

DECEMBER EVENTS

- **Friday, December 5.** TGIF Dinner 7 p.m.
- **Saturday, December 6.** Events Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m. Movie Nite Dinner (6:00 p.m.) and ovie (7:00 p.m.) "*Jason and the Argonauts*"
- **Sunday, December 7.** Pot-luck appetizers and Decorating the Club for the HOLIDAYS.
- **Tuesday, December 9.** Board of Director's meeting. 6:00 p.m.
- **Friday, December 12.** TGIF Dinner 7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, December 13.** Harbor Lights Awards and Carol Smith's Clam Chowder for \$5.
- **Sunday, December 14.**
- **Friday, December 19.** TGIF Dinner 7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, December 20.** Dinner (6:00 p.m.) and a Movie (7:00 p.m.) "*A Charlie Brown Christmas and other Holiday Cartoons.*"
- **Sunday, December 21.** Relax.
- **Thursday, December 25.** **Merry Christmas.** No women's Sailing this month.
- **Friday, December 26.** **Boxing Day.** Bob Cantillo and Suzy Pinkerton provide dinner. \$10
- **Saturday, December 27.**
- **Sunday, December 28.** HMBYC Arts & Sciences Symposium at 5:30 p.m. Urs Williamann will make a presentation on the Straw House he built in Bridgeport, CA. Dinner a 7 p.m.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **Saturday, January 17.** Larry Miller talks about his work at Mono Lake.
- **Saturday, January 24.** Chinese New Year of the Ox Dinner. Terry Ramseyer Cooks!
- **Sunday, January 25.** Crab Feed Fund Raiser.
- **Sunday, February 1.** Super Bowl Sunday.
- **Sunday, February 8.** Bassoons Concert.
- **Saturday, February 14.** Valentine's Day Dinner. Dress up and sit down to a feast. Reservations required.
- **Sunday, February 22.** Come as your favorite movie character or star and enjoy the 81st Annual Academy of Arts and Motion Picture Sciences Awards (Oscars).
- **Saturday, March 28.** HMBYC Arts and Sciences Symposium: Scott "Mars Czar" Hubbard talks about putting robots on Mars.
- **Saturday, Novemebr 14.** Commodore's Ball at Oceano Hotel.

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FROM THE HELM



Newly installed Commodore Terri Lahey with Rik Carlson and Usd Commodore Kay Burns

As we start this busy holiday season, it is really busy down at the club!

The new building is visible, creating a sense of excitement and joy! It's like a gift from St. Nick that we are giving to each other and to the continued health of the club. Years of anticipation and dreaming, design and planning, and efforts of many Boards and members are coming to fruition. It is so exciting that we will be moving into our new space early in 2009. The building committee and board wants to hear from you with your ideas. I've already seen lots of members offering recommendations and ideas. Watch *TellTales* for times that the building committee will give presentations at the club, so you can see the plans again, view a computerized animation of the inside and outside of the clubhouse, and ask questions. Thanks to the building committee, who have been working hard all year to bring us to this stage, and to the finance committee who brought us our new loan structure. To provide input to the building committee, contact Kelly Pike, Ofer Amir, Margie Gator, Mimi Wisnom, or me (newbie on committee). From time to time, there are tasks where we can volunteer to help; contact Larry Miller or the building committee for more information. We're looking forward to "opening this gift" during the first quarter of 2009. With help from the building committee, I'll keep you posted on important dates.

There are many wonderful events already scheduled on the 2009 calendar. Harbor Lights is Saturday December 13. Stroll the harbor to enjoy the beautiful lighted boats, and then come to the club for the award ceremony and to warm your inside with a hot soup dinner provided by Carol Smith. Drop by to show the community what a great club we have!

Decorate the clubhouse on Sunday, Dec 7, and race Dec 21 in the 3rd Sunday winter race series. After the new year, attend the Saturday Morning Sailing Breakfast on Jan 3, 2009 to talk about all our boating activities. Check out the online calendar and our weekly Tell Tales email.

The Commodore's Ball was a wonderful party! We thanked the 2008 board, 2008 support staff and members who had volunteered "above and beyond", and welcomed the new board. Thank you to Cynthia Ramseyer and Georgia Ysselstein for creating such a wonderful event, and to the Staff Commodores for a fun-filled roast of our new Staff Commodore, Kelly. Congratulations, Kelly! At the end of a fun-filled, gorgeous event at Oceano Hotel, the party came home to our clubhouse for an afterglow party.

