

April 2021



ENCINAL YACHT CLUB SOUNDINGS



**EYC is thriving and
looking good!**



What's Inside!

- President's Report
- Commodore's Report
- Cruising Fleet Update
- Building & Grounds
- Foundation News
- Junior Sailing News
- Membership Report
- New Members
- Director's Note



EYC Management

2018-2019 Board of Directors

President	Rodney Pimentel
Sr. Vice President	Michelle Shaffer
Vice President	Grace Hess
Treasurer	Matthew Dean
Commodore	Jens Jensen
Vice Commodore	Kevin Clark
Rear Commodore	Brent Draney
Director	Allison Sojka
Director	Robert Etchell
Director	Anna Christensen
Director	Mike Gorman

Committee Chair Persons

Membership	Peter Benziger
Marketing	Allison Sojka
Finance	Jim Vickers
Boat Yard	Theo Rohr
Building & Grounds	Bill Emberley
House	Stacy Paluch
Youth	Grace Hess
Junior Sailing	Barb Grove
Long Range Planning	Kevin Clark
Nominating	Bill Nork
Pool Committee	Jessica Daly
Food & Beverage	Gary Stacherski
Paddle Club	Lisa Rohr
	Ashley Richardson

Appointed Officers

Port Captains	Grant Hayes
Cruise Captain	Ed Lecco
Small Boat Fleet Captain	John Hansen
Power Boat Fleet Captain	
& Safety Officer	Tony Shaffer
Member Liason	Vern Bendsen
Club Counsel	John Baum
Soundings Editor	Cindy Wondolleck
Web Master	David Roach
PICYA Delegates	Fred Rutledge
	Tony Shaffer
Staff Commodore	Ted Floyd
Secretary	Janis Glaser
Showcase/Ship Store	Edie Herro

Encinal Yacht Club

Established 1890

1251 Pacific Marina
Alameda, CA 94501

Office (510) 522-3272

www.encinal.org

Policies

Soundings will be published bimonthly. Submissions will be handled with reasonable care, but no liability is assumed for them. All articles are subject to editing for content and space consideration.

Permissions: Material in this publication may not be reproduced in any form without permission directed to the Editor.

Deadline: Articles and photographs are due by the 20th of the month prior to publication. Late submissions cannot be assured of publication. Articles may be dropped off or faxed to the Club, or emailed to the Soundings Editor at soundings@encinal.org

Staff

General Manager/COO	Curtis Lew
Member Service Coordinator	Omta Toma
Controller	Lori Bateman
Executive Chefs	Geo Rodriguez
	Manny Rodriguez
Junior Sailing Director	TBD
Asst. Junior Sailing Director	Ellie Glenn

Office Hours

Wednesday-Sunday 9:00am-5:00pm

Outdoor Dining and Tiki Bar Service:

Thursday 4:00pm -7:00pm

Fridays 4:00pm-7:00pm

Saturdays 12:00pm-7:00pm

Sundays..... 12:00pm-7:00pm



Greetings Encinal Yacht Club!

I am honored to be your President for 2021 and look forward to a great year as we return to normalcy. I am sure you join me in anticipation of receiving a vaccine in the coming months and crushing the virus

that has put a strain on us all.

Your board of directors has been very busy kicking off the year, balancing our budget and working with committees to allocate club resources. I would like to welcome your new Vice Commodore Kevin Clark, Rear Commodore Brent Draney, Vice President Grace Hess, Treasurer Matthew Dean and Member at Large Michael Gorman to the board for the coming year.

March Madness has been a huge success for the club! We should have around 49 new members by April 1st which is extremely exciting. I wanted to welcome all our new members and thank the fantastic efforts by the membership committee. Peter Benzinger, Barb Grove and many volunteers did an outstanding job of organizing the event, providing tours and, welcoming everyone at the Tiki Bar.

St Patrick's day was another festive event at the club. The day started with St Paddles day which evolved into a fun paddle around Coast Guard Island and back to the club. Lisa Rohr and Ashley Richardson did a fabulous job of organizing the event with Irish music and plenty of green accoutrements. Manny also did a great job with our Irish dinner. It was wonderful to see the dining room full of members using our new socially distanced table arrangement.

