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2023 Canyon Series Results



Keith Chastain accepts the 4th place Canyon Series award for Mariko.

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4th of July



Family & friends joined EYC members at the club for the celebration.

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WORD FROM THE COMMODORE - MELISSA ACKERMAN

Hello, Dear Members of the EYC,
It's hard to believe that July is coming to an end. We've enjoyed some exciting race series and celebrated the 4th. Next up is our annual Nautical Flea Market on Sunday, July 30th. Come enjoy shopping for new and used items nautical or otherwise! Invite friends to participate in Club tours, delicious breakfast and/or lunch treats, and lots to see and buy. Hope to see you there.



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 (once a month, bi-monthly or up to the chair's discretion) maintaining the property and do basic maintenance around the EYC. Anyone who'd like more information, please contact me at melacker@gmail.com. It would be great to find several people interested to form a committee - many hands make light work.

Congratulations to Fernando and Barbara who tied the knot here at the EYC complete with a ring bearing four legged family member! It was their lovely ceremony that inspired one of my favorite poems by Pablo Neruda this month.

See you at the Club! - Mel Ackerman

One Hundred Love Sonnets: XVII

By Pablo Neruda (trans. by Mark Eisner)

I don't love you as if you were a rose of salt, topaz,
or arrow of carnations that propagate fire:
I love you as one loves certain obscure things,
secretly, between the shadow and the soul.

I love you as the plant that doesn't bloom but carries
the light of those flowers, hidden, within itself,
and thanks to your love the tight aroma that arose
from the earth lives dimly in my body.

I love you without knowing how, or when, or from where,
I love you directly without problems or pride:
I love you like this because I don't know any other way to love,
except in this form in which I am not nor are you,
so close that your hand upon my chest is mine,
so close that your eyes close with my dreams.

EYC BOARD UPDATE

GOING TO THE DOGS

We all love our fur babies and like nothing more than having them by our side. They calm our nerves and provide us with companionship. Our pets like being near us too. Back in the olden days, when there were very few members with their animals in tow, there was not a problem.

Today, many members have animals they would like to bring to the Club and so some ground rules need to be established. After all, it is unfair to set rules for some but not all.

In accordance with Club Bylaws, and California State Law, only trained **Service** dogs are allowed in the building. Emotional Support and Therapy Animals do not qualify. Because the Club is inspected and licensed by the County Health Department, we qualify as a public business.

Service animals that follow California and ADA law are allowed. What does that mean?

A “service animal is a dog that is individually trained to perform work or tasks that benefit a person with a disability.” So, to be clear, under California ADA laws, emotional support and therapy animals are not allowed. And, under California law, misrepresenting that a dog is a trained service animal is a misdemeanor.

(Penal Code Section 365.7(a))

Well behaved animals are welcome in outdoor spaces, as long as they are under their owner’s control and their messes are cleaned up. This policy applies to all buildings including bathrooms, laundry, and the locker room. We appreciate your understanding and compliance.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS - KATIE DOWLING

NEW MEMBERS

Dell and Barbara Cooper

Dell and Barbara were both born in Tampa Florida. They moved to West Virginia to raise their family at age 30. In 1998, Dell and Barbara retired from Bell Atlantic Telephone Company and Raleigh County Board of Education and moved to Roper North Carolina on the Albemarle Sound. They then had places in Florida and Georgia until moving to Marina to be close to family last year. Their son and his wife, their granddaughter and her husband, and their great grandson live in Salinas. Their second son lives in Denver with his family. Dell is a handyman DIYer. Barbara enjoys gardening. They both look forward to being on the water and participating in club work and activities.



MEMBER PARTICIPATION



The Ortiz family

Much thanks to Joe and Lupe Ortiz & family for recently hosting a Monday Night Dinner. The club needs volunteers to be successful. Contact the club manager, Sunny Padilla, and pick a date to host Monday Night Dinner or Friday Night Appetizers.

There are also plenty of other opportunities to donate your time, be it around the facilities or for social events. 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 Scarborough (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)

SAILING/RACING

SPARKS FLY AT THE MBYRA FIRECRACKER RACE!

