

AHOY!

Half Moon Bay Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter



March 2010



HMBYC Goes Green with Ahoy!

To commemorate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day (April 25), HMBYC is going green with Ahoy! Our contribution to the “Billion acts of Green” will be receiving our monthly Ahoy! newsletter online at <http://www.hmbyc.org/ahoy/ahoy.pdf>. Each year, the Club and its members will save *thousands* of dollars in printing, mailing and paper (trees) costs. Beginning with the May 2010 issue of Ahoy!, you will be emailed the link to the newsletter on our website. You can also Go Green with your dues invoices by contacting office@hmbyc.org and having your invoices sent to you electronically. We hope that you will support us in our “acts of green” quest! However, if you still wish to receive Ahoy! in hard copy, please send a note to secretary@hmbyc.org.



Londerville Cup

Sunday Feb 21 got rained out, so the results of Sturday’s race were the final ones:

Laser Class

- 1st Kevin Wasbauer
- 2nd Jim Margeson
- 3rd Jaques Kerrest

Cal 20

- 1st Argo Dave Morris
- 2nd Uranus Dale Ross, Bill Klear, Dave Slater
- 3rd Pluto Bob Cantillo Josh Siudayla

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Sailing Safely in Pillar Point Harbor

A Safety Seminar for Members will be held at 10 am on March 27th

New members and novice sailors are strongly encouraged to attend!

Join us on March 27th at 10 am at the HMBYC for a safety seminar concentrating on sailing safely within Pillar Point Harbor and in the immediate offshore areas. The seminar will be presented by past Commodores Mike Day and John Powell. For new members who are not used to sailing in the harbor, or for novice sailors who are planning to take sailing lessons and use the club boats, this 2 hour seminar will provide a very useful introduction to our sailing grounds, and explain how to plan and carry out a safe and enjoyable sail in the harbor. Our offshore waters are very challenging, and boating fatalities have occurred within sight of the harbor. Every club member should be aware of the natural hazards in the area, as club members do sail their own boats outside the harbor, and we want everyone to enjoy sailing in and around Half Moon Bay safely. This seminar is not intended as a substitute for regular boating safety courses given by the Power Squadron or the Coast Guard Auxiliary, but we will provide more information about how to access those courses for those who are interested. If you have any questions about the seminar, feel free to email Mike Day at directoratlarge@hmbyc.org

Trivia Time:

A dock is the water beside a pier or wharf that a boat sits in. A pier is a structure at right angles to the shore; a wharf lies along a shore. So our "floating dock" is really a pier or wharf, depending on how the wind shifts. Remember to always wear a PFD if leaving the floating thing and entering the dock, which is wet.

From the Helm

By Neal Wehtje, Commodore



Well, the fun just keeps coming. Recently, we have had great meals prepared by our gracious members, loads of fun hanging out at the club for the big Maverick's Surf contest, and racing in our first regatta of the year, the Londerville Cup.

The Londerville Cup saw Cal 20's, and several Lasers racing away. The second day of the Londerville Cup got canceled due to rain, but it was worth coming to the club just for one of Bob Cantillo's omelets.

The Yacht Club was featured at the Half Moon Bay Chamber of Commerce Mixer on February 18th. Most of the Board of Directors attended. It was our chance to show the community our programs and activities. We were very well received.

Last, but not least, we heard your requests to lower the rental fee for the new building. I'm happy to say that we are responding by substantially lowering the rate for our members. Now is the time to plan your event and reserve the date.

Thank you to all who volunteer your time to make our events a joy to be a part of.

Fair Winds,
Neal Wehtje

EASTER 2010 -- Call for Volunteers: Brunch? Egg Hunt? Both?

The Events Committee is seeking volunteers to coordinate the upcoming Easter celebration, Sunday, April 4th. Easter brunch on a beautiful spring morning is a traditional Easter celebration. Imagine that brunch in our beautiful new building; the gorgeous view, the sun streaming in, the aroma of good food, and our sailboats skimming around the harbor. Want to share your family's favorite brunch tradition? Feel inspired about the "fun" part but need a Guest Chef to create the deliciousness? Brunch --or lunch-- could start after church services, around 11. Want to organize an Easter egg hunt around the club, or by sail and kayak (similar to the Pumpkin Round-up) for your kids, grandkids and friends? Or would other activities like face painting, egg crafts, and balloon bunnies seem more appealing? Is music part of your vision for the day? Hey, does the Easter Bunny sail?

