



# **COMMODORE'S FLAG**

Jehnny 2019

Somehow I don't think my wish from last month came true...it doesn't feel as though I got to spend much time at all at the club this past month. Oh well, that's life with a day job. But many of the rest of you certainly did! Even with the cancellation of the Die Hard regatta, January saw a successful and wellattended sponsors' breakfast and first work day, our first family movie night of the year, and, thanks to Women Sailing, our first winter sailing seminar of 2019. So even the first full month of winter was eventful. Thanks to everyone who pitched in, turned out, and made all of those occasions successful.

Of course, in its role as the first full month of winter, January also saw some truly serious storms, and was eventful in less pleasant ways. We had some roof "issues", as usual, and some dock segments washed ashore. On one such occasion, a team of committed volunteers showed up one morning at 0500—also known as 2.5 hours before dawn—to rectify the problem. Thanks, and a serious tip of the hat, to Kelly Pike, Dave Morris, Ellen Clark, and Joe Rockmore for that particular effort...along with anyone I inadvertently missed.

On an optimistic note, as I'm writing this, it was announced that a deal has been reached to end the government shutdown and, I hope, start paying the US Coast Guard—along with 800K other workers. This is awesome news, but nearly as awesome, at least to me, is that our club-sponsored fundraiser brought in over \$4,300 (!) in support for the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance foundation. I'm seriously proud of our efforts on this front, and I appreciate the contributions of everyone who joined me in contributing...thank you!

> February has lots of potential too. Another family movie night, another winter sailing seminar, a not-to-bemissed Valentines' Day dinner event (can you say "cioppino"?) with karaoke, and even an adult

sailing class. Maybe I'll even have time to sail... how about you?

Jair Winds!! Scott Pyne HMBYC Commodore 2.0

# QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING Sunday February 10, 2019 • 4:00 pm

Our first membership meeting of 2019 is coming up on Sunday, 10 February, at 1600 in the event center. Come meet the 2019 Board and hear from them about what they have planned, and how the club is doing, both on and off the water. Oh, yeah, the bar will be open, too.

It's even a potluck! Momadore and Galley Manager Suzanne says it's been at least 6 months since our last potluck, so we're trying it again. Bring a dish to share, and an appetite to enjoy everyone's contributions. We'll be bringing something yummy; I just haven't any clue yet what it might be.

Hoping to see lots of you there....

# February 2019 Sailing Events

**February 2** 

February 10

February 16 February 17

February 24

February 28

Tuesday

Sunday

Saturday Sunday

Sunday

Thursday

Sailing Committee Meeting C15 Sailing and Racing

**Adult Sailing Class Adult Sailing Class** 

C15 Sailing and Racing

2018 Single Handed Transpac Race from SF to Hanalei Bay, Hawaii with Carliane Johnson



Click here SAILING for More Info on our Sailing Calendar



## Dinner & Karaoke in celebration of... Valentines Day Weekend



Chef Le

Yacht club member *Mary Le* takes the helm in the galley to prepare her famous seafood dish...

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## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16

\$30 Online Registration Required

Members can invite up to 3 guests when registering on line

Click Here to Register On-Line

5:00 pm Drink Specials & Appetizers

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Karaoke and dance music by Jumpin' John PJ's CATERING

GOOD FOOD, GOOD TIMES!

ve (650) 284-5244



Pre-order & Group RSVP: 650-284-5244

## Friday • February 22, 2019 Prix fixe \$15 Friday Service starts at 6 pm **Chili Verde Tostada** Feb 22 6pm A crispy tostada loaded with black beans, rice, and pork chili verde, smothered with your favorite selfserve toppings. Served with rice and prix fixe \$15 green salad. Biscochitos.