Covid 19 has sent a shockwave through most clubs. We are very fortunate to have such a large outdoor venue that has allowed us to remain open and weather this storm. Soon we will be entering the orange tier with 50% indoor capacity.

Our next big event is Easter Brunch on April 4th. We will be serving brunch, on 8 indoor and 8 upper deck outdoor tables. Looking forward to the return of the Easter Bunny!

As you can see, we have been doing quite a bit of work

on the docks. Our master dock builder Kevin Clark is working on the final section for replacement. Please look for opportunities to help in the signal flag. Our guest docks are one of the jewels of our club and the envy of visiting clubs. I am looking forward to seeing more cruise-ins as we start to open the club to more events this summer.

Every great club needs strong volunteers, and I am extremely fortunate that Cindy Wondolleck has agreed to start up the Soundings for April. We are actively looking for a replacement editor, so if you are interested, please contact Curtis at gm@encinal.org.

Looking forward to seeing you at the club in 2021!



Encinal Yacht Club
Change Of Watch
2021 Board Of Directors
Swearing In Ceremony!

From EYC Commodore Jens Jensen



Flag Bridge Report for April 1, 2021

Overheard a conversation in assembling the race committee for March 6: “We only have three for Carol Louise”
“That’s odd”
“It’s prime!”

Turned out, three on Carol Louise and two each on the two mark set boats was what we needed to pull off three Jack Frost races that day, taking the total to nine races sailed and completing the series. Covid Health Orders, Mask Mandates, Crew Limits and Social Distancing Protocols were part of the Sailing Instructions this winter, but 45 boats showed that our race program prevailed over these challenges. It began a couple of weeks before the first race in October last year with a race committee recruiting day, which we dressed up as free R/C training day, where we said hello to six EYC members who had joined the club only months before. A wonderful refresh of volunteer talent for our racing activity has developed into a reliable backbone of active engagement. Launching and driving the mark set boats with the energy to spend a whole day on the water, dropping and dragging orange tetrahedrons across the bay is hard work. Shout out to Christine, Stuart, Charles, Cam and Louise. Well done and thank you! And thank you Rear Commodore Brent Draney for impressing the most discriminating sailors on the Bay with your PRO chops!

If the Vice Commodore, Kevin Clark wasn't so tied up in rebuilding yet another set of docks over the next few weeks with a razor sharp budget, he would tell you about his effort to scale up our boat share program. The club now offers two J22s and two Vanguard 15s as available fleet for our members. Boats have to be maintained, new skippers have to be checked out and deemed worthy of

sailing our club boats. So Kevin opened windows on weekends for crews to be checked out, he also found a dynamite team to help him administer the program, so we are ready to support the anticipated growth in member interest. Add to that the Paddle Boat Program, now in its fourth year, and there is no reason to fill your time at the



club with pool time only. You can get on the big water without owning the vessel!

One more thing; the Flag has restarted the STEM meetings this year. We are holding them on the Second Thursday Every Month, by the way. Using Zoom has become second nature to most of us and it provides the tool to get us in a “room” for STEM without having to drive to the club. Peter Benziger and wife Margie entertained us with videos from a recently completed eight-year circumnavigation of the globe aboard their Tayana 47, Peregrina, visiting 44 countries, including showing great footage from Indonesia and Malaysia. That was the warm up. Rodney Pimentel followed with an entertaining testimonial of Azure’s 2016 Pacific Cup, delivered by RJ, the family on board reporter. The March meeting was about sailing analytics in the age of cloud computing, and on April 8 US Sailing’s Dave Perry will introduce us to the new Racing Rules of Sailing and provide clues how to best negotiate the houseboats on the Alameda side across from Jack London Square while competing in evening beer can racing.



Continued on Page 5




From EYC Commodore Jens Jensen



Did I say evening beer can racing? We have aligned our schedule with Oakland and Island Yacht Clubs again to give you wall to wall coverage of weekly evening racing from April to September. For those of you who want to sail the best of the best, the Crème de la Crème go to <https://www.jibeset.net/EYC000.php?RG=To0497205> click and you are signed up for the Encinal Spring Twilight Series! Rumor has it we have a group of Express 37s checked in already and intent on putting tracks on the Alameda Estuary this spring. You may have to contend with sailing in their wake.

