

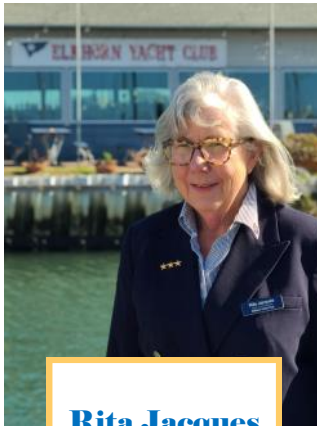
January 2024 Edition

The Lee Rail

Newsletter of the Elkhorn Yacht Club

Letter From the Commadore

I'm really excited as the new year approaches. EYC is thriving and with the help of many I'm settling into the role of Commodore. I'm writing this one in the glow of last night's lighted boat parade and chowder potluck. Five beautifully decorated boats sailed/motored to South harbor followed by an extraordinary potluck. I've never seen so many crockpots at once



Rita Jacques

The new year brings lots of opportunities for more fun and challenges. A goal of mine for this year is to complete the renovation of the women's bathroom in the annex. It's been at the top of our list for a long while. A second goal is to get our work parties going again. If you have skills in carpentry gardening, or just see things around our club, that could use a little polish, let us know, and let us know how you can help. We can get them done with "all hands on deck."

Here's to a happy new year to all.

Rita.

It's The Holiday Season!



It was a busy season and the Elkhorn Yacht Club was full of celebration in the month of December. Check out all the excitement inside beginning on page 5.

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Happy Holidays EYC Members -

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday in December. I for one am thankful for all of you! Here's to a few volunteers who truly made 2023 special at the EYC:

- Toni Scarborough who has touched almost every event you attend and who volunteered as our interim club manager while we hired Melissa Raney.
- Dan Garrett for leading on the hiring process for our club manager and bookkeeper.
- Dan Garrett, Diane Garrett and Lara Jacques for inspiring us all to get on the water!
- Sheri Bugalski for her dedication to the garden and Fernando Gallegos for the beautiful Patio.
- Dan Piro for doing all the little repairs on site that we don't want to do...
- Frank Lewis and Wayne Kelly for leadership on the sea wall repair despite bureaucratic delays.
- And of course Davey Robinson for publishing the Lee Rail each and every month!



**Hillary
Thomas**

Thank you to each and every one of you who volunteer to keep the club going. Cheers to the 2024 season! See you at the New Years Party!

Best,
Hillary

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

A Busy Winter

Since the election in October and installation in November, I've been focused on a few tasks for our club. The Hiring Committee (Toni S., Hillary T., Rita J., and me) completed the hiring process for our new Club Manager, Melissa Raney. Melissa then joined us in hiring a new Bookkeeper, Leslie Day. Please extend a warm greeting to both and be patient as they both get up to speed on our operations. I continued my co-chair role on the race committee along with Lara J. and we've added Jim B. to our committee. We wrapped up the racing season in November with an awards presentation after the last Chowder Cup (see previous Lee Rail). In my new role, I have been added to the Long Range Planning committee which met for business and pleasure in December with some deliverables being passed down from our Commodore. Diana and I attended the Santa Cruz Lighted Boat Parade representing EYC and cheering on the boats from dockside. We represented EYC at the Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Association (MBYRA) awards dinner at MPYC and met with colleagues to finalize the Veeder Cup race dates. Working with Fleet Captain Diana G. I procured the materials to build the dock for our incoming RS Quest sailing dinghy next year. And believe it or not, I worked some sailing and sewing into the mix as well! I wish all a happy and prosperous holiday season as we cruise into 2024.



Dan Garrett

- Dan

MEMBERSHIP NEWS - KATIE DOWLING

NEW MEMBERS

Alice, Greg, and Eddie Nitzsche

Alice is a full-time Bioenvironmental Engineer at the 129th Rescue Wing, Air National Guard, in Mountain View. When she's not working, she enjoys: baking, reading, working out, and gaining new experiences, but most of all, she's a phenomenal mother.

Greg is a full-time dad and is still active in the Air National Guard as a jet engine mechanic. He enjoys: hunting, fishing, snowboarding, learning how to sail, and working on their Catalina 22.

Eddie is going to be two in January and is almost big enough to start pulling sheets. His hobbies include: snack time, running wild, and meeting new friends at The Club.

We look forward to extracting the collective sailing knowledge of The Club. Through racing, cruising, and seminars, we hope to glean knowledge and confidence enough to make our own maritime adventures. Alice is also looking forward to making new friends and having new "Guinea Pigs" for her culinary concoctions.

Submitted by the Nitzsche family



Betty Wichman

I live in Lake Elsinore, CA (S Ca) with my son Jason and his wife Courtney. My second home is in Kurtistown, HI with my husband Russ and son Travis. I am a travel nurse using my sailboat to be my third home near each assignment.

I enjoy single sailing, canvas work and gardening. EYC offers opportunities to hear the experiences of other sailing folks (talk story) and participate in activities (play).

Submitted by Betty Wichman

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11 at 6:30pm

EYC BULLETIN BOARD

WORK PARTY CALL TO ARMS!

The Elkhorn Yacht Club needs your help with general upkeep, maintenance, and beautification around the club. A work party is being planned for early 2024 and your talents are needed. We need carpenters, gardeners, general handyman skills, and any abled-bodies to improve the club facilities.

Sheri Bugalski, Garden Committee Chair, has scheduled comprehensive garden party dates prior to Spring for weeding and some light brick work.

