

August 2024 Edition



The Lee Rail

Newsletter of the Elkhorn Yacht Club

**This Month's Look Ahead:
The Double Angle Race & Dinner on Aug. 24**

Letter From the Commodore

Summer is here and it has been my most memorable ever, highlighted by a life-long dream of visiting Africa. Thank you to our Vice-Commodore, Hillary for stepping in for me during this time.

For quite a while we have been having issues with internet interruption and spotty service throughout the club. Melissa, our club manager, and Cody met with our ISP and then Cody and Del provided the expertise to install the equipment upgrades to increase the efficiency of our internet system.

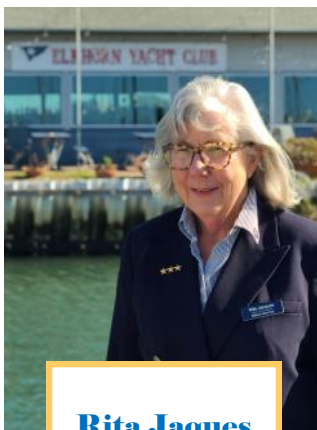
Frank Lewis has been hard at work on the women's shower in the annex, work is expected to be completed by the time you read this article. It is looking fabulous.

Wayne Kelly is finalizing the dates for the completion of our seawall reinforcement. Stay tuned and watch for further information. Our goal is to finish by the end of September. As you know it is wholly dependent on the tides.

Please remember not to share your fob with anyone and don't leave annex doors unsecured. It appears that there have been attempts to pry open doors on the sailing lockers.

It is getting time to think about next year's Board of Directors. Our nominating committee chair is Brian Ackerman. Please talk with him if you have an interest in serving. The only requirement is that you be a flag member in good standing and are willing to serve. Brian can fill you in on all the details.

Enjoy our club and the rest of your summer
Rita



Rita Jaques

Flea Market Treasures



Elkhorn Yacht Club opened its parking lot and doors for the annual Nautical Flea Market and open house. It was a financial success for the EYC cash box!

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WORD FROM THE VICE COMMODORE



**Hillary
Thomas**

Whew what a fabulous month I had as acting commodore at the EYC while Commodore Rita Jacques was cruising up north with fellow EYC members. It was so nice to start to learn more of the ins and outs of how each and every one of you contribute to the club. Have you noticed the changes? They are subtle...like the internet works? Yay! Thanks to Cody & to Dell (Jr) for their hard work on that. Now you can use it reliably and we will be able to rent the club out and ensure that wifi will be available - a source of income for the club. How about looking up when you stroll into the club? Thanks to Bill W. for painting it with no fuss, just stepped up and handled it. I also got to race on Solace not once but twice and we WON. Getting on a boat with a bunch of folks you don't know is a perfect way to make lifelong friendships and family at the club. Thank your race committee for doing such an excellent job. If you have not yet found your niche in volunteering for the EYC, check in with a board member and let them know, we will find something that fits you.

Lastly, have you noticed that we have signs posted in the bar with pricing and specials thanks to our wonderful bar manager Toni Scarborough? Bar management is moving along quite nicely buttoning up the loose ends. However, you all are not doing your jobs!! Bar sales are down. So when you're having a leisurely Sunday, stop in and hang out with Gunner, he's lonely an we need you to drink up to support the club.

Thanks for all you do and see y'all around this next month while I'm in town (yes all month)!

Best,
Hillary Q. Thomas
Vice Commodore



HILLARY, BRIAN, BOBBY, AND GREG SAILED TO VICTORY FOR THE FIRECRACKER REGATTA OUT OF THE SANTA CRUZ YACHT CLUB TO MONTEREY.

WORD FROM THE CLUB MANAGER



**Melissa
Raney**

SECURITY ALERT!

It appears that someone has been attempting to jimmy the lockers open in the annex building. We need everyone's help to report if they see anything and to please help keep our locked areas secure.

1. Don't let non-members use your FOB unless you are nearby.

2. Report a lost FOB so it can be disabled.za

We will be placing security cameras in the annex to protect our property

HELP WANTED:

Help wanted for our website. DiAnn Tarhalla , who has been managing the website has resigned from the position and we need someone to replace her. Please contact me or Rita if you would like to volunteer for this position.

**Next board meeting is August 8 at 6:30
in the EYC dining hall**

A gentle reminder to please complete the 2024 Survey of the General Membership. You may submit digitally, online, or by paper. Forms are available in the Bar. Your ideas count and your Board of Directors count on you.

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

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

EYC BULLETIN BOARD



Colonnade Paint

Bill and Bobbie put a fresh coat of paint to the Elkhorn Yacht Club Colonnade leading to the main entry.



EYC'ers at MBARI

A group of yacht club members spent a Saturday morning learning all about the MBARI projects and the state-of-the-art technology used to learn about our bay.



4th of July BBQ

Although it was mid-week, the 4th of July holiday BBQ was a great celebration. Thanks to those who provided potluck dishes to share.



Raking in the Fog

Volunteers like Sherrie keep up with the ongoing EYC beautification project.



Now Open!

