
SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Sunday Nov. 6, C15 Fleet 15 Year's End Series Day 1 of 2**
- **Saturday, Nov. 12, Annual Commodore's Ball** at the Harbor House in Princeton. Invitations have been mailed. RSVP by Nov. 8. See article.
- **Saturday, Dec. 10, 3-5pm. Children's Christmas Party.**
- **Sunday, Dec. 11, C15 Fleet 15 Year's End Series Day 2 of 2 & Post-race fleet Potluck party**

- **Every Friday – TGIF Dinner**
- **Every 3rd Saturday, 10-2pm** Scrap booking Circle at the Club. Contact Cynthia Ramseyer 726.4860 or 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. It's not too early to reserve for next year.

Welcome New Members

Suzan Suer
Marcus Choy

FRIENDS FEAST FREE IN NOVEMBER!!

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!

NOVEMBER FRIENDS FEAST FREE - Complimentary Meal Ticket

Member's Signature _____

Watch Officer Signature _____

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



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FROM THE HELM

Looking for the Greatest Selfishness??

It is a common practice to spend your last message as leader of any entity looking back over the achievements. Well, I ain't going there. You were all there and it's been a fine year. Rather, I would like to celebrate what we are becoming, built on the foundation of all who have guided this club before us. In the end I will tell you the legacy I should like to leave the club

It is an exciting time at HMBYC. And, again, the reason is you.

We have new folks signing up for watch officer and hospitality. Three new members are signed up to be Friday Night Guest Chefs. There is a deluge of support for developing the Cal20 fleet. Connie Malach has pulled off another great Halloween Party (was anybody surprised?). Friday nights are so enchanting that I can't envision spending them anywhere else. You have made my notion of Friday night at the club as HMB Cheers an ever grander reality. Members reading this who have not recently experienced our Friday rescue of spirits battered by the work week and kick off of the weekend are well advised to do themselves the favor of experiencing the club once again. There are new members making new friends and a vibrant spirit fills the club whenever we gather.

An exciting new board is poised to take over for the current members who have served the club so well. Where shall we ask that board to take us now?

Some of us can remember when JFK inspired a nation with "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country" That perspective may work well for something so large and hard to move as a country. However, I think a different slant will serve you and our club better.

I urge you ask, "What can my club do for me?" Put on your thinking hat and figure out just what that might be. Puzzle your puzzler and figure out just what valuable thing, what special desire that might be. Your club is your asset and I encourage you to put it to work.

I urge you to be selfish in this matter. I think we are best served when we are as selfish as possible. Problem with most recognized selfishness is that it is too short sighted. The person seeking to have their need fulfilled just hasn't looked far enough to really understand what their need really is. They end up squandering resources, falling short of the mark and missing out on a whole lot of fun.

Those who have far-sighted selfishness are seldom recognized for this, and are almost always lauded for it under labels such as generous, visionary, inspiring.

When children are young and don't understand themselves or their needs, their selfishness is short sighted, and they demand that people do things for them. As they become more experienced, they gain a more far-sighted understanding, and that "do it for me" perspective begins to fade. Who among us would like our mother to be selecting the clothes we wear, the menu we eat, the schedule we follow. We scream out, "Mother, PLEASE, I would rather do it myself" and we have evolved. I suggest you carry that evolution all the way and see how much fun you can have.

I offer you an outstanding example from within our flock. Who do you think had the most fun at our Halloween Party? Was it not Connie Malach, God bless her? And next would it not be all those people who helped her make it happen. Again, who do you think have the most fun with the sailing program? Is it not those of us who make it happen?

So gather this wisdom, figure what it is the club can do for you, then go out and make it happen, and I will wish you all the fun I know you will have.

I need to tell you there is always more wisdom to assure your fun. When you are out there making your thing happen, you will realize that only the tiniest dreams can be done all by yourself. When your dreams become bigger, you will need some help. Too many people think they can just ask or demand the help. But is that not falling backward in our development. Rather we must lead the battle and when someone chooses to follow, we need to inspire them. Now your selfishness starts to fall under those disguises I mentioned above. So go out there and lead your campaign and sleigh your dragons. Remember, today the dragons we have to sleigh are not so fierce. They will not breath fire on you. They are mostly paper dragons and should not keep us from our adventures.

I'll borrow some words from a song. If you buy me enough beer someday, I may sing it for you. Be warned you may need enough beer if you are to find great pleasure in my singing.

*The greatest adventure is what lies ahead.
Today and tomorrow are yet to be said.
The chances the changes are all yours to make.*

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The mold of your life is in your hands to break.

