

April 2018

# SOUNDINGS



ENCINAL YACHT CLUB



St. Patrick's Day Celebration



Ron Burn Estuary Cup

## From EYC Sr. Vice President Charlie Thome



### What is the International Order of the Blue Gavel...(IOBG)?

From time-to-time you may have noticed some very well-dressed yachtspersons meeting at our Club. The **IOBG** is an international organization composed of Past Commodores. They are proven leaders and innovative problem solvers. Membership is only offered by invitation.

The organization's mission is to associate with past commodores for worthwhile yachting activities worldwide, to help preserve yachting traditions, customs, ethics & etiquette and to encourage, promote



and develop knowledgeable yachting persons while enjoying expanded reciprocal privileges with yacht clubs worldwide.

The **Encinal Yacht Club** is very prominent in the **IOBG** as we have one dozen past commodores and past president (administrative commodores) members in District 14 of the **IOBG**. District 14 represents the Yacht Clubs of San Francisco Bay.

**Welcome to April**, while our boating season never really ends, the **101st Opening Day on the Bay** is later this month on **Sunday, April 22nd**. There is an annual "Theme" for decorated boats with many trophies awarded. This year's theme is: "Nations on the San Francisco Bay". Decorate your vessel to represent your favorite Nation. With this theme, the possibilities are endless.

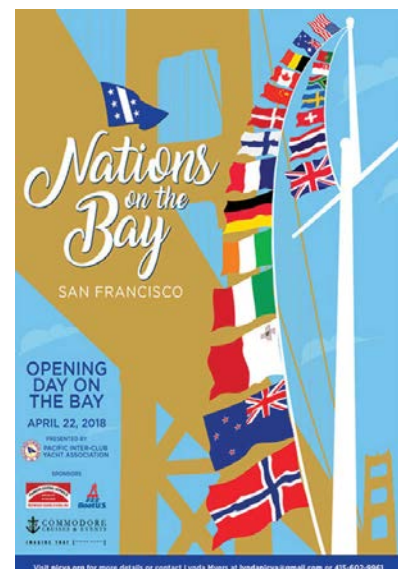
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**The deadline for entry is April 18th.**

"The wind and the waves are always on the side of the ablest navigator."

– **Edmund Gibbon**







## From EYC Vice Commodore Theo Rohr

**Encinal Yacht Club** has been racing sailboats and challenging other Bay clubs for perpetual trophies seriously since 1893. Of those old yacht club challenges that have continued to the present there is a beautiful silver trophy called the **Sir Thomas Lipton Cup Challenge Cup**. It currently languishes in the trophy case at San Francisco Yacht Club and I think it would look much better in our trophy case at **EYC**! What makes this challenge even more this year is that the **PICYA** is revamping and rejuvenating the challenge with a new competitive format. The three day regatta will bring all San Francisco bay yacht clubs together for a one-design match-up. Racing **J-22** class keelboats, this **Lipton Cup** will be a real test of which club has the best sailors not the fastest boats.



I like everything about this event. It has history and it's a showcase for our club's great sailors. The rivalry with the other clubs for the trophy and the opportunity to socialize with other clubs for a couple of evenings will be fun. And maybe the best part are these **J-22** class boats. I like that this boat can be raced by competitive sailors and is also a great entry level keel boat, perfect for learning to sail. **EYC Junior Sailing** already has one out at the end of our south dock and raced regularly in last summer's Twilight Series. The Flag is looking into chartering a second **J-22** for this summer so we can prepare our best crew to compete for the **Cup on June 15-17**.



The **Lipton Cup Challenge** is going to be terrific event that all our club members can get behind. The Notice of Race is posted in the case next to the bar and this Lipton cup link, so check it out. Most importantly we are going to need the support of everyone in our club to mount a serious campaign... get ready for a Summer of Lipton!

