

**March/April 2020**



# ENCINAL YACHT CLUB SOUNDINGS



**Thank You EYC Member, Fred Fago For The  
Fabulous Jack Frost Race Photos!**

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 Friday ..... 11:30am-10:00pm  
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## From EYC President Fred Rutledge



Dear EYC Members,

We are really in some uncharted waters these days. The club, like everyone and everything else in the world are experiencing a massive

shift in the way we do business. As board member Anna Christiansen so ably put it: “Let us accept, adjust and adapt with the tools available to us.”

Our last two board meeting have been conducted using Zoom. It works and we are starting to get the hang of it.

We first tested the Zoom process on Monday, April 16th, during a special board teleconference regarding the health directives from Alameda County. Hopefully this “absolute social distancing” will not be the new norm. Because of the health impact I thought it important to explain how the directive effects our club. Basically, it shuts down bars, restaurants and other gathering places. That includes us. We thought perhaps a private club like our might remain open, but we are not exempt.

We did find that outside use of the club was in order. Paddle boarding, kayaking and use of boats should be fine. The social distancing (6’) applies however, so keep that in mind. Enter through the gate and remember to close it afterwards. The restrooms will be open, but not the clubhouse. The shut down of the clubhouse is at least through April 7th. The CDC and County Health office press releases are continually monitored, and any changes will be passed along.

Maintaining good communications with our membership is of paramount importance. The impact of the closure is not only on members, but our staff. Not sure yet how we may help our employees, but we are looking at ways to help that will not impede Federal or state help.

Curtis and Julio will remain on duty at the club as they are essential to the wellbeing of the place. Julio will catch up on maintenance, painting and such and Curtis will manage the office and provide an element of security. Security is a major concern as a dark unoccupied club is a target for nefarious folk! So, thank you for your flexibility and thank you for being a part of the Encinal Yacht Club!

As the saying goes “Keep Calm and Carry On!”



# From EYC Rear Commodore Ken Popplewell



As the seasons change and we enter into an uncertain time, it's always good to look back at the season that was, and at some of the fun and some of the accomplishments that we recently put on the books.

On Leap Day, the last day of February, we wrapped up another Jack Frost Series.

We actually completed all 10 of the scheduled races, which you understand is kind of an anomaly.

We all know that in the winter months on the bay, the conditions can often be unpredictable. The weather can turn stormy with the passage of a front, or the winds simply die-off making it difficult, if not impossible, to finish every race. This last season, on the other hand, we had many days with fair winds, and some with very strong winds gusting into the upper 30s. One morning we even went out to find nothing but a thick fog shrouding the Bay as we felt our way to the starting area. We arrived, to find the fog lifting, sun shine taking over, nearly in time to start racing at the appointed time. We had some classic racing that came down to seconds at the finish line, like in our Battle of The Staff Commodores, where

the contest between Theo and Rodney was ultimately decided by a few seconds, in that last race of ten. We had spirited, one design racing with the Olson 25, and Santana 22 fleets. In the end, it seemed a good time for all of the 34 boats that came out to race.

Many thanks to Ted Floyd, Jens Jensen, Dave Blumhorst, and the rest of the Race Committee volunteers. Without these great folks, it would be next to impossible to run these races.

In other racing news, the Mercury fleet returned to compete in the annual Mercury

NorCal Series. This is a series that we host here at our Club, on one Saturday a month, over four consecutive months, with five races each Saturday. Marianne and I have had the pleasure to run this series over the passed five years. I have to say, it's always fun to watch this very tactical group of racers work their way up and down the Estuary. In the first day of the current



**Waesche as she continues on her National Security, mission across the Pacific.**

NorCal series, the US Coast Guard Cruiser 751 "Waesche", decided to add an extra tactical issue, as she passed through our race course, mid way through the third race of the day. I'm sure that you will join me in wishing God's Speed, Fair winds, and Following Seas to USCGC.

## Encinal Flag Statement in response to the COVID-19 epidemic

March 19, 2020

To all members and racers:

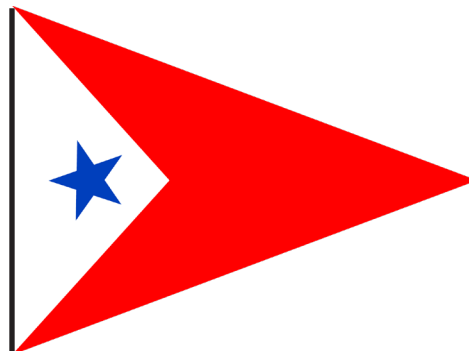
In compliance with County, State, and US Coastguard mandates, we are suspending all racing activities through the end of April 2020. This includes the cancellation of the Estuary Cup on April 5 and the first two races of the Friday Night Twilight Series on April 10 and April 24.

At this time it is not possible with any degree of certainty to predict what our spring and summer race schedule will look like, now or even in a few weeks. We intend to provide first updates by the end of March 2020 with any news about our summer schedule.

There are three major regattas scheduled for spring and early summer. The Encinal Flag, our race committees, and numerous club volunteers are currently involved with planning and preparation for these right now. These events are the California Offshore Race Week, the Lipton Cup and the Encinal Regatta. In addition, the Mercury NorCals and Twilight Series are on the Encinal race program. Online meetings are scheduled over the next week for each of these regattas to assist with the decision process by providing detailed information and reasoning regarding the viability of holding these events.

Updates will be posted on the EYC website. We will also reach out to racers through club and jiberset email lists.

Encinal Yacht Club Flag  
Ted Floyd, Jens Jensen, Ken Popplewell



## Vice President / Membership Chair Michelle Shaffer



### **Hello Encinal Members!**

We held our first joint open house March 1st. We combined our open house with the Junior Sailing open house. While the weather was not as spectacular as it was earlier in the week

we still had a great turnout. Our team of volunteers handed out over 40 applications to potential new members. Club tours were given, junior sailors provided boat rides and Alameda Island Brewing Company was pouring some of their popular beer flavors. We had the barbeques fired up grilling burgers, served with fries and a variety of other delicious items were available.

I would like to give a huge shout out to all of

our volunteers who made this event possible. Without each and everyone of you from our office staff, our board of directors, junior sailing crew and our members, we would not have been able to make this event such a success. As of the writing of this article we have increased our EYC family by a total of 26 new and returning members along with their spouse or significant other. Way to go!!



### **Please welcome our newest members to our EYC family!**

**Eric & Amy Stuffman**  
**Kent Lawson & Kasia Nowak**  
**Steven & Kat McCarthy**  
**Peter & K.D. Rookard**  
**Grant & Sarah Burningham**  
**Nancy & Chris Walker**  
**Robert Holbrook & Leda Nelson**  
**Jennifer & Jethro Zimmerman**  
**Giovanni & Sofia Luis**  
**Chris & Amy Hillyard**  
**Andrew Cox & Giovanna Roach**  
**Lisa Rowell & Tiffany Taylor**  
**Shannon & Michelle Ackert**  
**Brent & Marlo Searey**  
**Jeffery & Maureen Lance**  
**Lindsay Kemp & Henry Brukstein**  
**Heidi & Aaron Stagg**  
**Kimberly & Dan Weberg**  
**Brenda & Chris Baldwin**  
**Daniel & Emi Johnston**  
**Raina Memea & Jeff Derry**  
**Rhush & Alex Wanigatunga**  
**JP Sirey & Rachel Fogel**  
**Gregory Worthington**  
**Nick & Renee Diel**  
**Krista Tan**



# EYC General Manager Curtis Lew



It's Spring time but the Club is very quiet. In these difficult and unprecedented times, I want to say EYC is doing everything to keep our members safe. We will continue to monitor guidance from local health officials and keep everyone updated. Many upcoming events have been cancelled or postponed. Please feel free to call or email ([gm@encinal.org](mailto:gm@encinal.org)) me at the Club for any updates. During the Club closure, we will maintain a safe and clean facility. We will get through this and hope to go back to normalcy sooner than later.



# From EYC Junior Sailing Mike Scott



Howdy Folks!

We won't lie, it feels odd to look back upon all of the shore events, practices, and regattas that we participated in during January and February now that everything has ground to a halt. However, reflecting upon the recent

things and experiences that have brought us joy will certainly be a much needed bright spot in the day for some of us, as well as reminding us what fun awaits as soon as we make it through this turbulent moment. Here's what we got up to start off the year!

We had two extremely well-attended and wonderful shore events: the annual Jr. Sailing Crab Feed / Wine Raffle Fundraiser at the end of January and our collaborative Jr. Sailing and Club Open House event at the beginning of March. Our Crab Feed and Wine Fundraiser was a huge hit - and it was all because of the massive effort undertaken by our Jr. Sailing parents and volunteers, thank you all so much! We packed the house, ate delicious food, and raised \$8000 all told that evening, a much needed and appreciated resource for our program (especially now!). Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and donated - we couldn't do this without your support. We also held an extremely successful (although blustery!) Open House event on March 1, which was very highly attended. Thank you to all the volunteers, sailors, and parents who cooked delicious lunch, monitored dock activities, ran sailboat rides, sat on the question and answer panel, sold clothing, etc! As usual we were thrilled to have the chance to introduce our community to our wonderful sport and family here at Encinal. Speaking of our wonderful sport, we're extremely grateful that our sailors got the chance to begin 2020 training and participate



in several events before things started to get canceled. Our high school teams competed in PCISA events #3 (Long Beach) and #4 (Treasure Island), as well as NorCal events #5 and #6 (Redwood City), while our race team sailors competed in BAYS #3 (Treasure Island).

Our high school teams had a great time in early at PCISA #3, known as "Rose Bowl," down in Long Beach in early January.

It's always great to see and meet so many college sailors competing alongside us. We had teams in Silver and Bronze fleets - congratulations to Acalanes HS for finishing 9th overall in Silver fleet, and to Miramonte HS for finishing 6th overall in Bronze. We started February off by bringing a huge number of boats and sailors to NorCal events #5 and #6, which were hosted out

of Peninsula Youth Sailing Foundation's new facility at Westpoint Marina in Redwood City. We were greeted with perfect racing conditions on Saturday, and with howling gales on Sunday (only a few teams attempted racing on Sunday). Congratulations to the following teams sailing NC #5 - Alameda HS 5th, Acalanes HS 7th, and College Park HS 10th overall in Gold! Congratulations to Bishop O'Dowd HS for being one of the only teams to compete in the big breeze for NC #6.





# From EYC Junior Sailing Mike Scott

We lucked out with more beautiful racing for PCISA #4, known as "Golden Bear," which was hosted by Treasure Island in mid February.

Conditions were classic for Clipper Cove: puffy and shifty with flat water and plenty of hiking. Unfortunately none of our teams were able to reach the top 10 in either



Gold or Silver, but we experienced some fun and challenging racing and were able to make some remarkably good adjustments on day two which has set us up for some success moving forward.

Thank you to all parent volunteers who helped transport boats or chaperone at these events! We were also really lucky to squeeze in one more Winter BAYS regatta, which was hosted by Treasure Island also in February. We brought a small group overall, but with hiking



conditions on day one and tricky, mental conditions on day 2 we were able to put forth a very strong effort! Congratulations goes out to many! Nice sailing by: Brendan C / Max K-D in the C420, finishing 3rd overall of 15; Nate H, Jack H, and Cooper B in the Laser Radial finishing top 10 out of 19; Kyle N finishing 4th and Molly C finishing 10th out of 23 in the Opti

Champ fleet; Kaan G and Peppe L for finishing in the top 10 in Opti Green fleet. We are super stoked with everyone's sailing and we had a huge blast racing with our local friends - thank you to all parents and volunteers who made it a great weekend, and congratulations again to our young racers! Hopefully we'll get to continue flexing our racing muscles this summer, we're ready to



get back to fun on the water!



# EYC Junior Sailing Thank You!

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

**Grand Prize Winner (100 Bottles): Nicole Suyehira**

**Additional Winners (10 bottles): Connelly, Dourousseau,  
Mahoney, Popplewell, Rohr, Steenson, Wetteroth, Young**

## **Donors**

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## College Scholarship Opportunity

To all with school-age students looking at college next year PICYA will award scholarships to graduating high school students or college students wishing to continue their education in approved institutions of higher learning. This scholarship is one of the benefits of being a part of PICYA!

To be considered applicants must be:

- Students whose parents, grandparents, guardians or mentors are members of a yacht club belonging to PICYA
- Applicants must be graduating high school seniors of the current year, or college students continuing to pursue their educational goals.
- Scholarships are not renewable. However, previous recipients are eligible to reapply, provided they still meet all other qualifications.
- An essay is required along with a completed application.

To Apply for a Scholarship and look over the Guidelines, please go to *PICYA.org* and then to Scholarship. The individuals awarded scholarships will have a \$2,500 check sent to the college or university directly.

**THE APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN JUNE 15, 2020.**

Scholarships will be presented at the PICYA Delegates Dinner in August.



# EYC Jack Frost Series Margaret Fago

## Races 7 & 8

February 1, 2020

Written By Margaret Fago

Thick fog in the Alameda/Oakland Estuary dampened the mood on the way to the Encinal Yacht Club Jack frost races on Saturday February 1 2020. But a filling north wind buoyed spirits and cleared the course of the fog before the 11:30 start time to create a lovely midwinter race day.

For the morning race, #7, with a 5 kt breeze and waning ebb tide, all the fleets were sent on course #2, once around; start off the end of the Berkeley pier, up toward red rock, back almost to TI and back to finish. Fleet A completed the course in less than 30 minutes with skipper Kame Richards on Express 37 Golden Moon, keeping the lead over Express 37 Elan, skippered by Jack Peurach, by 27 seconds followed by Melgas 24 Smok'n, skippered by Kevin Clark in third place. The second race, #8 in the series, used the same placement of marks but went twice around as the wind had picked up to 10Kts and the tide had gone slack. Elan was leading at the down wind turning mark but Golden Moon slipped past her in the last yards to finish 8 seconds ahead of Elan, followed this time by the Mahoney's Tartan 101, Story Maker, in third.



In C Fleet J-22 Blue Jay with Skipper Theo Rohr after having to miss last months races took first place in both race 7& 8 followed in second place by Azure, Rodney Pimentel's Cal 40. Fleet D, Olson 25 one design fleet, was lead in both races by David Gruver in Sketch, followed by Steve Smith's Synchronicity and in third both races was Shadowfax with skipper Mark Simpson.

Race 8, with the wind filling to 10 knots plus



from the north all the fleets sailed twice around the course. Even though the morning ebb tide shifted to slack water by the second race there were still streaks of tidal current moving across the course adding to the variables to consider. Fleet E, the Santana 22 found the second longer race more challenging as seen by the numerous place changes. Zinagara with skipper Jennifer McKenenna held onto her first place for both races. Race 7 saw Hank Linderman's Anemone come in second and Chris Klein's Alegre in third. But in race 8 Jan Grygier with Carlos snagged the number two spot followed by Deb Fehr in Meliki.

# EYC Jack Frost Photos By Fred Fago



# EYC Junior Sailing Crab Feed



## EYC Junior Sailing Barb Grove

To all Jr Sailing Families,

We are hoping you all are staying as healthy as possible during our 'Shelter in Place' period!