The 2023 Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Association (MBYRA) Firecracker race was held on Sunday, July 2, starting in Santa Cruz and finishing in Monterey. A total of 13 boats raced, including three from the mighty EYC fleet (Genesis, Mariko, and Cutlass). We had a slow walking speed start in light winds, rounded the first mark, and then most of the fleet vanished in the $\frac{1}{4}$ nm visibility fog for the 21 nm leg to Monterey. We emerged from the fog & cold just a few miles shy of the finish line, shed a few layers in the sunshine, then it was whisker poles out to finish in the fading breeze. Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club (MPYC) provided a sumptuous Independence Day buffet. Skipper Diana Garrett on Cutlass placed 3rd in the Jib and Main division just ahead of Rodney Zumkehr on Genesis and Keith Chastain on Mariko is no longer the fastest boat in last place as he finished 5th in Division B out of seven boats. Results can be found at on Regatta Network.

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

Submitted by Dan Garrett



It was a slow and overcast start in Santa Cruz.



Happy sailors from EYC and friends photobomb Dan Robbins' selfie with a beautiful moonrise in the background. (L to R) Dan, Sunny, John, Melissa, Keith, Diana, Dee, and Dan.



It was a spectacular Sunday evening in Monterey harbor after the race.



Mariko getting into a favorable position before the start in Santa Cruz.

SAILING/RACING

EYC CANYON SERIES CROSSES THE FINISH LINE!

The first of two annual EYC five-race series, the Canyon Series, wrapped up with an exciting final race on Saturday, July 15. A total of five boats competed across the series: Athena, Cutlass, Mariko, Solace, and Un Bel Di. For race #5, Cutlass and Un Bel Di (tied for 1st Place in the series before the race) and Mariko took to the water on a four-legged course (see below). Race Committee Co-chair Dan Garrett followed the action in the office on RaceQs and Google map location sharing. Skipper Diana Garrett led the Cutlass to finish first, followed by Mariko and Un Bel Di.

The final series standings were:

Cutlass
Un Bel Di
Solace
Mariko
Athena

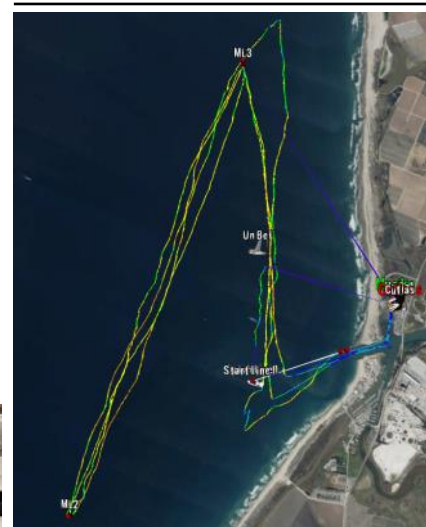
Congratulations to skippers and crew on a fun series! The Chowder Cup Series kicks off on Saturday, August 19 with a skippers meeting in the clubhouse at 1100. Contact the Race Committee to help get your boat ready, to crew, or to volunteer to support club races.

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

Submitted by Dan Garrett



Un Bel Di gets ready to head out for the race.



The 11.2 nm course as shown on RaceQs:
MLA – ML3 – ML2 – ML3 – MLA with 7-8 knot winds from the west.



Happy sailors posed for a post-race group shot!



1st Place award was presented to Skipper Diana Garrett.

SAILING/RACING

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hello EYC Sailors and Racers!

Congratulations to all boats and crew who participated in the Canyon Series races!

It's time to put the next series, Chowder Cup, on your calendars.

Please note that there have been a few date adjustments to the original calendar published in January, which is also posted in the club and on the website.

CHOWDER CUP SERIES

19 August

30 September (new date)

14 October

4 November

18 November

Other racing events coming up are:

20 August - Veeder Cup challenge: EYC vs. MPYC, sailed at MPYC if you'd like to come and support your team.

26 August - Double Angle race. Buy a shirt by August 8th and support EYC racing!
<https://tinyurl.com/doubleangle23>

2 & 3 September - Veeder Cup: winner of the challenge vs SCYC, racing in Santa Cruz.

