



# LEE RAIL

NEWSLETTER FOR THE ELKHORN YACHT CLUB

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## Canyon Series Racing is on!



The 2023 Canyon Series Racing season is in full sail.

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## Easter Bunnys @ EYC



Easter bunnies spent time at EYC for the Easter Brunch

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## WORD FROM THE COMMODORE - MELISSA ACKERMAN

Hello Dear Members of the EYC,  
 Spring is in the air! Bunnies of all sizes running around our lawn, flowers blooming, and finally, warm sunshine. April began with a fabulous trip to Catalina, where we met with the Catalina Island Yacht Club for a quick burgee exchange. Because they do not offer reciprocal privileges with other yacht clubs, Brian set up the meeting before our departure. They were gracious hosts and are preparing to celebrate their 100th anniversary this year. Although it was a beautiful building, I couldn't help thinking how much I appreciate our club's atmosphere and members. We are a unique community. We returned from our trip in time to learn how to make up like a drag queen! What a hoot, thanks to Diana Garratt and Sunny Berg for inviting Woo Woo Monroe and Sexin the City, who gave a fabulous tutorial and drag show. After much revelry, it was time for EYC's Easter event, complete with bunnies to pet, eggs filled with treats to find for children and adults, and a delicious menu. Cheers to Sunny and Dan for a super successful event where fun was had by all. This month's poem is reminiscent of our time spent on Catalina Island.  
 See you at the Club! - Mel Ackerman



### Moonlight at Catalina Island

by  
 Blanch Trask

Miles and miles of throbbing ocean  
 Hardly broken by a swell,  
 Where the moonlight comes and lingers  
 Where my spirit walks as well  
 For the Spirit here loosened  
 And it treads the silv'ry miles  
 And the wet and sparkling beaches,  
 Paved with strange, resplendent tiles.  
 Seeks the coves as though it knew them,  
 Climbs the rocks, as wild and bold;  
 And it shouts to sky and ocean;  
 "Ah! we meet here, as of old!"

# EYC BOARD UPDATE

## APRIL BOARD MEETING BRIEFS

### EYC April Board Briefs

#### Membership

##### **New Members**

Jim Brady-Flag-Approved

##### **Resignations**

Melissa Sopada & John Wichmann-Flag

#### Old Business

**Covid Protocols for all events**-Toni suggested that we can still recommend to anyone having a private event that guests that are not vaccinated wear masks and or be tested before the event, but we can now take this off the agenda.

**Sea Wall Ad Hoc Committee**- Rita reported that Frank and Wayne have come up with a plan using volunteers and doing the seawall in sections that will be about \$5,000 a section for materials. Wayne will be in charge of the volunteers and Frank is in charge of following the engineers proposal for the repair. Looking at doing it over time as funds are available. A proposal for funds will be presented to the finance committee then to the board for approval. There will be a presentation of the plans at the Semi Annual general membership meeting.

**Leak in Unit 10 and X**-Frank reported he left all the materials with Dan. Work to be completed.

**EV plugins Ad Hoc committee**-Dan reported that it's a rebate state administered program. Each county divies it up. It is through the CALeVIP central coast incentive project. Rebate up to \$5000 for a level 2 charger. First you get an estimate/ bid, then apply for the rebate before you do the work. Dan will get an estimate and report back the plan to the board.

#### 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 - My vacation was in Catalina and we had an opportunity to visit the Catalina Yacht Club. They had a group to greet us and we exchanged burgees. They were very generous and engaging. They are celebrating their 100 year anniversary this year.

**Vice Commodore** - Rita Jacques - Working with the coast guard setting up a mandatory boat class. The date is Sunday, April 30th. It is an 8 hour class. Cost is \$25. Sign up sheet in the club.

**Rear Commodore** - Hillary Thomas - Visited the Catalina Yacht Club also. They have a lovely yacht club. I was looking at it more from finance to finance how we work as clubs. They are comparable in size to us and have a similar membership. We own our property, they do not. Some of their profits come from leasing mooring balls equivalent to our offices and locker rentals.

**Treasurer** - Stacey reviewed the accounts and balances and past due accounts. Total membership 165. All offices are rented. Some lockers available.

