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**SPECIAL EVENTS**

- **Saturday, Sep 3. BBQ dinner 6pm. \$10**
- **Sunday, Sep 4. Our Big Labor Day Party.** 6pm dinner, \$15. Music by Sandbars 7-10pm.
- **Monday, Sep 5. Laser Sail Off.** See Charlie Quest or Neil Hooper.
- **Saturday, Sep 10 & 24: Youth Sailing.** Mark your calendars.
- **Sunday, Sep. 25, Training, Tuning & Guest Sailing.** Contact Charlie.
- **Sat/Sun, Oct 1-2, Vice Commodore's Cup.** See article.
- **Sunday, October 9, Small Boat Series Race**
- **Saturday-Sunday, Oct 15-16: Pumpkin Festival.** See article.
- **Sunday, Oct. 23, Training, Tuning & Guest Sailing.** Contact Charlie.
- **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)

*To reserve the clubhouse for a party or meeting, or would like to add a Club event to the calendar, send email to [calendar@hmbyc.org](mailto:calendar@hmbyc.org). It's not too early to reserve for next year.*

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**Welcome New Members**

Richard and Karen Bell  
Murray McKinnell and Jenny Villena

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**FRIENDS FEAST FREE IN SEPTEMBER!!**

Have you been to Friday Night Dinner at the Club lately? We have wonderful TGIF meals scheduled for your dining pleasure by our guest chefs. 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!

**SEPTEMBER FRIENDS FEAST FREE - Complimentary Meal Ticket**

Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



## FROM THE HELM

### **Who Shall Define Your Fun?**

At first blush, the answer to this question seems obvious. "*Moi, s'il vous plait*" However, in reality, that is, all too often, not what happens. We, especially in a group setting, turn the authority for making that definition and directing subsequent choices over to others. The reasons for this are myriad.

**Convenience:** Life is busy and there just isn't the time to coordinate what I want, so I'll just go along with what others are planning.

**Shyness:** Well, this is just me and probably nobody else wants to do this, so I'll just go along with what others are planning

**Timing:** I was going to do it then but someone else scheduled ahead of me. So I'll go along with what others are planning

**Excessive sensitivity to criticism of others:** Those self centered nay sayers were too insecure to try something new, so they brow beat you with fault finding into doing what someone else planned, which, if truth were experienced, probably wasn't nearly as much fun.

**Lack of sufficient assertiveness:** You tried to suggest it, but there weren't enough people to jump on your band wagon and your great idea never got a shot and we did what someone else planned or maybe nothing at all

**Too much respect for others and too little respect for ourselves:** Remember the good book say "Love your neighbor **AS** yourself" not instead of yourself. Stand up for those fun ideas you have and share them with us, so we don't have to do what someone else planned again and again and again.

**Disrespectful trampling of our ideas by others of a different persuasion:** Some stubborn people are just too good at finding what could go wrong and are blind to the genius in a great idea.

And the list goes on...

For whatever the reason, your special way to have a good time just doesn't happen. That's a tragedy and friends don't let that happen. The HMBYC is a community of friends and it's about time that your friends stood up and said "How can we make that happen for you?" So here it is.

As you read this column we are fast approaching the fall equinox, and the dark half of the year looms before us. Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) will try to wrestle us into submission. It would suffocate us in

darkness and make us cower at home isolated from what we need most, one another. We must stand together and fight it off. Our best medicine quite likely is that special activity you wanted to have for a few or perhaps the whole club. We need you now. Please come forward. There are Saturday and Sunday nights all winter long to be filled with laughter and good spirits. We cannot give in to SAD.

I don't know if your idea of fun is a certain film for Sunday night at the movies with pot luck deserts or a monopoly tournament or casino night or quite likely something I haven't been clever enough to think of. What I am certain of is that we need you to help keep SAD at bay. So we are going to stump all over those reasons you didn't get to have your own kind of frivolous uninhibited narcissism (FUN).

Here's how we are going to beat back SAD with FUN. Write down your plan for frivolous uninhibited narcissism and submit it to the events planning committee. Tell us about when you would like to do it and we'll put you on the calendar. Then we'll get the word out to find people who want to help make your FUN a reality.

