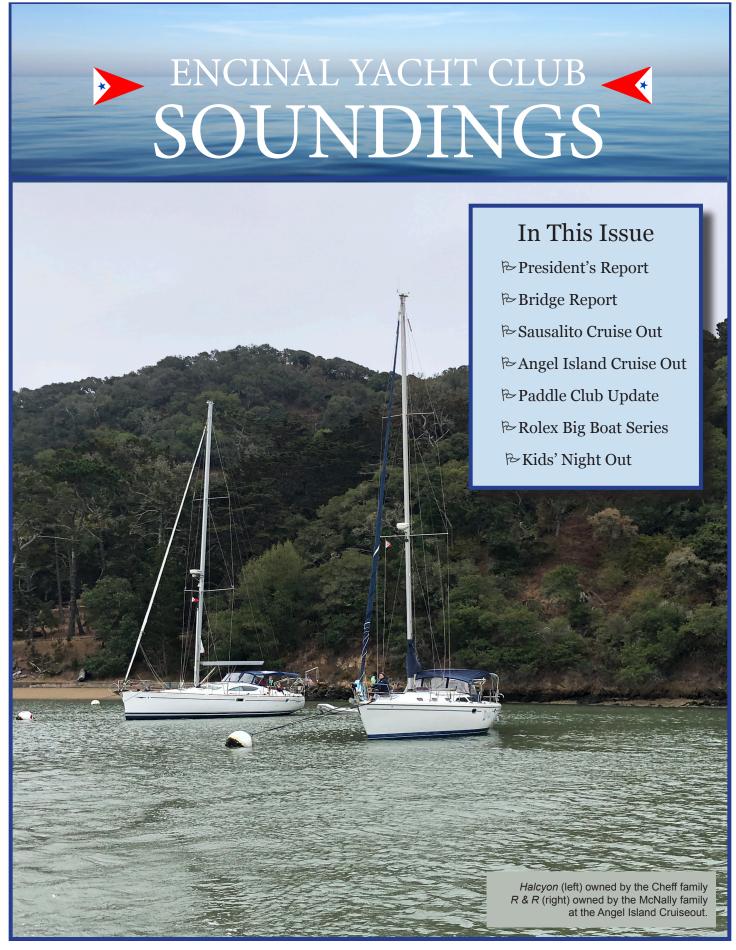
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From EYC General Manager Curtis Lew

As we head into the fall season, please look at our website calendar for some fun and exciting events and activities! On Thursday, October 21st, we will have a Poker Night for all levels! Our Kids Halloween event is scheduled for Saturday, October 30th.

We have some returning bartenders, as well as new. To get better acquainted with them, I have included a quick bio of our bartenders below:



Kimberly Klopping

was born and raised in the Bay Area. She has been in the hospitality industry for 25 years, 10 of them previously at EYC. She has a degree in Patisserie and Baking. When she is not working, she spends her time with her cat and two dogs and volunteers for an animal rescue. Whenever she can, she likes to get away up to her family cabin by the lake.

Jeanine Santamaria began her hospitality career working at the Ahwani Hotel in Yosemite National Park over 30 years ago. She moved to the Bay Area in the mid-80s and was drawn to the Oakland Estuary, where she managed the famous Quinn's Lighthouse Bar for



many years. She has also served at several luxury hotels, restaurants, and on the Commodore Cruise yachts. She began her second tour of duty with EYC in April 2021, having served a decade ago as well. She is

an Alameda resident and loves spending her free time in the Sierras at the lakes, streams and creeks. You will often find her cruising the Alameda Riviera in her dinghy. Welcome back!

Lahoma Fritt came to the Bay Area over 20 years ago from Germany. She is a single mom of two children. Her 17 year old daughter is a Senior at Oakland Tech

High School and her 18 year old son attends UC Santa Cruz, majoring in Computer Engineering. Lahoma has been in the hospitality industry for over 20 years, having worked at Paula Leduc Fine Catering, Marriott, and others. Having worked as a server. bartender and Event Manager and running her own event planning company, she is a great addition to EYC.



Look forward to seeing you at the club!

EYC Dining & Bar Service Hours

Thursday–Saturday: Noon–8 pm

Sunday: 10 am-7 pm; breakfast 10 am-12 pm

Would you like to reserve a room for a birthday event? Lunch or dinner event? Please call the Club at (510) 522-3272.

