

March 2024 Edition

# The Lee Rail

## Newsletter of the Elkhorn Yacht Club

**This Month's Look Ahead:  
St. Patrick's Day & Canyon Series Racing**

### Letter From the Commadore

I'm sitting on my back porch enjoying the sunshine as I write this. It is a beautiful day and I'm grateful for the beautiful weather the last week. It has been a great month at EYC in spite of the rain. We had a fantastic turnout for our work day on the 10th. The gutters on both buildings got cleaned, much gardening was done. A big thank you to all those who turned up to help out.

Ted Black has volunteered to be work party chair and will work with Sheri Bugalski for gardening and other maintenance activities. As of this past Friday they donated 2 brand-new fire pits for our deck and assembled them. A donation jar was passed around the bar and enough money was collected for a 3rd fire pit to be purchased.

This month also saw the completion of all the paperwork for the County to approve the maintenance of the seawall. Now it is a waiting game. A big shout out to Frank Lewis who managed the entire process. Robert Dupont and Arjay Raffety replaced faulty decking on the annex this weekend. Painting is still pending as we need for coordinate with the office holders. Kudos to the race committee for 2 great seminars on boating safety. A special thanks to Greg Nitche for volunteering to be the man overboard!

I could go on and on about all the wonderful volunteers who have provided so much to the club just this month. It is a pleasure to be your Commodore. I now have an email specially for club activities. Please use it to get in touch with me:

[Commodore@elkhornyachtclub.org](mailto:Commodore@elkhornyachtclub.org). I check it every day.

Rita



**Rita Jacques**

### The Epic Football Party



Bobbi & Robbie hosted an epic 49er Super Bowl Potluck Party. Additional TV's and a sound system was brought in. Oh, and great food!

See more on page 8

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT - HILLARY THOMAS

Dear EYC Members -

The race season is upon us - thank you to the race committee for leading on an excellent man overboard drill this last month! For the full calendar and updates please see [www.elkhornyachtclub.org/racing](http://www.elkhornyachtclub.org/racing).

Speaking of boats, our club launch is temporarily out of commission. Please do not plan on any outings. Our port captain, Brian Ackerman will notify us when it is up and running again.

As these things go - our washing machine AND our fireplace were also not working. We now have a brand new washing machine thanks to our benevolent Commodore Rita AND we have gotten the fireplace inset working again thanks to our wonderful handyman Dan Piro. Thank you Dan and Rita!

If you are the first person to see an issue come up like these at the club, please help us help you by letting the board or the Commodores know. The fastest way to do this is to email [commodore@elkhornyachtclub.org](mailto:commodore@elkhornyachtclub.org).

Fair winds and see you around the club!

Hillary Q. Thomas, Ph.D.  
Vice Commodore



The electric launch is down for maintenance & general repairs until further notice.



The EYC laundromat has been outfitted with a new wash machine. Cost is \$1.50/load.



Dan is always lighting a fire for The Elkhorn Yacht Club!

## EYC BULLETIN BOARD



### Word from Melissa, Club Manager

We had a really good February with sign ups for Friday Night Appetizers and Monday Night Dinner Sign ups! Lets continue into March! New washing machine is up and running in the laundry room.



### Board Replacemnt

**Arjay (front) and Robbie (back) replace rotten boards on the Annex building deck.**



**“The garden is looking better than ever!”**

**EYC volunteers set-up new fire pits on the deck and the BBQ grill has been cleaned and serviced for all to enjoy as Spring approaches.**

## Tips to host Friday Night Apps or Monday Night Dinner

**Thanks to Frank & Lilly, Brian, Lara & Rita, Robbie & Bobbi, Hillary & Frank, Wayne, Toni & Hans, and all others who helped with Fridays & Mondays this month.**

- ♦ EYC will reimburse you (\$80 for apps/\$100 for dinner)
- ♦ Sign up on bulletin board and advise club manager so members can have plenty of notice for your event
- ♦ Plan on 20 to 30 people ( more notice = more people)
- ♦ Show up early and coordinate with bartender (“what’s to eat,” serving station, utensils, napkins, plates, etc.)
- ♦ Meals typically are served at 6pm
- ♦ Clean up after (hint: recruit somebody who didn’t help cook)
- ♦ **SIGN UP WITH MELISSA AND/OR ON THE SIGN UP BOARD IN THE FOYER**



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS - KATIE DOWLING

### NEW MEMBERS

#### Sarah & Curtis Garner



Hello fellow club members, we are Sarah and Curtis Garner. While we have long been sailing enthusiasts, we recently acquired our own boat in the North Harbor and in turn discovered EYC.

