

September/ October 2019

ENCINAL YACHT CLUB

SOUNDINGS

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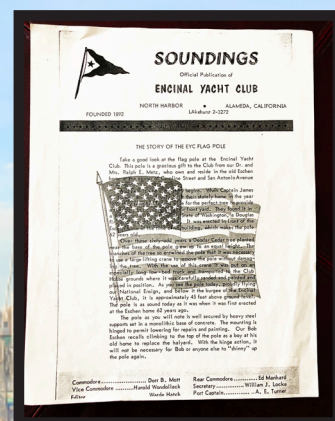
To **Michelle Shaffer**
& **Omta** for Mailing out
our ballot/bylaw changes
for the members to vote
on.

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EYC Flag Pole &
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Did you Know!

The Encinal YC
Flag Pole
is 120 years old!



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1890 Summer Dining Hours

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Fridays..... 11:30am-9:00pm
Saturdays 11:30am-8:30pm
Sundays.....10:30am-8:30pm

Summer Season Lounge Hours

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

From EYC President Charlie Thome



It's Election time at Encinal Yacht Club!

Your vote is important, please be sure to send in your completed ballot prior to the Annual Meeting, on November 2nd. A lot of work and expense has gone into this election cycle by both

members and staff. This year, in addition to an excellent slate of Board Candidates (thanks to the Nominating Committee) you will see several Initiatives related to our Bylaws (thanks to the Bylaws Committee). A Quorum is required to execute these initiatives and elect the new Board, so don't forget to VOTE!

We've had a terrific year at the Club. From good fortune in finding Curtis Lew, our very competent and engaging General Manager, to changes in the dining room service and commissioning of the Tiki Bar, we've accomplished a lot in the Clubhouse. Beer is flowing at the Main bar like never before. Building and Grounds Committee has made significant improvements, particularly the recent re-paving of our Boatyard. Our gratitude goes to all of the people who donate their time and energies to these projects...we are a member-run Club and rely on Member Voluntarism to accomplish most things.

The Junior Sailing Program had another very successful summer and plenty of Junior Sailors will remain on the water through the winter months.

Our Ship's Store continues to amaze with diverse and great quality merchandise.

The House Committee has put on some really fun and well-attended events so far this year.

Our Fun day Sundays were a great success and

Kids' Nights were met with a lot of enthusiasm throughout the summer, with upwards of 30 kids per evening in attendance. Looking forward to the Holidays!...be sure to register for the many parties and events that will be taking place at the Club through the end of this Year! On the Business end of things, our highly-functioning Finance Committee has been working to review, analyze, document and suggest improvements throughout the Club's operations. Bar and restaurant costs are now in-line with our guidance and budgets. This Committee just completed an internal audit to support the outside firm who will be providing review of our financials.

Fair Winds and Following Seas!



From EYC Sr. Vice President Fred Rutledge



Annual Coastal Clean-Up

Two of Encinal YC's familiar faces were out on the waterfront near the club as part of the state's largest annual volunteer event. Vice-Commodore Ted Floyd and Senior VP

Fred Rutledge, garbage bags in hand picked up 50lbs+ bits of rubbish scattered around the waterfront park. California Coastal Cleanup Day takes place on the third Saturday of each September, along more than 2,000 miles of coastal and inland shoreline. This year it was on 21 September from 9am to 12 pm. After about two hours these trash collecting warriors turned in their haul to the dumpster. Food containers, coke cans, and boat operator's manual were among the bits picked up.

The cleanups take place all over California – from coastal areas to Lake Tahoe and from San Diego up to Del Norte County. Last year over

75,000 participants removed over 800,000 pounds of trash from the state's waterways. Families, friends, coworkers, scout troops, school groups, service clubs, boat clubs and individuals come together to celebrate and share their appreciation of California's fabulous coast and waterways. The event is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, organized by the Ocean Conservancy, which is the largest volunteer event on the planet!

Following the clean-up, these two supported the Meals on Wheels event at the club.

A full day indeed!