From EYC President Rodney Pimentel



Greetings Encinal Yacht Club!

It is hard to believe that summer is over, and fall is in the air. The club is a very enjoyable place any time of the year, but our period of hot autumnal weather is very special. We still have several events that are planned as we wrap up the year, so please

check the club calendar and your signal flag for the latest activities.

Jane and I were able to attend the Sausalito Cruiseout last month. We had a fabulous time with our EYC family enjoying the town and great restaurants. I wanted to give a special shout out to Chuck and Edie Herro for all their time and effort to organize such a great event.

I have been working with the Marina Village Management Group to repave our badly cracked and failing parking lot. We have selected a contractor that will start work on the project in mid-October. Look for announcements in the Signal Flag for specific closures



and dates. We will be inconvenienced for a few days, but new asphalt will be well worth the trouble.

I was very fortunate to participate in the Rolex Big Boat Series in September. I was joined by six talented EYC members for four days of intense racing on the bay. A special thanks to Staff Commodore Michael Andrews for some great tactics and boisterous commands.

October is when we schedule our Commodore's

Ball. This year's event will be held on October 23rd. Break out your black-tie wear and join us at the club! The event will be held poolside with great food and dancing.

I wanted to invite all our members to attend our Annual meeting and Change of Watch on November 6th. We will be announcing the results of our election and installing our new officers. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated board of directors to guide our club and keep it running smoothly.

Looking forward to seeing you at the club!

Left: Staff Commodore Jim Vicker, Staff Commodore Michael Andrews, Staff Commodore Rodney Pimentel, Ghaida Zahran, Thaddeus Wozniak, Liv Jensen.



Bridge Report Commodore Jens Jensen



Friends of the Bridge!

The autumnal equinox has arrived, and the summer of 2021 is heading for the exit doors. Though the sailing season carries on year-round, the long days and the sunshine of summer have made us feel almost normal again. We

bounced back from the slowness and "no-ness" of last year's summer, where events were trimmed back or cut from the calendar altogether. Our regatta schedule and other flag activities have seen a healthy recovery this year.

Regatta registrations have climbed and they show an upward trend. The boat share, paddle board, and kayak activity now account for 20% of the Flag revenue. Both the Lipton Cup and the Encinal Regatta delivered racing in front of the club house, and then flowed into fun and entertainment events on the pool deck and lawn area. The Commodore's Cup and Encinal Extravaganza Regatta show a clear demand exists for estuary weekend racing, a trend we should continue to explore next year. In financial performance terms, the YTD revenue is 200% over budget.

A couple of things have become clear to me since I joined the bridge three years ago—improvements and new initiatives take more than a year to show results. Theo Rohr and Ted Floyd acquired the J22 "Blue Jay" three years ago and laid the groundwork for the Boat Share Program, and Lisa Rohr and Ashley Woodward established the Paddleboard program. Both of these are now solid contributors to the club's calendar. As a reminder, click the Boat Share link on our website and reserve a boat to sail or paddle today! Do not forget, "Brotzeit" is the favorite destination across the water.

In addition to running the Boat Share Program, Kevin Clark and his cast of volunteers convened numerous times last year and this year to rebuild our docks, which now provide utility and a show piece for club members and visitors. The L-dock has become ground zero as the race committee location for all



Steve McCarthy and his crew receiving the Commodore's Cup in September.

estuary racing, nicely enabled with flag poles and a picnic table to host the committee members. Click and "walk over" to the new Dock Cam on the EYC website, where our docks are displayed in real time splendor.

Brent Draney joined the bridge last fall. He knows his way around the bay racing scene and loves to hand out the winners' trophies. He brought bigger boats to the Jack Frost Regatta and single handedly kept race management operational during the height of COVID-19. He introduced race tracking software to the Twilight Series and added more value to grow single race day entries: a sponsorship by Scott's Seafood Restaurant in Jack London Square has brought a coveted "Dinner for four at Scott's" trophy as the cherry on the cake for the Friday Twilight

Bridge Report, Continued



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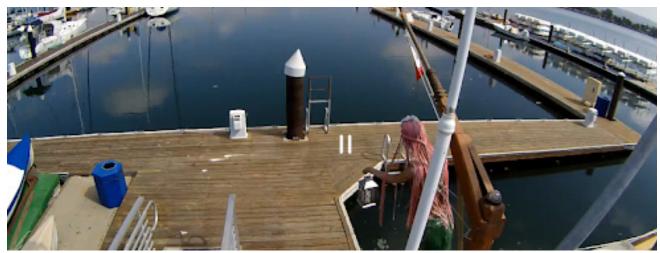
Looking ahead, the last club cruise this year will lead to Petaluma on October 15-17, providing little time to recover for the Commodore's Ball the following weekend on October 23. If you like what the club has done in all things boating,

book a ticket to the South Pacific and meet all of us sailing enthusiasts at the Commodore's Ball!

