



The Lee Rail

Newsletter of the Elkhorn Yacht Club

This Month's Look Ahead: Dia de los Dinghies Race & the EYC Halloween Party

Letter From the Commodore

This year has flown by and my time as Commodore is rapidly coming to an end. It hasn't been without its challenges, but it's also been a year of accomplishments. The women's bathroom was completed in the annex and the seawall reinforcement is rapidly nearing completion. Neither of these could have been accomplished without the oversight of Frank Lewis.

The success of Elkhorn depends on so many people. Some contribute by paying dues and coming to activities, some by serving on committees. Committee chairs and the Board make a year long commitment. Each level of participation is important.

This year I've seen the influx of new members who are jumping right in at all levels. Our racing fleet has grown from the "mighty three" to the "stupendous six" and is showing signs of increasing further. Participation in Friday night appetizers and Monday dinners is increasing. Kudos to Krista for organizing the monthly blue grass jam and providing appetizers on those Friday nights. I also want to thank Robbie and Bobbi for stepping up so often to provide Friday night apps. I would also be remiss if I didn't recognize our technology gurus - Cody and Del for stepping up and bringing our internet service up to speed.

Elkhorn has a rich heritage and a firm foundation to grow on. I know that all of our members take pride in our little piece of paradise. While I can't personally recognize everyone who has contributed this year, I want you to know how very much I have appreciated each and every one of you.

Thank you,
Rita



Rita Jaques

We're Going Hopping



Juul and his wife host appetizers as part of the famous Elkhorn Yacht Club Boat Hop. More than 75 guests participated in this year's event, making it one of the most successful ever.

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO BYLAWS

The Board of Directors at their September 12, 2024 meeting approved five proposed changes to the Bylaws for presentation to the general membership at the October 18, 2024 General Membership Meeting. A copy of the changes has been emailed to members eligible to vote for their thoughtful consideration. Approval of changes requires a two-thirds vote of the members present. Please come out and vote.

- Stan Jacques, Bylaws Chair

**Next board meeting is October 10 at
6:30 in the EYC dining hall**

**This year's annual Elkhorn Yacht Club
Elections and Dinner will be on October 18.
Please plan on attending to hear the updates
from the EYC board of directors and to cast
your vote for officers and proposed bylaw
changes.**

Club Manager (Mellisa) office hours: Wed - Sat 1pm to 6pm

Bookkeeper (Leslie) office hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 8am to 12 noon

EYC BULLETIN BOARD



EYC Swimmers

Leah, Lori, and Barbara have been conditioning in Monterey Bay. The three will represent the "EYC Swim Team" in an open water swim in San Diego I n late October.



Monday Night Champs!

Katie, Frank, Landon, and Lilly hosted a Monday Night Dinner recently. There's still space available for you to sign up and show off your stuff. EYC will reimburse you for the food.



Promoted!

Congratulations to Elkhorn Yacht Club member Cody who has been promoted to Commander in the US Navy. Thank you for your service, Cody!



Cuz, He's the Boss!

Bosco enjoying a warm "off-shore" breeze on a Monterey Bay Autumn morning.



Barging Power

Jay and Wayne relocating the floating dock for one of EYC's water vessels.



Sea Wall Wok

An up close and personal look at the great effort going into maintaining our sea wall.

EYC RACING & SAILING

EYC CHOWDER CUP SERIES KICKS OFF! (SEPT 22)

Although Chowder Cup #1 was called off due to near-zero visibility, Chowder Cup #2 got the series rolling under gray skies and light winds. Cody and Mandy F. on Aquanaut recorded some pre-race aerial videos and landed the drone safely on shore near PRO Dan G. Five boats covered the 7.1 nm course in about two hours with the race being live streamed to the hearth room thanks to RaceQs. Jen J. and Mark W., new owners of Un Bel Di and prospective EYC members participated in their first race with the club. It was a pursuit start so Un Bel Di was the rabbit, starting first due to her high PHRF handicap. Congratulations to all racers and the Chowder Cup series continues! Go to www.elkhornyachtclub.org/racing for the schedule of upcoming races.



Solace heads out of the channel en route to the starting line.



Mariko strikes a beautiful pose with spinnaker flying in the light air.



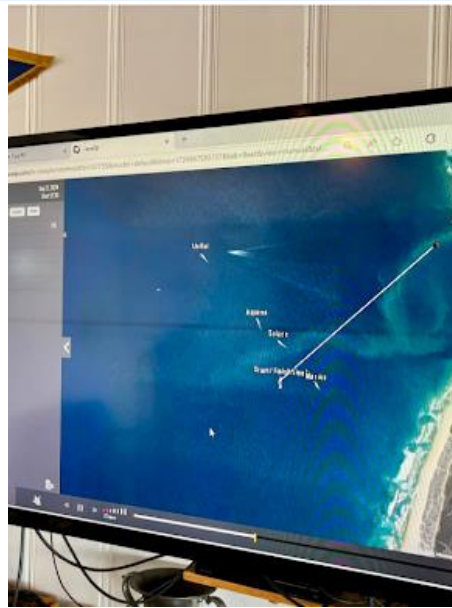
Aquanaut as seen in the aerial drone video.

EYC RACING & SAILING

EYC CHOWDER CUP SERIES KICKS OFF! (CONT'D)



Landon wing and wing on the downwind leg.



The race was live streamed to the hearth room using RaceQs and Cody's laptop.



Racers watch the playback after the race.

WORD FROM THE CLUB MANAGER



**Melissa
Raney**

The holiday season is upon us already! Which means holiday parties and get-together's. Weekends are booking up here at the club for rentals so please reach out as soon as possible if you need a date reserved. As a reminder, when you reserve your deposit is due and no less than two weeks prior to the event your liability insurance and remainder of your fee's will be due. Looking forward to what this holiday season will bring.

Also, as a reminder, the dumpster in the South side of the EYC parking lot is for club use only! Sadly, with the closure of the gangway to the North Harbor, it's going to take a few extra steps to dispose of personal garbage in the harbor dumpster in the dirt parking lot on the north side of the club.



RECENT EVENTS

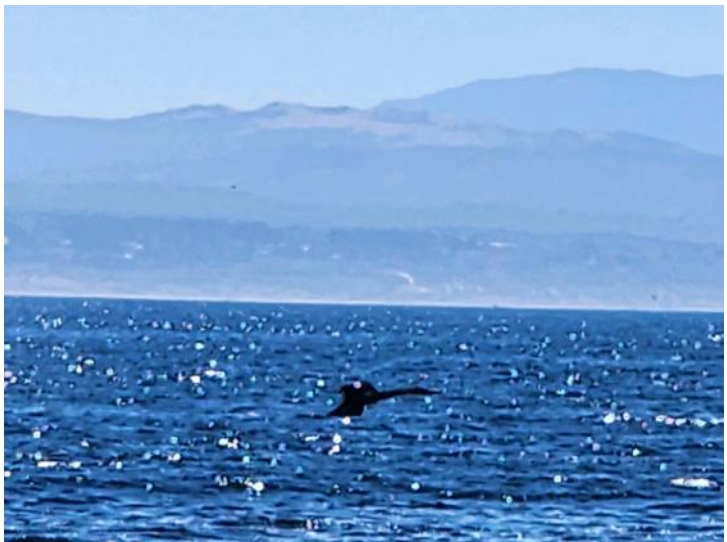
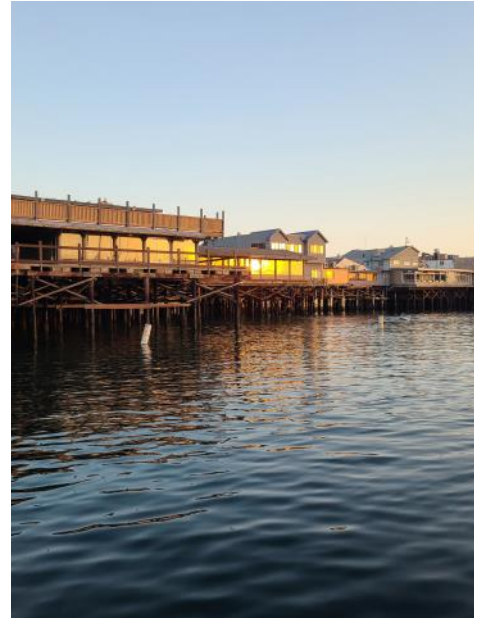
LABOR DAY WEEKEND CRUISE-OUT TO MONTEREY (AUG 30 - SEPT 2)

A fleet of 5 Elkhorn Yacht Club boats spent the Labor Day weekend at the Monterey Harbor. The weather was splendid, giving members some great memories playing tourist. Paddle board, kayaks, and cocktails on the water were just a few of the “resort” activities enjoyed. An EYC dinner was held Saturday evening at El Torito in Cannery Row. A beach picnic was held on Sunday, followed by another gathering at the Dust Bowl. As a reminder for next year’s Labor Day Cruise out, traffic is horrible in Monterey during the holiday weekend. So... bring your boat!



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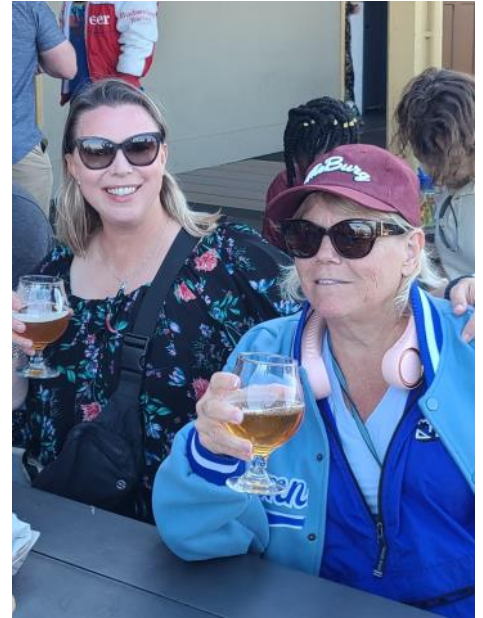
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BOAT HOP '24 (SEPT 24)

For those of you who didn't attend this years Boat Hop you missed a really great event. For those of you who were able to attend, Thank you. The weather co-operated. Not too cold and not too windy and no rain or fog. As with every Boat Hop we had a few glitches but we were ready for them and we adjusted accordingly. No Boat Hop comes off without a few adventures (glitches.). Brian Ackerman, our supreme chef has to adjust the menu at the last minute but he pulled it off beautifully. Our crew handling the signup desk known as Chaos Central did a tremendous job getting everyone signed in. Toni was collecting money, Mellisa worked the maps and my daughter Sheryl handled the boat assignments. This polished team got everyone shoehorned into their time slots. Of course the bar was open for refreshments. Scott sounded the horn to keep everyone on schedule. We were able to start the participants in groups of 6 to the 3 host boats for the first seating followed 30 minutes later for the next rotation. We had a total of 4 rotations and we pretty sold out this great event.



RECENT EVENTS

BOAT HOP '24 (CONT'D)

The Boat Hop was designed to be a FUN event. With everyone having a chance to participate. Some by working to make this successful, some by hosting their boats, some by attending. This is the one time in the year when we have so much activity on the docks and socializing on their boats. I'm sure that the socialization went on past the time when the food service was finished. While the appetizer and salad course needs to be on time, the entree course in the dining room is more relaxed and the dessert course turns into the Wild West. While we had 4 dessert boats, we fully expected our participants to go off schedule and check out other dessert boats especially if it sounds like something really tempting.



RECENT EVENTS

BOAT HOP '24 (CONT'D)

The heart and sole of the Boat Hop are the wonderful boats and their crew that makes this event happen. There's a ton of back stories and I don't know all of them. The appetizer boats were SEA CLUSION, KAMELLA II, AND ATHENA. KAMELLA II had just changed hands and they had extra family attend our event. Salad boats were MERIDIAN, SOLACE, AND BLESSED FREE BIRD. MERIDIAN used to be birthed in North Harbor so she came up from South Harbor and was on the guest dock. FREE BIRD has had major work done at the boat yard so I was extremely happy to have this beautiful boat in our event. Our dessert boats included BLACK JACK, NORTHERN LIGHTS, AQUANAUT, AND SELKIE. BLACK JACK is a historic schooner built in 1930 and a great addition to our mix of boats. AQUANAUT was another South Harbor boat and also was on our guest dock.

Thank you all for attending. As a side note to show how lucky we're for the Boat Hop, the next day the Harbor District has closed off our gate and ramp for emergency repairs to get onto the docks. They have opened a temporary entrance off of the launch ramp next to the EYC property. It just makes a longer way to have to get to our boats. The time line when it will get reopened is unknown at this time.

Scott and Howard



EYC'ERS DOING STUFF

SEATTLE TO SAN FRANCISCO VIA THE COHO HO HO RALLY (AUG 24)

Many are familiar with the Baja Ha-Ha Rally, an organized annual event where 100s of boats make their way down the Pacific Coast from San Diego to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. The Baja Ha-Ha takes place in late fall and this fall will be the 30th running of the event! The Coho Ho Ho Rally is a smidge more recent, having started in 2013, and organized by a handful of volunteers. It is a rally where sailors of all abilities come together to make their way down the coast, from Seattle to San Francisco. Many that participate in the Coho Ho Ho Rally continue on with the Baja Ha-Ha Rally.

Mark Koitmaa and Sylvia Wanderaas were grateful to plug into the rally to prep and plan for their journey down the coast. Along with the best crew on the west, they navigated the 890 nautical miles with six other boats, comprising 2024's Magnificent Seven!



The Magnificent Seven of Ardent



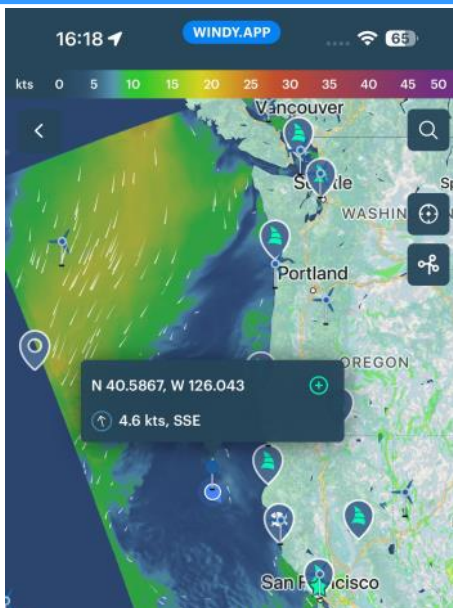
Port Townsend gathering and departure ceremony



Out on the town in Newport OR

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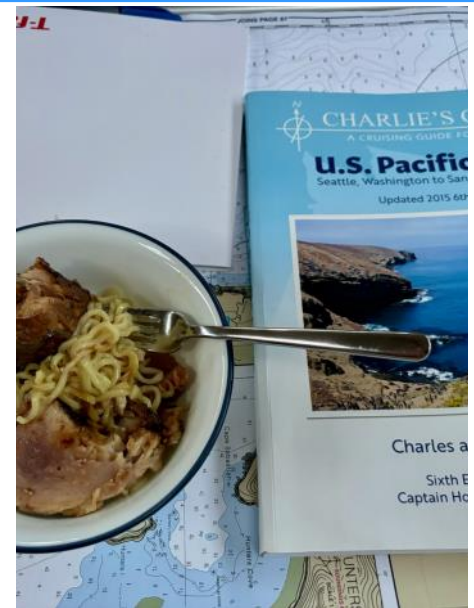
SEATTLE TO SAN FRANCISCO VIA THE COHO HO HO RALLY (CONT'D)



Wow! No wind at Cape Mendocino!
(We had been warned and prepared
for the worst!)



Keith landed a whopper in under 5
minutes!



We feasted at sea on seared ahi
tuna and ramen!

Hi-lites of our rally participation included: Weekly virtual seminars with Coho alum, plus current and future rally runners. The topics ranged from weather planning and navigation, to equipment and first aid. As the departure date approached, the weekly meetings were pared down to only the boats participating. We found these sessions the most compelling as everybody was down to the wire and the organizers were awesome with vendor recommendations and practical advice! Organized activities - several meet ups were held throughout the spring and summer and included raft ups, potlucks at Fisheries Supply, a tour of a local rigging shop, and the season was capped off with planned gatherings in Port Townsend during departure week. - Support during the rally. This included regular weather updates, and group communication. While each boat was responsible for their itinerary, including planned stops along the way, there were opportunities to have "buddy boats" and activities along the way.



EYC'ERS DOING STUFF

SEATTLE TO SAN FRANCISCO VIA THE COHO HO HO RALLY (CONT'D)

The crew for our adventure included Dan Garrett, Keith Chastain, and Lara Jacqués from EYC, and Jeff Hotchkiss from Santa Cruz. With six, our daily watches were eight to ten hours and were split into two separate watches, allowing time to rest, relax and meal prep!

Three of the flotilla boats made the trip with just two sailors on board, husband and wife duos sharing the watch schedule 24-7! Ardent left the dock in Port Townsend on Sunday August 25th, and sailed under the Golden Gate on Labor Day Monday September 2nd, with blue skies, sunshine and calm seas helping to make a memorable entrance into the San Francisco Bay!



Toasting our safe arrival in Alameda after over a week together!



Keith, Dan, Jeff and Lara



Sunshine greeting at the Golden Gate for us and our pals on SV Simpka

AROUND THE CLUB

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL DINNER

BE PART OF THE MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL DINNER ALL-STAR TEAM!

It's the time of year when we all get football silly for some football, food, and fun at the Elkhorn Yacht Club. Give us all a reason to cheer and sign up to host a Monday Night Football Dinner. You'll walk away a winner! The sign-up board is in the club foyer & also let Melissa Rainey know.

SEP 9 WEEK 1			NOV 4 WEEK 9		
SEP 16 WEEK 2			NOV 11 WEEK 10		
SEP 23 WEEK 3			NOV 18 WEEK 11		
SEP 30 WEEK 4			NOV 25 WEEK 12		
	ABC EXCLUSIVE		DEC 2 WEEK 13		
SEP 30 WEEK 4			DEC 9 WEEK 14		
	ABC EXCLUSIVE		DEC 16 WEEK 15		
OCT 7 WEEK 5			DEC 16 WEEK 15		
	ABC EXCLUSIVE		DEC 23 WEEK 16		
OCT 14 WEEK 6			DEC 23 WEEK 16		
OCT 21 WEEK 7			DEC 30 WEEK 17		
	ESPN+ EXCLUSIVE		DEC 30 WEEK 17		
OCT 28 WEEK 8			JAN 4 WEEK 18	TBD DOUBLEHEADER	
					



AROUND THE CLUB

COMING EVENTS

DIA DE LOS DINGHIES **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024, 11:00 - 4:00**

Description:

Buoy racing in the Moss Landing North Harbor. This is a family fun event featuring various sized sailing dinghies. Come test and improve your skills against other dinghy sailors. Boats may have a maximum length of 14 feet and will be subject to approval by the Race Committee (RC). We look forward to seeing Jesters, Walker Bays, Lidos, Lasers, El Toros, Fatty Knees, and other dinghies of a similar ilk. Remember - the goal is to have a fun day with other dinghies! Anyone racing in a Halloween costume will receive bonus points while racing!

