

LEE RAIL

JUNE 2021



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Bar Open for Outdoor & Hearth Room Dining

- Board Meeting June 12
- Otter Cup June 5
- Fun Sail Spring #5 June 6
- Little Boreas June 19
- Fun Sail Spring #6 June 20
- Fire Cracker Regatta July 4
- Pig Roast July 4
- Fun Sail Summer Series #1 July 4
- PHRF Series 1 Race #5 FINAL July 17
- Fun Sail Summer Series #2 July 18
- Sailors Dinner and Awards July 24



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JUNE Birthdays

Name	Birthday
Lena Marie Fisher	June 1
Jeanne Holmes	June 1
Dale Jerred	June 4
Robert Brassfield	June 2
Aaron Gregg	June 8
Susan Jones	June 3
Joan Fish	June 8
Joe Catanese	June 12
Janice D'Arcy	June 12
Stacy Hughes	June 13
Febe Jordan	June 20
Michael Krone	June 22
Scott Richert	June 24
Landon Wivell	June 24
Paul Putter	June 26
Steve Spitler	June 29

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Deadline for submissions is the 25th of each month.

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COMMODORE REPORT

Now that Monterey county is in the yellow tier, EYC is reinstating reciprocal privileges and members are allowed to bring in more than one guest. We still must wear masks unless seated at a table, bartenders will still provide table service for drinks and food, and the bar is still closed at this time. Hopefully more changes will happen in the near future to bring us a little closer to normalcy. Stay tuned for June 15 "opening" updates.

The month of May was filled with fun activities happening around the club. May 8th was our opening day parade. With several boats decorated, we cruised down to the South harbor and back. After the parade everyone enjoyed our food special of tamales, rice, beans, and a margarita. Thank you Frank and Linda for preparing this meal for us. May 16th we had our first movie night with members enjoying the movie Captain Ron. Thank you Frank Sanchez for setting it up and providing the popcorn for us. May 22nd & 23rd Keith led us on a cruise, dinner, and overnight stay in Monterey. We had 7 boats participating and crewed by several members. While the ride down was a little rough it was well worth the great time we all had in Monterey. As we arrived we all gathered at the Mischief Maker for some great appetizers and drinks. We were then taxied by Rodney over to Dimenico's for dinner where we were joined by more members who drove down. Thank you Keith and Melissa S. for all your work putting this event together. Thank you Melissa S. and crew for making my birthday so special. Thank you all for the gift card, I can't wait to use it. May 29th in honor of Memorial Day members enjoyed a food special of sausages, potato salad, and wine or beer. Thank you Frank and Hans for preparing and serving this meal to the members. Also during the month we had a couple of fun sails and a PHRF race. Thank you Peggy for all your work organizing these races.

Stay tuned for more details of upcoming food special days, movie nights, races, July 4th Pig Roast and the Elkhorn Yacht Club 75th Anniversary party on August 7th.

Looking forward to seeing you at the club,

Toni Scarborough



VICE COMMODORE REPORT

Happy June, EYC!

Thank you to Melissa Sopata and Keith Chastain for a fabulous cruise event to Monterey. The fun pictures are courtesy of Michelle Gentry. Also, I'm looking forward to our next cruise this summer.

Summertime...

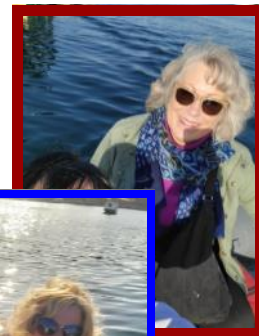
"Relax and stand in the warmth of the sand

The day is long

And here for you and I to capture"

— **"Warmth of the Sand," Dashboard Confessional**

Melissa Ackerman
Vice Commodore



CRUISE DIRECTOR REPORT

As cruise chairman I would like to thank all the boats who did the "brisk" sail to Monterey, and all the members who came to our very nice, and fun dinner at Dominico's. Thanks goes out to our commodore Toni, for her support and guidance and to Melissa Sopata on "Mischief Maker" for her amazing help! The sail over was brisk and invigorating and the sail back was perfect with some good whale watching on the way! We are truly blessed to be in beautiful Monterey Bay and have the ability to visit our neighboring ports. This is the kind of fun and positive experience Elkhorn Yacht Club was founded on and for! So this leaves the question where to next ?? Santa Cruz?? July 17 & 18?? Also special thanks goes out to Rodney on "Genesis" for being the water taxi and to Jay and Michelle on "Sea Clusion" for being prudent sailors and turned around with engine problems, but persevered joining "Mischief Maker" and bringing some great food !!! Also special thanks goes out to Rodney on "Genesis" for being the water taxi and to Jay and Michelle on "Sea Clusion" for being prudent sailors and turned around with engine problems, but persevered joining "Mischief Maker" and bringing some great food!!!