**Fleet Captain** - Diana Garret reported that the Lasers might be on their last legs. The UC Santa Cruz boating community sold their quest this year. More appropriate for what would work for our club. They will be selling one again next year. Talking with Brian about purchasing a floating dock this year then we could possibly purchase a quest next to that would go on the dock. Need paddles for our kayaks. Will look into it.

## EYC BOARD UPDATE

### APRIL BOARD MEETING BRIEFS (CONT'D)

**Bylaws Committee** - Morgan reported that he's been looking at the bylaws and working on a draft of revisions to review with the bylaws committee and then bring to the board. He's looking at 3 things, Grouping things together, eliminating conflicts, and including necessary state law provisions.

**Cruising Coordinator** - Keith would like to see if there is interest in going to the Sail Grand Prix in San Francisco on May 6th. If there is, we could look into getting transportation.

**Garden Committee** - Sherry reported that she would like to plan a work party with Barbara and Tim to work on the garden. More details to come.

**Lee Rail** - Mel mentioned that Dave is doing a great job and that there was a suggestion that we publish meeting dates and times. Articles, reports and pictures need to be in by the 25th of the month. A suggestion was made that we send an email blast to the general membership reminding them of the deadline date to get their info in.

**PICYA** - Dan reported that he attended the spring leadership conference at the stockton yacht club. He did a presentation on safety at sea. PICYA is having its opening day on the bay April 30th. There is a boat parade. Dan is helping with registration.

**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.

**Property Maintenance** - Mel reported the dryer is broken and we are looking at replacing it.

**Property Safety** - Toni reported that letters have been sent to members of offices and lockers that had issues from the last walk through that need to be completed in 30 days. A follow up walk through will be scheduled after the 30 days. Toni will highlight the items on Tims to do list that came from the walk through that the club is responsible to fix.

**Race Committee** - Dan reported the Canyon series race is underway right now. The next canyon series race is 4/15. The otter cup is 4/29. We have 6 boats registered right now. The Dinghy race scheduled with our opening day is May 21st.

**Social Committee** - Toni reported she would like to thank Tiffany and Peter for hosting St Patrick's day appetizers and flight crew for providing their music for that night, Also thank you Shar for hosting wine tasting and the dessert auction. It was a great event. We had two of our vendors show up and provide wine and served for the event. We raised over \$3,000 for the dessert auction which half of we are donating to Pajaro flood victims. Events coming up we have Easter Brunch 4/9 hosted by Sunny and Dan. There will be an easter egg hunt and bunny petting zoo followed by brunch. Mothers day brunch is 5/14 and a host is still needed. 5/20 is the Adult prom hosted by Sue Prebble, Music by Soul Doubt, appetizers, and photo booth \$35 per person.

**Work Party** - Tim reported a work party date will be decided soon and an email blast will be sent.

**Member & Board Member Comments** - Hillary thanked the garden committee for the work they did. Mel thanked the social committee for all the hard work they put in for our events. Toni thanked Diana for the make up like a queen event. Everyone had such a good time learning from the queens how to put on makeup and dancing the night away. Diana thanked Sunny for all her help with the event.

Submitted by Toni Scarborough, EYC Secretary

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS - KATIE DOWLING

### MEET OUR NEWEST EYC MEMBER!

#### Jim Brady

Jim grew up sailing in Huntington Harbor, spent some time in Florida enjoying the water in a swing keel Balboa 27, raised his 3 kids in San Jose, and settled in Gilroy in 2019. He worked in aerospace for 35 years, and enjoys real estate as his retirement job. His late wife bought him a 39 foot Cal for his 60th birthday. Jim can't wait to get back to sailing once it's new power plant is installed.



## AROUND THE CLUB



Just a random story full of hot air. The new dryer has been installed in the laundry room.

### 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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## SAILING/RACING

### EYC RACE COMMITTEE APRIL REPORT

The 2023 Canyon Series has held two of five races, with five boats participating so far: Athena, Cutlass, Mariko, Solace and Un Bel Dei. April 15 had all five boats out and we ran an inverted start. This puts the boat with the highest handicap rating across the start line first, and the lowest rating starts last. Each boat crosses the start line at a time determined by the distance around the course and their handicap rating. The idea is that the racers chase the first boat around the course and cross the finish line at the same time. Results are on the whiteboard next to the club office. If you want an excuse to come play on the water, bring your boat out to race! All are welcome and encouraged to participate - it is friendly and fun competition. If you haven't raced before, we will help you learn!



