January 2010

You Are Invited on Saturday, January 9:

Join Our Sailing Community and Be Part of the Fun!

Whether you are an active racer, a non-racing sailor, or a complete newcomer to sailing, you are cordially invited to the Club’s kick-off sailing event for the year.

On Saturday, January 9, starting at 9:00 AM, the Sailing Committee is hosting its annual breakfast get-together to showcase the coming year’s sailing program.

Newer members will find it especially interesting and informative as the Club’s top sailors discuss all the ways you can get involved in our Club’s very active sailing programs.

Even if you aren’t a sailor and don’t plan to enter any races or regattas this year, there are many ways in which you can be part of the fun and excitement. We have numerous member opportunities for you to choose from.

You will learn about our Adult Sailing Classes and our Youth Summer Sailing Camp. You will hear all about the Women’s Sailing Group.

And, most importantly, you will learn of the many ways you can support the Club’s sailing programs and enjoy the camaraderie.

For instance, we need volunteers to serve on Race Committees. Those are the folks who start each race and then record the winners from the comfort of the RC boat. We also need help with organizing and running the summer sailing camp for kids.

Whatever your interest, whatever your skills, there’s a place for you! Contact Rear Commodore Clarke Simm at rcommodore@hmbyc.org.

Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser
Saturday, January 23 – 5:00 PM
Feast on cold cracked crab, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Reservations required. RSVP to events@hmbyc.org or call Beth Lee at 831-419-9317. Check Tell Tales for ticket price.

SUPER BOWL!
Are you ready for some football?
Paul & Ginger tradition at HMBYC
Sunday, February 7  2pm to 7pm
Kickoff 3:28pm
Teams? Who cares, it’s all about the commercials & half time show!
Posole and French bread at half time $5.00
**2010 Racing Calendar**

by Mike Mann  
*Sailing Committee Chair*

As you can see from the schedule below, the Club has a full calendar of sailing events scheduled for the new year. We hope to see many of you participating in these races and regattas. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact me at sailing@hmbyc.org.

**January**
- 17th  Midwinter Race 2

**February**
- 13 & 14  Londerville Cup
- 21  Midwinter Race 3

**March**
- 21  Midwinter Race 4

**April**
- 4th  HMB Opening Day
- 24 & 25  Commodore’s Cup

**May**
- 8  Cal 20 Sponsors Race
- 31  Laser Sail Off

**June**
- 12  Cal 20 Sponsors Race
- 26  YRA One Way HMB

**July**
- 3  Boreas Race, Elkhorn YC
- 10  Cal 20 Sponsors Race

**August**
- 14  Cal 20 Sponsors Race
- 28  Short Handed Sailing Society

**September**
- 6  Laser Sail Off
- 11  Cal 20 Sponsors Race
- 25 & 26  Vice Commodore’s Cup

**October**
- 9  Cal 20 Sponsors Race
- 30  Pumpkin Roundup

**November**
- 6  Summer’s Last Gasp Regatta

**December**
- TBD

Some of the above events may be affected by weather, so be sure to check the Club Calendar on our website to confirm dates. There, you will also find the Notice of Race for regattas, which includes classes, starting times and other important data.

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**From the Helm**

*By Neal Wehtje, Commodore*

Well, we have lived ten years into the 21st century. These ten years have brought more activities and excitement for our Club. The most obvious example of that is our new building with its panoramic views of Pillar Point Harbor. It gives us comfort and ease for entertaining large groups or for just having a beer with good friends.

I think one of the most exciting aspects of the Club is our interesting, provocative, and insightful members. Our members have created many new and active groups: A colorful and adventurous group of Cal 20 sailors with new boats added to the fleet, an active Youth Sailing Camp, a pioneering Women’s Sailing Group, and an array of exciting and enthusiastic social activities. If you’ve checked your Club Calendar, you know we have a party for New Year’s Eve with music, dancing and snacks. And, you will not want to miss Charlie Quest’s annual Chili and Mussel Pot Luck on Friday, Jan 1st. Charlie collects the mussels himself for the event.

To kick off the New Year, Rear Commodore Clarke Simm, and the heads of our sailing committees will host our annual Sailing Breakfast to discuss their plans for the coming year over eggs and pancakes. Whether you’re interested in sailing, racing, or playing, it’s a great opportunity to find your niche. A wise commodore once said: He who commands his own ship is destined to do great things. So, come and find what great things are available to you, and be a part of our fleet. Join us on Saturday January 9th, 9 to 11 AM. We would like to get you on the water having fun!

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**Sailing Committee Report**

*by Mike Mann, Sailing Committee Chair*

In last month’s report from the Sailing Committee, I extended an invitation to any and all to come out on the water for one-on-one sailing instruction. I’m happy to report that I had several takers on that offer. So, I am making it again!

Once again, I would like to extend a personal invitation to anyone interested to contact me and discuss how we can customize a learning experience for you to ease into the world of sailing. Whether we start with a one-on-one “Introductory Experience” or enrollment in the next sailing class, I guarantee a rewarding and safe experience.

As an ocean enthusiast and USCG Licensed Master Mariner for over 30 years, I look forward to sharing some sea time with anyone adventurous enough to accept my invitation. You can reach me by sending an email to sailing@hmbyc.org.
January EVENTS

Thursday, December 31 – 8:00 PM to 1:00 AM – New Year’s Eve Party. Dancing to DJ sounds, holiday snacks & merriment. Free admission.

Friday, January 1 – Chili & Mussel Feed & Potluck. Charlie Quest’s outstanding annual event. Bring something to share.

