

The club was originally formed by a small group of boating enthusiasts in 1946



When the channel was cut through to open up Moss Landing harbor, in 1947, the club took up headquarters in an old barge, moored at the north end of the slough



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Aug 4 • Summer Series Race #3

Saturday, Aug 11 • Board Meeting

Saturday, Aug 18 • Double Angle Race

Saturday, Aug 25 • Poker Night

Sunday Sept 2 • Labor Day BBQ

Monday Night Dinners, \$8 • Friday Night Appetizers, Free

Saturday & Sundays • Burger & Tap Beer, \$6 starts at 3 pm

Every Wednesday • Breakfast & Sail, Moss Landing Café, 10 am

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Commodore's Report

I am happy to write this report saying that EYC seems to be moving along very well.

Our new club manager, Melissa Kelly, is doing great and is interested in all aspects of her job. There is a lot to do in her position, and we are still working on the way she can do her best for us. She has changed her hours to be able to work better within the confined space of our office with Sandi Mantey, our wonderful patient bookkeeper. Right now her days in the office are Monday, 12 til 5, Tuesday, 12 til 5, Friday, 12 til 5 and Saturday, 1 til 5. You can contact her at (831) 724-3875 during those hours.



We are going to introduce, by trial only, another new weekly dinner event on Thursdays. It would be a "Pasta" night. The bar is open, and some wonderful noodle dishes are possible, knowing our "famous club chefs" and new member chefs. This event would need your participation, however. The dinners would be \$8.00 a plate. Please let our club manager know your input on this and if you might like to participate yourself.

I feel we need to take a good look at how the great people preparing Monday night dinners and Friday night appetizers can make what will be eaten rather than guessing at how many people to cook for. They should be notified with fair time so they can gather supplies and prepare. Maybe we could use our "A Look Forward" email to accomplish this? If you have any ideas, please let me or Melissa know and see if we can lighten up the load on volunteers and leftovers in the refrigerator.

The roof is done, the garden is being well managed, the shop is in good order, the launches are being taken care of, signs are being worked on and so many other issues are being properly addressed by those in charge - THANKS all of you. What a group!!

Lynn Kent, Commodore
Elkhorn Yacht Club

RACE REPORT

John Herne
EYC Race Director

2018 Summer Series

Join us on the water for a three
race series. No entry fee.

Last race for the series

Aug 4th

Skippers Meeting at 11AM

Start times between 12:30 - 1PM



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DOUBLE ANGLE RACE

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CLUB HISTORY

Elkhorn Yacht Club Celebrates 72nd Year

Excerpts From The History of Elkhorn Yacht Club

We are celebrating the 72nd Anniversary of the founding of Elkhorn Yacht Club. The Articles of Incorporation are dated July 31, 1946, registered with the State of California as a non-profit corporation. In reviewing our historical documents, I came across several articles that were written from 1946 to 1967 all of which are contained in a very fragile decorated wooden binder that was made by Jerry Perry in 1959, the wife of our first Commodore.

“Few Words on Street Corner Cause of it All” Newspaper article published April 24, 1953, author unknown

It all started with a street corner conversation in downtown Watsonville in 1946 between boat owners Gil Perry and Ade Nelson. The Army Corps of Engineers had just finished digging out the entrance channel at Moss Landing Harbor. “That conversation,” Lee Killion said, “led to the establishment of a yacht club which today represents an investment of \$50,000 and a channel/north harbor basin financed by a \$100,000 bond issue.” Killion, past commodore, reviewed the history of the Elkhorn Yacht Club before members and guests Wednesday night as the club celebrated its second year ashore. “Perry and Nelson,” Killion continued, “selected six other men, formed a club and incorporated.” A year later with the SV Golden Dragon decked out in flags, the infant group held its first annual meeting.

Meanwhile, a member had seen an advertisement in an Oakland paper for a barge. As Killion tells the story, representatives of the club went to Oakland, liked what they saw and bought it for \$2,400. Back in Watsonville, 13 members co-signed a note over to the Pajaro Valley Bank to make good the check. The barge arrived in Moss Landing harbor in mid-winter, 1947.

The building erected on the barge later became the basic unit on shore. At first, when the club moved ashore, the structure just sat on the beach. Contributions from members came in and a concrete floor was added. Gradually, the club as it is today, with its huge dining room and bar / lounge facing the waterfront, took shape. “Our godfather was Harvey West,” said Killion, explaining that West, of Sunset Beach, contributed among other things all the lumber in the building.



