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Half Moon Bay Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter



May 2010

Opening Day on Half Moon Bay



From Left: Jennifer Celestre, Bob Cantillo, Tami Schubert, Minot Parker, Neal Wehtje, Connie Malach, Dick Schubert, Mike Day.

Despite 40-mile-per-hour winds and rain on April 11th, HMBYC celebrated the opening of the season in typical fashion. Former Commodores, Harry Ysselstein, Paul Minoletti, Jennifer Celestre, Connie Malach, Dick Schubert and Mike Day, joined Commodore Neal Wehtje to kick off the day.



The former Commodores and Neal honored retiring Pillar Point Harbor Master Dan Temko and thanked him for his years of service and support of HMBYC. Captain Neptune (Minot Parker), flanked by sailor Bob Cantillo and

Mermaid Tami Schubert, then declared sailing season open! There was also fabulous BBQ, food and live music. Rest assured, Club members had made sure all our boats were safely in the inner harbor. [\(Additional photo on page 2\)](#)

Welcome New Members!

The Club sparkled during the April 18th Open House. Twenty-two new families have joined us at HMBYC! They are: Jeff & Cassandra Clark, John & Anastasia Mandeville, Monika Mencia, Jim & Donna Rutherford, Bruce Pickett & Norene Sun, Matt & Sandra Ryan, Jeff Conlon & Claire Steel, Thomas & Kathy Kemp, Allen & Mondee Baradar, Sean & Susanna Bogue, Bob McComb, John & Lani Hessen, Joe Folenta, Debbie Fields, William & Kathy Shaffer, Rick & Karen Herbert, Evelyn Spire, Linda Kurtz Craven & Jayne Burke, Carlos Bustamante & Deneb Semprum, Elliott Pisor & Chris Dobie, Helen Rogers, and William Van Peeters & Gerrie Linn. Please make them feel at home!

And the Club was finally able to show off its fleet with a parade of boats—delayed from Opening Day on Half Moon Bay. The weather was spectacular! [Additional photos on page 8.](#)



Club Clean-up Day—a huge success!

April 3rd was quite busy around the Club as members donned their grubbies and got the buildings and grounds ready for Opening Day on Half Moon Bay, our Open House and other spring activities. Some members put in more than 8 hours of “sweat equity” to maintain and enhance the Club: filling the potholes on Vassar Street; repairing the cover of the Lanai; installing a new window in the office; washing windows in the New Building, Old Clubhouse and Lanai; pulling weeds; or painting the inside wall of the Old Clubhouse, outside walls of Old Clubhouse in the Lanai, window trims, front of the Lanai,

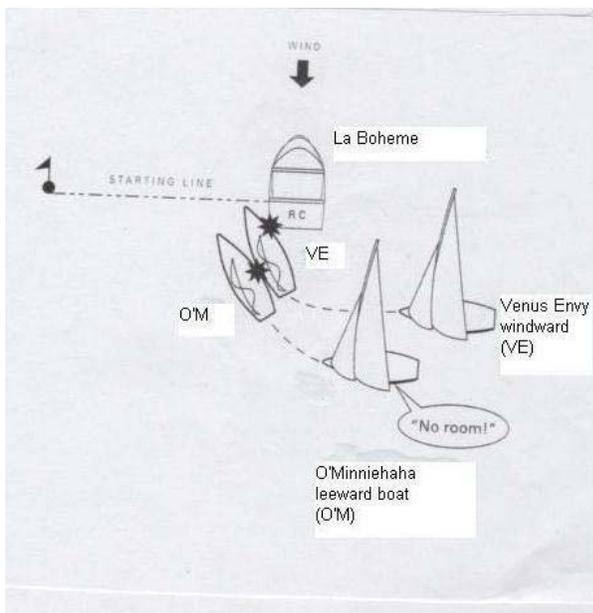
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ANSWER TO APRIL'S RACING QUESTION

The race committee turns down Uranus' protest. Knot Now is given her finishing position and Uranus buys Knot Now a round. Knot Now "finished" when her bow crossed the finishing line. Rule 28.1, Sailing the Course, states, "After finishing she need not cross the finishing line completely."