**Fred & Ted's
Wild Adventure!**

From EYC Commodore Theo Rohr



I guess this is the last Sounding article I get to address you as the Commodore. Three years have flown by and lot of members mention to me that they think I must not be able to wait for Change of Watch. But honestly I have mixed feelings about it. Going up the flag at Encinal has been an amazing experience. I've gotten so much out of the time I've spent at the club I can hardly list it all. I've developed an understanding about sailboat race management and event planning. Been invited on beautiful boats and picked up some great tips on how good sailors win regattas. I've worked with a wonderful bunch of people on the board of directors and seen the challenges that face our club. I've been able to help improve the waterfront facilities. I've been able to help develop new club programs to get club members the opportunity to get out on the water. I've even learned how to shoot the cannons and get to help select what kind of beer we have on tap. What more could a guy ask for! But here is the real kicker. I've been able to meet so many of you members that I never would have otherwise had an opportunity to talk to. I've made friendships I will treasure forever. Our club is not just a source of recreation but also a great source of social interaction and community. Here is the little pro tip that I've learned: Get involved. Join a committee, spend the time it takes to get a project completed at the club. We get to know one another by working, playing and dining together. That's how Encinal has thrived for 129 years, because

we enjoy meeting each other at the water's edge and we enjoy being club members and volunteers.

So, I just want to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be on the Flag. Thank you to those before me who lead the way and trusted me to keep the flags flying and the traditions alive. Thank you for my team on the flag that is coming up with me and doing an amazing job of strengthening our club's presence on the Bay. Thank you to the great volunteers and race committees we've put together over the past three years. I'll be there for you. Thank you to all the members of our club and the clubs we've visited for your hospitality and generosity. Thank you a hundred times over to my wife Lisa who has stood by me, counseled me and worked so hard to make things work. I couldn't have done it without her. And finally thank you to all the members that will step up in the coming year and beyond to volunteer and help make this club grow and thrive. See you on the waterfront!



Commodore's Cup Winners

From EYC Rear Commodore Jens Jensen



The Review: 2019 Summer Racing

Theo had turned us down again. The first time that happened we won our Division in the West Point Regatta in June. Now it is August, Labor Day is a couple of weeks away and I am looking for more crew

to enter Snowy Owl for the other downhill race of the summer, the Jazz Cup. It includes an upwind leg towards Alcatraz with a few tacks thrown in to warm up the muscles, then 25 miles downwind to Benicia.

One of the tacks did not turn out well. A jib sheet override on the primary winch, did a full 360 with another tack and a jibe and two minutes later or so, we were back on port tack going in the right direction again, still pointing high to lay the weather mark. While we were doing our pirouettes that winch got a little wobbly, so we decided to not use it anymore. As the last boat around the weather mark, we only had to look ahead to get a gauge on our competition. This

turned out to be a tactical stroke of genius, since we saw them all staying too high sailing into the wind hole behind Angel Island. So we bore off and headed for Brookes Island, hoping to stay in the breeze and keep the wind flowing through the sails. It worked and by the time we reached the Brothers, we were in the middle of

our fleet again.

There was plenty of flood tide pushing us into San Pablo Bay, affecting the apparent wind angle the whole time. There was a lot of trim work in ten knots of breeze to keep the spinnaker full, and jibing to the left from time to time to stay in max current. Come the next milestone, the Carquinez Straight Bridge by the C&H Sugar plant, there was only one boat left ahead, we needed to catch. Right at the bridge tower, Tupelo Honey was converging with us on port jibe, Snowy Owl just behind sailing on starboard pole. We pulled off a beautiful jibe

a boat length astern and covered them all the way to the finish. They owed us almost three minutes in PHRF, so finishing 90 seconds behind them was good enough. A great day of light air and sun filled sailing against one other Express 37 and a gaggle of J105's, plus this C&C 33 Sport boat.

Thank you, Ted Floyd for pulling the strings on the spinnaker all day, great work!

I am sorry, Theo, you missed out on this one

again, first place in our division and a raucous party in Benicia to celebrate all racers.

A week later the Flag, together with a full group of volunteers and the indefatigable Fred Fago, expertly mastering his camera shots, successfully closed out the Summer Twilights.



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From EYC Rear Commodore Jens Jensen



Edie Herro had supplied us with Helly Hansen Dry Bags as series trophies, glamour mixed with a practical touch. Despite a port starboard incident at the start, Blue Jay held on to first place in a tie breaker with Osituki in Division Delta. Ad Lib and Outsider put a bit more daylight between them and the second place teams but still a very competitive battle in the other two divisions. The final tally came to 44 boats registered in the series.

