

May 2024 Edition



The Lee Rail

Newsletter of the Elkhorn Yacht Club

**This Month's Look Ahead:
Opening Day Celebrations, Dinghy Races, & A Pig Roast!**

Letter From the Commadore

It has been a busy month at EYC. The highlights for me were a fabulous wine tasting, and the General Membership meeting. For those of you who missed either of these, I would highly recommend them in the future. Both were showcases of a membership that works hard for the benefit of our club. Kudos to everyone who planned and participated in these two events.

Racing season is off to a great start with 7 boats from EYC now registered and having fun on the water while honing their sailing skills. Racing, for me, is not as much about the competition as it is about testing my skills and learning my boat.

Lastly, I need to address the issue of dogs in the club. We have a clear policy regarding this. **The only dogs allowed in the club are service animals.** There are no exceptions. If you insist on bringing your dog inside the club, you will be given a warning and face termination as a member if you do not comply.

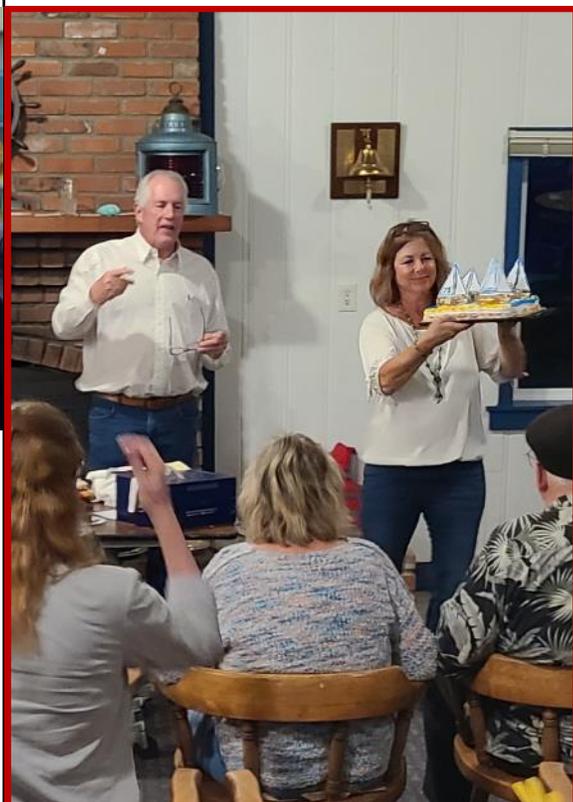
Enjoy the fair weather coming our way and look forward to seeing you at EYC

- Rita



Rita Jacques

Desserts for Dollars



Kieth "The Auctioneer" drives up the bidding for one of the dozens of desserts that were sold to high bidders. More than \$2,000 were raised for EYC.
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EYC BULLETIN BOARD



Word from Melissa, Club Manager

Work parties are set for May 4th and 11th. Major clean up around the yards and parking lots are planned.



Dock Extension Work

Members are assembling and preparing an extension to the EYC dock for club water crafts



Remodel Work to Begin

Remodeling of the women's restroom in the Annex building will be starting in May 2024. There will be times when the facilities will be closed and not available. Please plan accordingly as we move ahead with improvements.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

**The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2024
at 6:30pm in the EYC Dining Hall**

BOAT HOP 2024 September 14, 2024

Scott Richert and Howard Jones introduced this year's Boat Hop at the General Membership meeting April 19th. The Hop will feature the traditional format which we will review in subsequent Lee Rails, including Captain Brian Ackerman again providing entrée services out of the club galley and served in the dining room. More on that later, also. Thanks again, Brian.

For now, this is just a call for Boat Owners to consider hosting. We already have 3 boats signed and slots will fill soon. There will be a sign up sheet posted in the clubhouse entrance or call Melissa directly. Scott will also be banging on hatches and doors imminently. We look forward to a terrific Hop and eagerly await your participation.