Keith Chastain,
Cruise Chairman

SAILING/RACING

“Around the Bay” Race

Aah the sailors dilemma...not enough wind/too much wind! Flash back to last years race (September) and we had boats “bobbing” in the water with no wind to speak of. This year the race directors rearranged schedules so that the race would be at the beginning of May when we traditionally have good wind. May 1st comes...boats and crews are ready...and lo and behold - dangerously high winds/gusts/and waves on the Santa Cruz/Monterey leg. Even with the new safety requirements, the race directors determined that we would postpone. The new date is July 24th...fingers crossed!

With our boats “all dressed up with no place to go” , the skippers and crews of Cutlass, Solace, and Un Bel Di talked for about ten seconds and decided to go for a spur of the moment mini-race/practice. I set up an approximately 8.5 NM course and off they went. Joking/ribbing with each other, offering practice tips and advice, they zipped around the course and made it back in as it was getting nasty. Camaraderie and fun...two of the great things about sailing.

Canyon Series

With three of the five races in the series completed the standings are:

1st - Solace with 2 pts.

2nd - Un Bel Di with 3 pts

3rd - Cutlass with 6 pts.

With the boats finishing, on average, within 15/20 minutes of each other, and with two more races to go, the series is still up for grabs. The last couple of races really have come down to who makes the fewest mistakes. With the skippers and crews really starting to “gel” the next two races (June 26th and July 17th) should be exciting.

Fun Sail Spring Series

The “Fun Sails” have been just that FUN! Hopefully as the weather is getting nicer more boats, and folks wanting to start sailing, will be joining us on the first and third Sundays of each month. If you are interested show up at noon - we basically see how many boats we have going out and then make sure to get folks a ride. So far we have had over 31 people crew (not counting skippers that have hitched rides on each others boats...always trying to share skills) in these races. We would love to see more! Spring Series - June 6th and 20th. Summer Series starts July 4th.

Otter Cup Invitational

The first of our Invitationals is June 5th. Starting in Monterey, sailing to Point Pinos, and then straight back to EYC, this is a fun filled, quick, race to start off with. If you are interested there is still time to enter - contact me at racedirector@elkhornyachtclub.org ALL MEMBERS - please join us at the club...ate3one food truck will be providing food. Come enjoy our beautiful facilities, good food, camaraderie, and fingers crossed -”yellow tier”.

Little Boreas Invitational - June 19th

This is the FOURTH year of this race. The idea for this race was to have a shorter version of our now-defunct Boreas Race that, when last held, was a race from Half Moon Bay to Moss Landing. This is an approximately 17.5 nautical mile race starting in Santa Cruz, going to Natural Bridges then heading directly to Moss Landing. Registration is on-line through Regatta Network

((<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22613>)). Questions??? email or call me.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Ray Retez of Moss Landing Receives an Honorary Membership from the EYC!

On May 8, 2021, Ray Retez was approved as an Honorary Member after 33 previous years as a member of the Elkhorn Yacht Club. Ray is a long-time resident of Moss Landing and member of the EYC. Ray began his career managing the Green Giant in the 1950's. In 1979, he bought a bar attached to a gas station in Moss Landing. That gas station was reconstructed in 1981 and became the restaurant, the Whole Enchilada. Since then, Ray has received numerous awards for his restaurant business and has been coined the "Mayor of Moss Landing" by the Salinas Chamber of Commerce. He is the father of two children (Kim and Ray, Jr.), two grandchildren (Sofia and L.A.) and one great grandchild (Dominic).

Today many people know Ray as the owner of the Whole Enchilada not only for the good food and great service, but because of the fun heart glasses and lottery tickets he hands out to his customers. While greeting you at a table and slipping you a lottery ticket, you will hear him say, "This is a contract between the two of us, 50/50." Ray has given countless tickets to visiting customers; and over the years, there was one lucky winner of \$10,000 who enthusiastically and without hesitation, split the earnings with him. Today the many past customers return Ray's kindness by sending him lottery tickets from states around the country. He is now in possession of a collection of nationwide lottery tickets, complementary to the man people will never forget.

Ray is most known on the Central Coast for his kind and generous heart! He is a strong advocate for ocean conservation and the protection of sea life. Since his childhood, he has consistently ridden his bike to his beloved ocean. To this day, you can still see him on his bike riding around Moss Landing enjoying himself at the age of 91. He is a philanthropist who gives of himself, tirelessly in both time and money. He has supported a diversity of local charities and has fought for many causes, particularly those related to children's health & wellness, hospice, and the ocean he loves so dearly.

