

LEE RAIL

MARCH 2021



The resident Osprey enjoys outdoor dining at EYC.
Photo by Michelle Gentry

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Warm Up Race #2– March 6-12 pm
- Board Meeting– March 13-10 am
- St. Patty's Special-March 13– 2-7 pm
- PHRF Series #1-Race #1- March 20– 12 pm
- Fun Sail Spring Series #1- March 21– 1 pm
- Sunday Burgers Pop-Up– March 21– 2-7 pm
- Boating Zoom Series– March 23–6 pm



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MARCH Birthdays

Manuel Osorio	March 1
Michael Syracuse	March 1
Jill Sakamoto	March 3
Rainer Stegemann	March 4
Marleen Lopez	March 8
Frances Henderson	March 9
Brian McQueen	March 11
Jesse Feliciano	March 12
Danny Bewly	March 13
Libby Sofer	March 15
Stan Jacques	March 17
Scott Jones	March 18
Kelly Morgan	March 20
Kimberly Richard-	March 23
Linda White	March 23
Stephen Sherry	March 24
Lynn Kent	March 26
Deevie Johnson	March 27
Frank Sanchez	March 28
Tarisa Carroll	March 29
Sue Kelly	March 29
Brian Ackerman	March 30
Krista Brassfield	March 30
Wim Sprenger	March 30
Ann Fritch	March 31

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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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COMMODORE REPORT

Hello all! I feel like we may finally have a light at the end of the tunnel with the vaccine being rolled out. I can't wait until we can all gather inside and outside at EYC again! In the meantime, it's been nice having the bar open for the last few weeks for outside dinning. With longer days approaching I'm hoping to see more members enjoying the patio.

Melissa Kelly, Frank Lewis, and I met to discuss upcoming social events for the year that we can host safely. Our next scheduled event will be St Patrick's day. We will celebrate on Saturday March 13th from 2pm to 7pm. We will be serving a corn beef sandwich with a beer or house wine for \$7.00. Wear your green and come enjoy the day with EYC members. We are looking for members that would like to share their ideas and collaborate with the other members to help plan upcoming events. If you would like to be apart of the social committee, please contact me at Toni4eyc@gmail.com

On another note, I would be terribly remiss if I didn't thank Melissa Ackerman, Rita Jacques, Hillary Thomas, Frank Lewis, and Melissa Kelley for all of their support and help for my first quarter of Commodore of EYC. I would also like to thank the Board of Directors, our committee chairs, and all our committee members for all their work to keep us moving forward in a positive direction. Finally, I would like to thank my husband Hans Jahn for helping with the many tasks I ask him to help with.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the club,

Toni Scarborough
Commodore
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VICE COMMODORE REPORT

Hello and Happy March EYC Members!

It was wonderful to see people coming by for Burgers n' Beer on the Feb. 12th weekend. Although it was a chilly reception, we were able to get some of that much needed (safe) social time. Check out the annex building - it is looking bright and clean thanks to Frank, Dan and Bill's hard work painting and refurbishing the outside. Ackerman's added another camera to the outside deck facing the parking lot next to the yard and we are looking into another facing the parking lot on the workshop side of the building in addition to more night lighting. The new perimeter fence is up and thanks to Frank and Melissa Sopata, we have attractive new membership parking signs! The annex also has two new key fob locks to the outside doors leading to member lockers on the ground floor. Hoping with spring comes less COVID, more vaccinations, and greater ability to gather and enjoy the EYC.



Wishing all of you joy and happiness wherever we can find it! Here is a poem of a sort of joy.

Melissa Ackerman
Vice Commodore

The Dogs at Live Oak Beach, Santa Cruz

BY ALICIA OSTRICKER

As if there could be a world
Of absolute innocence
In which we forget ourselves

The owners throw sticks
And half-bald tennis balls
Toward the surf
And the happy dogs leap after them
As if catapulted—

Black dogs, tan dogs,
Tubes of glorious muscle—

Pursuing pleasure
More than obedience
They race, skid to a halt in the wet sand,
Sometimes they'll plunge straight into
The foaming breakers

Like diving birds, letting the green turbulence
Toss them, until they snap and sink

Teeth into floating wood
Then bound back to their owners
Shining wet, with passionate speed
For nothing,
For absolutely nothing but joy

REAR COMMODORE

I was so happy to have the club open again on the 12th that I braved the weather to sit outside and just enjoy . I was joined by a few other brave souls and did get to enjoy a glass of wine or two before the weather got the best of me. Never the less, it felt really good to be there and see Linda Mae and Anna.

