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ENCINAL YACHT CLUB



2018 Junior Sailing Crab Feed



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From EYC Vice President Fred Rutledge



The annual **Summer Sailstice** is scheduled for Saturday, June 23, 2018 at Encinal. All are invited to participate or volunteer to assist for the day. Boat building, boat rides, food, music, regattas and visiting boats will be among the activities. This event is part of a nation-wide activity headed by **John Arndt** of the Latitude 38 publication. This is a great opportunity to show the club off to friends and families and encourage them to join Encinal Yacht Club! If you would like to volunteer to work on a planning committee or to volunteer for just that day, please let me know by dropping off a note in my mailbox in the club office or by email: MacRut@hotmail.com Thank you.

As one of the club delegates to the **Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA)** I would like to make you aware of the **Opening Day on the Bay** for Sunday, April 22, 2018. This will be the 101st! Our club has participated in many of these great events. A Blessing of the Fleet will take place at the Corinthian YC first and then the parade of boats. This takes place along the Marina in San Francisco. The theme this year is "Nations on the Bay." Sailboats and powerboats may decorate with a country's flags and other emblems. Awards are given for the most creative.

More information on the **Summer Sailstice** and on the **Opening Day on the Bay** to follow!



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Traits of a Sailor

Sailors are known for drinking and swearing and their love of the sea. Why and where does this urge to drink, and cursing come from? I have a theory. First to understand the Sailor, a few phrases and boat problems related to boat ownership: **“A hole in the water that you throw money into”**, and **“the happiest days of boat ownership is the day they buy their boat and the day that they sell it”**. The notorious and maddening joys of boat ownership are their quirky issues such as the confounded electrical anomalies, engine failure because of a \$2 fuel gasket, and one of my personal favorites - the hidden holding tank leak. Boat ownership will drive anyone to slip out with a few curse words and a few drinks at the bar. I’m not making excuses, rather just sighting a few possible reasons for the traits of a Sailor.

A Sailors unconditional love of the sea.

To become a **Sailor**, a transformation from a normal person occurs through an initial sailing experience with friends or family. The initial experience is either received or rejected by the normal person. Unfortunately, this acceptance is involuntary and could be considered a curse, please review the above traits of a **Sailor**. The transformation from a perfectly normal person to a **Sailor** may be attributed to the experience of sailing that unites the senses and all outside reality is removed. For all sailing from then on the Sailor’s world is simplified to the deck, rigging, cabin, and only the breathtaking enjoyment of the journey and the beauty of the sea life is realized.

The conclusion to this study is that the **Sailor** suffers from an addiction to boat ownership and momentary escapes from reality. So, if you encounter a **Sailor** treat them with kindness as they have suffered enough.

A call to all new members, please join us on the Race Committee for a day on the Bay (at your own risk of transformation).

EYC Tito's Rowing Cub



GET ON THE WATER GET SOME EXERCISE & DONATE TO OUR JUNIORS!

Join our EYC "**Tito's Rowing Club**". Have unlimited use of Tito's classic rowing skiff. She's on the docks and ready to go. Oars and sliding seat are ready to go. Your \$25 per month tax deductible donation to the Foundation will be used to help fund the new outboard we need for the coming season.

Just call or email
Mike Gorman 510-457-6552. "MrMike1230@gmail.com"

From EYC House Chair Gary Stacherski



My name is Gary Stacherski, I am Encinal Yacht Club House Director. We have been members of Encinal Yacht Club since November 2016. Robert and I live aboard our 65' 1985 Hatteras LRC at Grand Marina for the past three years, we also have a 50' Hatteras FDMY at Grand Marina. We frequent the club on a regular bases since joining the club and have met so many wonderful people who we now call our friends. I was asked by **Neil Weinberg** to be his House Director in 2017 and I stepped up. Our current President **Bill Nork** ask me to stay on as House director and I have.

It didn't take very long to get a group of volunteers together to form a house committee who I would like to THANK and mention here. **Anita Mahoney, Edie Herro, David Weidner, Carol Weinberg, Vickie Newcomer, Stacey Paluch, Liddy Clark and, Penny McCullagh**. On October 21st, 2017 our team presented a fabulous **Commodore's Ball** for **Doug Perry and Vickie Newcomer**. We also put on a spectacular **New Years Eve party** to ring in 2018, a grand time was had by all attendees.

