



# LEE RAIL

NEWSLETTER FOR THE ELKHORN YACHT CLUB

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## Bargains For One & All



The EYC was buzzing at the annual Nautical Flea Market  
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## Race to Moss Landing



It's been a busy summer for summer sailing.  
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## WORD FROM THE COMMODORE - MELISSA ACKERMAN

Hello, Dear Members of the EYC,  
September is in the air as the fog has (somewhat) flown and we're experiencing some lovely "summer" weather. Evenings on our patio have been, on occasion, magical and pleasantly cool. Our annual Nautical Flea Market was a success gastronomically and monetarily! Thank you to Jay, Michelle, Lori, Davey, Toni, Jeanne, and Katie for all their hard work. Come enjoy the Boat Hop on Saturday, September 16th! Here is a shout out to the demasting of the Club flagpole crew. Special thanks to Keith for suggesting it get done sooner than later! We'll have a repaired mast with proper flag display up soon. Thank you volunteers!

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](mailto:melacker@gmail.com). It would be great to find several people interested to form a committee - many hands make light work.

Now that the meteorological summer is winding down, the Monterey Bay area is just ramping up its warmer weather so in honor of all that is where we live, or play, I found this poetic gem from Moss Landing Marine Lab's 50th anniversary posting in 2016.

See you at the Club! - Mel Ackerman



### Moss Landing: a poem

Moss Landing life ring  
One day the cosmic chef  
Looked into an empty freezer.  
A few odds and ends remained:  
Sand and water, dead kelp and fog.  
He made the beaches of Moss Landing  
As an afterthought to an orgasm of creation.  
Who could love  
A place of infinite beaches  
Wreathed in fog,  
That makes the sun a celebrity  
In an endless troupe of gray days,  
And the wind  
That whips the sea  
In patterns of white lace  
When the fog burns away

There is so much to see and feel.  
In constant flux  
The mosaic of the offerings on the beach  
Through a backdrop  
Of kelp, driftwood, and dead sea creatures,  
Shore birds pirouette and weave  
Before the waves;  
A ballet of nature,  
In which there is no conscious repetition,  
Only change.  
In an area so small,  
With no supermarkets or suburbs,  
Whose only claim to fame  
Is being on the outskirts  
Of the artichoke capital of the world,  
My mind is stretched thin  
By the complexity  
Of the many forms of life  
That inhabit Moss Landing,  
Tenuously nestled under the foreboding shadows  
Of the P. G. & E. stacks.

## EYC BOARD UPDATE

### A FRIENDLY REMINDER

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

James was born long ago and far away in a land known as Ohio. He served in the United States Army Security Agency from 1968 to 1972, with two overseas tours. He was honorably discharged under a medical condition, and his current draft status is 4F, with a 100% VA disability rating.

James has been a California resident since 1974. His primary occupation was practicing as an Attorney at Law from 1980 to 2011 and is currently retired. His hobbies and interests include photography, scuba diving, boating, sport fishing, nature studies, and conservation of the environment. He also volunteers as a Guide at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and the City of Monterey Lower Presidio Museum

James and Di were married June 13, 1998. Di was born not as long ago as Jim, and grew up in Texas. She has been a California resident since 1976. Her most recent retirement was from real estate business, Datar Management Inc in 2017.

Di's hobbies include scuba diving, boating, fishing, genealogy, ballroom dancing, arts, crafts, and anything creative. She also volunteers as a Guide at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, is the Volunteer DNA Surname group coordinator at FamilyTreeDNA.org, and a member of a number of Lineage society groups.

Welcome James and Di!



**James and Di Ann Tarhalla**

Gunner Hartman is a Moss Landing local who's been around the club since he was a kid. His dad Michael Jackson was a longtime member. He lives on his boat in a peaceful corner of the south harbor. Gunner is a hard worker, as many of us have witnessed when he's worked for the club as a bar back and other event help roles. He's currently employed in construction management.

His excitement for becoming a member was palpable when he turned in his application, and when he came for the board interview. Gunner, the feeling is mutual. We're so glad to have you!