See you on the water,  
Theo

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### Staff

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Thursday-Sunday ..... Dinner 5:30-8:30pm  
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### Winter Season Lounge Hours

Thursday ..... 4:00pm-10:00pm  
Friday ..... 11:30am-11:00pm  
Saturday ..... 11:30am-10:00pm  
Sunday ..... 9:00am-5:00pm

## From EYC Cruise Captain Ed Lecco



By the time you read this **Encinal's Cruising Season** will have kicked off with our initial Cruise Out to Treasure Island Easter Weekend. This cruise out is being led by veteran Encinal members **David and Susan Sherrill**. As of March 23rd we have 9 boats confirmed and all are sure to have a great time.

We struggled to find a location for April, but after many emails and phone calls to several yacht clubs and marinas we have selected a wonderful destination. On April 13, 14, and 15 our cruisers will make our first "official" visit to **Westpoint Harbor in Redwood City**.

Westpoint Harbor is the newest marina on San Francisco Bay and has much to offer:

- High-quality onshore restrooms & showers
- Dog-friendly marina
- Pump-out at every slip
- The harbor is surrounded by The Bay Trail, which is excellent for walking
- A labyrinth of sloughs provides fun areas to explore by dinghy (101 Surf Sports is located in the marina and they rent out paddleboards, kayaks etc)
- Uber and Lyft services provide inexpensive access to downtown Redwood City where there are excellent restaurants, coffee shops, and movie theaters.

If you're interested in joining this cruise out please contact **Ed Lecco ASAP** – [sail.painkiller.com](mailto:sail.painkiller.com).

Next on the list is **Benicia** May 18th, 19th, and 20th. **Chuck and Edie Hero** are once again leading one of our favorite destinations to visit each year. The Marina is just a few minutes walk from historic downtown Benicia which has top notch shopping and dining. We also have a dinner planned with the Benicia yacht club as well as other fun activities. If you want to join this cruise you must **RSVP by April 17th** – no exceptions.

We have many other cruises planned this year. In June we will visit Marin, Sausalito in July and then a week in August up in the Delta. Following the Delta we have Half Moon Bay Labor Day weekend and for those that want to extend, we will go to Santa Cruise. We will finish the cruising year in October with trips to China Camp and the Commodore's Cruise.

Please visit [http://www.encinal.org/pageResource/cruise/2018\\_cruiseSched.php](http://www.encinal.org/pageResource/cruise/2018_cruiseSched.php) for our cruise schedule and updates. If you have questions or would like to lead a cruise or assist in some way, please let me know.

Fair winds and following seas,

~Ed

## **Boat of the month!!**

A bargain start up cruiser for a discerning sailor or a beginner.  
This forgiving Bay ready vessel upgraded and restored in every way

- **New sails**
- **New rigging**
- **New paint**
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- **Comfortable settee area with views from your table**
- **Self tailing winches**
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### **What more could you ask?**

She is available for purchase or lease to purchase from the **Encinal Sailing Foundation**.



Price is \$2,500!

Get this boat and help our juniors at the same time!!

Call Mike 510-457-6552



## From EYC Junior Sailing Mike Scott

### Howdy folks!

It's hard to believe, but the end of both the 2017-2018 High School season and the 2017-2018 Winter **BAYS** series is upon us! However, things were still plenty busy this month as we hosted our annual **Jr. Sailing Open House**, participated in the final regular season **PCISA** event in Santa Barbara (Gaucha Regatta), and participated in the final event in the Winter **BAYS** series in Redwood City at Peninsula Youth Sailing Foundation.

High school teams are also now setting their sights on Gold and Silver Fleet Pacific Coast Championships to be held in April (**Silver PCCs at Encinal YC!**), and will be putting in many practice hours to be as prepared as possible for the final showdown with other Pacific Coast high school sailing teams.

Our race team members are taking a short break after the end of their winter series, but will be coming back with vigor during May to start training for the summer racing season.

A special shoutout goes to our very own Opti Race Team sailor **Dylan Wondolleck** who traveled all the way out to Jensen Beach, Florida to compete in the **USODA Sunshine State Championship** during the beginning of the month. He had a blast, learned a ton, and is excited to travel back to Florida in April for the **USODA Team Trials** regatta (which he had qualified for previously) - good luck, Dylan! Two

**EYC J22 teams** have also recently materialized and have begun training in earnest for the **Sears Cup Qualifier** regatta to be held at St. Francis Yacht Club in July! Please feel free to stop, chat with, and congratulate our young sailors on their efforts whenever you see them training at the club.