We are all looking forward to 2018 where there will be many more fun and exciting events happening at Encinal Yacht Club.

If you would like to join our house committee please feel free to email me at gary.stacherski@gmail.com and I will be happy to reach out to you!!





From EYC Membership Chair
Anneke Dury

Membership Committee Report for 2017

The Membership committee consists of three groups:

- Member Acquisition:** Anita Mahoney, Edie Herro, Natalie Azadimani;
- Member Integration and Retention:** Shelley Bliss, Mark Sneddon, Stacy Paluch;
- Marketing:** Chris and Vivian James, Jane Pimentel.

It was a good year: we had a booth at Strictly Sail, Sailstice, Marina Village Boat Fest and at the Junior Sailing Open House. We also offered various incentive programs such as the No Initiation Fee for Jr Sailing parents, and for boat or service purchasers via local brokers and marine services. In December, our friends at BCBC were offered a window to join EYC waiving the Initiation Fee.

All this resulted in a gain of new members of 63 total, offset by 48 resignations for a net gain in membership of 15. The largest source of new members was friends and referrals (35%), with Jr Sailing second at 23% of the total; the February special (no initiation fee during that month) yielded 8 new members (13%). Strictly Sail did not deliver any new members, so we have deleted that from the list of activities for this year.

In the coming year we plan to attend Jr.Sailing Open House, Sailstice, Boat Fest and a new activity Meals on Wheels. We will also participate in the Chamber of Commerce mixer and have an Open House at the Club in April.

The Membership Integration and Retention group also has a number of activities planned for this year, among others a New Member cocktail party, Ice Cream Social, a mid-summer reception, and a Boats-in-the-Basin event at the Club.

Current incentives for 2018 that are approved by the Board are: 1) waiver of initiation fees (the full initiation fee is \$1,000) for parents of Junior Sailing students; 2) 50% reduction in the initiation fee for applicants at the boat shows/fairs/Open House events; 3) the Broker program which waives initiation fees for purchasers of a boat; and 4) a winter special, where initiation fee is waived if joining EYC in February.

Membership dues are the largest source of revenues for the Club: the more members we have, the more activities, personnel and fixed asset investments we can afford. So bring your neighbors, friends, family, the guy on the boat next to you, to the Club and show them what a great facility we have and what good times can be had on the water and at the Club! Also, we need masses of volunteers to staff the booth and other events: sign up with us and enjoy helping the Club grow!!

Fair winds!

From EYC Junior Sailing Mike Scott



The new year is under weigh and we couldn't be more excited for what's in store! Before we take a look at what's on the horizon for 2018, we should review what's taken place already this year!

Off the water, we hosted our highly anticipated annual Jr. Sailing Crab Feed and were thrilled to have a sell-out crowd of folks who enjoyed an evening of delicious crab while supporting our program. A huge thanks goes out to all who volunteered and attended the most important fundraiser of the year! We were also able to choose the winner of our Instant Wine Cellar Raffle and must thank to all of those who purchased tickets and/or donated wine. Hopefully we'll all get another chance at it next year!

On the water, we wasted no time in providing some killer opportunities for local sailors and were thrilled to host the **Bay Area Youth Sailing (BAYS) Winter Team Race Clinic on January 2 & 3**. This event was open to and free for all sailors who are members of local clubs and was led by John Vandemoer (Stanford Sailing Head Coach) and Noah Barrengos (Hobart/William Smith Sailing Team). About thirty sailors attended and were met with windless conditions which allowed for only 30 minutes of productive sailing on the second day. Sailors were still thrilled to attend and have the opportunity to have long lecture, video, discussion, and land drill sessions with John and Noah.

Just a few days later several EYC-based high school sailing teams traveled with coaches and parents to Long Beach to compete in the **2018 PCISA #3 "Rose Bowl"** regatta. **Alameda, Miramonte, Campolindo, Head Royce, and College Park** teams all competed in either Gold, Silver, or Bronze fleets against the best high school teams in the state, plus a few from other parts of the country! Our sailors were also lucky enough to compete alongside a number of college sailing teams who were also attending this event, and to attend the annual college sailing forum that is put on by the U.S. Sailing Center at Long Beach after the first day of racing. Conditions were tricky but far superior to last year (where no quality races were completed due to lack of wind), and our sailors completed eight races per division, coming home hungry and ready for the rest of the high school season.

