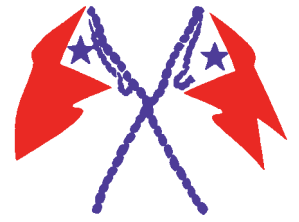


ENCINAL YACHT CLUB

# SOUNDINGS



EST. 1890

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Alameda, CA

President: *Lew Lippard*

## February 2011



Mike and Wendy Scheck returning home from a day on the Bay

Photo by Margaret Fago



Some of the participants in January 22nd Jack Frost Series

Photo by Margaret Fago



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**From the President . . . Lew Lippard**

Normally this is the least active time of the year for the Club. However, in addition to preparing for the various activities for the coming year; the Staff, Board and Committees have been busy addressing a number of other things. This is a reflection of the increased level of activities in which the Club is involved.

The Club's policies and procedures are in the process of being reviewed. There are numerous rules and procedures that have been instituted or changed over time, but are not documented or the documentation has been lost. This lack of documentation has led to inconsistent application of the rules and policies and contradictions in their application. The review is an attempt to rectify this situation. We will let the membership know as the policy reviews are completed. The following are policies that have undergone the review process:

- 1) As a membership club, a 501(c)7 organization, the Club has additional requirements that a for profit organization does not have. The main requirement is a restriction on who alcoholic beverages can be served to by the Club. The Board has amended the Alcoholic Beverage Policy by adding the requirement that a name tag will be required for anyone wanting service in the bar or dining service in the Club.
- 2) This requirement is to provide a means for our staff to know who they are serving, and thereby comply with all City, State and Federal laws. Importantly, a byproduct of wearing a name tag is to identify our members to the new members. With a large portion of our membership new members, this is an important part of making our new members welcome to the Club and integrating them into our activities. Please assist the staff by wearing your name tag, and if you are not wearing one, graciously putting one on when requested to by the staff.
- 3) A Memorial Services Policy has established to provide consistency in how the Club handles the unfortunate occurrence of the death of a member or member's family.
- 4) The Clubhouse Changes Policy has been documented to ensure that any change made to the Clubhouse or grounds have received prior approval by the House Director, Building and Grounds Director and General Manager.

Chris James and the Membership Committee are engaged in reviewing the membership classes and privileges for each class. The analysis is being made to ensure that the privileges are consistent for each class and relative to the fees paid. By-Laws changes to clear inconsistencies may be required to completely clarify the privileges. We hope to have this finalized in the very near future.

Our past Commodore, **Rodney Pimentel**, has helped us move the BCDC pathway requirement forward by submitting required plans and other documents to the Alameda Planning Department to obtain permits to complete the pathway. Completion of this pathway is needed before we can proceed with any other work requiring permitting in the Club. We hope that by the time you read this, we will have the permit in hand and we will be proceeding with completing this project.

A special Docks and Dredging Committee has been formed chaired by Victor Early. The first item will be to reinforce one of the dock pilings in need of repair. The next item will be to take samples in the area anticipated for dredging to form a baseline of sediments. We will then be able to formulate a plan for dredging.

The House Director, **Anita Mahoney**, with the Social Committee has published the social calendar for 2011. Anita will be sending the complete calendar to everyone so that the members can make plans on attending the events well in advance.

The biggest event for the Club in 2011 will be the 2011 Summer Sailstice. As Encinal Yacht Club will be the home venue for this event for the first time. It will require the help by all the members to make this a success. **Mike Scheck** will be providing information about this event in the March Soundings. I am sure that he will be in touch requesting volunteers to assist in the preparation and running of 2011 Sailstice. This important event, if done well, will be a great benefit to EYC as it will raise the profile of EYC in the Bay Area.

The Cruising Committee has also developed their calendar for 2011. We are looking forward to the next event, the EYC cruise-in on February 19-20. This is always a great event. If you are planning on bringing your boat to the Club, please notify our Port Captain, **Mike Byroads**, with the arrival date and time you will be at the Dock.

Be sure to say "Hi" when you see me around the Club.

