



A Memorable Leap Year Sail for Encore
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UPCOMING EVENTS


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| Saturday, | March | 7 | • Frostbite #1 |
| Saturday, | March | 14 | • St. Patty's Party |
| Saturday, | March | 21 | • Frostbite #2 |
| Saturday, | March | 28 | • Circumnavigation Party |
| Saturday, | April | 4 | • Frostbite #3 |
| Friday, | April | 17 | • Semi-annual Member Meeting |



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Monday Night Dinners, \$8 • Friday Night Appetizers, Free
Saturday & Sundays • Burger & Tap Beer, \$7 starts at 12:30 pm
Wednesdays • Breakfast & Sail, Moss Landing Café, 10 am


EYC OFFICERS, STAFF & COMMITTEE CHAIRS					
Commodore	Maureen Huber	Port Captain	Brian Ackerman	Membership	Susan Osorio
Vice Commodore	Toni Scarborough	Port Safety Officer	Dan Piro	Garden	Hillary Thomas
Rear Commodore	Scott Richert	Fleet Captain	TBD	Finance	Rita Jacques
Treasurer	Barbara Skillett	Race Director	Peggy Carroll	Property	Frank Lewis
Secretary	Melissa Ackerman	PICYA Rep	Krista Brassfield	HR	Toni Scarborough
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	Stanley Jacques	Work Party	TBD	Bookkeeper	Sandi Mantey
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COMMODORE REPORT

The annual crab feed had a great turnout! Thank you to Rita and Bev for the organization and hard work that it takes for this successful event.

Spring is here! So is St. Patrick's day! The social committee is serving the traditional corned beef and cabbage on March 14th, save the date; it'll be here before you know it.

As we know, with spring, our area will experience an onslaught of tourists. Which means our parking lot will be tempting for non-members to take advantage of. It's a burden, but as members if we would like parking availability, we all should be diligent about letting folks know our lot is private parking. The phrase "see something- say something" definitely applies to this subject.

There are 2 motorcycles that are inoperable in our lot, they both have been tagged. After March 14th both will be removed and the owner, if a club member, will be billed. Pass the word along if you know who owns either of them.

If you weren't around last weekend, you missed all the action. "Encore" ran aground by the old Sea Harvest building. Thanks to a great crew, luck, help from Brain Ackerman and help from Kayak Connection; we were able to anchor off and wait for US Towboat. 45 minutes of pulling and wiggling "Encore" out of muck & mud we were safely out and back in our berth. The cost was only the membership and fortunately no damage to the vessel. Only thing needed was some bottom paint for touch up. According to modern technology, we were doing a cool 9.8 knots! What??! Read on for more details about the leap day sail. Here's some irony- Jaxon was born on St. Patrick's day.... That's no kidding! I'll take whatever luck I can get!



Maureen Huber,

Commodore

Free Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Workshops

The California State Parks' Division of Boating and Waterways, California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean & Green Program, California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service invite you to participate in their **FREE** Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Workshops.

Participants in these workshops will:

- ◇ Gain an understanding of the impacts AIS have on the economic and environment
- ◇ Learn to recognize AIS in their region
- ◇ Learn how to take action and prevent spreading AIS by inspecting and cleaning equipment and watercraft

Santa Cruz

Date : Thursday, May 14th 2020 (You must register by Monday, May 11)

Time: 8:45a.m. - 2:45p.m.

Location: Santa Cruz Yacht Club, 244 4th Ave #3835, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Parking: Free parking at the facility

Lunch: Purchase lunch at a nearby restaurant or bring your own lunch.

To register please contact Vivian Matuk at (415) 904-6905 or vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov

See the flyer posted on the whiteboard at the club for more details.

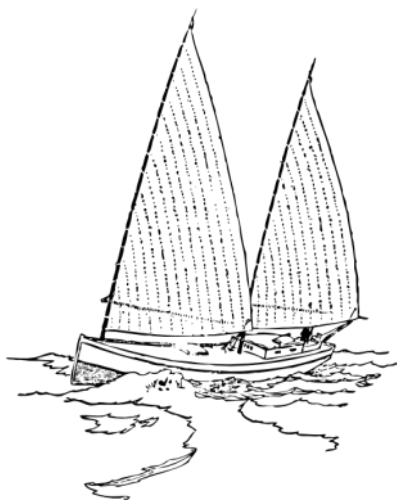
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SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday, April 17

Dinner 6:00 PM

Meeting 7:00 PM



*Includes a complimentary dinner of
pasta, salad and French bread*

Take the opportunity to mingle with other members,
meet the Board of Directors and learn about the current
and future plans for your yacht club.

