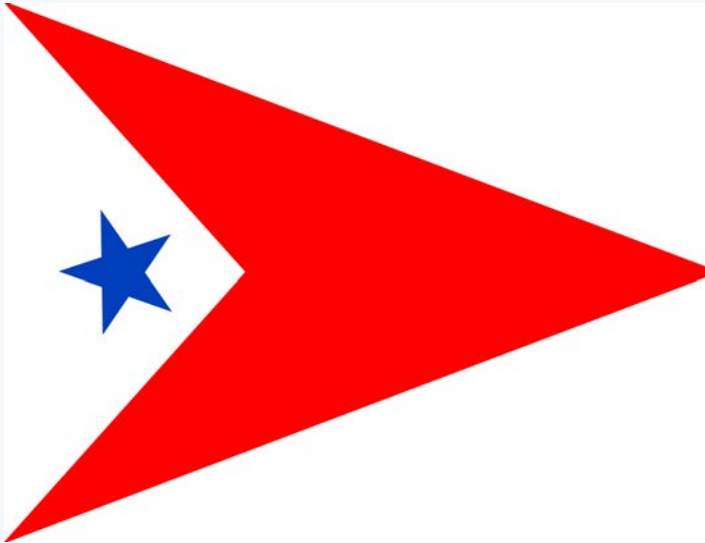


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ENCINAL YACHT CLUB



Happy New Year!
2018



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Fall Season Lounge Hours

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Friday.....11:30am-11:00pm

Saturday.....11:30am-10:00pm

Sunday.....9 am – 9:00 pm

From Senior Vice President Charlie Thome

Welcome to the New Year, 2018. Those of us who attended the Club's New Year's Celebration brought it in with a bang. New Year's is one of my favorite Holidays as it brings a fresh beginning and sense of renewal. For this yachting season I hold the position of Senior Vice President. According to our bylaws, the SVP assists the President in all of his duties and assumes the President's role when he or she is absent.



In the past, Senior Vice President was also our Board Liaison to the Membership Committee. While we've broken from that tradition in recent years, I have assumed this role for 2018. Our Membership committee has already held two meetings and I had the pleasure of attending them both. This is a very enthusiastic, and large (11 persons), committee. This group is eager to extend their recent successes by further growing our membership.. The committee has already outlined much of their 2018 membership drive. Our 2018 Membership Chair, Anneke Dury, will elaborate on their activities in

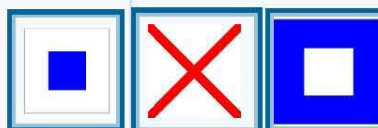
her year-end article next month.

As some of you know, my background is construction. I've always had a keen interest in the building and grounds here at EYC. Consequently, I will also be the Board Liaison to our Building and Grounds Committee this year. We have a new Building and Grounds Chair, Tim Eaker, who is also well-versed in the trades. You may see Chuck Wetteroth and Tim Eaker around the Club collaborating on projects. This hand-off will likely take most of the year, as Chuck has a deep knowledge of the Encinal's facilities and maintenance needs. A warm hearted thanks goes to Chuck for his many years of shouldering this responsibility.

Tim is in the process of assembling his committee. If you have shown an interest in Building and Grounds then Tim may be contacting you soon. You can also contact Tim Eaker directly, at timothyeaker@gmail.com. This year, some of Building and Grounds' priorities include dock repairs, Tiki Bar replacement, other Club amenities and enhanced gardening.

In closing, please be looking for surveys from the Encinal Yacht Club. We, the Board of Directors, need your input on important issues. When you see a survey come through please do your best to respond. We need your opinion to help guide us to better serve the needs and desires of the Club and Membership.

Charlie Thome
Senior Vice President



Encinal Yacht Club

Traditions & Etiquette

New To Sailing or Yacht Clubs!

What does, “The Flag refer to in regard to officers of the club?