Best Regards,  
*Lew Lippard*

**OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday - Saturday . . . . . 9am -5pm

**DINING ROOM**

Every Thursday - Saturday . . . . . Lunch Service 11:30-2pm  
 Every Sunday . . . . . Brunch 12pm-2pm  
 First Thursday (Buffet) - All other Thursday (Regular Menu) . . . . . 6:00pm - 8:30pm  
 Every Sunday . . . . . Dinner 5:30-8pm  
 Every Friday & Saturday . . . . . EYC Dinner 6-9pm

**BAR HOURS**

Every Thursday - Saturday . . . . . 12pm - 10pm  
 Sunday . . . . . 11am - 9pm

## From the Bridge . . . Tom Wondolleck

We kicked off our 2011 race season on Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> with the Jack Frost series. The wind was very light and shifty. Rear Commodore **Chris Hanson** and the race team did a great job getting the two scheduled races off under trying conditions. Nice work Chris!

Also, I would like to thank **Larry Westland** for promoting and hosting a US Sailing Race Management Seminar in our Regatta room. Twenty-four race committee members from around the bay came for the one day course. Those that passed the exam at the end of the day are now qualified to become Club Race Officers. Thanks to Larry for organizing this great event.

Congratulations to **Don Ahrens**, who after several years of hard work, has his 1976 Far 36 ready for sailing. Don spent the better part of the last 8 years refurbishing the boat for racing. You can see the fruits of his labor at the end of Dock 1 (large white hull and mast the sticks out a little more than the rest).

We will be having a STEM on February 10th at 7:30 PM in the dining room. **Mia Maheigan** from the Sea Bird Protection Network will be presenting local seabird biology and population history, information about the special closures and marine protected areas enacted in 2010, and ways boaters can reduce their impact to seabirds while on the water. Come on down for dinner, a drink and enjoy the talk.

See you on the water! ☐

## The Annual EYC Crab Feed

is scheduled for Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 2011

**THIS FANTASTIC EVENT IS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE EYC JUNIOR SAILING PROGRAM.**

**6:00 PM**

No host cocktails

**7:00pm**

Green Salad, Garlic bread, Pasta with Marinara sauce, **ALL YOU CAN EAT Fresh Dungeness crab**, Cake and Apple Crisp

\$40 per person (5-12 year olds are \$20)

Please Call 510-522-3272 or [secretary@encinal.org](mailto:secretary@encinal.org) for reservations

Seating is limited and Reservations are required

This event will sell out!

(72-hour cancellation policy in effect)



## Mardi Gras Update

March 5<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 6:00pm.

Call or email the club office now to secure your reservation

EYC and the volunteers are working hard to make this the party of the year....

We have an absolutely fantastic Jazz and Blues band lined up "BROTHERCAT" & MzDEE", check them out online @ [BROTHERCATMUSIC.com](http://BROTHERCATMUSIC.com). The dance floor will be swinging and the Hurricanes flowing. The now famous EYC Oyster Bar will be in operation before dinner, skillfully staffed by Dan and Diane Hayes along with various Hors d'œuvres .

The kitchen crew for Mardi Gras has spent the last few weeks in the Bayous of our very own Delta. They have been interviewing and tasting the wares of various Crawdad hunters throughout the region and are now convinced that they have the very best quality Crawdads secured for the Mardi Gras Party. Kids in attendance will get a live Crawdad to take home as a pet [some say they can be trained to do homework this statement has not been verified by independent study] There will also be crawdad racing, so study crawdad training techniques prior to the event!

\* (bring Tupperware to take your crawdad home)

**Band and Dinner.....just \$25.00  
under 15, \$12.00**

**Menu:**



Fresh Tomales Bay Oysters (\$1.50ea)  
Various Hors d'œuvres  
Jambalaya with chicken and Anduille  
Boiled delta crawdads and wild white shrimp  
Seafood Gumbo with rice  
Debris' (all those scrumptious roasted bits and pieces)  
Dirty rice  
Collard greens....with ham hocks  
Blackened brussel sprouts.....with brown butter and garlic  
Madame Alicia's Homemade Bingets (none of that packaged stuff!) and coffee

**The organizers beg you to please make reservations early.....many of the ingredients are shipped in from Baton Rouge LA and not knowing how many partygoers makes it impossible to plan. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Call the office to reserve 510-522-3272**

## From the House Director . . . *Anita Mahoney*

February is here and we have a lot of great events planned. It is also a great time of year to sit back and enjoy our club and the many members that we are able to share our lives with..