*The greatest adventure is there if you're bold.
Let go of the moment that life makes you hold.
To measure the meaning can make you delay.
It's time you stopped thinkin' and wastin' the day.*

*A man who's a dreamer and never takes leave.
Who thinks of a world that is just make-believe
Will never know passion, will never know pain.
Who sits by the window will one day see rain*

The greatest adventure is what lies ahead

Now for my legacy: It is my wish that these intellectual meanderings will contain some wisdom that will inspire more and more of you to use the club

to pursue your dreams as many of you have in the last year, and you will support the marvelous new board as well as you have the present board. Furthermore, don't hoard this secret that is our club. Don't let our selfishness be too short sighted. Dedicate yourself to bringing on board one sustaining member in this next year. A lot of your ability to do that will depend on you deciding what your club can do for you and making that happen. Then Terry Ramseyer's "Community of friends" will grow and thrive and there is no knowing what we can accomplish or measuring of the fun we will have.

Best regards,

Charlie Quest, your grateful Commodore

KUDOS!

Thank you to our October chefs, Jeff Hume & Carol Smith, Gary Naman, Phyllis Smith, & Patrick Rentsch, and to our watch officers and hospitality members who keep our club open.

Thank you Connie Malach and her helpers for giving us another wonderful Halloween Party!

AHOY! / Tell Tales Deadlines

Share yacht club related news. The deadline for the November newsletter is **Saturday, 19 November**. Email Gayle Pietras by Tuesday evening to submit to the weekly Tell Tales email.

Current and previous issues of our AHOY! newsletters are also online at www.hmbyc.org under News.

PICYA 2005 Yearbooks

The 2005 PICYA Yearbooks were printed in early summer. They are in Ships' Store (\$14).

Do you want to purchase a 2006 issue, or have your boat listed in the 2006 Issue? Send email to lahey@hmbyc.org

Kayaking Too!

It's not just sailing at HMBYC, there's boating of all kinds going on! Kayaking in all its forms is popular with many members, from obsessive to casual, for thrills or for peace and tranquility. Here, Neil Hooper paddles his shark-costumed boat to the Miramar finish of the May 2005 Sea Gypsy open coast race.



Picture by Jan Naman

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The Pumpkin Festival was a GREAT success this year. We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of help from so many of you! What a wonderful testament to the quality of people in our membership. Everyone had such a fun time!! We have some awesome new members who came out to join us. It was a pleasure getting to know them and making them feel like a part our wonderful club.

There are some special thanks that need to go out this year:

Leon Smith was in charge of Maintenance of our Booth Equipment and did so much with many other odd jobs.

Al Linhares needs a special thank you for cleaning and painting the booth itself and cleaning all the coolers the day before the festival! THANK YOU!!

Carol Smith & Jeff Hume are owed a huge thank you for the MANY things they did, including the shopping for all the dry goods and odds & ends, volunteering for loading and unloading and assisting with numerous other details.

Jennifer Celestre was in charge of procuring the calamari and ice. It was a tough year for the fishermen this year and she did a great job finding calamari for us. She was also in charge (as usual) of cleaning the booth, equipment, utensils and the grounds of the site both nights. What a huge job! She had a team of helpers: **Neal Wehtje, Gayle Pietras, Greg Smith, Charlie Quest, Larry & Claire Miller.**

Claudia Linhares was our Volunteer Coordinator this year. What a FABULOUS job she did!! Please see the list below of all the volunteers and be aware of how many of us it takes to make this

a success. Many of these volunteers did more than one task and often time three or four tasks! If your name isn't on the list, I must apologize. I didn't do a good job of capturing all the people that showed up spontaneously. And we appreciated your help.

Thank you **Phyllis Smith**, who cooked for all the Pumpkin Festival volunteers on Sunday night.

Claudia wishes to convey this message to the volunteers this year: "To all of our Hard Working Club Volunteers - I want to convey all of my thanks to the hardworking Club volunteers that donated their time and energy to help make this year's Calamari Booth such a success. Our club is based on volunteerism and you certainly outdid yourselves this year. A special thanks to **Tami and Dick Schubert** for their outstanding leadership at the helm."

