

# LEE RAIL

FEBRUARY 2020



Dredging at last!  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS




- Friday, February 14 • Valentines Day**
- Saturday, February 22 • Crab Feed**
- Saturday, March 7 • Frostbite #1**
- Saturday, March 14 • Frostbite #2**
- Saturday, March 28 • Circumnavigation Party**

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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**
- Sundays • Casual Cruisers, Hearth Room, 12 pm**


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## COMMODORE REPORT

At January's board meeting, there were some changes approved by the board.

We now have a new property chairman, Frank Lewis who has been an important part of capital improvements this past year.

Gary Skillet has agreed to accept the position of club safety. This position is added to address our club needs.

Theresa Baschy is our new shop steward. I would like to thank Dan Piro for his time and hard work last year. He had many responsibilities on his shoulders.

There are new positions that have become available since last month. Wayne Kelly has resigned from fleet captain, and Steve Jensen has resigned from the work party leader position. Thank you both for giving your time and efforts to fulfill these important positions. These positions are available and to get more details, please talk with me or Melissa Kelly.

There are some items that have been on our capital repair list that I would like to attack this year. It will require a group effort. I would like to focus on repairing the rear annex entry way and updating the annex bathrooms. These areas have been an eyesore for a long time. Our budget doesn't have room to hire labor. However, with volunteerism, I believe we can get these projects done. The club can provide guidance and cover cost of materials to individuals wanting to help. The galley area is a great example of what can be achieved with a group effort. Inquire at the office; a more detailed work plan will be kept there.

Our finance meeting is February 6 at 6pm and our board meeting is February 8 at 9:30 am . Both meetings are open meetings, feel free to drop in and see what's on topic this month. There are lots of activities this month, check out the calendar for details.

A special thank you to the Potter sailing group for their generous donation of \$300 to EYC

**Maureen Huber,**

Commodore



## VICE COMMODORE REPORT

February already? It's hard to believe how fast January went by. The month started off with a Hangover Brunch hosted by Bev Terra. What a great way to start off the new year with breakfast burritos, Bloody Marys, champagne and good friends. I think we need to make this an annual event.

January 12th Scott Richert led an informative seminar on boat safety equipment. He walked us through a vessel safety checklist. He also shared several props and publications to help educate and assist us in making our boating activities safe and enjoyable. I think most of us walked away with a list of things we need to purchase.

On January 15th the first EYC Ukulele Jam Night was led by Lara Jacques and was well attended. Participants ranged from beginner to advanced ukulele players. We spent the hour learning chords and songs. We ended the night playing and singing Happy Birthday to Linda Lewis.

Saturday, January 25, Brian Ackerman hosted Robbie Burns Night. He made a delicious dinner of Shepherd's Pie, Haggis Pie and Vegan Pesto Pasta. After dinner EYC members shared poems and songs all with the accompaniment of Jorg on the Bass. What a great celebration to end the month.



**Toni Scarborough,**  
Vice Commodore

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### Get your boat ready for the Frostbite Series!

**February 9      3:30 - 5pm**

The RC team, How a race is run  
NOR's and SI's and why you need them  
Racing is another excuse to have fun on the water - How can EYC help you get on the course?

**February 23      3:30 - 5pm**

Pre-race checklist for your boat and crew  
Line starts - flags, horns and the sequence of signals  
Pursuit starts

**March 1            3:30 - 5pm**

Basic rules of racing: right of way, mark rounding and penalties

**March 7            FROSTBITE SERIES RACE 1**

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

**March 15          3:30 - 5pm**

Advanced rules of racing: winning strategies on the course

## RACING REPORT

Hard to believe February is upon us...time really does fly. Rarely are we given extra time, but this year we are. With 2020 being a leap year we get a whole extra day! And to top it off the 29th falls on a Saturday. I read in one post... "Many of us up here in Seattle are going to take this extra time and go sailing. Y'all should, too."... Sounds like a great idea.

### Racing

One of the great benefits of an EYC membership is our Club Series Races (Frostbite, Summer, and Chowder Cup). There are no entrance fees and they are open to all levels of sailors. As more than one person has explained to me, the best sailing lessons are learned in a race setting. The Frostbite Series begins on March 7th. Check out the calendar below. We hope to see some new faces, and boats, joining the seasoned veterans for fun and camaraderie!