“The Flag” refers to the Commodore, Vice Commodore, and the Rear Commodore. Their main job is to promote, organize, and run Regattas on behalf of the club. In addition, they are involved in the running and functioning of all other aspects of the Yacht Club.

What do the follow flags mean?



Commodore



Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore

When you see one or all of the flags flying on the Yacht Club’s **Mast Yardarms**, you know there is a flag officer on the premises. (*yardarms* are the horizontal timbers or spars mounted on a mast,) The flags will also be displayed on the tables of where the officers are dining.

Is it a flagpole or is it a mast on the Yacht Club property?

The flagpole at a yacht club traditionally represents the mast of a sailing ship. In years past, the yacht club mast would stand out if you were arriving by water or by land. It would tell yachtsman wind direction, wind speed and if you were at the right club. I think it is a mast!

Stay Tuned For Next Month’s Soundings! We will tell you more about the history and etiquette of the **yacht club mast**.

From EYC Commodore Chris Anderson



I would like to thank the membership for trusting me to lead EYC as its Commodore for the upcoming year. For those who do not know me personally, I would like to briefly introduce myself and give some background of my family history growing up with the Encinal Yacht Club. My father was a long time member and past President, and as a result my siblings and I have enjoyed the Club since the 70's. Growing up I had many opportunities to race and sail on the Bay, as well as cruise the Delta. Before heading off to college I joined the Coast Guard and was assigned locally as a small boat search and rescue coxswain at both Yerba Buena and Mare Island stations. Following in our family tradition, my two daughters participated and enjoyed THE BEST JUNIOR SAILING, most notably the four time winner of the "Most Outstanding Junior Sailing Program in the Bay", right here at the Club. At heart I am a sailor first yet I also share an appreciation for the luxuriousness power boating has to offer for local cruising. I currently serve as Harbor Master at Grand Marina here in Alameda, and maintain a 41' trawler, co-own an Olson 30, and share a Vanguard 15 with my daughter.

Along with being your Commodore this year, the Flag will be represented by **Vice Commodore – Theo Rohr, Rear Commodore – Ted Floyd, Port Captain – Tom Paluch, Cruise Captain – Ed Lecco, and Small Fleet Captain – John Hansen.** As a Club we are very fortunate to have these volunteers. They are all very committed to the organization and professional implementation of racing, cruising, and on-the-water social activities as well as the "behind the scenes" coordination associated with those events.

Encinal Yacht Club has a lot to offer its members. Our EYC docks are available to members for a stay-cation or romantic getaway and Tom Paluch, our Port Captain, will gladly assist in assigning you a space. Cruising is another advantage of owning a yacht, and Cruise Captain, Ed Lecco, has planned some exciting cruise-outs this year, so check out the on-the-water Master Calendar online at Encinal.org. Many started racing dinghy's, so it's always good to get back to our roots. Small Boat Fleet Captain, John Hansen, is working to create more small boat racing on the Estuary, so the V15'ers can get back on the water. The Flag will also be working to organize additional on-the-water activities, such as kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding, so stay tuned!

If you can commit to one day on the Bay, please join us for racing this year. If you have never been on a race course or served on a race committee, experiencing it from the committee boat is a spectacular way to get involved! Sign-ups are underway via Sign Up Genius.

Red skies at night.....

Chris Anderson
Commodore

From EYC Vice Commodore Theo Rohr



We are all winding down from the winter holidays and looking ahead to the new year. For me, that means looking forward to a new year with more time out on the waters of our glorious bay. It's hard for me to describe how much I enjoy being on the water. The water on this planet is one of the most wonderful elements I get to play with. I get to drink it, brew with it, skim over it, swim in it, get tossed around by it, drenched by it, sparkled by it and so much more. I could go on and on, but I'll try to contain myself here. I made my living on the ocean for 40 years and I still can't get enough of it. One my favorite things is the open space and freedom I feel being on a boat. I can be zooming across the bay chop, rocking gently with a line in the water, feeling the power of the wind driving us to windward or just rowing through estuary glass. I always feel alive and in my element when I'm on the water.

