

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- **Saturday, November 1.** Events Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m. Social Saturday Dinner prepared by Barb Walt (her fabulous chicken OR beef chili with cornbread).
- **Sunday, November 2.** C15 Rigging, Tuning, Sailing 3pm. The Tom Bewley Memorial Bonfire 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- **Friday, November 7.** TGIF Dinner 7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, November 8.** CC&K Wavechaser. HMBYC Fashion Show 1:00-4:00 p.m. Dinner and Movie Nite: "Leatherheads"
- **Sunday, November 9.** C15 Rigging, Tuning, Sailing 3pm.
- **Tuesday, November 11.** Board of Director's meeting. 6:00 p.m. Veteran's Day.
- **Friday, November 14.** TGIF Dinner 7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, November 15.** Cal 20 Regatta 1:30-3:00 p.m. Commodore's Ball 5:00-10:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, November 20.** WomenSailing
- **Sunday, November 16.** C15 Rigging, Tuning, Sailing 3pm. Youth Sailing Fund Raiser 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Leann Nassar's home.
- **Thursday, November 27.** Thanksgiving Day.
- **Friday, November 21.** TGIF Dinner.
- **Saturday, November 22.** Dinner and Movie Nite: "Captain Kidd"
- **Sunday, November 23.** C15 Rigging, Tuning, Sailing 3pm.
- **Friday, November 28.** TGIF Dinner.
- **Saturday, November 29.** Social Saturday Nite Dinner 7:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, November 30.** C15 Rigging, Tuning, Sailing 3pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, 13 December will be Harbor Lights with the Awards Ceremony happening at HMBYC.



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New 2009 Board of Directors

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FROM THE HELM



And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-
over, And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the
long trick's over.

John Masefield, 1878-1967

We are changing from a club to a "place". HMBYC is a place to be. We have boats, and docks, a new web site next month, lots of fun social activities and soon, a big new building addition. According to the 2008 issue of the "World's Best Yacht Clubs and Marinas" HMBYC is listed along side the Royal Bermuda YC, the Venetian Compagnia Della Vela club and the New York Yacht Club. The author's selection criteria were:

..this select and special group ... has decided to form a world of their own, and they join together in associations and clubs, they build docks and facilities to house their boats and they build, of course, nice comfortable Club Houses, where they meet to talk about their sea experiences, their plans for the future, and their dreams.

We are on page 63 which is reprinted below.

The past two years have been full of change; Women's sailing, Movie Nite, Social Saturday, TGIF dinner, Opening Day on the Bay, Sail-ins from the city, the larger membership, budget surplus, a new building. Next year there will be more opportunities to enjoy and grow our little

enterprise again. But it will be with a new gang of sailors at the helm. My watch as Commodore is over and the sandy beach beckons.



See you at the Club!

Kelly

From the 2008 World's Best Yacht Clubs and Marinas



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- Some of the benefits of joining HMBYC:
- Inexpensive family-friendly Friday night TGIF dinners
- Access to a casual and inviting beachfront home-away-from-home
- Access to the Club's fleet of boats, after being checked out by qualified HMBYC instructors.
- Opportunities to participate in cruise-outs and other on-the-water activities.
- Participate in junior and adult sailing lessons, regattas, navigation and water safety classes.
- Enjoy reciprocal privileges with other yacht clubs nationally and worldwide.
- Receive priority reservations for HMBYC's large events, such as the annual Memorial Day Beach Party and the Labor Day Luau.
- Use of the clubhouse for private parties and events at minimal cost.

BUILDING UPDATE

Watch your step! The back of the deck has been removed and replaced with a safety fence. Urs has dug the new building foundation and will be pouring cement around the first week of November. Kudos to Terry Ramseyer, Larry Miller, David Morse, Curtis Wallin and Bob Cantillo who volunteered man hours in the first two weeks of construction. Thanks go to Al and Claudia Linhares who donated a days worth of earth moving they won at last year's Harbor Lights event. The new building will be finished in January.



Excavation has begun on the Building Extension.

