

# THE LEE RAIL



**Nov.  
2024**

**Jay Rasmussen**  
**Commodore's Award Winner**



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## OFFICERS' REPORTS



**Hillary Thomas**  
**Commodore-Elect**

### From the Commodore-Elect's Desk

It was wonderful to see such great attendance at the October general membership meeting. Congratulations to Dan Garrett for being elected as Vice Commodore, Hans Thomas for stepping up and being elected as our future Rear Commodore, Toni for re-election as Secretary, Andrew Listl and Sheri Bugalski for re-election as Directors and to Susan Osorio for being willing to step back onto the Board as a Director after a hiatus.

The **2024 year** went by quickly and the club accomplished many things: A year ago we hired Melissa Raney as our **new club manager** and Leslie Day as our **new bookkeeper** - these are big transitions for a small organization and let's thank our staff for their hard work and dedication to learning their new roles. Club bookkeeping has been modernized and moved to Quickbooks

online, our members are **now able to pay online** - thank you to Julie Cooper for her leadership. You should now receive monthly invoices and statements electronically unless you opt out. Our **internet and wifi** have been overhauled and all things IT are working well thanks to Dell Cooper. The **women's annex bathroom** was renovated in full thanks to Frank Lewis with finish off by Dan Piro, this was a longstanding capital improvement list goal. The **sea wall repair** project made considerable progress despite regulatory challenges on a volunteer and materials budget - this project was conceived on a very optimistic timeline and we anticipate that it will be completed sometime in Q1 of 2025. Thank you to Frank Lewis and Wayne Kelly for leading that effort and to everyone who has volunteered. *We will need more volunteers moving forward!*

We recognize that the unexpected **gangway repair** in North harbor has taken its toll on everyone. We are happy to report that the Harbor District has been in close communication with our port captain, Brian Ackerman, and permitting is well underway. We now anticipate a more optimistic timeline than previously speculated and are hoping that it will be finished by the end of Q1. If you have any questions or concerns, please share them with Brian who has been our liaison to the harbor district.

I want to acknowledge the wonderful **events** that both race and social committee have put on this last year. **Dia de los Dinghies** was lovely to watch and with only one safety issue - we had a mudhen on the safety boat itself and without any alcohol involved:) Luckily all was well in the end.

By the time that this Lee Rail comes out we will have already had our **Halloween party** - one of the best attended events of the year. Upcoming for **November 2nd is the installation dinner** for the new board of directors, I hope to see you all there!

Lastly, Finance committee, the board, and committee chairs are actively working on the **draft budget** for next year. This is an excellent time for members to communicate their wants, needs and desires for the club in 2025. Please reach out to myself or any board member with your ideas.

Best,  
Hillary Thomas

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **From the Manger's Desk**



**Melissa Raney**  
**Club Manager**

Hello there EYC! Please be on the lookout for the new payment instructions coming in the mail to you that will show you how to pay your bill online once the feature is activated. With Thanksgiving approaching I just want you all to know I am truly grateful to be a part of EYC

### **Elkhorn Yacht Club Staff**

**Club Manager: Melissa Raney - Hours: 1pm - 6pm Wed to Sat**

**Bookkeeper: Leslie Day - Hours: varies (check planner board on office door)**

**Bartenders: Anna Harris, Gunter Hartman, Richard Levine**

**Bar Hours open 4pm on Fri, 2pm on Sat & Sun, 4pm on Mon**

**Next Board Meeting is Nov. 14**

**@ 6:30 in the EYC Dining Hall**

**ON THE COVER: Jay Rasmussen is presented the Commodore's Award for 2024 in recognition of his tireless efforts to "BE GOOD TO THE CLUB."**

## **ELKHORN YACHT CLUB BOARD NEWS** **GENERAL MEETING, ELECTION, AND AWARDS**

The Elkhorn Yacht Club General Membership Meeting was held on October 18. Officers and directors were elected for the 2025 year. Congratulations to Hillary Thomas as Commodore elect; Dan Garrett as Vice Commodore elect; Hans Thomas as Rear Commodore elect. Also, congratulations to Sheri Bugalski, Susan Osorio, and Andrew Listl for being elected to a 2-year term as an EYC Board Director. Toni Scarborough was elected for another 2-year term as the Secretary. Jay Rasmussen was given the Commodore's Award for his outstanding commitment to the Elkhorn Yacht Club. From the Sea Wall project to cooking tri-tip on a moment's notice, EYC is grateful for Jay stepping up when needed.



