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## Half Moon Bay Yacht Club

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### Monthly Newsletter



November 2009

## At the Helm

Commodore Terri Lahey



Let's celebrate at the Club. Wait, we've been having fun all year! What's the buzz? On Sunday, **November 8** at 2:30, the **Annual Awards Ceremony** will take place at the Club. Come down and congratulate awardees and each other for our wonderful year. The following weekend, on Saturday **November 14**, is the date for the **Commodore's Ball**, which is our once-a-year dress-up event with dinner and dancing.

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Marcus Choy and Paul Gater had fun cooking calamari in the Club's booth at HMB Pumpkin Festival last month.

## Calamari Booth a Big Success

By Bob Cantillo & Suzy Pinkerton

Many of you have heard, or know first hand, that our Calamari Booth made an excellent showing of itself at the Pumpkin Festival last month. You may also know, that with all the singing, drinking, and fooling around, a lot of hard work took place to bring about the success of the event. Thank you to all who were a part of our team.

The following members helped to prep, load, unload, set up, carry, defrost, clean, shake, fry, serve, sell, or shout for at least one shift at the festival: Bjorn Conrad, Mimi Wisnom, Tami Schubert, Bill Klear, Karen Flick, Leslie O'Brien, Dan & Heather Bodmann,

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*Glamour! Glitz! Music! Food!*

## Commodore's Ball Coming Up

Our Club, as you have probably noticed, is one of the most informal, casual-dress places you can imagine. But, once a year, we make a big exception to that norm.

It's called the Commodore's Ball and it happens on Saturday, November 14 at the Oceano Hotel. Some folks go all out with tuxedos and ball gowns. Others just get dressed up in their favorite party garb. Either way, everyone has a great time dining, dancing and mingling.

So, put on your best duds and your dancing shoes and join the fun!

Cost is \$85 per person and reservations are mandatory. Make a reservation by contacting Cynthia Ramseyer at [specialevents@hmbyc.org](mailto:specialevents@hmbyc.org). Parking at the hotel is free and the entrance to the parking garage is on Capistrano Avenue.

It will be an evening to remember!



## Calamari Booth: Thanks to All Who Made It Successful

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Barry Liffand, Andy Geiser, Bill Berry, Richard McCluney, Dale & Diane Ross, Minot & Sydney Parker, Marie Parfitt Pattie, Claudia Marshall, Paul Minoletti, Debbie O'Brien, Reinhard Joelli, Lisa Pistacchio, Veronica Ciari, Rich Piercall, Deb Kessler, Clay Conrad, Greet & Michael LaGuardia, Mimi Correa, Lori Rhodes Morris, Peggy Ruse, Mike Lawler, Spencer, Katherine & Audrey Nassar, Marcus Choy, Beth Lee, Margie & Paul Gater, the Durazo family: Ray, Kristi, Curtis & Addison, Ken & Jean Ayer, Kay Burns, Karen Tobin.

Extra Special Thanks to those who went further, working 2 or 3 more shifts to fill in as needed, taking the lead and helping out in many ways above and beyond the call of duty: Dave Morris, Lou Michetti, Denis & Margrit Pichou, Terri Lahey, Steve Smith, Kelly & Susan Pike, Cecily Hatchitt, Liz Allison & Lily, Dr. Charlie Quest, Rich Symmons, Rick Winans, Clarke Simm, Larry Miller & Friend.

And our tireless wonders who put forth a HUGE effort, putting aside personal obligations before, and during the festival: the preparation, shopping, acquiring & making ready the trailer, the squid (a production of it's own), equipment, and volunteer coordination – Three Cheers For: **Carol Smith & Jeff Hume, Jennifer Celestre, Dave Morris, Lou Michetti, Leon Smith, and Maureen Grimm.**

Yummy Sunday night dinner was prepared and donated by Jennifer Celestre.

Dave Morris, besides sourcing & acquiring the trailer (with help from Bjorn Conrad) towed it to the Club, welded its chassis and box, cleaned it out & painted it, He was also instrumental in loading and delivering the booth, building the booth, striking it, reloading it and returning it to the boatyard, and he also brought his lovely wife Lori down to help us as well.

Surprise volunteers of the Festival: Denis & Margrit Pichou, new members who threw themselves completely into the event – up to their elbows in squid prep: they thawed, cut, shook, sold and served it... and assisted with everything from scrubbing pans to recycling hot oil. And who present will ever forget the the voice of Denis singing out "Get your calamari over here!"

Everyone together made a fabulous team, and a thoroughly successful event. THANK YOU!

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The Commodore's Ball will take place at nearby Oceano Hotel, where their friendly staff in their beautiful facilities will give us a gala party for \$85 per person - they do all the work, and we celebrate. The changing of the Board - thanking the 2009 board and welcoming the 2010 Board - occurs at the Ball. If you didn't find a Ball invitation at your USPS mailing address or want to know more about the event, contact Cynthia at [specialevents@hmbyc.org](mailto:specialevents@hmbyc.org) or any Board member. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join the fun.