The event is planned for the outdoors only and requires you to be vaccinated.

Sail on and see you then!

View from the new "Dock Cam."



Encinal Yacht Club Board of Directors Annual Meeting and Change of Watch Meeting

November 6, 2021, 5:30 p.m. in the Regatta Room RSVP to: office@encinal.org Zoom Meeting ID: 896 6435 9776 Passcode: 696318

Pledge of Allegiance | Call to Order | 8 Bells Ceremony | Approval of November 7, 2020 Minutes | Member Comments | Board of Director Reports | Committee Chair Reports | Awards Presentation | Hal Wondolleck Award for Outstanding Committee Chair | Dick Crosson Award for Exemplary Service | Other awards | Announcement of Election Results | Final Speeches | Adjournment of Annual General Meeting

Change of Watch Meeting

Call to Order | Swearing in of New Board and Officers | Introduction of New President | Introduction of New Commodore | Adjournment of Change of Watch Meeting

Appetizers will be served in the bar lounge at the conclusion of the meeting.

Sausalito Cruise Out Edie Herro

Sixteen boats of EYC cruisers, led by Chuck and Edie Herro, cruised to Schoonmakers Marina in Sausalito on Friday, September 27th. After a wild day of docking and unexpected berth changes, our group headed to Sausalito's Seahorse for dinner. Thirty-six EYC members enjoyed an amazing prix fixe meal served on the patio.

Saturday, members had the day to explore the area and walk into downtown Sausalito. That evening, Sausalito Yacht Club delivered an incredible experience from its welcoming hospitality to its thoughtful service and its wonderful preparation of food!

Attendees were: Chuck & Edie Herro, Bill & Carol Blackburn, Hugh McIntyre & Cecilia Riddell, Jim & Jenn Vickers, Pip & Jill Ziman, Rick & Joan Webb, Ryan, Diane Cheff & their two lovely kids, Chris & Vivian James, George & Kim Bean, Mike & Wendy Scheck, Mike & Nancy Fadis, Margi & Peter Benziger, Tim Eaker & Brad Snyder, Mike & Jeanne DiBella, Rodney & Jane Pimentel, Gary Stacherski & Robert Etchell, Lee & Rhonda Manter, Stacy Paluch, Anita Mahoney and unexpected guest Chris Hansen.



A New Member for the Encinal Fleet! Jens Jenson

As the flag, we welcome the moments where we hold up our maritime traditions. Last month, on August 21, Warren and Diana White hosted a christening party at the Encinal docks for their new boat "Ocean Girl," a beautiful Catalina 45. I was happy to attend and represent the flag.

Skipper White confessed to the assembled crowd that he, for some time, had harbored the desire to own a sailboat, not just for him, but for all his family to enjoy. There only had to be that opportunity, that moment in time where it would be easier to get the family's buy in. Here is what Warren said: "Earlier this spring, anchored out in Richardson Bay on a chartered boat, enjoying a glass of wine and watching the sunset with my wife, I heard her say those five simple words that all sailors long to hear, "We should buy a boat." After another glass of wine and a lot of arm twisting, I said "YES!"

"Sailing is about the journey more than the destination. It's about turning your motor off and focusing on all that Mother Nature provides and dealing with her many moods. You must know your boat and its capabilities as well as your own," he said, and continued,





"I heard it once said that joy is an act of resistance. It's so easy to focus on the negative aspects of life but many times we must force ourselves to concentrate on the joys of life too. In just three months since Ocean Girl joined our family, we have already experienced many days full of joy, love, and adventure with family and friends,



and we look forward to many more."

So, the glass is half full, as we all knew! Pouring alcoholic beverages into Encinal harbor waters, then breaking a bottle of sparkling content on the bow was what it took to appease the wrath of Poseidon, ruler of the sea. The presentation was framed in Caribbean sounds with steel drum music by Paul and his Spice Islanders. Additionally, fine finger foods and a choice of maritime cocktails and other drinks, saved from getting spilled into the harbor, made the crowd even happier.