With a passion for sailing, Ray joined the Elkhorn Yacht Club in 1987. Ray has been an active member of the Club and here, too, a generous supporter of all activities/events during this time. Today as a benefit to our club, Ray continues to offer a 25% discount to members at the Whole Enchilada on Friday nights. His daughter Kim (owner of the Haute Enchilada) and husband Luiz (chef and manager of the Whole Enchilada) have also been members of the club for 22 years.

Ray is an inspiration to us all, caring and compassionate. He is undoubtedly one of the most charming residents and past members of Moss Landing, and now a lifetime member of the EYC! Congratulations, Ray!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Meet **Mark and Jeri Waxman**, ocean enthusiasts! While they live in Morgan Hill, they spend many long days along our beautiful coast. And as empty nesters, those days have become more frequent. Mark is a certified diver; they both have enjoyed casual cruising & sailing over and hope to learn to sail more in their future. Interestingly, Mark's former business partner was a club member 30 years ago. The business held company parties and events at the EYC during that time. Fond memories of the club inspired them to join the club as well as their desire to sail more. Mark's skills are in marketing, and Jeri's are in the kitchen. In addition, Jeri paints as well as cooks, and Mark is a musician and car/motorcycle fan. But more importantly they both love baseball and have a son who is a pitcher in a Southern California college. Welcome Mark and Jeri!

Ted and Rose Black reside in Moss Landing. Rose is an incredible artist and holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's in clinical psychology. Ron has been a salesperson in the medical field for the past 40 years and runs his own corporation. Earlier in life, they met in the library at San Jose State University and, "...have been together since that day! Love at first sight!!" They have a great deal in common, both enjoying exercise and living healthy lifestyles, as well as sharing a love for travel and great food. In addition, they enjoy their three wonderful children. Rose is a twin, her mother is a twin, and they feel very blessed to have had twins themselves. The twins, Miles and Ariaahna, are still considered their "babies" although now they are 26 years of age. They also have an older daughter, Annalisa, who is 30. Responding to their interest in the EYC, Ron remarked: "We are excited about being members of The Elkhorn Yacht club because we are looking for a social outlet that allows us the potential of meeting lifelong friends. We also just purchased a boat. The boat will also allow us a convenient location to socialize as well, being that our slip is in the North Harbor. We look forward to many years of fun and excitement with all of the members and activities." Welcome Ted and Rose!



Susan Osorio
Membership Chair

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	Appetizers 4-8 pm	5 Otter Cup Invitational 12pm Burgers 2-7 pm
6 Fun Sail Spring Series #5	7	8	9	10 Finance Meeting 6PM	11 Appetizers 4-8 pm Anchor Seminar by Rodney 6:30pm	12 Board Mtg. 10 am Burgers 2-7 pm
13 Food Special	14	15	16	17	18 Appetizers 4-8 pm	19 Little Boreas Invitational 12:30pm Burgers 2-7 pm
20 Fun Sail Spring Series #6 Burgers 2-7 pm	21	22	23	24	25 Appetizers 4-8 pm	26 PHRF Series 1 Race #4 12:00pm Burgers 2-7 pm
27 Burgers 2-7 pm	28	29	30			

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

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

JULY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Burgers 2-7 pm				1	2 Appetizers 4-8 pm	3 Burgers 2-7 pm
4 Fire Cracker Regatta Fun Sail Summer Series #1 4th of July Pig Roast	5	6	7	8 Finance Meeting 6PM	9 Appetizers 4-8 pm	10 Board Mtg. 10 am Burgers 2-7 pm
11 Burgers 2-7 pm	12	13	14	15	16 Appetizers 4-8 pm	17 Burgers 2-7 pm
18 Fun Sail Summer Series #2 1pm Burgers 2-7 pm	19	20	21	22	23 Appetizers 4-8 pm	24 Burgers 2-7 pm
25 Burgers 2-7 pm	26	27	28	29	30 Appetizers 4-8 pm	31 Burgers 2-7 pm

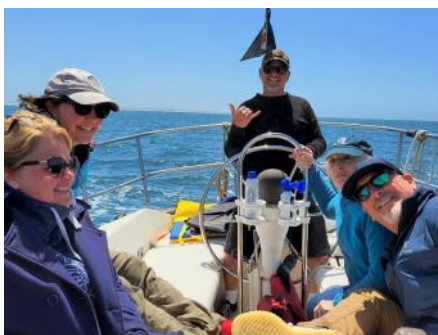
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OPENING DAY PARADE



OPENING DAY PARADE and Fun Sunday Sail



Sunday Fun Sail!