Don't let SAD reign on our club. We all need to join the fight and, as any good leader will do, I'll lead the way. I propose a "Catch Phrase" Tournament. Some who went to the BVIs last December know what fun is in store for us that night. The rest who were there know it was loud and filled with laughter. We can do this with six or sixty people. There will be no SAD that night. FUN will win. Ask Phill Armstrong. Maybe we should fly Sandy in for the night. (Inside story. Ask the BVI gang about Sandy)

So the gauntlet has been thrown down. Who's next? Don't be shy. That's a cousin of SAD, and your friends are waiting to not let that happen. If you haven't quite defined your brand of FUN, let the events planning committee know you are waiting to help make it a reality for another member and, in the process, it will probably come to you, and then it will be your turn. I guarantee it. I'll report in the next report from the helm who's stepped forward and we'll watch the winter calendar fill with SAD stomping FUN.

If you want your heart to beat fast and your sides to ache from laughter, don't miss the Catch Phrase Tournament.

- Charlie Quest, Commodore

# Half Moon Bay Yacht Club Newsletter

## General Meeting/Tall Ships Presentation

Thanks to all our members who attended our General Meeting/Galley Potluck on August 28th.

Special thanks go out to Steve Priske of Tall Ships of San Francisco for venturing from Santa Rosa to share his amazing glass plates and history of Tall Ships with us! For those of you who missed it, Steve is giving a rare public presentation onboard the tall ship Balclutha, October 22nd, 6:00pm. Steve's presentation is insightful and comprehensive and, aside from our Club, the Balclutha is probably the next best venue for sharing Steve's amazing history of Tall Ships. As noted on Sunday, it is our hope that we will soon be hosting a book signing/DVD screening of Steve's endeavors. For more information on Tall Ships of San Francisco, go to [www.tallshipsofsanfrancisco.com](http://www.tallshipsofsanfrancisco.com)

Veronica Ciari, Membership Director

## Help our Harbor Friends

As a harbor resident, the HMBYC shares the responsibility of protecting the well-being of our neighbors, including the seals, otters and other wildlife that inhabit our waters. July 4, a Harbor Seal pup was found stranded on the beach just north of Romeo's Pier, which couldn't have been a worse time or place for this animal to be. Fortunately, the Yacht Club Kids took charge and called the Marine Mammal Center. A brave soul from that organization ventured through the traffic and fireworks to rescue the pup, so the story had a happy ending. If you see any of our wildlife at risk, please contact the Marine Mammal Center at 415.289.SEAL (7325). For more information, visit their website at [www.tmmc.org](http://www.tmmc.org).

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**Clip to Celebrate Your September Birthday!**  
HMBYC Birthday Drink coupon – Member's September 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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## More KUDOS!

Thank you to our August chefs, Jeff Hume & Carol Smith, Terri Lahey & Kelli Ambrosi, Bob Reilly, Charlie Quest & Don Hilliard, and to our watch officers and hospitality members who keep our club open.

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

## Tell Tales/AHOY!

Share yacht club related news. The deadline for the September newsletter is Thursday, September 22. Email Gayle Pietras to submit to the weekly Tell Tales email. Club news is also online at [www.hmbyc.org](http://www.hmbyc.org)

## PICYA 2005 Yearbooks

The new PICYA Yearbooks are now in Ships' Store (\$14).

## HMBYC PRIZE Crossword September 2005

By GreyGoose

### Across

1. Kitchen to slave in
4. Russian king
8. Camping, beneath sailcloth
12. Exist
13. Not flood
15. Loud-voiced person
17. Colorful flowers
18. Overdraft buoy color
20. Abbreviated island
21. Treated like tap water
25. Not out
26. Reckoning, not living
27. Rio-sized coffee?