From EYC Junior Sailing Mike Scott

All of our sailors' great attitudes have been reflected in how the first practices of winter have been going for each of our teams.

Our Opti Race, Opti Green Fleet, C420, and Laser teams have been getting back into some good training in anticipation of the final two Winter BAYS Series events. The next regatta in that series will be Winter BAYS #3, and it'll be hosted here at EYC on February 10 & 11. All members are encouraged to come down and watch sailors from all over the Bay Area duke it out on the water!



Thank You From EYC Junior Sailing

Thank you to the following individuals, families, and businesses for their generous donation to the “Instant Wine Cellar”

Grand Prize Winner: Jesse Cooke
2nd Place Winner: Jay Hoffman

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EYC Junior Sailing Open House



Encinal Yacht Club Junior Sailing Open House



**Encinal Yacht Club invites you to
experience the fun and thrill of sailing!
Sunday, March 4, 1pm-4pm**

FREE EYC Jr Sailing T-Shirts!

(Limited to stock on hand/ one per family)

Refreshments – Sailing Rides – Club Tours

Come see what the Best Junior Sailing Program
in the Bay Area is all about!

- Meet junior sailors, instructors, & parents
- Take a tour of the club
- Relax by the pool
- Certified, experienced & friendly instructors



Foundation News

The foundation has three nice
Sloops for sale. All in good conditions.

Coronado 25 “Meniscus”
J 24 with trailer
Capri 25 fast racer with large sail inventory

Call me about a sweet deal with the foundation.

Put yourself and family on the water as spring approaches.

Mike Gorman. 519-457-6552



Coronado 25 “Meniscus”



J-24 With Trailer

EYC Boat Yard Aimee Cole



Well, it has been an interesting ride thus far. For those of you who don't have boats, I oversee the EYC Boat Yard and Docks where members keep their boats. The interesting thing about my time in this role has been my getting to know many different boats that are in the yard like the Millimeter and the Mercury among others. If you have ever seen a Millimeter in the water, it is a curious boat. From the docks it looks as though the skipper is sitting in a bathtub. I need

to mention that the Millimeter is a "single-handed" boat or in other words a solo vessel.

Since I "hang out" in the yard quite a bit trying to tidy up and organize, I have had the wonderful opportunity to chat with the sailors as they launch, come in and rinse and do maintenance on their boats after sailing. I love to watch the Millimeters as they gather during their regular races scheduled on the weekends. From a distance, they look like miniaturized yachts; a beautiful sight! They heel and navigate the marks with such grace and majesty. From what I have learned from the sailors on the water, they have many controls and take skill and competence to master and we have some very seasoned sailors to learn from for those interested.

Another beautiful vessel is the Mercury which is a smaller keel boat of which we have one in the yard. EYC hosts many races for the busy Mercury 2018 racing schedule. The Mercury is a double-handed boat and as it is a West Coast boat, there is a good-sized fleet in the area. Many, like the one in our yard have beautiful wood details and graceful lines. They are easy to transport and in some cases can fit in your garage making it an easy boat to own. Check them out at their next event on March 3rd.



As well as keel boats, there are many dinghies in the yard from lasers to Vanguard 15s to the skiffs and a the Wasp, a very tippy but super fast single-hander that members and juniors take out on the water regularly. If you are interested in boats and some history about them, grab a drink at the bar and head out to the Boat Yard and chat with some of the other sailors as they come and go and I bet you will learn something and meet a member you might not know with an interesting story.

EYC General Manager/COO Rigo Headley



Traditionally during the months of January through March, EYC tends to slow down a bit as members enjoy various winter activities, become snow birds by heading to Mexico, or even actually keeping to our New Year resolutions. Fortunately with us living in the Bay Area, it seems the weather is encouraging our members to visit the yacht club to visit with fellow members, guests and enjoy the various activities on our social calendar.

This month we have a variety of events ranging from our **Annual Super**

Bowl Party to Live Music in the Lounge Series for you to choose from. Mark your calendars for February 4th as the Philadelphia Eagles take on the New England Patriots for Super Bowl LII which we will be hosting our ANNUAL EYC SUPER BOWL PARTY and broadcasting the big game live on all of our big screen TV's! The annual Appetizer Extravaganza and Chili Cook-Off begins at 3:00 PM and will feature entries from members who will be vying for bragging rights and to either be named 2018 EYC Appetizer Master or 2018 EYC Chili Cook-Off Champion or BOTH!