Congratulations to the White family. and thank you for adding a capable offshore yacht to the Encinal fleet of boats!

The Rolex Big Boat Series



St. Francis Yacht Club hosted the Rolex Big Boat Series from September 11-19, 2021. EYC Rear Commodore Brent Draney J/105 champion tactician and the crew of the Blackhawk won the St. Francis Yacht Club Commodore's Cup and the Rolex timepiece in the J/105 fleet. Tactically challenging courses, talented and deep fleet, aggressive starts and overlapped/photo finishes faced the crew. Brent Draney became the first repeat J/105 winner in 15 years and has 3 victories as tactician (2013, 2019, and 2021) in the Rolex Big Boat Series! Congratulations!

Above: Brent Draney and Ryan Simmons, Skipper of Blackhawk; the second place boat is behind, with the red spinnaker.

Right: The crew hiking out (front to back) is Jon Rosen, Collette Zaro, Kristin Maberry Simmons, and Nico Colomb sitting up slightly to monitor progress against competitors. The crew gives constant feedback on the boats behind my Draney while he focuses on the boats below and figure out the puzzle of what is to come.

Below (left to righ): Nico Colomb, Collette Zaro, (StFYC Commodore, Bill Dana), Ryan Simmons with his son on his shoulders, Kristin Maberry Simmons, Brent Draney, (Rolex Sports Marketing Associate, Dustin Longest), Jon Rosen



Kids' Night Out! Jesse Cooke







EYC Kids Club is a great way for families and kids to connect with their EYC community. At least once a month, the Family Committee hosts an event for our younger members. Our popular Parents' Night Out is a night with supervision where the kids typically enjoy a fun activity, such as a Hip Hip Class with Teacher Nora, dinner, and a movie, all while the parents can have some much needed adult time upstairs with their friends.

Be on the lookout to RSVP for some really fun events as we come into the holidays, including Parents Night Out, Halloween Party, Family Game Night, gingerbread decorating contest, mini photo sessions with holiday background (just in time for your holiday cards), brunch with Santa

Recently, the Family Committee organized a guided painting party on the lawn where our little Picassos explored their inner artists by painting sailboats with Art Buzz Kids.

The Family Committee is always looking for volunteers to join and help execute all of the exciting things we have planned. For more information, please contact Jesse Cooke at jessewcooke@gmail.com.

Family Cruise Out! Brendan McNally

This year, the Encinal family cruise out was held the weekend of August 21-22 at Angel Island, and featured fun times, furry coyotes, and fantastic company.

Three boats arrived in Ayala Cove at various times on Friday, each grabbing some "deep water" moorings. After getting the boats settled, some brief introductions were made via dinghy, and an ad hoc plan to rendezvous



Front row, left to right: The Cheff family, the McNally family, the Damus family. Back row, left-to-right: The Wondollecks, James Espey, Ann Prenty

on the beach at 4:30pm was formed. In attendance were the Wondolleck's—long-time EYC family cruisers from some years back, the Cheff family—new EYC members, and the McNally family—including your correspondent. The kids took it upon themselves to quickly become friends and compete to see how much sand they could get all over themselves, while the parents got to know each other over a few cocktails. It was around this time that we had our first coyote sighting on the island, as one slinked through the picnic area looking for scraps shortly after the last ferry departed. When the delicious sangrias ran dry, everyone adjourned back to their boats for dinners aboard with a commitment to meet again in the morning.

Saturday morning started with hiking on the island. The Wondollecks reported that they made it over to Perles beach, while the McNallys only made it up to perimeter road, before sightings of some fearless deer and two more coyotes hastened our return to the shore. By midday, new EYC members the Damuses arrived on their power boat with their 4 month old in tow. In the early afternoon we rendezvoused on the

beach; the kids reconvened with the sand, while the grownups reconvened over some beverages. Featured events included several rounds of lawn/beach darts (no impalements reported) and bean-bag toss. The sun fought to break through the clouds, and finally managed to just as the last ferry left. A tasty spread of cheese, crackers, and snacks was unveiled in the picnic area, which caught the eyes of many—including a seagull which skillfully swooped in to make off with the camembert! Charcoal was lit, dinner was grilled, and marshmallows were toasted for the s'mores grand finale. A howling pack of coyotes signaled that it was time to adjourn, and some tuckered out families made their way back aboard their boats.