Besides sailing, some of our other hobbies include scuba diving, hiking, spearfishing (Curtis) and horseback riding (Sarah).

What truly ignites our enthusiasm about joining the Elkhorn Yacht Club is the prospect of becoming part of a community of fellow sailing aficionados. We see the club as an invaluable forum where boaters of all proficiencies gather to exchange experiences and wisdom. We eagerly anticipate contributing to club activities, engaging in races and regattas, and forging enduring friendships along the journey!

Fun facts: Curtis established a startup utilizing computer vision and machine learning technologies to revolutionize agricultural practices, enhancing food production methods for the betterment of humanity. Sarah works as a cardiac device representative, serving all the hospitals in Monterey Bay.

Submitted by The Garners



#### Robbie Dupont

Idaho is my home state. I have two daughters from a previous marriage that have given me four, going on five, grandchildren. my interests include water sports (Sailing being at the top), travel, creative artistry, mechanical engineering, astrology, astronomy, ancient civilizations, exercise, self-development, and the pursuit of truth.

I joined the Elkhorn yacht club to find like-minded community as I am new to Monterey Bay. I received a warm welcome from every individual I encountered at EYC and am grateful to have found this oasis of fun, loving souls in Moss Landing.

Submitted by Robbie Dupont



## EYC BOARD UPDATE - TONI SCARBOROUGH

**The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14 at 6:30pm in the EYC Dining Hall.**

# RECENT EVENTS

## ELKHORN YACHT CLUB ANNUAL BOATER SAFETY (FEB. 3)

The EYC Race Committee held the annual safety clinic on Saturday, February 3. Participants were met with coffee and donuts for a 10am start.

A discussion about fire safety on boats and docks was facilitated by Lara Jacques. A&B Fire Protection and Safety parked their van near the club and provided fire extinguisher maintenance and inspections to interested boaters. They also inspected the extinguishers on our club property and replaced those out of compliance. If you haven't done it yet this year - check your fire extinguishers! The requirement for boats 26 to 40 feet is two type B-I or one type B-II. The "B" means capable of extinguishing flammable liquids. The I and II refer to the size of the extinguisher. As your extinguisher rides on your boat the powder inside can get compacted, so it is important to rotate your extinguishers regularly to keep the powder loose. Extinguishers over 5 years from their manufacture date should be replaced.



FEDERAL CARriage REQUIREMENTS BY BOAT SIZE:		UNDER 16 ft	16 - 26 ft	26 - 40 ft	40 - 65 ft
REGISTRATION AND NUMBERS		1 registration + 1 number	1 registration + 1 number	1 registration + 1 number	1 registration + 1 number
PERSONAL FLotation DEVICES		1 Type I, 1 Type II, or 1 Type III for each person	1 Type I, 1 Type II, or 1 Type III for each person + 1 Type III	1 Type I, 1 Type II, or 1 Type III for each person + 1 Type III	1 Type I, 1 Type II, or 1 Type III for each person + 1 Type III
Visual BUSINESS SIGNALS	day	Not required	1 orange day signal	1 orange day signal	1 orange day signal
	night	3 orange flares	3 orange flares	3 orange flares	3 orange flares
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS		Not required	1 B-I or 1 B-II	2 B-I or 1 B-I and 1 B-II	2 B-I or 1 B-I and 1 B-II
Sound PRODUcing DEvICE		1 hand horn or 1 electric horn	1 hand horn or 1 electric horn	1 hand horn or 1 electric horn	1 hand horn or 1 electric horn
NAVIGATION LIGHTS	no engine fitted	Navigation lights not recommended	Navigation lights not recommended	Navigation lights not recommended	Navigation lights not recommended
	engine fitted	Navigation lights not recommended	Navigation lights not recommended	Navigation lights not recommended	Navigation lights not recommended
PLACARDS		Not required	Not required	Discharge of oil or MARPOL discharge placard	Discharge of oil or MARPOL discharge placard
WATER SURVEILLANCE DEvICE		Not usually required	Type I, Type II, or Type III	Type I, Type II, or Type III	Type I, Type II, or Type III
NAVIGATION Buoys		Not required	Not required	Not required	Required