Eligibility and Requirements:

This event is open to dinghy sailors who can control their boat and have the ability to avoid obstacles such as kayaks, stationary boats, motor boats, and wildlife. Each boat must be properly equipped for safety. **RACERS MUST WEAR A PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE** while racing. This year's event will be limited to 20 dinghies so sign up ASAP (see attached entry form)!

Registration and Fees:

Entrance fee is \$25 per boat which includes one "cook your own burger/ hot dog" and race prizes. Burger choices: beef, salmon, or veggie. Hot dog: Ball Park frank. Beverages will be available from the EYC bar after 2 PM.

Launching is available right next to EYC at the Moss Landing North Harbor small boat ramp. The \$18 launch fee includes a parking pass. The pay station is at the North Harbor public bathroom.

Schedule:

11:00 AM Competitors meeting at the EYC waterside patio.

12:30 PM First race begins with as many races as can fit in the race time period.

2:30 PM Racing ends.

2:30-4 PM Social time. Family and spectators can purchase "cook your own" plates from the RC.

3:30 PM Prizes and awards will be given out at the social gathering on the EYC patio.

Sailing instructions and race courses will be available at the competitor's meeting. There will be a pumpkin retrieval race so practice your crew overboard skills. Remember, anyone racing in a Halloween costume will receive bonus points while racing!

RISK STATEMENT:

Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS3) states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

AROUND THE CLUB

COMING EVENTS

ELKHORN YACHT CLUB DIA DE LOS DINGHIES

ENTRY FORM

Event Date: October 19, 2024

NAME (please print) _____ Age _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____
 Phone _____
 Name of dinghy (if any) _____
 Type _____
 Sail Number/Color _____ Hull Color _____

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY (If the skipper is under 18 years of age this release must be signed by a parent/guardian). I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold the Elkhorn Yacht Club, its officers, directors, agents, employees, and race committee persons harmless of any liability of any nature whatsoever for accident or injury to myself, my crew, my guests, and/or my yacht, while racing or engaging in activities related to or connected therewith. I acknowledge that any decision to start or continue racing shall be solely my own. I further agree not to sail in hazardous conflict with commercial shipping and to exercise precaution in proximity of kayakers and protected marine life. I am aware that sailboat racing is a hazardous activity, and I am voluntarily participating in this activity with the knowledge of the danger involved and hereby agree to accept any and all risks of injury or death. I agree to be bound by the current edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this event. I have carefully read this agreement and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between myself and the Elkhorn Yacht Club and/or their affiliated organizations, and I sign this release of my own free will.

NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Mail completed form with the \$25 entry fee to:

Elkhorn Yacht Club
 Attn: Race Director
 2370 HWY 1 Moss Landing, CA 95039
 Or email signed/scanned form to racedirector@elkhornyachtclub.org and bring entry fee on day of race.

AROUND THE CLUB**COMING EVENTS**

haunted harbor

@ Elkhorn Yacht Club

October 26, 2024

Beware of deathly fun

cocktails start @ 5pm

- Dinner served at 6pm
- Haunt walk-through tours from 6:30 - 7:30
- Bring Halloween "Freaky Finger Food" (appetizer or dessert)
 - Prize for best Freaky Finger Food
- Prizes for best costume (Male/Female/Couple/Group)
- DJ will be playing your favorite dance tunes 7-11pm

\$25/person RSVP REQUIRED by October 25

***** this event is not appropriate for children *****

***** the galley will NOT be available for food prep this day *****



LEE RAIL
OCTOBER 2024

ELKHORN YACHT CLUB
2370 Highway One
Moss Landing, CA 95039