Look forward to October 28 for the fabulous "Dia de los Dinghies" races and other fun events including costume contest and on the water pumpkin hunting.

PARTICIPATE IN THE DOUBLE ANGLE REGATTA

The Regatta Network event site for this year's Double Angle race is live. The race is on Saturday, August 26 and starts from either Monterey or Santa Cruz, rounds the MBARI M-1 buoy, then finishes at Elkhorn Yacht Club for a great season finale party. See the link below to register or contact us for details on how to help.

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26760>

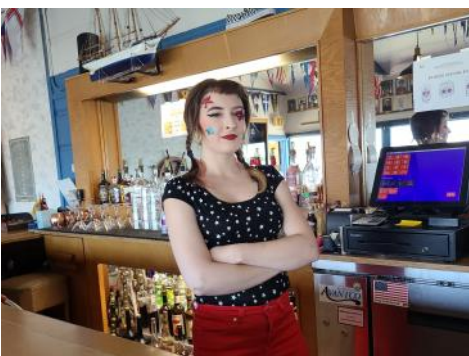
We would love to see EYC field a strong fleet! Skippers will need crew, race organizers need volunteers, and social committee needs support to help host the party.

Your EYC Race Committee Co-chairs: Dan Garrett and Lara Jacques

RECENT EVENTS

4TH OF JULY PICNIC

The sun sparkled on the water. Family & friends spangled with warm smiles. Wieners shimmered on the BBQ pit. And the pot luck feast exploded our taste buds! The Elkhorn Yacht Club 4th of July Celebration proved to be a glimmering way to spend the mid-week holiday.



RECENT EVENTS

4TH OF JULY PICNIC (CONT'D)

An All-American thanks to Jay & Hans for grilling the dogs and to all the members who contributed to the Patriotic Pot Luck.



AROUND THE CLUB

EYC Vows



Jim Brady, Shop Foreman

Please vow to keep the shop clean or risk having materials disposed of.



Launch of fun

Don't forget, vow to proper training before you sign out the launch.



Nuptial vows

EYC members Barbara and Fernando did it. Congratulations!

F. Y. I.



New grill location

For fire safety reasons, the propane grill has been moved away from the EYC structure and re-located next to the BBQ pit in the front lawn area.



What's wrong with this burgee?

Tradition states that if a burgee is displayed wrong (in this case, upside down), the offender is to buy a round of libations for all at the bar!



FOUND!!!

Hillary Thomas-Sanchez found the trinket and received 2 drink tickets (it was lost for 2 month). **The trinket has been moved and the game is on again. Find it & get a free drink!**

AROUND THE CLUB

MOVIE NIGHT



Hillary and Frank hosted movie night at the club. A “soft-opening” was held early in the month with a screening of “Independence Day.” Later in the month, “The Princess Bride” was shown. It’s ***inconceivable*** that you’ll miss the next Movie Night. Grab a bag of popcorn at the next feature film presentation of “Dead Calm” on August 20.