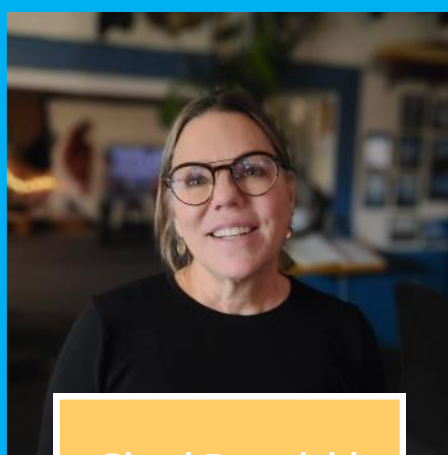
Hillary Thomas



Dan Garrett



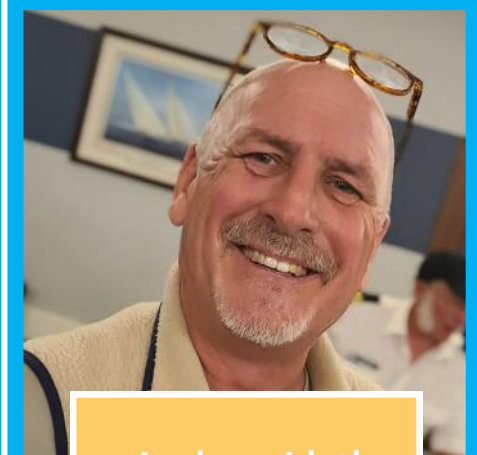
Hans Thomas



Sheri Bugalski



Susan Osorio



Andrew Listl



Toni Scarborough



Jay Rasmussen

## **ELKHORN YACHT CLUB BOARD NEWS**

### **GENERAL MEETING, ELECTION, AND AWARDS (CONT'D)**

A proposed change to the by-laws passed. The change waives the initiation fee for Corinthian and Youth members who age out. Included in the change is provisions for associate members to enjoy the privilege of FOB access to the club facilities.

The annual meeting always comes with a top-notch meal served to our members. A huge thanks goes out to Shar, Shannon, and Tiffany for preparing and serving a scrumptious pasta dinner!



Commodore Rita addresses members at this year's annual general meeting



The galley crew serving up the goods



Members enjoying dinner

**EYC CALENDAR**

**ELKHORN YACHT CLUB**

**EYC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER**

**Nov 2: EYC Installation Dinner**

**Nov 4: Monday Night Dinner**  
**Hosted by the Ortiz's**

**Nov 9: Chowder Cup Race #4**

**Nov 11: Monday Night Dinner**  
**Hosted by the Garrett's**

**Nov 16: Chowder Cup Race #5**

**Nov 18: Monday Night Dinner**  
**Hosted by the Brady's**

**Nov 23: BeerFest, Dinner, and Craft Fair**

**Nov 28: Thanksgiving**

**Dec 2: Monday Night Dinner/Tree Trimming Party**  
**Hosted by the Robinson's**

## **SAILING NEWS**

### **CHOWDER CUP #3 (OCT 5)**

**C**howder Cup Race 3 saw 5 boats heading out to the bay in sunshine and breeze, despite the forecast of no wind and fog. Whales greeted boats as they made their way to the starting line and Michelle and Jay were out in their dingy taking photos. The race was an Olympic style course, with 3 loops around MLA and ML2 buoys, covering 8.4 nautical miles. There was lots of action at the mark roundings as boats were close and negotiating for right of way at the turns. A high power water gun was spotted on Nothern Light, aiming at the crew of Mariko. Un Bel Di was on the race course for the second time with new owner Mark at the helm, friend Tristan and our own Morgan Taylor as crew. The last two races are scheduled for November 9 and 16.

- submitted by Lara Jacques. Additional photos by Landon Wivell



# **SAILING NEWS**

## **CHOWDER CUP #3 (CONT'D)**





## SAILING NEWS

### DAY OF THE DEAD DINGHIES COME TO LIFE AT ELKHORN YACHT CLUB! (OCT 19)

**T**en boats turned out on Saturday, October 19 for the annual Dia de los Dinghies regatta on a beautiful sunny day. Principle Race Officer (PRO) Dan Garrett ran the boats, divided into three divisions, through a series of races while safety boat skipper Brian Ackerman set up the markers, kept racers safe, and tossed pumpkins for the pumpkin pickup. The wind built up nicely in the afternoon as Lasers, Fatty Knees, Lidos, Walker Bays, El Toros, and a classic Aeolus row/sail skiff plied the north harbor and channel. We even had the second Row, Row, Row Your Boat challenge race. EYC's Dan Piro was awarded the Most Beautiful Boat for his Aeolus, Lara Jacques won both the Laser division and the overall Dia de los Dinghies Perpetual Trophy and prizes were awarded for each division, best costume, most pumpkins retrieved, and other categories. Our next dinghy event will be the Totally Dinghy regatta in May 2025.



