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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Annual Election Oct 21
- Boat Hop Oct 22
- Football Dinner Oct 24
- Halloween Party Oct 29
- Installation Dinner Nov 1
- Football Dinner Nov 7

Visit the online calendar for more details, and the latest updates and additions.

www.ElkhornYachtClub.org/Calendar



See what's happening at the EYC!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & STAFF					
Board of Directors		Committee Chairs		Committee Chairs	
Commodore	Toni Scarborough	Port Captain	Brian Ackerman	Property	Frank Lewis
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		PICYA Representative	Lara Jacques	Bartender	Hannah Genauer
		PICYA Representative	Dan Garrett		
		PICYA Representative	Melissa Sopata		



Blockhead the Cat keeping the gull chicks under control

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EYC BOARD UPDATE

The nominating committee was formed by our commodore Toni Scarborough. The duty of the nominating committee is to come up with a slate of candidates for the upcoming General Membership Meeting. The requirement was that anyone on the slate must be willing to participate in the election and be willing to fulfill the duties of that office should they be elected. Of course anyone can be nominated at the General Membership Meeting to run for an office. The slate is as follows:

1 Year Terms

Commodore — Melissa Ackerman
 Vice Commodore — Rita Jacques
 Rear Commodore — Hillary Thomas

2 year term

Secretary - Toni Scarborough

Board of Directors — 2 Year terms

Andrew Listl
 Susan Osorio
 Rodney Zumkehr

This is your chance to vote for club leadership, we hope to see you at the Annual General Membership Meeting and Election of Officers on Oct 21.



Elkhorn Yacht Clubs
 Annual



General Membership Meeting



Friday, October 21st

Take an opportunity to mingle with club members and learn about the current and future plans for the club, and vote on your new EYC Board of Directors.

Dinner - 6:00pm
 Meeting - 7:00pm

Pasta, French Bread, & Salad

RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the club or by emailing eyc@elkhornyachtclub.org

Covid Vaccine or Negative Covid Test within 72 Hours Required

VICE COMMODORE REPORT - Melissa Ackerman



Hello EYC:

Last month was filled with people gathering at the EYC for warm sunny day gatherings, races, and a cruise to Monterey. Another school year has begun, and subtly, the sun's shine has taken on the golden hue that signals a change of seasons in the coming weeks.

To honor autumn, my poetry selection is from one of my favorite poets, Mary Oliver.

The Autumn Song By Mary Oliver

In the deep fall
don't you imagine the leaves think how
comfortable it will be to touch
the earth instead of the
nothingness of air and the endless
freshets of wind? And don't you think
the trees themselves, especially those with mossy,
warm caves, begin to think

of the birds that will come — six, a dozen — to sleep
inside their bodies? And don't you hear
the goldenrod whispering goodbye,
the everlasting being crowned with the first
tuffets of snow? The pond
vanishes, and the white field over which
the fox runs so quickly brings out
its blue shadows. And the wind pumps its
bellows. And at evening especially,
the piled firewood shifts a little,
longing to be on its way.

REAR COMMODORE REPORT - Rita Jacques



It has been a busy month for the Board of EYC.

Many of you have noticed that our seawall is looking weak at low tide and had commented to the Board about it. We have started the process of looking into the cost and technical aspects of repair. It has been a real education in the breadth of knowledge necessary to undertake this project. We have put together a great team of professionals to include the company that put the seawall in place 21 years ago. There will be more forthcoming on this as it will probably entail some serious commitment to fund raising.

Hopefully most of you have met our new club manager, Sunny. She has been with us for most of the summer, so those of you who spend your summers elsewhere may not have had the chance. She is in the office Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 5. Be sure

to say hello when you come by.

I was very proud of our daughter Lara and her friends Tammy and Mary who did a great presentation about the Pacific Cup crossing on Kyntanna – a 38-foot Freedom Yacht. It was full of information about the preparation for an ocean crossing and the surprises that are always part of the trip.