MARCH EVENTS

Tuesday, March 2 – 7:00 PM – Sailing Committee

Thursday, March 4 – 6:00 PM – Knit Happens

Friday, March 5 – TGIF Dinner – 7:00 PM – **March Madness!**
This month, with every purchase of a TGIF dinner, get a coupon for a featured cocktail. Details in your weekly Tell Tales and on posters at the Club!

Special Events Catering prepares **A Night In Greece:** Chicken or beef souvlaki, pastitsio casserole, Greek salad, pita with tzatziki dip and olives, baklava \$15.

Saturday, March 6 – **Dinner and a Movie.** Special Guest Host John Simons

Dinner from 6:00 thru 7:30 PM. **Bangers & Mash!** Assorted sausages, various meaty types & a delicious soy sausage for vegetarians, mashed potatoes, roasted root vegetables, green salad, dessert, \$10 adults and \$5 for kids. Free movie at 7:30 PM: **"Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home."** Kirk and his crew must travel back to 1986 San Francisco to save mankind. William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, and a humpback whale.

Tuesday, March 9 – 6:30 PM – HMBYC Board of Directors meeting

Thursday, March 11 – 6:00 PM – Knit Happens

Friday, March 12 - TGIF Dinner - 7:00 PM – Volunteer needed. Contact portcaptain@hmbyc.org.

Saturday, March 13 – **Irish Feast** - New members Doug & Colleen Haupt prepare corned beef and all the traditional trimmings. Music, limerick writing, Guinness, fun! RSVP to events@hmbyc.org or Beth Lee at 831-419-9317. Check Tell Tales for price.

Sunday, March 14 – Daylight Saving Time begins!

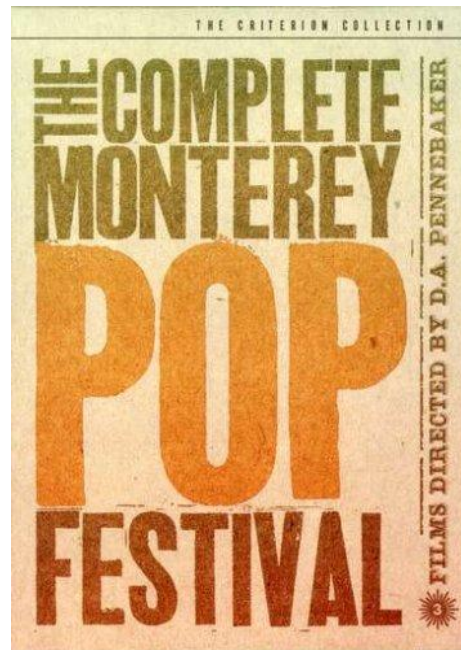
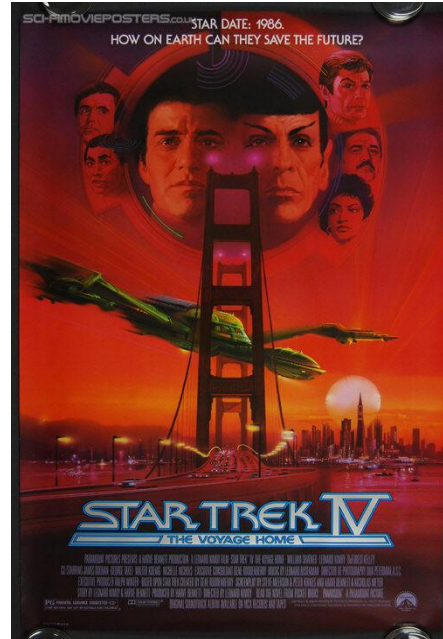
Wednesday, March 17 – 7:00 PM – Events Committee

Thursday, February 18 – Knit Happens – 6:00 PM
Dad's Night Out – 8:00 PM

Friday, March 19 – TGIF Dinner – 7:00 PM. Special Events Catering prepares **grilled Mahi-Mahi**, Macadamia nut rice pilaf with fresh pineapple butter leaf salad with Mandarin orange, fresh fruit compote with rum raisin sauce. \$15

Saturday, March 20 – **Dinner and a Movie.** Special Guest Hosts Rich Pierceall and Veronica Ciari
Dinner from 6:00 thru 7:30 PM. present **Homemade Pizza!** Imported Italian cheese, served with Caesar salad and dessert. \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids. Free movie at 7:00 PM. **The 1967 Monterey Pop Festival** shown with extra footage and history

and backstory as told by our Guest Hosts. The Summer of Love!

