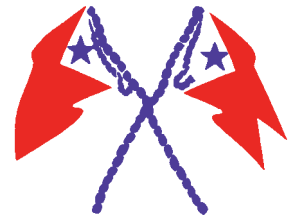


ENCINAL YACHT CLUB



SOUNDINGS

EST. 1890

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Alameda, CA

President: *Lew Lippard*

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EYC Kids “STEP UP” and did a wonderful job serving at the Crab Feed





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From the President . . . Lew Lippard

Spring is here, and once again EYC is preparing on embarking on another season of increased activity. By the time that you read this, there will be two more winter races to go, the last Jack Frost Series and the last Small Boat Midwinter Series. The Junior Sailing Winter Program, which started in late January, early February, will run until school is out and the Summer Program begins.

The harbinger of spring is our annual Crab Feed in support of our Junior Sailing Program. The Junior Sailing Program is one of, if not the, preeminent program of its kind in the Bay Area. It is something of which EYC can be very proud. It enhances the EYC reputation as an important yacht club in the Bay Area. But most importantly, it represents the future of sailing. It is the basis of sailors that we will see in the years to come, some champions (some of the juniors are already champions) and some who just sail or mess around in boats because they enjoy being around boats and the water. The current management of the Junior Sailing activities deserve our praise and support for the fine job they are doing. They are the Youth Activities Director, **Paul Delle Cese**; the Junior Sailing Liaisons, **John Kirkman** and **Jane Dalisay** and **Bill** and **Pam Emberley**; and Junior Sailing Director, **Mallory McCollum Bozina**.

By publication time, the Cruising Committee, under the direction of **Stu** and **Julie Hill**, will have completed two of their cruises, including the EYC cruise-in on February 19th. Cruise-ins to EYC from other yacht clubs have begun, and Club events are well underway. Ballroom dancing continues (contact **Noemi Warren** if you wish to join in) and Kids Movie Nights, supervised by **Debra Early** and **Betsy Signol**, have been kicked off the same night as the Wine Tasting and Music (reservations strongly suggested).

Moving on to the events to come, there are 16 regattas currently planned, a host of events in the Clubhouse and Pool and the big event of the year for EYC, the Summer Sailstice. As you can see, this will be a busy and event filled year, all requiring a number of volunteers. Having a cadre of volunteers to handle all these activities requires the participation of all the members. I encourage every member to join at least one committee. There is no better way to get to better know the other members of the Club. Additionally, you will be adding your ideas, thoughts and opinions to what is going on in the Club. Diversity of thoughts and opinions are very important in obtaining the best solution for the Club.

Let me have your ideas and thoughts; and 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

Spring is almost here! The Flag Officers and Race Chairs spent a good portion of February working on our race equipment and race planning. Vice Commodore **Victor Early** and team are doing a fantastic job organizing the 2011 Coastal Cup. This year Victor is taking Coastal Cup back to Santa Barbra. Our hope is to alternate between Santa Barbra and Catalina every other year. Please contact Victor (vicecommodore@encinal.org) for further details or visit the 2011 Coastal Cup web site (<http://encinal.org/pageResource/coastalcup/2011/coastalcup.php>)

Rear Commodore **Chris Hanson** is continuing to do a great job on the Jack Frost Series and building our race committee team. Race committee is a lot of fun and we could use help in all race management positions (mark set boat, timing, signal flags, documentation and sounds). Please contact Rear Commodore Hanson (rearcommodore@encinal.org) if you are interested in helping out on the race committee.

Our small boat fleet is growing! Small Boat Fleet Captain **Michael Andrews** had upwards to thirty boats in last month's race. Please contact Michael (Michael.Andrews@portsamerica.com) for more information on our Small Boat racing program.

I would like to thank the **Mia Maheigan** from the Sea Bird Protection Network for presenting February's STEM. Mia's talk about ways boaters can reduce their impact to seabirds while on the water was very insightful and well attended. **Steve Wedlock**, a local surveyor and long-time schoolship master, will be presenting a talk on various maritime topics like celestial navigation at our March 10th STEM. Please send me a suggestion and I'll see if it's in Steve's grab bag of knowledge. Come on down for dinner, a drink and enjoy the talk.