RACING REPORT

Well it is finally here - the start of the 2020 race season! The first race of the Frostbite Series will be on March 7th. The Skippers Meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. in the Hearth Room. Brand new to racing, or seasoned veterans, we hope you will join us on the water. As I keep reminding everybody, participating in the club races is one of the best ways to learn about sailing and develop your skills. To aid in everybody's development as sailors we have been, and will continue, holding seminars on Sunday's at 3:30 p.m.. Flyers are posted around the club with the schedule and the topics. Please check them regularly since we are making changes to topics as requested. If you have a topic you think we should cover please let me know. Drop a note in the Race Director mailbox, shoot me an email, tell me when you see me...we want to hear from our members about what we can do to help.

PHRF - Please make sure you get your 2020 PHRF certificate. If you did not get a renewal form in the mail (around December) or have misplaced it, copies are available on the white board in the Hearth Room. If you have any problems or questions please see me.

MONTEREY BAY YACHT RACING SERIES

Based on the historic MBRYA races the series is back! The Race Directors from the three clubs (EYC, MPYC, SCYC) met again on February 17th to work on finalizing the last details. 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 and this year all three of our Invitationals are part of the Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Series. Toni and Melissa are 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, Toni, or Melissa to help out.

A special call out to our Power Boat Fleet - we could really use your help as the finish line RC boat for the Invitationals. PLEASE contact me if you are interested.

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

Peggy Carroll, Race Director

racedirector@elkhornyachtclub.org

Get your boat ready for the Frostbite Series!

March 7 FROSTBITE SERIES RACE 1

Debrief after the race - bring your stories in from the race course!

March 15 3:30 - 5pm (Sunday)

Advanced rules of racing: winning strategies on the course

Frostbite Series Dates: March 7, March 21, April 4th

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The Membership Committee invites you to bring a guest to our upcoming events planned by the Social Committee. Among the many events scheduled, there will be the St. Patty's Day Celebration, a Circumnavigation Party and the popular Wine Tasting & Dessert Auction. These events offer potential members the opportunity to experience the social aspects of our club while meeting EYC members, engaging in good conversations and enjoying multiple food and drink specials. Across from the membership roster display case, you will find the membership flyer, membership application, brochure and an updated version of the Lee Rail to provide to your guests during these events.

Meet Our Newest Members and Welcome Lara, Arjay, Bill and JoAnn!

Lara Jacques and Arjay Raffety are returnees to Monterey Bay. Arjay was an aerospace engineer in Silicon Valley and Lara was a middle school music teacher in Los Angeles. Arjay is a scientific SCUBA diver and assists the CA Department of Fish & Wildlife. He is also an expert taxonomist of abalone and can identify any species by shell alone. Lara is currently substitute teaching. Lara learned to sail with her parents as a child, and Arjay learned to sail in order to keep Lara happy and to support the Jacques' family sailing habit. Lara is excited to promote more racing and sailing out of Elkhorn YC. She is particularly passionate about getting more women sailors out on the water and racing. She has an adult daughter living in Portland, Maine who grew up sailing in Marina del Rey. Lara and Arjay are both active musicians and members of different community performing groups, both in Monterey and in the SF Bay area. They make an annual visit to Alaska to fish and also enjoy hooking salmon and albacore in Nor CA.



Be sure to welcome them into the club and check your EYC emails for the dates and times to participate in Lara's next *EYC Ukulele Jam!*

Bill and JoAnn McGowan currently live between Sacramento and Moss Landing. Bill worked in Moss Landing in the early 1990's and upon loving the area, hopes to spend much more time here. Bill and JoAnn have been married for 52 years (once and to one another!). They are both retired. JoAnn taught elementary school for 36 years and Bill retired from the UC, Davis. They are former boat owners of a 1966 26' Chris Craft, 1964 36' Trojan and 1966 43' Stephens Bro's. These are all power boats, their first love, although they have had some sailing experience on Folsom Lake and on the San Francisco Bay.



Bill stated, "We have joined EYC as social members, hoping to make new friends and enjoy the company of those members we already know. And, just maybe, a new sailboat might be in our future."

Bill and JoAnn are currently away, but we look forward to their return to Moss Landing and spending time with them again at the EYC!

