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Half Moon Bay Yacht Club

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March 2009

At the Helm

Commodore Terri Lahey



Welcome March! The new building is in the final stages of construction. We will be grading the yard in early March and are still on track for completion in mid-to-late March. See Kelly Pike's building article for more details. Phase II will follow, where we decorate the inside of the building.

Thanks to everyone who has been volunteering at the club! It's a great way to grow friends at the club and to become a bigger part of your club. It's fun. Are you interested in serving a hospitably shift, helping in the boatyard maintenance, fixing a sailboat, cooking a meal, pitching in to help at a planned events, helping with race committee, teaching someone to sail? There are so many ways to volunteer! Please contact me, any board member, or Cynthia Ramseyer for events, or Ray Durazo for sailing activities.

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Stormy Weather Postpones Regatta

Londerville Cup Rescheduled to March

The weather forecast was grim: "A significant winter storm will impact California over the holiday weekend...system will bring heavy rain...high surf on the coast...a high wind watch may need to be issued this weekend..."

The Londerville Cup Regatta, originally scheduled for February 14 & 15, would have sailed into the teeth of the storm, assuming the forecast was correct. Late on Thursday night, regatta chair Clarke Simm, with input from Kelly Pike, decided to call off the race.

A new date, **March 21 & 22**, was announced shortly thereafter. "Clarke did the right thing," said Rear Commodore Ray Durazo. "Our first consideration must always be the safety of our members and other racers. We will never put anyone at risk if we can avoid it and this certainly was such a case."

Race organizers wondered whether they had made the right choice when Saturday morning dawned sunny and mild. But, by midday, it became clear the storm had arrived and racing would have been foolhardy.

The rescheduled race will be identical in all respects. Skippers meeting will be held at 9:30 AM on Saturday. Racing will begin at approximately 10:30. The regatta will end at approximately 1:00 on Sunday. Notice of Race is on our website, www.hmbyc.org.



This is typical of the action in HMBYC racing. Here, C15 sailors tack their boat in a precision maneuver that requires expert timing and balance.

Meet Our New Club Members

This month, we welcome to the Club new member Rhonda Shapiro. She lives in the Oakland Hills with Amos the Wonder Dog and Miss Gidget, a mostly Tibetan Terrier.

Rhonda works in San Francisco's financial district and she is a long-time friend of Ginger and Paul Minoletti.



"My late husband and I loved the water and spent many years in the Delta," she says. "I have no boat, don't know how to sail, but look forward to the adventure."

We also welcome Jay and Sandra Scowen, who live in Moss Beach and maintain a home in Bay of Islands, New Zealand.



"We decided we must learn to sail, as just about everyone in the Bay of Islands sails," says Sandra. She has boats in her genes, as her grandfather was a boat builder. Jay grew up in Monterey, CA and was a surfer, wind surfer and kayaker. "We look forward to learning to sail bigger boats with the HMB Yacht Club," she says.

Another new member recruitment by Ginger and Paul Minoletti is Debbie and Kevin O'Brien. "Ginger and Paul have been asking us to join the yacht club for years, and we finally decided to join," says Debbie. The pair has lived in HMB for 17 years and Kevin runs the Weller/O'Brien insurance agency on Main Street. He loves to play golf and she loves her water aerobics classes at the Colony Club. They are both looking forward to being active HMBYC members.



Lining Up HMBYC Team Members **Cancer Society Relay for Life**

It doesn't happen until August, but it's not too early to start thinking about being on the HMBYC team that will participate in the 2009 Relay for Life of The American Cancer Society.

The Relay brings together the HMB community to help raise funds for the fight against this disease. Lisa King, who heads the team says, "I'd love for you to join me as part of the HMBYC team. At the event, we will camp overnight, walk around the track, and meet lots of people."

To join the team or to get more information, contact Lisa at lisking21@comcast.net.

