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## Half Moon Bay Yacht Club Newsletter

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### SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Saturday, 26 February (8-3:30) 2005 Race Management Seminar** at Berkeley YC. Contact Gordon Bowman-Jones or Charlie Quest for more information.
- **Sunday, March 6, 5pm Don't Let Your Meat Loaf!** Pot Luck dinner. See Article.
- **Sunday, March 13, Small Boat Series - Race 3** of season
- **Sunday, March 20, "Training, Tuning & Sailing Sunday"**. Contact Gordon Bowman-Jones.
- **Sunday, April 10, Small Boat Series - Race 4** of season.
- **Sunday, April 17, "Training, Tuning & Sailing Sunday"**. Contact Gordon Bowman-Jones.
- **Friday, April 22 10-5, Art Workshop.** Contact Barbara Lambert.
- **Sunday, April 24 Opening Day on the Bay.**
- **Saturday-Sunday, 30 April-1 May C15 Commodore's Cup & Small Boat Series Race 5.** Watch for news next month. Contact Gordon Bowman-Jones or Charlie Quest to volunteer for Race committee.
- **Sunday, 8 May, 11-1.** Phyllis Smith is planning a **Mother's Day Brunch**. Save the date!
- **Every Friday – TGIF Dinner**
- **Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 10-2pm** Scrap booking Circle at the Club. Contact Cynthia Ramseyer 726.4860 or [2blackcats@comcast.net](mailto:2blackcats@comcast.net)

*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](mailto:calendar@hmbyc.org).*

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### Clip to Celebrate Your March Birthday!

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

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Watch Officer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM THE HELM**

And the beat goes on, and I hope you're not missing a step of it, for it's all for you. What a great weekend we threw last weekend! On Friday afternoon sailors began to arrive for our new winter regatta and the fun crescendoed from that point until we dried our eyes Sunday night at the conclusion of "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir". In between was sandwiched two superb days of sailing danced around, with almost perfect precision, Jennifer Celestre's Gala Valentine Dinner and an off-site BBQ for the sailors.

Our invitation to regatta drew most of the top C15 talent from Northern and Southern California. With both of our regular PROs (Principal Race Officers) Kelly Pike and Phill Armstrong committed to other demands on their lives, a string of new volunteers stepped to the plate under the guidance of ever-reliable Ken McNutt to run five great races on Saturday. Most noteworthy of that group was HOD (Hero of the Day) Eric Hoffman. Eric stood in at the club Friday as bartender working until closing. He then got up early in the morning to help with race preparation before going over to bring La Boheme on scene as the committee boat. Saturday evening Eric was back behind the bar to serve drinks for Jennifer's sold-out dinner. Sunday morning we were worried that we had burnt out Eric as La Boheme was nowhere to be seen as race time descended on the new set of race committee volunteers. Oh we of little faith! Just at the appointed time, Eric and La Boheme arrived on the scene. Marks were set, the signals sounded, the race began, and Eric went below deck to get hot coffee for the race committee on station in a brusque wind under cloudy skies and an intermittent cold drizzle. Eric finished the day storing away the race committee equipment and helping Neil Wehtje put away the support boat and motor. The only discouraging word came from one Saturday Committee member who observed that the club worked Eric so hard that he fell asleep Saturday afternoon and they didn't get served their afternoon wine. Eric, you are a hero indeed.

Saturday day the racers raced and the cooks cooked. Saturday night the elegant diners dined and swooned stories of high romance at the HMBYC's Valentine Dinner, while a few miles away the sailors drank beer and schemed how they might climb higher in the regatta standings.

Sunday dawned gray, drizzly, and windy just to the sailors delight. Four of the most exciting races imaginable with eager challengers nipping at the heels of perennial champion, Barrett Sprout, completed a thrilling regatta. After the protests were debated, the what ifs were uttered, awards announced, boats were put away, and our visitors from out of town were sent on their way saying "See you in the Spring", this commodore hustled home to shower and change, and return for Veronica Ciari's Souper Sunday and a viewing of that old classic movie romance between the beautiful widow and the sea captain's ghost. A wonderful soup and a joyful tear at the shows finale and my weekend was complete, a weekend in which the newest HMBYC regatta approached "instant classic" in status, and Jennifer Celestre raised the bar of elegant dining and romance to a new high on the coast. Are you having fun yet?

Charlie Quest, Commodore

**Membership**

Ahoy and welcome to our newest members:

- David & Joanne Wren & sons Chris & Colin
- Jo Smith & David Crisp

Please take a moment and introduce yourself if you see a new face at the Club. It could be one of our newer members, and there is nothing like a friendly hello to make people feel welcome.

