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Half Moon Bay Yacht Club Newsletter

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SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Friday, Jan. 28, 6-7pm & Saturday, Jan. 29 2-3pm: Meet with Members of the Finance & Building Committees** for informal discussions on the new building project and its financing.

- **Saturday, Jan. 29** Cioppino Feast is cancelled. A new date has not yet been set.

- **Sunday, Jan. 30: General Membership Meeting at 4pm.** First 2005 General Meeting including discussion of the building project. **Ship's Store Sale at 3pm.** Note change of date. See article.

- **Sunday, February 20, "Training, Tuning & Sailing Sunday"**. Contact Gordon Bowman-Jones.

- **Sunday, February 6, 3pm, Super Bowl Party.** Bring an appetizer to share.

- **Saturday & Sunday, February 12 & 13, Coronado 15 Valentine's Day Regatta.** See article.

- **Saturday, February 12, 6:30pm St. Valentine's Dinner.** No Host Cocktails at 6:30PM, Dinner served at 7:30PM. Paid reservations required by Monday, Jan. 31. See article.

- **Sunday, February 13, 4pm. Ciari's Souper Sunday with a romance movie.** Soup will be served between 4 and 5 PM, with the movie starting at 5:30 PM. See article.

- **Sunday, March 13, Small Boat Series - Race 3** of season

- **Every Friday – TGIF Dinner**

- **Every 3rd Saturday, 10-2pm** Scrap booking Circle at the Club. Contact Cynthia Ramseyer.

If you would like to reserve the clubhouse for a party or meeting, or would like to add a Club event to the calendar, please send email to calendar@hmbyc.org.

Clip to Celebrate Your February Birthday!

HMBYC Birthday Drink coupon – Member's February Birthday
The Watch Officer will provide you with a birthday drink of your choice!

Member Name: _____

Birthday: _____

Watch Officer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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FROM THE HELM

It has been an exciting ride during my first two months at the helm, and the forecast is for no change.

Six days after our Bowling Board Meeting on December 12th, the highlight for a select set of fortunate HMBYC members began as we arose at 4 AM to catch a 7 AM flight and begin a day of travel destined to include OJ Simpson dashes through airports, but concluded successfully with 32 members and friends being planted in Road Town, Tortola, BVI. The first rum was consumed on Fat Cat (or was it Sea Cat) shortly after midnight as Connie Malach and Mike Day started the party rolling. That party did not stop for fourteen days. Six from the Chuck Wagon staggered a mile back to their berth in the wee hours of the morning. The skipper of the Chuck Wagon awoke gingerly the next morning, hoping that his sailing experience in a C15 and an afternoon of training by Terry Ramseyer driving the 36-foot La Boheme around the confines of Pillar Point Harbor would qualify him to set sail on the high seas in a fifty-foot vessel with 8 passengers and without being required to hire a captain. Well they looked at this salty old sailor, said how you start the engine and be sure to run it an hour every morning and every evening in order to charge the batteries, and to keep the freezer cold, and there's the way out of the harbor and Bon Voyage. The rest is a history made up of a string of adventures from skinny diving, woman chasing, and laser racing at the Bitter End to New Years Eve at Foxy's on the Beach, and a wild sail home on the final day. Connie is producing a DVD of the adventure. Don't miss it, but more importantly, don't be counted out the next time we do this.

For those of us who are passionate about sailing, the January 8th Sailing Planning Breakfast was very exciting. There is great enthusiasm for developing this activity in many directions, and a genuine interest in sharing this fun with members who have not yet been bitten by the bug and even those who know they never will.

Once again we will be looking to develop a dock. This yacht club needs a way to get on the water without getting in the water. Kelly Pike will head a committee that is looking at the range of possibilities. Every idea is worthy of consideration to resolve this problem that many of us have been frustrated by for a long time.

We regret that we have lost the enthusiasm and energy of Rebecca Lee. Family needs have drawn her

away from us as she moved to Monterey to look after her mother. But there is still energy left to make a youth sailing program happen. High on the list of ways to achieve that is to hold sailing camps. We have an experienced member in Kevin Wasbauer and interest among retired members to contribute. I look forward to seeing this develop as a great contribution to the rich life available to young people on the coast and, if history is any indication, a source of new members. Kevin has extensive experience and great ideas.

In a burst of enthusiasm stimulated by sailors from other clubs, we have scheduled a third two-day regatta. It is scheduled for February 12-13. We are looking forward to seeing our C15 friends from Sacramento and So. Cal.

No sooner had the word gone out on the regatta, came the cry of FOUL! For months, Jennifer Celestre has been planning and engineering a most special dinner for members in love. Her five star menu, its preparation and elegant club house decorations do not seem a good mix with rambunctious sailors competing on the water and returning to the club house for drinking and story telling. I have guaranteed Jennifer that the sailors will respect her space and we will hold an off site BBQ.