Come Sunday morning, we awoke to enjoy the relaxing atmosphere that Ayala Cove provides one last time, while sipping on our morning coffees. Perked up by the caffeine, the Wondollecks departed first and easily clinched line honors back in the Estuary. Those of us herding cats kids walked them through the visitor center before yielding to one more stint at the beach. By lunch time the mooring lines were released, and all were headed home on a nice little sail until the breeze dropped at the Bay Bridge.

The 2021 EYC family cruise out was great fun! Angel Island provided a great venue, and the attendees provided great company. Hope you can join us next year!



From left to right: Abby and Ryland Cheff, Riley and Reagan McNally

From EYC Paddle Club Lisa Rohr/Ashley Richardson

Ahoy From the Paddle Club!



Despite our lighter 2021 paddle-social calendar, EYC paddlers have not been deterred! We're delighted to see more folks out on paddle boards and kayaks at EYC. From family kayak outings to birthday paddles, to date night excursions and yoga SUPing, when it comes to paddling on the estuary, EYC members know "what's SUP."

Our monthly paddles (First Saturdays; 10AM) continued through the summer and brought fabulous new faces each month. Each monthly paddle is always a little different, depending on the mood, wishes, and experience of the group. No two monthly paddles are alike. Sometimes rowdy, sometimes relaxing, all share one common phenomenon: as we push away from the docks and glide into the estuary, a lovely collective "Ahhhhhhhhh" can be heard from around the flotilla. I think it's the sound stress makes when it melts away. If you haven't heard it yet, grab a paddle and come

along next month!

As a reminder, all EYC members are welcome to attend the monthly group paddle—just please let us know in advance if you'd like to use club equipment so that we can arrange to have enough available. For more info, go to our Paddle Club page on the EYC site. For those of you wishing to store your own kayak or SUP at the club, our paddle club racks are full at the moment; we have a waitlist. If you'd like to add your name to the list for storage, drop us a line at eycpaddleclub@encinal.org.

Have some ideas for future paddle events? We do too! The Paddle Club is seeking volunteers to help organize paddle events, take photos, maintain our equipment, and, basically, just help the Paddle Club be more awesome every day. Drop us a note and let's do stuff! :-)

Paddle on!

Encinal Sailing Foundation Mike Gorman

Double Your Donation & help our race volunteers

Yes, you can double a donation towards the purchase of a new Mark Set boat for the club. The Encinal Sailing Foundation and the Encinal Yacht Club flag have partnered to help with the purchase of a safer and more effective Race Committee boat for mark set operations in the rough waters of the San Francisco Bay. Here is how it works. Make your donation by mailing or dropping off a check to the Encinal Sailing Foundation, Attn: Mike Gorman, 1251 Pacific Marina, Alameda, CA 94501. The foundation will match the amount of your donation, up to a total match of \$5,000. Help us upgrade our race committee fleet and keep our volunteers in a safe and efficient vessel!





"Great little cruising boat"

The foundation still 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

Social Events Stacy Paluch

Greetings from the house!

By the time you're reading this, another fun Summer at EYC will have come to an end.

Now that fall is here there's still plenty going on at your club.

Monday night football parties—please sign up if you wish to bring your favorite dish.

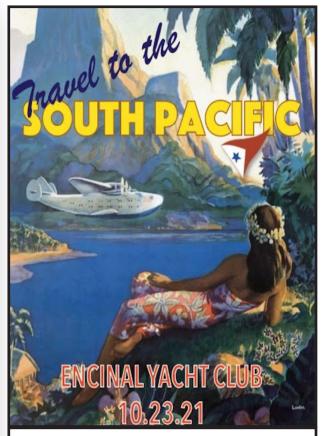
There's family game night, poker and adult bingo night.

Please check the EYC calendar for these events.

October also hosts your club's biggest event, the Commodore's Ball. This will take place on October 23rd. This year's theme is "South Pacific." It will be hosted on the pool deck, which will be transformed into Polynesia, circa 1940's. It is sure to be a magical event. There will be Polynesian style food, entertainment, and dancing. The evening will be steeped in Club tradition and will honor our Commodore Jens Jenson and our President Rodney Pimental. Also prestigious awards will be handed out for Yachtsmen of the year and Outstanding Race committee.