The Port Captain, Events Planning Committee, Sailing Committee, Cal20 and C15 sailing groups, Women's Sailing and other groups are busy with plans for our 2009 events. We'll post the year's calendar (so far) in the January AHOY!. Check it out. Pick at least 1 event each quarter, and come volunteer your time and energy. It's lots of fun. You meet new friends, and become more and more a part of our extended family of friends. Most of all, come participate. It's your club.

I want to include a hearty thank you to our 2009 BOD Nominating Committee who worked behind the scenes and succeeded in their task: Stephanie Breslin, Kelli Ambrosi, Maureen Grimm, Jessica Sullo, Paul Minoletti, and Neal Wehtje.

I especially want to thank the 2009 Board who have stepped up to the plate, and are volunteering with me in the upcoming year: Neal Wehtje, Ray Durazo, Rich Sullo, Cecily Hatchitt, Bernie Forde, Bjorn Conrad, Suzy Pinkerton, and Kelly Pike. Check out the back page of AHOY for our contact information. Contact any of the board if you are interested in helping or have questions about the club.

I look forward to this coming year as I serve as your Commodore. It is important that we have fun, keep our club financially healthy (so we can open the doors and have fun!), and move gracefully and joyfully into our new building. Let's play on and at the water's edge.

Wishing you a Healthy, Happy, and Safe Holiday Season! See you at the club. – Terri Lahey

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BUILDING UPDATE

We are about 1/3 of the way through the project. The foundation is in; the plumbing and electrical, that will be beneath the floor is in, and the sub floor is on. The front steel frame is up too. Next up are the walls and then the roof rafters.



We are running close to the budget estimate except that the concrete was more than anticipated. We have had some savings too. The windows were less by about \$5000 and this weekend members installed the sub floor, which saved some labor costs. The building committee would like thank members for the input they have been receiving. It has helped with decisions as to how to proceed when Urs needs us to provide more detail on items like the interior and exterior lighting placement. If you look at the image below you will see the front wall of the club as it will appear in day time.



At night there have been a many requests for various lighting options; security, flood lights, and subdued deck lighting. To provide for these options sufficient wiring will be laid now when it is easy and less costly. The fixtures will come later after the building has received its final inspection. If you have suggestions for deck lighting pass them on to the building committee.

Kelly Pike

ANOTHER FIRST



On Saturday, November 21, HMBYC members had their first “we don’t need no stinking occupancy permit” luncheon, if not in the new building, at least **ON** the new building floor, which most wonderfully does not leak, squeak, or collapse unexpectedly. Among those assisting Urs Willimann with laying insulation and plywood were: Bob Cantillo, Monty Hampton, Larry Miller, Paul Minoletti, Dave Morris, Gary Naman, Kelly Pike, Terry Ramseyer, Clarke Simm, Curtis Walling, Neal Wehtje, Rick Winans, and Harry Ysselstein.

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

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| Dec 5: BAKED CAJUN SALMON FILLET | \$15 |
| Dill Caper Tartar Sauce
Rice Pilaf
Cucumber Tomato Salad, Roll w/butter
Chef's Choice Dessert | |
| Dec 12: CORNISH GAME HEN | \$15 |
| Cornbread & Apple Stuffing
Buttered Navy Beans
Tossed Garden Salad and Roll
Chef's Choice Dessert | |
| Dec 19: 1st PLACE AWARD WINNING
BOSTON CLAM CHOWDER | \$15 |
| Salad Bar and Sourdough French Bread
Chef's Choice Dessert | |
| Dec 26: Member Chefs – Suzy Pinkerton & Bob
Cantillo Menu TBD | \$10! |

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DON'T LET GO OF YOUR MAIN HALYARD EVER!



Curtis Walling Scales the Mast of Venus Envy

For the second time this year, Venus Envy's main halyard was accidentally "let go" and eventually retrieved! Lots of drama the weekend of November 15 and 16 to retrieve her halyard with lots of fine support all the way around from Curtis Walling (Our Rookie of the Year made a good effort to get to the top but no "cigar"), Bob Cantillo, Carol Hoover, Peggy Ruse, Terri Lahey, Clarke Simms, and Rick Wynas. We learned that VE's main halyard shackle is the wrong size and continues to get jammed in the upper section of the mast. We will be replacing it with a shackle that will either slip through and never go through the apparatus at the tippy top. Look for Peggy or Bob to get all the dramatic details. Also, check out www.sailnet.com forums to hear all the details of how other sailors have retrieved their halyards.