We started off the month with our annual and always fun **Jr. Sailing Open House!** It was a thrill to open our doors to the community and invite them to join us at the club for a fun,



breezy day. Visiting kids and parents got to see first-hand what a high school sailing practice looked like, take rides on boats of all sizes around the Estuary, get some awesome free EYC shirts, and chat with currently enrolled sailors about their experiences! This event is always so important to the future and growth of the program, so we sincerely thank all of those who volunteered their time to put on such a successful day. We hope to make it bigger and better next year!



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## From EYC Junior Sailing Mike Scott

Sailors have been putting in their maximum efforts during the last events of the winter season, and are looking forward to a small break from traveling in order to have time to prepare for summer. Our final **PCISA** event was the **Gaucha Regatta**, hosted by Santa Barbara YC and the UC Santa Barbara sailing team. Teams from four **EYC**-based high schools saw quite a bit of rain and not very much wind on the first day, and much drier and more consistent conditions on the second day. Congratulations to **Monte Vista HS Sailing Team** for ending the event in 3rd place Silver Fleet overall!



Our final event in the winter club sailing series (**Winter BAYS Series**) was hosted in Redwood City by the Peninsula Youth Sailing Foundation and the Sequoia Yacht Club. Conditions were light on both days, which is especially tricky at this venue due to the typically strong currents. Congratulations to all sailors for doing well with the challenge, and especially to EYC CFJ team **Sophia Browne** and **Sean Tolan** for clinching the Winter BAYS Series overall victory in the CFJ fleet! We can't wait to see what they and the rest

of the EYC race team will accomplish this summer.

There will still be plenty going on between now and summer though, like our hosting of the **PCISA Silver Fleet Pacific Coast Championship on April 21 & 22!** This event will be an absolute thrill in every way, so if you're around that weekend you simply must stop by to check out the action! This, like all of our amazing events, will be run by our stellar corps of volunteers, so please sign up to help if you're available!





## From EYC House Chair Gary Stacherski



Hello to all of our Encinal Yacht Club members. A fun time was had by all that attended our St. Patrick's Day dinner at the club. We had a full house with all of our dinning room tables full of members and their guests enjoying their picks off Chef Tina's menu with quite a selection of St. Patty's Day fare!!

As the evening progressed the bar and lounge area was the happening place to be with fun conversations, lots of laughs and camaraderie with good friends .... to say the least a good time was had by all!

I want to thank my house committee for helping decorate our Yacht Club so our members would feel like they all had their "Green" on.





# EYC Friday Twilight Race Photos Fred Fago

From EYC Rear Commodore  
Ted Floyd



## EYC Small Boat Captain John Hansen

### Solar Series Kickoff Races March 17th 2018

This year the Encinal Small Boat Solar Series kicked off on St. Patrick's Day. Though rain was threatening, the Vanguard 15's and Millimeter's were treated to a great day of racing without a drop from overhead. Five races were run in breeze ranging from 7 to 15 knots. In the Millimeter fleet, **Pax Davis** won the day with strong finishes in his boat "**The Metric Ruler**". The Millimeter's have been racing actively at the club for years now and have a great time. They even have a loaner boat in the small boat yard to introduce prospective new owners to the class. Contact **Pax Davis** at **pax580@aol.com** if you're interested in this fun fleet.



The Vanguards had some tight racing with **EYC Junior Director Mike Scott** and crew, EYC coach **Ellie Glenn** showing great form in winning the day. It was fun to see them out of the coach boat and sailing fast! The Vanguards are working on building participation this year. There are seven of them kept in the small boat yard and the fleet is working on making sure that they are all out sailing once a month in the Solar series. To that end, **Barb Grove** lent her boat to **Mike** and **Ellie** to make sure the boat didn't miss a race. A great fleet building move! If anyone is interested in sailing in this fleet, please contact Small Boat Fleet Captain **John Hansen** at **yachtcheck@yahoo.com** to have your name forwarded

to Vanguard owners that may be looking for crew, or possible charter opportunities. There is also one EYC Vanguard for sale that we would really like to see stay in the club. This is a great fleet for the Estuary!

