

LEE RAIL

MAY 2021

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Photo by Krista Brassfield

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Around the Bay Race May 1
- Fun Sail Spring Series #3- May 2 –1 pm
- Board Meeting May 8 -10 am
- Opening Day Boat Parade May 8 - 1 pm
- Yard Work Party May 15 -9 pm
- Work Shop Cleanout May 15- 10 am
- PHRF Series #1-Race #3- May 15 - 12 pm
- Movies in the Park May 16 - 8:30 pm
- Fun Sail Spring Series #4- May 16 – 1 pm
- Cruise to Monterey May 22-23
- Memorial Day Special May 29– 2-7 pm



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May Birthdays

Name	Birthday
Ellen Marie Thomas	May 2
Sharlene Gregg	May 3
Laura Ashton	May 4
Kathy Coates	May 7
Alison Ono	May 8
William Palmer	May 10
Ann Gilmore	May 11
Janyce Jones	May 12
David Nichols	May 15
Zachariah Davidson	May 21
Betty Jelavich	May 22
Heidi Niggemeyer	May 22
Toni Scarborough	May 24
David Grigsby	May 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.

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COMMODORE REPORT

The Elkhorn Yacht Club is slowly getting back to normal from the Covid pandemic. We are now able to sit inside the hearth room (which is wonderful on those cold evenings) as well as outside. We are still limited to 50% capacity, and expected to wear masks when walking around, and not eating or drinking. With the beautiful weather and all the boating activity, it is very tempting to extend our welcoming hospitality (that we are known for) to visiting yacht clubs. However, EYC is only opened to members plus one guest and prospective members at this time. We are looking forward to California's easing of Covid restrictions in the next few months. We do not have guidelines yet so not sure if social distancing and spacing requirements will still be enforced, but we do hope to be able to enjoy many of the things we have missed during this time. Hopefully, we will be able to open the bar area and use the new furniture and welcome other yacht club members back to enjoy our special club.



We have a busy, fun, month planned for our members. May 8th is our opening day parade. Decorate your boats and cruise down to the South harbor and back with our EYC fleet. If you do not have a boat, come on down and jump on a member's boat or enjoy the parade from the patio. After the parade join everyone on the patio for our food special of tamales, rice, beans, and a margarita. Parade starts at 1:00pm. Bar is open from 1:00pm to 7:00pm. May 16th @ 8:30pm join us on the lawn for our first movie night. Movie being shown is Captain Ron. Bring your own chairs, blankets, beverages, and snacks. May 22nd & 23rd Keith will be leading us on a cruise, dinner, and overnight stay in Monterey. Details and signups in the EYC club house. May 29th in honor of Memorial Day the bar will be serving a food special of sausages, potato salad, and wine or beer. Besides these events we have several races this month, see Peggy's report and the calendar for race dates and times. Also happening on May 15th is the garden workday @9:30am and the workshop clean out @10:00am. Stay tuned for more events coming this summer.

Come out and enjoy our long, sunny days and good friends at EYC! Hope to see you all around the club soon,

Toni Scarborough

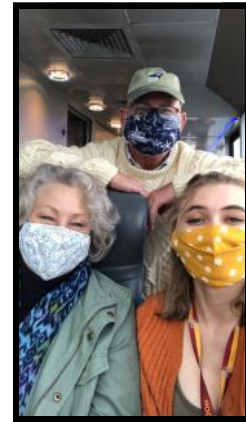
Commodore

VICE COMMODORE REPORT

Here's to a May of sailing adventures!

In each sail that skims
The horizon,
In each landward-blowing breeze,
I behold that stately galley,
Hear those mournful melodies;
Till my soul is full of longing
For the secret of the seas
And the heart of the great ocean,
Sends a thrilling pulse through me.
-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Melissa Ackerman



REAR COMMODORE REPORT

Will this cool weather never end??? OK, I admit it, I'm a fair weather sailor. I don't like to be out in the cold! That's why I came to Monterey instead of going back to my birth state of New York. I don't like to shovel snow and wear multiple layers of clothing to stay warm.

OK, now that I've got that out of my system - wasn't last weeks time on the bay unbelievable. The winds for the PHRF race on Saturday could not have been better and the fun sail on Sunday was perfect. Solace performed beautifully both days. That boat makes me proud to be aboard. It was so great to have 5 boats on the Bay for the fun sail on Sunday. Thanks to Frank and Anna for serving us at the social afterwards.

By the time you all get this newsletter Wayne and I will already have presented the water safety class on the 24th. I've spent time reviewing the information and every time I find something new. I've spent my time on the water as a sailor and know very little about the rules for motoring and personal watercraft. The course provides all that information and I learn something new every time I review the materials.

If you didn't take the opportunity to attend this class, please do in the future. It will keep us all safe on the water.

Fair winds and following seas,
Rita



EYC PRESENTS
MOVIES IN THE PARK
CAPTAIN RON

Sunday, May 16th
8:30 pm
Club House Yard
Free Pop Corn
BYO- Chair, Blanket,
Beverages & Snacks

Please practice social distancing
Members only event (+1 Guest)

The poster features a dark blue background with white stars. In the center, there is a white rectangular box with a yellow dotted border containing the movie title 'CAPTAIN RON'. To the left of the box, there is a red and white striped popcorn bucket, a red and white striped cup with a straw, and a clapperboard. A film strip is also visible.



May 22
& 23

Depart: Saturday, May 22nd

Return: Sunday, May 23rd

Dinner: Saturday, May 22nd at 6:15p

Details and sign up sheets in the EYC Club House.

Sign up to for slip reservation and/or dinner by May 15th.

Questions, contact Captain Keith at (831) 595-6628 or
kscmariko@yahoo.com

SAILING/ RACING

LET THE RACES BEGIN!

New Names for PHRF Series

Thanks to all of the members that made suggestions. After much thought we came up with names that reflect our area, tradition, and history.

PHRF Series #1 will now be the "Canyon Series" in recognition of the fact that Moss Landing is the mouth of the Monterey Bay Canyon - a truly magnificent geological and oceanic area (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monterey_Canyon). It seems fitting to acknowledge this wonder that we sail over. The winner of this series will, in addition to a take home prize, be engraved on the "Kim Jones Canyon Series Champion" plaque which will hang with the other club race awards in the racing display case.

PHRF Series #2 will take its "new" name from what has been the last series of the year - "Chowder Cup Series." I have always really liked this event. It was the last one of the year and after the race the racers would gather to enjoy a couple of different kinds of chowders generously made by family, and club members, as they "reminisced" about the race season. As with the "Canyon Series" there will be a perpetual plaque. The winner's name(s) will be engraved on the "Steve Cook Chowder Cup Series Champion" award. Both Steve Cook and Kim Jones were excellent sailors that supported and enhanced racing at all levels. From club level to the "Boreas Race" to "MBYRA" racing, they helped continue traditions and set new standards for racing at EYC!

Spring Fun Sail Series

While it is still too early to really have a leader in the series due to being able to drop scores, this new addition to our racing is living up to the FUN goal. The March 21st race had Un Bel Di taking first place and the race on April 18th saw Solace pulling out the win. LegaSea is holding the lead in "fun" points after two races. The April 18th race had a "fun" component to remember the 120th anniversary of the SF Earthquake...anything SF. From Grateful Dead to Tony Bennett, Giants and 49ers, the boats and crews covered it. It is wonderful to see folks coming out to learn how to crew/sail and especially great that our more experienced sailors are jumping in to help out. Come out and join the fun May 2nd, May 16th, June 6th, and June 20th!

Canyon Series

Once again, it is too early to really have series leader because of dropping scores but it shaping up to be an interesting series. Un Bel Di took first on March 20th with an elapsed time of 2:11:24 while Solace won on April 17th with an elapsed time of 2:01:58. While this is the more competitive series (longer races...more rules...etc.) there is no lack of fun and camaraderie before, after, and even during the races. Remember, you don't have to "officially" race to join us on any given race day - we are always hoping for more boats and members to come out for the day and enjoy the bay....May 15th, June 26th, July 17th.

Around Monterey Bay Mile Buoy Long Distance Race

If you are looking for something to do Saturday morning (May 1st) how about coming out to the jetty (or earlier on the dock) and give a rousing send off to our entrants in the "Around Monterey Bay" race - Cutlass, Solace, and Un Bel Di. These three skippers and their crews will start at 11:00 am (simultaneous start at all three Buoys) and sail around the bay - approximately 44NM. Not only are they racing for individual honors but they are representing EYC for the MBYRA Club Championship. GO TEAM EYC!