Smooth Sailing, Peggy.Ruse

Commodore's Ball

It was a perfectly splendid evening was November 15. With an attendance of 104 people in their sequins, feathers, kilts, tuxedos, and patent leather shoes, the party started rocking and never stopped. And this year we had 30% NEW attendees to celebrate a very good year It is always amazing how we clean up and shine—not a single bit of yellow foulies to be seen as everyone danced to the tunes of the South City Blues Band and had a great time at Hotel Oceano. Put Saturday, November 14, 2009 on your calendar NOW so you are there!

COMMODORE'S BALL 2008



Recipients of the Ralph Gehlkin Sailing Award Women Sail at HMBYC: Terri Lahey, Sue Prichard, Carol Hoover, Connie Malach, Peggy Ruse, Jan Naman, Kristi Miller, Maureen Grimm, Karin Litcher, and Lauren Eisele.



The new Board of Directors for 2009: Commodore Terri Lahrey, Facilities Director Bjorn Conrad, Director at Large Kelly Pike, Vice Commodore Neal Wehtje, Port Captain Suzy Pinkerton, Treasurer Rich Sullo, Membership Director Bernie Forde, Secretary Cecily Hatchitt, and, Rear Commodore Ray Durazos.



The Day After: A gorgeous, balmy Sunday afternoon at HMBYC after Commodore's Ball.

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HMBYC **MOVIE NITE** *presents:*

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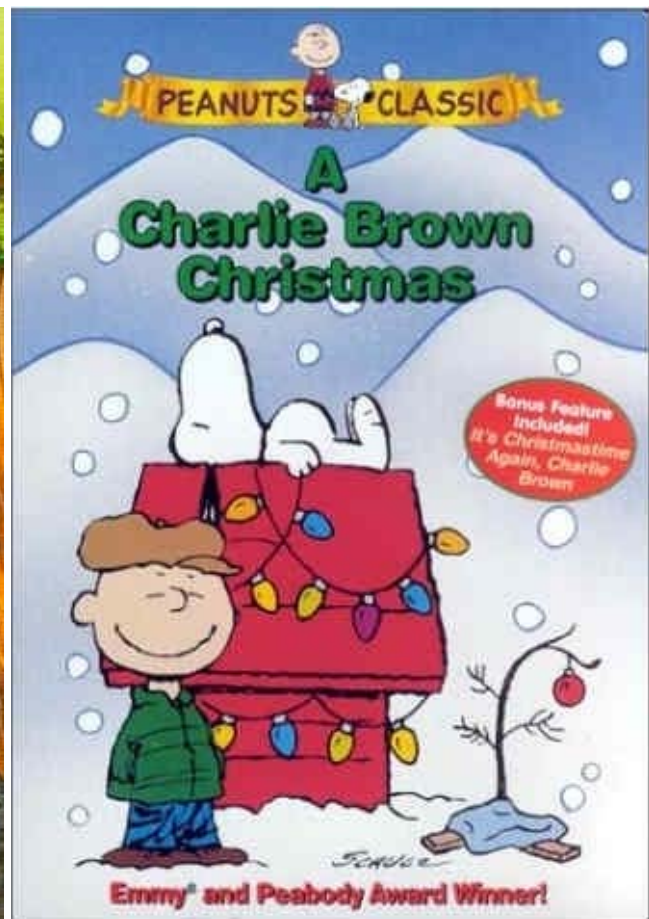
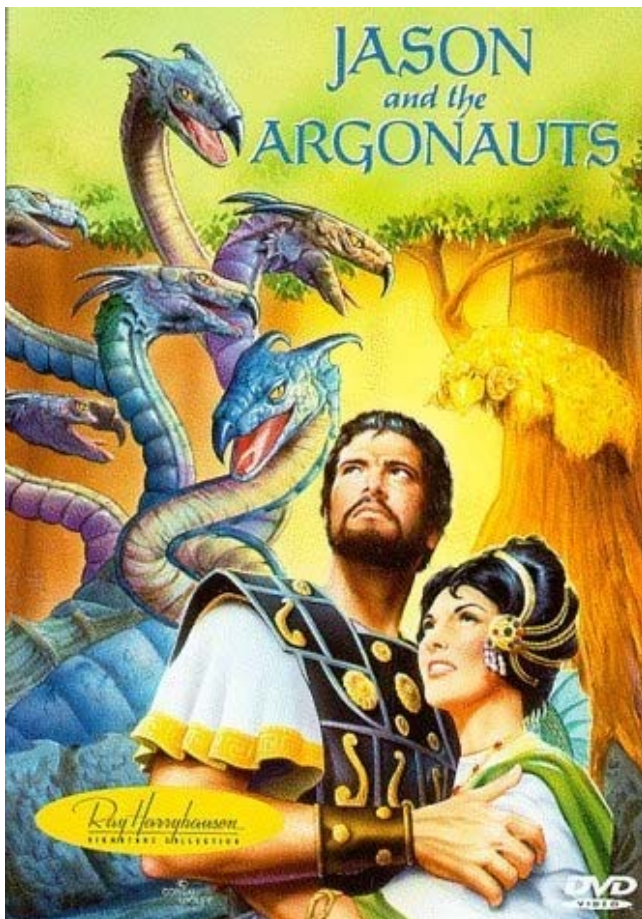
NEW TIME: SATURDAY NITES: December Movies Start at 7:00pm