Our **Live Music in the Lounge Series** has something a special treat in store for you for the month of February! On Friday, February 16th, 2018 Live Music in the Lounge will be featuring **Anthony Lincoln & his Retroz Band!** EYC Member Anthony Lincoln and his Retroz Band will take the stage and smooth the lounge with your classic Soulful R&B favorites, ranging from Isley Brothers to Commodores. Music starts at 6:30pm.

Reminder – Online Bill Payment and E-Statements

Through the Members' Area of the Encinal website; you can view current & past membership statements, make payments to your membership account directly via the website and/or setup auto payments. Auto payment options include ACH transfer from bank to bank with no fee or if you want to rack up reward points on a credit card you can select the credit card payment option (There is a 3% processing fee applied to your account for the credit card payment option). To further explain our online bill payment system and e-statements, below are frequently asked questions about the above mentioned services for you to review:

Online Bill Pay & Member E-Statement Frequently Asked Questions

How do I get access to the Club's online bill payment system?

Log in to the "Members' Area" on the Encinal website and click the "Member Statements" link on the left side of the page. You can:

- View account activity
- View current and past statements
- Set up automatic bill payment
- Make changes to your online bill payment settings

How do I sign up to use the online bill payment system?

Send your request for instructions to Member Services Coordinator Dawn Calvin via email admin@encinal.org.

Can I still pay my balance by check even if I sign up for online bill payment?

Yes. You can see your last statement online, download the statement for your records, and mail a check to the Encinal Yacht Club 1251 Pacific Marina Alameda, CA 94501.

Paying Bills Online

How can I pay my Encinal account online?

You have two choices:

- Go online and pay your bill manually each month
- Sign up for auto-pay

Manual Pay

How do I manually pay my balance online?

On the "Pay Balance" page, choose "E-check" under payments methods. You must log in each month to manually pay your balance.

Auto-pay

What is auto-pay?

During the 5th-7th of every month, Encinal will deduct the balance due shown on your most recent statement from your bank account, or charge the balance due to your credit card. You will not have to log-in to pay your balance online each month if you sign up for auto-pay.

How do I activate auto-pay?

Click on the "Member Statements" link on the left side of the "Members' Area" main page. In the box on the upper left, click on "Edit my credit card" or "Edit my bank account", depending on which method you want to use for auto-pay. At the bottom of the credit card or bank account information screen, click on the "Auto-pay Balance" box.

EYC Jack Frost Races Margaret Fago

EYC Jack Frost Races on Saturday February 3 2018

By Margaret Fago

510 332-6922 cell

Races 7& 8 of the Encinal Yacht Club's Jack Frost Series were sailed under near perfect winter conditions: north wind blowing 5-8 knots, for spice, a bit of current running from north to south through the Eastbay course near the Berkeley pier and sunny, balmy temperatures. Racing was fast and fun.

Azure, skippered by Rodney Pimentel, barely held on to his Class 1 series first place. A late start in the first race put them at the end of the fleet for that race. They pulled out of their hole with a second place in race 8 to keep a one point lead over **Vitesse Too with Grant Hayes** at the helm. **Hendrik Bruhns's Wysiwyg** moved up into third in fleet with a double bullet day. With only one point between the three lead boats it should be interesting racing next month to determine the series winner.

Renaissance of Tahoe with Stephen Douglass of Class 2, earned two more bullets to add to the three previous wins, sewing up their first place in class for the series.

The Olsen 25 fleet had no surprises. First place overall was maintained by **Steve Smith and crew on Synchronicity** with a 2nd and a 1st place finish. **Shark on Bluegrass** kept their spot at second overall with a first and a third places while **Grey Wulff** held on to the third overall with a 3rd and 4th place finish.

The Santana 22 fleet was as tight as ever with finishes within seconds and minutes of each other. **Jan Grygier and Lindsey Jennings** were pleased to cinch to first place wins to keep their series lead over **Igor Polevoy & crew on High and Dry**. **Zingaro's** two second place wins pulled them up the ladder into 3rd overall just ahead of **Albacore and Meliki**.

After several canceled "no wind" races in December and January there will not be enough race days to have any throw outs for the series this year. March standings will be the determining races for several of the classes. The race committee and the racers are hopeful that March will bring good wind for the final day of the Jack Frost winter racing to finish season with a smile for everyone.