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THE TOM BEWLEY MEMORIAL BONFIRE
Sunday, November 2, 2008
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Club Fire Pit

Come remember our friend and fellow HMBYC member Tom Bewley by enjoying a few of his favorite things – a huge bonfire, a shot of fine Irish Whiskey, and maybe even a cigarette. We may have lost a friend, but we retain our fond memories of Tom and celebrate the time he was with us.

Nov. 1 is All Saints Day, Nov. 2 is All Souls Day, Day of the Dead is celebrated on both 11/1 & 11/2. Halloween is the celebration of "all hallows eve" or presently the eve of all saints day --they all used to be one Pagan holiday of Celtic origin before they were Christian Holidays -- celebrated by festivals that frequently involved bonfires.

TGIF MENU NOVEMBER 2008
Special Event Catering
Dinner served at 7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 7. Watch TELL TALES
NOVEMBER 14. Meat Dinners \$15
NOVEMBER 21, Fish Dinners \$18
NOVEMBER 28. Be Surprised!

EACH MEAL WILL BE SERVED PROUDLY WITH
CHEF'S CHOICE DESSERT



FALL FASHION SHOW
Saturday, November 8th
1:00-4:00 p.m.

A Fabulous Fashion Show is scheduled for Saturday, November 8th from 1:00-4:00 at the Club. Wear your custom Club colors proudly! Order your Christmas gifts and Holiday outfits on November 8th and they will be here in time for the holidays. Order on November 8th—pay when your order is delivered. **N.b.** The Fashion Show would only be canceled if there was a big storm making travel for our vendor difficult.



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Restoration is Under way!

To get involved contact: Julian Day, Bill Klear, or George MacLeod

COMMODORES BALL
Saturday, 15 November 2008
Oceano Hotel
Princeton-by-the Sea

It's that time again...on November 15th HMBYC will have the Annual Membership Meeting and Change of Watch ceremonies that has come to be known as the Commodore's Ball. This year we will be dancing under the stars in the Atrium of Oceano Hotel to the dulcet tunes of the South City Blues Band after dining upon a splendid buffet. Dress is formal--tuxedo, suit, military dress uniform, clan kilt or patent leather foulies to go with the ladies' cocktail dresses.

Kenwood Wines available for \$20 per bottle
Pinot Gregio, Chardonnay,
Cabernet Sauvignon, and Merlot

If you want to spend the night at Oceano, mention that you are with HMBYC and get a discounted room (\$249 + taxes) – much cheaper than a DUI.

Paid reservations required no later than November 8th.

Make your check for \$75 per person payable to HMBYC and mail it to
Commodore's Ball, c/o Cynthia Ramseyer
238 El Granada Boulevard
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

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YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM FUND-RAISER

On Sunday, November 16th, Leann Nassar will host a pre-Holiday shopping opportunity that **benefits the HMBYC Youth Sailing Program!** *Adornments by Susan Schaps* will fill the house at 355 Cortez Avenue in Half Moon Bay (Miramar) from 2pm until 5pm. Fine hors d'oeuvres and wine will be available to nibble while browsing the extraordinary beaded earrings, bracelets and necklaces. Come and shop for your favorite sister, mother, girlfriend, wife, daughter, or co-worker! The Holidays will be upon us soon – take care of everyone in one afternoon full of laughter and friends. And support the Youth Sailing Program too! Call Leann for more information at 415-710-4231.

About Adornments. Susan Schaps has been producing extraordinary beaded earrings, bracelets and necklaces for over sixteen years, designing her Adornments from an exceptional collection of beads acquired from every corner of the globe: the best quality findings made of sterling silver or 24K gold vermeil; beautifully lustrous freshwater and keshi pearls; semi-precious stones such as tourmaline, peridot, blue topaz and amethyst, and both new and vintage handmade glass. What sets her apart from other bead artists is her unique ability to bring together color, size and texture to create jewelry that is balanced, yet frequently asymmetrical. Her line ranges in price from \$25 on up, ensuring that everyone will find at least one beautiful piece for their taste and budget. Gift boxes are available and all major credit cards are accepted. Come see why Susan's jewelry has been so popular in fine shops and galleries nationwide.

