

AHOY!



Half Moon Bay Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter

April 2010

Join in the Fun! Bring the Family!

Opening Day on Half Moon Bay 2010 Sunday, April 11, Noon to 5

The Official Event that Opens Boating Season



Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony
Parade of Boats
Skippered Sailboat Rides
Paddling Standup boards
Kayaks and more!

Nautical Hijinks
Boatload of Commodores
Costumed Characters: King
Neptune, Mermaid, Pirates
& maybe a Crustacean or two

Games and fun for kids!
Spin Art, Beach Volleyball,
Giant Sea Monster Jump House,
Tiki Hut plus more!

FOOD! FOOD! FOOD!
2pm – 5pm
First BBQ of the Season
Adults \$12, Kids \$ 6

LIVE BAND
Big Crowdaddy
featuring guest vocalist
Kellie Morlock



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WANTED

The HMBYC 2010 Youth Sailing Camp is looking for a few people to employ as assistants to the Head Instructor for both shore side and on-the-water jobs. Some of these are entry-level positions; others require some experience. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm beginning June 23 thru August 20. Each position is initially for two weeks and may be extended for additional two-week periods at mutual agreement. Applicants under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian approve the application.

Applications for these jobs may be picked up either at the Club (in the Cal 20 logbook cabinet) or by emailed request to rcommodore@hmbyc.org. Completed applications should be returned to HMBYC, Attn: Rear Commodore, P.O. Box 52, El Granada, CA 94018.

New Floors in the Clubhouse—
See story on page 4





Reminder: HMBYC Going Green with May Ahoy!

To commemorate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day (April 22), HMBYC is going green with Ahoy! Our contribution to the “Billion acts of Green” will be receiving our monthly Ahoy! newsletter online at 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 HMBYC secretary Lisa Pistacchio, secretary@hmbyc.org.

Sailing Question of the Month:

Racing is becoming quite the topic at the Yacht Club. To add to the enjoyment, rules have been created to not only add to the on-water experience, but to also add to the après-water discussions. Today's little adventure does have an answer and it will be published next month.

'Not Now' is beating towards the finishing line in very light winds and adverse current. (NEVER happens in our harbor) Just after her bow crosses the finishing line, she bears away and sails off the course to find a beer. 'Uranus' protests 'Not Now' for failing to completely cross the finishing line and getting to the bar first. You are on the protest committee hiding in the wine cellar on 'La Boheme'; how would you decide this?

Answer to February Photo:

It's a cat ketch – or cat rigged ketch.

From the Helm

By Neal Wehtje, Commodore

April is upon us and we keep finding more ways to express ourselves and have fun at the Club. A great example was Irish Night recently. It was a big evening with live music and Irish dancers. Thanks to Doug and Colleen Haupt and the tireless work of the Events Committee for a wonderful evening.

Kelly Pike has assembled our floating docks into one and built a wheel house of sorts on it. He has set up the ferry with a remote control so it can be called into shore. That will come in handy as our Opening Day on Half Moon Bay is coming up on the 11th of April. This is an event that everyone will want to attend, check our calendar for all the details.

Please bring your friends to our HMBYC Open house on April 18th to show them the Club and what we have to offer. We will feature discounted initiation fees on that day for new members.

And then there is Sailing. Lots of Sailing. We love to get on the water and will find any reason to do so. Our next big regatta is the Commodore's Cup on May 1st and 2nd. We should have beautiful spring time weather and good winds for the event. I want to say thank you to the many members who give their time and efforts to make our organization work. All of your contributions make our Club a great place to be.

Fair Winds,
Neal Wehtje



Useful/Interesting web sites:

- www.animatedknots.com – This web site has cartoon animations in color showing how to tie boating knots. You can step through each knot one frame at a time. Great way to learn!
- www.strictlysailpacific.com – This is the largest boat show in the Bay Area (and maybe West Coast) and runs April 15 to 18 at Jack London Square, Oakland. Seminars on safety & other topics are offered and the vendors usually have discounts
- www.cgaux.org/boatinged - Coast Guard Auxiliary web site on boating safety
- www.usps.org – US Power Squadron classroom and online classes
- Got a favorite that other Club members should know about? Send an email to newsletter@hmbyc.org.