Susan Osorio
Membership Chair

MARCH 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Monday Night Dinner 6:30 pm	3	4 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am Ukulele Jams	5	6 Free Appetizers 6 pm	7 Burger & Tap Beer Frost bite #1
8 Social Sailing 12pm Burger & Tap Beer	9 Monday Night Dinner 6:30 pm	10	11 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am	12 Finance Meeting 6PM	13 Free Appetizers 6 pm	14 Board Meeting 9:30am St. Patty's Day Party
15 Social Sailing 12pm Burger Tap Beer	16 Monday Night Dinner 6:30 pm	17	18 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am Ukulele Jams	19	20 Free Appetizers 6 pm	21 Frostbite #2 Private Event 4- 10pm Burger & Tap Beer
22 Social Sailing 12pm Burger & Tap Beer	23 Monday Night Dinner 6:30 pm	24	25 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am	26	27 Free Appetizers 6 pm	28 Circum- navigation Party Burger & Tap Beer
29 Social Sailing 12pm Burger & Tap Beer	30 Monday Night Dinner 6:30 pm	31				

April 2020

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am Ukulele Jams	2	3 Free Appetizers 6 pm	4 Frostbite #3 Burger & Tap Beer
5 Social Sailing 12pm Burger & Tap Beer	6 Monday Night Dinner 6:30 pm	7	8 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am	9 Finance Meeting 6PM	10 Free Appetizers 6 pm	11 Board Mtg. 9:30am Burger & Tap Beer
12 Social Sailing 12pm Burger & Tap Beer	13 Monday Night Dinner 6:30 pm	14	15 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am Ukulele Jams	16	17 Semi- annual Member Meeting 7pm	18 Burger & Tap Beer
19 Social Sailing 12pm Burger & Tap Beer	20 Monday Night Dinner 6:30 pm	21	22 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am	23	24 Free Appetizers 6 pm	25 Canoe Race Burger & Tap Beer
26 Social Sailing 12pm Private Event	27 Monday Night Dinner 6:30 pm	28	29 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am	30		

EYC EVENTS

CASUAL CRUISERS

The Cruisers met February 8 to discuss dates for upcoming events and overnight cruises.

Upcoming events and cruises:

April 18th	Monterey cruise: Will stay overnight and cruise back the next day.
May 2nd	Opening day Sailing Season parade: Decorate your boat and parade thru the north and south harbors.

Future possible cruises and events:

June 13th	Capitola Cruise (Car Show)
Sept 12th	Capitola Cruise (Wine Festival)
Oct 11th	Capitola Cruise (Fireworks)
Date TBD	Whale watching

CIRCUMNAVIGATION PARTY

Saturday, March 28

Starts at 6pm

PURCHASE YOUR PASSPORT
AND ENJOY AN AROUND THE
WORLD TASTING!

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INCLUDES TWO FOOD TASTE PER REGION &
1 REGIONAL DRINK OF YOUR CHOICE.

RSVP ON EVITE OR SIGNUP AT BULLETIN BOARD

RSVP 48 HOUR NOTICE APPLIES



AROUND THE CLUB



(left) Bev and Steve getting crabby

Chowing down at EYC Crab Feed (below)



Flying up the mast. Is that Don?



No Corona! Keith in quaran-

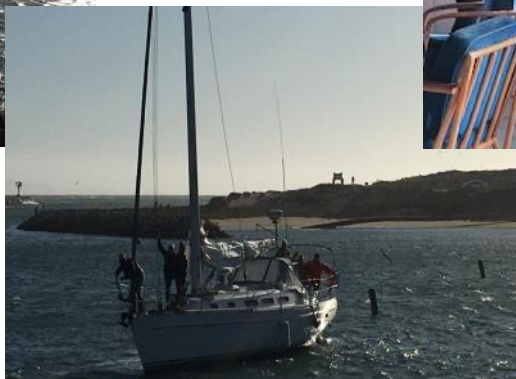


The crabbiness of it all! Yummy!

Around the club

It is a Leap Year and we had an extra day in the calendar to play on the bay!

