

**June 2024 Edition**



# The Lee Rail

**Newsletter of the Elkhorn Yacht Club**

**This Month's Look Ahead:  
Jaws movie & potluck night plus more sailing.**

## **Letter From the Vice Commadore**

Dear EYC Club Members -

This last month I have seen huge strides in motion on volunteer efforts with the sea wall permit moving forward and the women's annex bathroom improvements underway. Thank you to Frank Lewis for his leadership on these and to Wayne Kelly for his role in the sea wall leadership team. Look for an announcement for the launch party on that effort sometime early next month.



**Hillary  
Thomas**

I have been traveling tons for work but each time that I am able to be at the club I'm impressed by the amount of engagement by new club members! What a wonderful Mother's day event we had with an amazing assortment of outfits and hats - Thank you to Social committee for making high tea such a beautiful event.

Lastly, we had a handful of dedicated volunteers at the work party this month. Thank you to Ted Black and Sheri Bugalski for their leadership. Fair winds and see you around the club!

- HQT

## **Memorial Day Celebration**



Frank Lewis and family hosted a memorable Memorial Day pig roast. It was a great day celebrating and honoring those who sacrificed themselves for us.

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## WORD FROM THE CLUB MANAGER



**Melissa  
Raney**

Hello EYC members.

When wanting to book events, please make sure that you fill out your event request form and make your deposit, if at all possible, at least 2 weeks prior to ensure we have everything you need to make sure your event is a success.

**Also, when we have events PLEASE RSVP.** We have had quite a few events recently where members are showing up without RSVP'ing. It is very hard to accommodate you as we generally have a cut off and only a certain amount of food is made. As much as we would love to be able to have an unlimited amount of walk-ins, we are unable to.

**Next board meeting is June 16 at 6:30  
in the EYC dining hall**

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

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

# EYC BULLETIN BOARD



## Bathroom Remodel

Progress is being made for the remodel and updating of the Women's bathroom in the EYC Annex building



## EYC Social Activities

As a friendly reminder, the bulletin board in the club foyer is for EYC events only! Any non-club flyers can be posted on the board in the hallway by the ice machine.



## May 11 Work Party

The Elkhorn Yacht Club is all about volunteers and would like to thank the members who helped maintain the grounds at the May 11 work party.



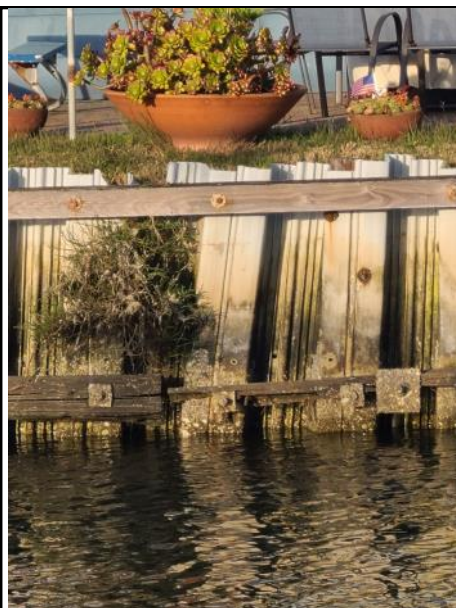
## Bar A/V System Upgrade

Thanks to Cody for getting the audio/video back online in the bar.



## Floating Dock in Place

More EYC watercrafts will soon be available for lessons & enjoyment.



## Sea Wall Maintenance

Wayne Kelly is currently working on plans to resume work on the seawall maintenance

## ELKHORN YACHT CLUB SAILING

### AROUND THE BAY MBYRA SERIES RACE #2 (MAY 11)

Around The Bay is the second of five races in the MBYRA Series. This race was created by a member of MPYC during COVID, and is an approximately 44 nautical mile circumnavigation of Monterey Bay, in the direction of the boat's choice. The course requires boats to round each mile buoy outside each of the three harbors in Monterey Bay - Moss Landing, Santa Cruz and Monterey. Fourteen boats participated this year. One boat from Santa Cruz YC, seven boats out of Monterey YC and six boats from Elkhorn YC. Athena and Un Bel Di chose the clockwise direction, heading towards Monterey Mile buoy first. Aquanaut, Cutlass, Northern Light and Solace chose anti-clockwise and headed for Santa Cruz mile buoy. Sailors were well fed the morning of the race with fresh cooked sourdough waffles courtesy of Greg Nitcha, complete with butter and real maple syrup. The skippers meeting was held via zoom so all three clubs could participate in the same meeting from their home harbors. Elkhorn watched on the big screen in the hearth room thanks to technology provided by Cody Forsythe (Aquanaut's skipper). Three EYC boats completed the race before 9pm and were welcomed back at the bar with warm pizza and cold beer. Our other three competitors did the math and decided against being out late into the night and turned back to EYC before completing the entire circumnavigation. Congratulations to all participants! MBYRA results can be found on the white board outside the club office.