See you on the water! ☐

Profiles . . . Mike Palmer



Manny Rodriguez was born in Chalatenango, El Salvador, where from an early age he began playing soccer, inspired by the great athlete known simply as "Pelé". He continued playing after moving to the States and distinguished himself as a star player on his high school team, which won a regional championship. While still in school Manny began working with his uncle as a dishwasher at *Bon Appétit*, a popular restaurant in San Francisco. This was the genesis of his career which led to stints at *TGI Friday's*, *The Hungry Hunter* and the *Silverado Country Club*. Later Manny went on to open his own restaurant, which he operated for five years. Manny began providing food services at EYC in May 2008.

Manny and his wife Mora May have four children – Giovanni (21), Amanda (17), Christopher (14) and Nicole (6). Giovanni is currently a student at the *Cordon Bleu Culinary School*, while Amanda is pursuing her aspirations to become a fashion designer.

In answer to the question as to who does the cooking at home, Manny responded that Mora May rules the kitchen, although she often asks Manny for his advice!

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Eight Bells

EYC loses a good friend

Paul L. Jones, M.D.
1916 - 2011

Paul L. Jones, 94, died February 1, 2011 in Alameda. EYC Member #5, Paul served on the Board of Directors in the late 1950s when the club purchased the current site. He is survived by Chris Jones, of San Leandro, who raced his first boat, a Mercury, from EYC in 1964; Pam Jones, of San Carlos; and Ginger Bonnar of Martinez. Paul's wife, Mary, died in 2007. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, March 13, 3 p.m., at Grandview Pavilion, 300 Island Drive, Alameda.

From the House Director . . . Anita Mahoney

Attention Ladies!!!!

By the time you receive this newsletter our long awaited purse hooks will have been installed under the bar. No more purses on the bar or floor. Thank you **Mark Bernhard**. I knew you wouldn't let us down!!

I hope you noticed the new shades on the windows behind the bar. You will no longer have to dodge the sun while enjoying your cocktails. Many thanks to **Dan and Diane Hayes** for donating and installing them.

The 2011 Junior Sailing Crab Feed was a big success. How could it not be with chairs, **Bill Emberley, John Kirkman** and **Barbara Grove**. Also to all the coaches and the junior sailing parents for all their efforts.. There attendance of over 200 once again proved to be a major event and fundraiser for our junior sailing program. Thanks to all of you for your dedication and support.

The weekend did not end there....it was followed by Super Bowl Sunday, chaired by **Tom and Jan Sheehan** who did a super job organizing the chili and appetizer contest and prizes. These things just don't happen!!! It was also nice to see a few members boats cruise in for the event. This is what makes our club so special.

For those of you who didn't make it to the Valentines Brunch I will give you a little taste of what you missed. Chocolate covered bananas and strawberries with a dollup of whip cream and chocolate sauce. Manny it was delightful!!

Watch your Soundings and Signal Flag for the upcoming events. Mardi Gras , St. Patrick's Day, Kids Movie Night and Annual EYC Flea Market (Please bring stuff. This is not just going to be nautical!!!)

The work that is being done around the club inside and out is endless. Please stay tuned for more.....or better yet come down and see for yourself!!!!

See you "Around the House" ☐

Cruise News . . .*The Chatty Cruiser*

EYC's New Years Day Round the Island cruise occurred under cloudy skies with occasional showers. EYC's Chinese New Year's Celebration Cruise In started in worse weather conditions with wind, rain and cold temperatures. The inclement weather reduced the number of boats cruising into the club. There were reservations for 18 boats and eight hearty boaters made it to EYC—Turtle, Wings, Nova, Mi Sueno, Sashay, Sante, Catman, and Rubber Duckies. The weather though, did not stop a big turnout for the Chinese dinner. Cruise leaders **Sam and Chris Benson, Mike Pernitzke** and **Ina Tabak**, and **Stu and Julie Hill** put on a lavish buffet suitable for the festive occasion. The table stretched the entire length of the west end of the dining room and featured Singapore Noodles with BBQ Pork, Happy Lemon Chicken, Sweet and Sour Pork, Chicken Fried Rice, Ginger Chicken, Stir Fried Beef and Broccoli, Salt Baked Prawns, BBQ Pork and Chinese Whole Roast Pig. This was after an hour or so of cocktailing with pot stickers, dumplings, fried chicken wings, and fried won tons. The dining room was festively decorated and the tables featured large bowls of fortune cookies. What a treat, and well worth the extremely modest cost.

