

LEE RAIL

APRIL 2021



Fun Sail #1 on LegaSea.
Photo by Toni Scarborough

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| • Garden Work Party | April 3, 9:30am |
| • Board Meeting | April 10, 10 am |
| • Workshop Cleanout | May 1, 10 am |
| • PHRF Series #1-Race #2 | April 17, 12 pm |
| • Fun Sail Spring Series #2 | April 18, 1 pm |
| • Boating Safety Class | April 24, 9 am |
| • Around the Bay Race | May 1 |



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APRIL Birthdays

Name	Birthday
Carol Enders	April 1
Juul Vanderspek	April 1
Kim Solano	April 5
Don Fairchild	April 7
Jimmy Nunes	April 11
Colleen Richert	April 11
Dan Piro	April 13
Maureen Huber	April 17
Sarah Burkhart	April 17
Christopher Harter	April 17
Ulf Kent	April 19
Hans Jahn	April 22
Thomas Mason	April 24
Melosa Granda	April 25
Peggy Carroll	April 29
Bill Svoboda	April 29
Vance Sprock	April 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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COMMODORE REPORT

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.”
– Coretta Scott King.

When Hans and I moved here from Capitola the one thing I missed most was the community and friends we had in Capitola village. We feel very fortunate to have found that again here at the Elkhorn Yacht Club. Over the last few months I have witnessed several acts of compassion, selflessness, and help from our members to other members and to the club.

As Hans, Mark, Sylvia, and myself were motoring the LegaSea back from the South harbor we were run aground by a fishing boat. While we were excited the fishing boat had not hit us we were also worried about how we were going to get out. Just as we were contemplating our choices, here comes Brian to the rescue. With no hesitation he threw us a rope and pulled us out. This was not the first time he has rescued us and probably won't be the last.
I for one feel safer being out in my boat knowing Brian is around.

When Nikki found out she was getting office S, Several members stepped up to help her move from her upstairs office to a downstairs office. Thank you Sylvia, Hans, Shar, Aaron and anyone else I may have not mentioned for helping her make this move.

With covid restrictions slowly lifting Melissa Kelly, Frank, and I were meeting to prepare for the bar opening which included looking for new bar furniture. We discussed a cozy corner with four comfy chairs and a small table. Frank stepped up and purchased the four chairs. Rita then approached me with an idea of members donating for new tables and chairs for the rest of the bar area. Before I could even put the idea out to the general membership, we had enough sponsors for five sets of tables and chairs. Thank you Frank and Linda, Rita and Stan, Mark and Sylvia, Pat and Maureen, Brian and Melissa, and Hans and Myself for your generous donations.

I would also like to thank the members who have been stepping up left and right to help out around the club. Frank for your endless to do list you are constantly working on. Mark for installing the shop door. Frank, Andrew, Melissa and the rest of the crew for putting together our new gas fire pits, gas heaters, and outdoor chairs. Landon for agreeing to check and fill our propane tanks every week. Rita, Frank, and Linda for preparing and serving up the corn beef and cabbage for Saint Patrick's day. Keith and crew for working on getting the skiffs usable again. Dan for all the miscellaneous tasks we ask you to do. Last but not least the EYC Board of Directors and committees for their continuous efforts to keep improving the operations and upkeep of the club.

“Every successful individual knows that his or her achievement depends on a community of persons working together.” Paul Ryan

I feel very fortunate to be working with such a great community of people,
Toni Scarborough



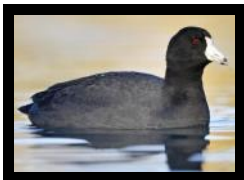
VICE COMMODORE REPORT



Happy April EYC Members!

This month I wish to celebrate our newest member of the American Coot Association better known as the Mudhen Club, Melissa Sopata! Not to be confused with the Toledo Mud Hens minor league baseball team, however. We are blessed that Melissa operates with precision under pressure and managed to get onto dry land (unlike her electronics) with only minor injuries to body and soul. We applaud her quick thinking and with regretful mirth welcome her into the EYC Mud Hen Club. When we find the trophy, we will certainly add her name to the roster! One must glean whatever joy they can from what could have been a truly disastrous moment. Which brings me to just that, dock safety. Even the most careful/experienced of sailors have found themselves nose to nose with the dock in the water and more often than not, with incredulous surprise. I'll be talking to the Harbor District to see what safety measures we could put into place for all dock inhabitants, Club members or not. May your Mud Hen-ery remain elusive and enjoy Pablo Neruda's take on birds for the poem of the month.