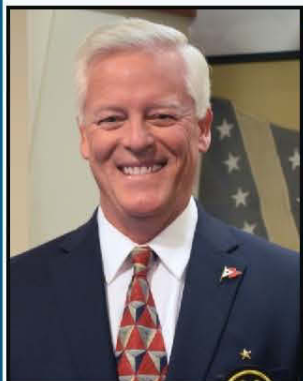
Being a member of Encinal Yacht Club gives us such a great gateway to get out and experience the Estuary and the Bay. There is more than enough room for everybody out there! It can cool down our occasionally overheated lives and being on the water can relax, recharge and just help us enjoy life. As the Club's current Vice Commodore, it's my mission to help everyone in our club get out and enjoy the water. This year I encourage everyone to get down here and get your little piece of the Bay! If you have a boat, make the time to fire it up and toss off the mooring lines. Come join a cruise out or a cruise in. Register and race in some of our great club races or dust off the paddles and get them wet! One thing I would really encourage boat owners to do is inviting our new members on board to share the experience that drove us to own a boat. If you don't have a boat yet come hang out and meet some members that will help get you afloat. Another great way for our members to get together is go to the EYC webpage and click on "On the Water" menu. Drop down to (On the water message board) and get hooked up. <http://www.encinal.org/getonthewater/>

Yet another great way to get on the water is to volunteer to help on our great EYC Race Committee or Junior Sailing program. Get some foul weather gear and sunblock because you will be getting out on the water. We have a wonderful bunch of members. I love meeting and getting to know everybody and seeing you all on the water and back in the Club. Have a great New Year and see you on the water!

Theo Rohr
Vice Commodore



From EYC Rear Commodore Ted Floyd



Hello from the EYC Race Deck!

Hope you had a great Holiday Season, I wanted to highlight some of the Clubs recent racing activities and ask you to explore our "On The Water" club web page to see all of the up coming racing planned for 2018. I would encourage you to sign up for a club race and/or join our race committee which is always looking for volunteers to help run these races and we can get you out on the water. You can contact the race committee by talking with someone in the front office or emailing rearcommodore@eyc.org and expressing interest in joining the race committee during one of our races.

Jack Frost Series - The Jack Frost racing series is off to a great start having held 4 races on two days including 22 entrants in 5 divisions. The weather for each race has been very pleasant by winter racing standards and we have completed all but one race which was abandoned due to light winds. Current division leaders for the series are:

- Monohull Spinnaker Rating < 117 - AZURE Rodney Pimentel
- Monohull spinnaker Rating => 117 - RENAISSANCE OF TAHOE Stephen Douglass
- Monohull non-spinnaker - LIONESS Sheldon Haynie
- Olson 25 - SYNCHRONICITY Steve Smith
- Santana 22 - CARLOS Jan Grygier / Lindsey Jennings

Congratulations to these competitors and good luck on the three remaining race days in Jan, Feb and Mar. Remember it's not too late to join these racers to tune up your crew or just come out for fun so please think about competing with us on one of the remaining Saturday race days. There are many other EYC races and series you should be planning to come out for as we enter the 2018 racing season. The list and descriptions I've included below only cover a portion of the racing available to you with the EYC. We welcome your participation in any of these series or the other races run out of your club.

- **Friday Night Twilight Series** - The Friday Night Twilight Series is one of the EYC's most popular races. The series is held in the spring and the fall with five races spaced about two weeks apart. The race is sailed in front of the club. See the race calendar above for dates and times.
- **Small Boat Fleet Series** - The estuary is a perfect venue for sailing small boats. Finns, Mercury's, Folkboats, Millimeters and other active fleets enjoy the clubs access to the estuary.
- **Other Races:** The Encinal Yacht Club sponsors several additional races such as The YRA Encinal Regatta (formerly-Second Half Opener), Commodores Challenge, Centennial Cup, Gracie and George, Commodores Cup, as well as several Northern California and National events. Additional information about all of these races can be found on the EYC and YRA websites. I'm looking forward to seeing you out on the water with Encinal in the coming weeks and months.