May's Racing Rule Ramblings

Two CAL20s, O'Minnihaha (a leeward boat) and Venus Envy (a windward boat), are approaching the right-hand end of the starting line, a large, trim, sailboat "La Boheme", to start the race on a windward leg. Both boats are beam reaching, with O'Minnihaha on a course to pass one length to leeward of Terry Ramsayer's stern. Twenty seconds before the starting signal and when two lengths from the race committee boat, O'Minnihaha hails, "No room and I'm a lawyer!" to Venus Envy. Both boats hold their courses until Venus Envy is overlapped to leeward of La'Boheme. At that point O'Minnihaha luffs and Venus Envy makes contact nearly simultaneously with both O'Minnihaha and La Boheme. There is damage to Venus Envy, her new stripe was scratched, but no serious damage. The only damage to La Boheme is Terry's champagne flute when he drops it. Both boats protest each other. Georgia and Harry, the protest committee sunning themselves on the foredeck of La Boheme, wake up after the thump and need to decide the protests. What say the protest committee?



From the Helm

By Neal Wehtje, Commodore



Today is the day after the most beautiful day of the year on the coast, yesterday, the Sunday of our Open House celebration.

Nice easy breezes, brilliant sunshine, and great music. I love opening the doors and having the community come and find out what an enjoyable club we have. Thank you to all who contributed to the day. And please join me in welcoming our new members.

What a sight our parade of boats created. Everyone sailed about the harbor then through the inner harbor where they went wing-on-wing forming a line of boats with their colored sails billowing in full glory. This is the start of our very active sailing season. If you would like to get out on the water sailing, talk with the Rear Commodore, the Sailing Committee, the Cal 20 Sponsors, or just stand up and say "I would like to go sailing".

Sailing season is now open! I invite everyone to come down and get on the water.

Doesn't the new floor in our old building look fabulous? A special thanks to Terry Ramseyer for spearheading that project, and to the many members who contributed their time and financial gifts to get it done. The clubhouses are looking great and are available for member's use.

Fair Winds,
Neal Wehtje



From left: Paul Minoletti, Jennifer Celestre, Connie Malach, Harbor Master Dan Temko, Harry Ysselstein, Mike Day at Opening Day on Half Moon Bay.

(Club Clean-up Day continued from page 1)

door to the Old Clubhouse, Lanai bar window/shelf, platform around the Lanai stove, stair rails leading into the Lanai, storage box and deck table—if it doesn't move, it got painted! A big Club thanks to you all. Here's a little background on some of your fellow Club members who got dirty that day:



From left: Bjorn Conrad, Minot Parker, Jay Howell, Liz Allison, Bill Klear, Ray Durazo, Larry Miller, Curtis Walling, Sandra Scowen, Lisa Pistacchio, Bob Cantillo, Ellen Winkle, Rick Winans, Suzy Pinkerton, Marie Parfitt-Pattie.

Liz Allison is a third-generation San Francisco/Peninsula resident. Following the loss of her husband, she found a home away from away home at HMBYC three years ago. They began in sail but switched to power when his health deteriorated. She loves working on old boats, fixing things, painting, cleaning and of course, it's all about the FOOD. Currently, Liz is a HMBYC delegate to PICYA—the organization comprising 108 yacht clubs in Northern California that sponsor various events and regattas including Opening Day on the Bay. She lives in Half Moon Bay and is the curator of the *Black Pearl*.

Bob Cantillo and **Suzy Pinkerton** of Moss Beach have been members for more than 5 years. Suzy is into her third term as HMBYC Port Captain and they are the founders of Saturday Nite Dinner and a Movie, and have served on Club events committees. Both sailors, they are sponsors of *Pluto's Revenge*. Suzy is a photo producer for a firm in San Francisco.

Bjorn Conrad has been a member with his daughter Kirby for 2½ years and is into his second term as HMBYC Facilities Director. He sails but hasn't had much time due to all the facilities work. A Portola Valley resident, Bjorn has his own engineering consulting company.

Ray Durazo has been a member of HMBYC for almost three years after moving from the Los Angeles area. Ray has over 40 years of sailing experience on the East and West coasts. When he's not sailing, Ray consults with a broad range of clients in the Public Relations, Strategy and Business Planning areas. Currently, he serves as the HMBYC Vice Commodore and co-sponsors *Happy Hour*, one of the Club's Cal 20s.

Jay Howell and **Sandra Scowen** have been members just over a year. Both sailors, Sandra is a sponsor of *Venus Envy* and Jay helped out with the overhaul of *Venus Envy* and *Knot Know*. Sandra works out of their Moss Beach Seal Cove home doing Deep Tissue and Myofascial Release Massage and Hellerwork Structural Integration. This helps people to get out of pain and discomfort, speeds recovery from injuries and surgeries, improves posture and deeply relaxes people. Jay is a Partner/CPA at BDO Siedman.

Bill Klear is a sponsor of *Uranus* and a long-time sailor of the Club's Cal 20s. A retired United Airlines equipment supervisor, he and his wife, Mary Corcoran have been members for more than 9 years and live in Moss Beach.