Once again thanks to **Tom Sheehan** and **Darryl Powell-Ford** for the big wide angle screen and sound system that they connected for viewing the games on New Years Day. Everyone enjoyed the day with Clam Chowder and Hot Dogs and libations. For those who chose to go around the island the club was the perfect place to come back to and relax in front of a cozy fire. A nice way to start the New Year.

Next came our first annual Game Day and Hot Buttered Rum!!! It went better then expected. Parents and kids enjoyed the games both in the club and around the pool. Other members chose their specialty such as Dominoes, Mexican Train, Ma-jong and Card games. There was enough for everyone. The men went to the water as usual and raced their remote sailboats in the pool and in the lagoon. Somehow they always find away to play boat. Thanks goes to **Peggy Kidd** and **Penny McCaulaugh** for putting this together. The Hot Buttered Rum (Peggy's special receipe) was a hit! Good job ladies. We will see you next year!!!

I want to give special thanks to Kim, our in house bartender for standing in for Mike in his absence. Game Day would not have been the success it was. She kept the hot buttered rum flowing.

Junior Sailing Crab Feed, Saturday, February 5th. Do not wait long to make your reservations as this is always a sell out. Enjoy all you can eat.

Super Bowl, Sunday, February 6th. So you think you make the best chili? Bring your favorite chili receipe and we'll find out.

Valentine's Brunch, Sunday, February 13th. Bring that special someone. Also a good time to stop by the Ship's Store for a special gift.

St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 11th. Come celebrate the wee bit of Irish in all of us. More details to come.

Kids Movie Night and Wine Tasting resumes at the club. Beginning Friday night February 18th. Watch your Signal Flag for future dates.

Start saving for our annual flea market on Saturday,

April 16th. You will only have one chance to get rid of your stuff. NO FALL FLEA MARKET.

Improvements continue around the club. Be sure to stop and look at our new Officers Directory and Name Tags Board and Magazine Rack. It is just the little things that make a difference. Mike, our manager never stops thinking of ways to keep us happy. Remember we always welcome your ideas and suggestions.

As always I encourage you to use your club. You can attend the many upcoming events. Bring your friends for dinner or even join a committee. Don't miss out on the fun. I look forward to seeing you :)"around the house". □

## CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR AT EYC

Join us for the second cruise of the year cruise in to EYC and enjoy a fabulous Chinese dinner to celebrate the Chinese New Year. 2011 is the year of the Rabbit.

The Chinese New Year is celebrated as the symbol of spring's celebration. In fact, in China the Chinese New Year is still called the Spring Festival. It is celebrated after the Fall harvest and before the spring planting season. The date is always changing and is dependent on the Chinese calendar. Emperor Huangdi in the year 2637 invented the Chinese calendar.

Bring your boat over to the EYC docks for Presidents' Day weekend. We will have a Chinese buffet on Saturday, February 19. The menu will include an array of wonderful dishes as well as a very impressive Roast Suckling Pig.

Details re meal price and menu will follow shortly. But save the date and let us know if you can join us. Please RSVP to nova651@gmail.com so we have an idea re how much food will be needed and how much dock space will be needed. Thanks.

Cruise leaders for this cruise are Sam and Chris Benson and Mike and Ina.

## Jr. Sailing . . .Mallory McCollum Bozina



By: Haley Kardek  
Jan. 16, 2011

### **The Orange Bowl: Four Days, Seven-Hundred Kids, and A Ton of Fun!**

(Miami. Dec. 27-30, 2010.)

Starting off in the 1950s in Biscayne Bay, Florida, the Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta is now one of the largest regattas open to the world's youth sailors. It began as a small power boat race but now hosts hundreds of kids from around the world who come to sail.

The Orange Bowl, hosted at the Coral Reef Yacht Club, consists of 4 days of hard racing and is open to 6 classes of boats: 420s, Laser Full-rigs, Laser Radials, Laser 4.7s, Optimists, and Optimist-Greenies. This year, the regatta's participants rose to a mighty count of 665 sailors, ranging from age 8-18, and coming from 22 countries and 28 states.