Complete list of volunteers:

Alex Bridygham, Kay Burns, Jennifer Celestre, Mike Day, Jeremy Day, Barb Dennison, Lisa Fox, Susan Girot, Tom Gleeson, Cecily Hatchitt +3 friends, Marilyn Headrick, Ron Headrick, Richard Hector, Jeff Hume, Jane Kenyon, Bob Kenyon, Bill Klear & Sons, Terri Lahey, Al Linhares, Claudia Linhares, Mike Madden, Mike McAtee, Carmen McAtee, Ken McNutt, Ron Milio, Kristin Milio, Claire Miller, Larry Miller, Paul Minoletti, Marie Parfitt-Pattie, Rich Pierceall, Gayle Pietras, Charlie Quest, Carol Smith, Greg Smith, Leon Smith, Phyllis Smith, Rich Symmons, Miriam Van Mersberger, Diana Velande, Barbara Walt, Neal Wehtje, Todd Wright, Jennifer Zook, Michelle Zook.

- Dick & Tami Schubert
Calamari Booth Organizers

Clip to Celebrate Your November Birthday!	
HMBYC Birthday Drink coupon – <u>Member's November Birthday</u>	
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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Floating Dock a Popular Success

When Charlie Quest formed a dock committee in January of 2005, committee members Kelly Pike, Ron Milio, Paul Pfluger focused on one goal: to get more club members to use the water. "We have had a section of dock in front of the club on and off for a few years. The challenge," said Kelly Pike, who spearheaded the dock committee's efforts, "was finding a safe and fun way to use the dock to further that goal."

Working within their budget of \$900, the dock builders met their challenge and have surpassed all expectations. Using 40-foot sections of floating dock offered to the club by the Pillar Point Harbor Master, the committee members and volunteers Ken McNutt, Chris (friend of Ken), Terry Ramseyer, Kristen Milio, Neil Wehtje and Larry Miller spent two weeks assembling the 160 foot long dock. They then safety-tested the dock for another month.

The club went with a floating dock because, according to Pike, "A fixed dock across the beach requires permits that would take years to obtain."

Putting one end of the floating dock on the beach proved to be a liability concern – anybody walking by, not just members of the club, could and did walk out onto the dock. The dock committee chose to float the dock several yards off the beach, in water deep enough to prevent the general public from having easy access to it.

But that meant access to it wasn't easy for club members, either; they had to launch dinghies to transport themselves to and from the dock. "We realized we really needed a people-friendly beach-to-dock transport system if more members were going to use the dock," Pike said. "I talked to a dock

maker who gave me some important guidance about raft design and stability. The team cooked up some ideas for how to create a ferry. We 'borrowed' the outdoor shower floor for the deck, and Larry Miller supplied the blocks. We picked up some lumber and rope, ordered floats, and built the ferry. We launched it the weekend before Memorial Day."

The ferry and dock have been a huge hit with club member and guests. Kids especially enjoy playing on the ferry. "At one party, the parents brought chairs down from the deck and lined them up on the beach to watch the kids play."

The dock is open for business during weekends. This summer it has proven useful in the sailing programs, regattas – on one weekend there were 18 C-15s tied up to one side of the dock – and for landing dinghies during club sail-ins.

"The dock has in effect extended the club 250 feet into the bay," says Pike, who is thrilled with the enthusiastic reception the dock has gotten. "More people are using the keel boats, more people are sailing into HMBYC. The regattas are better. Kids are playing on the ferry and dock. The dock committee has certainly achieved our goal to increase the use on the water."

With the usefulness of the dock proven, the committee has some improvements planned, according to Pike. "Next year we will add a third set of floats on the ferry to increase the carrying capacity. We want to add some small boat storage so that members can rig and launch a boat from the dock. We will also explore what is required to permanently moor the dock year round."

- Jenna Kinghorn

Letter to the Editor

Dear AHOY!

As the reins pass to the 2006 Board, we want to express our profound gratitude and admiration for what the 2005 Board has achieved. It has been a unique year of focus on the soul of the club, and the nurturing of a new and positive energy.

Here are just some of the highlights we have seen:

- The Club has gained great new members and diversity and has also seen the return of many members.
- Friday night suppers have been packed out.
- AHOY has had outstanding, insightful editorials from our thoughtful Commodore.
- Tell Tales has been as enthusiastically informative as ever

- Sailing activities have been going gangbusters, with multiple fleets and growth within each, something for everyone

- Regular members seem to have contributed a record amount of personal time, resources and positive attitude, sometimes unseen and unnoticed, and in all manner of ways, in support of the spirit the Board has cultivated.- Parents bring kids down to join in the healthy fun more than ever, and there have been some glorious parties and entertainment to share along the way.

- It is once again a fun, relaxed place to just hang.

The 2006 Board begins its term with the benefit of this positive momentum - let us all help them capitalize on it, so the bar may be set even higher for the 2007 Board!

Cecily Hatchitt & Neil Hooper

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UPCOMING EVENTS

COME TO THE COMMODORE'S BALL NOVEMBER 12!