At the Helm

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Thanks to the building committee, volunteers helping with the construction, and to the many volunteers who have been clearing the boatyard and sailing containers, and taking it all to the dump. Events Planning has produced multiple fund raisers to collect funds for Phase II. Thank you Bill Griffis, Liz Allison, Charlie Quest, Cynthia Ramseyer, and Jean Simm for a fabulous Valentine's Dinner. It was fabulous! Thanks to Barb Dinnsen and her team for the Moon Town Schmatts concert, and Paul and Ginger Minoletti for the January Super Bowl Party. Thank you Barb Walt for the Mardi Gras dinner, Events committee for the 81st Academy Awards celebration, and Suzy Pinkerton for movie and a dinner on Saturday movie nights! Thank you also to each and every watch officer and hospitably volunteer! Your efforts allow us to share good times.

March events include St. Patty's dinner, Racing seminar and race, Dad's Night Out and Women's Sailing Group. The Londerville Cup is rescheduled for March 21-22. Get your crew lined up and contact Clarke Simm to sign up. Want to join the Winterfest trip up to South Lake Tahoe? Contact Kelli Ambrosi at kelli@ambrosi-consulting.com. Remember every Friday's TGIF dinner, and Saturday Social nights and movie nights on alternating Saturdays. Check out the events list in this AHOY and online at www.hmbyc.org

Mark your calendars. Tell your friends and neighbors: our Youth Sailing Classes return this year with one week sessions from June 22 through August 21. See Neal Wehtje's flyers and article for the dates and details on how to register. This was a very popular program last year. Our first 2009 Membership drive will be March 29. Come down and welcome prospective members!

News from the Board – February meeting:

The Board approved our 2009 budget. We are very busy with our yard clearing in preparation for grading in the final construction phase. We continue to work on our ABC license for the new building. We'll have our occupancy permit before the ABC license extension; please enjoy your drinks in our original building while we await this license. Dates and details of the 2009 youth sailing camps are ready for posting. We approved purchase of boats for youth sailing, so that required resources are owned by the club. These will be available for youth programs and member use. Watch for our new and improved website coming soon!

See you at the Club,
Terri

MARCH EVENTS

Tuesday, March 3 – Building Committee 6:30 PM
Sailing Committee 7:PM

Friday, March 6 – TGIF Dinner 7:00 PM
Special Events Catering prepares grilled salmon Buerre Blanc, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans almondine, roll with butter. \$15

Fri – Sun, March 6-8 – HMBYC Winterfest Lake Tahoe – Wanna play in the snow? Contact Kelli Ambrosi, kelli.ambrosi@gmail.com for details.

Saturday, March 7 – Dinner (6:00 PM) and a Movie (7:00 PM)
“African Queen” classic with Bogart & Hepburn. Beef, pork or chicken sausages, roasted potatoes, vegetables, salad. \$10

Tuesday, March 10 – HMBYC Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM

Friday, March 13 – TGIF Dinner 7:00 PM
Special Events Catering prepares chicken and three cheese enchilada, Spanish rice, Harry's spicy refried frijoles, fun toppings. \$15

Saturday, March 14 – St. Patrick's Day Dinner 7 PM. \$25. RSVP mandatory 2blackcats@comcast.net Seating limited.

Sunday, March 15 – Midwinter Racing Series. 9:00 AM seminar, racing begins at 12:30 PM.

Tuesday, March 17 – Building Committee 6:30 PM

Thursday, March 19 – Dad's Night Out. New activity! Come and talk about the joys and challenges of fatherhood and any other topic that comes to mind. Should be fun!

Friday, March 20 – TGIF Dinner 7:00 PM
Special Events Catering prepares slow simmered beef stufado in savory sauce, buttered noodles, Italian bean & green salad, French bread. \$15

Saturday, March 21 – Londerville Cup Regatta, re-scheduled from last month. Open to C15s, Lasers, Cal20s. See Notice of Race at www.hmbyc.org for details. Skippers meeting at 9:30 AM

Dinner and a Movie (After the sun sets) “Once” is an Oscar-winning musical about a street musician in Dublin. Irish lasses Arline Gilmore, Bernadette Forde & Dierdre O'Connor, with non-Irish friends, serve up Irish bacon & cabbage, potatoes, brown bread. \$10 adults, \$5 kids. Reservations are encouraged. Contact movienite@mac.com.

Sunday, March 22 – Londerville Cup Regatta ends at around 1:00 followed by presentation of winners.

Thursday, March 26 – Women's Sailing Group. 6:30 PM. Starting next month and continuing thru October, these meetings will start at 5:00 PM.

Friday, March 27 - TGIF Dinner 7:00 PM
Special Events Catering prepares BBQ pulled pork with house slaw on Texas toast, creamy mac & cheese, sautéed spinach with bacon. \$15

Saturday, March 28 – Scrapbooking Saturday 10 AM – 2 PM, contact Cynthia Ramseyer, 2blackcats@comcast.net or 650-726-4860.
Social Dinner 6:00 PM –

Saturday, March 28 – Facilities Work Party. Starts 9 AM. It's more fun than cleaning up your own place! So, lend a hand. Free breakfast and lunch. RSVP to Bjorn Conrad at facilities@hmbyc.org.

Sunday, March 29 – Membership Open House 2:00 – 5:00 PM. Invite a prospective new member to see the club and bring an appetizer to share.

COMING SOON!

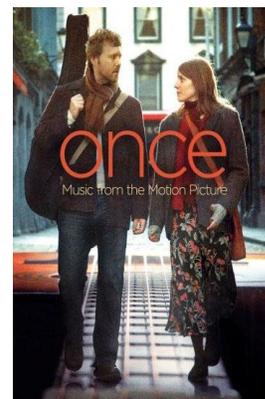
Sunday, April 5. HMB Opening Day on the Bay. Music! Dancing! King Neptune! Big doings at the Club!

Saturday, April 25. Arts & Sciences Lecture
Diana Plank on African Safari

Saturday & Sunday, May 2-3. Commodore's Cup features racing for C15s, Lasers and Cal20s.

Saturday, May 9. Spring Fling Dinner Dance

Go to www.hmbyc.org and click on **Calendar** to see all 2009 events.



Open House: Bring a New Member

Sunday March 29th is our first Open House of 2009! From 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. the Club will be open to the public to learn more about our Club and all that membership has to offer.

Mark your calendar, bring a friend, colleague or neighbor who might be interested in joining the club. Bring an appetizer to share and show our guests what a great place HMBYC is for boat lovers and fun lovers alike! Weather permitting there will be chaperoned sails in the harbor.

Please email Bernadette Forde if you can bring an appetizer at membership@hmbyc.org.

HMBYC People Feature

The Flyboys Among Us

Members Who Fly Planes for a Living or Just for Fun

John Powell's fascination with planes started with his father and uncle flying bombers in WW II. For Dave Morris, it started on Christmas morning of 1976. Under the tree was a book, "Private Pilot Flight Manual" and a receipt for a few hours of dual flight instruction. Godfrey Watson caught the bug at age 21 when he flew with a friend in a small, four-seat rental plane. All three are HMBYC members.



John Powell: As I watched seabirds soar the Santa Barbara beach cliffs on the westerly breeze, I was intrigued by the mystery and beauty of flight and subscribed to *Soaring* magazine to unlock its secrets. My interest flowered into glider lessons when I was 14 and powered flight lessons when I was 16.

A chicken farmer, Les Arnold, had a glider port as a supplemental business on his farm that is currently the Fremont Auto Mall. I flew Les's sailplanes along the east bay's Coyote Hills as often as my wallet allowed.

Afterwards, the demands of several graduate programs, marriage, children, career, and house construction reframed

Dave Morris: I was a junior in High School when those gifts showed up under the Christmas tree. From then on, every penny I earned went toward my private pilot's license, which I obtained in the summer of 1977 at the age of 17.

Military recruiters were wooing me, but they couldn't guarantee that I would end up flying. So, I went the civilian route. I earned my Commercial, Instrument, Multi-engine ratings over the next few years.. I worked flying crop dusters, charters, instructing, flying helicopters and attending college in my spare time.

Godfrey Watson: I became a pilot after my daughter, Karin (who was very young at the time), and I became exhausted from constantly visiting friends in Oregon. The trips were tiring and took much time no matter what mode of transportation we used—air, bus, train, or car.

I realized I could probably fly myself to Oregon. I immediately began training for my private pilot certificate, and I received it several years later. I remember the first time I approached Portland International Airport; I was flying a Cessna 182. It was beautiful and wonderfully exciting.