Melissa Ackerman



Bird by Pablo Neruda

It was passed from one bird to another,
the whole gift of the day.
The day went from flute to flute,
went dressed in vegetation,
in flights which opened a tunnel
through the wind would pass
to where birds were breaking open
the dense blue air -
and there, night came in.

When I returned from so many journeys,
I stayed suspended and green
between sun and geography -

MEMBERSHIP

While we did not confirm any new members at the March board meeting, we do have six prospective new members. The Membership Committee has been making plans to host events to encourage interest in the Cub. Look for these events after the club has fully opened.

We are currently looking for new members in the Membership Committee. Please contact Frank Sanchez at seawake1@gmail.com to learn more.

Member Privileges

Melissa and Brian Ackerman with Melissa Sopata and Sylvia Wanderaas celebrate the start of Spring out on the patio.



SAILING/ RACING

LET THE RACES BEGIN!

RACING/SAILING

Well it is finally here - the start of the 2021 race season began on March 20th!

We kicked off with the first of the PHRF Series (working on coming up with a better name...if you have a suggestion let me know). This series is for Skippers looking for a bit more of a competitive racing experience. The races are at least 6 NM, require a bit more strategy, and abide by the Racing Rules BUT are still a fun way to sharpen your skills. Race 2 of the series will be on Saturday, April 17th. Skippers and crew meeting at 10:40 am with a start time of 12:00. Brand new to racing, or seasoned veterans, we hope you will join us on the water.

Our first Sunday Fun Sail on March 21st was a great reminder as to why I keep reminding everybody that participating in the club races is one of the best ways to learn about sailing and develop your skills. Practically everybody who went out for the sail joined EYC not knowing how to sail. Thanks to folks like Ken Thompson (Willow), Scott Richert (Sea Dreamer) and others, they learned to sail by crewing and are now "paying it forward" themselves. We actually had more boats available than crew but in the spirit of "Fun Sail" skippers hopped on other boats and had a fun quick sail followed by a great time of burgers on the deck. So far we have six boats that are registered for the series (must be registered to be eligible for prizes...Skippers - drop me a line if you still need to register) so if you are a "newbie" and want to learn please plan on joining us on Sunday, April 18th at noon.

After a short break in the schedule due to the start of salmon season and Easter, the schedule for the PHRF and "Fun Sail" Series are pretty consistent:

"Fun Sail" - 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month

PHRF - With the exception of June, all races will be held on the 3rd 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).

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MONTEREY BAY YACHT RACING SERIES

Based on the historic MBRYA races - the series is back!

The "Notice of Race" should be coming out soon with information about the series including eligibility and entry. As soon as the NOR is available I will post copies on both white boards.

EYC INVITATIONALS

Invitational Race Volunteers. If you are not planning to race but want to be involved -we need volunteers! As you are aware these are some of the largest events that are held at our club (depending on COVID protocols) and this year all three of our Invitationals are part of the Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Series. Melissa is going to be coordinating the activities at the club so if you want to help let them know. All sorts of help is needed to host these races - please contact me, or Melissa to help out.

Here's to warmer weather, great winds, and more daylight to sail!

Peggy Carroll, Race Director



Keith and crew returning from a great day of sailing.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Appetizers 4-8 pm	3 Garden Day 9:30-11am Easter Special 2-5 pm Bar 2-7 pm
4 Easter	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 pm
18 Fun Sail Spring Series #2 Burgers 2-7 pm	19	20	21	22	23 Appetizers 4-8 pm	24 Boating Safety class Burgers 2-7 pm
25	26	27	28	29	30 Appetizers 4-8 pm	

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

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

MAY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Around Monterey Bay Race Shop Cleanout 10am Burgers 2-7 pm
2 Fun Sail Spring #3 1pm Burgers 2-7 pm	3	4	5	6 Finance Meeting 6PM	7 Appetizers 4-8 pm	8 Board Mtg. 10 am Burgers 2-7 pm
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14 Appetizers 4-8 pm	15 PHRF Series 1- Race #3 – 12 pm Burgers 2-7 pm
16 Fun Sail Spring #4 1pm Burgers 2-7 pm	17	18	19	20	21 Appetizers 4-8 pm	22 Burgers 2-7 pm
23 Pre Memorial Day Burgers 30	24 Memorial Day 31	25	26	27	28 Appetizers 4-8 pm	29