## RECENT EVENTS

### ELKHORN YACHT CLUB ANNUAL BOATER SAFETY (CONT'D.)

Commodore Wally Smith of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary brought a team to go over the Federal Equipment Carriage Requirements. They started with a discussion of VHF Radio versus cell phones and why a cell phone is not enough. Mariners are required to monitor VHF 16 when underway. If you want to listen to the fishing boats spinning tall tales on Monterey Bay you can go to channel 11. Looking for whales? Listen in on 80 to hear the whale boat captains chatter!

Different types of life jackets were displayed and demonstrated. People who spend a lot of time offshore are using PLB's (Personal Locator Beacon) attached to their life jackets. The best life jacket? The one that fits you correctly and that you will wear! Always adjust the straps - if they are loose you can slide right out of the jacket. Children 12 and under are required by law to wear a life jacket as soon as they are on a dock. One life jacket is required for each person on board, plus a throwable. And the big exciting news from our Coast Guard: the official name of this life saving apparel is being changed from PFD (Personal Flotation Device) to..... LIFE JACKET! How many times have you heard someone say PDF instead of PFD? The struggle is real! (And autocorrect can be SO annoying!)

Electronic flares are now available and can be carried in place of the smoke and fire flares and they have no expiration date! This is good news for California as we still don't have anywhere to dispose of the expired flares. If you have expired flares, keep them on your boat - maybe they will still work, maybe not.

And then it was time for lunch! Thanks to Scott Richert for cooking burgers for the USCGAux and club members in attendance. YUM! And another shoutout to Scott for recommending Wally and his team to present at our event.

Following lunch, we moved to the docks for Vessel Safety Checks. Boats passing the inspection received a 2024 sticker. This sticker means that if you are stopped by a USCG vessel they may decide not to board and inspect. (Or they may decide to inspect anyway, especially if they are training new Coasties.) Be professional and courteous, and thank them for their work to keep our waters and boaters safe. They've got some great stories to tell!

Submitted by Lara Jacques



## RECENT EVENTS

### CREW OVERBOARD WORKSHOP (FEB 17)

Several EYC members and guests braved the threatening weather on Saturday, February 17 for a hands on workshop on crew overboard procedures, tools, stories, and equipment. After briefings in the hearth room by Lara Jacques, Jim Brady, Brian Ackerman, and Dan Garrett, participants adjourned to the dining hall to practice throwing techniques and accuracy with throw ropes, floatable cushions, and Life Slings. They headed to the guest dock to watch brave volunteer (in a wetsuit) Greg Nitsche jump (or was he pushed??) overboard to be recovered by Diana Garrett on the Cutlass using different life jackets and hoisting techniques. This training meets the Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Association's Safety Equipment Requirement 4.2 for skippers and crew participating in this year's MBYRA races. Stay tuned for more learning opportunities from your Race Committee. Saturday, March 2, 2024 will be a Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) warm-up event, come on down to the club at 1100 and get onboard! Check out our calendar at [www.elkhornyachtclub.org/racing](http://www.elkhornyachtclub.org/racing)

Submitted by Dan Garrett



Lara and Brian demonstrate recovering a crewmember using a tarp or sail.



Stan winds up his throwing arm for the flotation cushion accuracy toss.



Greg is ready to be rescued by Diana.



Yes, it was THAT cold, says Greg.