Dan P. shows off his gorgeous Aeolus skiff, built in Davenport, CA.

- submitted by Dan Garrett. Photos by Michelle Gentry



Elkhorn Yacht Club's RS Quest with Blake R. and Bill S. warms up for the first race. To learn how to rig this club asset, contact Fleet Captain Diana Garrett.



Lara J. won the Laser division and overall trophy!



The RS Quest is a fine beginner dinghy to learn on but not a fast racing dinghy. New EYC member Dana S. accepts the Mini Sloth award on behalf of Team Quest.

# **SAILING NEWS**

## **DAY OF THE DEAD DINGHIES COME TO LIFE AT ELKHORN YACHT CLUB! (CONT'D)**



# **RECENT EVENTS**

## **HAUNTED HARBOR HALLOWEEN PARTY (OCT 26)**



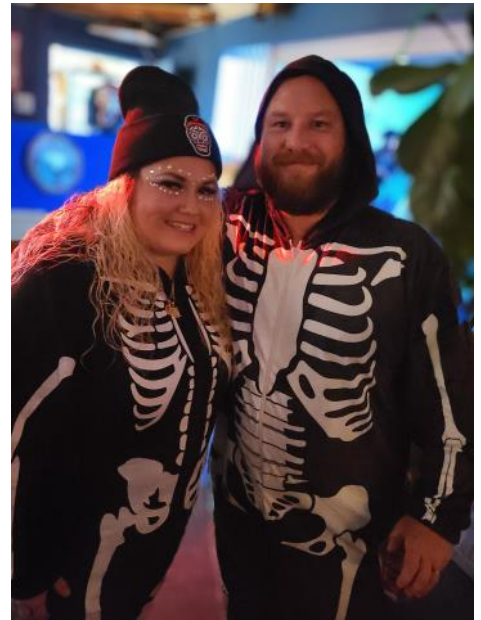
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## **EYC'ERS OUT & ABOUT**

### **A SUNDAY SWIM ACROSS THE SAN DIEGO BAY**

**T**hree Elkhorn Yacht Club members were part of a 1 mile swim across the San Diego Bay on Sunday, October 20. Leah Hudkins, Barbara Lehman, and Lori Robinson joined more than 200 other swimmers from around the world for this event. Swimmers jumped off the dock behind the convention center and swam across the bay to Tidelands Park on Coronado Island. The famous Coronado Bridge made a scenic backdrop. Their support crew made sure the women were well hydrated and fed when not swimming! A special thanks to Diana Garrett for coordinating and designing the EYC Swim Team sportswear.



# **EYC'ERS OUT & ABOUT** **A SUNDAY SWIM ACROSS THE SAN DIEGO BAY (CONT'D)**



## **EYC MEMBER PROFILE**

### **CONTRIBUTION BY JIM BRADY**

#### **Anniversary begets a round for the house**

Today (Oct. 13), my son Chris and I went sailing with my old friends Paul and Sue, and my new friend Christie and her children. Afterwards, my daughter, Caitlin, and her boyfriend came to join us at the club. I bought a round for the house with the price of being that of listening to my story:

Today is an anniversary day for me, but given the company present, I'll start back a little earlier.

Twenty-Two years ago, I went to work on a program at Lockheed Martin under the leadership of my friend Paul; I also met Sue, who worked there as well. I learned early on not to try to talk to Sue while she was listening to a Giants game. When I came onboard, the program was supposed to be over in 18 months. Five years later, we were still working on it - that happens sometimes when you're pushing back the frontiers of technology.

So, 5 years into the program, and 17 years ago today, it was a Saturday morning, and I was building sets for my daughter Caitlin's last play - her last performance in High School, she directed after that, when my cell phone rang. It was my doctor. When the head of the Hematology/Oncology department calls your cell phone on a Saturday morning, it is not good news. She said, "Mr. Brady, your test results are in. You have Hairy Cell Leukemia and you're coming in on Wednesday to begin treatment."

As a 47-year-old father of three, I was in shock! When I was growing up, leukemia was a death sentence! In my shock, I had the audacity to respond with, "Wednesday doesn't work for me - I've got this thing with my daughter on Saturday - it's her fall formal, and I have to present my master's thesis, and I have this thing to do for church..."



First ever century ride at lake Tahoe less than six months after being declared in remission.



Team Marie at the top of Mt Hamilton.