It has been a busy summer for me too, and not over yet as Stan and I head back to the Pacific Northwest for our last sail of the season this month. We will be back in plenty of time for our annual meeting and election in October. Please save the date - 21 October. You will get the latest updates on your club and an opportunity to vote for the members of our Board.

See you at the club,
Rita

Seawall Assessment - Rita Jacques

As many of our club members have noticed over the last few months, there are sections of our seawall that are showing some deterioration. The Long Range Planning Committee, with your Board's approval, has undertaken some research to determine the seriousness of the deterioration and whether it proposes any threat to our property.

First, a bit of history. The seawall was originally built by club members. Within a short time after it was built, a dredger anchored itself behind the wall and seriously damaged the wall directly in front of the club house. The consequent repairs were done by contract.

The Long Range Planning committee reached out to two of the contractors who were involved in the repair for an assessment of the current deterioration. The questions were:

1. Is there imminent danger of the seawall failing?
2. What is the estimate for a repair/ reinforcement of the seawall?

The team that has assessed the wall is:

Matthew Kyle, at Kyle engineering

John Kasunich at Haro Kasunich geotechnical engineering

Rick Fuller at Sunstone construction Inc Rick Fuller and John Kasunich were the team on the original repair.

The assessment is that there is no imminent danger of the wall failing.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS - Susan Osorio

Meet Our Newest EYC Members!



ANNE AND JIM

Jim and I have lived in Prunedale for the last 25 years. We're both California natives, Jim from La Canada (So-Cal), me from Walnut Creek (East Bay). We've been married and living in Monterey County for over 40 years. We have one son and two daughters, plus two grandchildren with another on the way! Our son and one daughter live in Santa Cruz and our other daughter is in North Carolina. Jim loves to sail and that is one of the main reasons for joining. I don't sail as I get very seasick, and have also always had a fear of the

ocean. I do like to Kayak though. We both did a sailing course with Captain Dutch in Monterey a few years back, which we both completed. It pretty much cemented that sailing wasn't Anne's thing. Jim also did another course on a Santana 22 in Monterey. Jim also sailed a bit on a few different boats when he was a kid around Balboa Island in SoCal. He's hoping to renew some of those skills again. I love hiking and biking (road bike) and just being with friends. We also both love to travel. We love the social aspect of the club and look forward to meeting new people.

Submitted by Anne Thompson



SUNNY AND DAN

Thank you EYC for accepting us into this sailing, boating and fun-loving community. Our family consists of 4 humans, including myself, Sunny, Dan, the husband, Alec (the married son), and Drew, our youngest son who owns the coolest purple race car.

We moved here to Aptos 2 years ago from Denver, Colorado. We are all avid water people with our surf boards, kayaks, paddle boards, and now sailboat! Hence the reason we couldn't stay in beautiful Colorado - no ocean!

We love to be active and help out when a sailing crew is needed or if a dinner needs cooking for the club. We look forward to meeting everyone and being a part of the big family that is EYC. Don't be surprised if you also spot a rabbit or two in the area when we are around - if you don't know already, you will when you meet us!

Cheers

SAILING/RACING

EYC Members Prepare for Veeder Cup Interclub Race!



Dan, Lara, and Diana get ready for team practice on the Diving Dolphin (Santana 22) in Monterey.



Dan crewed on Diving Dolphin on all three days of 2022 Santana Nationals races.



Diana tearing it up on a Laser in Santa Cruz harbor.

The Veeder Cup was first held in 1964 as a match race among the four Monterey Bay yacht clubs, which include Stillwater YC of Pebble Beach, Elkhorn YC of Moss Landing, SCYC of Santa Cruz, and MPYC of Monterey. This year's team representing EYC is team captain Lara Jacques, trimmer Diana Garrett, and foredeck/moveable rail meat Dan Garrett. Already the team has been practicing together and individually sailing Santana 22s in the 2022 Santana Nationals in Monterey, Santanarama in Stillwater Cove, MPYC one-design races, dinghy classes, and team sail/drills on the Diving Dolphin (on loan from MPYC race director Justin Nielsen). Races will be held over Labor Day weekend for the right to challenge current Veeder Cup defender MPYC (<https://www.latitude38.com/electronic/all-female-crew-defends-veeder-cup/>). Wish your team the best of luck and fair winds!

