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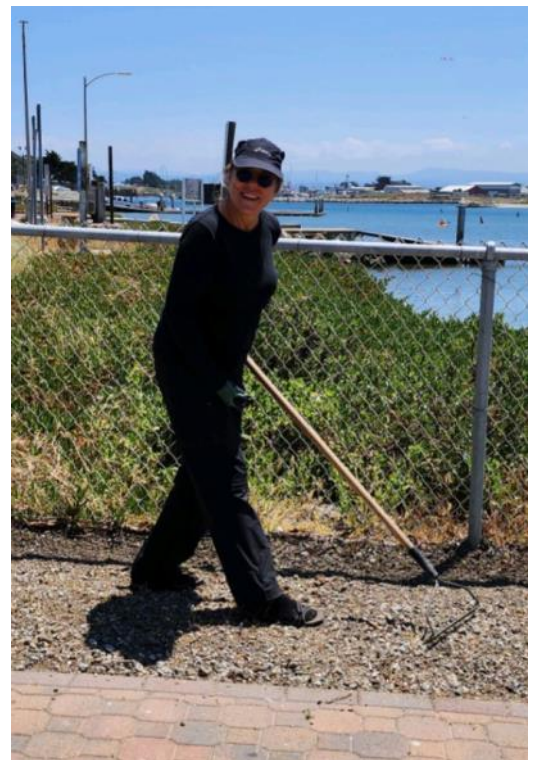
Race to Moss Landing



Lot's of sailing action on the water during the Little Boreas Race.

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Yard Beautification



See the work and transformation of the EYC grounds

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WORD FROM THE COMMODORE - MELISSA ACKERMAN

Hello, Dear Members of the EYC,

June brought its traditional gloom but as we look towards July, sunny days have (on occasion) brightened our sky and many members have enjoyed soaking up the sun on the patio and lingered into evening as the winds were mild and evenings gentle this last weekend. We celebrated the memory of a dear friend and stalwart EYC member, Steve Spittler. His smile and gentle spirit will be missed.

In my last report I neglected to thank Hillary Thomas-Sanchez and Sheri Bulgalski for their hard work and delicious Mother's Day event. It was a much talked about success and many moms benefited from their heartfelt effort. EYC celebrated Father's Day with a potluck and BBQ special. It's the volunteers that keep us rolling and once again, I thank those like Toni and Hans, Frank Lewis, and Frank Tarantino who stepped up to provide Friday night appetizers and Monday Night Dinners. Anyone who'd like to provide appetizers or a dinner are welcome to volunteer by contacting Sunny and signing up on the dry erase board in the entrance hall above the bulletin board.



Speaking of volunteers - check out the lovely garden transformation thanks to Sheri Bugalski who has been spotted here working tirelessly almost daily and thank you to the whole Garden Committee - Barbara, Fernando, Hillary, Ron, and Betty and more for their tremendous efforts during the last work party. The grounds are beautiful!

Calling any members who are interested in being (or working with) the Property Chairperson and/or Work Party Chair. We are looking for someone who'd be willing to lead work parties maintaining the property and do basic maintenance around the EYC. Anyone who'd like more information, please contact me at melack-er@gmail.com. It would be great to find several people interested and form a committee - many hands make light work.

See you at the Club! - Mel Ackerman

Solstice by Tess Taylor

How again today our patron star
whose ancient vista is the long view

turns its wide brightness now and here:
Below, we loll outdoors, sing & make fire.

We build no henge
but after our swim, linger

by the pond. Dapples flicker
pine trunks by the water

Buzz & hum & wing & song combine.
Light builds a monument to its passing.

Frogs content themselves in bullish chirps,
hoopskirt blossoms

on thimbleberries fall, peeper toads
hop, lazy—

Apex. The throaty world sings *ripen*.
Our grove slips past the sun's long kiss.

We dress.
We head home in other starlight.

Our earthly time is sweetening from this.