#### **BUT I AM NEW TO RACING...or sailing...or crewing...**

Whether you are experienced or a "rookie" please join us **on Sunday February 9th** at 3:30 (after Sunday Sail). We will be holding a get together for those who are planning to (or thinking about) racing this year. This will hopefully be a great time to discuss questions anybody might have...possibly add some more club races are there any training/practice we want to schedule. **We want input on how we can help you meet your sailing goals (racing or cruising)!** Food will be served!

**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 all sorts of help is needed. Please contact me (or Melissa...or Toni) if you can 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.

#### **PHRF Monterey Bay**

If you were rated by PHRF Monterey Bay last year you should have received your renewal by mail. Please make sure you make any changes necessary and submit it ASAP. If you did not have a 2019 PHRF certificate last year you need to apply for one. The 2020 application is posted on the Santa Cruz Yacht Club website. Copies are also available by the white board in the Hearth Room.

**IMPORTANT---you must have a current PHRF for both Invitationals and Club races!**

I look forward to seeing everybody on the 9th!

**Peggy Carroll**

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The newly designed Membership Flyer is included in this edition. Please assist the Membership Committee by distributing and sharing copies to promote and encourage new members to join the EYC. We also encourage you to become a sponsor and support potential members by inviting them as your guests to our special events, Friday night appetizers, Monday night dinners and the many fun activities we host here at EYC. As you get to know them, please introduce them to the rest of us!

Meet our neighbors and new EYC members, **Jose and Lupe Ortiz** from Moss Landing!



Jose and Lupe are both lifelong residents of Moss Landing who attended our local schools, Elkhorn Elementary, Moss Landing Middle and North County High School. In 2009, they married on a Moss Landing beach on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July behind the MBARI Labs. Today, they have a 10-year old son, Little Joe who plays basketball for North County Rec, baseball for Manzanita Little League and football for the North County Bulldogs. You can find Jose and Lupe enthusiastically supporting him at all his games and fundraisers. As a sports-oriented family, they are also avid 49er fans! In addition, they enjoy live music and family BBQs. Lupe manages a dentist office in Santa Cruz and Jose works in Hospitality/Food and Beverage industry. Jose looks forward to using his many talents for making Monday night dinners. After being approved as members, they remarked, "We look

forward to creating new relationships, memories and experiences; as well as enjoying the beautiful view on the patio behind Moss Landing's hidden gem." Next time you see them, introduce yourself and join them on the patio!

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**Melissa Sopata and Jesse James** also joined our club officially in January 2020.

Both Melissa and Jesse are new to the boating world and recently purchased a Bayliner docked in the North Harbor. Jesse is originally from Prunedale and has lived most of his life in the greater Monterey/Sant Cruz area. Jesse has also seen the world while he was enlisted in the US Army. Like Jose and Lupe, Jesse is a 49ers fan (go 9ers!). He also enjoys working on the new Bayliner and brings much needed skills to this project with his background in general contracting. Melissa is a Cleveland native with time in Chicago, Philadelphia, New Haven and Fort Myers. She is relatively new to Moss Landing as a National Sales Manager for an Ed Tech company. Melissa is an avid traveler having visited all 50 states and now has her eye on traveling via water. Both Melissa and Jesse are excited about participating in the social activities at the club as they learn and grow their newly found sea legs. Find them on the ocean as they perfect their sailing skills, and of course in the club for an after-sail drink!



**Danny Guzman and Kym Lacrosse** anxiously waited months to become members. Once approved, here is what they wanted you to know about them:

"We came to Elkhorn Yacht Club on a fortuitous whim! We like to travel and adventure a significant amount of the time and decided that we wanted one of our homes to be a boat! We literally looked up the yacht club one day and the open house was the next! We attended the open house and knew within 5 minutes that we were home! Thanks to each of you for welcoming us so kindly! One of our goals is to live aboard a boat part time and really learn to sail! We are looking for the right opportunity to find a boat to purchase as a live aboard. We have an adventure van and spend quite a bit of time at our lodge in Kings Beach on the North shore of Tahoe. We both enjoy the great outdoors in any way we can - hiking, mountain biking, skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and beach time!

We also love to volunteer and give back to our local community on a regular basis. We are both on the Board for Community Bike Collective, an organization that takes underprivileged kids and families on bike rides. Kym works at Jacob's Heart in Watsonville as a Volunteer and Transportation Director and Danny is a Special Education teacher at a non-public school in Scotts Valley. Those of you who attended our first Monday meal got to experience another of our passions-cooking!