Scheuled dates are

January 27, February 10, and March 2.

Please contact Melissa Raney, Club Manager, and let her know you're available.

eyc@ElkhornYachtClub.org

YOU ARE THE LEE RAIL!



The Lee Rail newsletter is a compilation of material that is submitted by you, members of The Elkhorn Yacht Club.

If you have photos and/or article ideas that you would like to have included in the newsletter, please send it in!

Email submissions to:

LeeRail@ElkhornYachtClub.org

RECENT EVENTS

TREE TRIMMING TIDINGS (DEC. 4)

The holiday season kicked off with a Monday night dinner tree trimming party. EYC members helped decorate the club tree while enjoying the songs of the season, sipping on egg nogg, and nibbling on Christmas cookies. That was followed up with a hearty and delicious chicken curry dinner. Joy was certainly in the air!



RECENT EVENTS

TREE TRIMMING TIDINGS (CONT'D)

Thank you to all of the members who participated in the decoration of the Elkhorn Yacht Club Christmas tree.



RECENT EVENTS

GIFT EXCHANGE PARTY (DEC. 9)

“Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as it is opening our hearts.” That was the case for the annual Elkhorn Yacht Club gift exchange/pot luck party. Members were treated to live music while feasting on scrumptious home cooked meals. The evening finished off with a wild and fun round of opening gifts.



RECENT EVENTS

GIFT EXCHANGE PARTY (CONT'D)



T'WAS A CUT-THROAT GIFT EXCHANGE, BUT ALL IN GOOD FUN.



RECENT EVENTS

EYC LIGHTED BOAT PARADE (DEC. 16)

“It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air.” And the air was ideal for EYC’ers to cruise up and down the harbor parading their holiday lighted boats.



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EYC LIGHTED BOAT PARADE (CONT'D)



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EYC LIGHTED BOAT PARADE (CONT'D)

“Christmas isn't just a season, it's a state of mind. It means peace, goodwill, and to be accepting to others.” That was so true following the boat parade. The clubhouse was packed from the dining hall to the bar to feast and be merry. Seafood Gumbo, Vegetable Chowder, Italian Sausage Soup, and Smoked Salmon Corn Chowder are just a few of the hearty homemade meals shared by members.



RECENT EVENTS

EYC WAYWARD SAILOR'S CHRISTMAS DINNER (DEC. 25)

“The fondest memories are made gathered around the table.” John Dunn & Dan Piro hosted and presented the EYC Christmas turkey this year (AKA “Charlie”). Members and their families and guests made fond new memories at this year’s Wayward Sailor’s Christmas Dinner.

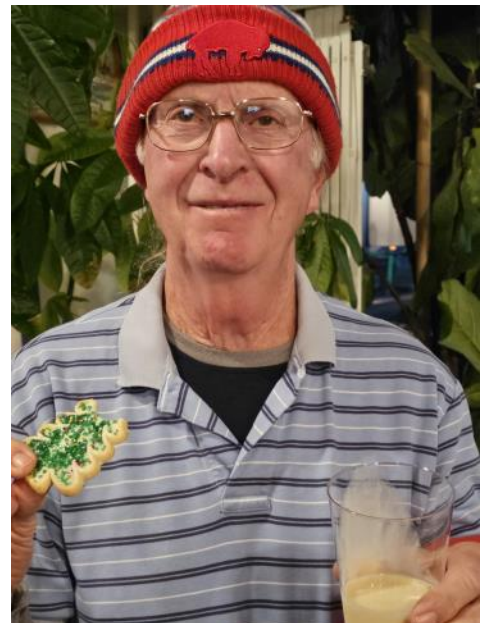


CHRISTMAS DAYBREAK AT THE CLUB FOUND J.D. AND CREW PREPPING THE CHRISTMAS MEAL FOR EYC MEMBERS.



RECENT EVENTS

EYC HOLIDAY SIGHTINGS & SPOTTINGS



LOT'S OF LOVELY AND JOYFUL FACES AT EYC.



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AROUND THE CLUB

COMING EVENTS

***Ring in 2024 at the
Elkhorn Yacht Club***

EYC JANUARY 2024 EVENTS CALENDAR

DEC 31: NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

JAN 1: NEW YEARS DAY

JAN 11: EYC BOARD MEETING

(6:30PM IN EYC DINING HALL)

JAN 27: EYC EDUCATION SEMINAR

(“THESE ARE A FEW OF MY FAVORITE APPS”)

JAN 27: ROBBIE BURNS NIGHT

(CELEBRATE SCOTLAND’S MOST FAMOUS POET)

FEB 11: 49ER SUPER BOWL PARTY!

ELKHORN YACH CLUB OFFICERS

BOARD, COMMITTEE, & STAFF MEMBERS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & STAFF

Board of Directors		Committee Chairs		Committee Chairs	
Commodore	Rita Jacques	Port Captain	Brian Ackerman	Property Maintenance	Dan Piro
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		Bartender	Anna Harris		
		Bartender	Richard Levine		
		Bartender	Guenter Hartman		
		Bartender	Sarah Gray		



Word from Melissa,
Club Manager

Thank you all for the warm welcomes I have received! I look forward to serving you all in any way that I can. I am in the office Wednesday through Saturday from 1pm to 6pm. Please drop in or give me a call at the office for any assistance you may need.



Meet Leslie Day

The Elkhorn Yacht Club is happy to announce that Leslie Day has joined our family as the new Book Keeper.

Welcome Leslie!

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