(Canyon Series photos courtesy of Landin Wivell)

The Otter Cup is fast approaching, and looking to be an excellent event this year. There will be a great after race food and party with live music. Our racers are moving their boats to the starting line in Monterey, and on Saturday April 29 at 12:30 the race begins! The course is 15.6 miles from the MPYC starting line to Point Pinos buoy and back to Moss Landing.

The Otter Cup is the first race in the MBYRA Series (Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Association) which includes Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, Santa Cruz Yacht Club and Elkhorn Yacht Club. It is a co-operative event to encourage "fraternizing" between all Monterey Bay sailors on the race course. The series includes 5 races in total: Otter Cup, Around The Bay, Little Boreas, Firecracker Regatta and Double Angle. All three clubs cooperate to organize the events, and lucky EYC being in the middle of the Bay gets to host 3 out of 5 of the finish parties! The individual winner of the series will have their name engraved on the Merlin Wheel, a high honor which was won by our very own Cutlass in 2021. The Club Championship is won by the club with the best average score after all of the races of been run. Elkhorn is definitely in the running this year!

See you on the water,  
Lara Jacques and Dan Garrett, co Race Directors

**SAILING/RACING**

**CANYON SERIES RACE #2 (APRIL 15)**



**CANYON SERIES RACE #3 IS MAY 20**

# RECENT EVENTS

## MAKEUP LIKE A QUEEN!

EYC members Sunny Berg and Diana Garrett invited drag queen Woo Woo Monroe and company to teach a makeup lesson and join a dance party on Friday 7 APRIL 2023. Over a dozen EYC members and guests donned makeup as Woo Woo Monroe and Sexxen the City gave step by step instructions. The lesson had a “Sip and Paint” format with makeup as our paint and our faces as the canvas. Each queen showed their favorite techniques for contouring the face with different shades of foundation/concealers. They continued the lesson with techniques to create the illusion of large eyes: smoky or more like Betty Boop. Woo Woo and Sexxen were encouraging as they walked around the room answering questions and giving pointers to individual students. All night Dan Garrett was serving food and Hannah made sure drinks were in hand. After the makeup lesson Sunny entertained the club with a killer dance play list, amplifier, disco lights, and all!! Woo Woo and Sexxen performed four numbers. Everyone in the club enjoyed their professionalism and talent. The tips were flying!

Submitted by Diana Garrett,



Group shot as Woo Woo introduced the new queens with queen names followed by a cat walk.



Shane ready to dance



JD made up



Woo Woo leading the make-up session



Sexxen giving tips on application

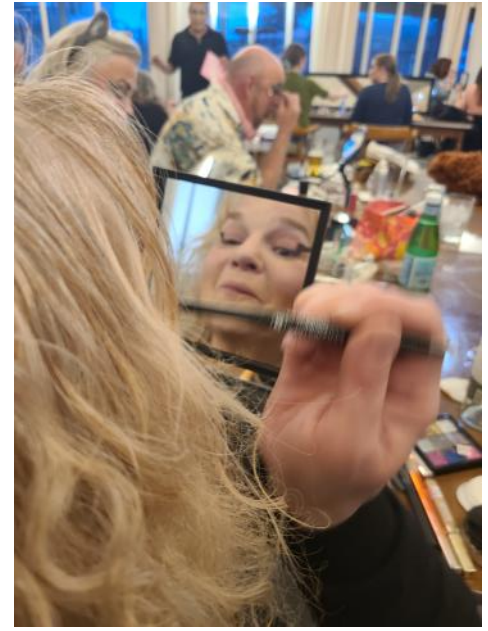


Brian made-up & ready for the night



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## EASTER CELEBRATION

Thank you to all the EYC members, families, and friends for a wonderful Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt. Your encouragement and support was the foundation for success. And all the happy faces, young and old, made every head count change and extra potato peeled totally worth it. A huge thank you to Sheri and Ron, Melissa and Brian, the Jacques family, Toni, Betty, and JD for all your help (apologies if we left anyone out). The collective effort and camaraderie of club members is what makes EYC so special and makes us so happy to be a part of such an amazing club.