We hope to do another Monday dinner very soon! Please say "Hi!" We would love to meet you and share a round of our favorite drink of choice, Jameson. We look forward to making many great memories with Elkhorn Yacht Club! "



**Please welcome these new awesome members to our Club!**

**Susan Osorio,**  
Membership Chair

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## A visit to another Yacht Club!

When we travel, always look for the local breweries and yacht clubs to visit. While we on the Big Island, Katie and I visited the Keauhou Kona Yacht Club and met some great folks (we visited some nice breweries too!). The Keauhou Kona Yacht Club is a Yachtless Yacht Club, but also a Clubless Yacht Club! Nobody currently seems to own a boat, and they lost their yacht club in 2011 due to the tsunami created by the 9.0 earthquake off of Japan. They are in good spirits though, and are looking to build a new facility at the Keauhou Harbor in Kailua-Kona. They currently rent space at the Kona by the Sea resort and meet twice a week for dinner. We attended their Friday night dinner and had a great time. Remember to look for the local Yacht Clubs when you travel and stop and say Hi!

Aloha  
Shane

# FEBRUARY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1  Burger & Tap Beer
2 Social Sailing 12pm Burger & Tap Beer	3 Monday Night Dinner 6:30 pm	4	5 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am  Ukulele Jams	6  Finance Meeting 6PM	7 Free Appetizers 6 pm	8 Board Meeting 9:30am Cruisers Planning 1pm
9 Social Sailing 12pm Race planning 3:30 Burger	10 Monday Night Dinner 6:30 pm	11	12 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am	13	14 Free Appetizers 6 pm  Valentine's Day	15  Burger & Tap Beer
16 Social Sailing 12pm  Burger & Tap Beer	17 Monday Night Dinner 6:30 pm	18	19 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am  Ukulele Jams	20	21 Free Appetizers 6 pm	22  Crab Feed  Burger & Tap Beer
23 Social Sailing 12pm  Burger & Tap Beer	24 Monday Night Dinner 6:30 pm	25	26 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am	27	28	29



# MARCH 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Social Sailing 12pm  Burger & Tap Beer	2 Monday Night Dinner 6:30 pm	3	4 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am	5 Free Appetizers 6 pm	6	7 Frostbite #1   Burger & Tap Beer
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 Mtg. 9:30am St Patty's Day Party Burger & Tap Beer
15 Social Sailing 12pm  Burger & Tap Beer	16 Monday Night Dinner 6:30 pm	17	18 Breakfast & Sailing 10 am	19	20 Free Appetizers 6 pm	21 Frostbite #2   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   Burger & Tap Beer
29 Social Sailing 12pm  Burger & Tap Beer	30 Monday Night Dinner 6:30 pm	31				



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EYC is a 501(c)(7) not for profit organization. Membership subject to EYC Board discretion and approval.

### LOOK HOW MUCH FUN WE'RE HAVING!

**Friday Night Appetizers & Monday Night Dinners**

**2+ Member Parties Per Month**  
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Cinco De Mayo, Halloween, Christmas,  
New Year's Eve, Super Bowl & The Oscars

**Casual Cruisers Club Meetings 2x a Week**  
with Social Sails in the Bay!

## Socializing

### Happy Valentine's Day

Celebrate with your Valentine,  
your good friends and sweeties at  
EYC Friday night appetizers

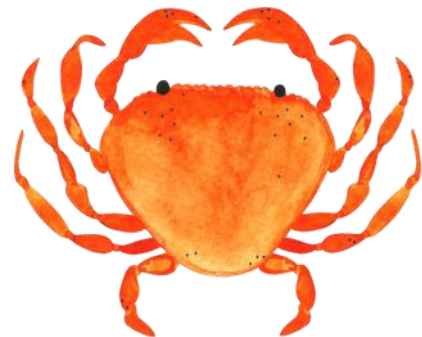


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## Elkhorn Yacht Club's Annual Crab Feed February 22, 2020

Rita & Bev have planed an outstanding Crab Feed!