Submitted by Dan Garrett



Lara, Justin, and Dan enjoy some post-SantanaSharkaRama racing shenanigans.

SAILING/RACING

Double Angle Recap



The last Invitational of our race season, the “Double Angle”, was held on August 27th and once again thanks to great volunteers it was a rousing success. For those not familiar with the Double Angle I should explain that it is really sort of three races, starting at our two “sister” clubs (MPYC and SCYC), ending at EYC with a great party. As the description states “... three clubs, two starts, one

1) **FIRST TO FINISH**. This is the one race where the two starts are pitted against each other. One goal - be the first boat to cross the finish line (no handicaps applied)! Great history involving some great boats and skippers. For quite awhile the course record was held by the legendary “Merlin”. Boats came close to breaking the record (within 20 seconds) but until 2020 nobody could best it. In 2020 “Mighty Duck” blasted the record by over 3 minutes and to be honest we all thought that that time would hold for at least a few years. Boy were we wrong. In 2022 Edward Marez and the crew of “Buono Sera” crossed the line with a time of 2hrs 59min 15 seconds and broke not only the record but the 3 hour mark! While there was no new record this year, **“First to Finish” was won by “Solstice” skippered by Michael Polkalba (MPYC)**. After asking around I believe that this is the first time a boat with a handicap rating over 100 has captured “First to Finish” (remember - no handicap is applied). **WELL DONE MICHAEL!!!**

SAILING/RACING

Double Angle Recap

2) Monterey Start. 9 boats in three over three different fleets. In **PHRF A** (handicaps of 125 or less) the 3 boats from MPYC ended up with corrected finish times within about 14 minutes of each other. In addition to winning "First to Finish" Michael Polkabra ("Solstice") also won first place in PHRF A. Second place went to Jean duPreez and the crew of "Maverick". The third place finisher was the story though. Paul Brocchini and his boat "Athena" had not raced at all in a very, very, very long time. With some loving conjouling by really strong MPYC racers, who all agreed to crew for him, Paul agreed to race "Athena" once again. "Solstice" and "Athena" battled from ML4 to the finish with "Athena" finishing just 1 minute 47 seconds behind "Solstice" for "First to Finish". After the handicaps were applied "Athena" took third place in the A fleet. I don't think I am the only one who hopes that we see Paul and "Athena" in future races! **PHRF B** (126 or greater) had a mix of 5 boats from Elkhorn and Monterey. Jeff Kise and the crew of "Calphurnia" once again left no doubt on their way to first place - their time not only scored them first in PHRF B but would have gotten them third in PHRF A. Second place was Justin Nielson and the crew of "Diving Dolphin" with a time of 4:09:35. Lara Jacques and the crew of "Solace" took third. Sydney Drake and the crew of "Un Bel Di" took fourth and Ryan McMillen and the crew of "New Wave placed fifth. In the **Multi-hull** division Ben Carver took both "First to Finish Multi-hull" and first place in the division. Congratulations!

3) Santa Cruz Start. 11 boats...3 fleets. **PHRF A** (125 or less) had great group 8 SCYC boats. In another "left no doubt" finish Lou Pambianco and the crew of "Heartbeat" came in first with a time of 4:18:54. Second, with a time of 4:53:04, was Tom Faraola/Mark Merritt and the crew of "New Wave". John Martinelli/Paul Stone and the crew of "Kemosabe" crossed in third with a time of 5:06:48. Finishing out the group was Sergei Podshivalov and crew on "Javelin" (4th), Geoff Boraston/Peter Woodhouse and crew on "Amor Fati" (5th), Jim Weaver/Hilary Weaver and crew on Tusitala (6th), Michael Hutchison and crew on "Aquavit" 7th, and Brad Sampson and crew on "Hijinx" (8th). **PHRF B** (126 or greater) saw Dan Garrett and the crew of "Cutlass" taking first with a time of 5:43:56. Second place went to Alexander Mirfield and his crew on "good Timin". In the Multi-hull division Nick Halmos on "Calonectris" had to retire.