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### Down

1. Measure
2. Downwind
3. Boat competition
5. e.g. Explorer or Cherokee
6. Support that gets up early
7. The Female French
9. Touch a small fish
10. Severe Gale wind force number
11. Home
14. Offensively bold
16. Oil
17. Cut vegetables in a close race
18. First rodent to leave a sinking ship
19. Avoid city in Kansas
22. Small length overall
24. Also known as Shorty

## PRIZE!!!

The first correct entry randomly chosen from the hundreds received by Sunday Sep 18<sup>th</sup> wins a ticket for one TGIF Dinner to be claimed by 25 Nov. MAIL your solution to GreyGoose at PO Box 2011, El Granada, Ca 94018, FAX it to (408) 577-7539, or just leave it behind the bar. Don't forget to include your name (or the committee will claim and consume your prize).

NAME

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PHONE or EMAIL

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# Half Moon Bay Yacht Club Newsletter

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Labor Day Party!

Labor Day Weekend finds the club opens for your enjoyment and lots of festivities.

On Saturday, Sep 3, 6pm, there will be a BBQ of hamburgers, hot dogs and sides for \$10.

Our annual Labor Day party will be Sunday Sep. 4. Dinner at 6pm will be Phyllis's famous Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and dessert for \$15. Music from 7-10pm by the Sandbars.

Sign up down at the club for a short Saturday or Sunday work shift, or send email to [calendar@hmbyc.org](mailto:calendar@hmbyc.org).

### Attention All Sailors

The HMBYC is holding a laser sail off and all interested sailors are urged to participate. We will declare a youth, woman's and club laser champion. Show up at the club ready to sail at 10:00 AM. Entry fee is \$5 for youth and \$10 for adults. We'll have lots of fun and grill some burgers when it's over. Contact Charlie Quest or Neil Hooper for more information, but mostly show up ready to have a fun day.

### Labor Day Weekend Hours

Saturday: 2-10pm

Sunday: 2-10pm.

Monday: noon-5pm.

### Attention All Our Youth Sailors!

Youth sailing will resume Saturday, September 10. To help, contact Kathy Barbarino at 728-5474 or [kbarbarino@comcast.net](mailto:kbarbarino@comcast.net)

Another Youth sailing opportunity, the 2005 West Marine Fun Regatta is on September 10 and 11. The Santa Cruz Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program will host this annual event for ages 8-18 in El Toro, Laser, FJ, 420, 29er, Opti, and Byte fleets. For more information, go to [www.scyc.org](http://www.scyc.org), click on the "Juniors" tab, and then on the 2005 Fun Regatta link.

## HMBYC SHIP'S STORE

Lots of Great Apparel

CONTACT MIMI 728-9544

### Provisioning for Additional Crew

(aka A Baby Shower!!)

Members Phill and Corrine are expecting their first child in October and our family feels a celebration is in order! So please join Rich, Rachel and I in helping Phill, Corrine and let's not forgot Misha, "Provision for Additional Crew" on Sunday September 25 from 3:00 to 6:00pm. A Mexican theme light meal will be served along with fun baby shower games! Please RSVP to Veronica at [beachbound@coastside.net](mailto:beachbound@coastside.net) or 728-2435.

I hope all of you will be able to join us in celebrating "New Crew" not only for Phill and Corrine, but for the Club. Phill and Corrine are registered at Baby R Us and The Right Start.

Veronica Ciari

### San Francisco Bay Area Events

The **Big Boat Series** will take place on San Francisco Bay Sep 15-18. This is a fabulous display of racing that you can watch from the city front or from a boat on the bay. Check it out! See [www.stfyc.com](http://www.stfyc.com)

**Fleet Week** comes to San Francisco Bay Oct 8-9, with events from Oct 6 through 10. The Blue Angels return this year! For more information, see [www.military.com/Content/MoreContent1?file=main](http://www.military.com/Content/MoreContent1?file=main)

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual **Women's Sailing Seminar** is Oct 8-9 at the Island Yacht Club. This is a great 2-day event with lots of sailing information, both in a classroom and on the water. See <http://www.iyc.org/wss.htm>

### Vice Commodore's Cup

This annual fall regatta is on Oct 1 & 2. Come watch the action, join race committee or help on land.