Larry Miller and his wife Claire Borkert, a physician, live in El Granada. *Isabella II*, their Catalina 310, is berthed in San Francisco at South Beach Yacht Harbor, E-67. As members of the Club for 9 years, Larry served as HMBYC Facilities Director in 2008 and both he and Claire are currently on the Events Committee. He is a Research Oceanographer for the U.S. Geological Services. Last year, he presented his research on Mono Lake during a multimedia lecture at the Club.



Larry Miller and Rick Winans repairing the cover of the Lanai.

Marie Parfitt-Pattie of Moss Beach served on the Board and as Membership Director the year that Kay Burns was Commodore. A member since 1998, she sails and is Director of Development and Alumni Relations at UCSF. She has the two black Portuguese Water Dogs, Pablo and Sammi (father and daughter), that you may have seen around the Club.

Minot Parker and his wife Sydney Tyler-Parker have been members for a year, but have lived in Montara for 26 years. The owner of a Slipper 17 sailboat, Minot says his membership in the Club is forcing him to put his boat in the water this year. He has also spent time as a traveling teacher with Oklahoma State University. For the Club's annual Fall Fundraiser, he lent his auctioneering talents during the Live Auction.

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Kelly Pike and his wife Susan have been members of the Club for 18 years and live in Frenchman's Creek, Half Moon Bay. Kelly served two terms as Commodore and was also Vice Commodore. A sailor all his life, Kelly and Susan sail their 12' San Francisco Pelican, *Green Eggs*, in regattas every month all year around, have a couple of kayaks, and a 25' catamaran named *Caesar*. Kelly is engineer for Abbott Labs.

Lisa Pistacchio and her husband Joe lived on their 44' Defever motor trawler, *Horatio*, for many years in Redwood City before moving ashore and then coastside to Moss Beach 4 years ago. A member for more than 8 years, Lisa is HMBYC Secretary and has managed public relations/communications for media and entertainment, high-tech and start-up companies on the peninsula.



Minot Parker and Kat Ryan paint the Lanai stair rails.

Terry Ramseyer is a two-time Commodore, married to two-time Commodore Cynthia Ramseyer, served as Treasurer/CFO on several BODs over the years, and owner of 36' sailboat, *La Boheme*. A competent handyman and HMBYC member for 28 years, his happiest accomplishment: working with a great crew of volunteers to install the new flooring in the Old Clubhouse. The El Granada resident and Life Member is a former Chemical Engineer/Salesman.

Kat Ryan has lived in El Granada for 13 years and loves it! A corporate flight attendant, Kat joined HMBYC in 2008 and is HMBYC Membership Director for 2010. During Clean-up Day she became AKA a "slave driver"—wouldn't this look better with a new coat of paint? Hence, if it doesn't move, it gets painted.

Clarke Simm and his wife Jean live in Moss Beach and have been members of the Club for 4 years. Currently, HMBYC Rear Commodore, Clarke's love of sailing goes back to when he was in the Navy and used to sail on the weekends. Jean doesn't sail because the first time she got on a sailboat, it sunk. Clarke points out that he was not the skipper. A former real estate attorney, Clarke has turned a hobby of making steam engines of all sizes (watch it, ride on it or ride in it), into a profession.

Dave Slater is a sponsor of *Uranus* and has been involved with the keelboats since they arrived at the Club. He and his wife Carol have been members of the Club for more than 10 years and have lived in Half Moon Bay for 20. Dave is a Metrologist (work involving precision measurement and comparison of physical quantities) for United Airlines.

Curtis Walling, son of Ray and Kristi Durazo, is a freshman at Half Moon Bay High School. Curtis began sailing at age eight and has sailed Opti's, 420's, C-15s and an occasional Hobie Cat. When he's not on the water, he enjoys being underwater as a certified SCUBA diver. Curtis also runs the Club chase boat, places marks and other on the water duties during club races. Thanks to outings with friends and their boats on SF Bay, he has also been bitten by the "big boat" bug and will happily crew if you're ever in need of an extra hand.

Ellen and George Wikle of Moss Beach have been members since 1996. George was heavily involved in the original new building committee from 1999-2002 for all financial planning and presentations. They last sailed a 40' Pajot Fontaine catamaran in BVI in 2008 with other Club members. George retired at the end of 2000 as Chief Financial Officer of ActivCard S. A. of Paris, France. Ellen painstakingly painted the Old Clubhouse front door that beautiful red orange color.

Rick Winans is surfer first, then sailor, then anything else to do with, in, on or around the ocean/water. He has a Yorktown 39' and has been sailing for 50 years. The Moss Beach resident has been with the Club for 5 years and works on the giant cranes that unload the cargo ships. His German Shepherd, Alakai, is a frequent fixture at the Club.