Back at the club....

To all of the volunteers and staff: Jay, Michelle, Jeff and Pam, Toni, Anna, Hanna, the set-up crew...everybody that helped give our racers another great EYC experience - Thank you so much for making the post-race party a wonderful time for the racers. Brian... Port Captain extraordinaire... thank you!

A Special thanks to the Santa Cruz Hobie Fleet...

GREAT BREAKFAST Sunday morning!

RECENT EVENTS

Double Angle Race Party



The club was packed on Saturday, August 27, for the Double Angle Race party. Members from The Elkhorn Yacht Club, Santa Cruz Yacht Club, and Monterey Yacht Club celebrated a successful day. Great food, great stories, great music, and a really great time



EYC hosts PICYA Delegate weekend!



PICYA Commodore Joan Marsh (left) and EYC Commodore Toni Scarborough enjoy a photo op.
Photo credit: Melissa Sopata.

On Friday, September 30 through Sunday, October 2 Elkhorn Yacht Club hosted delegates and staff from Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (picya.org). Ordinarily, PICYA delegate meetings are held over dinner on Monday evenings once per month at various yacht clubs throughout Northern California. For this meeting, your EYC representatives Melissa Sopata, Lara Jacques, and Dan Garrett pulled out all the stops and made Moss Landing an all-weekend destination meeting for our guests. EYC officers, staff, and members welcomed delegates as they traveled down to enjoy appetizers and live Celtic music on Friday, whale watching sails and happy hour on Saturday, and a scrumptious brunch and meeting on Sunday. Many thanks to our commodores, management, bartenders, galley staff, and members in general for making this a noteworthy event for all involved!

Submitted by Dan Garrett



Delegates enjoyed a productive meeting thanks to IT setup by Melissa and John. Attendees commented that this was "hands down the best Zoom setup ever, without a hitch". Photo credit: Melissa Sopata.

EYC hosts PICYA Delegate weekend!



John Wichmann helms Mariko as PICYA Staff Commodore Dave Jackson enjoys some local whale watching. Photo credit: unknown.



Galley staff (port to starboard) John Wichmann, Sunny Berg, Dan Robbins, and Chef Brian Ackerman. Photo credit: Dan Garrett.



Diana Garrett's world famous local delicacy Otter Balls on the menu. Photo credit: Dan Garrett.

RECENT EVENTS

Nautical Flea Market

ONE MAN'S JUNQUE IS ANOTHER'S TREASURE.

July 31st was the first “post-covid” Nautical Flea Market.

It was a chance for everyone to raise money, including the club. EYC raised more than \$1,260 on the day!



Hans and Harry happily browse the market.



Erendida had unique jewelry and crafts to offer.



Stan was ready to make a deal.

RECENT EVENTS

Nautical Flea Market



Larry, Ken, and Mark with some nautical merchandise.



Michelle and Max had some great collectables to offer.



Sylvia had a special memory for each of her hats that she sold.



Ulf and Lynn selling their wares.



Shoppers walk off with their treasures.



A (tri) TIP of the hat to Steve for grilling meat.

EYC'ers DOING STUFF

Rodney Sails to the SF Bay



This summer, Rodney and James sailed to San Francisco on their 1987 Catalina 36 Genesis. They had along their trusty crew members Crystal (11) and Skyler (9). Along the way they stopped in half Moon Bay at pillar point Harbor before anchoring in front of Ghirardelli Square at aquatic Park San Francisco. Then a short hop across the bay to Alameda brought them to the Oakland Yacht Club where they enjoyed reciprocal privileges. From there they travel to the Berkeley yacht club where they enjoyed a fabulous dinner at the club before sailing off to Angel Island. Finally A stop over in Santa Cruz so James and the kids could ride roller coasters while Rodney caught rock fish. 200 miles and three bridges later, they were safe back at the

James & Rodney at the Golden Gate Bridge EYC!