AHOY! Seeks New Editor

Have extra time and a keen interest in everything that happens at HMBYC? Then we have the position for you! Gather the information and prepare, print and mail the monthly AHOY! to the membership. Interested? Please Contact Cecily Hatchitt at (650) 728-8009 or (650) 823-2377 or c.hatchitt@comcast.net

FALL FEAST PRODUCES A FABULOUS FUND RAISER



8009Phyllis Smith, aka A One Woman Pumpkin Festival, the sparkplug that raised over \$6000 for the Furnishing and Decor Fund for the New Building.

What a fabulous and wildly successful evening was had on Sunday, October 12. Our membership did itself proud with generous donations (and then the purchase of) items to the Silent Auction, brilliantly run and coordinated by Claire Borkert, who says we raised about ~\$5300.50 for the Furnishing and Decor Fund for the new building from the Silent Auction. Phyllis Smith and her crew (Carol Smith and Barb Walt, with assistance from Stephanie Brerslin, Barbara Dinnsen and Lisa Fox) served a wonderful feast to 66 hungry diners (raising \$2970 before expenses).

Donations to the Silent Auction ran the gamut from vacation homes in Tahoe and Mexico to Navajo blankets, orchids to wine baskets, opera tickets to paintings, a 5 gallon keg of home brewed beer to a bottle of Baron Rothschild wine, lovely jewelry to a beautiful raincoat, pirate CD's to travel baskets, gift certificates to a personal scrapbook. Not only were the items terrific, every single one of them sold!

As with any special event, the thank you list is huge. Georgia Ysselstein arranged the flowers that made the tables look festive. Deb Kessler was the Sommolier, Larry Miller selected the wine pairings, and Terry Ramseyer donated the new table linens. As always, Jeff Hume, Todd Wright and Dan Bodmann were ever-present setting up and tearing down tables and chairs. Dick and Tami Schubert were everywhere, setting up tables and chairs, serving dinners, and washing many loads of dishes. Heather Bodmann, Barbara Kelly and Gayle Pietras were the evening's waitresses, and Spencer Nassar was a magnificent Watch Officer, and Lou Michetti took on trash patrol. Thank you, everyone!

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Boatyard Cleaned Up To Prepare for Construction

by Jenna Kinghorn

A small group of hard-working volunteers made cleaning up the boatyard—my first major task as the new boatyard manager—relatively easy and painless. During a four-hour shift on Saturday, October 4, the team cleared out the area that is the "footprint" of the new building. This involved moving Optimists and inflatables, relocating lumber, tossing debris, relocating the boat hoist, and even moving Stephanie Breslin's Cal20 on its trailer while it was being worked on! We then turned our attention to clearing away the workbenches, tools, and "future project supplies" kept near the sailing locker, and eventually moved the sheds from up against the fence to back against the adjoining property's building. This cleared area will be used as a construction staging area. Many, many thanks to the following folks who volunteered on Saturday: Bob Cantillo, Andy Geiser, George Hampton, Karen Hampton, Monty Hampton, Jenna Kinghorn, Larry Miller, Paul Minoletti, Suzy Pinkerton, John Powell, Charlie Quest, Terry Ramseyer, Frank Small, and Clark Simm, who not only worked tirelessly to help with the cleanup, but also let us heap debris into his huge trailer and smilingly made runs to the dump in the face of pumpkin traffic!

On Sunday Oct 5, most of the same folks reappeared mid-morning, with reinforcements in the form of: Kristi Miller, Ray Durazo, Curtis Walling, Claire Borkert, Kay Small, Kelly Pike, Charlie Quest, and Bjorn Conrad.

We finished what little cleanup was left, including mowing down some jungle-like grass in the far corners of the yard, while Larry Miller directed the relocation of the gate that opens from the boatyard onto the driveway and ramp. Because the new building will extend into the current driveway, this gate relocation is permanent, and we will need to keep the new driveway area clear for moving boats down to the water.