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

All meals served with green salad

Dec 6th: **Jason & the Argonauts:** (1963) Legendary Greek Hero leads a team of intrepid adventurers in a perilous quest for the legendary Golden Fleece. They must survive the likes of a 100 foot bronze giant, a huge venomous creature with head full of seven snakes, and a terrifying army of skeleton
Dinner: Greek Gyros, Tzatziki, Athena Salad, olives, cheese, etc... \$10.00

Dec 20th: **CARTOON FESTIVAL – part 2** (1960's - Present) Looney Tunes, King Features, and Holiday Favorites: the Grinch Who Stole Christmas, Charlie Brown's Christmas..... and many more.....
Guest Hosts: Steve & James Loft
Dinner: Meatloaf, Mac 'n Cheese, vegetables, salad \$10.00
Dessert: YES there will be.... HOLIDAY COOKIES !!!!



HMBYC Arts and Sciences Symposiums

It started out as a joke, but lo and behold, sometimes things come to fruition just because someone had a good idea. Thinking back on how well attended various lectures and special presentations have been received by the membership, the Events Committee will host a series of lectures and dinners over the winter months to keep those synapses snapping along. So mark your calendars and be there for these talks and dinners. Lectures start at 5:30 pm (or after dark) with nice dinner served afterwards.

- **Sunday, December 28.** HMBYC's own Urs Williman will talk about the Straw House in Bridgeport, California that has yet to be blown down by a big, bad wolf. Come learn about green architecture! Dinner will be Chicken Marsala made by Terry Ramseyer and Barb Walt. \$10.
- **Saturday, January 17.** Larry Miller of the USGS will talk about his work as a hydrologist at Mono Lake California. Come hear a fascinating presentation and then have a great dinner prepared by HMBYC's uber-chef, Phyllis Smith. Price and menu to be announced.
- **Saturday, March 28.** Come here NASA's Mars Czar, Scott Hubbard, give his Carl Sagan Medal lecture on how he reorganized the Mars program and put Spirit and Opportunity on Mars (where they are still doing their thing). Dinner will be \$15 (we have to pay a speaker's fee!)
- **Saturday, April 25.** HMBYC member Diana Plank will give us a photo safari of Africa – animals, animals, and more animals included in the adventure.

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Watch Officer & Hospitality Schedule

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Month	Day	Date	Watch Officer	Hospitality	Event
Dec	<i>Fri</i>	5	(6-11) Rich Symmons	Leon Smith	Events Committee 10:00 a.m. TGIF Dinner 7 p.m.
Dec	<i>Sat</i>	6	(2-7) Kay Burns (7-11) Kelly Pike	(6-10) Liz Allison	Movie Night: "Jason and the Argonauts"
Dec	<i>Sun</i>	7	Martha Tingle		Pot Luck Appetizers and Club Decorating Party
Dec	<i>Tues</i>	9			Board Meeting
Dec	<i>Fri</i>	12	Clay & Danise Conrad	R. Joelli/L.Eisele	TGIF Dinner
Dec	<i>Sat</i>	13	Peggy Ruse	(6-10) Klear & Corcoran	Harbor Lights Awards
Dec	<i>Sun</i>	14	Charlie Quest		
Dec	<i>Fri</i>	19	Jim Stretch	Volunteer	
Dec	<i>Sat</i>	20	(2-7) Kessler/Machetti (7-11) Jeff Rogers	(6-10) D. & C. Slater	Movie Nite: "A Charlie Brown Christmas"
Dec	<i>Sun</i>	21	John Connors		
Dec	<i>Fri</i>	26	Suzy Pinkerton	Volunteer	
Dec	<i>Sat</i>	27	(2-7) (7-11) John Connors	(6-10) Yvonne Lorvan	
Dec	<i>Sun</i>	28	J. Hume & C. Smith		Straw Houses with Urs Willimann

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