EYC Jack Frost Race Photos

Fred Fago



EYC Buildings and Grounds

Tim Eaker

Ahoy!

A new year has begun and as your new chair of Buildings & Grounds I wanted to introduce myself and give an update of what's in the works. I have begun working with Chuck Wetteroth, who is graciously sharing the tremendous wealth of knowledge from his many years heading up this committee. Learning everything he does and all the time he puts in to keep our facilities beautiful and functional, I want to extend a deep thank you to him.

Our home in Alameda is a truly remarkable asset and in many ways is looking better than ever. That said we have some items on an ever-growing list of projects needed to make our yacht club really shine. With Spring on it's way in, the flower beds and landscaping are in need of weeding and mulching. Also on the list is some upkeep on the docks, including fixing some bad spots, installing more cleats & adding floats. I'm also told that we are in dire bad need of a Tiki Bar.

Some of you have indicated to membership an interest in helping with Buildings & Grounds. I will be reaching out to you soon. For those of you who may not have previously given it much thought and would like to help please reach out to me at timothyeaker@gmail.com.

I plan to implement periodic work parties to knock some of these projects out quickly and efficiently. I look forward to this being a great way to meet more fellow members, spend some time outside in the California sun and enjoying the remarkable space we have while making it even better for us all. I hope you will join us!

-Tim Eaker





State Issues - RBOC

Excerpts:

[Division of Boating and Waterways Now Accepting California Boater Card Applications](#)

Following please find the announcement that the Division of Boating and Waterways is accepting applications for the California Boater Card.

Starting in January 2018, recreational vessel operators of motorized vessels will be required to pass a boating exam after which they will be issued a certification card.

The process will first address individuals 20 and younger and then proceed to include boaters of all ages. RBOC supported the legislation that was enacted to establish this program, SB 941 Monning and DeSaulnier, Chapter 433, Statutes of 2014.

The organization worked to have the program established at DBW, rather than DMV, to ensure that the certificate fees would be reasonable, and to provide for a lifetime certificate rather than a licensure program.

Sacramento, Calif. – California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is now accepting applications for the California Boater Card. The card verifies that its holder has successfully taken and passed an approved boater safety education course. Once issued, the California Boater Card remains valid for an operator's lifetime.

On Sept. 18, 2014, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. signed into law Senate Bill 941, which prohibits the operation of motorized vessels in California without a valid boater card developed and issued by DBW. The new mandatory boating safety education law will go into effect Jan. 1, 2018. The law will be phased in by age. The first group required to take the exam are boaters 20 years of age and younger. Each year after January 2018, a new age group will be added to those who are required to possess a valid card. By 2025, all persons who operate a motorized vessel on California waters will be required to have one. The cost of the lifetime card is \$10, and all the money goes toward developing and operating the program. By law, DBW cannot profit from the program.

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“California and U.S. Coast Guard accident data show that states with some form of boating safety education have fewer accidents and fatalities than states without any boater education requirements,” said DBW Acting Deputy Director Ramona Fernandez. “This new law will help make boating safer for all families on California’s waterways.”

California is one of the last states to implement some sort of mandatory boating education requirement. Repeatedly, recreational boating accident data shows that many operators involved in accidents have not taken a boating safety course. For example, last year’s statistics showed that more than 800 California recreational vessels were involved in reported accidents, resulting in 50 deaths. Only one of the boat operators involved in the fatal accidents had taken an approved boating safety course.

Applying for the California Boater Card is easy. Boaters have an option to apply before or after taking an approved boating safety course. You can find the list of options at www.CaliforniaBoaterCard.com. A toll-free telephone support line is also available at (844) 421-8333.

There is good news for boaters who have already taken an approved course between Jan. 1, 2015 and Dec. 31, 2017 - Persons who have passed an approved examination during this timeframe will have until Dec. 31, 2018 to apply for their California Boater Card to receive the “grandfathering” exemption regardless of their age. Older courses will not be accepted since they may not include recent state or national changes to navigation law.

Boating safety course providers must be approved not only by the state of California, but by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. Courses may be classroom, home study or online.

It is important to note there are exemptions to the new law. For example, those operating a rental vessel or possess a current commercial fishing license do not need to obtain a California Boater Card. For more information on the new mandatory boating safety education law, including a current list of approved California boating courses and exemptions to the law, please visit www.CaliforniaBoaterCard.com.