SILLY FUN WITH SILLY FRIENDS



AROUND THE CLUB

COMING EVENTS

August 5 & 12: Private Events

August 17: Vallejo Yacht Club

August 19: Chowder Cup #1

Sailing race series

August 20: Veeder Cup Challenge

EYC vs MPYC

August 26: Double Angle Event

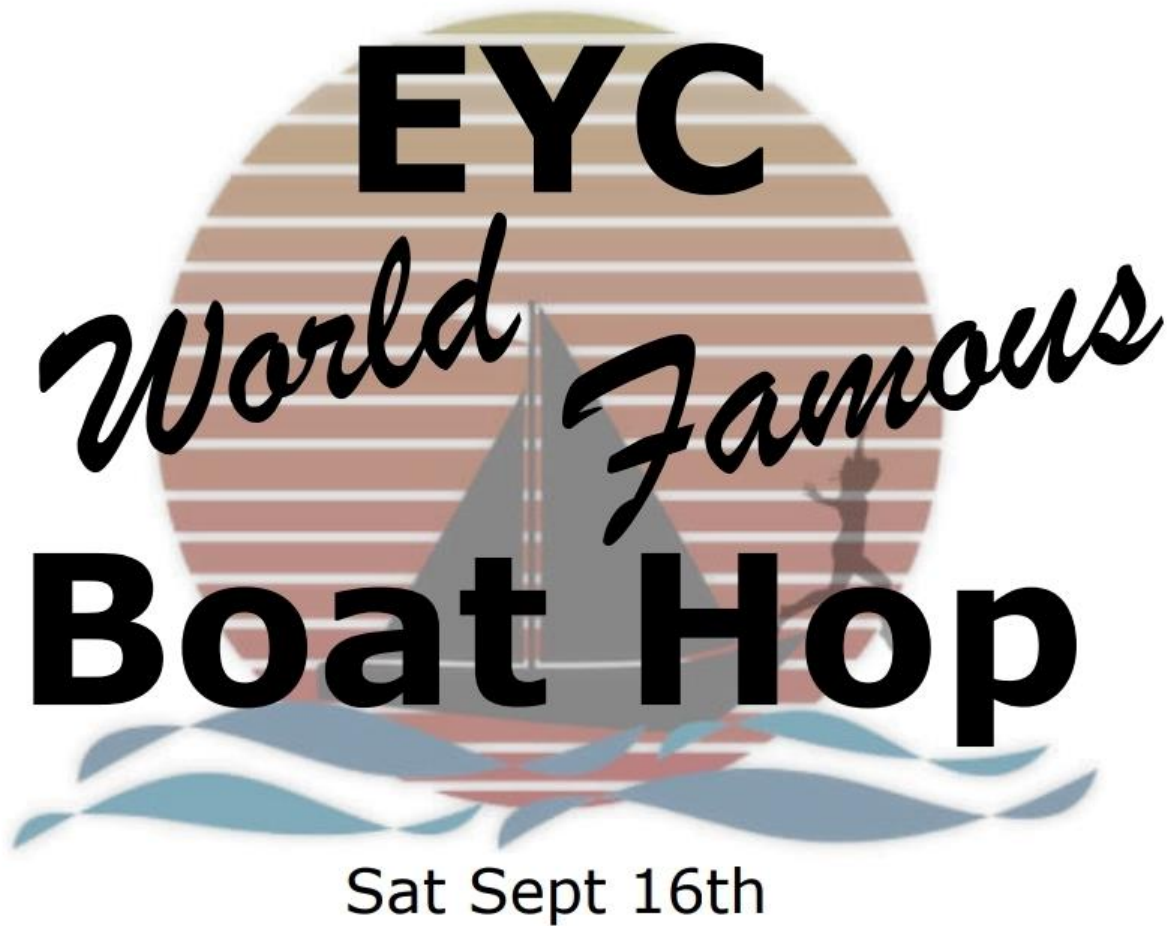
September 2: Veeder Cup

September 4: Labor Day

September 9 & 10: Cruise Out to Monterey

September 11: Monday Night Football Kick-Off

September 16: EYC Boat Hop

AROUND THE CLUB**COMING EVENTS**

The weather is spectacular in September which makes it an ideal time of year for the Elkhorn Yacht Club annual Boat Hop.

Sign up to hop from boat to boat as you enjoy cocktails, appetizers and dessert.

Better yet, sign up to be a host boat. Show off your favorite treats and your vessel at the same time!

The Boat Hop cannot happen without host boats, so please contact Shane or Toni for more information and to sign up.

AROUND THE CLUB

COMING EVENTS



Sailrite Workshop



Do you own a Sailrite Ultrafeed sewing machine
or are you Sailrite-curious?

Join us for a Sailrite workshop on Saturday, October 21st, 2023 at 11 AM.

Lara Jacques and Dan Garrett will facilitate a hands-on session in the dining room including:

- Needles, threading, and bobbins
- Notions, tools, and optional accessories
- Hems and stitches
- Maintenance and troubleshooting
- Job aides, resources, and how-to help

Bring your machine or use one of ours. We will complete a small sewing project to learn skills like basting, zig zag stitches, hot knife use, and more. Materials included!

Please RSVP so we know how many project kits to make.

Contact Lara at larajacques@icloud.com or Dan at 4garretts@comcast.net to RSVP

ELKHORN YACH CLUB OFFICERS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & STAFF

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		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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