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The idea of the Boreas race was conceived last year (1952). "Like kids with a new toy, we wanted the rest of the clubs to see what we were doing," Killion said. The Boreas race, split up for power and sail boats, was run over the Fourth of July. (Boreas is the god of the North wind.) None of the sailboats made the harbor before the deadline and the trophy remains on a shelf in the yacht club. "This year (1953), there will be no deadline for sailing craft," Killion went on. "First boat in will win."

Tracing the history of the club, Killion told how a \$100,000 bond issue was ordered to dredge a channel for small boats at the North end of the slough. Bids were opened Oct 12, 1951 and Shellmaker, Inc., of Los Angeles won the contract. Members of the club had 30 days to sell the bonds. On Nov 13, spirits were low as they went before the harbor board. They had only \$78,000 of the \$92,000 they needed to raise. It was at that meeting they learned that Don Higgins of Shellmaker had agreed to accept \$30,000 worth of bonds in payment if necessary to put the venture across.

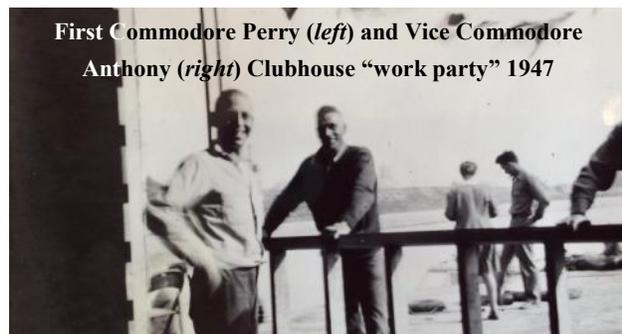
"The club has remained on its financial feet ever since," Killion indicated. On May 29 of last year, the first float went in. Now, 53 of the club's 63 slips are rented. "In less than six years, the club had arrived," Killion concluded. "And I hope we have a hell of a lot of wind this year."

"Big Clubs From Little Barges Grow" Our History and Heritage by Dorothy H. Vera, excerpt from local newspaper published 1967.

Drawn together by a common love of boats, members of the Elkhorn Yacht Club and their Jennys (Ladies Auxillary) have enjoyed a wonderful 20 years of sailing and socializing. The original club, incorporated and organized in July of 1946, has eight men to thank for its formation. Ade Nelson, Gil Perry (Watsonville attorney), Marty Franich (Watsonville businessman), John Porter, Phil Boyle, Wilbur Sandholdt (Sandholdt Road), Dr Guy Giberson and Dr Dan Smith met in Watsonville for dinner and plotted the course their club was to take.

Army engineers, working according to pre-conceived plans, dredged and opened the channel and south end of Moss Landing harbor two months later. Without a club house, members (all 13 of them), decided it was time to find some sort of meeting place. They purchased a 100 foot barge with a cabin. It was towed from the Oakland estuary and anchored on Wilbur Sandholdt's property at the south end of the harbor.

Three years later the membership had increased to 46. Wives, though not members, had their share of housekeeping aboard the barge, meal planning, and all the things that busy weekends demand. Children were encouraged and included in the majority of activities. Those were fun days, even to garbage disposal, when all of this was piled high on the Etta Jean, and noisy children, then the boat went out to sea to dispose of its cargo...the garbage. In 1949, women attached to Elkhorn Yacht club formed their auxiliary, the Jennys. Then followed a succession of events: a 25 cent breakfast, a treasure hunt, and a mussel feed.



First Commodore Perry (left) and Vice Commodore Anthony (right) Clubhouse "work party" 1947

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August 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 Free Appetizers 6 pm	4 Summer Series Race#3 
5 Burger & Tap Beer \$6	6 Monday Night Dinner 6:30 pm \$8	7	8 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am	9	10 Free Appetizers 6 pm	11 Board Meeting 9am
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September 2018