Looking ahead, mark your calendar for two of our 2021 Premier Events: California Offshore Race Week and the 2021 Lipton Cup Series, the former featuring Encinal's Coastal Cup, bookmarked by the Spinnaker Cup and the SoCal 300. This Regatta is scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend and starts with the first race on Saturday, May 29, 2021. We expect a raucous awards party in Santa Barbara on June 2. Get in touch with Kevin Clark or me if you like to join the party down there. We would love to have a strong Encinal contingent to show our burgee. The second big event, rounding out the Spring quarter, is this year's recurring of the Lipton Cup, it occurs June 18-20. Friendly competition by 10 Bay Area Yacht Clubs sailing nine races in three days to find the winner. Encinal plays host for the Saturday events, seven round the buoys races finishing in front of the club house, with Covid in the rear view mirror, hopefully complemented by social energy on the club grounds to show EYC as the best on the bay!

See you around and share the news with friends!



ENCINAL YACHT CLUB

ESTUARY CUP

Hosted by Encinal Yacht Club

May 2, 2021

Open to mono-hull boats with an overall length of at least 20 feet and a minimum wight of 750 pounds empty.

Boats from all yacht clubs on Alameda Island are invited to race.

A long downwind race that finishes on the estuary at EYC.

REGISTER AT: www.encinal.org

Encinal Sailing Foundation

Mike Gorman

Encinal Sailing Foundation Explained

The Encinal Sailing Foundation was formed in 1992 by original foundation members Rich Pipkin, Howie Marion, and Dr David Oliver. All were members of EYC. Dr Oliver championed the filing of an application with the IRS to become a charitable non profit tax exempt Corporation under paragraph 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. They also filed and received a tax exempt status from the California Board of Equalization. These efforts were aided by Tony Pohl. These actions made it possible for all donations to the Encinal Sailing Foundation to be tax deductible by the donors.

The purpose of the Encinal Sailing Foundation is to promote an interest in all types of sailing activity with a particular emphasis on youth programs. Approximately 95% of all resources go the EYC junior sailing program. The corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Non Profit Public Benefit Corporation Law for public and charitable purposes. The members and officers of the corporation have evolved over the years with Rich Pipkin, Howie Marion, Dick Crosson, and Dr David Oliver all serving Presidential terms. The current three members and officers are Paul delle Cese, Barbara Grove, and Michael Gorman, President. All members and officers serve as volunteers.

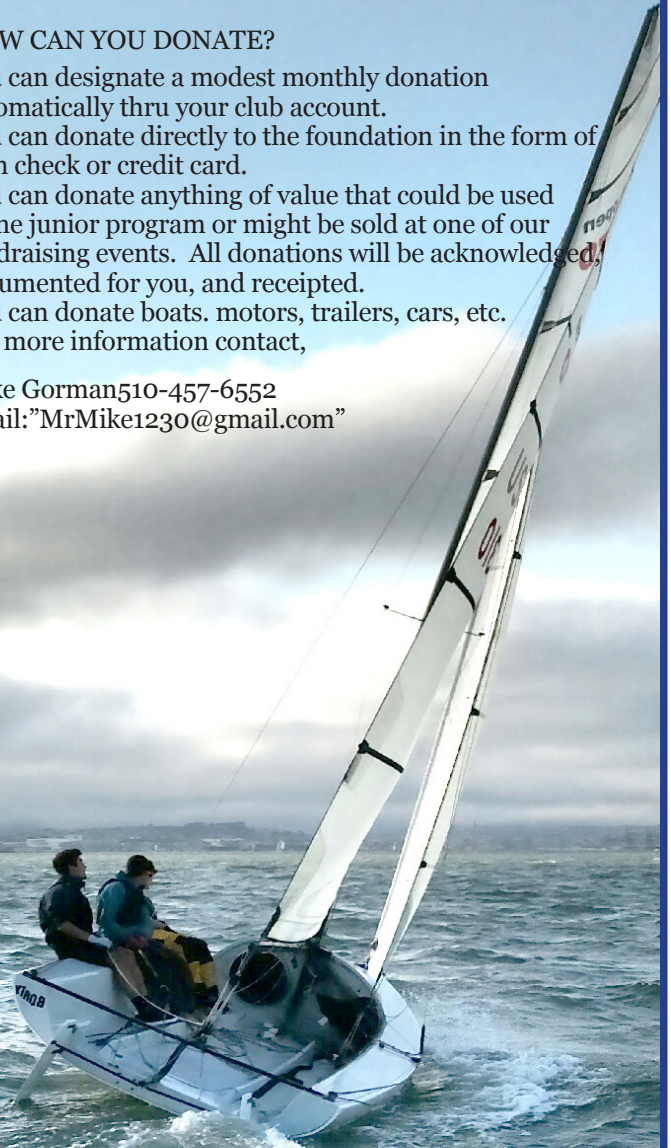
Dr Oliver was especially instrumental in the tedious process of attaining government approvals and authorities to establish this valuable charity. Dr Oliver passed the gavel to Michael Gorman in March 2008 shortly before his untimely passing. He left a gaping hole in our club, community and family's hearts and his gracious efforts and great accomplishments for junior sailing at EYC and the club in general shall long be remembered.