Bunny Alert!

Easter Brunch

de Tails



Potluck Brunch

\$5.00

No Host Bar

Bring your favorite breakfast or lunch dish to share

Sunday, April 4

12:00 - 2:00 PM

Half Moon Bay Yacht Club

214 Princeton Avenue
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

Ladies!

Wear your Easter bonnets

Music Provided By

Howard Lieberman & David Solhaug

CAL 20 Sailing excursions available

RSVP Required

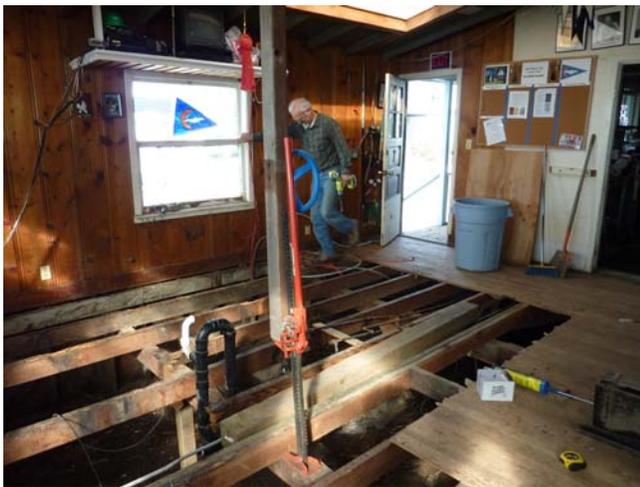
Email Rocky Law at rockylawfranco@gmail.com

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Heroines & Heroes of “The Floor” at HMBYC

On Monday March 23, 2010, a crew consisting of David Morris, Leon Smith, Jeff Hume, Carol Smith, Monty Hampton, Mike Madden, Bill Klear, Wes Brykailo, Deirdre O’Conner, and Terry Ramseyer assembled at 9:30 with the objective to start the process of renovating the bar area in the area **outside** where the actual bar is located. It quickly became apparent to all that Leon and David were far more informed as to how to go about accomplishing this goal. The crew wisely let them take the lead. They treated everyone like complete gentlemen and work got going in earnest. The initial objective was complete by lunch. At that point David asked if we should do the bar proper as well. Following some nods and shrugged shoulders, the crew proceeded. Despite more than one person making the descent through the floor to Kitty Litter Land, by the end of the day, marked by a well-deserved round of beer, the bar had been completely relocated and the rotten flooring and (non-existent) structural members were **GONE!**

On Tuesday, the structural repairs were completed making the floor stronger than the original and the new sub floor was in place.



On Wednesday, David arrived with a supply of sheet vinyl which was installed in the area behind the bar. While all of this was taking place Leon completely rewired the bar area with [gasp!] three wire grounded service, replacing wiring that was so antiquated it belonged in a museum somewhere. When beer-thirty arrived, the bar was back in place and the major appliances were and functioning as well.

Thursday and Friday were spent connecting the various coolers, the ice maker, sink and other items, as well as installing proper floor drains and ventilation for the equipment. Hector Morales showed up and completely restocked the now scrubbed and very clean bar, which was totally functional by 5:00 TGIF.

Naturally it should be understood that the above referenced group of conspirators were on hand throughout this process. In addition, members including Mimi Wisnom, “Pink Slip” Sue Prichard, Jim Scharff, and Neal Wehtje came by to assist in various capacities. This collective effort has made the area behind the bar a “No Fall-Through Zone.” Rock on! Some invisible contributions really stood out: Carol Smith crawling into the beer coolers to clean them, Jeff encountering the “great tightness” (more about that another time), Mimi restocking the ships stores far better than the hammer and saw guys would have done, Monty and Carol for lunch service, not to mention Bill Klear for his droll wit—although when Bill mused, “I was thinking...,” without missing a beat Leon said, “Well, don’t hurt yourself.”