On Saturday I got to attend the Long Range Planning Committee meeting and was pleased to see how much progress has been made in the club over the last few years and how the committee is continuing to focus on the maintenance and improvement of our facilities. As in all organizations there are more things to do than there is time and money, but we have really accomplished many items from our priority list along with taking care of the inevitable emergencies.

As I get more involved in the committee, I am looking forward to seeing how many of our future plans and dreams we will be able to accomplish.

One of my personal dreams for the club is to try to get more young sailors out on the water. If any of you have thoughts about how we might accomplish this, please let me know. It is important to our viability that we somehow attract more young people. Meanwhile, I am looking forward to the day when we can all unmask and give each other hugs again.



Rear Commodore
Rita Jacques
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to the Club's newest member Andrew Listl. Andrew was approved at the February 13th Board Meeting. Andrew owns a Hans Christian here in Moss Landing. . Andrew is a long time kayaker. He was drawn to the Club by the wonderful people he has meant & the gorgeous location to kayak and learn how to sail. Be sure to say hello & welcome him around the Club. (photo not available).

In the past month, the Club has received numerous inquiries about joining. We are hoping to have lots of new members in the near future. If you have a friend who is interested in joining, applications & brochures are available inside the Clubhouse. The brochures explains member dues & initiation fees. Turned in applications must be completed. This includes having two EYC sponsors & the primary sponsor answering a few questions on the application. Potential members will be invited to a Board Meeting after turning in a completed application & paid initiation dues. Any questions about joining can be addressed to Frank Sanchez, head of the Membership Committee or to the Club Manager.

Do you have ideas about attracting more members? Want to be involved with recruiting and welcoming new members? We are currently looking for new members in the Membership Committee. Please contact Frank Sanchez at seawake1@gmail.com to learn more.



The Club in all of its sunset glory. Photo by Michelle Gentry

SAILING/ RACING

LET THE RACES BEGIN!

After a couple of warm-up races to start the month we will begin the first of our series races.

First up is the **PHRF Series** starting on Saturday, March 20th. It will be a series of five races with your top four finishes counting for the final standings. With the exception of June, all races will be held on the third Saturday of each month between March and July. 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.
[I will assign you a rating until you get your certificate]
- Benefit of membership...no entrance fee!
- While all boats are welcome to sail in any of the races, you must be registered to be eligible for prizes.

Next up is our new **FUN SAIL SERIES**. This will be a series of six races with your top four finishes counting for the final standings. With the exception April 4th (Easter), all races will be held on the **1st 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 number 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.

Registration information will be coming by email (and will also be available in the binder by the office) on March 11th. If you haven't done it yet, check out the EYC website (elkhornyachtclub.org) - right on the main page is a link to the most current race/sail schedule. Take some time and explore some of the new content. It is still a work in progress but there is lots of new stuff.

If you have any questions please contact me at racedirector@elkhornyachtclub.org
I am looking forward to (and hoping) a great racing/sailing season!

See you soon...

Peggy Carroll

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 St. Patty's Special 2-7 pm
14 ✓	15	16	17	18	19 Appetizers 4-8 pm	20 Burgers 2-7 pm PHRF Series 1- Race #1 – 12 pm
21 Sunday Burgers 2-7 pm Fun Sail Spring Series #1	22	23 Boating Zoom Seminar 6 pm	24	25	26 Appetizers 4-8 pm	27 Burgers 2-7 pm
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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.