Cheers

Sunny & Dan, and all the bunnies



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### WINE TASTING & DESSERT AUCTION

On April 1st EYC hosted their annual Wine Tasting and Dessert Auction. We had a more than sold out event that was enjoyed by all. Our wine vendors donated all of the wine which we all appreciated (maybe a little too much).

The dessert auction was record breaking, garnering nearly \$3,200. I would like to thank all of the club members who donated desserts--between the desserts and the gift certificates (The Wooden Nickel and Ella's at the Airport) procured by Keith, we auctioned off 30 items! I couldn't believe how amazing all the items were!

This year our club wanted to support our fellow community members who have been greatly impacted by the Pajaro flooding. As such, over \$1,700. from the auction was donated to the Pajaro Relief Fund. We partnered with Driscoll's and they matched our donation, so we ultimately contributed a whopping \$3,400. to the rebuilding of our local community. Thank you to all those high bidders out there--you all truly showed your dedication to this cause. Rita is continuing to collect funds so if you would like to provide further support please reach out to her.

This event could not run so smoothly without the help of EYC volunteers. I would like to send a huge THANK YOU to the following people:

Aaron Gregg and Hans Thomas for making the pasta and more importantly cleaning up the entire galley--what a nice surprise that was at the end of a long evening!

Olin, Febe and Shannon Jordan for making the salad and bread

Febe Jordan for organizing the dessert auction items and being the dessert expediter during the auction

Toni Scarborough for procuring wines and dealing with all the financial aspects of the event and auction

Krista Brassfield for serving the wine and helping with set up

And a very special thank you goes to Keith Chastain for being our more than effective auctioneer. His balance of efficiency and humor made for a lively experience for everyone. Keith--we will see you again next year!

I'd also like to thank our club manager Sunny, for getting one of our vendors to donate wines and Anna for helping to set up all the wine glasses, and then washing and putting them away.

Until next year....

Shar Gregg



Jim Brady (L) paid the top bid of the evening ,with Shar, Lara, and Keith "The Auctioneer."



Lara displaying her dessert, which fetched the highest bid of the evening

## RECENT EVENTS

### SEMI-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Members were invited to attend dinner and the board meeting April 21<sup>st</sup>. The meeting was highlighted with Wayne Kelley and Frank Lewis presenting the plan of action to perform maintenance on the Sea-wall. Work crews will be needed to help with the project. Please contact Wayne if you would like to volunteer.



### COMING EVENTS

#### Calendar

**May 5: Cinco de Mayo**

**May 13: Board Meeting**

**May 14: Mother's Day Brunch**

**May 20: Canyon Race #3**

**May 20: EYC Prom Night**

**May 21: Opening Day Festivities**

**May 29: Memorial Day**

**EYC PROM  
ATMOSPHERIC  
RIVERIA**

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF ELEGANCE AND GLAMOUR AS WE CELEBRATE THIS YEAR'S EYC PROM WITH AN ATMOSPHERIC RIVERIA THEME!

DRESS TO IMPRESS IN YOUR FINEST EVENING WEAR AND GET READY TO DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY TO THE TUNES OF SOUL DOUBT.

WITH STUNNING DECORATIONS INSPIRED BY THE RIVERIA, DELICIOUS HORS D'OEUVRES, AND AMAZING COMPANY, THIS IS ONE EVENT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW AT EYC FOR \$35 PER PERSON.

SEND YOUR HIGH SCHOOL PROM PICTURES TO TONI AT [TONI4EYC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TONI4EYC@GMAIL.COM) TO BE INCLUDED ON THE WALL.

CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES WITH OUR PHOTO BOOTH AND WIN PRIZES! THIS IS A NIGHT YOU'LL NEVER FORGET!

**SATURDAY, MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
6PM - 10PM  
EYC BALLROOM  
RSVP: Sunny at [Elkhornyachtclub.org](http://Elkhornyachtclub.org)

# 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>	Frank Lewis	<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>	<b>Dan Garrett</b>
<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>	Steve Spittler
<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>PICYA Representative</b>	Melissa Sopata		



DOG'S LIVES ARE TOO SHORT. THEY'RE ONLY FAULT, REALLY. - A.S. TURNBULL





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