Spaces are going fast and your check needs to be in Cynthia Ramseyer's hands by Election Day (November 8) as the caterer needs a final head count. Come Cheer for Charlie and give Kudos to Kay as outgoing and in-coming Commodore's of HMBYC!! We are planning on superb weather and all kinds of good cheer! The hall has been reserved, the caterer hired and the band engaged, so all we need is YOU!

This year's Annual Meeting of the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club Membership and Change-of-Watch (aka The Commodore's Ball) is on Saturday, 12 November, 2005 at the Harbor House in Princeton-by-the-Sea. Special Event Catering has planned a delicious buffet dinner, and we are pleased that John Lull's South City Blues Band will be back to provide live music for after-dinner dancing. Tickets are \$65 per person*. Your invitation should have arrived, so please return your reservation (and check) in the provided self-addressed envelope. If you've not been to a Commodore's Ball before, now is your chance to put on your sequins and tuxedos, bring a plate of your favorite appetizer to share, and enjoy an event where you can relax and enjoy getting to know your fellow members without having to volunteer to clear the tables, run the dishwasher, or sweep the floor!

The menu includes:

- Salad of Baby Greens with Mandarin Oranges and Almonds, Peppercorn Dressing
- Slow-simmered Beef Stefado in Savory Sauce
- Chicken Breast in Caper Beurre Blanc
- Rice Pilaf
- Sauteed Seasonal Vegetables (hopefully asparagus)
- Miniature Dessert Bar
- Coffee/Tea
- No-host full bar service

*This event is **not subsidized** by member dues and is carefully budgeted on 76 tickets sold. Your ticket cost includes hall rental, servers and bartender fees, catered dinner, live music, decorations, party favors, and convenient incidentals like round dinner tables and ice.

Any questions or to volunteer with pre-event set-up and post-event clean-up, please call Georgia

Ysselstein at (650) 726-7526 or Cynthia Ramseyer at (650) 726-4860 (eves only).

The **slate of officers for 2006** are:

- Kay Burns, Commodore
- Kelly Pike, Vice Commodore
- Terri Lahey, Rear Commodore
- Terry Ramseyer, Treasurer
- Gary Naman, Port Captain
- Marie Parfitt-Pattie, Membership Director
- Neal Wehtje, Facilities Director
- Barbara Dennison, Secretary
- Charlie Quest, Director-at-Large

Ahoy Sailors: End of Year Series

Sunday, November 6, is the first half of our End of the Year Series. Sunday, December 11th will be the second half of the series and we will have our fleet season ending holiday party/BBQ as soon as the boats are put away.

We will sail three fleets, Corinthian (A), Cabrillo (B) and Explorer (C). The Corinthian and Cabrillo fleets will start together. The explorer fleet is for those who are just beginning their sailing and/or racing experience. They

Don't miss this fun. Be there Sunday for the start of this series and plan to finish it with the party in December and look toward 2006

The HMBYC is in the process of establishing a Cal20 fleet as a second fleet and we hope to see a laser fleet evolve very soon. All this activity will make for a great deal more energy and excitement in our sailing events.

If you are not yet a C15 sailor and want to sail in this series or just the first Sunday, contact me now so I can get you accommodated.

- Charlie Quest, Commodore

San Francisco Bay Area Events

Weather Forecasting in Four Hours: Saturday, November 19, 10am-2:30pm at Elkhorn YC, Moss Landing, NOAA and YRA are presenting the basics of Weather Forecasting for Mariners. \$6 donation is suggested to cover the cost of refreshments. RSVP to Contact Richard Calabrese (415) 285-0559.

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Watch Officer & Hospitality Schedule

Day	Date	Watch Officer	Hospitality	Email	Phone	
November	Fri	4	Dan Bodmann	David & Carol Slater	dj Slater@sbcglobal.net	728-3536
	Sat	5	Terri Lahey			
	Sun	6	Veronica Ciari			
	Fri	11	Ken McNutt	Don Hilliard	dhelicon@yahoo.com	520-429-7024
	Sat	12	<i>(closed for C Ball)</i>			
	Sun	13	Dick/Tami			
	Fri	18	Carol Smith & Jeff Hume	Sabrina Brennan & Aimee Luthring		728-2867
	Sat	19	Bob Reilly			
	Sun	20	Ara Croce			
	Fri	25	<i>(closed for Thanksgiving)</i>			
	Sat	26	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>			
	Sun	27	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>			

Watch Officer and Hospitality rotations are subject to change: Please double check the roster in Tell Tales. Contact 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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