# Soup-a-palooza 2019

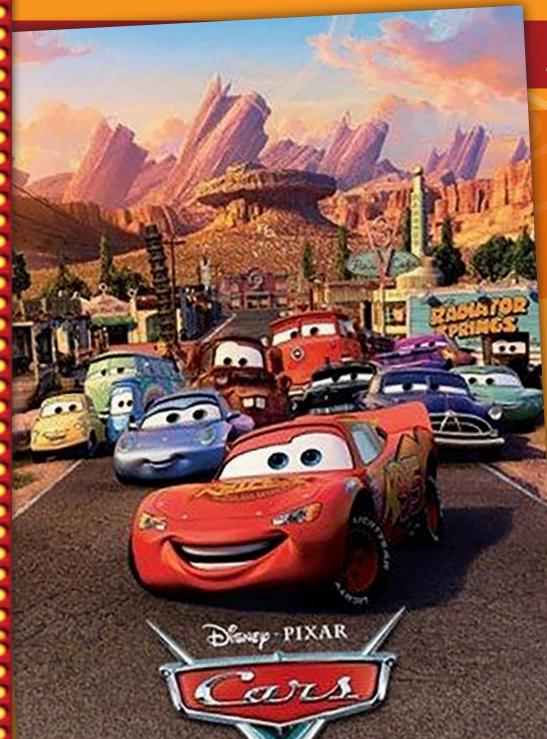
Friday dinner at HMBYC on March 8 will be soup-a-palooza. Your choice of several soups at \$8/bowl Also, choice of 2 cupcakes @ \$2.

You can help choose which soups will be served by participating in our survey by clicking on the soup bowl below.



Click here to take Our Survey: Help us decide what soups to make for our Soup-a-palooza in March. Choose ONE omnivorous soup and ONE vegetarian soup. Our Monthly Events Committee meeting will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month at 10am Our next meeting: February 3, 2019 We're always looking for more people to join in; don't be shy! For more information contact Katie Alderman at: kries1218@mac.com or call 408.656.6246

MONE NIGHT AT THE CLOB Saturday February 23, 2019 • 6:00-8:30pm Our monthly Family/kids Potluck dinner and movie night Open to all members and their guests



### February's feature film: "Cars"

The event is geared toward families with children 12 and under. Please bring an item for the potluck. Feel free to come in jammies!

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## Winter Sailing Seminars in 2019 Presented by Women Sailing Mark your calendars

Thursday – February 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm 2018 Single Handed Transpac Race from SF to Hanalei Bay, Hawaii *with Carliane Johnson* 

> Thursday – March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm Working weather into your sail plan *with Karen Allanson*

> > All seminars are free and open to all club members and guests.

## Winter Sailing Mentors Program

We are organizing a program to connect members who are learning to sail with checked out skippers so they can practice skills over the winter. Unlike the Sunday Skipper program in the summer, this program will be for members only and only for those wanting to practice their skills.

We will have a checked out skipper available every Sunday from 12 - 3pm. If weather does not permit sailing the mentors might just teach knots or review sailing basics.

This program will be organized using the free app SLACK. You must be invited to join so email *marthahuddle915@gmail.com* to be invited. If no one signs up for a given Sunday, the mentor won't either.

We are planning an adult sailing class for the weekend of February 16-17 with a maximum of 6 students since we only have two boats in the water.



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## The Yacht Racing Association of San Francisco **Bay Presents: A Race Committee Workshop**

Have you been thinking about getting more involved in race management? Ever wondered what it takes to volunteer on a committee boat or be on a race committee?

If so, the YRA has the perfect opportunity for you!

Join us for a 2-part, hands-on workshop covering all the different aspects of race committee work.

This workshop is an excellent opportunity for anyone looking to get more involved in race management and working on race committees. Part 1, held on February 23rd at Encinal Yacht Club, offers both classroom instruction as well as on-the-water instruction (weather permitting) while Part 2, held on April 27th on the StFYC Race Deck, will give participants a chance to put their new skills to work during an actual race.

Topics for February's session will include:

- an overview of race committee positons
- creating SIs and NORs
- Staffing a race committee

- ♦ Radio Etiquette
- Setting a start line
- Running Starting Sequences

February's Workshop will start at 10 am with approximately 2.5 hours of classroom instruction. We'll then break for lunch then pick up again in the afternoon with on-the water instruction. Lunch will be available for purchase at Encinal Yacht Club.