Thank you to all volunteers, PRO's, mark set crews and the "bottomless beer brew beef burger" fundraising team, headed by Lisa and Theo Rohr with plenty of help from their friends.

Photos By Fred Fago

Summer Twilight Final

Division Alpha

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| 1. Outsider | Greg Nelson |
| 2. Good & Plenty | Steve Berl |
| 3. Smokin | Kevin Clark |

Division Charlie

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Ad Lib | Bruce Baker |
| 2. Wadioactive | Brendan McNally |
| 3. Wylie E. Coyote | Dan Pruzan |

Division Delta

- | | |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Blue Jay | Don Ahrens/V. Casalaina |
| 2. Osituki | Rodney Pimentel |
| 3. Incognito | Scott Racette |
| 4. Lelo Too | Emily Zugnoni |



From EYC Junior Sailing Mike Scott



Howdy folks!
Things never stop around here with Jr. Sailing, so as usual I've got a packed report to give you! We ended the summer with our highly anticipated Summer Sailing Luau and Awards Dinner and it was

a BLAST! A huge thanks goes out to the dozens of volunteers who spent days preparing and planning for our hundreds of guests. Thank you for setting up, cooking, serving, and cleaning - you created this wonderful night! Thank you to all attendees, and congratulations to all sailors who were given camp awards or race team perpetual trophies. Please take some time to check out the newly engraved names when they are finished! Our racing season remained full-on until after summer sailing had finished, with Summer BAYS 3 the week before and Summer BAYS 4 three weeks after! Encinal sailors attended both events, doing very well and ending up in some of the overall victory spots at the end of the series. Keep your eyes peeled for even more engraved perpetual trophies hanging out in the club very soon - we just can't stop ourselves! In between those two events, we had our Opti team attend the Optimist Pacific Coast Championship which was sailed

out of SFYC. Congratulations to our sailors for grinding it out against some tough competition in challenging conditions. A couple of our opti

sailors missed the qualification spots for Team Trials by just that much, and are hungrier than ever to keep training and execute at the next opportunity, we are eagerly watching their journey.

Fall season really began before the summer cycle had even wound down, and in a sense that has given all of our teams great momentum to get started. Our high school program is healthy as always, with approximately 80 sailors participating from 13 schools! So far recruitment efforts have gone well, aided by our High School Sailing Beginner clinics. Two have been completed so far, with one more slated for October. Regular high school team practices have begun during weekday evenings, and we are blown away by the energy and commitment to attending which is greater than ever before. Stay tuned to see some very cool things coming from our high school teams this season! Our C420, Laser, and Opti teams have switched into Fall mode and are continuing their training while slowly debriefing from the summer season, updating their goals, and looking ahead. The laser team traveled to Santa Barbara at the end of September to compete in the High School

Singlehanded PCCs - seven of our sailors attended (an unprecedented number) and were met with warm, clear weather, hard but very fun/useful competition,

and challenging conditions. Props to them for battling it out and coming away with lots of new wisdom!



From EYC Junior Sailing
Mike Scott

2019 Encinal Junior Sailing Lau & Awards



2019 High School Sailing NOR CAL #1 Regatta Richmond YC



History of the EYC Flag Pole Year 1961

The Story Of The Encinal Flag Pole as written in the July 1961 Soundings

Take a good look at the flag pole at the Encinal Yacht Club. This pole is a gracious gift to the club from our Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Metz, who resided in the old Eschen home at the corner Caroline St and San Antonio Ave in Alameda. And here is where our story begins. When Capt. James C Eschen and his family built their stately home in the year of 1899. They searched far and wide for the perfect tree to provide a flag pole to be placed in their front yard. They found it in a log boom in Puget Sound, State of Washington, a Douglas fir, and straight as an arrow. It was erected in front of the Eschen home at the time of its building, which makes the pole 62 years old.

