

April 2024 Edition



The Lee Rail

Newsletter of the Elkhorn Yacht Club

**This Month's Look Ahead:
Wine tasting, desserts, and spring sailing!**

Letter From the Commadore

I can't believe another month has gone by. I think we are finally out of the rainy season and can start enjoying the beautiful spring days of the Monterey Peninsula.

It has been a wonderful month of activities for us. The warmup races have started for the racing season and a fantastic art afternoon and St. Patrick's dinner.

It has also been a month of change as we are bidding farewell to two long term members. Kelly Morgan, a previous Commodore who passed away and John Dunn who is moving away for new adventures. They both have been stalwart supporters of our club and will be missed.

On the horizon for this month is the continuation of our club spring cleaning. On the 13th we will be having our next work party with a focus on painting the entryway and a clean-up and reorganization of the kitchen (My grandmother, Mary C. would be so proud – she was a great believer in spring cleaning).

Another important date for your calendar is our semi annual general membership meeting on the 19th of April. This is your opportunity to hear reports from our various committee chairs and share your ideas. Please mark your calendars.

As usual, I have so many people to thank for keeping the club thriving and a fun place to be, but this month, a special shout out to Hillary for filling in for me at the Board meeting.

- Rita



Rita Jacques

Dancing the Night Away



Miche's birthday party Conga line dances around the patio and into the club. There's lots more to celebrate in April at the Elkhorn Yacht Club.

EYC BULLETIN BOARD



Word from Melissa, Club Manager

Lockers in the Annex building are available for rent. Contact the office for more information.



BBQ Pit Upgrade

The barbeque pit has been getting renovated and updated. It will be ready to fire up for the Memorial Day Pig Roast.



HELP WANTED!

* April 13 Work Pary *

Portions of the club will get a fresh coat of paint (please bring along any brushes, scrapers, etc. to use). We are also planning a major cleaning/ organization of the EYC galley.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Semi Annual General Membership Meeting

Friday, April 19, 2024

Dinner served at 6pm

Meeting begins at 7pm

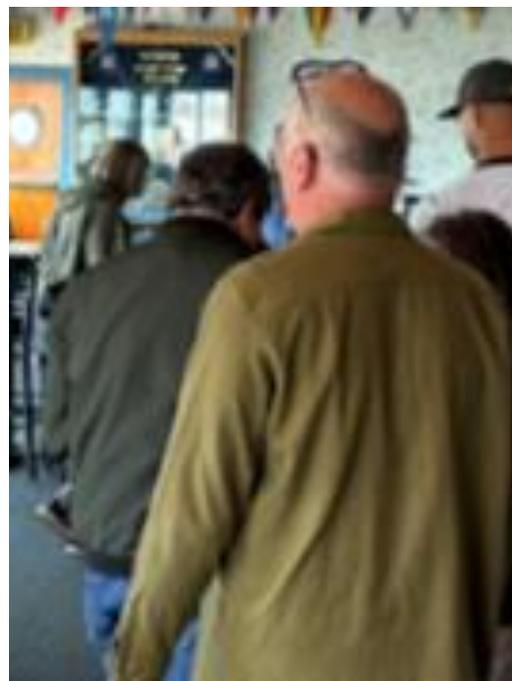
ELKHORN YACHT CLUB SAILING

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET (PHRF) WARM UP "RACE" (MARCH 2)

EYC racers came down to the club in fierce weather on Saturday, March 2 to get ready for the 2024 racing season. Topics covered include standard race briefing format, latitude/longitude conversions, handicap racing calculations, virtual race marks, recording finish times, signing waivers for the season, weather and navigation apps, and more. Despite the weather, participants were promised a race and they got one! Race officials conducted a heel-to-toe foot race from the starting line in the hearth room to a mark on the north end of the bar and back. March 23, 2024 will be the Canyon Series race #1 (of five), come on down to the club at 11:00 and get onboard! Check out our calendar at www.elkhornyachtclub.org/racing



Racers jockey for position prior to the start with Diana, Brian, and Cody on a starboard tack. Lara provided wind direction, NNW.



And they're off! After crossing the starting line, racers headed to the first mark.



Mandy tacks upwind toward the first mark, demonstrating the technique that will carry her to victory!



Andrew goes wing on wing downwind, maximizing his sail area.



Landon prepares to round the mark on his way to a 2nd place finish.