Tuesday, January 5 – Sailing Committee meeting – 7:00 PM

Thursday, January 7 – Knit Happens – 6:00 PM

Friday, January 8 – TGIF Dinner - 7:00 PM – Special Events Catering prepares grilled salmon with herb butter, roasted red potatoes with fresh rosemary, asparagus, roll, dessert. $15.

Saturday, January 9 – Sailing Breakfast – 9:00 AM. Whether you are an experienced sailor or interested in learning more about sailing, come and join us for an interesting and informative morning. New members are especially encouraged to attend.

Tuesday, January 12 – 6:30 PM – HMBYC Board of Directors meeting

Thursday, January 14 – Knit Happens – 6:00 PM

Friday, January 15 - TGIF Dinner - 7:00 PM – Special Events Catering prepares crispy fried chicken, “dirty” mashed taters with gravy, macaroni & cheese, warm biscuits with honey & butter, dessert. $15.

Saturday, January 16 – Race Management Seminar – 9:00 AM
Come learn what it takes to run one of the Club’s sailing events. You might find out it’s something you would like to do! Breakfast included.

Dinner and a Movie. Dinner at 6:00 PM – Baked chicken, rice, vegetable stir fry, green salad. $10. Movie at 7:00 PM “Mystery Science Theater 3000: The Movie” based on the TV cult classic about a man and his robots who are forced to watch (and comment on) the worst movies ever made. Hilarious.

Sunday, January 17 - Midwinter Racing – Open to Lasers, C15s, & Cal20s. Skippers meeting at 11:30 AM. Race Committee positions are available. Contact Clarke Simm at commodore@hmbyc.org.

Wednesday, January 20 – Events Committee – 7:00 PM

Thursday, January 21 – Knit Happens – 6:00 PM
Dad’s Night Out – 8:00 PM

Friday, January 22 – TGIF Dinner – 7:00 PM Special Events Catering prepares BBQ tuna brochettes, rice pilaf, cucumber tomato salad, French bread, dessert. $15.

Saturday, January 23 – Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser – 5:00 PM
Feast on cold cracked crab, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Reservations required. RSVP to events@hmbyc.org or call Beth Lee at 831-419-9317. Check Tell Tales for ticket price.

Sunday, January 24 – 3:00 PM. “Celebration of New Citizenship” Potluck. Two of our Club members recently became U.S. citizens. Help them celebrate while having fun trying to answer questions from the exam they had to take. Prizes for the winners!

Thursday, January 28 – Knit Happens – 6:00 PM

Friday, January 29 – TGIF Dinner – 7:00 PM Special Events Catering prepares Cajun shrimp pasta with mushrooms and fresh spinach, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. $15.

Saturday, January 30 - Dinner and a Movie. Dinner at 6:00 PM – Slow cooked BBQ ribs, baked beans, taters & fixins. Movie at 7:00 PM – “The Cowboys” John Wayne leads a team of schoolboys on a cattle drive, where they face rustlers and other challenges.

Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday & Sunday, February 13 & 14 – Londerville Cup Regatta.

Sunday, February 14 - Valentine’s Day Formal Dinner Details coming soon. Contact events@hmbyc.org

Sunday, April 11 – Opening Day on Half Moon Bay One of the biggest parties of the year!
December 19 Pillar Point Harbor Lights a Sparkling, Glittery Evening

New Member Profiles
From time to time, we like to profile some of our newest members. Make them feel welcome when you see them next!

Denise and Chuck Rundle have a dog that became a business. At least in name. Denise runs Bandit’s Dog Walking & Services, which is named after their flatcoated retriever. Husband Chuck is a glazier who installs glass on new construction. They have two children, Christopher and Stephanie, ages 27 and 25 respectively. As a result of Chuck’s enthusiasm for motorcycles, they have three Harley-Davidsons proudly parked in their garage at their Frenchman’s Creek home. “We are interested in sailing and making new friends,” says Denise.

Laurie Dunston is an experienced sailor, having race-crewed on a Cal-227 on the Bay. She is retired and loves the family atmosphere of the Club and looks forward to sailing. For those of you who attended the Awards skit last month, you will remember that her dog had an ad lib part during Mike Day’s performance as the Cowardly Lion.

If you are a new member and would like to be profiled in AHOY! send a photo and a brief story about yourself to newsletter@hmbyc.org.

Bon Voyage, Terri!
Outgoing HMBYC Commodore Terri Lahey and her husband, Steve Smith, are moving to Geneva, Switzerland this month where they will be working and living for the next year.

During the Harbor Lights festivities, incoming Commodore Neal Wehtje presented Terri with a new sailing jacket as a token of the Club’s appreciation for her many years of service and especially for her stint as 2009 Commodore.

During her administration, we saw milestone changes in the Club, including occupancy of the new building and a sharp increase in membership. We wish Terri and Steve all the best!
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The Wine Bar, Half Moon Bay, opened December 10, 2009!
Featuring local Santa Cruz Mountain wines from Fogarty, Ridge, Vamer, Marella and Storrs wineries.
Also featured are fine coastal beers and local artisan cheeses, small plates, espresso and Elegant Cheesecakes' fabulous chocolate cake. Open Tuesday thru Sunday with live music on the weekends and special monthly tasting events.
Harbor Village Shops, Suite 22

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Ballroom & Latin Dance Classes
Beginning & Intermediate
No partners required. Learn Foxtrot, Tango, Waltz, Rumba, Cha-Cha, Salsa and other dances.
Beginning: Fridays, Jan 15 thru May 14, 7 - 8:30 PM
Intermediate: Fridays, Jan 15 thru May 14, 8:30 - 10 PM
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