The next race day of the series is coming up on April 14th. We hope to see some Lido 14's joining us in preparation for their Nationals, which EYC is hosting this July. Thanks to **Vice Commodore Theo Rohr** for his excellent work setting the marks in some shifty conditions, and EYC Junior **Gemma Hansen** for starting and scoring the races that day.

John Hansen





# Summer Sailstice At EYC

## CARDBOARD BOAT BUILDING CONTEST AT SUMMER SAILSTICE SATURDAY JUNE 23 AT THE ENCINAL YACHT CLUB IN ALAMEDA



Here is your chance to build a boat in one day and race her on the waters off the Encinal yacht Club. This event is open to friends, co-workers, families and anyone else who would like to see if they can build a boat and row or maybe even sail her around a mark and back to shore.

### THE COMPETITION:

To design and build a human-powered boat made of corrugated cardboard capable of completing

a short course off the Encinal Yacht Club docks in Alameda, California. The Cardboard Boat Race is designed to be a fun and creative race. It does not matter how fast, slow, big, small, sensible or outrageous the boat is, the first rule is that designers, builders, racers and spectators have a good time.

Materials and plans (or come up with your own plans) will be provided. The boatbuilding crews provide the enthusiasm.



### BOAT CLASS CATEGORIES:

#### Class I: Build & Race

Teams are given up to 4 hours to construct a vessel using only cardboard, duct tape, felt tip markers, and a utility knife. Each team will be provided with the required materials on the day of the race. Work can be done on-site between Noon- 4 PM

#### Class II: Build-at-Home

Teams who are a more thoughtful design may construct home prior to the day  
\*For both classes and design teams as necessary and supporters are however, only one (1) are permitted in the Prizes (small) will be sit on top of boats inside boats to finish



interested in taking approach to their their vessels at of the event. construction may be as large (cheerleaders wildly encouraged), to four (4) racers boats. awarded to the first (boards) and sit the course.

## **Thank You Easter Bunny! Great Job At Easter**







# Ship's EYC Store

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MAY 13TH



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▶ Encinal Yacht Club Presents



# FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC

Friday, May 11th ■ 6:30 - 9:30 pm

***BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!***  
**Anthony Lincoln and his Retroz Band**

*Get in the groove of the  
weekend with friends at EYC!*



**EYC**  
**2018**

# April

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 1st Thursday Buffet	6 SPRING TWILIGHT RACE #1	7 MERCURY SERIES RACE # 2		
8 ESTUARY CUP RACE	9	10	11	12	13 CRUISE OUT TO WEST POINT HARBOR	14 SAFETY AT SEA SEMINAR SMALL BOAT RACE # 2		
15 -->	16	17	18	19 6pm FLAG MTG. 7pm BOARD MTG.	20 SPRING TWILIGHT RACE #2	21 JR. SAILING REGATTA PCISA SILVER PCCs		
22 -->	23	24	25	26	27 EYC NEW MEMBER OPEN HOUSE	28		
29	30	MAY 1	2	3 1st Thursday Buffet	4 SPRING TWILIGHT RACE #3	5		

### Dee Jay Martin



Long time Encinal member Dee Jay Martin passed away February 22 at the age of 98. "I know my mom was so proud to be an honorary member. She and daddy (officially known as the "old salts") made such good friends at Encinal and spent many happy years cruising on their beloved C'est Moi." Even after her sailing years were over she continued to supervise decorating the Encinal Christmas Tree and to host the children's Christmas Party. Contributions can be made in her honor to the Encinal Junior Sailing Program. A celebration of her life will be held June 9<sup>th</sup> at the home of her daughter. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dale Gregory at (510) 352-0440)