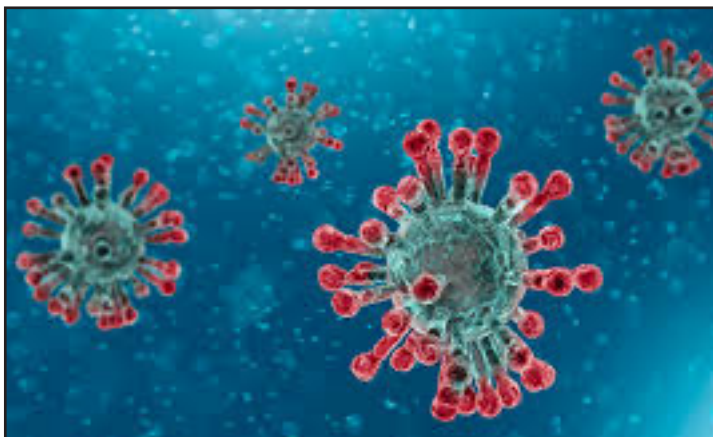
We will be updating our website every Friday with the latest program information, which are being directed by the Alameda [ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER](#) , State, CDC [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) , and Coast Guard guidelines.

As of now, our summer Jr Sailing program is going on as planned, so please make sure you sign up as soon as you can so we can properly plan instructors. Some classes are filling up fast! Of course, if you sign up for summer and we have to cancel any classes due to the COVID-19, we will issue full refunds. Depending on the situation, we may offer some online options.

Here's the link to sign up for summer sailing: [HERE](#)

Thank you for your understanding. Our number one priority is safety/good health for all. We will do our best to get the kids back on the water when appropriate. We can't wait!

If you have any questions, email [eycjrsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:eycjrsoffice@gmail.com).



# EYC Dock Rebuild Project



## **Dock Rebuild Project**

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out the first week of March. This was a very successful start and we hope to continue soon!



## EYC Ship's Store Edie Herro/Anita Mahoney

### Your Ship's Store is getting ready for Spring!

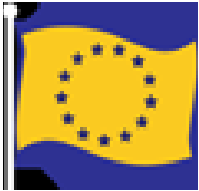
We have a number of items on sale in order to make room for new merchandise. Clearance items include Women's Helly Hansen Shorts and short sleeved shirts, select women's vests, Eddie Bauer Fleece, and Barbarian Sports rugby's. Stop by and look at the new jackets for women from Helly Hansen in melon and ocean blue and Men's waterproof hooded shells in Navy or Ebony.

We are excited to add the classic Hawaiian shirts by Reyn Spooner to our store. Reyn Spooner offers a more stylish alternative for professional and casual wear. Stop by anytime and our office staff will be happy to assist you or you can make a shopping appointment with Edie or Anita.

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# National Boating Federation Information



**National Boating Federation  
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**NOAA Plans to Discontinue Production of Traditional Paper Nautical Charts:** The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Coast Survey announced plans to phase out the production of all traditional paper nautical charts. Over the next five years, NOAA says that it plans to transition to Electronic Navigational Chart (ENC) products with a focus on improving data consistency and providing larger scale ENC coverage. It is expected to significantly improve the level of detail and consistency in NOAA's ENCs. As it reorients its efforts toward electronic products, NOAA will gradually shut down services associated with traditional paper charts, including full-size chart PDFs, print-on-demand paper charts and NOAA raster charts (RNCs). The phase-out will start in mid to late-2020 and be completed by January 2025. NOAA will still provide access to paper chart products based on ENC data, either through third-party vendors or through the NOAA Custom Chart system (now in prototype phase). The online NOAA Custom lets users create their own paper charts with NOAA ENC data. The user can define the scale and size of custom-made nautical charts, then download them in a special PDF format.

The International Maritime Organization now requires that all large commercial vessels on international voyages use electronic charts. In 2016, the U.S. Coast Guard started allowing commercial vessels on domestic voyages to use ENCs instead of paper charts. Electronic products are also increasingly popular with recreational users. NOAA's Office of Coast Survey has produced traditional paper charts for nearly 200 years, and these products have been the primary source of navigational information for generations of American mariners. Comments on the decision may be submitted through NOAA's online feedback tool.

**For More Info From The National Boating  
Federation: [Click Here](#)**



## **Where's The Burgee?**

**May your family and friends stay healthy!**

**Cindy Wondolleck  
Editor**