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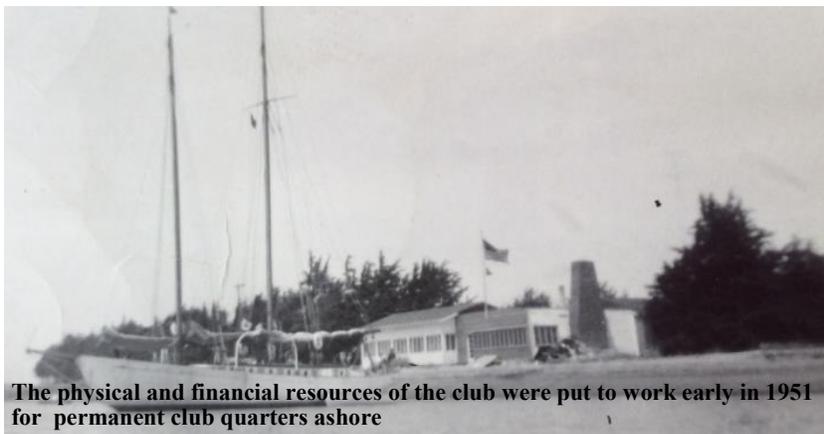
Land now owned by the club was purchased in 1950, later to become the site of the first permanent clubhouse. The year 1951 was a memorable one. Harvey West of Santa Cruz who became the club's only honorary member, donated lumber for this. As a beginning, members laid a 100 foot event floor, the clubhouse was lifted from the barge and laid on the front 30 feet of the concrete flooring...and then the work began. Members themselves elected to construct the clubhouse, in the meantime making-do in a temporary one, an open-air affair affectionately known even yet as "Killion's Camp." By Fall of that year the main room in the clubhouse was completed and the fireplace built by the late A.V. Rianda.

Another milestone was chalked off in 1953. It was then dinners and social events followed the famous Boreas Race on the Fourth of July weekends. The Jennys, not to be outdone, started a series of still-successful fashion shows that year. As time progressed, so did the clubhouse. Card tables and chairs were purchased, renovation of the kitchen and powder room added to its attractiveness. Most outstanding 1959 accomplishment was landscaping outside the dining room with the creation of a sand, shells and semi-tropical garden. A sun deck in front of the main lounge gives access to yachts and a view of the Pacific.

Again 1959 proved to be a year of the first. It was then, on Sunday of Labor Day week-end that the Santa Cruz-Elkhorn race came into being, an offshoot of the Windjammer races. Because it was a family affair, a playroom was added upstairs for children of members.

EYC's first annual Boreas race, in July of 1952, ended on a sad note for sailboat skippers, but has given rise to mixed memories in the ensuing years. Light winds which started the 20-boat flotilla out of San Francisco vanished off Pigeon point about half way in the 85 mile voyage. First of the sailboats came in under power long after deadline.

This mishap was more than brightened by the advent of the new \$100,000 North Harbor, opened that same year. Bonds were financed by members. First to sail through the channel was Fred Curl, accompanied by his wife Irma and Lois Lowman, Monterey County Librarian.



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As the years go by, memberships have changed. New people join bringing their energy and enthusiasm, older ones slip overboard, the numbers remain relatively stable. Research studies show that the ideal size for a community of shared values is 150 members in which most will interact, learn each others names and behave with civility; in this we are resolute. Improvements continue and the camaraderie is for the most part excellent.

During August 2018, Elkhorn Yacht Club celebrates its 72nd Anniversary. Please join us in our venerable historic facility. Enjoy your club and the Pacific summer weather. Respect the traditions of our founders, acquaint yourself with our heritage, and listen closely to the walls to learn from those who came before us. In all this, you may find wisdom.

Stan Jacques, Commodore 2014-2016

BOAT HOP!



Boat Hop Update September 15, 2018

Tickets on sale starting Wednesday, August 1, 2018

Boat Hop tickets are on sale. Reserve early to ensure the time slot that fits your schedule best. Optimum times sell out quickly!