Ted Floyd
Rear Commodore

From EYC Junior Sailing Mike Scott



The year has come to a close, and we couldn't be prouder of what we've been able to accomplish through the ceaseless and hard work of our incredible volunteer corps, the guidance and support of our coaches, and the effort put in by our extraordinary young sailors. In our final month of the year we've hardly slowed down, sending sailors to the final Winter BAYS regatta before the new year and hosting them at the club for their last practices of the fall season, hosting our Jr. and club volunteers for a dinner in their honor, conducting our annual Alumni Regatta and Jr. Sailing Holiday Dinner/Gift Exchange, and hosting a U.S. Sailing Level 1 Sailing Instructor certification course!

Winter BAYS 2 was hosted by the San Francisco Yacht Club at the beginning of the month and attended by scores of young sailors from Bay Area clubs and organizations. The two day event was plagued by fickle winter conditions and strong currents. On Saturday there was almost no wind and only one painful race was completed. On Sunday there was a bit more wind, though it was from the North and inconsistent in both strength and direction, and four races were completed. Congratulations to all Encinal sailors for working hard in extremely challenging conditions, and especially to Chris Hopkins/Maksim Shikaleev and Sophia Browne/Sean Tolan for placing second and third in the CFJ fleet, respectively! A huge thank you to the coaches who worked the event and to the parents who towed boats to and from the event - we couldn't do it without you!

Speaking of volunteers we were very excited to host the first joint volunteer appreciation dinner with Theo and Lisa Rohr representing the EYC Race Committee. It was a fun night for all, and we want to especially thank the sailors and coaches that worked the event that night: Ellie Glenn, Max Rohr, Ryter Ullrich, Derek Nelson, Lily and Jordan Imani, Zahne Bohne, Sean Tolan, Haley Rassila, and Ronald Hohnsbeen. We also want to congratulate Dave Hopkins for being awarded "Master Tower" award, Tim Erisman for our "Master Griller" award and Flor Delle Cese who was named our 2017 Volunteer of the Year.

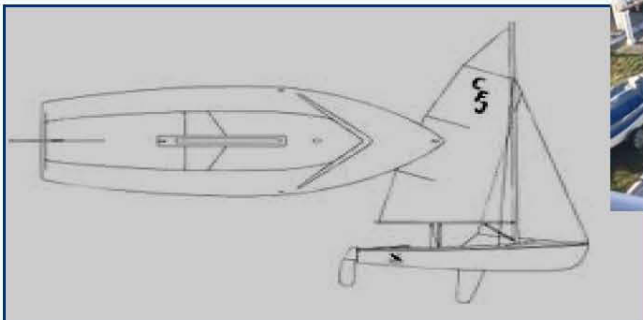


EYC Race Committee & EYC Jr. Sailing Volunteer Winners



The middle of December marked the formal end of the Jr. Sailing year, marked by our Annual Alumni Regatta and Jr. Sailing Holiday Dinner/Gift Exchange! We held both events on Sunday, December 17 and were so happy to see so much of the Jr. Sailing family show up to celebrate the holidays and youth sailing! Our second Annual Alumni Regatta was well attended by 16 alumni, current high school sailors, coaches, and guests. A huge thanks to parent Dave Hopkins and Opti Race Team members Kyle Nguyen and Kelly Benson for running four races in light and shifty conditions, and to all sailors for attending! The sailing was followed later that evening by our highly anticipated Holiday Dinner which was attended by well over 100 Jr. Sailing families, supporters, and fans! After a delicious pasta dinner and outstanding cookies, those who brought gifts gathered to play the gift exchange game and many high drama and hilarious steals and reveals occurred. We also used the dinner to announce our “[Instant Wine Cellar](#)” raffle: Take a look at this fun raffle opportunity! Click [HERE](#) to purchase raffle Tickets and [HERE](#) if you’d like to donate wine. The winner will be chosen at the Crab Feed, January 27th - which you should also add to your calendar!