SAILING/RACING

Bare Lifelines v. Vinyl Coat Lifelines

"Bare" Lifelines v. Vinyl Coated Lifelines

This article is compliments of Dave MacEwen, MPYC Race Chair (edited)

The annual Double Handed race was sailed in late March. While notable for being a beautiful day, it was also noteworthy that it was the first race sailed under the new Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Association (MBYRA) Safety Equipment Requirements (SERs). These safety requirements were customized for our sailing venue for races that take the fleet out to the middle of Monterey Bay and beyond. You can find the MBYRA SERs on the Race Page at MPYC.org. [available on the the EYC website under "On The Water"... "Racing"]

One of the more interesting sections of the SERs, is that starting in 2022, boats on races traveling far from shore, will not be permitted to be equipped with vinyl covered lifelines. This is a US Sailing standard for boats sailing beyond "near-shore" conditions. You may ask, "what's the problem with vinyl coated lifelines?". **Here are a couple of good reasons why racers and cruisers alike might want to steer away from vinyl coated lifelines.**

- Vinyl coated lifelines are constructed of 7x7 wire, while bare lifelines are constructed of 1x19 wire (see photos). Meaning that in the 7x7 wire, there are 49 individual thin strands, vs just 19 thick strands in the 1x19 wire. Even for the same size, the 1x19 starts off as a stronger wire.

- Stainless steel hates salt water. The vinyl traps the salt in the coated lifeline and corrosion starts working on those 49 thin wires. And, because its covered up, you can't see it corroding away. Uncoated lifelines can be rinsed off with fresh water, don't trap the salt, and are easily inspected.

Lifeline failure can be catastrophic. Imagine sailing upwind with your entire crew hiking hard against the lower lifeline. Suddenly it breaks, and your entire crew ends up in the water. Disaster! Or imagine you are cruising with your family, slip and fall against the lifeline, and have it break just when you need it. These are examples of why having high quality lifelines is a critical part of the safety requirements.

Here's the good news. Bare, high quality stainless steel 1x19 lifelines are typically cheaper than vinyl coated lifelines. And for racers looking to save some weight, Dyneema or Spectra are permitted under the MBYRA SERs, and are significantly cheaper than stainless.



Rusting vinyl coated lifeline.



1x19 Stainless Steel Lifeline



7x7 Stainless Steel Lifeline (uncoated)

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Garden Day 9:30-11am Burgers 2-7 pm
2 Fun Sail Spring Series #3 Burgers 2-7 pm	3	4	5	6 Finance Meeting 6PM	7 Appetizers 4-8 pm	8 Board Mtg. 10 am Opening Day Boat Parade Tamales & Margaritas 1-7 pm
9	10	11	12	13	14 Appetizers 4-8 pm	15 PHRF Series 1- Race #3 –12 pm Garden Day 9:30-11am Work Shop Clean Out- 10am
16 Fun Sail Spring Series #4 Burgers 2-7 pm Movie Night- 8:30pm	17	18	19	20	21 Appetizers 4-8 pm	22 Monterey Cruise Burgers 2-7 pm
23 30	24 31 Memorial Day	25	26	27	28 Appetizers 4-8 pm	29 Memorial Day Special 2-7 pm

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

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

JUNE 2021

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

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Membership News

Membership

The Membership Committee encourages you to join us at the various activities and events scheduled for this May! We are pleased that we are able to open more often and bring members back together for renewed fun and social time. Check the calendar for the many outdoor activities planned, such as the boat parade on Opening Day, movie night, cruising to Monterey, the Fun Sail Series, and a Memorial Day Special!

Our newest member to the Club is Karen Rosen from Marina. You will find that Karen, like many of our new members of the EYC, lives a full and eventful life, is continually active and enjoys our lovely Central Coast.