EYC BOARD UPDATE - TONI SCARBOROUGH

MAY/JUNE BOARD MEETING BRIEFS

Membership

Prospective members: Guenter Hartman- Flag, James Tarhalla - Di Ann Tarhalla - Flag

Applicants with 30 days remaining: Dell Cooper - Barbara Cooper -Flag

New members: Patrick Gaffney - Flag- Approve

Member resignations: Joe Paul- Senior

Old Business

BBQ Pit- Shane/ Sheri- Sheri is looking into options, will report back at next meeting

Leak in Unit 10 and X: Tim is looking into it

Phone line issue: Sunny reported they are fine now that there is no rain

Board strategic planning day: Hillary is looking at a date between June 10 thru July 1

Board members/committees: Toni reported that every member on the board is assigned to a committee

EV plugins Ad Hoc committee: Dan reported he is Researching electrical contractors in the Monterey Co. area who are approved by this program.

New Business

Board members/committees-Toni reported that it was discussed that board members should be on a committee. The goal is that they would act as a liaison between that committee and the board. If the chair couldn't be at a meeting they would send their report to the board member to give at the meeting, also board members would check in with them to see if they need help getting info out etc.

Reports

Commodore - Melissa Ackerman thanked everyone for all for all their help

Treasurer - Toni reviewed the accounts and balances and past due accounts. Total membership 166. All offices are rented. Some lockers available. Finance asked for a budget for the seawall for \$15,995 Toni made the motion, Mel second all approved.

PICYA - Dan reported he has sent an updated spreadsheet with Club of the Year points earned by EYC year to date. .

Property Chairman - Tim reported that he will check in with Dan to see where we are with the roof. He will go on with other projects from the list. Would like to coordinate a work party to clean up the area at the end of the parking lot by the annex.

Race Committee - Dan reported for May, The opening race of the Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Association (MBYRA), the Otter Cup, was a great success. Fifteen boats including five from EYC participated and the apres-race party was well-supported by the Social Committee, bar staff, volunteers, and a live band. The second MBYRA race, Around the Bay, is on May 13 (today). Next up is Little Boreas on June 10, 2023, from Santa Cruz to Moss Landing. Volunteers are needed! Two of the five EYC Canyon Series races have taken place with results on the dry-erase board outside the office. #3 is on May 20. A Totally Dinghy regatta in the harbor will help celebrate EYC's Opening Day on May 21. Contact Lara Jacques or Dan Garrett for details. For June, Totally Dinghy regatta on May 21 was conducted with nine boats, zero fatalities, and many happy memories/fun times. EYC saw a small profit on the event! See excellent article and images in Lee Rail. Little Boreas Race is underway on June 10, 2023 with 19 boats entered (!). New Principal Race Officer (PRO) checklist was used to great effect to coordinate activities by various groups at EYC to support this race. Many thanks to the Social Committee and Toni Scarborough plus volunteers who are helping out. The t-shirts look amazing thanks to design and procurement efforts by Diana Garrett.

Social Committee - Toni reported for May, Easter was a great success thanks to Dan and Sunny. Coming up: Mothers day 5/14 hosted by Hillary and Sheri, Adult prom 5/20 hosted by Sue, Fathers day 6/18 need a host. Little Boreas 6/10, 4th of July needs a host, Nautical flea Market 7/30. For June, Thank you to Hillary and Sheri for a fantastic Mothers day. Also thank you to Sue and her crew for our first Adult prom. A great time was had by all that attended.

Workshop - Jim Brady will be taking over the workshop

Member Comments/Board Member Comment: Toni Thanked Frank Lewis for fixing the window in the entryway. Hillary Thanked Sheri for all her work in the garden.

Submitted by Toni Scarborough, EYC Secretary

SAILING/RACING

LITTLE BOREAS RACERS INVADE MOSS LANDING!

The 2023 Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Association (MBYRA) Little Boreas race saw 19 boats, including four from the mighty EYC fleet, participating in a spirited and fun-filled event. It was a breezy upwind start across a narrow start line in Santa Cruz up to the Natural Bridges buoy then the spinnakers blossomed on the downwind leg to Moss Landing. Many thanks to Port Captain Hans Thomas for getting a record number of guests docked, to the Social Committee for deftly handling a surge of last-minute meal orders, our fabulous bartenders and staff for keeping the good times rolling, and EYC skippers and crew who turned out to represent! Results are posted around the hearth room and can be found at

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_regatta_results.php?regatta_id=26487

Upcoming race events can be found on the EYC Racing website:
<https://www.elkhornyachtclub.org/racing>

- submitted by Dan Garrett



There were six more boats this year compared to 2022, which made for a thrilling start!