For those of you in love, and I certainly expect that means many of you, do not miss Jennifer's Valentine's Celebration. It will be a wonderful evening with a special mystery surprise at the end. You'll love it and Jennifer hopes that each and every one of you will participate.

The perceived conflict between Jennifer's Valentine's Dinner and a Sailing Regatta leads neatly into a discussion of one of the most exciting challenges for the club. Four years ago, the membership voted to build an addition to the club house. In those years we have navigated the incredible permitting process of San Mateo County, and we are poised to accept a building permit. In any four year period things change. We are calling together our membership to test whether we have completed our due diligence in preparing to embark on this project. We want your participation in that assessment. The building plans, the estimated cost and the financing mechanism are available at the club. They will be reviewed at our general membership meeting on Sunday, January 30, at 4pm. We know that to be successful in this project, it is

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best to have the overwhelming support of our membership. Please attend the meeting and help us make sure that we are either ready to proceed or know just what else needs to be accomplished before we do.

If you cannot make the meeting, the Board of Directors respects and needs to know your thoughts and feelings about the project. Please email the club at hmbyc@sbcglobal.net which of the following best describes your position on this issue:

1. I feel that the project is ill-conceived or ill-timed and urge the Board not to proceed at this time.
2. I am uncertain and I want more information or certain questions answered before I can decide
3. I am uncertain but intend to support the majority of the memberships choice.
4. I am clearly in favor of the project and intend to support it with
 - Contribution
 - Loan
 - Work in kind

Indeed there are some challenging waters to navigate ahead and I shall enjoy all the help any of you wish to give.

Hang on, here we go!

Charlie Quest, Commodore

Those Harbor Lights...

Locals braved the cold to view the decorated boats at Pillar Point Harbor last December 18, for the annual Boat Lighting Contest. This year seemed to be one of the best for the number of boats decorated and the level of decoration. It was really a beautiful sight! Each year, the Harbor District teams up with the HMB Yacht Club to celebrate the contestants and hand out prizes. After the judges walk the docks, rating each decorated boat for a number of criteria, they return to the district office for the tallying.

Afterward, the yacht club traditionally sponsors a chowder repast and winners are announced. Harbor officials, judges (one of which was former commodore Harry Ysselstein), club members,

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contestants and friends enjoyed hot chowder and side dishes deliciously prepared by Phyllis Smith. It was a warm and toasty place to be, as well as an opportunity for the club to thank the harbor personnel for the many ways they have assisted the club and its members. Congratulations to Sue Prichard, whose boat Tres Jolie won a month's free berth! Thank you to all who helped make the event another fun holiday gathering.

- Georgia Ysselstein

From the Roster

Our 2005 Half Moon Bay Yacht Club badge(s) are now available. I'll be attempting to hand them out to as many members as possible in the next few weeks. If you do not receive yours by then, they will be mailed to you in February. Please notify me by phone at 728-2435 or via email at veronica@hmbyc.org if you don't see me and have an urgent need for your badge. Once we get them let's try to remember to wear our badges at the Club; it's a great way for members and our guests to know who we are!

As a reminder, the HMBYC is open Friday from 6:00-11:00pm serving a wonderful dinner. What better way to end the hectic work week than to mingle with friends and enjoy a delicious and affordable meal. Saturdays and Sundays, the Club is open from 2:00 – 7:00pm for sailing, relaxing and visiting with friends. As a volunteer organization, our Club is a product of what we make it, so let's make it fun!

Let's all contribute to having 2005 be another great year at the Club...See you there!

- Veronica Ciari, Membership Director

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HMBYC Flotilla Returns from Conquering the BVI

All those faces you've missed seeing over the holidays have safely returned from a very happy sojourn in the British Virgin Islands. Under the capable leadership of Flotilla Captain Michael Day, seven ships set sail from Road Town, Tortola and took in harbors on Jost Van Dyke, Norman Island, Peter Island, Virgin Gorda, and at least two intrepid boats bounded off to Anegada, a coral reef island north of Virgin Gorda, to do some scuba diving and exploring. Weather was fabulous (despite a couple of howling storms and a few days of 25-32 knot gusty winds) and the sailing in non-hypothermic waters was wonderful. Hear the stories and see the pictures from SEA CAT I (Connie Malach and Mike Day's catamaran with 9 aboard), LONE STAR (Phill Armstrong and Corrine Bertolin's 37' monohull), MIDORI (Dick and Tami Schubert's cat with 6 aboard), RAFIKI (Glenda and Mark Jones with their guests from England), DELPHINO BIANCO (Cynthia and Terry Ramseyer's 40' mono hull which Cynthia insisted on calling Diablo Bianco), ATOLLA (Charlie Quest's 50' "Chuck Wagon" with his 5 children, sister, brother and sister-in-law), and HALCYON I (Bill Klear and Mary Corcoran's 50' boat with 10 on board). Restaurants on several different islands loved hearing Michael on VHF 16 making reservations for '42 for dinner at 7, please.' Highlights of the trip included Connie's spectacular (and naked) leap off a 30' roof into Norman Bight (she has the T-shirt to prove it); Jeremy Day coming in 2nd in a Limbo Contest at Leverick Bay; a near HMBYC sweep of the Bitter End Yacht Club Regatta (Charlie Quest proved that old age and treachery will out youth and skill as he took 1st place, followed by Michael Day in 2nd place by 1 measly point, and Phill Armstrong in 4th place; Delphino Bianco being escorted from Leverick Bay to Spanishtown by frolicking dolphins; Corrine refusing to take the northern route around Tortola by pointing out to Phill that "the dinghy is above the boat" in 12' swells; and mooring overnight in Trellis Bay – right at the end of the runway of Beef Island International Airport.