The Encinal Foundation is a completely separate entity from the Encinal Yacht Club and the EYC Junior Sailing Program. It is a legal corporation to receive donations of all kinds. In turn, the donations promote boating & sailors in Northern California. In order for donated funds to remain deductible and for the Foundation to retain its charitable status with the IRS, we must be very careful not to inure direct benefit to individual club members or the club for the general purposes of the membership. The foundation directly receives financial donations, boat, motors, equipment, cars, and anything that has value. The items are either granted to the youth program for their use or sold to generate funds to be used for those purposes.

HOW CAN YOU DONATE?

You can designate a modest monthly donation automatically thru your club account.
You can donate directly to the foundation in the form of cash check or credit card.
You can donate anything of value that could be used in the junior program or might be sold at one of our fundraising events. All donations will be acknowledged, documented for you, and receipted.
You can donate boats, motors, trailers, cars, etc.
For more information contact,

Mike Gorman 510-457-6552
email: "MrMike1230@gmail.com"



GLBC “Great little cruising boat”

The foundation now has this beautiful Coronado 25 available for sale. Over the years this model has retained its popularity for sail ability and comfort. Cabin space galore in this compact cruiser. Good sails, new motor, and fresh varnish on bright work. She is turnkey ready.

Sales price \$3950. Creative financing and possible lease purchase available.

Call Mike Gorman
Foundation President
510-457-6552
MrMike1230@gmail.com



From The Cruise Captain Ed Lecco



Cruising Fleet Update

The pandemic pretty much canceled our entire cruising schedule in 2020 and will also impact 2021. But as we start to exit the pandemic, I see fair winds and following seas ahead for those that love to cruise with your EYC shipmates.

We have been in contact with other Yacht Clubs and Marinas and to date most are currently not hosting cruise outs. I expect this to change and cruise outs to resume if the current pandemic trajectory continues. If that does happen, expect to see destinations like Sausalito, San Francisco YC, Marin YC, Petaluma show up on the cruising schedule from July through the end of the year.

In the meantime, I've decided we need to get creative and am scheduling some "anchor outs" for the next few months. This will give us an opportunity get the cruising fleet back together as well as work on our anchoring skills. Here is the schedule which will also be updated on the EYC website.

Anchor Out Schedule:

- April 16-18: Treasure Island / Clipper Cove
Cruise Leader: TBA
- May 7 – 9: Ballena Bay Anchorage
Cruise Leader: Ed Lecco
- June 11- 13: Paradise Cove Anchorage
Cruise Leader: TBD
- October (TBD): China Camp
Cruise Leader: TBD

More details to come as we get closer to these dates. If you're interested in joining or leading one of these anchor outs, please contact me at sail.painkiller@gmail.com. Please check the Cruising page on the EYC website for updates. As Clubs open up for hosting, we will get some cruise outs scheduled.