A quick review of how this works

The boat hop is one of the most popular events we schedule. This is a progressive dinner held on member boats in the North Harbor each September. There are usually 16 host boats with each boat serving one particular course of a 4 course meal. Thus, 4 boats are serving an appetizer, 4 boats are serving a soup or salad, 4 boats are serving an entrée which is prepared in the club galley and brought out to the host boat at its designated time and 4 boats are serving a dessert. As always, the dinner is being prepared by our resident chef extraordinaire, Brian Ackerman. Each course lasts one half hour and upon completion, the guests proceed on to their next designated boat for the subsequent course. Thus, the entire process takes two hours from the time a guest arrives at the initial host boat for their appetizer until they finish the dessert at their fourth and final destination. The beginning slots for 4 appetizer boats begin at 6 PM. At 6:30 those guests then proceed to their next boat destination to have their soup/salad. The initial boats first serving appetizers then entertain their second seating of appetizers as subsequent boats begin their routine. So those guests starting appetizers at 6 PM will finish their desserts at 8:00. Those starting their appetizers at 7:30 will finish their desserts at 9:30. Each boat hosts usually up to 4 guests. Occasionally, special request for as many as 6 that include a couple of small folks are accommodated. Thus, we are accepting around 64 guests, possibly a few more for the small guests. When purchasing tickets specify your preferred starting time of 6 PM, 6:30 PM, 7:00 PM or 7:30 PM. Every effort will be made to accommodate your specific time request, but, as always, this will be a first come, first served event. Tickets are 25 dollars each.

Make your reservation early!.....

through the club office or sign up at the club entrance. The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday for ticket sales, 10-2.

Incidentally, a few host boats are still needed. See the attached spread sheet to review the volunteer boats thus far. Also, see the available time slots available for guests. These will be marked off as slots are filled. Those seeking to host dinner, contact Scott Richert as there may be a slight change to the dinner format for the host boats.

Looking forward to seeing you then!

CLUB NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Melissa's office hours have been updated

12pm—5pm Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sat.

Nominating Committee

The election of officers for the next year will be held at our Annual General Membership Meeting on October 19th.

Nominations are open until September 21st and the slate is still a work in progress. If you want to run for an office just let the Nominating Committee know and we'll add your name on the slate. We're accepting names for all offices.

Of course nominations can be made from the floor at the night of the General Membership meeting. Just remember that the person being nominated must be present to accept or have a letter on file accepting the nomination. Voting will be held at the meeting and you must present to vote and only one vote per Flag Membership.

Nominating Committee— Scott Richert, Toni Scarborough and Howard Jones

Club Launch - Many people have worked on our Club Launch over the years. I have worked on it a number of time during the years I have been a member. Recently I have replaced rotted wood and painted the inside and outside to help the old girl last for a number of years more. As fleet captain I would ask that the club rules be followed for both safety and consideration of other members. If you are going to use the launch please sign out the launch BEFORE you untie the lines. The sign out book is located on the desk on the left as you walk in the front door. It only takes a few minutes and is important step. This lets us know who is out in the boat and when you should return. After you return if there where any problems please make note in the sign-out book so the next person is aware and doesn't get stuck. An anchor ,oars a whistle and flashlight and bailing devise are in the boat. Also thanks to a donation from Dan and repair parts from Jessie I was able to repair and install a guzzler pump. Always make sure you have enough fuel and the tank vent is open. There are life vests in the locker under the Annex stairs. Only club flag members are to operate the club Launch. Have fun and be safe.

Captain Kelly



Club Launch under repair by Captain Kelly

LABOR DAY BBQ



Menu:

- Split Roasted Pig
- Brian's Ackerman's Famous Chili and Beans
- Corn on the Cob
- Cole Slaw
- Sourdough Garlic Bread

The start of food may be in the early afternoon maybe 1:00 or 2:00. It all depends on when we catch the pig on Saturday — they are fast!! The corn will be cooked by Frank Lewis and will come from the top of the stalk where the ears get the most sun and develop sugar.

Sign up sheet to be posted soon — save the date!!

Thank you from the committee

Brian, Hans and Frank --- others can join in!

Work Party

9 AM Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th

Now that the roof has been repaired we are going to replace the ceiling in the dining room. We could use your help taking it down and out. We need volunteers and wheel barrows.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday !

Pat Trimmer	1-Aug
Laurissa Ellis	7-Aug
Jean Prudden	9-Aug
James Page	10-Aug
Patricia Sutliff	10-Aug
Les Holbrook	10-Aug
Don Poremsky	21-Aug
Paul Burns	22-Aug
Cindy Machado	23-Aug
Miriam Baeder	24-Aug
Monique Vandenberg	26-Aug
Teresa Cloonan	27-Aug
John Herne	28-Aug
Ken Thompson	29-Aug
Donna Lisk	30-Aug
Darryl Prudden	31-Aug



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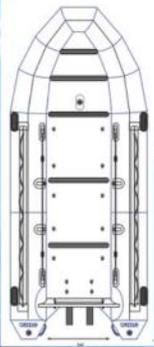


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Club Launch looking good again thanks to Captain Kelly - see page 12

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