**This event is always a hit at EYC**  
**RSVP by 2-18-20**



Dinner starts a 6pm and includes:  
**Cracked crab, Caesar salad, Ciabatta**  
**loaves, Fettucine Alfredo & dessert**

Tickets are: \$38 for members  
\$45 for guests  
\$15 per child under 12

Check for your Evite. Pre-payment is preferred. You can purchase your tickets at the office or over the phone.

**Remember the new cancellation policy.**  
Cancellations after Feb. 18 2020 are non-refundable.  
If you sign up and do not make the event,  
your house account will be charged.

*Bring your own crab  
crackers and forks!*

## AROUND THE CLUB

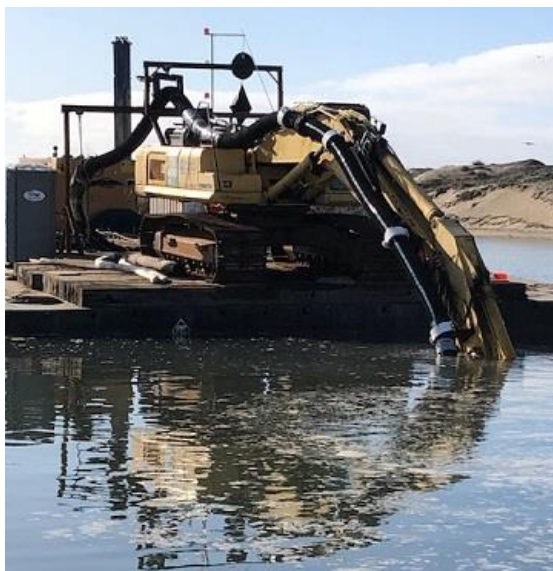
Santa brought us a little something for Christmas. Just after the Holiday and before the first of the New Year, Pacific Marine set up shop with a crazy barge equipped with an excavator on board. It took them about a week to set up before they could begin work but once they started, the sand began to fly!

Ok, actually , The spoils were pumped across the Harbor to replenish the beach, on the Island, in front of MBARI and MLML.

They had to hurry, their permit was scheduled to expire on January 15. On the evening of January 14, with only a day to go, they finally punched through the sand bar that had migrated under the SW side of the docks. One more day to finish carving out the channel, and we have a useable harbor.

They plan on returning in August 2020 to finish some of the little bits left.

Port Captain , Brian Ackerman



### EYC Cruisers:

**Planning meeting scheduled on  
February 8 at 1pm (after the board meeting)**

Anyone interested in day cruising, overnight cruising and all kinds of fun cruising please join the EYC Cruisers for the planning meeting. Check out the white board in the bar and **add your ideas** for cruising. Here are some of the fun ideas to toss around:

- Capitola Art & Wine - September
- Capitola Custom Classic Car - June
- Big Sur Light House
- South Harbor & back
- Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival - Oct.
- San Francisco Fleet Week - Oct
- Monte Foundation Fireworks in Capitola Oct.



While the finale on the game was disappointing for all our 49er fans, the Super Bowl party was a huge success. There was a great turn out and plenty of food. Despite the loss, it was a good time by all.

## Super Bowl LIV 49ers vs Chiefs



Left: Superbowl pool winners :  
Shane & Keith



## Uke Jam Session -

So much fun!

We are jamming again 2/5 & 2/19

All levels play or just sing along.



## Celebrating Robbie Burns Night



**Robbie Burns Night** was great fun! The Haggis, Shepard's Pie and Pasta Pesto were all delicious. Many a fine poem was read. and little ditties sung..



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

### Happy Birthday !

Florendo Sales,	Feb. 1
Elizabeth Meuer,	Feb. 2
Lupe Ortiz,	Feb. 2
Sue Preble,	Feb. 2
Sam Frazier,	Feb. 5
Joonya Lopez	Feb. 8
Paul Powers,	Feb. 10
Larry White	Feb. 13
Holly Payne	Feb. 15
Ron Lee	Feb. 17
Dick Stap	Feb. 20
Nikki Clark,	Feb. 22
Danny Guzman	Feb. 24
Beverlie Terra	Feb. 27
Kym Lacrosse	Feb 27
Sherry Chastain	Feb. 28
Miche Daly	Feb. 29



#### Readers Corner:

(EYC Book Club recommendations)

#### Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson.

A comedy of manners including courting curmudgeons, wayward sons, religion, race and real estate in a petty and picturesque English village.



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EYC celebrated Robbie Burns Night with traditional Scottish food, beverage and fun.

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