Ever get up on a beautiful weekend morning and say this would be the perfect day for a BBQ? Make it happen! Call a couple of friends and rendezvous at the Club. You bring food and friends; the Club has everything else! It's beachfront dining Yacht Club style.

Happy March and see you at the Club!

-Veronica Ciari, Membership Director

**KUDOS!**

Thank you to our February chefs Jennifer Celestre and her helpers (see Valentine's Article), Veronica Ciari, Phyllis Smith, Kristina, and Patrick Rentsch, and to our watch officers and hospitality members who keep our club open. Thank you all!

If you'd like to volunteer to cook, or to fill a shift of Hospitality or Watch, contact Sharon Shoemaker or [calendar@hmbyc.org](mailto:calendar@hmbyc.org). It's a great way to meet your fellow members, make new friends, and contribute to the club.

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## VALENTINE DINNER

The sound of people talking, the looks of expectation on members faces, clinking glasses, laughter, the reflection of candle light dancing off the heart-shaped balloons that filled the air above the chairs, savory aromas wafting from the kitchen and hinting at the feast to come – all a good sign that the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club’s Valentine Dinner was the place to be on February 12.

The rewards, from the kitchen’s point of view, were seeing the smiles on everyone faces. It made the extra effort worth it. We pay tribute to the members who shared their private love moments, which were touching, humorously funny, as well as down right side busting. This added a personal touch to the night’s activities. To all that attended, you made the evening a huge success, for without you the evening could not have happened.

Now for the acknowledgements of the behind the scene crews:

For the decoration, which transformed the two rooms into a painting of love and romance, we thank Sue Prichard for creating the ambience of the room. Sue was the benefactor, mastermind and art director. The pixies Mimi Wisnom and Georgia Ysselstein lent their hands and artistry to Sue’s vision of hearts and flowers. You made it special for everyone.

Thank you Cynthia Ramseyer for the great job on the dinner place cards, Eric Hoffman, the bartender, for coming in on short notice, and Sirjie Bewley for all her help with setup throughout the day. Watch officer Carol Smith, thanks for your help and for the late hour cool down chat. Karen, thanks for the diner’s list and support.

Sweatshop helpers, i.e. the Kitchen: It is believed every cook needs as many pairs of hands as possible when cooking for a full house. Barbara Kelly spent hours cleaning and chopping a full case of Swiss chard. She did an incredible job. Terry Ramseyer is a great guy to have in your corner for moral support, stove engineering; juicer and zest maker; he added another pair of arms to the cook’s body. After working all day long at Sylvan School, my personal friend Lynn McNeil gave up her evening to serve dinner and ended up washing the dishes as well - a thankless job. Hope she talks to me again. We love you Lynn!

Now for the outstanding help - no job too little or big: Michelle Swift spent the whole day and evening doing the cook’s bidding, without complaint. An absolute godsend, there are no words in this cook’s vocabulary to thank you enough. Michelle, Outstanding job! Please join the club as a member, we need you. And we can’t wait to see your Valentine photos.

Big thanks to the kids, who served the meal: Jeremy, Julian and Rachel. To all the other unnamed persons who pitched in, thank you!

- Jennifer Celestre,  
Evening Chef and Love Diva!

Many diners asked for the **polenta recipe**. It’s from Rachael Ray’s “30 Minute Meals”, “Cozy Holiday” Episode, and is available from FoodNetwork.com. In the upper left corner, search recipes for ‘Polenta with Sage’ and you’ll find, “Rack of Lamb with Cranberry-Tangerine Sauce, Braised Red Chard, Creamy Polenta with Sage and Pancetta”. Enjoy!

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## FRIENDS FEAST FREE IN MARCH!!

Have you been to Friday Night Dinner at the Club lately? During March, we have wonderful TGIF meals scheduled for your dining pleasure by our caterer Patrick and guest chef Phyllis Smith. If that isn’t attractive enough, we’re adding another incentive: bring a friend with you to TGIF dinner and they’ll eat for free!! (Limit one meal per membership please) See you at the Club!

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### FRIENDS FEAST FREE - Complimentary Meal Ticket



Member’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Watch Officer Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Redeem at the bar. Limit One Coupon per Membership, please

**Very Important: PLEASE RESPOND**

At our **January General Membership Meeting**, the status of the building project was presented at a well-attended meeting. There was lively discussion and extensive time was dedicated to fielding any and every question from the membership. There was an expectedly strong support for the project among those members who attended the meeting. If that same level enthusiasm and support exist throughout the membership, then the financing and realization of the expansion goals should be easily achieved. If there is not that very broad support, it becomes far more risky for the club to undertake this venture until the project is refined to the point that it captures the enthusiasm of the vast majority of the membership. It is clearly the duty of the Board of Directors to define where each of the members stands in their understanding of the project and their desire to support it. To that end, your assistance is sought. **PLEASE COMPLETE THE POSITION STATEMENT AT THE END OF THIS ARTICLE.**

First some background for those, who like me, arrived in the club after the building project was defined and are therefore not familiar with its scope, need and intent.