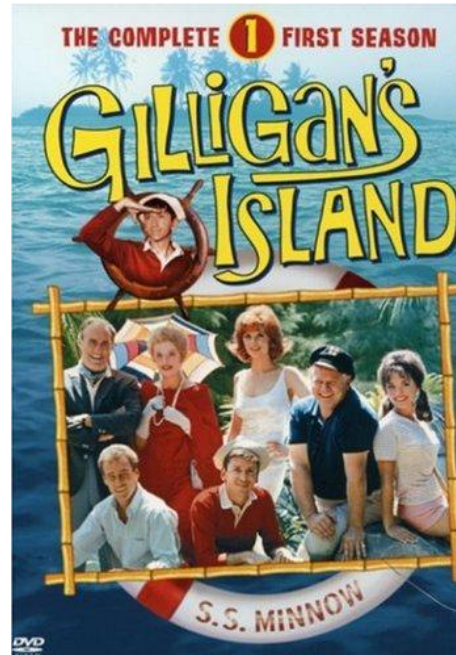


Sunday, March 21 – **Midwinter Racing** – Open to Lasers, C15s, & Cal20s. Skippers meeting at 11:30 AM. Race Committee positions are available. Contact Clarke Simm at commodore@hmbyc.org.

Thursday, March 25 – Knit Happens – 6:00 PM
Women's Sailing Group 6:30 PM

Friday, March 26 – TGIF Dinner – 7:00 PM. Special Events Catering prepares Three Cheese or Pork **Enchilada**, Spanish rice, salsa bar with blue corn tortilla, tossed cilantro salad, coconut cream pie. \$15.

Saturday March 27 – Dinner and a movie Dinner from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Coconut Shrimp/Katsu Chicken. Crispy friend coconut shrimp with dipping sauce, Katsu chicken, wok style vegetables, rice, green salad. \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids. Free movie at 7:30 Gilligan's Island. Select episodes from the first season (1964) of this classic TV sitcom.



E!Comm presents...

Let's talk about food. Our little Half Moon Bay Yacht Club is chock full of talented chefs, and hopefully you have been able to enjoy the delicious meals and accompanying hoopla that have been presented so far this year. We need more wonderful chefs to fill our calendar! Specifically, we would like to schedule Guest Chef crews for Saturday April 3 and Saturday May 1. Maybe you have a deep desire to cook for a crowd—this is your chance! Even if you don't feel confident to lead a team, volunteer to sous chef for someone else. The Events Committee has calculators and a budgeting worksheet to help you scale up your recipes and keep costs in line. Let us guide you to producing a fun evening for your fellow club members! Just email events@hmbyc.org or contact Beth Lee or Deb Kessler by phone to get the ball rolling.

E!Comm was proud to present a big, scrumptious Crab Feed on January 23 spear-headed by Kay Burns, Jeff Hume, and Carol Smith which proved to be a big fundraiser for our club! Many hands made light(er) work for this dedicated crew—thanks to Mike Madden & Barb Dinnsen, Margrit & Denis Pichou, Josh & Julia Siudyla, Al & Claudia Linhares, Barb Walt, Mimi Wisnom, Barb Kelly, Liz Allison, Elizabeth Thompson, and Clark Simm. We were thrilled to have new members Alan and Adora Palmer, and Michelle, Robert, and Zander Dragony cook up a terrific West African dinner with homemade cheesecake for dessert on February 6! Everyone loved the native clothing worn by the chefs and the music played during dinner. On Valentine's Day, E!Comm co-chair Beth Lee led a team of helpers for an outstanding

brunch on a beautiful Sunday morning. Support came from Marcus Choy, Cecily Hatchitt & Neil Hooper, Karin Litcher, Anne Wright, Margie Gater, and Deb Kessler who offered champagne cocktails at the bar. Special thanks to Sue Prichard and Ellen Wikle who brought along 2 friends and 4 harps to entertain the crowd with beautiful music.

Other E!Comm productions were a wonderful Citizenship Party potluck on January 24 hosted by Clarke Simm in celebration of new citizens Denis and Margrit Pichou. Our club has many naturalized citizens and it was fun for natives and newcomers to try their hand at the citizenship test questions! Paul and Ginger Minoletti hosted their annual Super Bowl party on February 7 and it was great to try out our new projector to show the game in the new building—thanks Bob Cantillo for setting that up. Lots of great treats were again brought to the club by our members.