More is yet to come! The new “teak” (actually acacia, which is 75% harder than oak) flooring is seasoning itself at the Club before it gets installed, complete with some native stone accents in high-traffic areas. Enough “teak” has been purchased to redo the floor in the TV room and hallway of the original Clubhouse, and this should happen in time (and when aching bones and sinews have recovered).

To all of those who labored long and hard, as well to those who made generous monetary contributions to The Floor Effort (think various fundraisers and several members who don’t do “knees-on-the-floor” work) this renovation has been accomplished without invading the Club’s operations budget. If anyone else may have been overlooked we apologize, and let us offer our most sincere and grateful thanks! Buy ‘em a drink without fear of falling through the formerly very old, very tired, and very unsafe bar room floor.

Down the Hatch

By Deb Kessler

Please join me in welcoming Andres Velasquez as our new bar manager. Andres has an extensive background in wine, the most popular beverage at HMBYC. With a small team assisting him, Andres will keep the bar running smoothly and he's already bringing in some new wines. I can't wait to see what Andres has in store for us!



E!Comm Presents...

Since our last Ahoy! went to press, E!Comm has been busy bringing two enthusiastically received events to HMBYC. On February 27th, we were honored to have Dr. Karen Kalamuck of the Exploratorium in San Francisco give a presentation about the Galapagos Islands. Dr. Kalamuck offered her talk at the request of her friend and a past Commodore, Jennifer Celestre. Jennifer volunteered to be the Guest Chef for the evening and 55 members and guests enjoyed this wonderful event. Thanks to all who stepped in to help get the delicious dinner cooked and served!

Two weeks later, Doug and Colleen Haupt hosted a St. Patrick's Day Feast and Festival. With remarkable enthusiasm and vision, Colleen managed to coordinate live music, Irish dancers, and even Irish karaoke while Doug showcased his remarkable culinary skill by cooking up Irish fare for 114 members and guests! This was the largest-scale event held this year and so many people were critical to the planning and execution. Particular thanks to Beth Lee and Margie Gater who were instrumental in the planning stages, Bernie Ford who made the Irish soda bread, John Simons who provided the karaoke, and Beverly Britton, Colleen Delfino, Jay Howell, Barbara Kelly, Bobbie and Gary McWherter, Deirdre O'Connor, Adora Palmer, Denis and Margrit Pichou, Dale and Diane Ross, Sandra Scowen, and Clarke Simm for their tireless efforts during the night.

E!Comm has lots more great events on our planning calendar—keep an eye on the HMBYC online calendar, the weekly Tell Tales, and our bulletin board next to the bar for upcoming events. And if you have an idea for an event or want to be a Guest Chef, contact events@hmbyc.org or call Beth Lee at 831-419-9317 or Deb Kessler at 726-9488.

Your fellow club member, Audrey Nassar, will be playing Nora in Brighton Beach Memoirs at the Coastal Repertory Theatre next month. It's a highly regarded Neil Simon play. Performances will be Friday and Saturday evenings, and Sunday afternoons, from March 26th to April 17th. Details are at www.coastalrep.com.

Audrey is 17, a freshman at San Mateo Community College, a past participant in Youth Sailing at the club, and has worked as shore support for the club's Youth Sailing program the past two summers.

E!Comm presents... .

Cinco de Mayo!