# RECENT EVENTS

## SUPER BOWL POTLUCK (FEB. 11)





# RECENT EVENTS

## SUPER BOWL POTLUCK (CONT'D)



**ALTHOUGH THE FINAL SCORE WAS A DISAPPOINTMENT, THE FOOD WAS NOT!**



## EYC SIGHTINGS & SPOTTINGS

### EXCITING DAYS AND NIGHTS AT ELKHORN YACHT CLUB



Frank & Hans serving the EYC masses. February was busy for Friday Night Apps & Monday Night Dinners.



The Final Friday Bluegrass Jam is stirring up lots of excitement and fun. Bring your instrument and partake or just enjoy the music. Next jam night is March 29.

### HEARTS, FLAMES, AND STRONG ENGINES



Hearts were the theme for the Monday Night Valentine's Day dinner.



Ron, relaxing to the flames of the new fire pit, takes in the beautiful sights from EYC.



Jay takes advantage to the Elkhorn Yacht Club workshop to reassemble one of the engines for "SeaClusion."

**AROUND THE CLUB****COMING EVENTS**

# **LUCK OF THE IRISH AT ELKHORN YACHT CLUB**

## **EYC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH**

**MAR 2: CIRCUMNAVIGATION PARTY  
(HOSTED BY SHAR)**

**MAR 3: EYC CRUISE OUT UP THE SLOUGH  
(ALL ABOARD "EL CAT" - THE ELECTRIC CATAMARAN)**

**MAR 10: SIP & PAINT EVENT  
(CREATE YOUR OWN PICASSO STYLE SELF-PORTRAIT)**

**MAR 16: ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER PARTY  
(\$15 DINNER + DRINK SPECIALS)**

**MAR 23: CANYON SERIES RACE #1**

**MAR 29: FRIDAY NIGHT BLUEGRASS MUSIC**

**MAR 31: EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY CELEBRATION  
(BRUNCH & EASTER EGG HUNT)**



**AROUND THE CLUB****COMING EVENTS**

**The Elkhorn Yacht Club  
Annual Circumnavigation  
Dinner Party  
Saturday March 2, 2024**

**Enjoy food and drink from around the world.  
“Port of Call” tastings from Peru, Mexico, Italy,  
France, Japan and more.**

**Festivities begin at 5pm**

**Food servings begin at 6pm**

**\$25/person (bring your family & friends)**

***Pleas RSVP ASAP. This event will sell out!***

**AROUND THE CLUB****COMING EVENTS**

# **Elkhorn Yacht Club**

## **Cruise Out up the Slough!**

### **Sunday March 3, 2024**

**Hop aboard the El-Cat for an afternoon joy ride  
up the Elkhorn Slough  
Departure time is 3pm (don't be late)**

**Eco-Tours is providing the catamaran at no cost to EYC.**  
**\$10 minimum gratuity/person for the boat crew is requested.**  
**B.Y.O.B. and snacks**

**Departure location to be announced**  
**Space is limited! Please RSVP**

## AROUND THE CLUB

### COMING EVENTS



### ONE OF A KIND SELF PORTRAIT ~Picasso Style~

**SUN 3/10 | 11:00 – 2:00**

EYC DINING ROOM / STUDIO 😊

Let's have some fun with your choice of shapes and color. Loosely guided instruction from Rosemary Black to create your own masterpiece.

**\$15 Admission fee which includes all art supplies that will be needed for this fun activity!**

Munchies provided and cocktails available for purchase from EYC Bar.

**Please RSVP to club manager by Wed Mar 6th so we will have enough supplies and snacks!**

Event hosts: Rosemary Black and Sylvia Wanderaas

**AROUND THE CLUB**

**COMING EVENTS**

**EYC ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY DINNER PARTY**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

**HOSTED BY TIFFANY & PETER**

**DINNER SERVED AT 6PM**

**SHEPARD'S PIE & IRISH SODA BREAD**

**DESSERT: PARFAIT**

**\$20/PLATE**

**LIVE MUSIC**

**BAR OPENS AT 2PM**

**LOOK FOR ST. PATTY SPECIALS**









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MARCH 2024

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