From EYC Junior Sailing Asst. Director Ellie Glenn



This time last year, the country was shutting down, we were starting to receive stay at home orders, and things were looking bleak. Now we have found a new normal, and one that isn't so bad. The change in pace and atmosphere has affected the decisions on how time is getting spent. There is a larger case now for choosing to spend free time better, and using it to seek quality experiences with families and friends through lifelong pastimes like sailing. The option to sail, to get out and do physical activity, has brought us many new sailors who would normally be doing other sports, and allowed a special type of growth during the season that was unprecedented. The stability of our program and our youth sailors is commendable. Our coaches, sailors, and parents have done an amazing job in abiding by social distancing rules, which has allowed us to keep sailing and ultimately keep the kids on the water.

We were able to host our 2nd internal regatta last month with more than 50 boats (optimist, CFJ, Laser, C420) on the water. We were lucky enough to have clear skies, some sporty conditions, and breeze from the North. With 11 races completed over two days, I'd like to give a huge shout out to our top sailors in each fleet:

Opti Green- Alex Roach

Opti Champ- Kyle Nguyen

CFJ- Nate & Jack Holden

Laser- Brendan Connelly

C420- Dylan Wondolleck and Marcello Molina-Aced

We would also like to wish Kyle Nguyen luck as he attends Opti Team Trials, held in Dallas, Texas this upcoming month! This is not only exciting for our youth program to send a sailor to a national event, but also for our sailing community, that we are figuring out how to get back on the water to race.

As a program, we are looking forward to getting on

the race course with other programs in the upcoming months as we start to see regattas being put on the schedule.

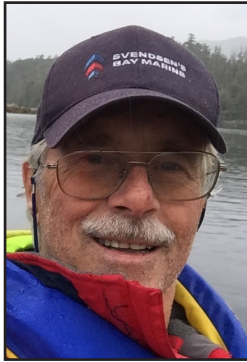
Also this month, we hosted our annual Open House! The blue skies came out giving us a perfect day to showcase our beautiful Yacht Club. While running a high school practice on the water, giving opti demos, and doing our annual presentation via Zoom, we were excited to run a COVID safe event. Over 63 families attended the event! It was great to get our volunteers out there and are extremely grateful to all those who helped make the event a success: Kristin Connelly, Janis Glaser, Jane Rutledge, Maureen Lance, Leah Smith, Lisa Rohr, Ashley Woodward, Karen Honhsbeen, Jen Nguyen, Jesse Cooke, David Roach, Lorenzo Puertas, Jim Govert, Dan Siskind, Brendan McNally, Krysia Pohl, Jeri Hayes, Lisa Schultz, Robert Etchell, Jens Jensen, and Mike Gorman.

We'd also like to give a shout out to all ongoing behind the scenes volunteers we've had so far this year! All the Crab Feed workers, Dan Siskind (fiberglass work) , Social Media/Brochures (Allison Sojka), Opti Donation (Greg Dehaan), Motor Boats (Lorenzo Puertas), Clothing Inventory (Janis Glaser and Grace Glenn) , Motor Boat Fiberglass (Mike Gorman, Kevin Clark), Docks (Jason Botting, Sara Govert, Mike Gorman), and Boat Ramp Painting (Grant Hayes and Sue Devlin).

We are actively planning a robust summer program! Check out our new brochure (thanks to Allison Sojka): [HERE](#)



From EYC Membership Committee Chair Peter Benziger



Ahoy EYC Shipmates!

As we have voyaged through the turbulent seas of the COVID-19 Pandemic, you might wonder if our membership numbers have fallen? Well, if you guessed that our ship has been abandoned, you would be wrong! We are stronger than ever with more “crew” signing up every day.

The word is out fact that EYC has unparalleled facilities, excellent social activities, a nationally recognized Junior Sailing program, year-round opportunities for outstanding adult racing competition and a “cruise-out” excursion program with yacht clubs all around the San Francisco Bay area.

51 new members joined the Club and we’re still counting! In the first quarter of 2021, we’ve had a RECORD NUMBER of new members!