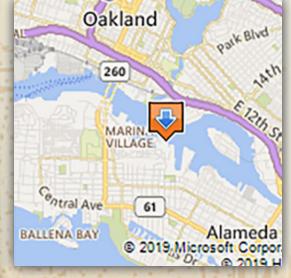
After completing February's workshop, join us again starting at 8:00 am on Saturday April 27th to put your Race Committee skills to the test during the the OYRA Lightship race. You'll be part of the team running the race from the StFYC Race Deck and will have the opportunity to participate in all aspects of running a successful race!

Jeff Zarwell, a US Sailing National Race Officer, and the Area G ARO will be leading the class. The fee for the workshop is only \$20, which covers both days of the workshop.

#### Click Here for info or to Register On-Line Get more information or Register Now!

Race Committee volunteers are always in high demand. We hope you'll join us for this informative, hands-on workshop and become part of the team that makes racing happen on San Francisco Bay!

#### Sincerely, Laura Munoz, Yacht Racing Association of San Francisco Bay info@yra.org • 415-77 1-9500



When Saturday, February 23, 2019 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

### Where

**Encinal Yacht Club** 1251 Pacific Marina Alameda, CA 94501



A hands-on workshop covering the ins and outs of race committee work.



Part 1: Saturday, February 23 Encinal Yacht Club Co-sponsored by Encinal Yacht Club

Part 2: Saturday, April 27th StFYC Race Deck

Get more info and register online at www.yra.org

## Notes from our January 24<sup>th</sup> Sailing Seminar: Sailing San Francisco Bay with Lauren Eisele

Lauren gave a great presentation on **SF Bay Sailing on Thursday, 1/24.** She covered great places to head to for a day sail, tides and currents, dangers in the shipping channels, prevailing winds at different seasons and especially knarly windy spots - all of which could have been a single topic for a seminar. A good time was had by all.

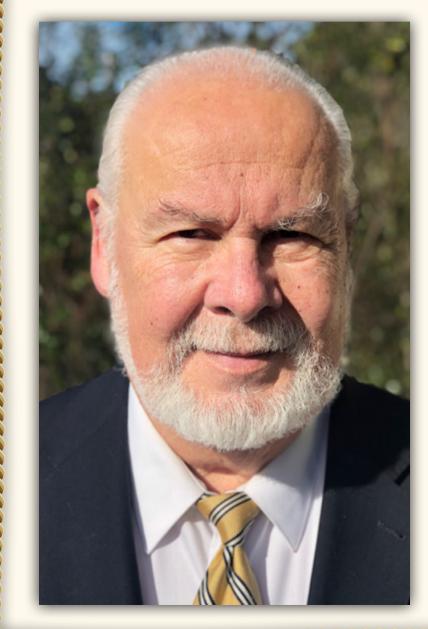
#### Next up:

Carliane Johnson on her Single Handed Transpac Race

**Presentation Date:** February 28, 2019 at 6:30



## HMBYC Staff Commodore Sworn in as President of the Recreational Boaters of California



HMBYC Staff Commodore Ray Durazo was sworn in as President of the Recreational Boaters of California on January 9 at a RBOC Board Meeting held at the Club. RBOC is a non-profit organization formed 50 years ago to advocate on behalf of the state's boating community before local, state and federal legislative and regulatory bodies.

"I'm proud and excited to be leading this strong and effective organization in the coming year," said Durazo. "I encourage HMBYC members to learn more about RBOC. You can do so at the organization's website **RBOC.org**"



Click here to see the website **RBOC.org**.

