



# LEE RAIL

## NEWSLETTER FOR THE ELKHORN YACHT CLUB

### FEBRUARY 2023 EDITION

#### Robbie Burns Night



It was an evening of good food, poetry, limericks, music, and laughs at Robbie Burns Night.

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#### Learning the Launch



Training for the electric powered launch is required before use.

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## WORD FROM THE COMMODORE - MELISSA ACKERMAN

Happy New Year!

We're off to a roarin' start, literally. The EYC rang in the new year in "speakeasy" style dining on delectable hors d'oeuvres de Chef Brian and toasting in 2023 with a glass of bubbly. DJ John kept the dance tunes coming nonstop throughout the night. January 25th was the bard of Scotland's birthday so we celebrated Burn's Night on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Flight Crew performed Celtic tunes while guests feasted on shepherd's and cottage pie (and a wee bit'o haggis) while sharing poetry and song. Next up is the Superbowl on February 12th!



**Don't forget to get trained by Brian Ackerman to use the new electric motor for the launch!**



May your 2023 be all you hope it will be!  
See you soon and signing off with my Burn's night contribution - Mel

### Feeding the Worms by Danusha Laméris

Ever since I found out that earth worms have taste buds all over the delicate pink strings of their bodies, I pause dropping apple peels into the compost bin, imagine the dark, writhing ecstasy, the sweetness of apples permeating their pores. I offer beets and parsley, avocado, and melon, the feathery tops of carrots.

I'd always thought theirs a menial life, eyeless and hidden, almost vulgar—though now, it seems, they bear a pleasure so sublime, so decadent, I want to contribute however I can, forgetting, a moment, my place on the menu.

**WORD FROM THE VICE COMMODORE - RITA JACQUES**

It is starting to get exciting!! I'm sitting in our EYC Race Committees class on racing rules. This is the last of 3 classes. It has been incredibly informative, especially since I haven't paid much attention to the rules given our small fleet of racing has been very low key for the last few years. The second thing that's making it exciting is the new spinnaker for Solace. It will be a fun and competitive racing season.



Hopefully those of you who have read my notes last month have given some thought to how you can contribute to the club. Two of the committees I have been most involved in are Finance and Long Range Planning. Both of these are integral to understanding the challenges of a non-profit organization. If any of you are interested in learning more about these, please contact me at [Stan2rita@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Stan2rita@sbcglobal.net).

Here's a little test for you. Who can tell me where I was when this picture (below) was taken. I'll buy a drink at the EYC for the first 3 people to answer correctly!



Fair winds, Rita

# EYC BOARD UPDATE

## JANUARY BOARD MEETING BRIEFS

### **Membership**

#### **Prospective Members:**

None

#### **New Members:**

Charles Flint- Flag- Approved

Steven Goularte-Carmela Goularte- Flag-Approved

#### **Resignations:**

None

#### **Old Business**

Covid protocols for all events stay as is for now.

No update on Online form for members' skills.

No update for upgrading BBQ pit.

The skiff is done. Members need to be trained by Brian before taking it out.

Looking for financing for the sea wall.

Drainage work on the side of the building is working. Sump pump will be put in by Tim and Dan.

Maureen is having a service tech come out and work on the ice machine.

Frank is looking into a leak in unit 10 and office X.

#### **New Business**

A committee of Brian, Dan, & Gary was formed to look into EV plugins.

#### **Reports**

Commodore - Melissa Ackerman - Thanked the members that worked on the drainage ditch and helped fill sandbags.

Treasurer - Stacey reviewed the account balances and past due accounts. Total membership 164.

Club Manager - Sunny reported that we are having trouble with our phone, Phone company has been contacted to look at our lines.

Fleet Captain - Dan reported that Diana is working with Gary on safety issues and updating insurance.

Bar Manager - Shane reported everything is running smoothly so far, Sunny is helping with the ordering. We have a new bartender whose name is Richard. Sunny is working on inventory.

Long range planning committee - Next meeting 2/4

PICYA - Dan reported that there is a PICYA Change of watch/Commodores ball in Redwood city at the Sequoia Yacht Club on 1/14. Dan and Diana will be attending.

Property Safety - Gary sent the report for the walkthrough of the Annex building and yard spaces with action items to the board.

Race Committee - Dan reported on the sailor's luncheon held 1/6 was a big success. There will be 3 seminars on racing rules at marks on 1/14, 1/21, & 1/28.

Social Committee - Toni reported on the upcoming social events. Paint & Sip on 1/15 is cancelled due to weather. 1/28 is Robbie Burns Night, 2/12 is Super Bowl Party, 2/13 Valentines themed Monday night dinner, 3/4 Circumnavigation Party, 3/17 St Patrick's day themed Friday night appetizers, 4/1 Wine Tasting & Dessert Auction, 4/9 Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt, 4/14 Semi-Annual Membership Meeting, 4/29 Otter Cup. Watch for emails and flyers for more information.

Work Party - Thank you Tim for taking this over.

Work Shop - Steve reported that we need new saw blades and he will pick them up.

Submitted by Toni Scarborough, EYC Secretary

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS - KATIE DOWLING

### MEET OUR NEWEST EYC MEMBERS!

#### Ron Flint

Since I'm from a military family and followed that path myself, where I'm from is a long story. I graduated from North County and returned to the area after my 20-year Air Force career, so I consider myself a Central Coast Native. I'm now General Manager of the Monterey Dunes Colony here in ML and live in Prunetucky with my girlfriend Louisa and across the street from Mom. My hobbies include Hot-Rods, Motorcycles, Golf, Glamping, and Travel. I've been involved in boating, but on the freshwater powerboat side of things. I'm intrigued by Sailing, so I look forward to learning it and am excited about being a member of the EYC and getting to know our members.