On Thursday October 9th a small crew consisting of Urs Willimann, Larry Miller, Claire Borkert, Dan Ambrosi, and Curtis Walling did some final cleanup in the yard to make more room for construction, which has officially begun the demolition stage!



Leon Smith, Jeff Hume and Terry Ramseyer inspect the part of the boatyard that is now a construction zone.

Construction has begun and is expected to take several months. During this time you should be able to access and launch any boats you have stored in the boatyard. Space is tight and we have had to get creative, for instance, parking trailered inflatables in front of the kayak racks. If you need to move something to access something else, please put everything back where you found it ASAP. If you see an empty slot and are tempted to put something there, PLEASE DON'T -- every space in the boatyard is currently accounted for, and empty space is there to either allow us access to something important (like the stored Pumpkin Festival booth) or belongs to a boat or trailer that's on the road right now but will be back soon.

Please contact Jenna Kinghorn (tydpoolz@comcast.net or 728-1421) before moving anything (including boats, donation items, supplies for future construction projects, rigging supplies—anything!) into the boatyard. Also please contact me before starting any projects you would like to undertake in the yard, such as trailer maintenance or boat maintenance. And please let me know if you have ideas for better storage or other things that will make our boatyard more user-friendly.

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HMBYC MOVIE NITE *presents:*

NOVEMBER 2008 SCHEDULE

NEW TIME: SATURDAY NITES:
November Movies Start at 7:00pm or Sundown
NEW TIME: Movie Nite Dinners served at 6:00pm

Nov 8th: Leatherheads: (2008) Screwball romantic comedy set against the background of the 1920's dawn of professional football. In the beginning, the rules were simple: there weren't any. Holds true for the game of love as well as football. Something for everyone!

Starring: George Clooney, Renee Zellweger, John Krasinski

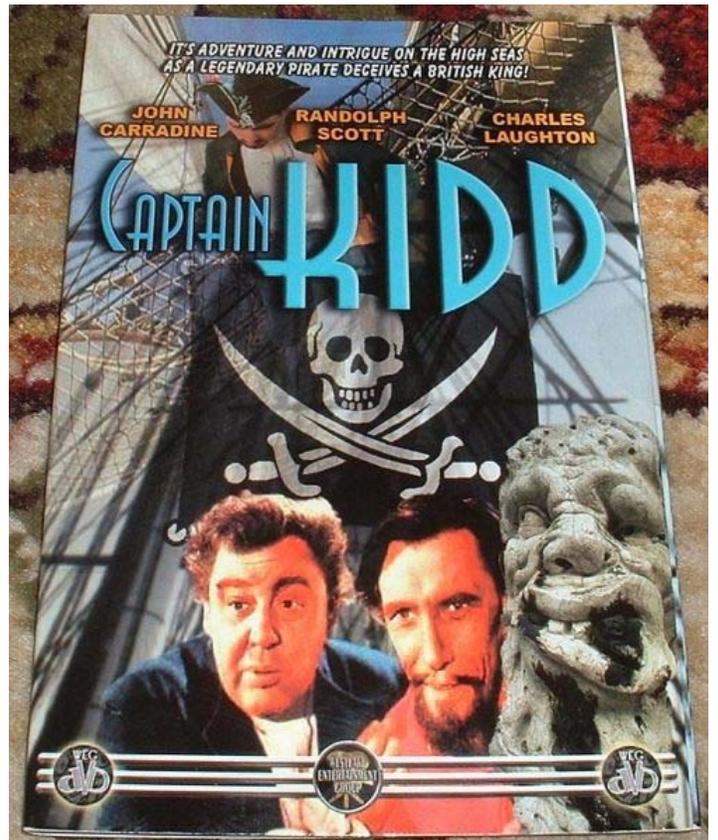
GUEST CHEF: BARBARA KELLY

Dinner: Roast Pork Loin stuffed w/apricots... see Tell Tales for Full Menu. \$10.00

Nov 22nd : Captain Kidd (1945) Another Swashbuckling Sea Tale to shiver yer timbers. Includes ships & swords, tyrants of the sea, Kings and cutthroats, & the promise of treasure!