**Gunner Hartman**

## SAILING/RACING

### CHOWDER CUP RACE 1, SATURDAY AUGUST 19



**Jim Brady at the helm of Northern Light**

EYC saw a fantastic turnout for Chowder Cup Race 1. We had 5 boats out, including "Northern Light" owned by Jim Brady and debuting in her first club race. Conditions were calm despite Hurricane Hilary's approaching Southern California. Camaraderie was in abundance as crews were shuffled to make sure everyone had enough crew on board to get all five boats out. (Three cheers to Diana Garrett for bringing more new members out on the water!) Peggy brought a box of donuts and Greg Nitzsche arrived in a "Cutlass Crew" t-shirt with two large pans of homemade cookies, oatmeal and chocolate chip, provided by wife Alice to get everyone fueled up at the skippers meeting. Greg, Alice and son Eddie (18 months) were recruited by Diana and are enthusiastic about going out sailing and being new applicants to EYC. Alice and Eddie came to the club after the race to hang out on the patio and meet more of our sailors.

"Northern Light" and "Solace" met at the first mark and the marshmallow gun was fired and enthusiastic banter exchanged. A fellow from South Harbor out on an early afternoon on-the-water-constitutional in an inflatable dingy rowed past "Solace" as she made her way towards the second mark - yes, the wind was very light, but the dingy also had the assistance of an electric engine. Not great for crew morale but the conversation was entertaining and the whale sightings made up for it in spades! The new crew member aboard "Solace" is already hooked - it was a perfect day to introduce a newbie to racing on our lovely bay!



**Cutlass under spinnaker and the iconic Moss Landing Towers**

## SAILING/RACING

### CHOWDER CUP RACE 1, SATURDAY AUGUST 19 (CONT'D)

Sydney Drake, despite being out with an injury, sent "Un Bel Di" out to race, keeping up her long tradition of consistent participation. Sydney and Peggy were there after the race to celebrate with "Un Bel Di" crew, skippered by Owen True on Sydney's behalf. And perhaps the most fun surprise of the day was the look on Keith Chastain's face when he learned that "Mariko" is no longer the fastest boat in last place, as he, wife Sherry and navigator Toni Scarborough made a smooth trip around the course to finish in first, and were enjoying margaritas at the dock while waiting for everyone else to return. Jim Brady's "Northern Light" will very soon be giving "Mariko" a run for the money as Jim has been working diligently to get her ship shape and race ready. And "Mariko" had a little help from big hearted Race Chair Dan Garrett, who provided an unsinkable course chart just for them!



**Keith Chastain with his  
unsinkable race course chart**



**Skippers meeting with homemade cookies courtesy  
of prospective members Greg and Alice and donuts  
courtesy of Peggy**

The after race gathering at the bar was full of spirit and fun, and it was great to see so many people talking sea stories and enjoying the sunshine and good people around our club.

**If you have a boat and you want an excuse to sail around with a bunch of other boats, join us for the next Chowder Cup on Saturday, September 30. Its a great way to spend a Saturday - come join in the fun!**