Un Bel Di (left) and Solace (right) head up to the Natural Bridges race mark.



Cutlass goes wing on wing downwind to Moss Landing.

SAILING/RACING

LITTLE BOREAS RACE (CONT'D)



Racers enjoyed replay of the event on RaceQs. Check it out at <http://raceqs.com/regattas/100181>



Skipper of the Cutlass and Little Boreas logo designer Diana Garrett accepts 3rd place award from Commodore Mel.



Skipper of the Solace and Principal Race Officer (PRO) Lara Jacques accepts her 2nd place award.

SAILING/RACING

LITTLE BOREAS RACE (CONT'D)

Here's a personal perspective of The Little Boreas race from one of our newer members.

Thirty years ago I got the itch to race sailboats. At the time, I lived outside St. Petersburg FL and owned a swing-keel Balboa 27 with a PHRF handicap of something like 327. The day ended early on my first attempt at racing when the jib halyard wandered off the sheave at the top of the mast and jammed. It was a long, slow, sad sail home under main alone. Due to a variety of conflicting priorities with young children in the house and demanding work, attempt number two didn't happen before we moved back to California in 1996, leaving the boat in Florida.

In May I got to crew for Lara Jacques aboard Solace for the "Around the Bay" race, then again for the "Little Boreas" in June. Though I started sailing at 13, there are long gaps in my logbook during years where I didn't have easy access to a boat. Sailing aboard Solace has been a lot of fun and extremely educational as I learn from the discussions from more experienced crew and Lara, our Captain. Lara runs a good, tight ship though her competitive instincts are balanced by an insistence that we have fun. The smiles on our faces in the picture from Little Boreas were, indeed, genuine. In the Around the Bay race, it stopped being fun when, an hour after rounding the mark at Monterey with "2 hours left to the final mark", we were still two hours from the finish. An hour later, the wind had abated even more, and we were closer, but still two-hours out. With a vote from the crew, we abandoned the race and fired up the Iron Wind to make the final journey home, arriving in port amid nearly still air. For Little Boreas, after playing trimmer most of the day, Lara turned the tiller over to me with an hour-plus to go and I got to sail across the finish line! Thus in my first completed race, we finished second in our class! Even if you don't have the competitive urge to race, crewing on a race boat offers opportunities to "learn by doing" in what are, perhaps, different conditions than you might normally go sailing in, and learn seamanship and sail handling from others with more experience. I have a mind to get my Cal-39 into the racing fleet in the future. Until then, I hope to keep crewing on other boats to improve my skills, get to know more of the club members, and keep having fun.



Andrew, Brian, Lara, Rita, and Jim crew Solace

- Submitted by Jim Brady

SAILING/RACING

LITTLE BOREAS RACE (CONT'D)



Photo credit: Wayne Kelly aboard Hera with Mark Pastick

RECENT EVENTS

SIP & DRIFT CRAFT GATHERING

The Craft Sip & Drift was a great, relaxing event. Thank you to Pam, Rose and Sylvia for hosting this day of food and crafting. There were treats provided by Pam and Jeff. So many supplies provided by Rose. Members were making hanging chimes, picture frames, crab pictures, jewelry holders, etc. Rose, Sylvia, and Pam were on hand helping everyone out, and Jeff was drilling holes for everyone. Members and guests went home with one or more handmade crafts and supplies to make more at home. I can't wait for the next craft event.

Submitted by Toni Scarborough



RECENT EVENTS

GARDEN PARTY

Sheri Bugalski has been leading the charge with maintaining and landscaping the EYC yards. Her hard work has not gone unnoticed. She recently coordinated a team to beautify the grounds.

Thank You, Sheri!



RECENT EVENTS

SEAWALL MAINTENANCE



Work has begun to reinforce the seawall.

Wayne Kelly and crew have started the process to add support to the seawall.



RECENT EVENTS

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION



EYC Members honored those who died serving our country.

Boats went on parade, games were played, and a scrumptious meal was served by Frank & Toni.