Fresh cooked waffles at the skippers meeting.

The next MBYRA Series race will be held on June 8th, the Little Boreas. It starts in Santa Cruz and finished in Moss Landing with another party at EYC. Volunteers and members are appreciated and welcomed! Contact Lara Jacques, Dan Garrett or Jim Brady if you would like to help at Little Boreas. For more information about EYC sailing, go to [www.elkhornyachtclub.org/racing](http://www.elkhornyachtclub.org/racing).

Submitted by Lara Jacques

### EYC OPENING DAY BOAT PARADE (MAY 4)



A blustery and rainy storm blew threw Moss Landing on May the 4th. Sadly, the EYC Opening Day Boat Parade was cancelled. However, there are plenty of opportunities to participate in boating activities throughout the coming months. **We need finish line spotters, time recorders and kitchen help.**

Upcoming Races:

**[June 8: MBYRA Little Boreas Invitational](#)**

**[June 15: Canyon Series #4](#)**

## ELKHORN YACHT CLUB SAILING

### CANYON SERIES #3 (MAY 18)

#### Gray Skies, Moderate Swells, Fine Winds, and Fun Times!

Participating boats in the EYC Canyon Series Race #3 took to the sea on May 18, 2024 for a 12:30 start, crossing the line and heading southwest to ML2. The 9.2 nm course was MLA->ML2->ML3->ML2->MLA and most boats finished in under two hours. Aquanaut (double-handed) got the win 8 seconds (corrected) faster than Cutlass, followed by Un Bel Di, Northern Light, and Athena Cruz and Monterey. Fun on the water and at EYC!

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



"STARBOARD!!!" Cutlass (left) and Aquanaut maneuver for position pre-start.



Un Bel Di under a full press of sail.



Dell C., Sr. and Northern Light skipper Jim B. bundle up against the cold



# ELKHORN YACHT CLUB SAILING

## CANYON SERIES #3 (CONT'D)



## ELKHORN YACHT CLUB SAILING

### TOTALLY DINGHY SMALL BOATS INVADE NORTH HARBOR! (MAY 25)



Hans and 1st Mate Leo set the marks and kept the racers safe.  
PC: Diana Garrett.



Racers jockey for position at the starting line.  
PC: Diana Garrett.

Despite forecasts for winds at 15 knots and gusts to whatever, eight dinghies showed up for EYC's annual Totally Dinghy regatta on Memorial Day weekend Saturday, May 25, 2024. We had two Lasers, two Lido 14s, two Walker Bays, and two El Toros go head-to-head in four races before rising winds dictated a stop to sailing that day. Primary Race Official (PRO) Jim Brady called the courses, starts, and finishes, tallied up the results, and awarded prizes. Hans Thomas (and Leo) skippered the safety boat which some racers were glad to have available as the winds picked up. Dan Garrett came away with the overall win and perpetual Totally Dinghy trophy. Start practicing for the next regatta, Dia de los Dinghies, on October 19, 2024 and get your costumes and pumpkin grabbing skills ready! Go to [www.elkhornyachtclub.org/racing](http://www.elkhornyachtclub.org/racing) for the schedule of upcoming races.

Submitted by Dan Garrett/PC = Photo Credit



Lasers and Lidos, oh my!! PC: Diana Garrett.



Bobby Dupont watches as PRO Jim Brady presents Blake Redding with his tiny trophy as Blake shows off his broken mast. PC: Dan Garrett.

# ELKHORN YACHT CLUB SAILING

## TOTALLY DINGHY SMALL BOATS INVADE NORTH HARBOR! (CONT'D)



PC: Jim Brady





## ELKHORN YACHT CLUB SAILING

### VEEDER CUP CHALLENGE (MAY 27)



(L to R) Dan Garrett, Bobby Dupont, and Greg Nitsche sport EYC shirts at the pre-race briefing. Photo: Dan Garrett.