ELKHORN YACHT CLUB INVADES MONTEREY!

Author: Dan Garrett, Skipper of the Cutlass

A meticulously planned flotilla of six sailing vessels and one power boat from EYC descended upon unsuspecting Monterey harbor on Saturday, May 22, 2021. Keith Chastain, captain of Mariko, and Melissa Sopata, captain of Mischief Maker, ably planned this complex expedition which included party supplies, coordination with Monterey marina, filing of float plans, communicating with all members of the flotilla, a comprehensive pre-sail briefing (read “party”) on Friday evening beforehand, a pre-dinner Happy Hour aboard the Mischief Maker, and a lavish dinner at Domenico’s on Saturday night (WHEW!).

Commodore Toni Scarborough just happened to have a birthday that evening, receiving the good wishes of all attendees and Melissa Sopata was gifted the Order of the Bronze Dolphins for her excellent job as Communications Agent for the event.

Special mention goes out to Skippers Rodney Zumkehr of the Genesis and Lara Jacques of the Solace for tracking the flotilla members there and back to ensure all vessels arrived safely and to Phil (Rodney’s dinghy) for shuttling around the harbor.

The seven vessels from North Harbor that sallied forth on a breezy day including Mariko, LeagaSea, Solace, Kraken, Genesis, Mischief Maker, and Cutlass skippered by Keith, Hans, Lara, Mark, Rodney, Brian, and Dan, respectively. As a bonus to the event, members of the club were present for a renaming ceremony (MC’d by Lara!) for an ocean-going rowing shell heading for Hawaii later this month (<https://www.endurancelimits.net/>). Great fun was had by all! There were excellent conditions both down and back, with whale and porpoise sightings, and the Monterey marina Harbor Master staff was friendly and welcoming. All participants were in agreement that we can’t wait for the next organized sail!



Around the Club

Febe and I just got back from a packed full 7 day trip to the Big Island to visit Howard and Dana and Ron Lee and Deevie. Everyone there, except Howard thought only I would be visiting--Febe showing up was a complete shocker--tears were shed and screams were heard! Febe and Olin lived over there for nearly two years and as such became close friends with the EYC West crew. I have to thank Howard for keeping the surprise! Us girls spent two nights in Kona drinking wine and reminiscing about all our exploits at EYC-many of which dated back a quarter of century or more. We sure had some good laughs!

We then moved on to Hilo where EYC West crew all reside. We BBQ'd a couple nights at Howard and Dana's sea cliff house looking out across the rugged coast--absolutely stunning! We did a lot of touring, including having our tour guide Ron Lee take us to the recent lava flows. It was shocking how much destruction occurred, but it also made you sit in awe of the power of nature. Near Hilo we saw numerous thundering waterfalls--too many to count really. Going anywhere in Hilo was like walking through a botanical garden. Downtown Hilo is right out of the 1800's, such a cute place, I felt it was much nicer than Kona. Deevie chauffeured us all around Hilo one day. Somewhere along the way she misplaced her keys--I don't dare tell you where.

The highlight of the trip was going to Howard and Dana's house in Wiapi'o Valley--there simply are not words to describe its beauty. However, it is not for the faint of heart. The road down is literally straight down, but somehow also very windy. Then for about a mile you are on a dirt road crossing over 13 creeks or rivers. At one point we drove right up a river rather than just over it. If I truly tried to create the full feel of the place I'd use up all of the Lee Rail space. So I will leave it at this--waterfalls, flora including wild fruit, coffee, cacao (an even better wild botanical garden than Hilo), black beaches, warm water, wild horses, and wild people. Oh and a few mosquitos thrown in--what's paradise without a couple of bugs! Febe and I are so thankful that our dear EYC West friends welcomed us into their homes and pulled out all the stops to ensure we had an amazing trip. While it was sad to leave our friends and the island, it was also nice to return to the beauty of Monterey Bay and the Moss Landing North Harbor. It makes leaving paradise just a little bit easier.



EYC Manager's News

We are looking for a volunteer to re-finish the front entryway door at the Clubhouse.
If interested in volunteering please contact Frank Lewis
at landflew@icloud.com

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

Shop update

The shop will be open for light work but please don't plan on big projects for the next two weeks.

We will shut down the shop for 2 days next week to do the floor.

We expect to be back up to 100% within 3 weeks.
Jorg, Workshop Chair



Please keep our parking spaces clean!

FOR RENT- Unit B storage room

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.

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