In the late '90s it became evident that the current clubhouse was approaching inadequacy because of:

1. Decay of the structure
2. Growth of the club
3. Desire of the membership for a facility of greater utility

The building was formally inspected and an estimate of \$150,000 was given to rehabilitate it to an up-to-code structure capable of enduring for a long life. This was deemed too expensive in view that there would be no enhanced utility.

Consideration of razing the current structure and building an elegant two story structure with commercially rentable space to finance the mortgage was judged beyond our means and contrary to the desire of many members.

The currently sought plan is an addition capable of standing on its own without depending on the integrity of the present structure, but allowing the present structure to continue to function. It is also designed to be expandable in nearly a modular fashion and it was judged by the membership to be attractive for its utility and for capturing the view potential of our waterfront property. The membership voted for the project in September 2000. It was the notion of the membership that the project would be

financed from fundraising with little or no debt. \$40,000+ has been raised. Much of that has been consumed in the design and permitting process, with about \$16,000 remaining.

We anticipate receiving a building permit at any moment. The permit will be for at 1600 square foot hall with a kitchen only roughed in, plus a 1000 square foot enclosed deck, elevator, and male and female handicap accessible bathrooms. The Building Committee has proposed that this be built to the level of receiving an occupancy permit. That means it must be safe with all walls sheet rocked and taped, outlets and switches covered, bathrooms functional and handicap requirements in place. It will essentially be a complete and functional structure without the polish of expensive flooring and fancy bar and cabinetry. The estimated cost to bring the project to the point where we can have full use of the structure is \$180,000

It has taken four years to negotiate the demanding permitting process of the California Coastal Commission and San Mateo County. We are now in possession of a Coastal Development Permit, which has an inviolate authority for a twelve month period, by which time the building permit must be obtained and construction begun. If that is not accomplished, an extension must be obtained at a fee and is not guaranteed. Advice from the County indicates that a three-month extension is almost certain, and that a six-year extension is almost certainly not possible. At the point the extension is denied, we would return to step one of the permitting process.

Because of the relative time limit to bring the project to the active construction phase, a finance committee was formed to explore possible financing mechanisms. Because of the terms of our existing mortgage, without the possibility of prepayment, a low interest commercial first mortgage loan cannot be obtained. Furthermore, the clubs current cash flow will not allow the payment of an additional mortgage. The finance Committee's solution to these limitations and a desire to proceed with the permits granted while they remain viable is to obtain unsecured loans from members paying 6.5% annual simple interest with no payments due until the first mortgage is paid off. At that point the loans will be paid in full with a new first mortgage. If interest rates remain stable This can be done without a significant change in our monthly mortgage costs. Individual loans by members will be within the limit of \$2000 to

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\$20,000. This will encourage broad participation of the membership in financing the project.

In the Autumn of 2004, the board appointed a Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) to guide the club by advising the board regarding long range growth and fruitful activity potential. With the current building project significantly impacting the potential choices and because the club has had significant evolution since the project was initially conceived and endorsed by the membership, the SPC undertook a survey of the membership in order to advise the board with regards to proceeding with this project.

From the results of the SPC's survey, the SPC recommended the Board consider four alternatives

1. Build the project as proposed.

2. Start building the proposed project only after obtaining plans, estimates and financing to add features to the proposed project that the survey indicated the membership desired. Specific additions mentioned were to complete the upstairs kitchen and add men's and women's showers and dressing rooms downstairs.

3. Take over the CCK rented space to provide additional space for club activities while waiting for the first and second mortgages to be paid off.

4. Make only the necessary repairs to keep the clubhouse functional until the current mortgages are paid off and plan an expansion at that time which should be easily financed well beyond the scope of the present plan.

Furthermore, the SPC advised that the cash flow of the club must be responsibly managed with anticipation of a downturn of revenue during construction. It was the observation of the SPC that we currently enjoy only a small revenue surplus of approximately \$7000. It was also the observation of the SPC that the club has grown from 58 regular members in 2000 to 105 members today.

Clearly there are more issues to explore but it is the hope of the board that what is presented here will allow you to complete the statement below. Thirty members attending the January meeting did complete the statement. We will work to get the participation near to 100% so we can build the consensus that will make our club prosperous and personally rewarding.