Representing Encinal Yacht Club this year at the Orange Bowl was **Ellie Glenn, Abby Kardek** and myself, **Haley Kardek**. In the 420 class, Ellie and I

sailed together, while Abby sailed with her friend from Texas, **Geoffrey Nelson**. Abby and I had sailed in the Orange Bowl the previous year for the first time: Abby in the Optimist class and myself in a 420 with another crew.

Justin Assad, a coach at Dartmouth, and Frank Ustach a coach from Stanford University, coached us with a group of 14 other sailors from all over the country. It was not long before we all became good friends: helping each other with rigging, chatting in between races, and even catching up after sailing for group dinners and outings. With the help of our coaches, I think it is very accurate to say we learned more than expected every day while sailing. Justin and Frank emphasized daily on the importance of always coming away with something and by the end of the regatta, we felt we all had.

In the end, our team improved greatly and finished with high results out of the 106 boats: Abby and Geoffrey in 71<sup>st</sup>, and Ellie and I in 49<sup>th</sup>. More than the results, Ellie, Abby and I walked away knowing a lot more than we had come with and had met new friends we can look forward to seeing at upcoming regattas. We feel regattas like this one are the greatest learning opportunities and we want to encourage more kids to experience more events and regattas at the national level. We hope to do many more of these regattas like the Orange Bowl and when we do, we are honored in knowing we will be representing our yacht club and home. □

**WALK AWAY WITH A DEAL**  
**GOT STUFF????!!**  
Save the Date  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH**

This will be EYC's only flea market for this year so let's make it big! Start cleaning your boats, garages, attics, and storage sheds. Questions? Suggestions? Want to volunteer? Please contact John Becket (415-269-2565) or Sherry Perry (510) 523-5562

## Member Liaison . . . Vern Bendsen

### An Extension

Have you ever thought how you can extend your space to entertain your friends? The definition for an extension is, 'something added so as to make longer or bigger.' Making your entertainment area at home is expensive; and for most of us, that is not a viable option.

Have you ever thought of our yacht club as an extension of your home entertainment area? It can be! Where else can you bring your friends for an evening of fellowship without having to spend time to cook, to mix drinks, and to try to spruce up you home?

Think of our yacht club as your home's extension for entertaining. There is plenty of space, the club is beautiful; it is warm and cozy on cool winter nights, cool and breezy on warm summer evenings.

The Club's staff is friendly, the cocktails cool and inviting and the food is delicious. The best part of your entertaining is that you get to spend all of your time being with your guest.

If you have any questions on how to use your Club as an entertainment extension for your home, you can get help from the Club's friendly staff, or ask me. Through the years, Linda and I have used our Club as an extension for entertaining our friends. □

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## Membership News . . . Chris James

2011 Membership activities are starting to heat up with a number of upcoming events starting with the 2011 Marina Villabe Boat Fest being held at Marina Village in Alameda February 24th thru February 27th. This is a great event and is a great way to kick those winter blues and see some great boats and equipment.

The organizers of the event has given us a great booth location and has been very supportive in our membership activities. The EYC Membership Committee will be staffing a booth at the event all four days and would appreciate your support. If you would like to help out please contact the office at (510) 522-3272 .

New Member:

Please welcome our newest Regular Members:  
**Gregory Boyington and June Colgan.**

See you around the club! □

## Finance . . . Chris James

The Finance Committee, under the leadership of **Charley Eddy**, has been very active over the past few months wrapping up the 2011 budget and diligently working on a number of projects that are very important to the future of the club.

One of the most important changes since the departure of **Chuck Crawford** was that we retained the services of **Virginia Hamilton** of Balance Keepers to manage the club's books. Virginia brings to EYC a significant amount of experience keeping books for a number of organizations across the bay area and has already made some significant changes. The next time you are in the office please say hello and welcome Virginia to the club!