Scott and Howard

EYC BULLETIN BOARD

SPRING CLEANING (APRIL 13)

Rain cancelled the "work party," but that didn't keep volunteers from tackling some indoor chores. A wonderful team of members cleaned out and organized the galley! It looks amazing. Many dishes and small appliances that were unused by the club were donated if not claimed by members. A big thanks to the crew: Rita, Char Gregg, Ted Black, Peter & Tiffany Pedulla, and Andrew Listl.



Notice the empty countertop.



Reorganization of the large pots.



"Leftovers" being given away or donated.

SEAWALL MAINTENANCE WORK TO RESUME

The wait is over and our seawall permit has been approved. We will be organizing work parties soon to continue and complete the work that was started last year. The Elkhorn Yacht Club would like to thank Frank Lewis for persevering through this hurdle on behalf of our club.



ELKHORN YACHT CLUB SAILING

CANYON SERIES #2, SEVEN EYC BOATS DUKE IT OUT! (APRIL 20)

April 20th was a clear, crisp, and low swell day for the Elkhorn Yacht Club racing fleet. Seven boats turned out for an excellent day of racing, led by first-time Principal Race Officer (PRO) Jim Brady. The fleet was entertained by an impromptu airshow as a formation of planes practiced over the bay while whales cavorted all around the course. Marshmallows flew as competitors sought to distract other skippers with the sticky projectiles. It was a perfect day for spinnakers on the third leg and Un Bel Di and Aqua Knot hoisted their kites! Go to www.elkhornyachtclub.org/racing for the schedule of upcoming races.

Submitted by Dan Garrett. Additional photos by Stan Jacques



Skipper Diana G. on Cutlass as the crew keeps an eye on Un Bel Di flying her spinnaker.



Skipper Lara J. takes aim with the deadly, distracting, but delicious marshmallow gun.



Aqua Knot's spinnaker sped her to a 3rd place finish in the competitive field of seven boats.

EYC CANYON SERIES 2024							
Race # : Date	Race 1: March 23 elapsed time	Race 1: corrected time (TOT)	points	Race 2: April 20 elapsed time	Race 2: corrected time (TOT)	points	Final Score: Total Points
Course description and length (nm) PRO	MLAp-ML3p-MLAp-ML3p-MLAs (9.2nm) Lara			MLAp-ML3p-MLV7p-ML2p-MLAp (8.9 nm) Jim			
BOAT (rating)	days:hrs:mins						TOTAL
Solace (180)	00:01:25:52	00:01:16:27	1	00:02:12:28	00:01:57:57	2	3
Un Bel Dei (228)	00:01:34:53	00:01:19:16	5	00:02:20:09	00:01:57:06	1	6
Aqua Naut (174)	00:01:27:30	00:01:18:33	4	00:02:13:07	00:01:59:31	3	7
Northern Light (123)	00:01:20:51	00:01:18:05	2	00:02:09:45	00:02:05:19	5	7
Mariko (120)	00:01:20:43	00:01:18:18	3	00:02:11:59	00:02:08:03	7	10
Athena (177)	DNC	DNC	7	00:02:14:35	00:02:00:20	4	11
Cutlass (162)	00:01:34:13	00:01:26:01	6	00:02:19:24	00:02:07:16	6	12

Canyon Series standings to date. Boats are listing from first to last in left-hand column while points (lower is better) are listed on the

May						
5/4/2024	Sunday	EYC Opening Day boat parade				TBD by Social Committee
5/11/2024	Saturday	AROUND THE BAY		MBYRA	1130	SC/MRY/ML or MRY/SC/ML
5/12/2024	Sunday	Mother's Day		Info		
5/18/2024	Saturday	Canyon Series #3		1100	1230	
5/25/2024	Saturday	Totally Dingley Races		1100	1230	
5/27/2024	Monday	Memorial Day		Info		

ELKHORN YACHT CLUB SAILING

CANYON SERIES RACE #2 (CONT'D)



Principal Race Officer (PRO) Lara Jacques, fresh from a Race Management class earlier in the month, briefs the skippers and crewmembers.