Meet **Karen E. Rosen:**

I live in Marina and have been loving the Monterey area for more than 20 years. I've



lived in Carmel Valley, Pacific Grove, and Salinas. Before that I lived in Texas, New York, and Germany, and other fun places too. I love doing outdoor activities like jumping in the waves and taking long walks in the region. Now that the gyms are partly open, I'm back to going to Zumba, kettlebell, cycling, swimming, and doing weight machines. When I'm not at the law firm, I enjoy outdoor work like gardening or fixing up a corner that needs "tlc" or painting. I love cooking and eating healthy food with friends. Right now I'm into chopped veggie salads with fresh fennel and tuna or chicken. I'm excited to have another way to get close to the ocean with like-minded people and look forward to getting involved!

Be sure to say "hello" to Karen and welcome her in as a new member!

Susan Osorio
Membership Chair

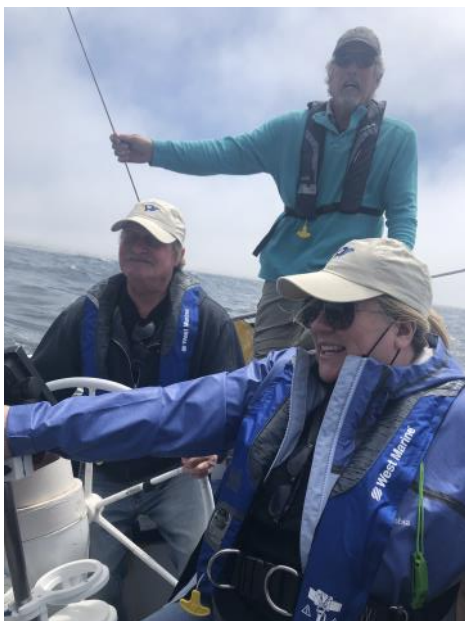
Around the Club



Scott taking out Sherry & Ron the proud new owners of Sea Dreamer



Michelle Gentry during a game of corn hole.



Keith, Hans, & Sylvia enjoying a Fun Sail on LegaSea.



Keith Chastain is officially the Fleet Captain



Genesis out for Fun Sail #2

Opening Day

May 8th



ELKHORN YACHT CLUB OPENING DAY PARADE MAY 8, 2021

DECORATE YOUR BOAT AND
CRUISE WITH EYC MEMBERS
DOWN TO SOUTH HARBOR
THEN JOIN EVERYONE ON THE
PATIO FOR OUR FOOD SPECIAL

PARADE STARTS @1:00
BAR OPEN 1PM TO 7PM

FOOD SPECIAL: TAMALES,
RICE, BEANS & MARGARITA

Garden Committee

Upcoming Yard Work Party-May 15th

Dear EYC members -

Garden Committee would like to extend a very big thank you to the members who volunteered and made major improvements to the property at the April yard work party! New members Rose and Ted Black and Fernando Oliviera stayed extra long to make an impact and it shows! Thank you also to Dan Garrett, Frank Sanchez, Sherry Bugalski, Rita and Stan Jacques and anyone else I missed.

While we made a big dent, there will be another yard work party on **May 15th and we are looking for more volunteers!** It will be from 9 am-11:30 am. Volunteers are welcome to stay for whatever time allotment they can contribute. In the meantime, there are still opportunities to volunteer helping to prep ground and of course, as usual, you are always welcome to help weed the property anytime. Please reach out if you feel motivated before May 15th to contribute.

We are seeking plant species suggestions at this time as well... **If you have cuttings from your garden (not succulents please) let me know and we can root them.**

Thank you again to all of our dedicated members for their help in beautifying our property.

Best,

Hillary
Garden Committee Chair



Fernando Oliviera



Rosemary Black



Ted Black

Bulletin Board

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

Give a warm welcome to EYC's new fill-in Bartender, Gunner.
Gunner has worked behind the scenes of numerous EYC events. He will be helping out when we need extra hands on deck.

Thank you Gunner for the help!



Memorial Day Special



In honor of Memorial Day, the bar will be open for sausages, potatoes salad & drinks on

Saturday, May 29

Hours will be from 2-7 pm

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

FOR RENT- Unit B— Upstairs unit, 100 sq. ft, perfect for storage—\$180/month

Reminder: To be able to rent an office or locker you must be on the waitlist. To get 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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Frank Sanchez volunteering at the April Yard Work Party.
The next Yard Work Party will be on May 15th.

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