On Sunday morning, our fortunes did indeed change as blue skies and bright sun dominated after a week of rain and gloom. The tables were set up, the blenders plugged in and our first Fizz Breakfast of the year was off and running. A portend of things to come? We certainly hope so!

The next cruise out is to South Beach, March 19th. The emails with the details have been sent weeks ago, as it is a very popular event with limited slip availability. Slips are currently all taken and there is a wait list. But feel free to RSVP if you would like to drive in to South Beach for an excellent dinner prepared by their French chef. Please RSVP by March 7th. if you're interested. ☐

Fleet Cruise Captains: Mike, Ina, Bill and Carol.

Jr. Sailing . . .Mallory McCollum Bozina



I'm very excited to report that the Crab Feed was a huge success! It was a full house with 202 seats filled and the Junior Sailing Program earned \$4,940.33 in tips! The Jr Program sincerely appreciates everyone's generosity! These donations help keep jr sailing alive at EYC! Thank you again! A huge thank you goes to the junior sailors, their siblings, and friends who worked so hard all night! It was a long night, but our young helpers kept busy until the last table was put away. This event wouldn't have been successful without all the parents. Thank you so much to everyone who made desserts, shopped for food, worked in the kitchen, at the bar, clothing table, photography, registration, clean up, etc. Your time and commitment to EYC Jr Sailing is truly appreciated!

At the NorCal #4 "Big Game Regatta" hosted by PYSF and Sequoia YC, Alameda HS sailors **Thomas Rall** and **Natalie Corkhill** placed 3rd overall out of 27 boats in silver fleet! Over the two days, a total of 18 races were sailed. Thomas and Natalie placed top ten in 16 of the 18 races, and half of those were top 5!! ☐

NorCal #6, Oyster Point YC, Jan 29-30

By: **Olivia Godfrey**

Sailing in a new and unfamiliar venue is always a daunting challenge. What will the wind be doing? And the current? Every little question of 'what-if' crossed my mind as I looked out at the area in which we would

be sailing. Encinal's teams sailed in both the 17 boat gold fleet (**Andrew Godfrey & Natalie Corkhill, Zack Borglin & Ellie Glenn**) and 22 boat silver fleet (**Guy Raber, Sydney Livingston & Will Livingston**). It was the usual number we could expect for NorCal High School Sailing regattas. Both mornings, the conditions started out with light wind and flat water. As the day progressed, promising puffs of wind would give us some kind of hope, but the conditions never really kicked in until late afternoon. It was a challenge trying to decipher the course in the beginning, since the wind was always shifting and never came out from one direction consistently. The weekend required a lot of patience with the small amount of wind and with the numerous 'general-recalls'. My game plan for most of the races was to simply get off the line quickly and tack as little as possible. Each race I found myself getting progressively better, but the most gratifying moment was when the wind finally kicked in and I secured a first place. The light drizzle didn't put a damper on the weekend and it really gave me confidence as a skipper—me usually being the crew in the boat. One thing I will definitely take away from this experience is this: to be aggressive and take chances in a race. Experimenting and applying things I have learned in the past really paid off. But I can't forget about my two crews, **Braedon Cuming-Timms** and **Maya Dornbrand-Lo**. They were amazing to work with and it made the weekend more enjoyable just having them in the boat with me! Together the three of us placed 2nd overall in silver fleet. ☐

Summer Sailstice is Coming to Encinal Yacht Club

This year's Summer Sailstice celebration will be held at EYC on June 18th. Currently in its 11th year, Summer Sailstice is an annual celebration organized around the longest day of the year to encourage participation in sailing and water-based activities. The event is geared towards existing sailors, those interested in learning more about our sport and families. This is an excellent opportunity for EYC to showcase the club to prospective members and the greater Bay Area sailing scene. This event will rival the Second Half Opener in size, so we will be looking to our membership for volunteers to help with the event.

If you want to get involved in the planning process or in the running of the event, please contact Mike or Wendy Scheck at 510-504-2933 or via email at summersailstice@encinal.org.

Membership News . . .Chris James

Membership – February 2011

Having concluded the 2011 Certificate Program, I am pleased to announce that the Board of Directors approved seventeen new members this month.