Flying is a convenience to me and my family. On our honeymoon, I flew my wife, Jeanne, from Maui to Honolulu for a day

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Building Update

by Kelly Pike, Building Committee Chair

Exterior doors are hung. The insulation is up in the main room, a new deck is going up around the building, water and natural gas lines are hooked up on Vassar. Restroom cabinets are ordered and exterior siding is up. Electrical, plumbing, and fire sprinklers are done. Estimated completion date is mid-March.

The committee selected neutral gray/blue tile for the restrooms. The committee has been researching floor coverings for the main room floor and, after consultation with the Board of Directors, has narrowed the choice to a range of light to medium wood shades. Bids have been obtained from four vendors so far, and the committee plans to email a poll to members for an up or down vote on flooring options.

It is required by the County that the exterior color be consistent with other buildings in our area, so we are limited to white or gray. He have four color schemes and we will poll the membership.

Members have contributed \$3,334 of labor so far. This is subtracted from our out-of-pocket labor costs by the contractor. There is still an opportunity to reduce costs by an additional \$5K to \$7K. Tasks include sheetrock installation and exterior painting.

The Phase 1 project has been modified to add in the main flooring which will increase the cost by approximately \$13K. The expected total cost for Phase 1 is \$416,000.

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John Powell:

my priorities. One day, after an hour and 15 minutes stuck in traffic while being serenaded by a cranky toddler, I had an epiphany. Repressing my desire to fly was wrong headed. Soaring above this social dysfunction was the very least I could do for my family as a responsible father.

A series of planes followed, culminating in our current aerial SUV, "Sky pig", a six seat, single engine, "bush" airplane that swallows kids, bikes, diving and camping gear, skis, surfboards, and anything else I can close the doors on. Even thus loaded, she will fly off beaches and short, rough, mountain airstrips.

She has enabled our family's exploration of the visual and experiential wonders of the western states, Mexico and Canada within the time constraints of work and school schedules.

Nexus: Flying and sailing skillfully share the same core competency. That is, "seeing" the flow of the wind (or water) in your mind's eye. More specifically, visualizing the angles at which they encounter the wings, sails, rudder, etc. Both sailboats and airplanes "go" on the wind. This essence links both skills and defines them apart from our everyday awareness.

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Dave Morris:

I ended up in Alaska where flying is often the main mode of transportation. The flying included floats, skis, wheels and the trips involved hunting, fishing, and camping. What more could a young fellow ask for! I added a Airframe and Power Plant Mechanics certificate to my resume and managed a degree from U of A.

From there, it was to Las Vegas where I flew corporate jets transporting high rollers, big-name entertainers and Casino executives. After a brief furlough from America West Airlines, I ended up back there as Captain on the Airbus. America West merged with US Airways and adopted the US Airways name, which is my current employer.

I fly out of Phoenix and I commute to work from El Granada in my 4-seat, single engine Maule at HMB airport. I bought the Maule as a basket case and totally restored it from the frame up, including overhauling the engine.

I have accumulated 21,000 hours of flying and I am hopeful that I can finish my career without ever having my name in the newspaper. The best flight is an uneventful one.

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Godfrey Watson:

trip because she had never been to Honolulu or Hawaii.

In Costa Rica, Jeanne and I rented a plane to fly to Quepos just for the experience. It would have taken us several hours to drive there, but took us only 20 minutes to fly ourselves.

Today, I am a Commercial Pilot in multiengine and single engine airplanes. I am a Flight Instructor, and I teach airplane ground school at College of San Mateo. I have about 1200 hours of day and night flying experience in the USA, and I have some international flying experience.

I have flown many types of aircraft; the largest was a Twin Beech E18S. My latest passion is teaching others how to fly. I love sharing my flying experience with others, and the enjoyment it brings me. I am very happy that I decided to fly. Flying continues to bring joy, adventure, convenience, growth, and opportunity into my life.

Facilities Work Party March 28

Starting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, March 28, members will join in to tidy up the clubhouse and yard. Free bkfst and lunch provided. For info, contact Bjorn Conrad at facilities@hmbyc.org.

2009 SAILING EVENTS

Regattas, races, sailing classes, seminars and other sailing events will fill 2009 with plenty of on-the-water activities. But, dates and times may change, so be sure to check the Club Calendar at www.HMBYC.org.