The fog has lifted at the Bay Bridge



Skyler, the Bosun, kept Genesis in good shape

EYC'ers DOING STUFF

Rodney Sails to the SF Bay



Crystal



Skyler



A typical foggy evening in SF



And a beautiful site of the bay

EYC'ers DOING STUFF

Suzanne & guest paddling back home!



Miles of smiles around the club



Michael and his supervisor.



Dan & Dan sharing sailing stories.

AROUND THE CLUB

Pac Cup 2022 presentation

“It is good for one’s soul...to do nothing for hours together but stare at this great water that seems to trail its delft-blue mantle across the world.” - Willa Cather

August 21 three members from a Pac Cup race team gave EYC members a presentation in the hearth room. The Pac Cup is a race from San Francisco to Kaneohe, Hawaii and was held in early July this year. They shared pictures and stories from the beginning, covering the necessary boat preparations and their 2,070 nautical mile and 18 day crossing. Great questions came from those in attendance. The favorite question asked was “How many tacks and jibes did it take?” (Thank you Stan!) Mary’s husband Tony provided wonderful guitar music before and after the presentation.



Lara, Mary, and Tammy



Hawaiian ti leaves on the bow of Kyntanna to lead them back to Hawaii



Kyntanna in the middle of the Pacific

Tammy Mercado is a member of Oakland YC and Mary Mathisson lives on a boat in Alameda. They enjoyed the hospitality and environment of EYC and plan on returning to visit our beautiful club soon!

AROUND THE CLUB

Pac Cup 2022 presentation

Elkhorn Yach Club member Lara Jacques recently completed the Pacific Cup 2022 race from San Francisco to Hawaii. Here is the team of Kyntanna just after arrival at the Kaneohe Yacht Club.



Lara, Mary and Tammy enjoying Solace



Tammy, Carol (Tammy's Mom), Lara and Mary coming back from the tour of our beautiful slough

On Saturday the team sailed with Lara Jacques on Solace and joined Cutlass and Un Bel Dei for the first Chowder Cup race of the season. (Thank you Peggy!) They enjoyed EYC hospitality with burgers and beer post-race. After the presentation on Sunday Lara gave them a tour of our beautiful surroundings, taking them on the club's skiff to see otters in Elkhorn Slough and a then a tour in South Harbor to visit the sea lions.

AROUND THE CLUB

Friday night appetizers



Dianna and Tim hosted Friday Night App's on August 12th. They served up a hearty plate of Creole chili with a "naughty" mac & cheese corn bread. Comfort food at its best!

If you would like to host a Friday Night App's night, just contact Sunny in the Elkhorn Yacht Club office. She'll assist

Coming Events


World Famous
Boat Hop
 Saturday October 22nd

3 Time slots
 5:00pm - 7:00pm
 5:30pm - 7:30pm
 6:00pm - 8:00pm

4 Courses
 Appetizer
 Soup or Salad
 Main
 Dessert

9 Host Boats
 3 choices per course
 (Except main course)

Important Details
 RSVP by 10/19 on signup sheet at the club or by emailing
evc@elkhornyachtclub.org

Boo! You Are Invited to
 Elkhorn Yacht Club's
HALLOWEEN PARTY

SATURDAY 10/29/22
 5:30 Food
 6:30 Music
SOUL DOUBT
 \$25 or \$20 if you bring a
 potluck dish
 Kids under 12 free

Halloween Theme Potluck Contest
Bring a Scary Dish to share
Pumpkin Carving Contest
Bring a Carved Pumpkin
Costume Contest

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Club Manager News

OFFICE SPACE
Available



**Private
Outside
Entrance**



This unit has:
2- windows
and
Wall-wall car-



Space is:
214'
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