## **EYC MEMBER PROFILE**

### **CONTRIBUTION BY JIM BRADY (CONT'D)**

She responded, “You get seven days, no more.” That was her kind way of not telling me that if she gave me much more time it wouldn’t matter that we caught this disease when we did, because I might be dead.

I began chemotherapy on October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2007, my mother’s birthday and, coincidentally, the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of meeting my lovely wife, Denise. She, of course, was much more scared by all this than I was, because if I didn’t make it, SHE would be left alone with the three kids and a house she probably couldn’t afford on a teacher’s salary.

Chemotherapy went well and I was declared in remission on Chris’ birthday in December, which he decided was the best birthday present ever.

I returned to work in January and found that my friends there had saved a particularly nasty technical problem that I had uncovered right before I left on medical leave, for me to fix when I came back, because no one wanted to touch it and well, Jim needed something to do, right? What they didn’t realize was that I came back with a case of chemo brain that left me with near zero short-term memory -- if I didn’t write notes about each and every meeting and conversation, someone could come back 5 minutes later, and I wouldn’t remember what they were talking about. I credit that technical challenge with helping me recover from that side effect.

Also that January, I started training with Team in Training for my first Century Ride at Lake Tahoe that June. In the years since I have ridden many century rides and completed the Lavaman triathlon five times while raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, who helped develop the drug that saved my life, and other medical charities researching diseases that have affected my family.

In 2010, after we had successfully completed the program that Paul and Sue and I worked on, the week before doing the 204-mile Seattle-to-Portland ride with Team in Training, I went to see my oncologist for a regular checkup. During the visit she said, “so, Jim, since your leukemia is back...” Let me tell you, it isn’t any easier to hear it the second time than the first. Since my cancer is a slow-growing disease, I went into watch-and-wait.

In 2013, when 50% of my bone marrow was cancer cells, and I was “no-where near as sick as the first time”, I was accepted into a clinical trial at the National Cancer Institute, part of the National Institutes for Health. Now, as of testing last month, I have reached 10 years with no detectable cancer!

In the years since my diagnosis, life has changed. My mother passed away before the first year was up. As many of you know, my lovely wife, Denise, with whom I spent 43 wonderful years, passed away quite suddenly the week before Thanksgiving two years ago.

Seventeen years ago, when I was initially diagnosed, I didn’t know if I would live 17 days, 17 weeks, or 17 months. Seventeen years was not even a consideration of mine then. I certainly did not expect that if I lived that long that I would be the single parent!

The month after my wife passed, I started coming to this yacht club to find a community, and what a community I found! A bunch of “pieces of work,” as Keith Chastain would say, a motley, rag-tag bunch of people. I haven’t met anyone here that I don’t like. That’s a compliment, not a challenge.

And so, I raise a glass: To family, near and far; to friends old, new, and newest; and to the possibilities that life begets, Sláinte mhaith – to your health.

## EYC MEMBER PROFILE

### **CONTRIBUTION BY JIM BRADY (CONT'D)**

Thank you, Elkhorn Yacht Club, for making me and my kids feel welcome. Thank you for the friendships we have formed, the events, the laughs, the tears, and the beers! And thank you for being such an important part of me finding my way in this new life.

May the road rise to meet you,  
 May the wind always support your preferred tack,  
 And may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Submitted by Jim Brady



Team Brady at Lavaman in 2013, Denise and I did Lavaman together - she did the run as a way of getting her into this crazy stuff I do, right before I was accepted into the clinical trial. She went on to do the Nike Women's Half Marathon that year and for several years until it ended.



Finish of the 204-mile Seattle to Portland ride.

Share what you do outside of the Elkhorn Yacht Club. Submit your stories, special events, and activities so other EYC'ers know what you're doing away from the EYC family.

Submit your story and photos to [leerail@elkhornyachtclub.org](mailto:leerail@elkhornyachtclub.org)

**AROUND THE CLUB**

**COMING EVENTS**

**ELKHORN YACHT CLUB**

**BEER TASTING, DINNER & CRAFT FAIR**

**Saturday November 23rd 5pm - 9pm**

5pm Tasting & Crafts begins

6pm Dinner

**\$25 for 10 Tastes, Dinner, & EYC glass**

**\$15 for Dinner only**

**Dinner : Sausage, (Meat & Veggie), Salad,  
Potatoes, Peas, Peanuts & Pretzels**

**CRAFT FAIR**

**Pick up your holiday gifts**

**Each purchase of a craft includes one raffle ticket**

**Sign up sheet in the club house or email [eyc@elkhornyachtclub.org](mailto:eyc@elkhornyachtclub.org)**

**Cancellations due by 11/21/24 or your account will be charged**