Michael Scott
Youth Sailing Director



**From EYC General Manager
Rigo Headley**



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we kick off 2018, I would like to take a moment to say thank you to Neil Weinberg our immediate Past President and Doug Perry now Junior Staff Commodore for their dedication, commitment and excellent service to the Board and everyone in our Encinal Yacht Club family. It has been a pleasure working with you both and I look forward to your insight and feedback for many years to come.

Congratulations to our recently elected Board: Bill Nork President, Chris Anderson Commodore, Charlie Thome Sr. Vice President, Fred Rutledge Vice President, Mike Gorman Treasurer, Theo Rohr Vice Commodore, Ted Floyd Rear Commodore, Jeri Hayes Secretary, Grace Hess Director, Rodney Pimentel Director, Cindy Wondolleck Director, and Aimee Iriso-Cole Director. I look forward to working with all of you and hope this year provides all of you a terrific experience with tremendous success!

On behalf of our dedicated staff, I would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to our members for your generous contributions to the Employee Holiday Gift Fund. Your gift will reach the frontline employees who deal directly with members as well as the employees working behind the scenes to deliver services and maintain our facilities. Our employees are very excited to continue contributing to the success of the club in 2018! Thank you again for your support of this year's Employee Holiday Gift Fund.

Make EYC Your New Year Resolution!

We would like to hear from you with any comments, suggestions and/or ideas that can contribute to strengthening our efforts in the area of Member Services. Please feel free to contact me directly via email at GM@ENCINAL.ORG and/or office phone 510-522-3272. I look forward to hearing you!

See you along the docks,

Rigo Headley
General Manager/COO

ENCINAL SAILING FOUNDATION

Foundation News

Congratulations to member **John Cerrito and family!**

He and son Giovanni recently purchased our sweet Montgomery 17 and become the newest members of the EYC sailing fleet.

The Foundation still has some boats for sale.

Capri 25 w great sail inventory

J 24 on trailer

Coronado 25 great little cruiser in top shape

We can also be creative on a lease to own arrangement.

Contact Mike 510-457-6552



2018 JUNIOR SAILING CRAB FEED SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

6PM No Host Cocktails

7PM Dinner

**** WE WILL ONLY SERVE SAFE CRAB ****

*****GUARANTEED BY OUR LONG STANDING VENDOR ****



- Menu -

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with the purchase of a \$25 Raffle Ticket
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From The EYC Cruise Captain Ed Lecco



Hello fellow Encinal Yacht Club members. 2017 was a great year for our Cruising Fleet and 2018 is shaping up to be even better. We closed out 2017 with our annual Cruising Awards dinner. Two awards of note were handed out. Dougal and Jennifer Gardyne are our 2017 Cruisers of the year. Also, Mark Brunelle earned the most "Half Fast" award.

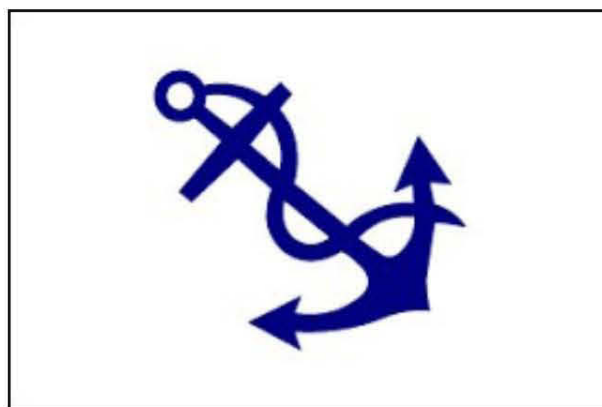
The day after the Cruising Awards dinner I met with a group of Cruisers for our annual planning meeting. I'm pleased to announce we have a great line up of destinations in store. Here is our tentative schedule:

- **Cruise Around the Island: January 1**
- **Treasure Island: March 30 – April 1**
- **Vallejo / Napa River / Napa YC Cruise: April 12 – 15**
- **Benicia: May 18 – 20**
- **Dinghy Pub Crawl: May 27**
- **Marin: June 8 – 10**
- **EYC 4th of July "Cruise In": July 2 – 6**
- **Sausalito: July 20 – 22**
- **Delta Daze: August 4 – 11**
- **Half Moon Bay: Aug 31 – Sep 3**
- **Santa Cruz: Sep 3 – Sep 9**
- **China Camp: Oct 5 – 7**
- **Commodore's Cruise: TBD**

Never been on a cruise – no problem. These are fun "low key" events. Each cruise has a Cruise Leader that handles the planning for each cruise. You simply sign up and then show up and have fun, relax, and hang out with other members of the best cruising fleet on the bay.

Check the Cruise schedule at Encinal.org often as we may have some additional cruises pop up on the schedule. One last item, we always need volunteers to lead a cruise. Please contact me if you're interested or have any other questions about the Cruising Fleet.

~Ed Lecco
Cruise Captain
Sail.Painkiller@gmail.com





2018 MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION



Encinal Yacht Club *Celebrating 128 years*

Beginning February 1st thru February 28th, Encinal Yacht Club is waiving all initiation fees to new members.

Now is the time if you have a friend, relative, business associate, dock neighbor or anyone who has shown an interest and would like to become a member to join and receive this offer.

Your help to grow our membership is important to the success of our club.

We appreciate all your efforts and look forward to 2018.

Thank you,
Membership Committee

Lighted Yacht Parade 2017



EYC Boat "Off Course"



EYC Boat "Maureen"



**Grand Prize Winner
Power Boat "Sea Fox"
Sea Scotts & IYC**

**Big Thanks
To
Carol Blackburn
As EYC Chair**

**Photos
By
Fred Fago**



EYC Ship's Store

New Merchandise Arriving Weekly!

EYC logo sailing & sportswear for you and your crew! Polo shirts, dress shirts, jackets, fleece, hats, belts, & much more ..



Check out our EYC Showcase for great Valentine's gift ideas



Coming soon! **HELLY HANSEN**

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See EYC logo wear and merchandise in our lobby showcase.



Join the fun at *EYC's Annual*



SUPER BOWL



2018
Sunday, February 4th

**TAILGATE
PARTY &**



EYC Bar Opens: 9am
Tailgate Buffet Begins: 2pm
Super Bowl Game Starts: 3:30pm
Chili Entries: 4pm
Tailgate Buffet served until 3rd Quarter
Chili Presentation at Half Time
Awards to Follow

To enter Chili Cook-off Contest, please email Member Service Coordinator,
Dawn Colvin at admin@encinal.org. or www.regattacrm.com/encinal/events
This will help we have appropriate food set-ups.



Encinal Yacht Club

Upcoming Events

2018

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| JAN | <p>Saturday, January 27th</p> <p><i>RSVP Now!</i></p> <p>Jr. Sailing Crab Feed</p>  |
| FEBRUARY | <p>3</p> <p>Jack Frost Race #4</p>  |
| | <p>4</p> <p>SUPER BOWL</p> <p>TALGATE PARTY & CHILI COOK-OFF</p>  |
| | <p>9</p> <p>Mardi GRAS</p> <p>Happy Hour</p>  |
| | <p>18</p> <p>EYC Family Bingo</p>  |
| | <p>24</p> <p>1890 Winemaker Dinner</p>  |

Watch for more events to be added for 2018!

Soundings

If you would like to add an article to the Soundings!

If you have photos that you would like posted!

If you want to write a letter to the editor!

If you have any questions!

Please email us :

soundings@encinal.org

The Winds of Fate

One ship drives east and another drives west
With the selfsame winds that blow.
Tis the set of the sails
And not the gales
Which tells us the way to go.
Like the winds of the seas are the ways of fate,
As we voyage along through the life:
Tis the set of a soul

That decides its goal,
And not the calm or the strife.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox