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ENCINAL YACHT CLUB SOUNDINGS



**Happy New Year!
Wishing You A Happy & Healthy
2020**



EYC Board Of Directors

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2018-2019 Board of Directors

President	Fred Rutledge
Sr. Vice President	Rodney Pimentel
Vice President	Michelle Shaffer
Treasurer	Mike Gorman
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Vice Commodore	Jens Jensen
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Director	Michael Andrews
Director	Anna Christensen
Director	Alison Sojka
Director	Robert Etchell

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Membership	TBD
Marketing	TBD
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Boat Yard	Kevin Clark
Building & Grounds	Tim Eaker
House	Stacy Paluch
Youth	Grace Hess
Junior Sailing	Barb Grove
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Nominating	Mike Scheck
Gardening	David Weidner

Appointed Officers

Port Captains	Grant Hayes
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Power Boat Fleet Captain	
& Safety Officer	Tony Shaffer
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	Fred Rutledge
	Tony Shaffer
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	Edie Herro

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Staff

General Manager/COO	Curtis Lew
Member Service Coordinator	Omta Toma
Controller	Lori Bateman
Executive Chefs	Geo Rodriguez
	Manny Rodriguez
Junior Sailing Director	Mike Scott
Asst. Junior Sailing Director	Ellie Glenn

Office Hours

Wednesday-Sunday 9:00am-5:00pm

1890 Dining Hours

Thursday..... 11:30pm-8:30pm
Fridays..... 11:30am-8:30pm
Saturdays 11:30am-8:30pm
Sundays..... 11:30am-3:00pm

Winter Season Lounge Hours

Thursday..... 11:30am-10:00pm
Friday..... 11:30am-10:00pm
Saturday 11:30am-10:00pm
Sunday 11:30am-7:30pm

From EYC President Fred Rutledge



Your new board has met twice now. We have a nice blend of seasoned and newer members. New members include Ken Popplewell, Rear Commodore, Robert Etchell and Ann Sojka directors. Michelle Shaffer

has taken on the Junior Vice President role, and we say Good-bye and Bravo Zulu (good job) to Jeri Thibault-Hayes for her fine work as recording secretary. Janis Glaser has agreed to take on the duties and starts in January.

Your board is committed to transparency. The Finance Committee recommended a membership increase in June 2020, but the board believes we may control costs and not have to raise dues this coming year. We have cut some major expenses (storage) and bar refurbishing by club members and plan for dock maintenance and improvement. We remain financially sound, but an increase in membership will help keep us that way. You as members are the best recruiters! Use your club and bring guests to check us out! By the way, we still need is a membership chair.

Curtis Lew and I attended the annual Pacific Marina Owners Association meeting on December 11th. Repaving the entire parking lot, in collaboration with our fellow tenants, was of major item. Ms. Franceschi (GS Management) discussed asphalt repairs and presented a proposal to the owners, but without the Marina Village Inn attending no decision was reached. The Inn is looking to expand into the parking area adjacent to our club, but nothing is known for certain. Several vendors have provided proposals. Our club's contribution would be in the mid \$20,000 range. Without knowing the Inn's plans the management company will press them for information before we as a committee make a commitment. Curtis and I are working on a sign to be posted near the stop sign by OYC

pointing folks to the EYC clubhouse. This is pending.

The club will be closed from 5 to 12 January to allow for work on the bar, the lounge area and other projects. Omta will be in the office that week. I would like to thank Kevin Clark and Ted Floyd for their work on a new storage closet in the Regatta room. This eliminates our need to pay for an off-site storage unit. Kevin and Mike Gorman put their carpentry skills to good use before the Lighted Boat Parade making sure the deck outside the dining room was in good order.



Before concluding, I wanted to thank the members of EYC for their generosity in giving to the annual employees' Holiday Bonus Fund. It is a fine way to show our great staff how we appreciate them being a part of our club's family.

I hope you and your families have had a wonderful Holiday Season, and I wish you all a heartfelt Happy New Year!

From EYC Commodore Ted Floyd



Hello from the Flag!

We hope you each had a great holiday season and Happy New Year! Dayna, my wife and I spent quite a bit of time over the

last month in the club, and every visit or event was highlighted by great people in a beautiful setting having a great time. We'd like to thank everyone involved, both staff and club members who helped create the incredible atmosphere we all enjoyed. I hope all of you had a chance to visit the club during the holidays to see how they made your club shine.

As we begin 2020, the Flag would like to invite you to come out and join us on the water during any of this year's races, cruising and or paddling events. We have seen an increase in the number of boats and participants over the last couple of years, and want to continue to see this exciting trend. The current Jack Frost series has already provided some great racing this winter and it's not too late to join us for any of the remaining racing. I have usually found winter sailing generates a great day on the water since it's typically less windy than during our summers. The Saturday Jack Frost races offer a great

opportunity to help crews practice and tune up their boat handling skills or introduce new crew to the boat. If you haven't signed up for a Jack Frost yet, please do. It's not too late. Winter racing/boating not your thing? Well OK, please take a look at your calendar and plan to join us at one of our other club events coming this Spring and Summer. It's your chance to Get Out The Boat(GOTB). Some of the events to look for are: the Estuary Cup, Spring and Summer Twilight Series, Coastal Cup, Encinal Regatta, Lipton Cup Challenge, cruises to multiple Bay Area Yacht Clubs, paddling events, and others. I will continue to encourage you to join your fellow club members in this year's on-the-water fun. Thanks again to all who keep our club looking great and I hope to see you on the water or around the club soon.

Regards, Ted



EYC General Manager Curtis Lew



Happy New Year!

We hope everyone had a great holiday! I cannot believe 2019 came and went. I have been with EYC for one year now and enjoyed every minute of it. I want to take a moment to thank

the outgoing Board members, Charlie Thome (now Past President), Theo Rohr (now Staff Commodore), and Cindy Wondolleck. Their continued support has helped me in so many ways that I cannot express how grateful I am to them. I look forward to working with Fred Rutledge (new President) and the new Board of Directors in 2020!

December was a very busy month with private parties and events. Regarding events, the Lighted Yacht Parade had over 150 participants for dinner. Many thanks go out to Cindy Wondolleck, Carol Blackburn and Anna Christensen!



The Brunch with Santa event was a great success. Seventy people participated. Many thanks to Tony Shaffer for bringing Santa Claus to the dock safely via Carol Louise, Chuck Wetteroth (who I look forward to working with in Buildings and Grounds) for making sure

Carol Louise was securely tightened for Santa to come into the Clubhouse who chatted with all the kids and some adults (see pictures), and to Allison Sojka for making sure all the kids were having fun decorating gingerbread houses! Our Tapas Night and cookie decorating event (see pictures) were lots of fun thanks to Liddy Clark (Juniors extraordinaire) and our own Pastry Chef Gary Stacherski who gave some great tips to our juniors on how to decorate cookies! Thanks to all who participated in the New Year's Eve party! Lastly, we cannot forget about Manny and his crew for always cooking up great food for our members and guests!

I want to thank all the members who generously contributed to our Holiday Gift Fund for our staff who have done a great job this year! Our staff is very appreciative of this gift and expressed a great thank you!

I am very proud of our staff and we look forward to a great 2020!

See you all at the Club!



Volunteer Electrician Mike Gorman

“DOCK CANCER”, as I call it, costs our club hundreds of \$\$\$\$ each year to repair and replace our shore power connectors, breakers, panels, and repair fire damage to the electrical components. Yes, we have had TWO significant and dangerous electrical fires this past few months.

If you see a female socket burned like the yellow one in the picture, **DO NOT PLUG INTO IT**, but report it to the office. This is a sign of the beginning of this all too common problem. Here is what often happens. A member or visitor boat plugs their corroded or worn male



shore power cord into our nice new female dock outlet. The poor connection gets hot like a toaster element or stove burner and burns the plug connectors and plug assembly. The next boat comes along and the bad connection then burns their plug as well. It can repeat damaging several boats otherwise good shore power plug ends. The situation gradually worsens until the plastic plug assembly melts and catches fire. The breaker assembly behind it melts and catches fire. A bad, and very dangerous situation. The black assembly pictured is the melted and burnt breaker mounting block inside one of our dock boxes. So, inspect your shore power dock plugs and

please don't use if they are corroded, worn, burnt, or even starting to just discolor around the metal spades.



Please contact me if you have any questions about these shore power issues. I am happy to discuss or help you inspect your shore power connectors.

I am also going to ask our Port Captains to inspect and be on the lookout for this problem.

Thank you
Michael Gorman



From EYC Junior Sailing Mike Scott



Howdy folks!

Things have been steaming along this fall with a bursting high school program and exciting things happening with the race teams (opti, laser, and C420). The fall racing season has been a ton of

fun, with eight high school events attended by EYC teams and two B.A.Y.S. events attended by our Race Teams. We still have one more fall event on the horizon for high school down in Long Beach (the Rose Bowl regatta), which we are super pumped for!

We're still riding great spirits and high morale left over from our annual Alumni Regatta, Holiday Dinner, and Gift Exchange! Over a dozen alumni returned to sail with and against former high school sailors in an 8 race series for some tasty prizes. Congratulations to Ellie Glenn and Ben Rohr for taking the win! We're super excited to get into the winter season in 2020. Please see our website for details. As we enter a new decade, we are striving as always

to keep our programming and our thinking about Jr. Sailing relevant.

Please enjoy the following excerpt from the article which is included in our Junior Sailing Winter Newsletter this year:

When a person realizes that fun and other feelings can coexist, powerful growth occurs. So, when we discuss the priorities involved in sailing (whether we are cruising, racing, teaching, or practicing) and list fun as something that is second only to safety, we aren't joking around at all. We're being quite serious. Training ourselves to think of unknowns and challenges as opportunities to have fun and grow has real-world effects. Every time we leave our comfort zone and realize we are still within our fun zone, we alter our reality as to what we think might be possible in the future, opening up endless doors to new experiences, knowledge, relationships, and, of course... chances to have FUN!



Winners of The Annual EYC Trophies 2020



Ken & Marianne Popplewell
Recipients of the
Dan Flemming Memorial Trophy
Race Committee Member
Of The Year



Bill Nork
Recipient Of The
Arnold W. Silsby Memorial Trophy
Yachtsman Of The Year



Stacy Paluch
Recipient Of The
Hal Wondolleck
Trophy For Outstanding
Committee Leadership



Liddy & Kevin Clark
Recipients Of The
Richard Crosson Perpetual Trophy
Exemplary Service Award
To Encinal Yacht Club



EYC Volunteers



EYC New Years Eve Party!



Thank You!

The Ships Store would like to thank all our EYC members and guess for your support this year. We had a fantastic year. Anita and I look forward to continuing to bring you the utmost in the latest yachting attire and accessories. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

You can have easy access to our Ship's Store by simply stopping in during club office hours and our staff will help you with any purchase you might like to make.

Also, we can provide you with personalized service by calling or emailing one of us directly.

Look to 2020 for new items and colors from Helly Hansen and Reyn Spooner.



**It's cold outside!
We can warm you up with
jackets and vests from the
Ship's Store**



King Tides Are Coming: Feb 8-9

You can raise awareness about sea level rise and help communities plan for the future by taking and sharing photos of the highest high tides of the year.

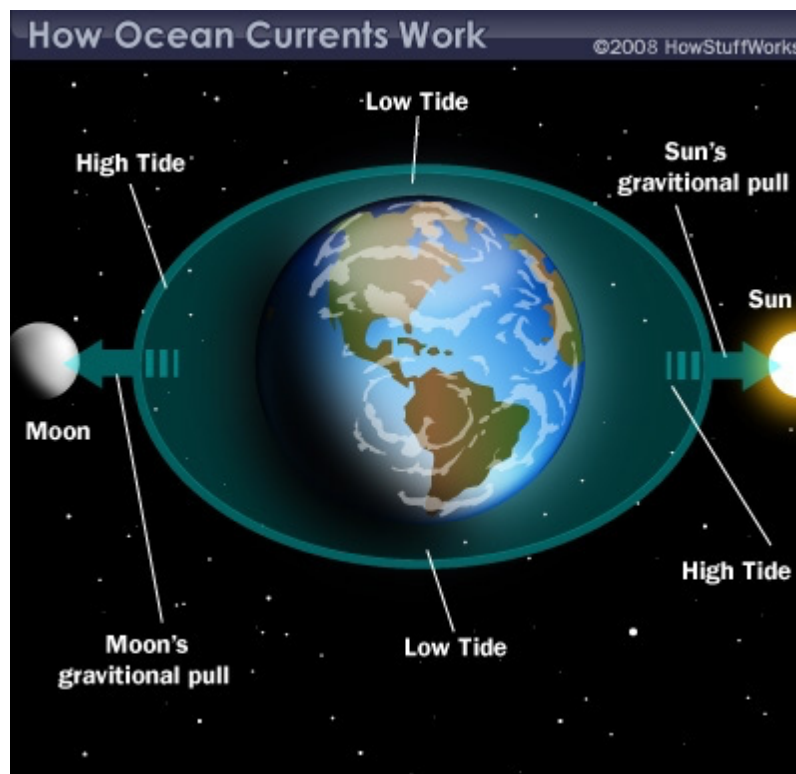
- Find out what time the King Tides will be near you.
- Learn how to participate by uploading your photos via a web browser or app.
- Check out last year's photos on our interactive map.

Learn more at

<https://www.coastal.ca.gov/kingtides/>

The sea level rise we're experiencing now and will experience in the future is

caused by burning fossil fuels like coal, oil, and natural gas. To briefly explain the process, carbon dioxide in our atmosphere acts like a blanket, trapping in heat that would otherwise escape. When we burn fossil fuels, we're adding more carbon dioxide, thickening the "blanket" and warming the planet and ocean. King Tides themselves are not caused by sea level rise, but allow us to experience what higher sea level will be like. Understanding what a King Tide looks like today will help us plan for sea level rise in the future.



Encinal YC Jack Frost Series



Photos By Fred Fago

Races 5 & 6 January 4, 2020 Written By Margaret Fago

Early morning rain cleared away to partially cloudy and a 2-5 kt light and variable north wind by race start at 11:30. Starting in the usual EYC Jack Frost area off the Berkeley pier the first leg of series race #5 headed toward Red rock against a 2.9 Ebb. "A" fleet picked their way up the course leap frogging positions when leaders, Smokin, Posse and Golden Moon fell into the wind holes and shifts. Golden Moon, with skipper Kame Richards, pulled out the first place win. By time the last group, "E" had rounded the windward gate the wind was beginning to shift WNW. The fleet split on which side of the course to sail downwind on.... the west side proved to be slightly favored for the Santana's in "E" fleet. Zingaro lead the pack followed tightly by Meliki and Carlos. On the second race of the day , #6 in the series, "A" fleet was sent off on their start before the rest of the fleets had finished. The wind was

continuing to shift and fill from the west so the windward mark was moved as soon as all of A fleet had cleared it, so the course would be more true to the wind for the rest of the fleets. A nice 5Kt+ westerly made for a quick second race. Sketch, Olsen 25 with skipper David Gruver got good starts and kept her lead in both races. Second place shifted from Balein in race 5 to Synchronicity in race 6. Fleet C leaders switched places in the two races between Azure and Renaissance of Tahoe. In race 6 the Entire Santana 22 fleet of 9 starters finished within four minutes of each other. Carlos was in first place this time, followed by Zingaro then Meliki.



EYC Jack Frost Photos By Fred Fago



EYC Jack Frost
Photos By Fred Fago



EYC Member Events Theme Nights at the Club



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Where's The Burgee



Where's The Burgee?

ENCINAL YACHT CLUB HOURS

Winter Hours

Food Service Hours:

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

Bar Lounge Hours:

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