EYC Commodore Maureen was ready to get Encore out on the bay for a pre-season shakedown cruise, and she had a ready crew. The winds were higher than we'd hoped, but Encore is a solid and steady vessel so we ventured out - Maureen at the helm and an experienced crew of 5 aboard. Encore made her way out to the channel and the mainsail went up before she headed toward the jaws. Boy, it looked big out there, but captain and crew were feeling optimistic and Encore was pushing ahead like a horse wanting to stretch its legs on a fast track! Through the jaws we went, and Encore dug into the waves and flew with the wind. She felt so good! But the waves were bigger than we liked and as a crew we made the decision it wouldn't be much of a pleasure cruise and the consensus was to head back into the harbor. Our captain skillfully tacked Encore at the top of a wave and drove smoothly down the other side, heading back towards the jaws. The engine stalled, then started again, then stalled and stopped. We were almost at the turn towards North harbor and quickly made a plan to sail her to the dock. As we turned into the channel the wind stalled and shifted towards our nose... we lost steerage and began to slide towards the rocks. The main was quickly dropped and the wind pushed us across the channel towards the concrete pilings outside the restaurant and the muddy bottom below it. We dropped an anchor off the bow. Phone and radio calls were made, and Brain Ackerman came out in his dingy and attempted to push Encore back towards the channel, but a strong headwind kept us from making any way. Dave (Kayak Connection) passed by, towing in kayakers who had been paddling against the wind to get out of the slough, and after he dropped them at the dock he came back and took an anchor across the channel for us. Boats US in Santa Cruz made the trip to Moss Landing in about an hour. We took turns keeping watch above, and staying warm below, enjoying each other's company and acknowledging the calm teamwork that kept Encore safe from the rocks when her engine stalled. Boats US assessed the situation, made a plan, and in about an hour had us pulled off the thick mud. Cheers from the crew and the onshore spectators! Encore had her keel and bottom inspected, and she survived the adventure unscathed. Cheers to Commodore Maureen for her skillful driving, and to the crew for calm teamwork. - Lara



Around the Club

St. Patrick's Dinner

Join EYC for a wee bit o' fun!
Saturday, March 14 6Pm

RSVP on Evite
or Sign up at the
club by March
11th

Tickets: \$15.00
Wee Ones: \$7.50

Menu

**Corned Beef, Cabbage,
Potatoes, carrots, Soda Bread
Veggie dogs &
Ice Cream**

RSVP policy:

If you RSVP YES & do not show up for the event,
your house account will be charged. Cancellations
are due two days before the event.



From the Bar:

Remember to check the Bar specials. There are specials that change often:

\$2.00 beer while they last
\$3.00 wines (once in a while)

We also have the Grab and Go meals.

Spaghetti
Chicken Pesto Ravioli
Sausage and Mushroom ravioli
Various Burritos (Beef & Bean, Chicken, Chile Verde, Pork)
Chile Verde Enchiladas

Check with your bartender.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday !

NAME	BIRTHDAY
Manuel Osorio	March 1st
Jill Sakamoto	March 3rd
Chad Bone	March 4th
Rainer Stegemann	March 4th
Marleen Lopez	March 8th
Brian McQueen	March 11th
Jesse Feliciano	March 12th
Tarisa Carroll	March 12th
Danny Bewley	March 13th
Libby Sofer	March 15th
Stan Jacques	March 17th
Scott Jones	March 18th
Kelly Morgan	March 20th
Kimberly Richardson	March 23rd
Linda White	March 23rd
Robert Aurner II	March 24th
Stephen Sherry	March 24th
Lynn Kent	March 26th
Deevie Johnson	March 27th
Frank Sanchez	March 28th
Sue Kelly	March 29th
Brian Acherman	March 30th
Krista Brassfield	March 30th
Wim Sprenger	March 30th
Ann Fritch	March 31st

**BIRTHDAY COUPONS WILL
BE SENT IN THE MAIL.**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED
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FORGOTTEN!**

**YOU MAY REDEEM YOUR
GIFT WHEN YOU HAVE
RECEIVED THE COUPON IN
THE MAIL**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY !
EVERYONE!**

Readers Corner:

(EYC Book Club
recommendations)

Pope Joan

Donna Woolfolk Cross

For thousands of years her existence has been denied. Pope Joan a ninth-century woman who disguised herself as a man and rose to sit on the throne of St. Peter.

Brilliant and talented, young Joan rebels against medieval social structures forbidding women to learn to read or have any studies at all.

I really enjoyed reading this book. The descriptions of the people and their lives in this time period drew me into the story. -Pat



FOR RENT- Contact Melissa at (831) 724-3975 or at eyc@elkhornyachtclub.org

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LEE RAIL MARCH 2020

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