A smiling Brian A. helms the Solace to victory in the first Canyon Series race.



Chris B. and Greg N. enjoy post-race refreshments on the patio. .



Exhilarated racers debrief in the bar.

ELKHORN YACHT CLUB SAILING

MBYRA 2024 OTTER CUP, SAUCY CONDITIONS AND SOAKED SAILORS! (APRIL 20)

EYC fielded five boats (out of twelve) in the recent Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Association (MBYRA) Otter Cup on Saturday, April 27th. This is the first in an annual series of five races sponsored by the organization. Aquanaut headed to Monterey on Thursday while Un Bel Di, Solace, Athena, and Northern Light went on Friday, all boats braving strong winds and heavy swells to be ready for the 12:30 race start on Saturday. Several boats ran RaceQs with live streaming turned on which allowed shore staff to watch the exciting proceedings in the EYC hearth room. It was a rockin' bay ride from the start to Point Pinos buoy then to Moss Landing, with conditions described as, "spicy", "sporty", "lumpy", "scary", "shitty", and "fun!" A wonderful Harris Ranch BBQ tritip dinner awaited racers courtesy of Jay and Michelle, using the newly renovated pit (thanks to Dan P. and his timely work). Northern Light and Athena placed 1st and 2nd respectively in their division while Solace, Aquanaut, and Un Bel Di posted 4th, 5th, and 6th in a very competitive PHRF B division. Results are posted at: https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27789#_newsroom+results

Go to www.elkhornyachtclub.org/racing for the schedule of upcoming races.

Submitted by Dan Garrett.



Un Bel Di, Northern Light, and Solace raft up at Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club prior to the race. PC: Stan J.



The exciting start as seen from the deck of Aquanaut. PC: Mandy F.



Landon and Brian keep Solace on course! PC: Lara J.



Shore support watch the race live stream as Solace and Aquanaut duke it out on the water!

ELKHORN YACHT CLUB SAILING

MBYRA 2024 OTTER CUP, SAUCY CONDITIONS AND SOAKED SAILORS! (APRIL 20)



Juul accepts his 2nd place trophy from Principal Race Officer (PRO) Dan. PC: Michelle G.



Sailors watch the RaceQs replay after the race. PC: Michelle G.
<https://raceqs.com/regattas/107484>



Shore spotter Hillary and ticker-giver-outer-and-seller Toni share a toast. PC: Dan G.



Jay works the beautiful restored grill. PC: Michelle G.

RECENT EVENTS

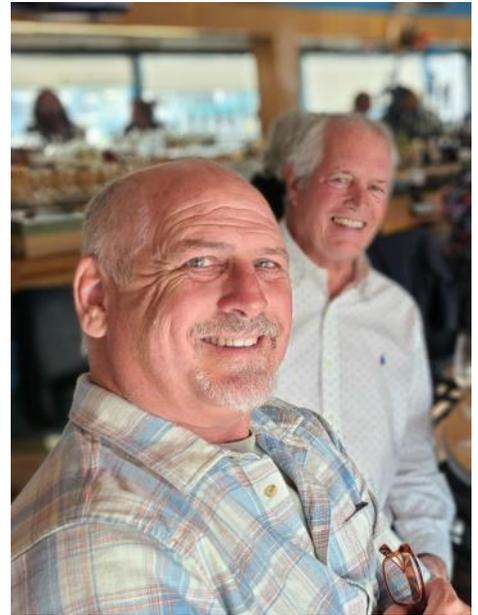
WINE TASTING & DESSERT AUCTION (APRIL 6)

We had a Food & Wine Show of our own at the Elkhorn Yacht Club. Shar, Aaron & Shannon hosted the annual Wine Tasting & Dessert Auction. Wines for every palate were available for sampling and an amazing shrimp scampi was served. More than \$2,000 was raised from the scrumptious and creative treats donated by members.