The activities that drove the increase were:

- **March Membership Madness:** Waiving the \$1,000 initiation fee during March brought a slew of new members
- **Open-House:** Personal tours, presentations, and Jr. Sailing seminars
- **Ambassador Club:** Who is best prepared to bring in new members? You are! The people who know and love Encinal make the best Ambassadors. Look for club members with the word “Ambassador” under their name tag. You can have one too - just by bringing in 3 new members.
- **Jr. Sailing:** Barb Grove and her team of Jr. Sailing proponents were outstanding in attracting new families with kids and they all deserve lots of credit.
- **Social Media marketing:** Kudos to Allison Sojka and Edie Herro. On Instagram last month, we recorded a 7% increase in followers and reached almost 11,000 accounts. On Facebook, we had a 30% growth in page views and engagement went up 156%!

HOW DO WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS?

- **Blue Name Tags:** New members sport a Blue 1st Year Member tag under the member’s name. If you see someone wearing one of these blue tags, please go up

and introduce yourself. Our goal is to make everyone feel welcome.

- **Welcome Party:** There will be a welcome party outside, around the pool, for new members and existing club members in April. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing but do make an effort to get to know our newest members.

- **Volunteer:** The best way to make new friends is to volunteer at the Club. Please help new members understand how to volunteer and encourage them do so. We will have sign-up sheets at the Welcome Party. You can sign up too!

THE HORIZON

So, shipmates, we have passed through a storm of pandemic proportions and we can see on the horizon sunny skies, fair winds and calm seas. This summer will be AWESOME and I look forward to making new friends and hearing wildly exaggerated stories of nautical adventure around the Tiki Bar.



Congratulations!



Jesse Cooke is the first member in 2021 to bring in three new members! Jesse and her husband, Jason, joined Encinal in 2015.

On behalf of all the membership at EYC, we would like to thank her!

Encinal Yacht Club's New Members since the start of 2021!

Jeffrey Scott

Paul & Allison Boatman

Andy & Shannon McIsaac

Chris & Leigha Burns

Sky & Erin Pace

David Hayward

Phuong & Titus Kress

Connie Moser

Amber Rivetti

Katy & Vanessa Davies-Perez

Katie & Jason Overton

Peter Goldman

Lisa Overton

Timothy & Pamela Lamarre

Andrew Misch

Katrina Juskenas

Thaddeus & Candice Wozniak

Alex & Corina Cocovean

Monica & Mark Sloan

Kristian & Erin Hanelt

Thomas & Leslie Harvey

David Stewart

Joey & Cindy Danbom

Emily & Mike Boyes

Clive & Susan Hughes

Michael Spitz

Yuliya Clarke

Megan & Chris Denhardt

Joanne & Randy Weeton

David & Rachel Ball

Ryan Meyer

Natalie Tucker

Karissa Peth

Debi & Shaughn Ryan

James & Angee Dowdy

Charles & Onice Ross

Spring & Ben Steinbach

Christy Consler

Chris Bauer

Matthew & Kristen Everett

Karen & Tim Crowe

Amy & Gary Brandt

Abbie Gregor

Stefanie Robinson

Jeff Keiser

Michele Odland

Michelle & Bryan Dunn- Ruiz

David Carter

Sally Gimbert

Chris Camozzi

Raffi Aghapekian

Daniel & Teresa Ruiz

Benjamin & Ellen James

Karen Bane

Scott Probst

Kelsey Ashford

Greg Matthews

Lena Pimentel

Gary & Mari Campbell

From EYC Vice Commodore
Kevin Clark



California Offshore Race Week

Encinal Yacht Club started a race from San Francisco to Santa Barbara called the Coastal Cup in the late 80's. this race takes around 46 hours for the average boat with many crews arriving sleep deprived.

Now the race has entered a new dimension. The race now is a 4 Yacht Club event, Encinal, Monterey, Santa Barbara and San Diego Yacht Clubs work together to produce the California Offshore Race week. This will be the 5th running of this race. Many thanks to Jim Vickers for doing all the ground work for this new series.

The Coastal Cup currently is a three race event. The first

race is the Spinnaker Cup San Francisco to Monterey. The second race is Monterey to Santa Barbara. And the third race is Santa Barbara to San Diego.

The start of the San Francisco race will be May 29th and will be started by an Encinal crew. The Encinal crew immediately leaves for Monterey to finish the racers and start the next leg to Santa Barbara. Then on to Santa Barbara to finish that race. Santa Barbara and San Diego yacht clubs finish the third race. If you are interested in participating click [Here](#).