Come join the fun at the Club to celebrate Cinco de Mayo! Vice Commodore Ray Durazo spearheads the festivities on Saturday May 1 from 6-9 pm. Bring your homemade salsa for a pre-dinner salsa contest and tasting; enjoy margaritas from a designated margarita bar; and savoe a sit-down, served Mexican dinner that includes tamale, carnitas, rice, beans and garnishes. Watch Tell Tales and the MBYC online calendar for other details as they develop. Ticket price is \$15. Reservations are required. Email events@hmbyc.org or call Beth Lee at 831-419-9317.

APRIL EVENTS

Thursday, April 1 – 6:00 PM – Knit Happens

Friday, April 2 – TGIF Dinner – 7:00 PM - Special Events Catering prepares baked halibut with Buerre Blanc, risotto with artichoke hearts and spring onions, chilled asparagus, pear salad, chocolate pudding cake. \$15. Gin & tonic special cocktail \$3 with purchase of dinner.

Saturday, April 3

9:00 AM – Club Clean-Up. Come join the fun and the work! Help us get the Club spiffed up for the April 11 Opening Day Festivities. Contact Bjorn Conrad at facilities@hmbyc.org.

6:00 PM – Social Dinner – Guest Chef Terry Ramseyer and friends prepare Taco Spaghetti & Sausage, spring fresh spinach salad with a selection of hand-crafted dressings, garlic bread. \$12 adults, \$5 children. Reservations suggested. RSVP to events@hmbyc.org or call Beth Lee at 831-419-9317.

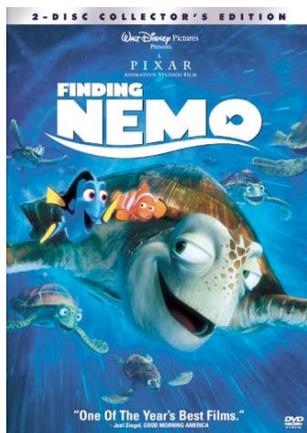
Sunday, April 4 – Easter Brunch – Bring your favorite breakfast or lunch dish to share. Ladies, don those fancy Easter Bonnets! Live music provided by Howard Lieberman & David Solhaug. \$5 ticket supports the band. Reservations requested. RSVP to Rocky Law at rockylawfranco@gmail.com or call her at 650-619-5026.

Tuesday, April 6 – Sailing Committee – 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 8 – Knit Happens – 6:00 PM

Friday, April 9 – TGIF Dinner – 7:00 PM

Volunteer wanted. Contact portcaptain@hmbyc.org.



Saturday, April 10 – Dinner and a Movie.

Dinner from 6:00-7:30 PM. Special Guest Host & Food Consultant: Josie Loft. Chicken & Mac-n-Cheese. Baked chicken tenders or roasted chicken, macaroni & cheese, glazed carrots, steamed broccoli, black olives, green salad, dessert. \$10 adults and \$5 for kids. Added Fun: Join in on fun Fish Games before the movie! Free

movie at 7:30 PM: **“Finding Nemo”** Animated story of a father-son underwater adventure. A family favorite!

Sunday, April 11 – Opening Day on HMB. Our annual blow-out starts at noon. Food and bar service starts at 2:00 PM. Blessing of the fleet, boat parade, sailboat rides, paddle boards, kayaks, games for kids, jumphouse, live music and much more! BBQ and food: \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids.

Tuesday, April 13 – 6:30 PM – HMBYC Board of Directors meeting

Thursday, April 15

6:00 PM – Knit Happens

8:00 PM – Dad’s Night Out

Friday, April 16 - TGIF Dinner - 7:00 PM – Special Events Catering prepares All You Can Eat Pasta Bar. Three cheese tortellini, linguine with spicy red sauce or creamy Alfredo, grilled vegetables, roasted sausage links, cheesy garlic bread, sherbet ice cream. \$15. Sidecar special cocktail \$3 with purchase of dinner.