#### Steve Goularte



Please join the Elkhorn Yacht Club in wishing Ron & Steve a warm welcome.



# SAILING/RACING

## SAILOR'S LUNCH CELEBRATES RACERS AND CREW!

Elkhorn Yacht Club held a semi-annual luncheon to recognize racing skippers and crew. There were official presentations of awards and some less-than-serious acknowledgements held on Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Led by the Race Committee Co-Directors Lara Jacques and Dan Garrett, the following awards were made:

**Commodore's Award for outstanding service to the club: Peggy Carrol**  
**Racer of the Year: Sydney Drake**  
**Crew of the Year: Owen True**  
**Chowder Cup Series Winner: Cutlass**



## RECENT EVENTS

### SCOTLAND WHA HAE!

Elkhorn Yacht Club held its 14<sup>th</sup> annual observance of [Robbie Burns Supper](#) on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Chef Extraordinaire Brian Ackerman prepared a fabulous traditional meal including Haggis for all, Commodore Melissa Ackerman decorated the club, and Dan Garrett acted as Master of Ceremonies. Morgan Taylor supplied the bagpipe tunes and helped Parade the Haggis. Celtic music was provided by Flight Crew, supplemented by musical, poetic, or general [folderol](#) open mic contributions by members and guests. Bartenders Anna and Hannah kept the popular [Bobbie Burns](#) cocktails (a Scottish variant on a Manhattan) flowing! Kilts and tartan sashes were abundant as attendees celebrated all things Gaelic. Mark your calendar now for the next EYC Burns Supper, likely January 27, 2024.



MC Dan Garrett reads Address to a Haggis by Robert Burns as Brian Ackerman presents the haggis.



The Jacques Family Singers delivered a sea shanty with members of Flight Crew in the background.



Lee Rail Editor Davey Robinson shared a lovely acoustic guitar composition.



Guests enjoy a pre-supper slough cruise on the newly electrified club launch with Fleet Captain Diana Garrett at the tiller.

Submitted by Dan Garrett

# RECENT EVENTS

## ROBBIE BURNS NIGHT



SOME HÆ MEAT AND CANNA EAT  
AND SOME WAD EAT THAT WANT IT  
BUT WE HÆ MEAT AND WE CAN EAT  
SÆ LET THE LORD BE THANKIT!





# AROUND THE CLUB

## SANDBAGGERS TO THE RESCUE!

The call went out on Tuesday January 3<sup>rd</sup> for ALL HANDS ON DECK to help protect our club from potential storm surges from one of the many atmospheric rivers to hit California this month. The following morning over a dozen members heeded the call and helped fill, move, and place sandbags around potential water entry points in the club and annex. Peggy Carrol and Sydney Drake graciously provided a sandwich buffet for the hungry helpers.

Submitted by Dan Garrett



Arjay Raffety (in Frank Lewis' truck) and friends fill sandbags.



The bar must be saved!!!



The hatches were battened down just in time for the rain to start again.



Brian Ackerman (red jacket on left) places the last sandbag to protect the annex.

## AROUND THE CLUB

### 49ER FAITHFUL

Club members gathered to root on the 49ers through the playoffs. Sadly, the red & gold came up short of a Super Bowl appearance. However, that won't stop another super get-together at EYC on February 12. We hope to see you there!



### ELECTRIC LAUNCH TRAINING



It may not appear to be much, but going green is a huge task. The Elkhorn Yacht Club recently completed an electric power conversion for the club launch. Less carbon emissions and a quiet power source will make cruises up the slough more enjoyable for generations to come.

Brian Ackerman recently hosted a training session on the newly converted electric launch for EYC members. For the safety of our members and guests, and for the upkeep and maintenance of the launch, please follow standard operating procedures when checking out and enjoying the launch.



A huge thank you to Brian, Steve Spitler, Wayne Kelley, Keith Chastain, Toni Scarborough, Melissa Ackerman, and the EYC board for making this project happen.

## **AROUND THE CLUB**

### **COMING EVENTS**

#### **Mark your calendars for these upcoming events**

#### **February 11: Board Meeting**

Monthly EYC Board Meeting

#### **February 12: Super Bowl Pot Luck**

Root for your team. Or, your favorite commercial...

#### **February 13: Valentine's Day Dinner**

Hosted by Frank & Lilly

#### **February 18: Docking & Crew Overboard Clinic**

Practice up on your docking & crew overboard skills

#### **March 4: Circumnavigation Party**

Enjoy the tastes of the world

#### **March 11: Board Meeting**

Monthly EYC Board Meeting

#### **March 17: St. Patrick's Day Friday Night App's**

Don't forget to wear green!

#### **March 18: Canyon Race #1**

Sailing Race Series

#### **April 1: Wine Tasting & Desert Auction**

Annual EYC fund raising event

**SUPER BOWL POTLUCK**



Elkhorn  
Yacht Club



**Super Bowl Party**



Sunday February 12, 2023

Jay & Michelle are Hosting

Super Bowl Potluck 3:30PM

Please bring your favorite Game Food/Appetizers  
to share

Sign-up in Club or Email Sunny at

[Eyc@elkhornyachtclub.org](mailto:Eyc@elkhornyachtclub.org)

Super Bowl Game Kickoff @ 3:30PM

# 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		



As a friendly reminder, pets are not allowed inside the club.

#### **CLUB MANAGER NOTES**

- ◆ Office space “G” is available (above Kayak Connection)
- ◆ 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  
Frank Lewis: 408-210-8179

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