Check the club calendar at hmbyc.org to find out details of our upcoming events. You won't want to miss the Irish Feast on March 13th when new members (and professional chef) Doug and Colleen Haupt celebrate all things Irish with a traditional meal of corned beef and cabbage along with a live dancing performance, music, limerick-writing and a lot of blarney. Looking ahead to April, we are eagerly anticipating the talk of Robert Crawford, the single-handed sailor who took a Cal 20 to Hawaii! We will have a wonderful Hawaiian-themed menu for the dinner to accompany this special talk.

Have an idea for an event? Contact events @hmbyc.org and start making your dream a reality! We would like to

hear from you and help you propose your event.



St. Patrick's Day Feast and Festival - 5:00 pm dinner. Put your Irish on and come to the club to enjoy traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage, with all the trimmings. Guest chefs Doug and Colleen Haupt.

Live Irish music, and featuring, Murphy's Irish Dancers! Limerick writing too! \$20 adults / \$5 children. Reservations recommended. RSVP to Beth Lee at events@hmbyc.org or 831-419-9317.

Save the Dates

Saturday, April 17, 2010, 5:00 – 6:30 Multimedia Lecture and Dinner: Robert Crawford Single-hands Black Feathers in the 2008 Transpac Hear the story first hand, from Robert Crawford himself, the captain of *Black Feathers*. His talk will be accompanied by a multimedia presentation, and he will have a few copies of his soon-to-be-released book. In honor of his exciting adventure, enjoy a Hawaiian-themed dinner, as well! Reservations for the Lecture and Dinner \$15 adults, \$5 kids. Contact Events Committee at events@hmbyc.org, or call Beth Lee 831-419-9317.

Save the Date! **Sunday, May 2, 5:00pm** : A French Evening in the Giverny Garden with Sue, Julia, and Monet: Women Sailing's 3rd Annual Girls' Sailing Scholarship Fundraiser. Women Sailing hosts an evening in France. Savor an intimate dinner in Monet's garden at Giverny as created by the artistry of Sue Prichard. Our Guest Chef will recreate the flavors of France with a classically French Julia Childs menu for your enjoyment. All proceeds to support girls' sailing scholarships. \$30 adult, \$5 child. 40 reservation maximum. Reservations at events@hmbyc.org or call Beth Lee at 831-419-9317.

To all the participants and greeters that came to Denis and Margrit Pichou U.S. citizenship celebration....

Denis and Margrit would like to express their appreciation for the welcoming members that wished them a warm welcome. The potluck gathering had all the various victuals of a wonderful and sincere feeling of

More Londerville Cup photos



personal friendliness that comes with the expression "the USA is a melting pot where everyone can find a congenial ambiance".....

Denis and Margrit Pichouthe new real kids on the block.....no more alien jokes will be permitted.....

Youth Sailing Camp

Join Us for Summer Sailing Camp at Half Moon Bay Yacht Club



What we offer:

Sailing camp includes instruction and fun for young people ages 8 to 16 emphasizing safety and sailing technique. Sailors, including BEGINNERS, are grouped by age and ability and are taught by certified Level 1 US Sailing Instructors. Classes are divided into Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced and Racing with each class level leading to the next higher level. Thus a Beginning sailor could advance to Intermediate level by taking the following week's class. Two levels of classes are offered each week with the maximum class size of 8 sailors with two instructors. All sailing is inside the Princeton protected harbor on 12 to 15 foot centerboard Coronado 15 and Laser sailboats and includes the opportunity to sail on our larger Cal 20 boats.

Information:

Instructors:	HMBYC Staff (US Sailing Certified)
What:	One and Two week sailing camps
Ages:	8 - 16 years
Time:	9:00AM to 4:00PM; Monday – Friday
Dates:	Beginning sailing: 6/28, 7/12, 7/26, and 8/9 Intermediate sailing: 7/5, 7/19, 8/2 and 8/16 Advanced sailing: 7/5, 7/12, 7/26 and 8/9 Racing: 7/19, 8/2 and 8/16
Location:	Half Moon Bay Yacht Club, 214 Princeton Ave, at Vassar Ave
Fees per Week:	From \$290.00 to \$325.00; \$400.00 for Racing Camp

For Enrollment Information, Contact: youthsailing@hmbyc.org

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