Starring: Charles Laughton, Randolph Scott, John Carradine, Gilbert Roland

Dinner: Roasted Joints of Meat on-the-bone, Vegetables & Sides, Green Salad, \$10



NEW TIME: Movie Nite Dinners served at 6:00pm

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2008 PUMPKIN FESTIVAL CALAMARI BOOTH



The Calamari Elf with a Happy Customer

As you may have heard (or seen!) this year's booth was an overwhelming success. We, as a group, procured, iced, delivered, defrosted, drained, breaded, shook, fried, portioned & served over **575 lbs of SQUID!** This process involved the diligent help of over 80 of our club members, all of who had plenty of fun in the process. Thanks are due to everyone of these volunteers as the success of our booth each year is in a large part responsible for our comparatively low dues, and contributes to our ability to pay our property taxes, maintain our building, fund our special projects and promote such initiatives as our newly successful and profitable youth sailing program.

Of the large dedicated group of volunteers responsible for this financial shot in the arm, some deserve special mention:

Dick and Tami Schubert, are most responsible for building up the booth, streamlining its function and developing the high food safety standards and efficiency that assure a high quality product. Stepping down as booth supervisors, they have remained on as advisors. Jeff Hume & Carol Smith, Leon Smith, worked tirelessly beginning months before the event and right through the entire weekend performing a multitude of essential tasks, while assisting in the supervision process.

Veteran Members such as Kay Burns, Harry & Georgia Ysslestein, Mike Madden, Barbara Dinnsen, Terry & Cynthia Ramseyer, Dan Bodman, Paul Minoletti, Connie Mallach, Mike Day, Liz Allison, Mimi Wisnom, Todd Wright, Phyllis Smith, Jennifer Celestre, Rich Symmons, Lou Michetti, Charlie Quest, Kelly & Susan Pike - are the "backbone" of our invertebrate effort. They stood their watches, performed their duties and went the extra yard to pick up additional work.

Other members devoted precious time, during the crazy, hectic weekend to fill out shifts that kept our staff manned, (and womaned!) and our party going: Frank Small, Tom Stevens, , Bill & Michael Klear, Dave Slater, Richard McCluney, Lisa Fox, Gayle Pietras, Kay Burns, Maureen Grimm, Deb Kessler, Gary Naman, Wes Brykailo, Marie Parfitt-Pattie, Monty Hampton, Karen Hampton, Paul Gater, Margie Gater, Arline Gilmore, Karen Litcher, Bernie Forde, Beverly Ambrose, Marcus Choy, Connie Malach, Mike Day, Rich Piercall, Veronica Ciari, Joe Pistachio, Lisa Pistachio, Renee Lewis, Rick Heidrick, Andy Geiser, Larry Miller, Phil Armstrong, Mike Lawler, Pamela Carrington & her lovely daughter, Dierdre O'Connor, Steve Loft, Barry Lifland, Danise Conrad, Clay Conrad, Clay Gantz, Celeste Gantz. They also fed us, kept the drinks flowing, cleaned up & put everything back in order for next year: Barb Walt, Neil Hooper, Cecily Hatchitt, Liz Allison, Dale Ross, and Diane Ross. Many new members such as Dave Morris, Rick Winans, Rich & Jessica Sullo, Charles Remington, Greta Remington, Kristi Miller, Curtis Miller, Ray Durazo, Karen Flick & her brother, stood up and were counted doing more than their share of work.

Anyone who hasn't yet experienced the white hot fervor of excitement that comes of being a cog in a well oiled (literally) machine that prepares and serves a tasty, reasonably priced, quality seafood product & coleslaw, to a multitude of their friends & neighbors while smiling, laughing, joking, clowning around and, oh yes, Drinking & Singing in the old tradition of a ships crew.... They just don't know what they are missing. Come join us next time.....

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU !!!!!!!
BOB CANTILLO & SUZY PINKERTON**

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How the Powered Ferry Works

The Ferry is pulled back and forth by a 12 volt electric motor and battery out on the dock. The motor is controlled by either of two wireless remotes; one on shore, and one on the Ferry or a third control, a two position switch, which is on the dock.