# In Memoriam **In Memoriam**

On January 8, 2019, Jim Peterson, former Commodore of the HMBYC, passed away at his home in El Granada. Jim was an active sailor in spite of a life-long disability that required him to use crutches. He actively raced on SF Bay and on the east coast where he had a home in Maryland on Chesapeake Bay for many years. Jim owned a C&C 25, and then fell for the competitive Express 27 class, and raced his boat "Risk" for many years on the Bay. Jim was known to be a competitive skipper, more than willing to urge his crew on to greater endeavors in a firm tone of voice, but he was willing to put his own butt on the line as well. As his friend and crewmate, Bruce Powell, recalled, during one windy race on Bay, as Risk was about to finish at the St. Francis YC, Jim actually slipped overboard off the stern of the boat. However, he held on to the tiller while being dragged through the water. The crew, letting bygones be bygones, hauled Jim back aboard, and prepared to head to shore so their half-frozen skipper could recover, but Jim insisted on finishing the race first and made everyone put the sails back up and cross the line before heading back to the dock. In the calmer waters of

the Chesapeake, Jim continued to race, particularly in a unique class, the DC-14 catamaran, which carries a lateen rig like a Sunfish on two hulls and a trampoline. He and a friend won the DC-14 Class championship 3 years in a row.

During his tenure as Commodore in 1988 he played a leading role in helping to turn the HMBYC from a floating beach party to a real club with a clubhouse. As explained at the Club's 40th Anniversary event, the Club's first real home was the small building that now houses the American Legion. When we visited Jim just before the Anniversary, he recalled that renovating the building (or shack) involved taking old shipping pallets and turning them into flooring to repair the building. Then the members added plumbing, wiring, toilets, and a BAR, and made it a real functional clubhouse. Club Dues were only \$25 a year at the time, but the Club had to increase it to \$75 with all the new responsibilities. Jim was also present when we held our first luau and pig roast there, but one member decided the wood in the pig pit wasn't catching fire quickly enough and added some accelerant. The resulting flame looked like a jet engine stuck in the ground upside down and shot fifteen feet in the air. This attracted the attention of the El Granada Fire Department who came over with sirens blaring and taught Jim and the assembled members about 20 synonyms for the word "moron"." Jim was also heavily involved when the Club bought the Binsfeld House to form our permanent club, and he recalled working a backhoe with Colin Tiura to provide beach access and to even out the grade on Vassar Ave. Around that same time, the Club held another pig roast at the new clubhouse with similar enthusiastic fire building issues, but this time the FAA complained that we were distracting pilots trying to land at the airport.

Jim was a popular Commodore, and one of the first to be roasted with a "Commodore's Skit". Because of Jim's fondness for "keelhauling" his crew (or wishing that he could), the skit had a pirate theme, with Jim being captured by a band of scruffy Buccaneers. At the end of the skit former Commodore Gene Del Vecchio uttered the words that became the Club's catchphrase for many years....."Them's that dies are the Lucky Ones!" Now that Jim is one of the Lucky Ones, we miss him badly, and fondly remember his contributions to the Club and the time he spent with all his friends ashore and afloat.

# EVENT CAPTAINS AND MUSICIANS

Are you a Secret musician, just looking for an audience?