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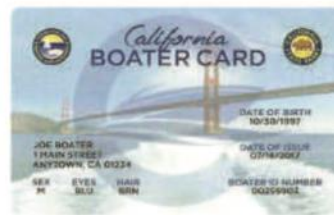
State-Required Boaters Card Class

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Class is from 9 AM-12:30 PM

-Face Mask & Social Distancing Required-

-Class may be hosted outside, dress appropriately-



The California Senate passed a bill requiring all boaters as of 1/1/18 to obtain a Boater Card to operate a boat in California. Unlike a driver's license, this Operator Card (Boater Card) does not expire and will be valid for life.

THE ELKHORN YACHT CLUB WILL BE HOLDING A CLASS ON SATURDAY 04/24/21, 9:00AM TO 12:30PM AT THE ELKHORN YACHT CLUB. The class will cover reviewing a state-issued course book as well as taking an included test. The class itself, book and the test materials will be free to all. This would be a good time for you, your family (children/grandchildren) and friends to prepare and obtain their Boater Card.

After completing the class and passing your test, the state will mail you a certificate. You will then send your certificate with \$10.00 electronically to <www.CaliforniaBoaterCard.com> and follow the instructions. We will give you through. Please come join us!

Questions? Get in touch with Captain Wayne Kelly at <Waynekelly@aladdincharters.com> or the Elkhorn Yacht Club at (831) 724-3875 or eyc@elkhornyachtclub.org

Requirements for various ages as follows:

January 1, 2021	Persons 40 years and under.
January 1, 2022	Persons 45 years and under.
January 1, 2023	Persons 50 years and under.
January 1, 2024	Persons 60 years and under.
January 1, 2025	Persons regardless of age.

Work Shop News

Attention: Work Shop Notice

Hi team,

Our workshop cleanout is scheduled for Saturday, May 1st I have priced out a lot of the items we need and will provide the list before the next board meeting. Please let me know if this works for all and any concerns any of you might have.

Remember, we will be throwing out, recycling everything that we can. This will include foam, lacquers, oils, stain, paint, removers etc. Moving forward, any items in the workshop will be for EYC use.

There will be shelving to use for temporarily storing project items. These must be labeled with the finish date and name of the member who is responsible for the project. Leftover paint and solvents should be removed by the user. Unused or partially used cans of paint are not to be stored in the workshop.

We will decide what we want/need as far as new equipment sometime after the remodel. Also, next to the barn door, there will be a new entry/exit door with a key fob locking system.

Thank you, & stay safe,

Theresa Baschy
Shop Steward

Mark sanding the trim on the new shop door.



Around the Club



Luke (Andrew's dog) hanging out on Le-gaSea after the Fun Sail.



Members enjoyed the Quarterly Birthday Bash on a sunny Saturday.



Keith raised funds for the Cruising committee with a stand an egg up contest in celebration of the Equinox.



Keith and Andrew working on the skiff to keep her seaworthy!

Around the Club

Adopt a Chair

With all the work to make our club comfortable and looking good we would like to now address the furniture in the hearth room. We need volunteers to help facilitate the project. A member can adopt a chair like we did with the new bar furniture. Members could donate to get one chair fixed.

The chairs need to have the rattan webbing repaired and the framework cleaned sanded and stained. The cushion need new foam and covers.

Please contact Melissa Kelly to volunteer or share any suggestions. She can be reached at 831.724.3875 or eyc@elkhornyachtclub.org



We are sprucing up the bar for our future opening. Here is a photo of the new 'cozy' corner. Stay tune for more updates on the way.



Photo by Pat Sutliff

Reminder to Office Renters

There is a new office amendment to the rental contract. All renters need to sign it by April 30th. Amendments will be e-mailed to all renters. If you need a hard copy, stop by the office.

Melissa's Office Hours

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Wednesday-Saturday
12-5 pm

2021 Membership Cards

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

Want a quick recipe?

Stuff dates with peanut butter and dip in chocolate. Instant appetizer!

Melissa Sopata

FOR RENT- No spaces are available at this time.

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.

JD's Boat and RV Storage

For Storage Information
Contact John Dunn

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Keith's top gun sail by.
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