Submitted by Lara Jacques



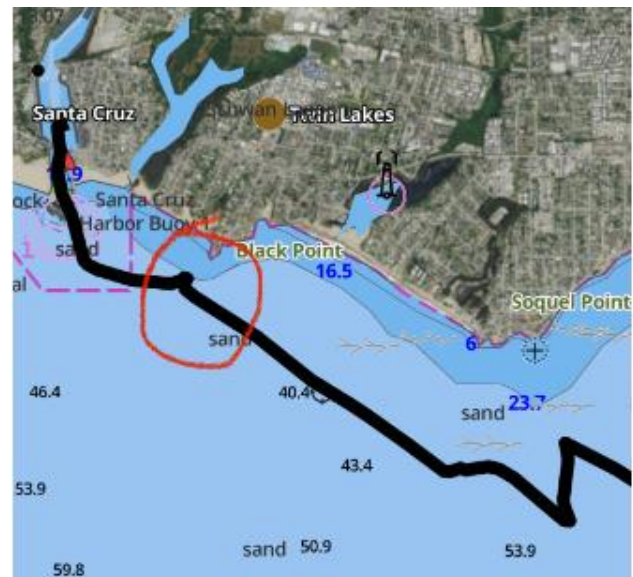
## SAILING/RACING

### “BUT HOW AM I GOING TO PAY FOR THIS TOW??” A CAUTIONARY TALE.

Cutlass, under command of Diana Garrett and with a crew of two, made her way under overcast skies from Moss Landing to Santa Cruz for hull painting and work on the drive train (prop shaft coupler and cutless bearing). Winds allowed a fairly direct route and a routine sail with the sun coming out on the approach to Santa Cruz harbor. As she struck sails and began motoring past Black Point (photo lower right), we were surrounded by kelp. A watch was posted on the bow giving instructions to avoid the stringy stuff when a vibration was felt throughout the hull. The electric motor was stopped, reversed, and cycled up and down in RPM to no avail. Thermal protection kicked in and the motor took a nap with the lee shore being about 500 feet away and the wind dying. “No problem”, says the safety officer, “We’ve got the BoatUS towing app on the phone!” Problem, only 10% battery left on the phone (\*sigh). We hit the ‘Request A Tow’ button with our lat/long and got ‘We need more information, please call the 800 number’. No problem, just call. Problem, “your call is very important to us, please hold...” Well, our call was damned important to us as well! No problem, call them on VHF channel 16 since there are two tow boats just around the corner at Santa Cruz Boat Works. Problem, “we’re busy shuffling boats in the north harbor, will get to you in 20 minutes.” We dropped anchor successfully but had drifted out of VHF line-of-sight and could hear BoatUS calling us but could not respond. A friendly and very tall-masted charter schooner heard our plight and offered to relay our message when the friendly white and red tow boat came screaming out of the harbor mouth. They quickly came alongside, passed a tow bridle to the bow watch while skipper and crew weighed anchor, and sped us into the harbor at probably the fastest Cutlass ever moved on the water. They switched to a side tie once in the harbor and deftly maneuvered us into a very tight slip on the shore side of O Dock. About three times, the towboat skipper asked, “You’re a member in good-standing, right?” We had the app and our sail wallet with current membership card, so yes. After a small amount of paperwork, we were busy putting the boat to bed for her short trip to the boat yard the next day. With very low RPM and minimum vibration, Cutlass pulled into the hoist slip and was hauled out. The culprit was identified (photo upper right). The moral(s) of the story: Keep your phone charged! Monitor VHF 16 as others may need your help. Keep your BoatUS membership current. Stay OUT of kelp.



The culprit.



The scene of the crime, circled in red.

## **SAILING/RACING**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# **Upcoming sailing events**

## **CHOWDER CUP SERIES**

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.**

**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.**



**August ended with a successful Double Angle Race. The full report will be in the next edition of the Lee Rail.**



# RECENT EVENTS

## NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET

*It was a splendid day at the Elkhorn Yacht Club to spend time with your friends and spend money on bargains and great food.*

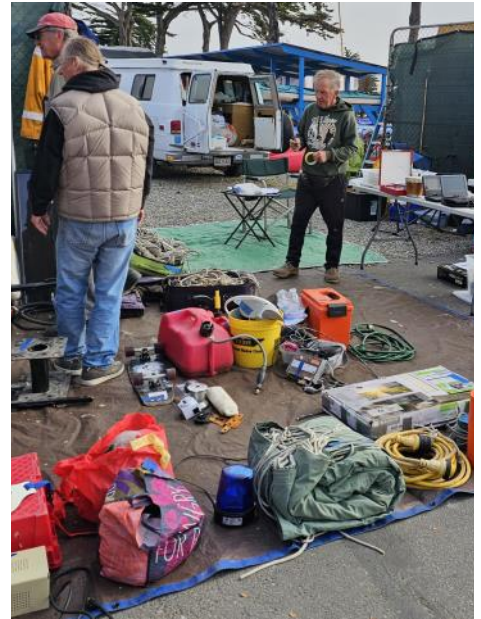




# RECENT EVENTS

## NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET (CONT'D)

*There's nothing like that "big score" when your thrift shopping. From "doc-boxes" to art work and collectables, plenty of people scored at the EYC Nautical Flea Market.*





# AROUND THE CLUB

## EYC'ERS DOING STUFF



**Fishing the bay**  
Bill pilots "KC" back to the harbor after a day on the bay.



**25th wedding anniversary**  
EYC members Katie & Shane hosted a huge party for their celebration.



**Play Ball!**  
Davey & Landon, spent a Sunday afternoon rooting on the Giants

## EYC SPOTTINGS



**Mast restoration**  
A team of volunteers lowered the club mast for needed repairs.



**Relaxation**  
Gray Cat taking advantage of the Indian Summer weather to get in a little cat nap.



**What is this?**  
This is your ticket for a free drink. Find this trinket inside the EYC club and submit it to Toni Scarborough for a free drink ticket.