Saturday, April 17 – 5:00 PM **Multimedia Lecture** by Robert Crawford, followed by dinner at 6:30. The smallest boat in the 2008 Transpac race from Los Angeles to Honolulu was **Black Feathers**, a Cal20 single-handed by Robert Crawford. Come hear this amazing story! Dinner: Huli-Huli chicken, Hali ‘Imaile ribs, Forbidden black-rice pilaf, salad with passion fruit vinaigrette, corn & mango fresh chutney, island fruits, Mochi steam cake with caramelized pineapple. Reservations required. RSVP to events@hmbyc.org or Beth Lee at 831-419-9317.

Sunday, April 18 – HMBYC Open House – 2:00-5:00 PM

Bring a neighbor, friend, co-worker. Enjoy an afternoon of live music, delicious munchies. Show them why being a Member is the best bargain on the Coastside. They will thank you!

Wednesday, April 21 – 7:00 PM – Events Committee

Thursday, February 22

6:00 PM – Knit Happens

6:30 PM – Women Sailing Group

Friday, April 23 – TGIF Dinner – 7:00 PM. Special Events Catering prepares award-winning Boston clam chowder served in sourdough bread bowl, jumbo coconut prawns with dipping sauce, deluxe salad bar, fresh baked peach pie. \$15. Seabreeze special cocktail \$3 with purchase of dinner.



Saturday, April 24 – Dinner and a Movie.
 Dinner from 6:00-7:30 PM.
 Special Guest Host James Loft. Salisbury steak or roasted chicken, parsley potatoes, gravy, corn, carrots, green salad, dessert. \$10 adults, \$5.00 kids.
 Added Fun: Spiderman cartoons before the movie!
 Free movie at 7:00 PM.
 “Ironman” man in armored suit fights against evil.
 Marvel Comics classic!

Sunday, April 25 – Opening Day on San Francisco Bay, sponsored by PICYA (www.picya.org). Contact Liz Allison at picya@hmbyc.org for more information.

Thursday, April 29 – Knit Happens 6:00 PM

Friday, April 30 – TGIF Dinner – 7:00 PM. Special Events Catering prepares stuffed flank steak with spinach gorgonzola, baked potato bar with fun toppings, tomato pomodoro platter, strawberry shortcake. \$15. Mojito special cocktail \$3 with purchase of dinner.

Saturday - Sunday, May 1 & 2 Commodore’s Cup – Skippers’ meeting at 10:00 AM. Regatta open to C15s, Lasers & Cal20s. See Club website for Notice of Race.

Saturday, May 1 – Cinco de Mayo Celebration
 6:00 PM – Salsa Tasting
 7:00 PM – Mexican Dinner prepared by Guest Chefs Ray and Kristi Durazo. A served, sit-down dinner of tamale,

carnitas, rice, beans & trimmings. \$15. Reservations required. RSVP to events@hmbyc.org or call Beth Lee at 831-419-9317.

Sunday, May 2 – 5:00 PM - 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. Sue will show her own paintings, share her lecture and multimedia presentation of Giverny, and discuss the experience of traveling to the famous gardens to learn and paint. Guest Chef Phyllis Smith will recreate the flavors of France with a classically French Julia Childs menu for your enjoyment. The evening includes an auction of creative and beautiful items. Join us in supporting girls’ leadership and empowerment through sailing; proceeds to support girls’ sailing scholarships. \$30 adult, \$5 child. 50 reservation maximum. Reservations at events@hmbyc.org or call Beth Lee at 831-419-9317.

Save the Date – Saturday May 15 – Evening in India.

Savors the flavors of India: beef vindaloo, chicken madras, green beans in mustard sauce, rice, naan, raita, with Indian rice pudding for dessert. Prepared by Guest Chefs the Palmers, Dragonys, and McWherters. Get a henna design by professional artists while enjoying traditional music of India, and even some bollywood tunes! Henna sessions start at 5:00, dinner served at 6:30. Reservations Required. \$15 adult, \$5 children. events@hmbyc.org or call Beth Lee 831-419-9317. (Please indicate if also interested in reserving time with the henna artists.)