EYC Building & Grounds Committee Chair Bill Emberley

Greetings everyone!

I am your newly appointed buildings and grounds captain and have hit the ground running. Starting at the water I have been working with an amazing group of EYC volunteers constructing C and D docks under the direction of our EYC hero, Kevin Clark. We floated the last of the docks on Sunday and will begin bolting them in place soon after Easter. When completed our docks will, in fact, be the among finest on the bay. The next time you see a member of the dock building crew you should buy them a beer for all of their hard work. Truly an amazing effort.

I have been in contact with the various Garden, Pool, Boat Yard, Docks and Junior Sailing committees to compile a punch list of important repairs, maintenance and additions to our fine club. With your help I plan to coordinate work parties on upcoming weekends where volunteers can help spruce the place up while enjoying the company of fellow members and sharing in keeping Encinal Yacht Club the best it can be. If you are interested in joining our merry band of toilers or have suggestions for upgrades and repairs, please email me at emberleybill@gmail.com. Stay tuned for work party opportunities in the EYC Signal Flag very soon.



From EYC Director Allison Sojka

Life on the Water Starts Here!

I hope you're not like me. It took me years to figure out just a few things about our club and community that changed everything about my experience here. We have an unprecedented number of new members this Spring, and with this, the potential to positively change what our community could look like in future years. With that in mind, I'd like to share what I'd known when I joined years ago in hopes to fastrack our new members to feeling EYC is your new extended family, as it feels to me and getting you involved. My change in engagement with the club came when

I caught myself too-frequently thinking, "Why don't 'They' (fill in the blank)?" Once I realized the, "They," in my mind was actually ME -- and volunteers like me, it changed everything. It was just the change in mindset needed to see things entirely differently. Encinal Yacht Club was no longer a facility there to serve our family, but a community we are a part of. I felt empowered and excited about making this a place my family and others like you, would call home-away-from-home for generations to come.

What I wished I'd known when we joined:

- Don't let the stereotypes around the phrase, "yacht club," fool you. Encinal Yacht Club is a non-profit organization. The vast majority of what you see happening around you is thanks to passionate volunteers and keeping this in mind changes the optics dramatically. The amount our volunteers do literally blows my mind.
- This community's strength relies on our members making, and treating, this as their home and extended family; both socially and logistically. What would you do if this club was literally YOURS? It is... so take care of it that way, and if you see something that you feel needs doing or you just want to do, jump in make it happen! If you need help figuring out how, our Board or Committee members found on the website can be a good start.
- One way or another, get on the water! You've now discovered our little waterfront shangri la, so take advantage of all the ways to get your feet wet. Our Flag especially is committed to helping get you out there. Again, you can find names of who to reach out to under the Management page of encinal.org, and their contact info in the online directory.
- There's a saying that goes something like, "A fish doesn't know it lives in water," meaning the fish takes for granted that it lives and breathes the world as it is, assuming it's so for other living creatures around it. This community is a little like that. We don't know what we -- or you -- don't know, but we'd love to share our knowledge if you help us. Embrace your curiosity, and please call on our openness with your questions. We'd love to share your findings with others and improve for the future.
- EYC can be a facility you pass the time at, or a community steeped in rich friendships and traditions that will become a part of your life's story. It's up to you.

Welcome to Encinal Yacht Club new members!
Your life on the water starts here.



From EYC Paddle Club Lisa Rohr/Ashley Richardson

Hello from the Paddle Club!

Paddling on the estuary provided a rare and refreshing respite for many folks during this last tumultuous year. New and experienced paddlers alike found that paddle sports offered the perfect mix of fresh-air exercise with just the right amount of physical distancing. AND, more new members joined the Paddle Club in 2020 than in all previous years put together, which has brought renewed energy and community to this wonderful club-within-a-club at EYC.



Our group paddle events were few and far between in 2020, but Paddle Clubbers came out for a very festive Jingle Paddle in December and our always spirited St. Paddle's Day celebration this March. As restrictions ease in the coming months (fingers crossed!) we'll continue with our monthly group paddles (1st Saturdays at 10am) and hope to offer additional specialty paddles & paddle classes.