Ellen Wikle, Lisa Pistacchio and Clarke Simm on serious paint duty.



MAY EVENTS

Saturday, May 1

9:00 AM – Commodore's Cup Racing Skippers' meeting at 10:00 AM. Regatta open to C15s, Lasers & Cal20s. See Club website for Notice of Race, www.hmbyc.org/sailboat-races-sponsored-by-hmbyc/notice-of-race

12:00-4:00 PM – Kentucky Derby-themed Lunch

Bourbon Chicken, Slaw, Corn Spoonbread, Watermelon \$7 Adults / Corn Dogs & Watermelon \$3 Kids
Sip some mint Juleps, enjoy the sailboats racing on our bay & catch the "Greatest Two Minutes in Sports" broadcast live from the iconic Churchill Downs Racetrack in Louisville, Kentucky. Lunch served at 1:00pm - families & sailors welcome - advance reservations accepted: portcaptain@hmbyc.org



6:00 PM – Cinco de Mayo Celebration! It's a Salsa Challenge-- muy delicioso! Make your favorite salsa recipe and bring it to the club ready to compete for club honors beginning at 6:00. Everyone will enjoy tasting and judging members' homemade salsas before a sit-down Mexican feast prepared by our Vice Commodore Ray Durazo and his team. On the menu will be tamales, carnitas, rice, beans, and garnishes. \$15; reservations required. Contact events@hmbyc.org or Beth Lee 831-419-9317.

Sunday, May 2

10:00 AM – Commodore's Cup Racing continues

5:00–9:00 PM – **SOLD OUT** 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 also includes a Silent Auction and we have some fabulous auction items. Bring your checkbooks and have some fun! **SOLD OUT** Thanks for your support of Women Sailing!

Tuesday, May 4, 7:00 PM – Sailing Committee Meeting.

Contact Mike Mann, sailing@hmbyc.org

Wednesday, May 5, 6:30–8:30 PM – Boy Scouts 255 Meeting.

Contact George McLeod.

Thursday, May 6, 6:00 PM – Knit Happens. Contact Leann

Nassar, lnassar@yahoo.com

Friday, May 7, 7:00 PM - **Volunteer Chef Needed** – contact portcaptain@hmbyc.org

Saturday, May 8

9:30 AM – 3:00 PM Keelboat Sponsors Event

Monthly fun on the water for the keelboat sponsors. Plan to arrive at the club by 9:30 for a brief meeting and then head out to the water to rig the boats and run a series of races. Standings in these races will earn valuable Sponsor Points which accumulate throughout the season. Bring your own lunches and water. We'll take a lunch/potty break about 1:00, and finish before 3:00 so we can attend the membership meeting. If you're interested in the program but aren't yet a sponsor, come down to join us! For further information, contact keelboats@hmbyc.org. (Fleet sponsors are Dave Morris and Carol Hoover.)

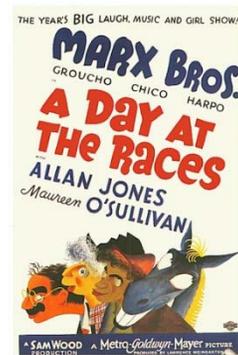
4:00–6:00 PM – General Membership Meeting

6:00-7:30 PM – Dinner and a Movie.

Dinner: BBQ Ribs and Oven Roasted Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Vegetables, Green Salad & Dessert \$10 Adults – \$5 Kids
ADDED FUN: 3 Stooges Shorts before the movie!

7:30 PM Movie: A Day at the Races (1937)

– MARX BROTHERS MADNESS! A vet posing as a doctor, a racehorse owner and his friends struggle to help keep a sanitarium open with the help of a misfit racehorse. Starring: The Marx Brothers. Movies and Popcorn are Free!!



Sunday, May 9, 2:00–4:00 PM – Sunday Skipper

Tuesday, May 11, 6:30 PM – HMBYC Board of Directors

Thursday, May 13 – 6:00 PM – Knit Happens

Friday, May 14 – 7:00 PM – TGIF Dinner. Special Events Catering prepares Buffet Style: Grilled Cajun SEABASS or Marinated PORK CHOP w/ hot mango chutney, Macadamia Rice Pilaf, Baby Greens w/mandarin orange salad, Short Bread Lemon Bars, \$15; Special Cocktail: Mojito, \$3 w/purchase of TGIF dinner, 1 per customer

Saturday, May 15 – 5:00–8:00 PM – An Evening in India.