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US SAILING TRAINING (MARCH 9)

Elkhorn Yacht Club Race Committee receives US Sailing training and has fun doing it! A Basic Race Management Seminar by US Sailing was held at Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club on March 9. Three of EYC's members attended the 8 hour session on a beautiful Saturday. We covered The Racing Rules of Sailing, how to set up starting and finishing lines and the responsibilities and ideal composition of a full Race Committee team. A Final Exam was involved and we are now official as far as US Sailing is concerned! If anyone is interested in becoming a Race Committee member at EYC, grab Dan, Lara or Jim and they would be happy to get you involved. The Otter Cup on April 27 is our first big race of the season, including racers from Santa Cruz and Monterey. We need finish line spotters, time recorders and kitchen help. Fun on the water and at EYC!



EYC's Race Committee debriefs at Dustbowl in Monterey.



Basic Race Management seminar at MPYC.



Jim and Lara sailed Northern Light to Monterey the day before the Race Clinic.

CANYON SERIES RACE #1 (MARCH 23)

Boats Brave Blustery Bobbing Before Blasting Buoy-bound(*)

Six EYC boats took on rain, 16 foot swells, gusty winds, and even a waterspout (spotted up near Santa Cruz earlier in the day) to race in Canyon Series #1 on Saturday, March 23rd. Boats crossed paths sailing to/from the ML3 buoy twice before crossing the finish line between MLA and the Green Can which allowed for many great photo opportunities. Our first official race of the season saw finishers (in order, from 1st place): Solace, Northern Light, Mariko, Aqua Knot, Un Bel Di, and Cutlass. April 20, 2024 will be the Canyon Series race #2 (of five), come on down to the club at 11:00 and get onboard!

Check out our calendar at www.elkhornyachtclub.org/racing

*I am so sorry for that headline...(Dan G.)++

++ I'm not sorry.

Submitted by Dan Garrett

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CANYON SERIES RACE #1 (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.

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CANYON SERIES RACE #1 (CONT'D)



ABOVE: CUTLASS (SKIPPER DIANA G.) SHOWS OFF HER CLEAN BOTTOM (THANKS TO VINNY'S DIVE SERVICE).
BELOW: MARIKO (SKIPPER KIETH C.) PHOTO CREDIT: LANDON WIVELL.



RECENT EVENTS

CIRCUMNAVIGATION DINNER (MARCH 2)

Members were treated to tastes from around the world for the annual EYC Circumnavigation Dinner. Once again, hosted by Shar, the event proved to be a huge success. Members used their passports to sample small bites from 7 different countries. Thanks to those who prepared and served meals.



RECENT EVENTS

CIRCUMNAVIGATION DINNER (CONT'D)



IT'S A VERY FULFILLING NIGHT!



RECENT EVENTS

JOY RIDE CRUISE-OUT UP THE SLOUGH ON EL CAT (MARCH 3)

About 2 dozen EYC members boarded “El Cat,” the electric catamaran operated by Monterey Bay EcoTours, for an afternoon excursion up the slough. Brad and Wendy Wuerstle facilitated the event by providing the El Cat and crew and no cost to the club. EYC passengers brought and shared provisions throughout the 90 minute voyage.



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JOY RIDE CRUISE-OUT UP THE SLOUGH ON EL CAT (CONT'D)



MUCH THANKS TO BRAD AND HIS EL CAT CREW FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE.



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JOY RIDE CRUISE-OUT UP THE SLOUGH ON EL CAT (CONT'D)



RECENT EVENTS

PICASSO PAINT PARTY (MARCH 10)

EYC members picked up paint brushes for some self-portraits... Picasso style! Rosemary Black and Sylvia Wanderaas organized the event. Members sipped on wine, nibbled on treats, then took home the best selfie ever!



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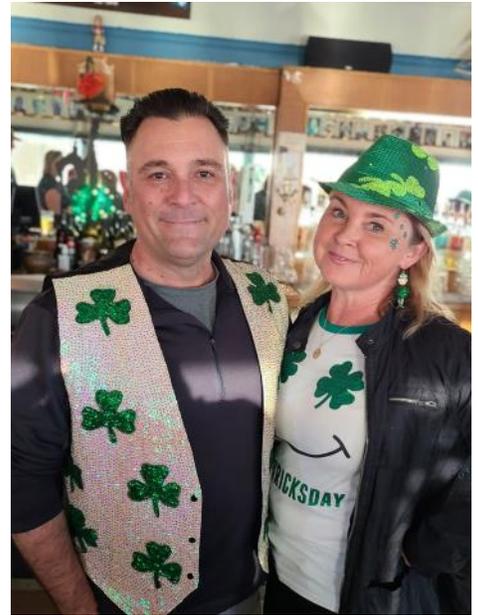
PICASSO PAINT PARTY (CONT'D)



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ST. PATRICK'S DINNER PARTY (MARCH 16)

Tiffany and Peter hosted this year's St. Patrick's Day dinner. Sheppard's pie and soda bread was served for dinner. Meanwhile, plenty of Guinness and Jameson's quenches the thirsty members. A special thanks to "Flight Crew" for providing the festive music for the evening.