Interested in joining the paddle club or getting more involved? We're looking for volunteers to help plan events and maintain our equipment. Visit the Paddle Club page on the EYC website or drop us a line at eypaddleclub@encinal.org.



Great news: with our increase in paddle club membership, we have added two tandem kayaks to our fleet! These are terrific, stable, convertible kayaks that seat 1 or 2 paddlers. Our fleet is now:

- 2 single-person kayaks
- 2 tandem/convertible kayaks
- 2 stand-up paddle boards
- 2 rowing skiffs



Pandemic Paddling!



EYC Ship's Store Edie Herro/Anita Mahoney

Your Ship's Store is open!

It has been a year since our club has been fully open. We miss seeing everyone.

Please feel free to stop by our lobby and browse our selection of EYC logo gear and gifts.

We have sailing and sportswear for you and your crew: polo shirts, dress shirts, jackets, fleece, hats, belts, vests, glassware and mugs! Guests may also purchase items.

All items come with our embroidered EYC logo.

Wearing our merchandise is a great way to advertise and support your club.

We are expecting all new merchandise from Helly Hansen in April. Let us know if you have any special requests.

If you are unable to stop by the club, you can order items from our online catalog or email the ships store.

Catalog: encinal.org/information/ships-store

Contact Edie Herro: ShipsStore@encinal.org



EYC Photo Gallery

Photos By Allison Sojka



From EYC General Manager Curtis Lew

Happy spring! I hope you are all out and about enjoying our recent beautiful spring weather! I have seen many children in the swimming pool recently. As our Club moves towards the orange tier (or moderate tier of COVID-19), we currently have limited indoor/outdoor dining and TO GO meals along with bar service Thursdays through Sundays. Our handcrafted 32oz. cocktails have been selling well so if you have not tried it, come and give it a try!

Despite a crazy 2020, the Board of Directors along with all the other committees (Membership, Finance, Pool, Food & Beverage, Buildings and Grounds, Landscape, House/Social, Communications and Health-Covid-19) have all remained busy behind the scenes continuously working to improve the Club, ensure members satisfaction and club success. I applaud them for their endless and tireless work!

See you all at the Club!



Indoor or Outdoor Dining & Tiki Bar Beverages Hours

Thursday & Fridays4pm -7pm

Saturday & Sunday12pm -7pm

As always, we will offer meals TO GO if you wish. You can place your orders online ([Here](#)) or call the Club at (510) 522-3272.



EIGHT BELLS - DOUG PERRY

It is with great sorrow that the family of EYC Staff Commodore Doug Perry announces that he lost his valiant fight with lung cancer on February 10, 2021.

Douglas Meyer Perry was born on December 15, 1939 in St. Louis, Missouri to James Walden Perry and Hildegard Meyer Perry. He is survived by his beloved children Douglas Ryan Perry (Ryan) and Holly Ryan Perry, grandsons Ryan Hogin Perry and Morgan Perry McGowan, and sister Marcia (Perry) Mehl. His longtime partner in love and fun, Vicki Newcomer, passed on January 17, 2021.

Doug joined Encinal Yacht Club in 1981 and served on many committees, participated in Bay and Estuary races on Choices, and was elected Commodore in 2018. Sailing was his passion and he introduced the sport to many as an instructor, earning his US Merchant Marine 50 Ton Captain's License in 1999. He was an avid supporter of the Leukemia Cup and the Alameda Community Sailing Center.

His daughter Holly will be establishing an EYC Junior Sailing Scholarship fund in his name and welcomes donations in his memory.

A Message from Flicka & Sharon!

We are sorry to pass on very sad news that Daisy Newman, Executive Director of the Young Musicians Choral Orchestra passed away in February.

Flicka and I are so appreciative of you attending their concerts and supporting the students. Of course, the pandemic had not enabled us to have concerts, however the students are doing very well with private lessons in the voice and on instruments.

Geeche Taylor, the Jazz Conductor will be our new Executive Director.

Please feel free to look at the recent postings on our website, www.youngmusiciansco.org or contact YMCO at 510-845-9626. Donations will be greatly appreciated at the time from the website or sent directly to 2020 Milvia St, Ste. 420, Berkeley, CA 94704.

Thank you,
Sharon Gardner
510-865-2724