This event is limited to 140 people. Please reserve your tickets now.

See you at the Club!



Join us for the Commodore's Ball, Saturday October 23, 2021. Cocktails at 4:30 p.m.; dinner at 6 followed by dancing under the stars. \$90 per person; RSVP on or before October 8, 2021. Black tie or formal yachting attire has been the suggested dress for decades but our journey to the South Pacific for 2021 welcomes Polynesian wear as well.

Welcome to all of our new EYC members! Keep your eyes out for them around the clubhouse and by the pool and be sure to say hello.

Amy DrydençBrandon Shald | Brydie Kiuchi | Candace Fitzgerald | Caroline Lind | Carolyn A Guzman | Chris Bennett | Chris Kiuchi | Christine Larsen | Dirk Setchko | Jay Mason | Jeff Thomas | Jonathan Andrews | Liana Thomas | Margot Jamula | Marjorie Setchko | Mark Vigil Dombeck | Mary Otieku | Meg Damus | Molly Desario | Molly Mason | Monica Vigil Dombeck | Nana Otieku | Natasha Miller | Nick Desario | Peter Larsen | Rachel Bennett | Raul Guzman | Richard Jamula | Rob Damus | Roger Rushing | Tahd Frentzel | Theresa Palmer Frentzel

Food & Beverage Committee Chair Gary Stacherski

Hello EYC Diners, Snackers and Shakers. We have changed up our All Day Menu, Dinner Menu, and the children's Buccaneer's Bounty. We removed a few items that we found to not be so popular and added "requested" items from our members.

All Day Menu

- Appetizers: Edamame and Potstickers are now included.
- Sides: We added a choice of Steamed Broccoli and Rice and Beans.
- Salads: They are all a big hit, but to bump it, we added a Greek Salad with an option to add chicken for your protein fix.
- Sandwiches: We added the popular Ruben, which was requested by many members.
- Favorites: We added Vegetable Enchiladas with Rice and Beans.

Dinner Menu

• Greek Vegetable Kabobs served with Basmati Rice

Buccaneer's Bounty

Additional healthy choices for the Kiddo's include:

- Kids Grilled Salmon with French Fries
- Kids Teriyaki Chicken with Rice
- Kids Buttered Noodles and Broccoli

Comment cards are presented with your bill so please take a minute to fill them out, we love to hear your feedback!!

Club Security Issues Michael Gorman

Hello fellow members. We need to step up our vigilance and overall club security. Cameras are helpful but much more can be done. We had a kayak and two gas jugs stolen on a Monday or Tuesday just before Labor Day. Fortunately, Deputies Rohr and Floyd were able to find and retrieve the items the next day over at Union Point near the illegal anchor out boats. In addition, OYC liveaboard members recently challenged two men rowing an inflatable in the marina about 2 AM one night. When challenged they started the motor and took off Eastbound (Caribe RIB w/older Evinrude 9.9 CF 5508 RV). The illegal anchor out liveaboard boats continue to be a

growing problem on our waterway. While most are not causing problems, there are a few chronic thieves who pursue theft as a way of life. The police are very hamstrung as to what they can do about it so it is up to all of us to raise our vigilance.

Here are some things we can all do. If you have bicycles, small boats, kayaks, or paddle boards at the club, be sure they are locked at all times. Do not leave portable jugs or gas tanks where they can be grabbed during a crime of opportunity. If you see someone you do not know at the club, always greet them. A friendly hello and introduction goes a long way toward finding out if they should be there or not.

EYC Ship's Store Edie Herro/Anita Mahoney

Your Ship's Store Is Open!

Come in and peruse our selection of EYC merchandise. We have sailing and sportswear for you and your crew: polo shirts, dress shirts, jackets, fleece, hats, visors, glassware, mugs, sandals and belts. We are able to special order some items should we be out of your size. Check out our sale racks for super savings. All of our items come with our embroidered EYC burgee.

We have received new styles from Helly Hansen for men and women, and we are expecting nautical bracelets from Elegatto, gear bags, and ladies' bags from Harbor Sports Gear. Shop us for Christmas gift ideas.

Wearing our merchandise is a great way to show your support for our club.

You are able to access the Ship's Store anytime during our regular office hours (our office staff are always happy to assist you). If you would like to set up a shopping appointment, I live close by and am happy to meet you at the club. Please contact Edie: ShipsStore@encinal.org for appointments or questions.