EYC'ERS AWAY FROM THE CLUB

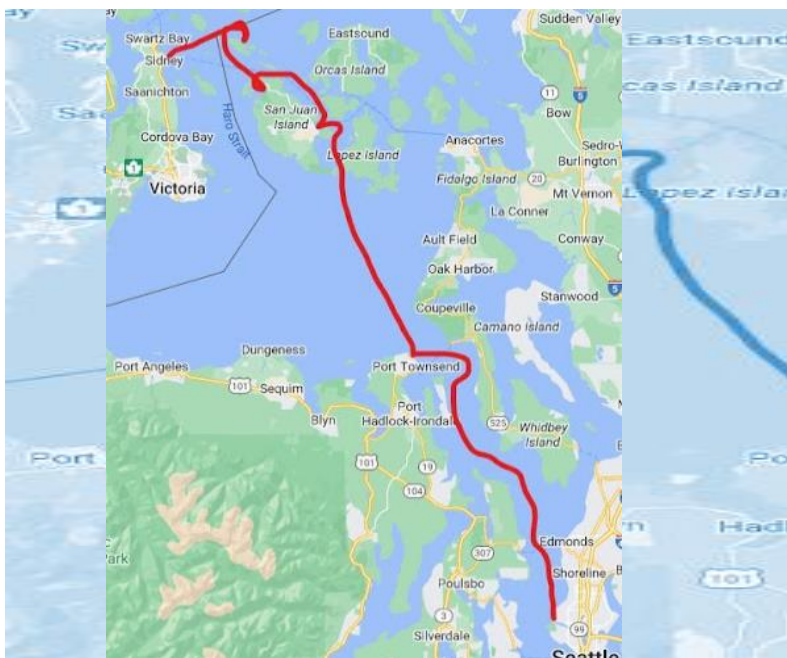
THE VOYAGE OF THE SV ARDENT

Proud new Moody 46 owners Sylvia Wanderaas and Mark Koitmaa enlisted the aid of a scallywag EYC crew composed of Lara Jacques, Keith Chastain, and Dan Garrett in their attempt to reclaim Vancouver Island, British Columbia for the US. The voyage began at Shilshole Marina, just north of Seattle at the crack of dawn on June 17, 2023 in order to take advantage of favorable currents on the way to Point Hudson, WA. Ardent averaged over 7.5 knots with peak SOG over 10 knots at times due to the current! The next stop was Friday Harbor, San Juan Island after an eventful passage by Cattle Point Lighthouse where the mighty vessel was subject to the whims of rip currents and washing machine seas. The following morning Ardent set out for Roche Harbor, this time with a bit of a head current in Spieden Channel (which was not so speedin' for us). The next afternoon saw light

winds so Ardent motored to Prevost Harbor, Stuart Island to drop anchor. The evening peace of the anchorage was shattered by the Ardent Coyote Choir singing along to Lara's sailing playlist and in the morning several vessels had slipped away. The final leg to Van Isle Marina near Sidney, BC was short and brief, the longest part of the day being Mark's conversation with Canadian Customs about how many ounces of gin we actually had on board (less than 1/2 bottle not being a sufficient answer). After a lovely dinner and buttoning down the boat the next morning, the erstwhile invaders caught their flights home at the nearby Victoria Int'l Airport



The Ardent at anchor in Prevost Harbor Stuart Island with Mark and Sylvia on the bow.



The voyage of the Ardent,
17-22 JUN 2023.



Mark prepares to raise the Canadian courtesy flag and the EYC burgee after clearing customs at Van Isle Marina.

EYC'ERS AWAY FROM THE CLUB

THE VOYAGE OF THE SV ARDENT (CONT'D)



Happy hour in the Ardent!
 (L to R) Dan, Lara, Keith, and Mark.



Father's Day ice cream at Friday Harbor.
 (L to R) Keith, Dan, Sylvia, Mark, and Lara.



Owners and crew celebrate their survival of the maiden voyage of the Ardent while simultaneously planning how to get the band back together for the next trip!

Submitted by Dan Garrett

AROUND THE CLUB

COMING EVENTS

July 2: Fire Cracker Regatta

Sailing race

July 4: Independence Day

Bring a side dish to share with members

July 16: Canyon Race #5

Sailing race series

July 22 & 23: Private Events

Private events

July 30: Nautical Flea Market

Sell & buy some treasures

July 30: Sailors Dinner & Awards

Celebrate & honor the EYC sailors

Volunteers Needed

The Social Committee is looking for volunteers for the following events. If you are able to help for one or more of the events please contact Toni @ 408-828-6600 or Toni4eyc@gmail.com

Double Angle Dinner on August 26th; Need cook/bbq and kitchen help

Boat Hop on September 16th: Need boat hosts for appetizers, soup or salad, and dessert.