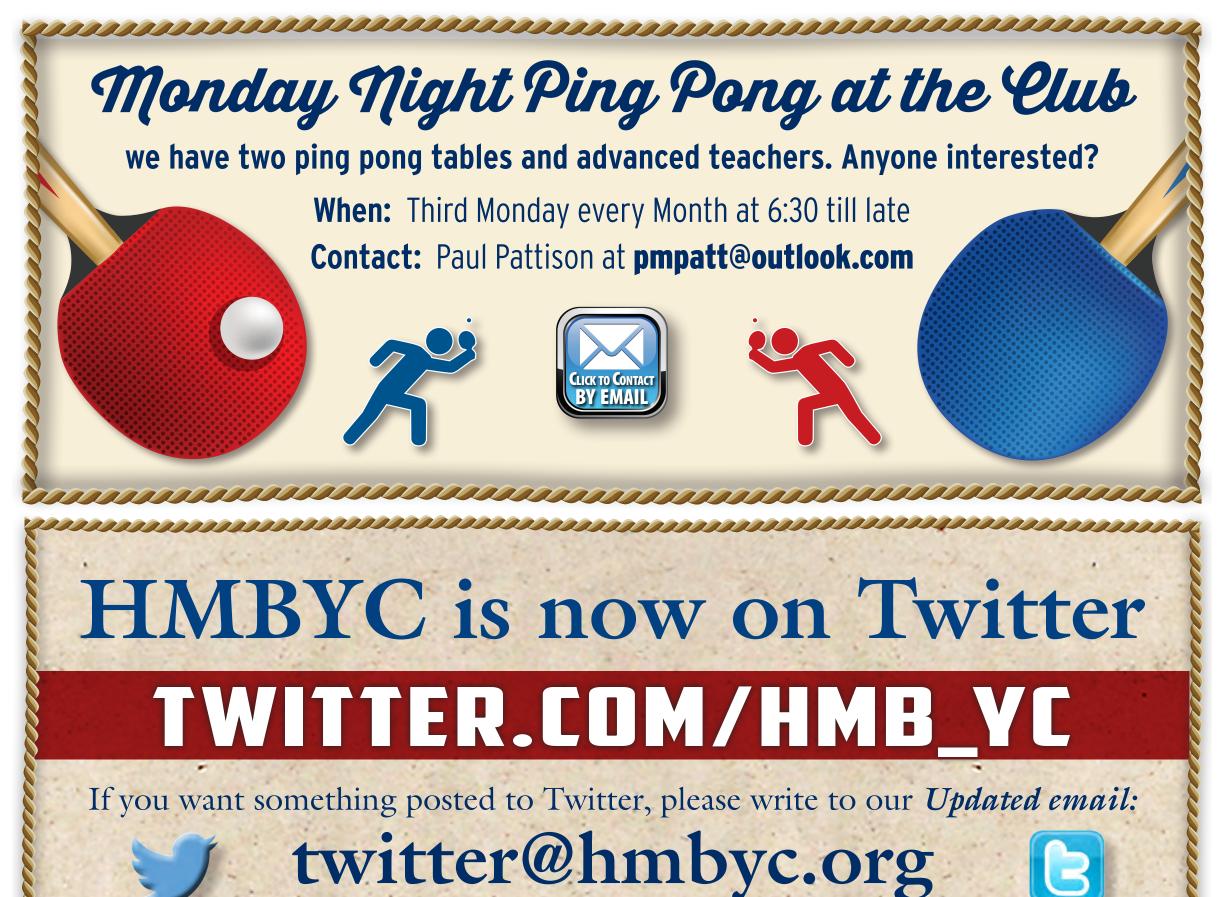
Do you have leadership qualities that are dying to break loose?

We are searching the Membership to cast as **Event Captains & Musicians**. Don't be shy.



Contact Katie Alderman at kries1218@mac.com

You won't be sorry!



# WOMEN SAILING

Committees & Social Clubs

Now Meeting **Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday** & **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday** of the month: April thru October

### Meet-Up #1: TUESDAY Oct. 9, 2018



### *Meet-Up \*2:* **THURSDAY Oct. 25, 2018**

WE MEET AT THE OLD CLUBHOUSE AT 5:30PM.

SAIL IN THE HARBOR, AND GATHER AFTERWARD IN THE OLD CLUBHOUSE.

CONTACT MARTHA HUDDLE: WSMANAGER@HMBYC.ORG

Kuit Happens is back at the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club from May 3<sup>th</sup> through September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018



### Weekly on Thursdays 6:00 - 9:00 pm

A Coastside Fiber Artist Community of Knitters, Weavers, Crocheters, Spinners, & Stitchers.

Bonnie, Leann, Suzanne & other HMBYC yarnies invite everyone who likes working with fiber to get together for conversation, sharing & show & tell! Join the Yahoo! Group for updates.

> Contact: Leann Nassar at **lbnassar@yahoo.com**

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