monterey Bay in his Boston Whaler. He enjoyed attending several World Series, Super Bowls, Indy Car, and NASCAR events. His "Man Cave" parties were enjoyed by multiple generations of family and friends. Bill was a proud American who greatly loved our country and had great respect for our military and law enforcement officers.

Bill will be missed at the Club. Our deepest condolences to his family.



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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.  
Be sure to check out the Holiday Boat Parade on December 11th.

DECEMBER 2020

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