Over these sixty-odd years a Deodar Cedar tree planted near the base of the pole grew up to an equal height. The branches of the tree so entwined the pole that it was necessary to use a large lifting crane to remove the pole without damaging the tree. With the use of this crane it was put on an especially long low-bed truck and transported to the Club House grounds where it was carefully sanded and painted and placed in position. As you see the pole today, proudly flying our National Ensign, and below it the burgee of the Encinal Yacht Club, it is approximately 45 feet above ground level. The pole is as sound today as it was when it was first

erected at the Eschen home 62 years ago. The pole as you will note is well secured by heavy steel supports set in a monolithic base of concrete. The mounting is hinged to permit lowering for repairs and painting. Our Bob Eschen recalls climbing to the top of the pole as a boy at his old home to replace the halyard. With the hinge action, it will not be necessary for Bob or anyone else to "shinny" up the pole again.



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History of the EYC Flag Pole Year 2019

The Story Of The Encinal Flag Pole as told by Eric Eschen 2019



The flagpole came from a ship called the Sarah. According to family lore, the ship foundered outside of the Golden Gate on Duxbury Reef and seven crew members clung to the mast and survived by doing so. Captain James Eschen who was very displeased upon hearing that the mast was all that was left of his ship, said

that it should be brought over to his house on Caroline St. and he would use the mast as a flagpole. Thereafter, he had anyone who was going to sail as Captain on his ships come by the house to stand before the flagpole and hear the story of the ship that was lost. He would tell the prospective captains that the Captain of the Sarah's manhood was buried under the foot of the flagpole.

This story was told by Eric's great uncle Jim after Jim visited Eric's family and hearing that Eric was going to be a ship Captain himself. Of course, the story was told after he had enjoyed a couple of bourbons with Eric's father, Bob Eschen.

Capt James Eschen became a member of EYC around 1901. Current EYC member, Eric Eschen joined in 2008 and is the grandson of Captain James Eschen. Let's hope that some day his daughter Maren will be the next generation EYC member!

In 1960 EYC added a yardarm, gaff and topmast to look like a ships mast.

**Thank you Ann Eschen for your
husband's family info!**



Eric Eschen

2019 Delta Cruise Out Mike Scheck

The official start to Delta Daze was August 3rd but the fleet was anxious to get the fun started and began to arrive in Potato Slough on Friday Aug 2nd. Most did a straight shot up the river, but No Worries opted to break the trip up and anchored at China Camp on Thursday night. The fleet anchored in bedroom 2 this year and had the place almost to ourselves. Unlike previous years,

there was minimal wind, warm temps and NO SMOKE! Bugs were a non issue.

Saturday, Hal and Laurie Lynam arrived on their new trawler, Bill Nork arrived on Zenith, and Ken and Marianne Poplewell arrived

on Caribbean Blue. Mike and Flicka arrived on Wings Sunday afternoon. No Worries kicked off the weeks festivities by hosting sundowners on Sunday night. Days were spent paddle boarding, taking the dinghy to Tower Park, working on the boat, or just relaxing. Commodore Theo arrived on Tuesday afternoon and roused the fleet with his rendition of the "cowbell" from the song

Mississippi Queen (sans the guitar). We then made our way to Moore's Riverboat for lunch and supplies. Wings hosted cocktails Tuesday and the fleet spent Wednesday recovering and prepping for departing for home or elsewhere in the Delta on Thursday.

Caribbean Blue, Zenith and No Worries had decided to stop at Pittsburgh YC on Thursday night to break the trip up. We were made to feel very welcome by the staff and club member.

Highly recommended, though you need to watch the tides entering and leaving. As luck would have it, the wind that had been a non-factor all week had returned with a vengeance, so we got an early start on Friday to take on the Carquinez Strait and San Pablo Bay. In the end, the wind/wave action never really materialized and we had a great trip home.



Encinal Sailing Foundation Mike Gorman



Bristol 27

Charter Opportunities

The Encinal Sailing Foundation and the EYC are teaming up to expand charter boats available to club members.

Many of you already know the flag has a competitive J-22 available for charter to compete in racing. The flag coordinates these charters to benefit members.

As “promoting sailing and boating in Northern California” is one objective of the Foundation we are expanding our fleet of boats to charter including cruising.

We have a well equipped Catalina 27, a Santana 22, and a Bristol 27. One must possess a basic keelboat certificate to qualify for charter. If you do not have one we will be offering a course this fall or winter. So “no more excuses”.

Anyone can get out on the water and enjoy this amazing sport.

Contact Mike Gorman
Ted Floyd, or Theo Rohr.