**Sunday, November 1** is our last 2009 **Open House** and **membership drive**. We'll also have a table so parents can learn about our **2010 Youth Sailing Camps**, so tell your friends and neighbors. A morning work party on November 1 will spruce the Club for the afternoon events. Come anytime between 8 and 10.

Wow! October was another incredible month at the Club. Thank you to everyone who created the *Annual Fall Fundraiser*, and to all the members who participated in the auction! Thank you Claire Borkert Miller, Beth Lee, live auctioneer Minot Parker, and all their assistants for the auction. Thank you Phyllis Smith, Carol Smith, Barb Walt, and their assistants Liz Allison, Barb Dinnsen, Jeff Hume, Barb Kelly, Terry Ramseyer, Todd Wright, and Mimi Wisnom for the fabulous meal which took days to prepare, and Cynthia Ramseyer for reservations! Also helping at the fundraiser were Lisa Fox, Lisa King, Karen Hampton, Denis Pichou, Margrit Pichou, Gayle Pietras, Kelly and Susan Pike, Greg Smith and Steve Smith. Thank you to Bob Cantillo and Suzy Pinkerton who led the *Pumpkin Festival Calimari Booth* this year, and all of their committee chairs and volunteers. See the pumpkin festival article in this edition. Thank you Jim and Sandi Stretch for giving us the fun *Halloween Party* with great food, dancing, and decorations! Thank you to our Saturday and Friday *guest chefs* Liz Allison, Bob Cantillo, Jeff Hume, Gary and Bobbie McWherter, Suzy Pinkerton, Cynthia and Terry Ramseyer, Carol Smith, Barb Walt, and Neal Wehtje. Thank you to Karen Flick, Carol Hoover, Dave Morris, the sailing committee and keel boat sponsors who gave us the *Pumpkin Roundup races and moved the boats into the harbor!* Thank you to all our Watch Officers and Hospitality who keep our doors open, and to our sailing volunteers who get us on the water. Thanks to anyone I have missed during this busy and fun month.

As my term winds down, I reflect on the fun we have had. Thank you to my Board extraordinaire and to all of you! Congratulations and thank you to members of the 2010 Board, who will soon take the helm and steer the ship. Please give them all of your support as they take our wonderful Club forward.

See you at the Club!  
Terri

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

### Sunday, November 1 –

- Clean Up Party – 9:00 AM. Contact [facilities@hmbyc.org](mailto:facilities@hmbyc.org) for details.
- Membership Open House - 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Bring a friend to see what HMBYC has to offer.

**Tuesday, November 3** – Sailing Committee meeting - 7:00 PM

**Thursday, November 5** – Knit Happens – 6:00 PM

**Friday, November 6** – TGIF Dinner – 7:00 PM – Special Events Catering prepares Cornish game hens with savory wild rice & apple stuffing, Blue Lake green beans, brown sugar & butter yams, dessert. \$15.

### Saturday, November 7 –

- Events Committee meeting – 10:00 AM.
- Watch Officer Training – 12:00 Noon, includes lunch. Contact [portcaptain@hmbyc.org](mailto:portcaptain@hmbyc.org) for details.
- Dinner and a Movie. Dinner at 7:00 PM, movie starts at 8:00. Greek gyros, tziki, Greek salad, the works! \$10. Movie: The 7<sup>th</sup> Voyage of Sinbad, featuring wonderful special effects!

### Sunday, November 8

– Commodore's Awards & Skits - 2:30 PM  
Heart-felt recognition to those who have worked hard for you in 2009 and hilarious fun at the expense of a few of them. Chinese dinner at 6:00 PM presented by "Hard Wok Café" (Beth Lee & Marcus Choy).

**Tuesday, November 10** – Board meeting – 6:30 PM

**Thursday, November 12** - Knit Happens – 6:00 PM

**Friday, November 13** – TGIF Dinner – Caterer is off. Volunteer chef needed. Contact [portcaptain@hmbyc.org](mailto:portcaptain@hmbyc.org) if you are interested in cooking.

### Saturday, November 14

– Commodore's Ball – 6:00 PM  
Our annual get-dressed-up event at the Oceano Hotel. Make reservations by contacting Cynthia Ramseyer at [specialevents@hmbyc.org](mailto:specialevents@hmbyc.org).

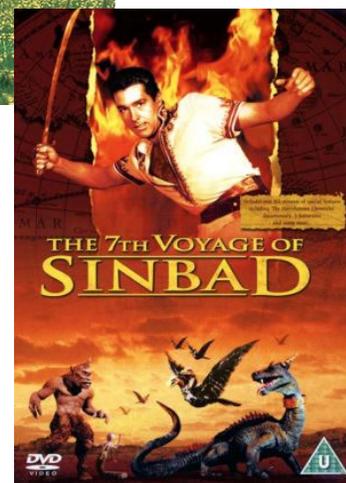
### Thursday, November 19

- Knit Happens – 6:00 PM
- Women's Sailing Committee meeting – 6:30 PM
- Dad's Night Out – 8:00 PM

**Friday, November 20** – TGIF Dinner – 7:00 PM Special Events Catering prepares Grilled Salmon with caper tartar sauce, garlic Parmesan mashed potatoes, spinach salad bar, dessert. \$15.