APRIL 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Appetizers 4-8 pm	3 Burgers 2-7 pm
4	5	6	7	8 Finance Meeting 6PM	9 Appetizers 4-8 pm	10 Board Mtg. 10 am Burgers 2-7 pm
11	12	13	14	15	16 Appetizers 4-8 pm	17 PHRF Series 1- Race #2 – 12 pm Burgers 2-7
18 Fun Sail Spring Series #2 1pm Sunday Burgers 2-7 pm	19	20	21	22	23 Appetizers 4-8 pm	24 Burgers 2-7 pm
25	26	27	28	29	30 Appetizers 4-8 pm	

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Outdoor Dining

EYC opened up for outdoor dining on February 12th. It was a cold & blustery evening but several members braved the elements. Overall, it was a successful opening weekend and the Club has sold a record amount of burgers. A few updates have been made to keep guests comfortable, this includes two patio heaters, outdoor speakers, & propane fire rings. Starting this month, outdoor dining will be available on the same Sundays as the Fun Sails. Check the calendar for dates.

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.

Around the Club

Photos from PHRF Warm-Up #1 on February 27th.

It was a great day to sail. Several new sailors got out on the water. It was a learning experience & everyone had a great time.

Photos submitted by Melissa Sopata.



Around the Club

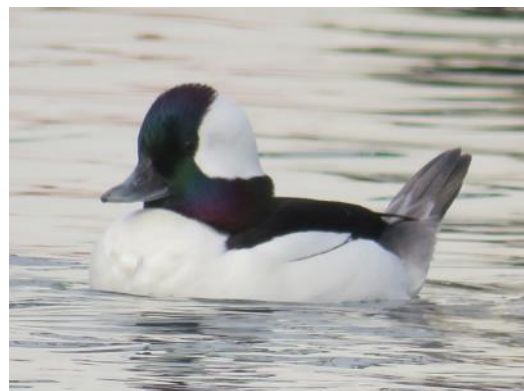
IMPROVEMENTS TO EYC IN RECENT YEARS

This Club has been working hard to make Capital Improvements that will make this a wonderful club and a great place to relax and visit with other members for years to come.

ITEM	YEAR ON LIST	YEAR COMPLETED
-Replace of fencing	2015	2021
-Painting of Annex	2013	2020
-New windows in bar	2017	2020
-New round tables dinning	2015	2020
-New furniture in bar	2013	2020
-Glass washer in bar	2015	2020
-Sound system in bar	2014	2020
-Wallpaper-paint in bar	2016	2020
-Dinning room ceiling	2017	2019
-Reupholster bar stools	2017	2019
-Paint men's & women's bath	2015	2019
-New security cameras	2017	2019
-New ceiling in dinning	2018	2019
-New roof bar/dining	2014	2018/19
-New sign at entry	2016	2018
-New ice machine	2016	2018
-New frig in hall	2016	2018
-Commodore pictures up	2017	2018
-New computer	2017	2018
-New serving table +	2017	2017/18
-New ceiling Apt.H	2015	2017
-New cooler in bar	2013	2017
-New stove in galley	2013	2017
-Annex new roof	2015	2017
-New office furniture	2016	2017
-New patio lights	2016	2017
-New fire exit hearth room	2016	2016
-New ceiling in hearth	2016	2016
-ADA bathroom	2013	2015/16
-New roof on Annex	2012	2015
-Water main replaced	2013	2015
-New EYC sign south side	2014	2015
-Railing at Annex	2014	2015
-Paint entry	2014	2015
-Portion of new fence	2014	2015
-Upgrade men's showers	2013	2014/15
-Apt H deck and wall	2013	2014
-Install low flow toilets	2012	2014
-New Dutch door in bar	2013	2014
-New POS system	2013	2013

Around the Club

EYC Member & Photographer Michelle Gentry took these wildlife shots around the Club. We are fortunate to have a talented photographer to capture the beauty that surrounds EYC. Michelle made a 2021 calendar that includes wildlife & boat portraits. A few copies of the calendars are available at the office for \$20. A portion of the sales will be donated to the Club. Stop by the office to pick up a copy.





Southern Resident Killer Whales, "L Pod" visit Monterey Bay. Thank you to the Marine Life Studies for all that you do!
To learn more about the Marine Life Studies & what they do for the Monterey Bay visit marienlifestudies.org

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 eyc@elkhornyachtclub.org

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.org or submitted to the office.

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The Resident Osprey a top the Cypress Tree. Photo by Frank Sanchez.

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