To bring the Ferry into Shore with the Shore Remote: Locate the shore remote. It is a waterproof bag hanging beneath the pumpkin on the corner of the deck. During off hours, it is stored on the wall behind the Bar. Two buttons, marked **SHORE** and **DOCK**, are visible through the bag wall.

Press and hold the button (**X**) next to **SHORE**.

A light on the remote will blink when the button is depressed. Also a **RED** light out on the dock will illuminate when the 12 volt motor is pulling the Ferry to shore. Keep pressing the button until the Ferry reaches shore. (When the Ferry wheels spin on the beach).

Caution; the motor will not pull the ferry up the beach.

If you travel out to the dock use the remote on the Ferry, and leave the shore remote hanging under the pumpkin.

When you are on the Ferry:

The Ferry remote is a waterproof bag hanging from the Ferry's starboard rail. It works the same way as the shore remote.

Press and hold the **DOCK** button to go to the dock. A light on the remote will blink when the button is depressed. A **WHITE** light out on the dock will illuminate when the 12 volt motor is pulling the Ferry out to the dock.

**Caution: the ferry must not be grounded on the beach.
If you can not move the ferry by hand, neither can the motor.**

Press and hold the **SHORE** button to go to the shore. When you reach your destination leave the Ferry remote on the Ferry.

When you are on the dock:

There is a switch on the control box marked **SHORE** and **DOCK**. Tilt and hold the switch arm toward the destination that you want the ferry to go toward.

To send the Ferry out to the Dock with the Shore remote:

Press and hold the button (**X**) next to **DOCK**.

Release the button when the Ferry reaches the dock.

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HMBYC LAST GASP OF SUMMER REGATTA

Sunday, October 26 really was the “last gasp of summer” – the weather was chilly and foggy – but intrepid HMBYC sailors were on the water having a race that was described by an observer as “a vigorous drift” in the nearly windless conditions. Thanks to Charlie Quest for organizing the LGoS Regatta and Terry Ramseyer and his *La Boheme* crew as Committee Boat.

Four boats competed in the C15 class, with the following results:

- First Place: Kent Arndt
- Second Place: John Powell and Charlie Quest
- Third Place: Rick Winnans
- Fourth Place: Ofer Amir and Lou Michetti

Three boats competed in the Cal 20 class, with the following results:

- First Place: Rich and Jessica Sullo aboard the red-sailed Cal 20, *O Minnehaha*
- Second Place: Bill Klear and David Salter on the yellow-sailed boat, *Uranus*
- Third Place: Bob Cantillo, Suzy Pinkerton, and Rich Symmons aboard *Pluto's Revenge*

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Watch Officer & Hospitality Schedule

Friday: 6:00-11:00 p.m. Saturday: 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. Sunday: 2:00-7:00 p.m.

Month	Day	Date	Watch Officer	Hospitality	Event
Nov	Sat	1	(2-7) Rick Winans (7-11) VOLUNTEER	Leon Smith	Events Committee 10:00 a.m.
Nov	Sun	2	N. Hooper / C. Hatchitt		
Nov	Fri	7	B. Dinnsen /M. Madden	J. Simons / J. Modlen	
Nov	Sat	8	(8-2) Suzy Pinkerton (2-7) Peggy Ruse (7-11) Kelly Pike		CCK Wavechaser Event Fashion Show 1-4 pm Movie Nite: <i>Leatherheads</i>
Nov	Sun	9	Spencer Nassar		Cal 20 Sponsor Races
Nov	Tues	11			Board Meeting
Nov	Fri	14	Danise & Clay Conrad	Karin Litcher	
Nov	Sat	15	(2-7)Martha Tingle (7-11) Dan Bodmann	VOLNTEERS	Commodore's Ball at Oceano Hotel
Nov	Sun	16	C. Smith/ J. Hume		
Nov	Fri	21	Bjorn & Kirby Conrad	Barbara Kelly	
Nov	Sat	22	(2-7) C. Ramseyer (7-11) R. & J. Sullo	(6-10) Sandra Elliot- Cortez	Lady Washington Adventure Movie Nite: <i>Captain Kidd</i>
Nov	Sun	23	Stephanie Breslin		
Nov	Thu	27	CLOSED		Thanksgiving Day
Nov	Fri	28	L. Michetti / D. Kessler	VOLUNTEERS	
Nov	Sat	29	(2-7) C. & J. Simm (7-11) John Connors	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	
Nov	Sun	30	Dick & Tami Schubert		