Annual Election dinner on October 20th: Need cook and server (usually pasta, salad, and bread)

AROUND THE CLUB

COMING EVENTS



MOSS LANDING



NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET

HOSTED BY THE ELKHORN YACHT CLUB



July 30, 20 • 7:00 AM—3:00PM
Elkhorn Yacht Club
2370 Highway one, moss landing, ca

FREE ADMISSION, OPEN TO ALL

Come shop and browse booths of marine equipment, dive gear, electronics, dock equipment, fishing gear, artwork, clothing, & more.

Want to sell your items?

\$35 Vendor Fee \$25 Vendor Fee for EYC Members.

To reserve a booth contact Sunny by email eyc@elkhornyachtclub.org or give a call at 831.724.3875

We are also hosting our Annual Open House with tours of our beautiful yacht club.

If interested please stop by our club booth.

Sept. 16, 2023



Sat Sept 16th

If you are a veteran boat hopper, why not sign up to be a boat host? You'll get to show off your boat and meet lots of new people!

Look for signups at the club, or contact Shane or Toni for more information or to sign up.

AROUND THE CLUB

COMING EVENTS

Elkhorn Yacht Club



Potluck & Lawn Games

Tuesday July 4th

1pm to 4pm

EYC will provide the hotdogs
grilled by Jay

Bring your favorite dish to share

**RSVP on the signup sheet in the
club house**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS - KATIE DOWLING

HULL CLEANING SERVICES



Diana Garrett is forming a collective of Moss Landing boat owners who want hull cleaning every other month.

Please email Diana if you are interested or have any questions. Inquiries for bids will begin once she knows how many boats will be interested.



Diana Garrett

diana.greene.garrett@gmail.com

AROUND THE CLUB



June brought the summer solstice, but it's never too late for some Spring cleaning.



Friday Night Apps! Monday Night Dinners! Come enjoy the long summer evenings at ETC.



TWO FREE DRINKS!

This trinket is still hiding in plain sight in the club. Not found in June. So, 2 drink tickets go to the person who delivers it to Toni.

ELKHORN YACH CLUB OFFICERS

BOARD, COMMITTEE, & STAFF MEMBERS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & STAFF

Board of Directors		Committee Chairs		Committee Chairs	
Commodore	Melissa Ackerman	Port Captain	Brian Ackerman	Property	Frank Lewis
Vice Commodore	Rita Jacques	Fleet Captain	Diana Garrett	Property Maintenance	Dan Piro
Rear Commodore	Hillary Thomas	Bar Manager	Shane Dowling	Club Safety	Gary Skillet
Treasurer	Stacy Hughes	Bylaws	Stan Jacques	Race Co-Director	Lara Jacques
Secretary	Toni Scarborough	Casual Cruisers	Scott Richert	Race Co-Director	Dan Garrett
Director	Hans Thomas	Cruising Director	Keith Chastain	Social	Toni Scarborough
Director	Dan Garrett	Garden	Barbara Lehman	Work Party	TBA
Director	Shane Dowling	HR	Rita Jacques	Workshop	Jim Brady
Director	Susan Osorio	IT	Shane Dowling	Webmaster	Sydney Drake
Director	Sheri Bugalski	Lee Rail Editor	David Robinson	STAFF	
Director	Andrew Listl	Long Range Planning	Stan Jacques	Club Manager	Sunny Padilla
		Membership	Katie Dowling	Bookkeeper	Sandi Mantey
		PICYA Representative	Lara Jacques	Bartender	Anna Harris
		PICYA Representative	Dan Garrett	Bartender	Hannah Genauer
				Bartender	Richard Levine

CLUB OFFICE HOURS

♦ Sunny
Club Manager
Wed - Sat
1pm - 6pm

♦ Sandi
Book Keeper
Tue - Wed
6am - 11am

CLUB MANAGER NOTES

- ♦ Locker space in the Annex Building is available.
- ♦ Please contact Sunny Padilla in the club office to inquire about office/locker space.
- ♦ For emergency maintenance issues, please call Dan Piro: 831-440-6668

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