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Introducing “Soundings” - a seasonal newsletter exclusively designed for the Encinal Yacht Club Membership. This publication serves as a comprehensive window into EYC’s ongoing activities, highlighting not only past accomplishments but also current endeavors. With each new season, “Soundings” aims to keep members informed and engaged, providing a dynamic platform to showcase what has happened, what is happening, and what is being done at the Encinal Yacht Club.

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ON THE COVER

Twelve Bar Blues & her crew on the windless final day of the Jack Frost Series on the San Francisco Bay this past February.

Image by Timothy Eaker

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CHARTED COURSE

Matthew Dean, President



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Spring is here and once served as the kick-off to our busy season. However, in recent years, our club has been active all year round, with many events and traditions. We began the year with a Polar Bear Plunge and continued with Whiskey Tasting, Crab Feed, Super Bowl party, hosted the BAYS high school regatta, Oysters and Champagne Tasting, and recurring monthly events like Poker Night, First Fridays Live Music, Trivia and Family Game Nights. Our Spring Twilight Races have just begun, and we have already had three cruise-outs to Ballena Bay YC, Westpoint Harbor and Richmond YC. Be sure to look at the Club's [Calendar](#) and keep up with the Signal Flag that comes out every Monday outlining all the upcoming events and activities. I look forward to seeing everyone at the club.

One of my main goals as the President was to revive The Soundings, our club's newsletter, to keep our members informed about the our many affairs and events. This newsletter is a part of my plan to improve communication with our members and enhance their experience at the club. We have also embarked on improvements to our website, making sure that all the most up-to-date information is there for your reference.

Another goal was to boost member satisfaction, and I have been actively working towards this

objective. I have spoken with members to identify their concerns and find areas of improvement. One of the issues that caught my attention was the importance of preserving our traditions and continuing to acknowledge and celebrate them. Additionally, the club has been making some subtle and some not-so-subtle changes to the facilities to improve the atmosphere and safety of the club including a new water bottle filler, a new roof on the Jr. Sailing office and boat shed, in addition to repairs to the deck off the dining room.

I am pleased to announce that Rene de Vos has joined us as our new General Manager! Rene was our General Manager in 2011-2012 and we welcome him back. For those of you who haven't met him yet, please visit the club and introduce yourself. I would like to extend my gratitude to all the members of the Search Committee for their hard work and countless hours of dedication. The Committee consisted of Robert Etchell, Linda Bradford, Liddy Clark, and James Weigand. Additionally, I would like to thank the Board and all the committee chairs for your support during the transition which helped keep the club running during this time, you are all awesome!!!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Dean". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

MATTHEW DEAN, PRESIDENT

THE BRIDGE REPORT

Chris Davis, Commodore



A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMODORE

The Flag officers have as their remit, the club's on-the-water activities as they relate to the club membership. Additionally, we provide support for our members and families in their recreational and cruising activities.

I am very happy to report that Encinal Yacht Club has maintained a robust calendar of sailing, cruising and racing activities on the estuary, San Francisco Bay, and our Coastal Cup Ocean Race. On-the-water activities have been well attended over the past few years because they were a welcome outdoor activity. The entire Encinal calendar of activities from the **Jack Frost Series** to the **Twilight Series**, the **Lighted Boat Parade** and all events in between are well established. In the space allotted, I cannot mention all the water activities available at this club!

Encinal has been fortunate to be able to continue to GROW our race and outdoor activities offerings. In 2022-2023 we added races for one-design fleets on the estuary and San Francisco Bay: Encinal hosted a combined J105 and Express 37 two-day regatta, after which the fleets were invited back to EYC docks for dinner and relaxation. This year, the event has been moved to June, which promises to be a busy month at the club with warm Alameda weather welcoming



cruisers and competitors after a challenging day out on the water. Thanks to then Commodore and now **Staff Commodore Brent Draney** for championing this event.

Encinal initiated a day of Columbia 5.5 racing in November of 2022 which was well attended and well received because of the multi-race per day format. It proved to be both a good spectator and competitor event due to the close racing right in front of the club. In 2023 we had a repeat success so this year we have expanded this into two events in both June and November, and we expect a large number of the estuary 5.5s to participate.

Further, Encinal has participated in the **San Francisco Yacht Club 2v2 team racing event** for two years. Thanks to the leadership of **Rear Commodore Brendan McNally**, we are initiating our own 2v2 invitational in April which brings the RS 21 fleet chartered from San Francisco Yacht Club to the estuary and Encinal Docks. Look for this event and more events like it on the estuary in front of Encinal. Be sure to take advantage of the excellent venue that we have for viewing the race from our lawn and comfortable decks.

This year, we have been chosen to host the **San Francisco Lipton Cup**, which is a **PICYA** (Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association) event where clubs from Northern California are invited to compete in

three-day event for three perpetual trophies. This is an opportunity to compete with teams from other clubs that include some of the best sailors from the area. Last year, we were successful in this challenge with a very respectable mid-fleet finish against tough competition. We acquitted ourselves well on the Friday and Sunday events, but the close in racing on the double points value Saturday cost us a position in the overall rankings. Encinal sailors will again be competing this year on the bay and our estuary. We expect to have a home-court advantage with the help of our on-shore supporters! Come out to enjoy the experience at Encinal this year and enjoy the racing and our harbor view. We expect this to be a celebration for participants and spectators alike.

The **Boat Share** program supported by member volunteers and managed by **Ken Bodiley** provides boats for members to sail or who want to sail a J22 or J24. We have recently added the Coronado 22 to this program, which is a more comfortable family-orientated boat when compared to the J22 or J24 racing format. The Coronado is made available to this program through the Encinal Foundation.

“**ButtsInBoats**” is a program entering its second year and is the brainchild of **Stuart Engle**. Unlike the certification required for a boat share experience this program simply requires a lifejacket (PFD) to participate. The goal is to provide a fun

social boating experience with an Encinal member who will take out other members at no charge. Come experience the waters of the Alameda Rivera in front of Encinal Yacht Club!

Encinal members make all this possible by contributing in many diverse ways. The facilities for on-the-water activities are largely maintained by member’s efforts and contributions. Our races are run by Race Committee volunteers, and they become better racers from having this distanced perspective of the race and a real-time administration of the Racing Rules of Sailing. We are very appreciative of the members who contribute and want to recognize that they make the club hum with activity.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

Encinal has multiple boating activities available for sailors, and spectators alike and is very active in many racing forums throughout the Bay Area. Please stop by and support these activities onshore or you can always contact me at commodore@encinal.org for more information on how to get involved or participate.

We appreciate our supporters and volunteers!

MEET THE CAROL LOUISE



This Mainship 34’ fly bridge powerboat was donated to St. Vincent de Paul Society, which had a partnership with the Encinal Sailing Foundation to handle boat donations. St. Vincent received half of the proceeds for boats donated and sold. Prior to receiving the Carol Louise, member Joe Molino had donated \$20,000 in a deed of gift to the club for the purposes of acquiring and maintaining a committee boat. This money held by the foundation was used to purchase St. Vincent de Paul’s half ownership and the Louise was granted to the Yacht Club committee purpose. “Carol Louise,” the vessel name honors Joe’s wife, Carol. The deed of gift specified that ownership be retained by the Foundation and eventual sale proceeds would return to the foundation for similar purposes. The Carol Louise has served as Encinal’s main race committee boat for 15 years.

THE COMM COMM REPORT

CHRIS DAVIS
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REIMAGINING THE SOUNDINGS: A NEW AND ENHANCED EXPERIENCE

Let us be among the first to reintroduce you to the new & reinvisioned Soundings! The Communications Committee (CommComm), with the help of President Matthew Dean, has been working hard to streamline member correspondence, make accessible a clear **Calendar of Events**, and notify members of 'headline' items of note. EYC utilizes many forms of communication to notify our members and the community as a whole to the myriad of events and goings-on in and around our club; i.e., encinal.org website, The Signal Flag weekly newsletter, the new Soundings, and Facebook & Instagram social channels. Below is a crash course in how to stay up-to-date!

ENCINAL.ORG WEBSITE

Our website is the go-to place for everything happening. The calendar of events is kept up-to-date with all social, racing, cruising events, dinner menus, parties, and more! The website is also where you register for Junior Sailing events / camps, races, boat share, Paddle Club, brunches, volunteering, etc.

Pro Tip: Bookmark encinal.org and login for access to members' only areas including the member directory. Please reach out if you need assistance logging in!

SIGNAL FLAG NEWSLETTER

Your weekly email blast for a quick heads-up of the week ahead! It goes out every Monday morning, directly to your inbox. The news items in your Signal Flag link directly to the website for expanded information and opportunities to sign up for events.

SOUNDINGS MAGAZINE

This seasonal retrospective magazine is designed to be an expanded look at what HAS happened and what IS happening in and around our club. Its magazine-style design encourages readers to peruse articles written by our members and staff to celebrate what we love about this magical place by sharing stories about us doing it. You are encouraged to take your time and explore the contents within this newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we did in its creation.

@ENCINALYACHTCLUB SOCIAL

Please add us @encinalyachtclub on Facebook & Instagram social media platforms for instant updates on what's happening. Also, don't forget to tag us and share!



ONE SAIL AT A TIME

*Susan Nork,
Vice President*

NURTURING THE SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION: VOLUNTEERS ABOUND AT EYC!

With over 400 Regular members and dozens of Corinthians, Encinal Yacht Club is fortunate enough to have members who are eager to help make the club one of the most sought-after and complimented clubs in the Bay Area.

From the **Commodore's Ball**, decorating the club for the holiday seasons, helping dismantle the deck, ensuring the **Jack Frost Series** went off without a hitch and of course, the **Crab Feed**, which are all events that would not have happened without a boatload of volunteers.

Some have asked, "How do I get involved?" The quick answer is to look on our website and see which committee would float your boat. From **Buildings & Grounds** which will be hosting a beautification weekend soon, to the **Race Committee** which is quickly ramping up for the Spring and Summer racing events, to **Junior Sailing** events that always need help with race coordinating **Summer BBQ** help, and of course, the fun events that the **Social Committee** is planning you should be able to find an event that will resonate for you.

If nothing jumps out but you have an idea that other yacht club members may be interested in, please let us know.

CROSSON'S COVE

EYC HARBOR



Edie Herro, Port Captain

Encinal Yacht Club is fortunate to have its own private harbor, Crosson's Cove, which is capable of hosting various events. Our harbor can accommodate Junior Sailing classes and events, club racing schedules, member events, as well as provide space for reciprocal guests and cruise-ins.

As we enter the summer season, we have a number of exciting events lined up, including the **Club at Westpoint**, **PCISA Silver PCC's**, the **Spring Twilight Series**, the **Women's Racing Seminar**, and the **Historic Wooden Boat Race, Master Mariners**.

Due to the high amount of boat traffic in our harbor, we kindly request that you make reservations for docking prior to your arrival. When you dock, please remember to tie your boat bow out, fly your club burgee, sign-in and pull your boat back as far as possible.



Contact the Port Captain **1-307-690-5447** or **PortCaptain@Encinal.org** for reservations



ENCINAL SAILING FOUNDATION EXPLAINED

Article by Mike Gorman, President of the Encinal Sailing Foundation

The Encinal Sailing Foundation was formed in 1992 by club members **Rich Pipkin**, **Howie Marion** and **Dr. David Oliver**. Dr. Oliver championed the filing of an application with the IRS to become a charitable nonprofit tax-exempt Corporation under paragraph 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. This allows for donations to be tax deductible by the donors.

The purpose of the Encinal Sailing Foundation is to promote an interest in boating activity with a particular emphasis on youth programs. Approximately 95% of resources go to the EYC Junior Sailing Program. The Foundation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person.

The members and officers of the corporation have evolved over the years with **Rich Pipkin**, **Howie Marion**, **Dick Crosson** and **Dr. David Oliver** all serving presidential terms. The current three members and officers are **Paul delle Cese**, **Barbara Grove** and **Michael Gorman**, President. All serve as volunteers.

The Encinal Sailing Foundation is completely separate from the Encinal Yacht Club and the EYC Junior Sailing Program. It is a legal corporation to receive donations and place them in service for our youth programs. The foundation directly welcomes financial donations, boats, motors, equipment, cars and anything valuable. The items are either granted to the youth program for their use or sold to in order to generate funds to be used for those purposes.

HOW CAN YOU DONATE?

- **Designate a monthly donation automatically through your club account.** Even \$5 helps
- **Directly through cash, check, PayPal or credit card**
- **Anything of value that could be used in the Junior Program or might be sold at one of our fundraising events**
- **All donations will be acknowledged**

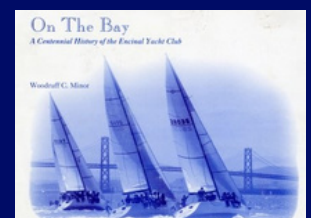


For details and information, contact Mike Gorman MrMike1230@gmail.com or **1-510-457-6552**.



Encinal Yacht Club's original clubhouse was an enduring icon for the local community for nearly 65 years.

Did you know that EYC's original clubhouse was once located in San Francisco Bay, near what is now the intersection of Grand Street & Otis Drive in Alameda? It was built in 1891 and served as our home until 1956. With a rich history of over 130 years, we have a lot to be proud of. To learn more, check out *On the Bay*, a book that masterfully celebrates our history as the Bay's third oldest yacht club. Available at the Ship's Store!



JUNIOR SAILING

Barb Grove, Chairperson



Q1 OF 2024: A THRILLING ADVENTURE FOR JUNIOR SAILING

Article by Barb Grove & Orsi Teodorovic

We are so proud of our High School sailors who have been racing throughout all the rainy weather! To date, nine schools (Acalanes, Alameda, Athenian, Encinal, Campolindo, Miramonte, Oakland Tech, Piedmont, and St. Joes) competed in four events in Long Beach, Treasure Island, Santa Barbara and EYC! As the high school season winds down, we are proud to announce that each of our teams have improved their rankings and we would like to congratulate our podium teams!

Our five C420 teams and seven Opti racers competed in the SFYC BAYS regatta. The weather was very cold, windy, and rainy! Special congratulations to **Reid Sojka** and **Joby Overton** who finished 2nd out of 19 boats in the C420 fleet and moreover won the entire Winter BAYS series!

Our keelboat team (Owen Cuyler, Reid Sojka, Joby Overton, Marcus Teodorovic, and Chase Carson) attended the SFYC Match Racing Dave Perry RS21 event. It was an informative event on a super cool boat! This same group is training every week on the J22 to gear up for the Sears Cup (national qualifier) event in April!

HIGHLIGHTS

Alameda High School, 2nd Place

Gold Fleet at NorCal 5 with Reid Sojka and Joby Overton

Athenian High School, 3rd Place

Silver Fleet at NorCal 6 with Sailors Carl Nunes and Rita Waugh

Alameda High School, Ranked 15 out of 99

AHS qualified for Gold PCC's on the West Coast





VOLUNTEERS: THE HEARTBEAT OF JUNIOR SAILING!

Our volunteers are the backbone of our Junior Sailing program, and many don't have sailors in the program. This program could not exist without them! We have had so many volunteers already this year from making sandwiches, working the Crab Feed, wine fundraiser, managing high school teams, towing boats, working race committees, and giving tours. We especially want to thank **Flor Delle Cese** (all food), **Mike Gorman** (all things motor boats), **TJ Connelly** (all things race committee) **Calin Smith** (all things trailers), **Orsi Teodorovic** (for improving all our communications), **Stuart Engle** and **Bill Nork** (for completely revamping our J22, as well as coordinating the Flag to coincide with our Wednesday J22 practices).

VOLUNTEER STATS:

- **Crab Feed**, 160 dinners served
- **Wine Fundraiser**, 130 bottles given as prizes
- **Open House**, 118 boat rides in the pouring rain
- **Norcal Event**, 120 teams hosted by EYC
(We also helped Treasure Island run their regatta.)

COMING EVENTS:

High School Silver PCC's

April 27th - 28th

The Encinal Sailing Foundation Auction

September 14th



We are looking for volunteers to help with the **2024 Encinal Sailing Foundation Auction**. Please fill out the **Committee Interest Form** if you're interested in helping!



JUNIOR AND FLAG TEAMS GET READY TO SET SAIL IN J22 RACES

Article by Stuart Engle

Back in January, **Bill Nork** and **Stuart Engle** took on a major refit of the junior J22. The boat had not had major gear updates for quite awhile. The boat now sports a rebuilt rig, new standing and running rigging, new compass, varnished woodwork, new deck hardware, hull repairs and new anti-fouling bottom paint. Our deadline was early March to produce a practice craft for the Junior keelboat team.

The team of **Reid Sojka**, **Joby Overton**, **Marcus Teodorovic**, **Owen Cuyler** and **Chase Carson** started practicing right away on their restored boat. Every Wednesday they would be out on the water honing their skills. I approached the Junior coaches and suggested our adult sailors might like to assist the effort by splashing and crewing the Blue Jay, the Flag J22 as a pace horse for them to tune against. We were welcomed with open arms.

On a blustery and stormy President's Day, the Senator and the Blue Jay were launched by a Flag team of **Chris Davis**, **Brendan McNally**, **Ros de Vries**, **Aaron Lee**, **Theo Rohr**, and **Stuart Engle**. A start-finish line was set at Brooklyn Basin with a weather mark in Encinal Basin. More than ten races were started and finished that afternoon. The course was short and the wind strong so no spinnakers were flown. The Flag team rotated using the Junior coaches' inflatables. The Flag team won all but one race with **Brendan** and **Stuart** taking turns on the helm. **Ros** worked the foredeck; **Aaron** and **Brendan** rotated at sail trim. The gear was stowed in a driving rain.

On March 6 the teams reconvened for extended practice. **Kevin Clark**, **Tim Roche**, and **Ken Bodily** joined the Flag effort. Rig adjustments on the Junior J and crewing improvement produced a victorious day for the Juniors. It was obvious the Flag had to up its game so rig adjustments and running rigging adjustments were undertaken on Blue Jay.



On subsequent Wednesdays, the Flag team has improved against the quickly improving Junior team in much closer racing. Between races, the Flag team rotated personnel to provide a well-rounded experience to all its participants. In lighter airs, the Blue Jay appears to be the faster boat but in heavy air, they appear to perform equally well. The Flag team intends to show up each Wednesday until the April 20 **Sears Cup Qualifier Regatta** when the Junior team will be up against other Junior Sailing teams at the St. Francis Yacht Club's race course.

The Flag team's primary purpose is to provide race committee platforms and the spirited competition that the Junior progress can be measured against. Our secondary purpose is to tune up both boats so they can compete with each other on somewhat of an equal basis. The improvements to both boats will enhance the Club's racing and Boat Share programs. We should take pride in our shared equipment. The Juniors have already entered the Spring Twilight Series and we hope another team will enter the Blue Jay for some fun competition.

Many thanks are due to all the participating sailors, Race Committee, coaches, and especially to the Flag for their consistent support and use of their equipment.



23-24 JACK FROST SERIES RECAP

Brendan McNally, Rear Commodore

The 2023-2024 Jack Frost races – EYC’s midwinter series – are held once a month between November and February. It’s an opportunity for racers to get out on the bay for a couple of races, generally enjoying lighter winds as compared to the white-capped summer months. The series kicked off on November 4th, with 16 boats competing on the first day of racing under clear skies. The next race day on December 2nd had 13 boats on the starting line, while the third race day on January 6th – under a storm forecast – had only 9 boats brave the conditions to race in 20+ knot winds. The final race on February 3rd was canceled due to lack of wind, but competitors enjoyed drone footage and photos of the fleet bobbing around in the glassy conditions while relaxing back at the club.

By the time all sails were furled and stowed at the conclusion of the series, a few boats rose to the top of the rankings. In Alpha fleet (Sportboats), **Camille Moussette’s J/99 ‘Latency’** took home top honors. In Charlie fleet (PHRF), **Bob Walden’s Cal 39 ‘Sea Star’** captured first place, while **John Maher’s Olson 34 ‘Keaka’** was just a couple of points behind in second.

Delta fleet (Santana 22s) saw **Hank Lindemann’s ‘Anemone’** go home with first overall, **Jan Grygier’s ‘Albacore’** in second, and EYC’s **Deb Fehr** aboard ‘Meliki’ capture third place. Well done everyone!

The races were put on by a dedicated group of volunteers who worked hard to ensure that the events were safe and enjoyable for everyone. It takes a village, as they say, and with that, I would like to thank: **Bill Nork, Susan McDonald, Robert Etchell, Margaret Fago, Kevin Clark, Brent Draney, Esther Mui, Mike Dibella, Stuart Engle, John Elliot, Timothy Eaker, Jens Jensen, Matthew Dean, Linda Bradford, and Chris Davis.**



CRUISING FLEET

Pip Ziman, Cruise Captain



Image by Anneke Dury

ENCINAL CRUISERS KNOW HOW TO HAVE FUN!

Our Cruising Fleet is off to a great start in 2024. Encinal cruisers have already visited Ballena Isle in Alameda, the Club at Westpoint in Redwood City & Richmond YC. We must be doing something right because the winter weekends were warm and dry. Each month we explore one of the many excellent yacht clubs, coves, and anchorages in and around the San Francisco Bay.

Our cruise-out participation usually includes between six and 12 sailboats and motor cruisers. Upon arrival, we enjoy cocktail dock parties, potlucks, dinners at restaurants & yacht clubs. We support each other to ensure everyone has a safe and comfortable journey.

We have a full schedule for the rest of our 2024 calendar posted on the [EYC website](#). Please join this welcoming and supportive group. If you want to participate with your boat or join the crew with an experienced cruiser, please contact me, pipz00@aol.com.

WESTPOINT HARBOR SNAPSHOTS



BUTTS IN BOATS

Stuart Engle, Lead Skipper



BOOTIES ON BOARD: SAILING WITH SASS AND CLASS

ButtsInBoats gathered on Saturday, April 6 taking advantage of a beautiful Spring day. On hand were three boats; **Puffin**, **Smokin'** and **Momentary Lapse of ?**. **Jim Govert**, **Kevin Clark**, **Dan Alvarez**, **Bill Nork** & **Stuart Engle** assumed skipper and crew duties while several members showed up for some sailing in gentle conditions.

Stephanie Engle enjoyed a sail on **Smokin'** with **Kevin** and **Jim** as skip and crew. **Stuart** single handed **Puffin** to shadow them. Back at the harbor we found **Jesse** and **Wyla Cooke** waiting to sail **Puffin**. We launched the spinnaker which **Jesse** and **Wyla** trimmed and doused like pros. Later, a couple of dads dropped off their children for rides on **Smokin'**. **Kevin** and **Dan** obliged so the dads got a break which I'm sure they enjoyed. Perhaps they will sail with us next time.

After a break, **Jim**, **Bill** & **Stuart** decided to take **MLOR** out for a spin. None had sailed on the **Coronado 25** so we expected an adventure, and got one! After shoving off the boat lost steering. It would tack into the wind but wouldn't turn off downwind to leave the harbor.

Meanwhile, the safety at sea training was in session off of **Robert Hinden's Surprise**. The students got into the act shouting instructions as we tacked back and forth fending off docked boats. Finally, at the last moment, the boat turned downwind and safely out of the harbor. Soon after, a plastic car bumper floated up astern! The adventure ended well with a safe landing.

Future gatherings are planned for Saturdays after Friday night Twilight Series races. Contact **Stuart** by email for information, to offer your boat, to volunteer as crew, or to plan your participation. We'll strive to match resources with **ButtsInBoater** interest. Check the Signal Flag for all upcoming events and dates.



Email **Stuart** at ButtsInBoats@gmail.com for information



EYC'S OWN FLEET PHOTO WALL

Members asked and members received! The Fleet Photo wall in the dining room has been updated to show off the vast and impressive collection of our member's boats. We doubled the number of vessels on display. Next time you visit the clubhouse, check it out! We are always adding more.



Email DirectorTwo@Encinal.org to be included

MEMBERSHIP

Melanie Anderson, Chairperson



REASONS TO LOVE EYC: A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY

As a new Membership Chair, I am enthusiastic about connecting our members with a strong sense of community here at EYC. I joined our club because it offers a wide range of exciting benefits that enhance one's lifestyle and experiences. Additionally, it provides opportunities for networking, socializing, and participating in a variety of events and activities tailored to the interests of our members. Our club fosters a sense of community and camaraderie amongst its members, creating a welcoming and supportive environment where individuals can form lasting friendships, share experiences, and enjoy a vibrant sailing and social life.

We are thrilled to witness the growth of our community and extend a warm welcome to our latest members and their families:

- **BRYAN & CHRISTINA AAMOT**
- **BENN & AMANDA ACKLEY**
- **MOLLY & CHRIS ADAMS**
- **RAY BAUTISTA & NATALIE PIMENTA**
- **ALICIA BONELLA & CHRIS GALEA**
- **TESSA CAFIERO & ASHOKE CHAKRABARTI**
- **MISHA & MONICA CHELLAM**
- **DIARMUID FATHARTA & UMA SUBRAMANIAN**
- **BARRIK & LAURA GILLIAN**
- **CHARLES IRVIN**
- **GABRIEL SCHWARTZ & MICHELLE BOCHHOLZ**
- **MATT & KIMBERLY SMITH**
- **CHRISTOPHER & PORTIA WHITTOME**

STEM SERIES

SECOND THURSDAY EVERY MONTH

STEM Series provide a platform for professionals to share their perspectives on a wide range of topics relevant to our membership. Talks are designed to be engaging, informative, and though-provoking.

➤ **JUSTIN HEDEMARK: ESTATE PLANNING** Article by Melanie Anderson of Eastside West, Host

As a realtor, I've noticed gaps in knowledge among buyers and sellers, especially regarding aspects like trusts, senior care, and financial knowledge within the real estate realm. Justin Hedemark, managing attorney at Hedemark Law specializes in estate planning and explained how it is crucial to minimize extreme costs, legal complications and potential conflicts among heirs.

Everyone should have a trust and will to ensure their assets are managed and distributed especially to avoid the lengthy and costly fees associated with probate. Hedemark led us through the process of setting up a trust and will and generously engaged in a Q&A session for the many questions attendees had about the process. Thank you Justin for enlightening our membership on an important element of our lives.

➤ **DAVID HERRIGEL: SINGLEHANDED PRO FOR THE 2025 SINGLEHANDED TRANSPACIFIC RACE**

Article by Chris Davis, Host

Thank you, David, for a great presentation! David discussed, "The Single-Handed Transpacific Yacht Race & Shorthanded Passage Making: Two Different Experiences." and led the group through his experiences racing singlehanded to Hawaii. He covered preparation and planning for the race. He provided a rationale for his recommendations for emergency rudder selection after losing his rudder at sea and getting a Coast Guard to tow him back to shore. In a later race, he was rewarded with a win in this event. Two very different outcomes which left the audience engaged and informed. Several audience members are preparing for the passage and others may now be considering it. All around, everyone is better informed, which is the goal of our STEM talks.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Encinal Yacht Club goes beyond being a mere sailing club; for many, it is a second home and a cherished extended family. Our members form the very heart and soul of this extraordinary community. Spotlights aim to honor our members and provide us all with glimpses into the significance of EYC in their lives.

ANITA MAHONEY

How long have you been a member of Encinal Yacht Club? 18 years.

How did you hear about EYC, or who introduced you? My husband and I were members of Oakland Yacht Club for 16 years where he served as Commodore. We had many friends at EYC and would visit frequently.

Why did you join EYC? Encinal became more appealing to our needs as a growing family, with wider hours of operation, active racing, and Junior Sailing programs.

What's your favorite part of being a member of EYC?
FRIENDSHIPS

What is it that you believe makes EYC unique from other similar institutions? The diversity of its members, sailing and the wide variety of activities that are available to everyone.

What committee(s) do you currently volunteer with?
I assist with the purchasing and selling for the Ship's Store, Nominating Committee and enjoy helping elsewhere when needed.

What do you enjoy most about volunteering? It is definitely a way to meet other members and make new friends.

Tell us about a time when you felt proud of a project on which you worked and why it was significant. I was on the Board as House Director for three years. It came at a time in my life when most needed it. EYC had just completed the bar and lounge remodel and the clubhouse was in a bit of disarray. It was my job to put it back together and plan a Grand Opening Celebration in one month. We had in attendance 240 members and guests, an Irish Bag Piper, an Irish Priest who gave the official blessing of the bar and of the Stephen's Yacht 'Colleen' in the harbor whose transom was the inspiration and model for our bar. It was a major success!!

What excites you the most about the club today? All the memories and traditions our members have given us.

Is there anything that you believe is valuable for new members to know? (or, what do you wish someone told you when you joined, but didn't?) Volunteer, become active, join a committee, and get out on the water. We are a Yacht Club!

FREE TRAININGS: BECOME A PARTNER DOCKWALKER



Check out the [Dockwalker Video](#)

Dockwalkers are trained to safely engage members of the public and the boating community to adopt clean boating practices. Dockwalkers share clean boating information with boaters and distribute educational [2024 California Boater Kits](#), while visiting marinas, launch ramps, marine supply stores, boat shows special events, or wherever boaters are. "Dockwalker" is only a general term because you are not limited to "walking the docks" in order to talk to boaters about safety and clean boating practices. Remember safety and the environment go hand in hand.

Dockwalking is a fantastic way to interact with boaters to help keep California's marinas, waterways, and ocean clean and healthy. The training provides an overview of potential sources of boat pollution, federal and state laws, environmentally-sound boating practices, information on how to conduct Dockwalking, and an overview of the educational materials Dockwalkers will distribute.

Since 2000, more than 1,400 Dockwalkers have taught 110,000 boaters about oil, fuel, sewage, trash, and marine debris prevention. Participation in the program, including the training sessions, qualifies as a great opportunity for community service hours. Anyone from 15 to 100 years young with an interest in water quality and sharing clean boating information (regardless of your background) can become a Dockwalker!



Learn [what Partner Dockwalkers are saying about the program](#)

The Program is implemented by the California State Parks, The California Coastal Commission, and The Bay Foundation in partnership with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, the US Power Squadrons, Save Our Shores, Lake Berryessa Partnership, and many more organizations.

NORTHERN CA TRAININGS:

Saturday, April 20th, 10am - 12:45pm

Oakland Yacht Club, Regatta Room

[Registration Link](#)

Saturday, June 15th, 10am - 12:45pm

Virtual Training [Registration & Meeting Link](#)

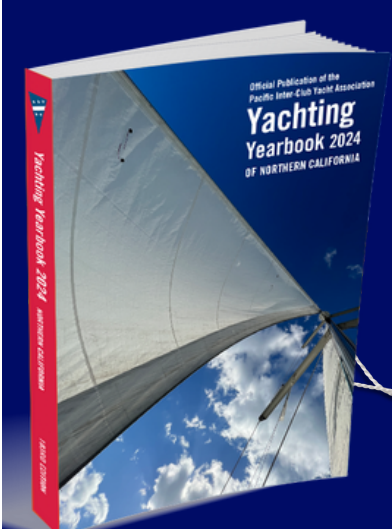
REFRESHER TRAINING:

Please register if you have been trained in the last three years

Thursday, May 2nd, 2pm - 3:30pm

Virtual Training [Registration & Meeting Link](#)

Once you are registered for a training, you will receive an email with the Disclaimer form to complete with the training handouts AND a Zoom link to the training (no account needed), which requires a computer with internet access (if no computer microphone, you can use a phone to call in while online).



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SOCIAL SPOTLIGHT

Headshot by *Diana Henneman*
Easter Snapshot by *Allison Sojka*

Jesse Cooke, House Chairperson

The House Committee plays a vital role in fostering a vibrant social scene here at EYC. We are responsible for planning and organizing events throughout the year, catering to a diverse range of member interests. Throughout the year you will see our beloved traditions, like **Easter**, **Mother's Day**, **4th of July**, and **Breakfast with Santa** as well as new traditions we are adding as our membership evolves. We are also responsible for monthly and ad hoc events throughout the year. We are always looking for ideas and help to bring these ideas to life.

Did you know that the first Thursday of every month is **Poker Night**? Join us in the dining room for a fun game of **Texas Hold 'Em**. Absolutely no skills are required!! We have cheat sheets and the regulars are always happy to teach you the game... and take your money! Ha! **First Thursday Poker** is an excellent way to meet members in a super low key environment. Speaking of monthly events, we also have live music in the lounge on **First Fridays** and **Pub Trivia** on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Put a recurring note in your calendar and come on down for the fun!

Traditionally the 1st quarter of the year is a bit quieter on the water which is why we love to keep the clubhouse hoppin' with fun! Here are a few highlights from the start of the year:

We kicked off the year with our 3rd annual **New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge**! There is no better way to start the New Year than jumping in the estuary, right?

HOUSE SNAPSHOTS



Members jumped into the New Year with a burst of energy and optimism as they fearlessly embraced the frigid waters during the highly anticipated third Annual **Polar Bear Plunge**!



Members and guests were treated to a mouthwatering spread of fresh Pacific Oysters paired with delicious champagne at the inaugural **Oysters and Champagne Night**.

Every few months we love to take over the dining room for a spirited game of **Bunco**. I love putting on Bunco games because it is an excellent way for the members to meet each other. Come and join us next time and when I say no skill is required, I seriously mean no skills are required!

We had 10 entrants in our ultra-competitive **Super Bowl Chili Cook-Off!** A big congratulations to **Theo Rohr** for taking the top prize this year. I'd start working on your recipe now to be a contender for next year because the competition is so fierce.

In February we had our first (but definitely not our last) **Oysters and Champagne Night** which was incredible. A huge thank you to all our superstar oyster shuckers and champagne pourers who made the night a huge success. I also have to give a special shout out to **Theo Rohr** who built our brand new oyster shucking station and to **Lisa Rohr** for creating an oyster sampling feast!

The clubhouse is always a fun place to watch **The Oscars**. Congratulations to **Henry Bruckstein** for blowing away the competition in the ballots. Some suggested the ballots might have been rigged, but Price Waterhouse Coopers certified our results!

St. Patrick's Day weekend was festive all weekend long with High Tide bringing an eclectic sound of traditional Irish music, Sea Shanties and Rock to the clubhouse.

We have resurrected the **STEM Lecture Series** (Second Tuesday Every Month) with a really informative talk on **Estate Planning**. Thank you to **Melanie Anderson** from **Eastside West** for setting up the event. The House Committee will alternate months with the Flag and will focus on bringing you topics of personal interest. We are open to any and all ideas!

Finally, we ended the first quarter with one of EYC's most beloved traditions - **Easter Brunch** with the egg hunt on the lawn. So many of our children, young and old, have the fondest memories of this special day at EYC. This year we completely sold out both seatings and had over 60 children hunting eggs and visiting with our special bunny friend.

As we transition to Spring, we have lots of fun events in the works and hope to see you around.



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For the latest Snapshots from EYC Events



Members volunteered at EYC's Annual **Open House** hosting prospective members and the Junior Sailing Program hosted it's Annual **Crab Feed**.

FAMILY CRUISE OUT

PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND: FAMILY CRUISE TO SOUTH BEACH

Article by Ryan Cheff

A couple of times a year a few EYC families go play tourist across the Bay in San Francisco, historically we've been blessed with good weather even in the middle of winter; this trip was an exception. After some initial weather trepidation, three families decided to go for it. On Friday the Cheffs aboard *Halcyon* and the McNally's aboard *R&R* made the trip across to South Beach Harbor and had dinner at our usual place, Mercado. Maybe there was more than one pitcher of margaritas finished off but we couldn't rush the kids who were busy coloring on their menu masterpieces. While we ate, the Adams came across on their fishing boat to stay aboard their family boat *Aries II*, a fixture in the South Beach Harbor.

After a rainy night, the Adams hosted us all aboard *Aries II* for breakfast; I'll say it's pretty cozy drinking coffee aboard a classic wooden yacht watching it rain outside. Finding gaps between the rain and wind we managed to make it over to the Children's Creativity Museum where the kids solved some pretty complex problems like feeding toothless aliens and made some great clay artwork. After a competitive round of bowling and lunch at Mel's Dinner it was time for some rest before dinner.

The rain and wind never really let up so rather than trying to venture far we decided to order in; not to the boats, but to South Beach Yacht Club. Though SBYC was hosting the Island Yacht Club that evening with what looked to be an amazing meal made in the full volunteer kitchen, they



were happy to have us and put us up near the fireplace where we shared some pizza, wings, and salad. As some of us put the kids down the rest stayed at the bar and traded stories with IYC and SBYC members.

With a break in the weather first thing Sunday morning we all headed back to the Estuary; another fun local cruising weekend for the books. Make sure you get out there and meet other EYC members as a lot of activities and social events happen outside the official club events; we are certainly looking forward to many more weekends on the Bay with EYC families.

KIDS' CLUB

Abbie Gregor, Chairperson

FUN WAYS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO ENJOY EYC!

Kids' Club offers fun, affordable child care in the Regatta Room while parents enjoy the Lounge and Dining Room upstairs. Kids' Club is typically offered once or twice a month to provide childcare for parents as they participate in other club activities such as watching the Oscars or the Super Bowl. monthly Trivia Night pairs with a Kids' Club, where children are entertained and fed downstairs in the regatta room while parents play trivia upstairs. Kids' Club is run by experienced childcare providers and assistants, many of whom teach in the Jr. Sailing Program. A typical Kids' Club includes:

Ongoing Activities: Games, toys, art & snacks

Group Activities: Bingo, art project & game

Dinner: Pizza, carrots & dDip

Movie: G-rated movie for all audiences

KIDS' CLUB SNAPSHOTS



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How is the pool staffed?

There are no lifeguards. Members are required to supervise their own children under fourteen. In the summer, we do have pool attendants to check-in members and manage peak time usage equitably among members (e.g 1.5 hr limits).

Can members bring guests?

Yes, up to four per day with a guest fee of \$10 per guest. Guests should wear name badges.

Can we bring outside food and beverages?

As is the rule across the whole club, **no, not when the kitchen is open.** Members are expected to order food and drinks from the club.



For a full list of pool rules, please refer to the **Standing Rules.**

SHIP'S STORE



Edie Hero, Chairperson



SHOP, SAIL, REPEAT: DISCOVER THE ULTIMATE BRANDED COLLECTION FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Come and visit our lobby and explore our fantastic collection of EYC-branded merchandise. We offer a wide range of sailing and sportswear options for you and your crew, including polo shirts, jackets, fleece, hats, visors, ceramic mugs, insulated tumblers, water bottles, nautical jewelry, belts, and much more!



Exciting news! We've just received new merch from Helly Hanson for both men and women. In case we don't have your size in stock, we can special order certain items just for you. Don't forget to check out our fabulous sale rack for incredible savings. All of our items come with our club burgee embroidered, and wearing EYC swag is a fantastic way to show your support for the club.



Our Ship's Store is open during regular office hours, and our friendly office staff is always ready to assist you. In the event they are not available, appointments can be scheduled for your convenience.



For a **Shopping Appointment**
please email Edie Hero,
ShipsStore@encinal.org



BUILDINGS AND GROUND S

Bill Emberley, Chairperson

Greeting EYC members from Buildings and Grounds. Spring is here and it is time to clear the decks and get ready for Summertime fun at the club! There are many projects underway. Here are just a few. The most obvious and substantial is the replacement of the estuary facing deck. We discovered dry rot under the outside railing on all of the joists. What started as a remove and replace has morphed into a more complex project involving engineers and the city of Alameda building department to ensure that work performed will be done to code, lasting for many years to come.

Meanwhile, another project that has my attention is a much-anticipated sound system. The plan is to install a six-zone system in the bar, dining area, Regatta Room, lawn area, around the pool and even the docks.

There are three reputable AV companies bidding on the project and hopefully we will begin installing the speakers soon. This will greatly enhance the EYC experience. Other projects on the radar include sealing the docks, gardening, pool power washing, boat yard clean sweep, Spring gardening, and ground maintenance days. As always, we will be looking to member volunteers for help.



Join Bill's Call List via email at EmberleyBill@gmail.com and keep an eye out on the Volunteer Portal on encinal.org

Include any skillsets you might have and I will be contacting you. Also, if you have ideas for improvements to the club that you would like to see done and would like to tackle, let me know and we'll put it on the list.