For new C15 skippers, there is now an Explorer fleet. We hope this will be a setting in which less experienced sailors, uncertain of their skills, can be brought into the action without the intimidation of trying to find a spot on the starting line beside the North American Champion, or thinking that they will be so slow that everyone will be upset as they wait for the slow boats to finish, or any other rationalization that inhibits them from joining our fleets enthusiastically and growing at a pace that works for them. This is a format designed to make you feel very comfortable participating, no matter what your experience. We want to share the fun we're having with you, and we're working to remove any barriers. The entry fee is cut in half for the Explorer fleet and, if this is your first regatta in Half Moon Bay, the fee is waived all together. While the hot shots are off banging heads in the Corinthian and Cabrillo fleets,

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you will be gaining valuable experience and collecting your own war stories that we will all share later in the day. Email [c15@hmbyc.org](mailto:c15@hmbyc.org) for more information. We hope to see everyone at the club during the Regatta!

### **Pumpkin Festival**

Mark your calendars for October 15 & 16. Our Calamari Booth helps us pay a large part of the club's property taxes! This is a great way to volunteer for your club, both before and during the weekend. It's also fun! Fill out your preferred shift on the signup sheet at the club, or contact Claudia Linhares at the club or via her email [mentalfloss46@aol.com](mailto:mentalfloss46@aol.com)



Sailing West Under the Golden Gate Bridge (photo by Tim, August 2005)

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## Watch Officer & Hospitality Schedule

Day	Date	Watch Officer	Hospitality	Email	Phone
	Fri 2	Gary Naman	Bill Klear & Mary Corcoran	mcorcoran@outsellinc.com	728-7536
	Sat 3	Ken McNutt (2-6)	Barbara Kelly	kellyinmontara@coastside.net	728-3750
	Sat 3	Dan Bodmann (6-10)			
	Sun 4	Ron Milio (2-6)	Nancy Berner	ngberner@comcast.net	726-4386
	Sun 4	Charlie Quest (6-10)	Volunteer Needed		726-5951
	Mon 5	Rich Symmons			
<b>September</b>	Fri 9	Carol Smith & Jeff Hume	Jo Ottman and Chris Witzel	jochris2003@sbcglobal.net	712-1090
	Sat 10	Jim Stretch (2-6)			
	Sat 10	Neil Hooper (6-10)			
	Sun 11	Jim Muth			
	Fri 16	Phyllis Smith	Gayle & Greg	gayle@gaylepietras.com	712-9221
	Sat 17	Paul Minoletti			
	Sun 18	Dick/Tami			
	Fri 23	Bob Reilly	Sabrina Brennan & Aimee Luthring		728-2867
	Sat 24	Phill Armstrong			
	Sun 25	Terri Lahey			
	Fri 30	Dan Bodmann	Jan Didur	janfreya@mindspring.com	728-1639
	Sat 1	Ken McNutt (2-6)			
	Sat 1	<i>Volunteer Needed</i> (6-10)	Tom & Miriam Gleeson	tgleeson@vitalimages.com	787-1669
	Sun 2	Veronica Ciari			
	Fri 7	Ron Milio	David & Betty Watson		712-8861
	Sat 8	Peggy Ruse			
	Sun 9	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>			
<b>October</b>	Fri 14	Gary Naman	Tom & Lavilla Barry		728-3066
	Sat 15	Kevin Wasbauer			
	Sun 16	Jim Muth			
	Fri 21	Carol Smith & Jeff Hume	Mike Madden & Barbara Dinnesen	michael_c_madden@msn.com	728-5399
	Sat 22	Jim Stretch			
	Sun 23	Charlie Quest			
	Fri 28	Phyllis Smith	Gayle & Greg	gayle@gaylepietras.com	712-9221
	Sat 29	Rich Symmons	Beverly Ambrose & Lester Hribar	baambrose@comcast.net	712-8001
	Sun 30	Terri Lahey			

**Watch Officer and Hospitality rotations are subject to change:** Please double check the roster in Tell Tales or 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. Thank you for your cooperation!

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Club Calendar & Schedule: calendar@hmbyc.org

### 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  
Tuesday & Thursday: 1pm – 5pm  
Office Email: hmbyc@astreet.com  
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