Catalina 27



Check out our newest items! Barbarian Sports Rugby Shirts!

Arriving soon, Barbarian Sports Rugby shirts. Also stop by and see our selection of Helly Hansen, Jackets, vests and polos.

Look your yachting best and show your support for our club.

We also have a number of fantastic deals on select merchandise and Helly Hansen women's and mens shorts and summer tops on sale. Snap these deals up before they are gone. They can make great gifts for holidays.

Our ship's store is open Thursday through Sunday during regular office hours. Just step into the office and Omta or Curtis can assist you or you can contact Edie or Anita for a shopping appointment.

Edie 307-690-5447

Anita 925-324-2917



EYC Volunteer Opportunities!

Buried Treasures At EYC!

Yes, it exists. Our club has a rich, interesting, and proud history. Just most of us do not see or hear about it. There's old files buried away of articles, pictures, facts, and history. Really great stuff.

For starters take a look at the impressive documentary book by Woody Minor that resides in the bar. You can also purchase a copy from ship's store or just peruse the bar copy. You will find great stuff there.

Now for the pitch...**HELP IS NEEDED!!**
We have great need to fill the position of **Club Historian**. It's an easy job

that one can do at their own pace and timing. It is very important for us to preserve our history and pass it on to newer members. Please contact me as club Treasurer or our incoming flag or board officers. Your help would be of great value to our club and upholding it's traditions.

Regards
Mike Gorman



Board of Directors Club Secretary

Thank you to Jeri Haise, who has recorded the BOD meetings for the last couple of years. She has decided to move on and will help you with transition. If you are interested in helping the Board of Directors please let Fred Rutledge know.

Membership Committee Chair

This person will assist the membership committee to keep the membership growing. It is one of the most exciting jobs at the club because of your involvement with new and old members to help promote the club.

A Family

What is a family? In 2011, when our newly installed President, Tony Shaffer said, “We at Encinal Yacht Club are a family”. I got to thinking about that. So what is a family?

One of the Webster dictionary’s definition for family is, ‘a harmonious group bound together by a common interest’. Tony is right; we members of Encinal are a family. We are bound together by our interest in boating.

Families get together to have fun, to boat, to visit, to entertain, and to enjoy each other. That is exactly what we do here at Encinal.

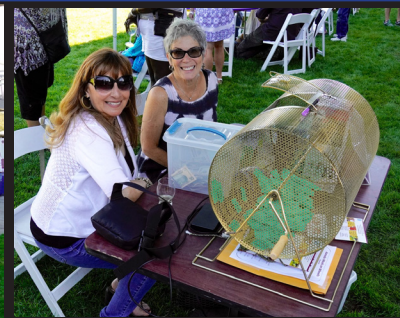
We bring our kids and our grandkids to enjoy our pool, to learn how to boat, to do boating activities and to play with the other Encinal kids. We also bring ourselves to enjoy the fellowship with other members, to have a cocktail or two, to enjoy the delicious food, and the Club activities, and to enjoy the comfortable surroundings.

Not being able to come to the Club for many months, because of health reasons, I found that when I recently began to come back to the Club, many members ask where I had been and that they missed me. That is when I realized that I really missed so many friends of my extended family at Encinal. Together, we are an interesting extended family.

With the Holiday Season upon us, enjoy your family.

See ya all around the Club !

EYC Events



EYC Paddle Club & Paddle Splash

Lisa Rohr

The "2019 PaddleSplash" was a splashing success! The island themed paddle festival included a flotilla of paddle boarders, ukulele tunes, a festive floating unicorn, chef Manny's Island bbq, thrilling races, and a perfect afternoon at EYC. Mike Wang of Mike's Paddle put on a wonderful paddle festival and we are already looking forward to next year's event!



EYC Member Events

Photos By Allison Sojka



Thank You Kevin Clark!

The boatyard resurfacing went well and looks Great.



Where's The Burgee? / Club Hours



Where's The Burgee?

ENCINAL YACHT CLUB HOURS

Effective October 13th

Food Service Hours:

Thursdays	11:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Fridays	11:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturdays	11:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Sundays	11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (New Hours)

Bar Lounge Hours:

Thursdays	11:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Fridays	11:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Saturdays	11:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sundays	11:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Office:

Wednesdays – Sundays 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.