KUDOS!

Thank you to our January chefs Veronica Ciari, Phyllis Smith, new chef Patrick Rentsch, and Kristina, and to our watch officers and hospitality members who keep our club open. If you'd like to practice or share your culinary skills, or volunteer for Hospitality or Watch, contact Sue Pritchard.

Wow! Have you noticed the improvements around the clubhouse? Thanks to Sue Pritchard who installed the classy wrought iron chandelier in our covered deck, and to Phyllis Smith who donated the chandelier. Thank you Terry Ramseyer who built and installed a beautiful new cabinet for Ship's Stores, and got running water in the bath tub within a few hours of the request! And thank you Leon Smith who was up on the roof looking for leaks. He found a "smoking gun" and has started fixing seals on the skylights over CC&K. Leon was also spotted cleaning (big time!) the propane BBQ. This will breathe new life into the BBQ, and keep it running for a little while longer.

Thank you all!

Tell Tales Has a New Editor

Gayle Pietras has stepped forward and will be serving as Editor for HMBYC Tell Tells in 2005, bless her heart. She will be following in the footsteps of Tell Tales originator Cecily Hatchitt and interim editor Cynthia Ramseyer. Anything that is of general interest to the Club's membership and would be appropriate for TELL TALES should be sent to Gayle at gayle@gaylepietras.com.

PICYA Representative Needed

Would you like to represent HMBYC at Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association? PICYA is an association of 95 Northern California Yacht clubs that exists to improve communication between clubs and to support boating activities. As our representative, you would attend monthly PICYA meetings, and communicate PICYA news to our members. Please contact Charlie Quest, Gordon Bowman-Jones, or Terri Lahey. See <http://www.picya.org/about.html>.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

General Membership Meeting Sunday 30 Jan., 4pm.

Come hear news of goings on, ask questions, meet other members, and enjoy our great location and camaraderie. This is an important meeting for members to discuss the new building project and its financing.

Prior to this meeting, members of the Building and Finance Committees will be at the club for informal discussions on both **Friday, Jan. 28, 6-7pm** & **Saturday, Jan. 29 2-3pm**. Come by and chat.

Ship's Stores Sale

Mimi Wisnom, our ship's stores manager, is having a sale of select clothing items at the General Membership meeting on **January 30**. Sneak preview & quick sale will start at **3 pm**. Items will be 50% off or more.

Race Schedule Update

Coronado 15 Valentine's Day Regatta: The weekend of February 12 & 13 is a 2-day regatta for C15 racers at HMBYC. Prompted by encouragement from Southern California and Sacramento C15 skippers the HMBYC Sailing Planning Committee elected to expand its February Racing Sunday on the 13th into a two day regatta with 6-7 races Saturday and three Sunday with no races starting after 1 PM Sunday. This is the start of the ramp up of C15 racing aimed to culminate at the NAC in July at Lake Huntington. Contact Gordon Bowman-Jones or Charlie Quest for more information or to volunteer for Race Committee.

New Boreas Race date is now set for Saturday, July 2. Talk to Gordon about racing your boat, or becoming crew on someone else's boat for this race from Half Moon Bay to Moss Landing. This race is hosted by Elkhorn YC and HMBYC.

The **2005 Race Management Seminar** is **Saturday, 26 February** from 8-3:30 at Berkeley YC. This is a great way to learn more about being a member of Race Committee. It's also a great way to improve your racing. The year, this will again combine a YRA seminar with the US Sailing Basic Race Management Course. Advance registration by Feb 10 is \$30; \$35 at the door. For more information, see www.yra.org/RaceMgt.htm

Ciari Souper Sunday with Romance

What's your Favorite Romance Movie?