### **EYC and Monterey Peninsula YC Compete for Veeder Cup Challenger Rights!**

The GRACE T. VEEDER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP was established over fifty years ago to promote cooperation, communication, and competition among the yacht clubs of the Monterey Bay. On Memorial Day, May 27, 2024 EYC and MPYC met in Monterey for match races to win the right to challenge current Veeder Cup holder Santa Cruz Yacht Club. The EYC Team consisted of Coach Lara Jacques, Team Captain Diana Garrett, Skipper Bobby Dupont, Crew Greg Nitsche, Crew Dan Garrett, and Alternate Jim Brady. Bobby, Greg, and Dan sailed on a loaned Santana 22 for the one-design match races, best three out of five. We were graciously hosted by MPYC and supported by a tremendous staff of race officials, on the water judges, mark set boat crews, and more. After an exciting day of match racing, MPYC emerged victorious and will be sailing against Santa Cruz Yacht Club on Saturday, September 7 in Santa Cruz for the Cup.

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Submitted by Dan Garrett

## RECENT EVENTS

### MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA PARTY (MAY 5)

The Elkhorn Yacht Club celebrated all moms by hosting a Mother's Day Tea Party. Shar, Shannon, and Di organized the fashionable affair, which included a "fancy hat" contest. Congratulations to Alice & Lara for having been voted as having the best hats.



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## MEMORIAL DAY PIG ROAST (MAY 27)

The cooking crew got an early start (2:30am) to get the pig roasted and ready to serve to club members 12 hours later. Thanks to all the EYC family who stepped up and helped make this one of the most successful events of the year!



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# EYC'ERS OUT AND ABOUT

## SEVEN STELLAR SPRING DAYS SAILING THROUGH THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS!

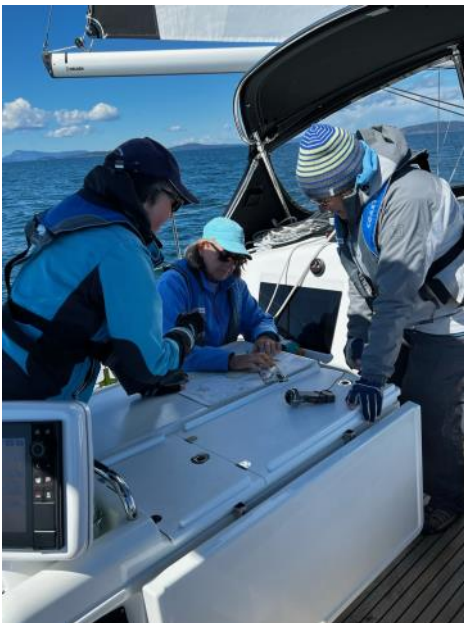
Recently, Sylvia Wanderaas and her college pals Debbie and Marilyn ventured to Bellingham and San Juan Sailing School for a week long American Sailing Association (ASA) certification class under the instruction of Elkhorn's own race committee lead, Lara Jaqués! Lara wears a lot of hats, including one as a sailing instructor at San Juan Sailing. We were blessed with amazing weather and while rain gear was at the ready, not a drop fell AND Mt Baker was in view at every tack! Each day we charted our course, then navigated and second guessed ourselves all the way to our destination!





## EYC'ERS OUT AND ABOUT

Throughout the week we completed a series of three tests for ASA 101 - Basic Keelboat Sailing , ASA 103 -Basic Coastal Cruising, and ASA 104 - Bareboat Charter. The tests got progressively harder but all three made it through!



In addition to the written tests we had daily excursions where we had the opportunity to learn and practice skills such as picking up mooring balls, anchoring, DOCKING, fueling and pumping. We also had wonderful, just right wind, nearly every day to practice the essential tacking, jibing, reefing, and man over board drills! Poor Bob, while we rescued him, he's still recovering!



**AROUND THE CLUB**

**COMING EVENTS**



# JAWS

## MOVIE NIGHT



**POTLUCK | MOVIE SCREENING**

**JUNE 29 5PM**

**ELKHORN YACHT CLUB**



**AROUND THE CLUB****COMING EVENTS**

# Announcing

## the 2024 BOAT HOP

### SEPTEMBER 14th

Scott Richert and Howard Jones will organize and conduct the Boat Hop for this year. As in years past, this is one of the major events for the Elkhorn Yacht Club. We anticipate and will be asking for a large club participation. The Boat Hop is a 4 course progressive dinner. 3 courses will be served on 12 different boats in the harbor and the entree will be served in the club dinning room. Once again Brian Ackerman has volunteered to prepare the entree.

Scott will be looking for 12 host boats and will be organizing them. We'll keep you appraised as to our progress in the Lee Rail. This takes a lot of organizing and will involve a lot of our members. Some to help and some to participate. We invite you bring your friends and family to participate in this event.

# ELKHORN YACH CLUB OFFICERS

## BOARD, COMMITTEE, & STAFF MEMBERS

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & STAFF

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Howdy, friend.

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