**Saturday, November 21** - Dinner and a Movie. Dinner at 7:00 PM, movie starts at 8:00. Roast tri-tip, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad. \$10  
Movie: The Sound of Music. 1965 classic with Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer. It will be one of your favorite things.

**November 26 – 29** – This is Thanksgiving weekend and there will be no dinners served at the Club during this period, but the Club will be open Friday thru Sunday at normal hours.



## Traditional Chinese Cooking To Follow Awards Program

On Sunday, November 8, after the Annual Awards & Skits, Beth Lee, Marcus Choy and friends will serve you traditional Chinese home cooking from their childhoods. Menu includes:

Joutze (Potstickers / pork or chicken) savory meat dumplings, steamed and griddled with a traditional dipping sauce.

Kung Pao Chicken / Chicken, blackened red peppers, and peanuts in a garlic, ginger, and hoisin soy sauce; steamed rice; steamed broccoli with oyster sauce; mango ice cream and Phoenix wafer cookies.

\$10 adult/\$5 children. Advanced reservations recommended. Please contact Cynthia Ramseyer at [specialevents@hmbyc.org](mailto:specialevents@hmbyc.org) or 415-519-1915 or, mail checks to: November 8th Dinner, c/o Cynthia Ramseyer, PO Box 52, El Granada, CA 94018.

**Reading the Wind:****What Does that “Small Craft Advisory” Really Mean?***by Ken Ayer*

There are several ways to designate wind speed for sailors. NOAA’s National Hurricane Center & the U.S. Coast Guard uses the following terminology and signals:

**Small Craft Advisory** – 18 – 33 knots - red pennant

**Gale Warning** – winds within the range of 34 – 47 knots (39 – 54 MPH) – 2 red pennants

**Storm Warning** – 48 – 63 knots (55 – 72 MPH) – Square red flag with black center

**Hurricane** – 64 + knots (74 + MPH) – 2 square red flags with black centers

There is no formal definition of “small craft” above, as it varies with the craft’s size, stability, and crew experience, but may include craft up to 65 feet in length.

There is also the Beaufort Wind Scale, shown below, worked out by British Admiral Francis Beaufort in the days of square riggers and often available on wind gauges as an alternative to knots.

**Beaufort Wind Scale**

Force	Knots	WMO	Estimating wind speed; Effects observed far from land
0	Under 1	Calm	Sea like mirror
1	1 – 3	Light air	Ripples with appearance of scales; no foam crests
2	4 – 6	Light breezes	Small wavelets; crests of glassy appearance, not breaking
3	7 – 10	Gentle breeze	Large wavelets; crests begin to break; scattered whitecaps
4	11 – 16	Moderate breeze	Small waves, becoming longer; numerous whitecaps
5	17 – 21	Fresh breeze	Moderate waves, taking longer form; many whitecaps; some spray
6	22 - 27	Strong breeze	Larger waves forming; whitecaps everywhere; more spray
7	28 – 33	Near gale	Sea heaps up; white foam from breaking waves begins to be blown in streaks
8	34 – 40	Gale	Moderately high waves of greater length; edges of crests begin to break in to spindrift; foam is blown in well-marked streaks
9	41 – 47	Strong gale	High waves; sea begins to roll; dense streaks of foam; spray may reduce visibility
10	48 – 55	Storm	Very high waves with overhanging crests; sea takes white appearance as foam is blown in very dense streaks; rolling is heavy and visibility is reduced
11	56 – 63	Violent storm	Exceptionally high waves; sea covered with white foam patches; visibility more reduced
12	64 and over	Hurricane	Air filled with foam; sea complete white with driving spray; visibility greatly reduced

## 2010 Board Elected

At the General Membership Meeting held on October 24, Kelly Pike, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of Officers for the coming year:

Commodore, Neal Wehtje  
Vice Commodore, Ray Durazo  
Rear Commodore, Clarke Simm  
Port Captain, Suzy Pinkerton  
Secretary, Lisa Pistacchio  
Treasurer, Veronica Ciari  
Membership, Kat Ryan  
Facilities, Bjorn Conrad  
Member at Large, Mike Day

Members present unanimously elected the slate. The new Board starts its term on December 1.

### Paid Classified Ad: SAILBOAT SHARE AVAILABLE

A 1/6th share in a Cal 2-27 berthed at Pillar Point is available from the HMB Boat Co-op. Cost is \$2000 buy-in plus approximately \$65/month in maintenance. "Attitude" is in good shape, has a spinnaker, roller furling jib, and recently replaced standing rigging. Contact Urs Williman or Spencer Nassar for more info. (650) 284-1812



## Watch Officer and Hospitality Training November 7

Have you thought about serving as a Watch Officer or as a Hospitality server for our Club?

You have the perfect opportunity to find out what makes HMBYC run by attending a training session on Saturday, November 7 from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 PM. Lunch is included.

There is no obligation. If, after the training session you decide that this isn't for you, you can opt out. But, we are pretty sure you will find it attractive and worth your time! Contact Suzy Pinkerton at [portcaptain@hmbyc.org](mailto:portcaptain@hmbyc.org).

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