On **Sunday February 13**, Veronica, Rich and Rachel will be hosting another Souper Sunday, this time with a Romance Movie in honor of Valentine's Day. We are having trouble deciding which movie to show since we all have different favorites. Rachel loves "Sabrina" (with Audrey Hepbrun), Rich thinks "An Affair to Remember" is the best and Veronica is partial to "High Society/Philadelphia Story". You can join the fun by letting us know what your favorite Romance Movie is...who knows we may end up showing it! Please email your response to us at beachbound@coastside.net. Hopefully we will see you there!

Conribute to AHOY!

Share yacht club related news. To submit an article to AHOY!, send email to lahey@hmbyc.org. The deadline for the March newsletter is Thursday, Feb. 17.

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St. Valentine's Dinner

Saturday, 12 February

Prepared by Guest Chef Extraordinaire

Ms. Jennifer Celestre

No Host Cocktails at 6:30PM

Dinner served at 7:30PM

Dinner \$30/person (plus \$2.00/person each extra lamb chop if requested).

Volunteers are needed for decorating, food service and cleanup. If you can help, please contact Jennifer at 728.2639 or jcassociates@sbcglobal.net

This exceptional dinner is limited to 40 guests. Members are requested to please complete the tear off portion below and include it with their checks sent to the Club by Monday, 31 January 2005.

MENU

Rack of Lamb* with
Cranberry & Tangerine Sauce
(indicate choice of rare or medium.)
Creamy Polenta w/ Pancetta & Sage
*Includes two chops; extra chop is an additional \$2.00/person.

OR

Lemon Halibut
in
Champagne Sauce
with
Fresh Dill-Herbed Pilaf

OR

Rosemary Garlic Chicken
in
White Wine Sauce
New Roasted Potatoes
and Carrots

Braised Red Swiss Chard with Onion and Golden Raisins
Fresh Garden Salad
Dinner Rolls
Elegant Dessert
One bottle each of distinctive red and white wine per table



Valentine Dinner February 12, 2005

Name _____ # in party: _____

Entrees: _____ Paid: _____

(If lamb, indicate choice of medium or rare, and if you want extra chops for \$2)

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Watch Officer & Hospitality Schedule

Month	Day	Date	Watch Officer	Hospitality	Email	Phone
February	Fri	4	Charlie Quest	Barbara Kelly	kellyinmontara@coastside.net	728-3750
	Sat	5	Paul Minoletti	N/A		
	Sun	6	Phill Armstrong	N/A		
	Fri	11	Terry Ramseyer	Nancy Berner	ngberner@comcast.net	726-4386
	Sat	12	(2-6) Tina Stockton	Sirje Bewley	yopish@aol.com	728-3188
			(6-10) Carol Smith	Jim & Sandy Stretch	jc_stretch@yahoo.com	726-7388
	Sun	13	Veronica Ciari	Jim Oates	jim.oates@rcm.com	560-9094
	Fri	18	Rich Symmons	Kelly & Susan Pike	kpike@coastside.net	712-0452
	Sat	19	Dick & Tami Schubert	N/A		
	Sun	20	Jim Muth	N/A		
	Fri	25	Phyllis Smith	Gayle Pietras & Greg Smith	gayle@gaylepietras.com	712-9221
	Sat	26	Cynthia Crane	N/A		
Sun	27	Charlie Quest	N/A			
March	Fri	4	Dick & Tami Schubert	Bill Klear & Mary Corcoran	mcorcoran@outsellinc.com	728-7536
	Sat	5	Kevin Wasbauer	Barbara Hobbs	bhobbs@coastside.net	504-6444
	Sun	6	Jim Muth	N/A		
	Fri	11	Gary Naman	David Slater	davidslaterj@aol.com	728-3536
	Sat	12	Carol Smith & Jeff Hume	N/A		
	Sun	13	Veronica Ciari	Jan Freya Didur	janfreya@mindspring.com	728-1639
	Fri	18	Phyllis Smith	Gayle Pietras & Greg Smith	gayle@gaylepietras.com	712-9221
	Sat	19	Dan Bodmann	Barbara Kelly	kellyinmontara@coastside.net	728-3750
	Sun	20	Paul Minoletti	N/A		
	Fri	25	Charlie Quest	Betty Watson	betty@locateinc.com	712-8861
	Sat	26	Phill Armstrong	N/A		
	Sun	27	Tina Stockton	N/A		

Watch Officer and Hospitality rotations are subject to change, so please double check the roster in Tell Tales or on the Club website at www.hmbyc.org Contact calendar@hmbyc.org if necessary to reschedule your shift. It helps if you negotiate your own trade. WO and hospitality volunteers are reminded to write down on the WO report who worked during their shift so that the proper credit is given to your dues. Thank you for your cooperation!

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Normal Clubhouse Hours:

Friday, 6-11pm
Saturday, 2pm-7pm
Sunday, 2pm-7pm
Club Phone & Messages: 728-2120

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Wednesday & Friday: 8:30am – 11:30am
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