MARCH

Sunday 15 Racing Seminar (Right of Way Rules) seminar in the morning and racing in the afternoon.
 Sat-Sun 21-22 **Londerville Cup Regatta** (re-scheduled)
 Sunday 22 Cal 20 Sponsors Race No. 1
 Thursday 26 Women's Sailing Meeting 6:30 PM

APRIL

Saturday 4 Cal20 On-the-Water Racing Seminar, noon to 4
 Sunday 5 HMB Opening Day on the Bay – Pillar Point
 Spring Racing Series begins; every Sunday, 2 PM
 Thursday 23 Women's Sailing Meeting 6:30 PM
 Sunday 26 Opening Day on the Bay – San Francisco

MAY

Sat-Sun 2-3 **Commodore's Cup Regatta**
 Sunday 17 Cal20 Sponsors Race No. 2
 Monday 25 (Memorial Day) Spring Laser Sail-Off
 Thursday 28 Women's Sailing Meeting 6:30 PM

JUNE

Sat-Sun, early June Adult Sailing Classes (Dates to be announced)
 Monday 22 Youth Sailing Program begins, ends August
 Thursday 25 Women's Sailing Meeting
 Saturday 27 Single-Handed Sailing Society race to HMB

JULY

Saturday 4 Borreas Race. HMB to Moss Landing
 Sunday 5 Summer Racing Series begins; every Sunday, 2 PM
 Sunday 12 Cal20 Sponsors Race No. 3
 Thursday 23 Women's Sailing Meeting 6:30 PM

AUGUST

Saturday 15 OYRA One-Way Race, SF Bay to HMB
 Thursday 27 Women's Sailing Meeting 6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER

Sat-Sun Adult Sailing Classes (Dates to be announced)
 Monday 7 (Labor Day) Fall Laser Sail-Off
 Sunday 13 Cal20 Sponsors Race No. 4
 Thursday 24 Women's Sailing Meeting 6:30 PM
 Sat-Sun 26-27 **Vice Commodore's Cup Regatta**

OCTOBER

Sunday 25 Last Gasp of Summer Regatta

NOVEMBER

Sunday 8 Final Cal20 Sponsors Race
 Thursday 19 Women's Sailing Meeting 6:30 PM

DECEMBER

Sundays Midwinter Racing Series begins



**PUT
ON
YOUR
ALOHA!**

**HMBYC
Opening Day
On the Bay**

Sunday, April 5 Noon to 5 PM

Mermaids – King Neptune – Limbo
 Hula - Sea Monster Jumper for Kids
 LIVE BAND The Tiki Tones

Luau Fare – Beef or Chicken Kabobs with
 Huli-Huli Sauce – Slow-Cooked Pork
 Roasted Veggies – Fruit Salad

Boat Parade – Games – Sailboat Rides
 War Canoe Rides - Paddling

**Fun for
Everyone!**

**Bring the
Family!**

**Luau Meal:
\$15 Adults
\$ 5 Kids**



Contact Suzy Pinkerton
portcaptain@hmbyc.org

Watch Officer & Hospitality Schedule – March 2009

			W/O	Hospitality	Event
Mar	Sun	1	Martha Tingle		
Mar	Fri	6	Charlie Quest	Volunteer Needed	TGIF Dinner
Mar	Sat	7	(2-7) Lou Michetti & Debbie Kessler (7-11) Bjorn & Kirby Conrad	(6-10) Liz Allison	Movie Night
Mar	Sun	8	Dick & Tami Schubert		
Mar	Fri	13	Rick & Karla Winans	Reinhard Joelli & Lauren Eisele	TGIF Dinner
Mar	Sat	14	(2-7) Marie Parfitt-Pattie (7-11) Kristi Miller	Leon Smith	St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Mar	Sun	15	Carol Smith & Jeff Hume		
Mar	Fri	20	Terri Lahey	Richard Hector	TGIF Dinner
Mar	Sat	21	(2-7) Kay Burns (7-11) Dan Bodmann	(6-10) Yvonne Lorvan	Movie Night
Mar	Sun	22	Peggy Ruse		
Mar	Fri	27	Clay & Danise Conrad	Bill Klear & Mary Corcoran	TGIF Dinner
Mar	Sat	28	(2-7) Carol Hoover (7-11) Rich Symmons	Barbara Kelly	Arts & Sciences Lecture Social Dinner
Mar	Sun	29	Kelly Pike		

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