Thank you. Your Commodore, Charlie Quest

## Position Statement Individual Members Position Statement on HMBYC Building Project February 2005

I think the club is great just as it is and I discourage proceeding with the planned building project.

I don't think the project serves the needs of the membership as it is designed and I encourage the following changes before I can give it my endorsement.

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I am uncertain about the project and need the following information before I am able to give it my full support.

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I have mixed feelings but I will support the majority opinion

I am in full support of the project and will contribute to its success with

a donation of \_\_\_\_\_

a loan of \_\_\_\_\_

work in kind \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Don't Let Your Meat Loaf!

Meat loaf is the fare for **Sunday, March 6 at 5pm**. Bring your favorite meatloaf for eight and a side dish to the club for dinner and a visit with your fellow members and friends. The club will provide a salad. RSVP to Veronica, beachbound@coastside.net. Hopefully we will see you there!

### Cruiseouts!

Watch for news on the cruiseouts that our Cruiseout Committee is planning. Members go by boat, including as a guest on other people's boats, and by car. Do you have a favorite place that you'd like the club to visit, contact Phill Armstrong, Ken McNutt, Paul Minoletti, or Terry Ramseyer.

### Race Committee

Would you like to help with Race Committee during one of the Small Boat Series or Regattas. No experience necessary – just a willingness to learn and have some fun. Contact Gordon Bowman-Jones or Phill Armstrong.

### Calling All Cooks!!!

Are you looking for ways to feel more connected to other members? Would you like to be better known? One way to get known quickly is to try your hand at a Friday dinner. Everybody appreciates a good meal!

· Haven't cooked for this size group? We have experienced cooks who will act as an advisor in planning your meal.

· You like to cook but don't want to do it on your own? Let us know and we'll pair you with someone else.

· Willing to help but not sure of your cooking-for-a-crowd skills? We will pair you with someone who's done it before.

If you fit in any of these categories, or you are ready to be a guest chef on a Friday night, please give Sharon Shoemaker a call to see about getting on the Friday Chef schedule in the way that will work best for you (712-1283).

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**Watch Officer & Hospitality Schedule**

Month	Day	Date	Watch Officer	Hospitality	Email	Phone
March	Fri	4	Dick & Tami Schubert	Bill Klear & Mary Corcoran	mcorcoran@outsellinc.com	728-7536
	Sat	5	Cynthia Crane	Barbara Hobbs	bhobbs@coastside.net	504-6444
	Sun	6	Veronica Ciari	Jan Freya Didur	janfreya@mindspring.com	728-1639
	Fri	11	Gary Naman	David Slater	davidslaterj@aol.com	728-3536
	Sat	12	Phyllis Smith	N/A		
	Sun	13	Paul Minoletti	N/A		
	Fri	18	Phyllis Smith	Gayle Pietras & Greg Smith	gayle@gaylepietras.com	712-9221
	Sat	19	Dan Bodmann	Nancy Berner	ngberner@comcast.net	726-4386
	Sun	20	Jim Muth	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		
April	Fri	1	Rich Symmons	Kelli Ambrosi	kelli@ambrosiconsulting.com	712-9398
	Sat	2	Dick Schubert	N/A		
	Sun	3	Cynthia Crane	N/A		
	Thu	7	(5-11) Kevin Wasbauer	Barbara Hobbs	bhobbs@coastside.net	504-6444
	Fri	8	Carol Smith & Jeff Hume	Mike Madden & Barbara Dinnesen	michael_c_madden@msn.com	728-5399
	Sat	9	Charlie Quest	N/A		
	Sun	10	Sharon Shoemaker	N/A		
	Fri	15	Jim Muth	Jan Freya Didur	janfreya@mindspring.com	728-1639
	Sat	16	Tina Stockton	N/A		
	Sun	17	Terri Lahey	N/A		
	Fri	22	Paul Minoletti	Bill Klear & Mary Corcoran	mcorcoran@outsellinc.com	728-7536
	Sat	23	Phill Armstrong	N/A		
	Sun	24	Veronica Ciari	Barbara Kelly	kellyinmontara@coastside.net	728-3750
	Fri	29	Ron Milio	Sirje Bewley	yopish@aol.com	728-3188
	Sat	30	(2-6) Dan Bodmann	Kelly & Susan Pike	kpike@coastside.net	712-0452
(6-10) Ken McNutt			Jim & Sandy Stretch Tom & Sarah Saxe	jc_stretch@yahoo.com saxe@comcast.net	726-7388 726-1290	

**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](http://www.hmbyc.org) Contact [calendar@hmbyc.org](mailto: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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### Board of Directors

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### Other Contacts:

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### Normal Clubhouse Hours:

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

### Office Hours:

Wednesday & Friday: 8:30am – 11:30am  
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