The Finance Committee has also been actively searching for a replacement for our current enterprise software which we use to manage the membership activities, point of sale transactions, accounts payables, member billing and financial reporting. The present package is outdated and does not offer us all the operational efficiencies and cost savings afforded more current packages. Newer packages offer integrated modules, online bill review, on line bill payment, transactional "drill down", and enhanced reporting to name a few.

With interest rate approaching record lows we also just completed a rate adjustment on the current mortgage balance. The rate adjustment dropped the mortgage rate from 6.8% to 5.8% which translates into a reduction of interest payments of approximately \$375 per month or \$4,500 per year.

We are still working on closing the year but preliminary numbers indicate that we are most likely going to end 2010 ahead of budget. Our cash position is still strong but we need to remain focused on expense control as well as growing the membership. As indicated in the December Soundings, we do not anticipate an increase in dues for 2011 but the membership will need to grow for us to maintain dues at the present level for the future. □

## Encinal Yacht Club 2011 Cruising Calendar

Date	Cruise Name/Location	Leader
January 1	Cruise Around the Island	No Leader Needed
February 19-20	Cruise In /EYC	Mike Pernitzke, Ina Tabak, and Sam and Chris Benson
March 19-20	Spring Equinox/South Beach	George Esqueda and Maxine Bolf
April 23-24	Easter/Treasure Island	Karen and Mark Burnelle and Jim and Jen Vickers
May 20-22	Family Giants Game/South Beach	Cindy Wondolleck
May 28-30	Master Mariner's Pub Crawl	Mike Pernitzke and Susan Sherrill
June 4	Women Cruise About	Deb Stern
June 11-12	TBD	Tom and Jan Sheehan
June 18-19	Summer Sailstice/EYC	
July 2-4	4 <sup>th</sup> of July/EYC	Stu and Julie Hill
July 16-17	TBD	Dave and Susan Sherrill
August 7-13	Delta Daze	Rod and Peggy Kidd
Aug 19-21	Family Cruise/Angel Island	Michelle Shaffer
September 3-5	TBD	Darrell and Niki Powell-Ford
September 17	Commodore Cup	Tom Wondolleck
Oct 8-9	Circle Raft up	Jeff and Adrienne Rodgers
October 22-23	China Camp	Dave and Susan Sherrill
November 11-13	Berkeley	Karen and Mark Brunelle
December 2	Cruising Award Dinner	Stu and Julie Hill



## Live Music and Wine Tasting

February 18th @ 7pm

Come listen to  
**Carol Woltring and her band Smooth Sailing**  
 while enjoying wine from a fabulous winery.  
 Check your signal flag for specifics.



## Kids Movie Night

February 18 @ 6-9pm

Showing:

**Cats & Dogs 2, Revenge Of Kitty Galore**

Cost:

\$10 If You RSVP In Advance  
 After February 17, Cost Is \$15

Includes: Movie, Dinner, Possible Crafts and  
 Babysitters



## FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner (Buffet Menu) 6 - 8:30pm  <b>Dinner Buffet</b>	4 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm	5 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm  <b>Jr. Sailing Crab Feed</b>
6 Brunch 12 - 2pm Dinner 5:30 - 8pm  <b>Super Bowl Party</b>	7	8	9	10 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner (Regular Menu) 6 - 8:30pm	11 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm  <b>Second Friday</b>	12 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm
13 Brunch 12 - 2pm Dinner 5:30 - 8pm	14	15	16	17 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner (Regular Menu) 6 - 8:30pm  <b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>	18 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm  <b>Kid's Movie Night</b>  <b>Live Music</b>	19 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm  <b>EYC Cruise In</b>  <b>Jr. Sailing Opti Regatta</b>
20 Brunch 12 - 2pm Dinner 5:30 - 8pm  <b>EYC Cruise In</b>  <b>Jr. Sailing Opti Regatta</b>	21	22	23	24 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner (Regular Menu) 6 - 8:30pm	25 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm	26 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm  <b>Jack Frost Midwinters</b>  <b>Small Boat Winter Series</b>
27 Brunch 12 - 2pm Dinner 5:30 - 8pm	28	<b>Save the DATE:</b> <b>Saturday, March 5th - Mardi Gras Party</b> <b>Friday, March 11th - St. Patrick's Day Party</b>				



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