Savor 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)

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Sunday, May 16

2:00-6:00 PM - Goodbye Party for Paul & Roberta Pfluger (Member Club Rental). Paul and Roberta are moving to Idaho! All Members are invited. Please bring a dish to share and wish them well.

2:00 - Sunday Skipper

Wednesday, May 19

6:30-8:30 PM - Boy Scouts 255 Meeting
7:00 PM - Events Committee

Thursday, May 20

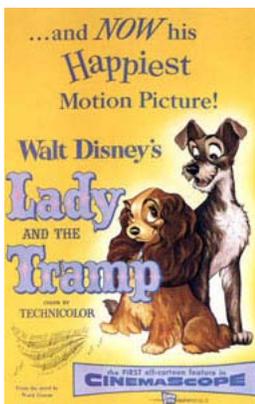
6:00 PM - Knit Happens
8:00 PM - Dad's Night Out. Contact Jim Stretch, jc_stretch@yahoo.com

Friday, May 21, 7:00 PM - TGIF Dinner. Special Events Catering prepares ALL YOU CAN EAT Thai Spiced PRAWNS and Teriyaki Sesame BEEF SKEWERS, Jasmine Rice, Stir Fry Veggies, Chicken and Vegetable Spring Rolls w/ assorted dipping sauce, Coconut Pineapple Ice Cream w/ fortune cookie, \$15 Special Cocktail: Bangkok Cooler \$3 w/purchase of TGIF dinner, 1 per customer

4:00-7:00 PM - Member Club Rental, New Building: Jim and Sandi Stretch.

Saturday, May 22

9:30 AM - 4:30 PM - Laser Skills Seminar led by Karen Flick
We will be covering sail trim, boat handling and some racing skills. The majority of the class will be held on the water. All participants must wear a wet suit and must have experience righting a capsized dinghy. Sign up by contacting Karen Flick at regatta@hmbyc.org. Lunch will be served. \$20 to cover lunch and other incidental expenses. Attendance will be limited by the number of available boats. Therefore, we are seeking any extra Lasers that we could borrow for this one day event. Anyone who owns a Laser and is willing to let us use it for the day should contact Karen at regatta@hmbyc.org. Members bringing their own boat will have priority in registration (in other words, they get the spot their boat is creating).



6:00-7:30 PM - Dinner and a Movie. Spaghetti & BIG Meatballs, Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Green Salad, Dessert. \$10 Adults - \$5 Kids
ADDED FUN: Games before the movie!

7:30 PM Movie: Lady & the Tramp (1955) - Animated. An Uptown Cocker Spaniel meets a downtown Mutt & magic happens over a plate of spaghetti. Disney classic - fun for Kids of all Ages! Movies and Popcorn are Free!!

Sunday, May 23 - 2:00 PM - Sunday Skipper

Thursday, May 27

5:30 PM - Women Sailing, Contact Peggy Ruse, pfruse@earthlink.net or 650-465-2664

6:00 PM - Knit Happens

MEMORIAL DAY Weekend:

Friday, May 28 - 7:00 PM - Volunteer Chef Needed - contact portcaptain@hmbyc.org

Saturday, May 29 - Member Club Rental, New Building: Reinhard Joelli & Lauren Eisele

Sunday, May 30 - 2:00 PM - Sunday Skipper

Monday, May 31 - Laser Sail-off

Sailing Committee Report

By Mike Mann, Sailing Committee Chair

Sailing weather is almost here and there are plenty of opportunities for everyone to get out on the water. The most recent addition to the list of sailing programs is the Mentorship Program. In addition to Youth and Adult Classes, Sunday Skipper sailing and Racing, the Club now offers an individualized program for those members not quite sure about how to take their first step out onto the water.



Mentorship is a customized approach that allows the individual to grow into sailing at their own speed with the counseling of an experienced skipper using club resources as needed. The goal is to get a non-sailing member comfortable and safe with sailing and ease them into the sailing activities as they progress. This also includes anyone with limited sailing experience who may just need some encouragement and nurturing to get back out on the water.

Interested members, contact Mike Mann at sailing@hmbyc.org

Diving Reflex

When a person's face hits cold water, there is an instinctive gasp. The U.S. navy defines "cold" as less than 60 degrees - which is just about everywhere in the harbor or SF Bay. If their face is in the water, as from falling off a boat, they may take in a mouthful of water - or more. There have been many cases where people drowned very near rescue.

Although they've usually been credited to hypothermia, it's now thought they may have drowned very quickly due to this reflex. If you fall in the water, the first thing is to get your face up and in to the air, then worry about hypothermia. -From a Safety at Sea seminar taught by a USN doctor.

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