After a major remodel, the women's bathroom in the Annex building is now open.



Laser Upkeep

Dan and Bill clean up and perform some routine maintenance on a lasercraft.

ELKHORN YACHT CLUB SAILING

EYC CANYON SERIES WRAPS UP! (JULY 20)

A mighty fleet of six boats lined up for the fifth and final race of the Canyon series on Saturday, July 20. A grey day, 10 kt winds, and 6 foot swells greeted the racers as they jockeyed for position over the 7.4 nm course. Although Solace won the day, overall series winner went to Aquanaut for consistent superior sailing over the course of the five races (see final scores below).

The Chowder Cup series begins in August! Go to www.elkhornyachtclub.org/racing for the schedule of upcoming races.

Submitted by Dan Garrett/Photos by Del Cooper, Jr.



Bobby D. and Dan G. look serious as Solace looks on. PC: D. Cooper, Jr.



Aquanaut shows off her beautiful spinnaker on the last leg as she moves up to second place in the race. PC: D. Cooper, Jr.



Blake R. helms as Juul checks the mainsail on Athena. PC: D. Cooper, Jr.

EYC CANYON SERIES 2024						
1	Race # : Date	Race 5: July 20 elapsed time	Race 5:corrected time (TOT)	points	Final Score: Total Points	Series Standing Final
2						
3	Course description and length (nm)	MLAp-ML3p-MLAs-ML2p-MLAp (7.4nm)				
4	PRO	Dan				Final
5					Series	Score
6	BOAT (rating)				TOTAL	(minus worst)
7	Aquanaut (174)	1:30:00	1:20:48	2	11	7
8	Solace (180)	1:27:39	1:18:03	1	16	8
9	Un Bel Di (228)	1:39:03	1:22:45	4	16	11
10	Cutlass (162)	1:29:38	1:21:50	3	19	13
11	Northern Light (123)	1:29:59	1:26:54	6	23	17
12	Athena (177)	1:34:30	1:24:29	5	30	22
13	Mariko (120)	DNC	DNC	8	32	24

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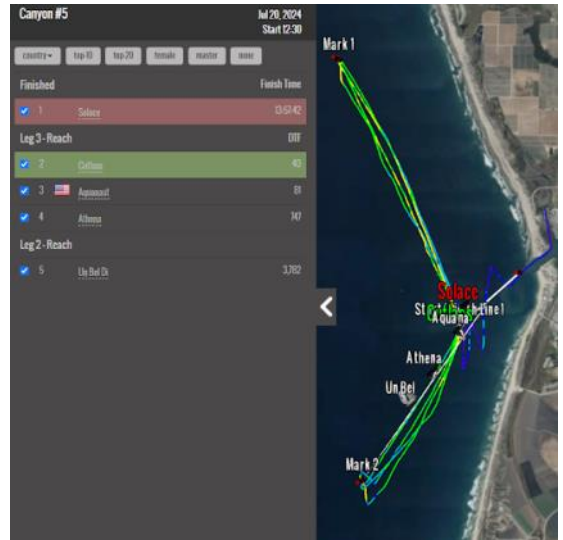
The crew of the Aquanaut are presented with their 1st place hats, bag, and (teeny) trophy by PRO Dan Garrett. PC: Lara Jacques.



The crew of Un Bel Di with 3rd place in the series! PC: Lara Jacques.

ELKHORN YACHT CLUB SAILING

EYC CANYON SERIES WRAPS UP! (CONT'D)



RECENT EVENTS

EYC NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET (JULY 28)



RECENT EVENTS

EYC NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET (CONT'D)



EYC'ERS OUT AND ABOUT

FLOTILLA IN BRITISH COLUMBIA



Kickoff in Friday Harbor at San Juan Island Yacht Club



First stop - Bedwell Harbor on South Pender Island BC where we cleared Canadian Customs.

Our Commodore Rita Jacques and staff Commodore Stan Jaqués led a flotilla of three sailboats on a spectacular adventure to Princess Louisa Inlet in British Columbia. Stan and Rita on SV Cecilia were joined by Lara Jacques and Arjay Rafferty. Mark Koitmaa and Sylvia Wanderaas from SV Ardent were joined by Ron Roderick and Sheri Bugalski. Long time friends of the Jaqués, Bob and Katie Mearns and their son joined in from Bellingham Washington on SV Esprit de Mer.

After a ferry ride from Anacortes, Ron and Sheri joined and boarded in Friday Harbor WA for the two week cruise. Conveniently, before embarking we had a chance to join in for Friday night happy hour at The San Juan Island Yacht Club. We enjoyed drinks overlooking the harbor while our laundry was processing in their basement since they share their space with Port of Friday Harbor!



Mark and Stan planned from sunset to dusk while others had a chance to swim!



Next stop - Ardent at anchor and Cecilia on a mooring ball at peaceful Montague Harbor on Galiano Island where we enjoyed a group hike!

EYC'ERS OUT AND ABOUT

FLOTILLA IN BRITISH COLOMBIA (CONT'D)



Met up with Esprit de Mer at charming Telegraph Harbor on Thetis Island BC. We enjoyed some pub grub!