RECENT EVENTS

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER PARTY (CONT'D)



RECENT EVENTS

JOHN DUNN NIGHT (MARCH 22)



The Elkhorn Yacht Club family got together on a Friday night to celebrate one of our favorite members. John "JD" Dunn is packing up his van and heading on an adventure. It's not a permanent goodbye, but he will be gone at least through the summer months. Much thanks to our club manager, Melissa, for serving up some spectacular shrimp gumbo! Thanks, JD, for all your contributions around the club over the years. We'll see you soon!



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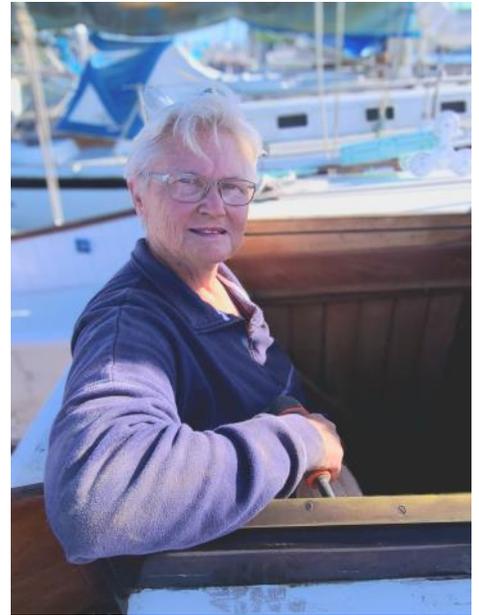
EASTER EGG HUNT & BRUNCH (MARCH 31)



EYC SIGHTINGS & SPOTTINGS

SPRINGTIME AT THE YACHT CLUB

Spring time brings some spectacular days in Moss Landing. And that's a perfect excuse to get out and do some "boat stuff" or just enjoy the outdoors.



EYC SIGHTINGS & SPOTTINGS

BUSY DAYS & NIGHTS



There's no off-season for darts at the Elkhorn Yacht Club.



Family & friends celebrate Jim Brady's birthday at Crown & Anchor in Monterey.



Arron and Diana practice their knotting skills on a rainy weekend.

CAPTION THESE PHOTOS!



Email your caption for photo 1 to:

leerail@elkhornyachtclub.org



Email your caption for photo 2 to

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The Lee Rail staff needs your help captioning these photos of Brian checking out his bar tab. Send in your clever and humorous remarks by April 25, 2024.

We'll share your submissions in the next edition of the Lee Rail!

AROUND THE CLUB**COMING EVENTS**

SPRING FEVER AT **ELKHORN YACHT CLUB**

EYC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL

APRIL 6: WINE TASTING/DESSERT AUCTION
(EYC FUNDRAISING EVENT)

APRIL 11: EYC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
(6:30PM IN DINING HALL)

APRIL 13: EYC WORK PARTY
(BRING PAINT SCRAPERS & BRUSHES)

APRIL 19: SEMI-ANNUAL EYC GENERAL MEETING
(6PM DINNER FOLLOWED BY EYC BOARD MEETING)

APRIL 20: CANYON SERIES RACE #2

APRIL 26: FRIDAY NIGHT BLUEGRASS

APRIL 27: OTTER CUP RACE
(M.B.Y.R.A. RACE FROM MONTEREY TO MOSS LANDING)

AROUND THE CLUB**COMING EVENTS**

*The Elkhorn Yacht Club
Wine Tasting
& Dessert Auction*

Saturday April 6, 2024

Scampi Pasta dinner & wine tasting: 5pm–7pm

Dessert auction begins @ 7pm

**BRING A DESSERT TO DONATE FOR
THE AUCTION. BRING YOUR
POCKET BOOK FOR A WINNING BID.**

\$25 per person for pasta meal & wine tasting

\$15 per person for pasta meal only

Bring your family & friends

Please RSVP ASAP This event will sell out!

**** your club account will be charged if cancellation is not made by***

April 5.

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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Last call

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