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

Regular Memberships:

Stuart Bateman & Jennifer Courant
Frank & Lori Beering
Alexandro & Valerie Calvillo
Wayne Cederquist & Kathy Suda
Greg de la Torre & Lisa Courts
Jan Eiron
Kriss & Jessica Ghafourpour
Gilbert & Andera Helland
Hans & Carol Johnson
Lucie Leblanc & Gabriel Siroit
Hugh McIntyre & Cecilia Riddell
Jim & Stephanie Parks
Kara Satra & Randall Pinetti
Charles Thome

Racing Memberships:

Kevin & Maria Boerner
Gregory & Sandra Owen

Junior Member:

Natalie Corkhill

See you around the club! ☐

Member Liaison . . .Vern Bendsen

Being a member of Encinal Yacht Club gives you an added opportunity to visit other yacht clubs. This is done through reciprocity with other yacht clubs.

Reciprocity is a privilege granted between two clubs. It is not an automatic privilege. When you want to visit another yacht club, call to see if it is okay.

Visiting other yacht clubs is usually a very positive experience. While you are there, you are representing Encinal Yacht Club. You need to have you Encinal

membership card with you incase they ask to see it. Also, you should have your Encinal name badge with you. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Linda and I have visited over 30 yacht clubs through out the USA and Canada, and have visited over 65 yacht clubs in California. We have always felt welcomed. And we are proud to be from Encinal YC.

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PICYA . . .Fred Rutledge

From the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA) Delegation – Fred Rutledge

Opening Day on the Bay is Sunday, 1 May. The theme this year is “GIANTS OF THE BAY”. Encinal members can show creativity by decorating boats as Sequoias, baseball fans, the Transamerica Pyramid, a bridge and the like. Participation in this 90 year old event is highly encouraged. If you do not wish to decorate, please consider being a sponsor. A committee boat will be on hand for those that want to relax and watch the parade. The Hornblower Yacht “California” can accommodate over 200 spectators on one deck for both breakfast and lunch. There will be no-host bars throughout the boat as well. Contact **Erich Schoenwisner** for more information at (510) 502-4277, or email: Erich4happ@yahoo.com.

The PICYA Foundation is up and running and seeking donations for the Scholarship Program and the Wheelchair Regatta. Our club has hosted this regatta for 14 years. It is a very worthwhile activity. The 15th Annual Wheelchair Regatta is scheduled for Saturday, 24 September. Those wishing to donate to the Scholarship Fund may make out a check to PICYA Foundation/Scholarship, and for the Wheelchair Regatta to PICYA Foundation/Wheelchair Regatta. All donations are tax deductible. Please mail donations to Foundation Treasurer S/C Duane Collins, 124 Bahama Reef, Novato, CA 94949.

Did you know that *boating* was on the National Transportation Safety Board’s “Most Wanted” list? Well, for the first time in 16 years the agency has removed it as substantial progress has been made in boating safety. ☐



Mardi Gras Update

March 5th 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. 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 party goers makes it impossible to plan. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Call the office to reserve 510-522-3272



MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 <i>Ballroom Dancing</i>	3 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner (Buffet Menu) 6 - 8:30pm <i>Dinner Buffet</i>	4 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm	5 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm <i>Mardi Gras Party</i>
6 Brunch 12 - 2pm Dinner 5:30 - 8pm <i>Jr. Sailing Open House</i>	7	8	9 <i>Ballroom Dancing</i>	10 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner (Regular Menu) 6 - 8:30pm <i>STEM</i>	11 <i>Second Friday</i> <i>St. Patrick's Day Party</i> <i>Barbary Coast Cruise In</i>	12 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm <i>Mercury Series</i> <i>Barbary Coast Cruise In</i>
13 Brunch 12 - 2pm Dinner 5:30 - 8pm <i>Barbary Coast Cruise In</i>	14	15	16 <i>Ballroom Dancing</i> <i>WESTCON</i>	17 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner (Regular Menu) 6 - 8:30pm <i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	18 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm	19 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm
20 Brunch 12 - 2pm Dinner 5:30 - 8pm	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 <i>Jack Frost Midwinter's</i> <i>Small Boat Winter Series</i>
27 Brunch 12 - 2pm Dinner 5:30 - 8pm	28	29	30 <i>Ballroom Dancing</i>	31	Save the DATE: <i>Saturday, April 16th - EYC Flea Market</i> <i>Sunday, April 24th - Easter Brunch</i>	



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