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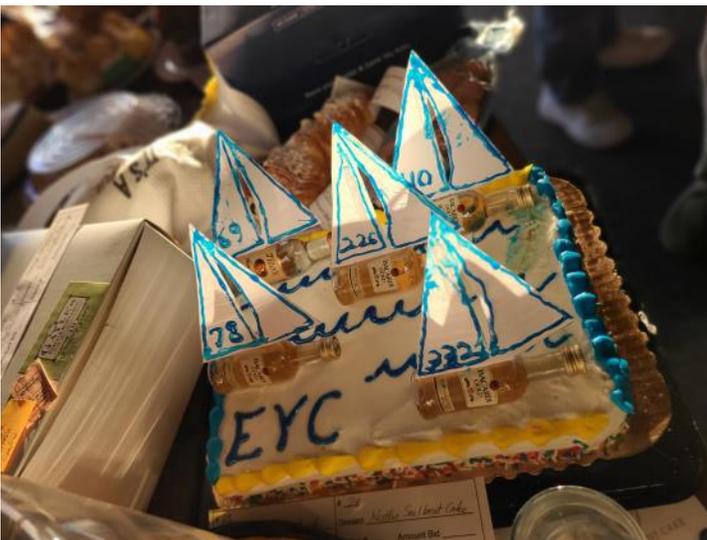
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EYC GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER (APRIL 19)



The Elkhorn Yacht Club semi-annual General Meeting and dinner was held on April 19. Team Lori, Leah, and Jeane prepped, cooked and served up a marvelous baked ziti dish and home baked cookies for dessert. That was followed by the semi-annual Elkhorn Yacht Club general meeting. Members had a chance to hear what the state of the club is and offer input. The next General Meeting will be in November.



EYC SIGHTINGS & SPOTTINGS

BUSY DAYS & NIGHTS



Sharing sailing stories



The "Cone of Silence"



The Santa Cruz Outrigger club completed a row from Santa Cruz to the EYC.

CAPTION THESE PHOTOS!



I'm out of "tp"

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I can repurpose this!

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Thanks for your captions.

- ◆ Pretty sure I can write this off.
- ◆ All this in just one day?!
- ◆ At least I know where my retirement money is going.
- ◆ Dropdown the two, carry the four...
- ◆ Who needs Kindle?

AROUND THE CLUB**COMING EVENTS****Memorial Day BBQ—Pig Roast****Remember to sign up for the BBQ Pig Roast
on Memorial Day Monday May 27**

Join us for the remembrance of the those service women and men who have given us our freedom to enjoy this USA

Festivities will begin but will begin at 1pm

dinner will be served at approximately 2:00

Plenty of time for photo op's and chatting with family and friends beforehand.

MENU

- * roast pig on the spit
- * vegetarian option available
- * corn on the cob with butter
- * Betty's special baked beans
 - * Cristy's Cold Slaw
 - * bread
 - * a cookie

join us for a great day

AROUND THE CLUB**COMING EVENTS**

Announcing
the 2024 BOAT HOP
SEPTEMBER 14th

Scott Richert and Howard Jones will organize and conduct the Boat Hop for this year. As in years past, this is one of the major events for the Elkhorn Yacht Club. We anticipate and will be asking for a large club participation. The Boat Hop is a 4 course progressive dinner. 3 courses will be served on 12 different boats in the harbor and the entree will be served in the club dinning room. Once again Brian Ackerman has volunteered to prepare the entree.

Scott will be looking for 12 host boats and will be organizing them. We'll keep you appraised as to our progress in the Lee Rail. This takes a lot of organizing and will involve a lot of our members. Some to help and some to participate. We invite you bring your friends and family to participate in this event.

ELKHORN YACH CLUB OFFICERS

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