The Wine Bar in Half Moon Bay
 Great wine, food and music on the coast.
 -Chowder Sunday
 April 25th from 1:00-7:00Pm
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TGIF DINNER MENUS APRIL 2010

Special Cocktail: \$3 w/purchase of TGIF Dinner, limit one per customer

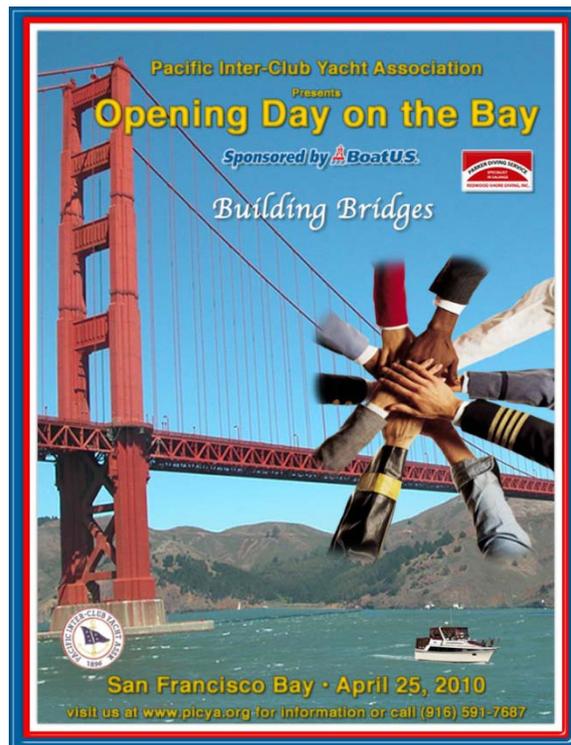
April 2 **BAKED HALIBUT w/BUERRE BLANC**
 Risotto w/Artichoke Hearts & Spring Onions
 Chilled Asparagus w/Lemon Zest
 Pear Salad
 Chocolate Pudding Cake
Special Events Catering \$15
Special Cocktail: Gin & Tonic

April 9 TGIF: Volunteer Chef wanted, contact: portcaptain@hmbyc.org

April 16 **ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA BAR**
 3 Cheese Tortellini
 Linguini w/Spicy Red Sauce
 Creamy Alfredo Sauce
 Grilled Vegetables
 Roasted Sausage Links
 Cheesy Garlic Bread
 Rainbow Sherbet Ice Cream
Special Events Catering \$15
Special Cocktail: Sidecar

April 23 **AWARD-WINNING BOSTON CLAM CHOWDER**
 Served in Sourdough Bread Bowl
 Jumbo Coconut Prawns w/Dipping Sauce
 Deluxe Salad Bar
 Warm Fresh Baked Peach Pie
Special Events Catering \$15
Special Cocktail: Seabreeze

April 30 **Stuffed FLANK STEAK w/SPINACH & GORGONZOLA**
 Baked Potato Bar
 Help yourself to all the fun toppings
 Tomato Pomadora Platter
 Strawberry Shortcake
Special Events Catering \$15
Special Cocktail: Mojito



Opening Day on the Bay

When: Sunday April 25, Crissy Field to Pier 39, starting at noon.

What: 94th Annual Opening Day – parade of decorated boats, hosted by PICYA.

Sponsored by PICYA. The Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association is an association comprised of 105 yacht clubs in Northern California. Our history goes back over one hundred and fourteen years and has grown to be one of the largest yachting organizations in the world. We were formed to foster communication and cooperation in the various yachting activities. For 92 years, according to the Yachting registry, PICYA has opened the yachting season with the parade of boats large and small. This is preceded by the blessing of the fleet, hosted by Corinthian Yacht Club. The theme for the parade this year is “Building Bridges”, which will allow for creatively decorated boats.

For more information: <http://www.picya.org/> or Liz Allison, picya@hmbyc.org .

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