Patently waiting for our marina check in and getting psyched to shop for groceries / provision in Nanaimo!

Stan and Rita put together a wonderful itinerary for the flotilla that included stops at several of the Gulf Islands, a provisioning stop at Vancouver Island's second largest city Nanaimo, followed by crossing the Strait of Georgia to BC's Sunshine Coast. We then began our journey inland via Jervis Inlet to Princess Louisa Inlet. Hi-lites for all included the spectacular scenery, the adrenaline of a few narrow spots that had to be navigated at slack tide (Dodd Narrows and Malibu Rapids), nature walks/hikes, Ron's evening ukelele concerts, a pasta potluck that included a homemade orange cake from Rita, and the unique charm of each stop along the way.

After a two night lay over at Princess Louisa Inlet the flotilla parted ways with Stan, Rita, Lara and Arjay on SV Cecilia heading further north to Desolation Sound, and SV. Ardent and her crew heading back south in order to make a rigging appointment in Port Townsend WA. Along the way we took in the Fourth of July festivities in Friday Harbor WA (best parade!) and Roche Harbor WA (best fireworks!). Thanks Stan and Rita for encouraging club members to get out sailing and cruising locally and afar!

Submitted by Sylvia Wanderaas



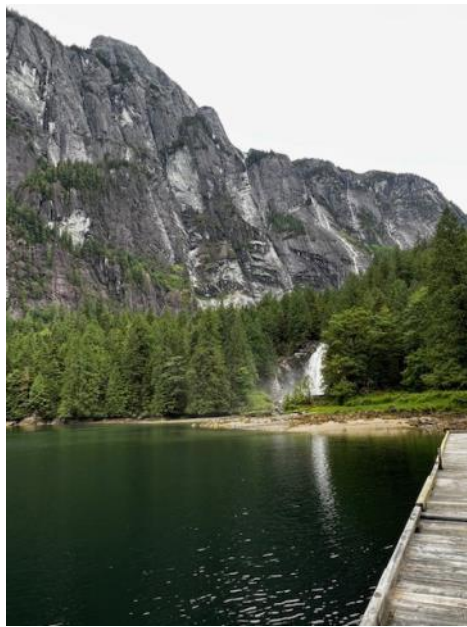
Making the most of a rainy afternoon and evening at Secret Cove Marina on the Sunshine Coast of BC after crossing the Strait of Georgia!



A stop at Backeddy Marina in remote Egmont BC included showers, fuel, water top off, pastries, and a nine mile hike! Arjay is checking out all of the starfish!

EYC'ERS OUT AND ABOUT

Continuing our journey, 34 nautical miles up Jervis Inlet to Princess Louisa Inlet. The scenery was spectacular and we saw orcas along the way!



The crew from Ardent capped off their cruise taking in Fourth of July Festivities on San Juan Island including a parade, a picnic AND of course, fireworks!



AROUND THE CLUB

COMING EVENTS

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

The Elkhorn Yacht Club has secured a limited number of guest slips at the Monterey Harbor. Slips are available from Friday, Aug. 30 to Monday, Sept. 2.

Group activities will be planned and there will be plenty of time “for your own thing” (head’s-up... The Monterey County Fair will be happening that weekend).

**Contact Lori Robinson to secure your slip space in Monterey
831-905-7512**



AROUND THE CLUB

COMING EVENTS



Announcing the 2024 BOAT HOP SEPTEMBER 14th

Set your calendars for Sept 14th for our annual EYC Boat Hop. It's our premier event and you shouldn't miss it. The cost is only \$30 per guest and you can't get a more reasonable dinner anywhere in the Monterey Bay Area. That's for a 4 course dinner with most host boats offering some form of liquid libation. Taxes are included in the price and I haven't seen any tips offered except at the bar. Again Brian Ackerman is our expert chef serving in our beautiful dinning room. There will be multiple choices for desserts on the host boats. Again we will be sending out our guests in groups of 6 to visit the host boats. This is your opportunity to share your boating life with your family and friends. If you owe someone a dinner now is your chance to get caught up.

Boat assignments start at 1600 (4PM) and your whole group must be present to do this. Once you have an assigned time that is your time. The first groups start out at 1730 and each group every 30 minutes after that. This is a progressive dinner so the first service is for the appetizer course followed by the salad or soup course. The main course will be served in the dining room for your leisurely dining after which you will proceed back out on the docks to go to your dessert boat. The bar will be open if you wish to purchase your favorite drink. Because this is Moss Landing and the weather is generally nice it is Moss Landing after all and it can change on a moments notice or even without notice I always recommend bringing a coat.

We will post both the host boat sign up sheet and the participant sign up sheet. Sign up early because we will cut off the list once we reach our maximum capacity. There are still a couple of host boat slots available if you'd like to participate at that level. You'll meet many more members and be able to share many more stories. One of the main reasons for offering the Boat Hop was so that our members would have an opportunity to socialize on their boats and on the dock instead of only up at the club. Many members took it to the next step and did socializing after the event was over. So please consider joining us for another fun filled evening.

Scott and Howard



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