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Greetings from *A Cappella*

Today is Monday, October 27, 2008, and we are still in San Carlos, Mexico, following our two-month trip to the U.S. We've been back in San Carlos since Friday, October 17, when we drove down from Tucson in a Hertz rental car (about 300 miles). We decided to rent a car, rather than take a bus, after we had accumulated enough items in the U.S. (boat parts, books, clothes, kitchen supplies, favorite foods not available in Mexico, etc.) that it would have been nearly impossible to bring them down by bus. As it was, we completely filled the trunk and back seat of a 2008 Ford Taurus.

The next issue was getting through Mexican customs. We believed that everything we brought in was legal in that it was all for our personal use rather than for re-sale (we reviewed the Mexican customs website). However, some customs agents have been difficult with boat parts, etc., requiring payment of significant duty. There were two checkpoints where we needed to get a green light in order to avoid a full search which might have taken hours. We lucked out once again – two green lights!

We returned to the boat, hoping for two things in particular – that *A Cappella* had not sustained damage in a hurricane or otherwise (we already knew that we were okay on this score via e-mails from other cruisers who'd been in the marina during Julio and Norbert), and that she had not been invaded by cockroaches! We won on both counts. Cornelia had sprinkled significant amounts of boric acid on the floor around the boat. That probably wasn't necessary as there was no sign of any cockroaches having entered the boat. Whew! It took close to a week to store all of the gear we had returned with, and to clean the boat. She's now looking pretty good.

We had been thinking we should have the bottom of the boat repainted – it should happen every year or two in the tropics to keep down the growth of barnacles, etc., on the keel – and it's been almost two years. The question was where to have it done. We'd originally thought Mazatlan because we know that public transportation is good down there, and also it's possible to stay on the boat while it's worked on. Some cruisers were telling us they prefer to have their work done in San Carlos – it's less expensive and they do a good job. However, here they don't allow staying on the boat while it's in the yard. After getting quotes from both places, we decided to stay in San Carlos for the work. We've rented a car and are staying in a cute little motel – way off the beaten track – for \$26 per night (or less, since the exchange rate seems to be moving in our favor), including air conditioning and private bath. There's also

a small swimming pool and patio. The boat was hauled Saturday morning, being placed on a trailer on a boat ramp and towed up with a tractor; then towed the ½ mile or so to the yard. It was scary, but all went well. The bottom and has now been scraped, power-washed and sanded. Two coats of paint are scheduled to be applied tomorrow and possibly Wednesday. The boat should splash back into the water by Thursday. We have our rental car until Friday, and will do some final provisioning, etc., before we sail south to Mazatlan.

Our trip to the States was interesting and exciting. What a time to be there! We had a chance to see both Democratic and Republican conventions and all four debates on TV, as well as watch the economic crisis unfold daily on CNBC.

So, on Friday, October 17, we did the border crossing described above, arriving home to *A Cappella* that day. We immediately turned on the VHF radio and discovered that a number of cruising friends were nearby.



So, here we now are in a San Carlos cafe, having spent last night in our little \$26 per night hotel, the Adlai. It was fine, the only deficiency being that there is no internet. However, there are lots of cafes in San Carlos where internet is free, with purchase, and we also have internet available at the Marina office which is near the yard where the boat is being worked on.

All is well. Next time, we'll let you know how the yard experience went and of our travels south along the mainland coast.

Cornelia and Ed

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One of those wonderful days at HMBYC. Photo by Cynthia Ramseyer

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