**AROUND THE CLUB**

**COMING EVENTS**

**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**

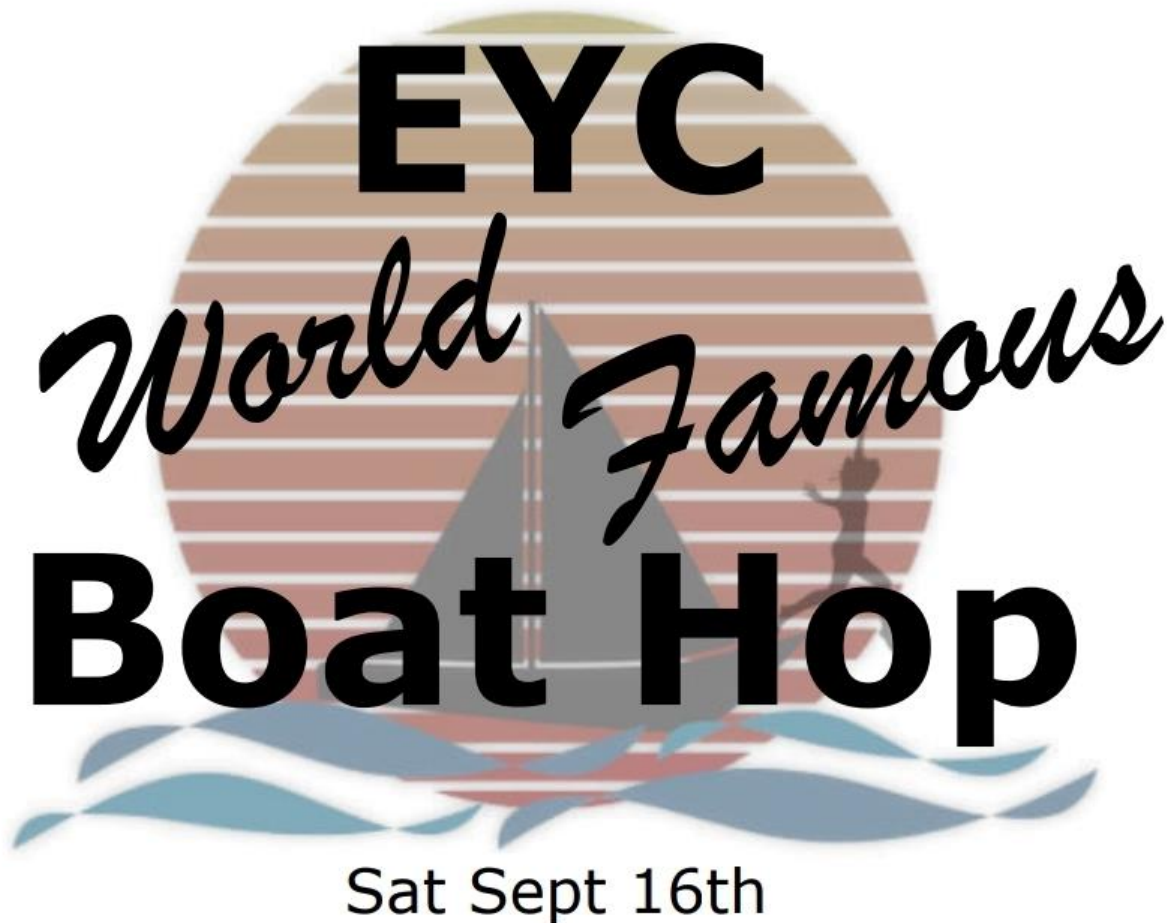
**September 30: Chowder Cup #2**

**October 14: Chowder Cup #3**

**EYC Board & Officers Election Dinner: October 20**

**Sailrite Workshop: October 22**

**Dia de los Dinghies/Halloween Party: Oct. 28**

**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**

# **Elkhorn Yacht Club Cruise Out to Monterey and Dinner September 9th & 10th**

**Captains and Crew set your sails and start your engines for a cruise to Monterey and dinner at London Bridge Pub**

**Depart Saturday September 9th**

**Appetizers on Damm Baby 4pm to 6pm Bring an appetizer to share**

**Dinner at London Bridge Pub 7pm (Not cruising you can still join us for dinner. RSVP on the sign up sheet)**

**Return Sunday September 10th at your leisure**

**More detail info to come.**

**Any Questions contact Lori @831-905-7512 or Keith @831-595-6628**

**RSVP on the sign up sheet in the club house.  
Need dinner reservations by Wednesday 9/6**



## 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 Sunday, October 22, 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](mailto:larajacques@icloud.com) or Dan at [4garretts@comcast.net](mailto:4garretts@comcast.net) to RSVP

# ELKHORN YACH CLUB OFFICERS

## BOARD, COMMITTEE, & STAFF MEMBERS

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & STAFF

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