

July 8, 2020

Our Full Calendar

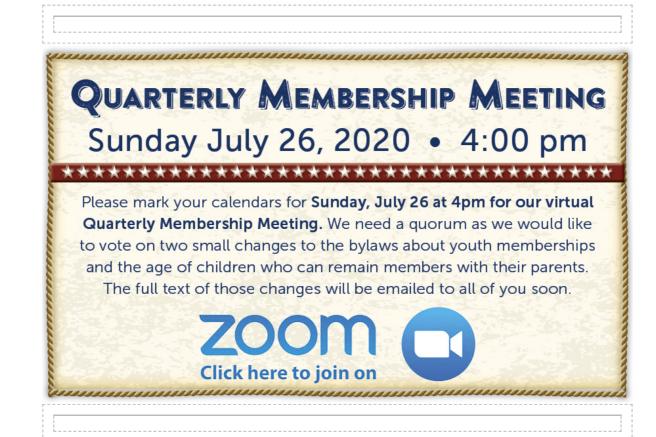


Mark Your Calendars!

July 25: Take the Tiller Women Sailing Regatta

More Details to Come Soon

Take The Tiller Regatta



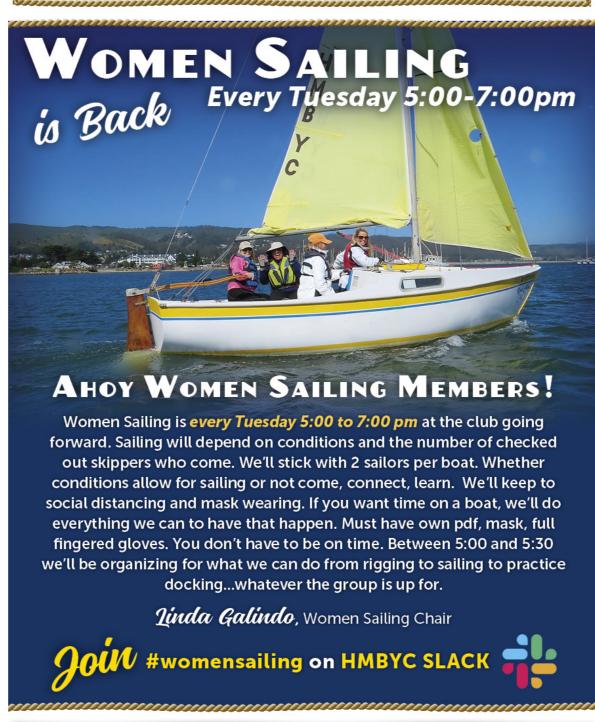
Youth Summer Camp Started

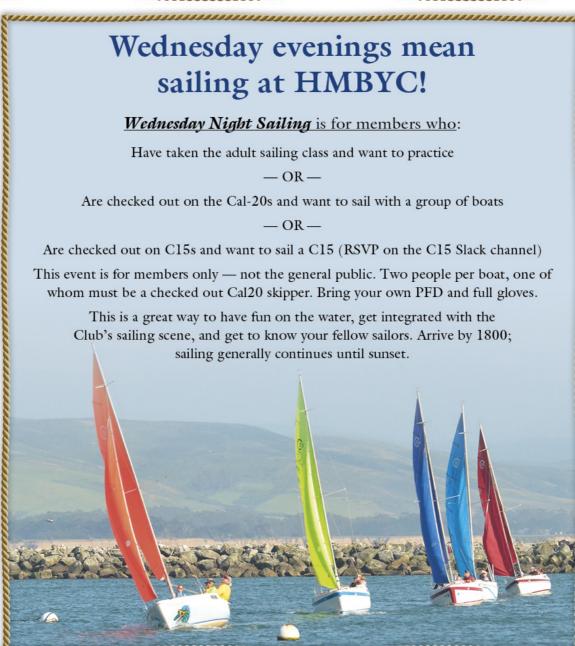
A reminder that our first session of youth summer camp began June 29, at 8:30. Camp will run for 6 weeks in 2 three-week sessions, M-F, from 8:30-12:30.

All members MUST wear their badges around the club when camp is in session. Please avoid the areas where camp is being conducted. Give your consideration to our youth sailing instructors and help them out if you happen to be at the club and they make a request.

Thank you! Karen Allanson Rear Commodore









RECREATIONAL BOATERS OF CALIFORNIA SACRAMENTO REPORT . JULY 2020

State Finances - Who is Guarding the Henhouse?



By Ray Durazo, Staff Commodore, HMBYC

Every time you buy gasoline, every time you renew your boat's registration, a portion of your money goes to taxes and a portion of that revenue is supposed to be earmarked for state programs that benefit boaters.

One of those benefits is called the Harbor and Watercraft Revolving Fund (HWRF). The Fund was established to support the construction of boating infrastructure such as launch ramps, pump-out stations, public docks, shore-side facilities such as restrooms, and other needs.

The Division of Boating & Waterways (DBW), which operates under the state Department of Parks & Recreation, is responsible for overseeing the HWRF. RBOC, in cooperation with other boating organizations, has been working to make sure the recreational boating community isn't being short-changed.

A disturbing development has been an admission by state officials that there is a "deficiency" in the HWRF, i.e., a budget shortfall that could adversely affect the above boating-related programs. This was already identified as a fiscal problem long before the COVID 19 crisis and its impact on state revenues.

In response, RBOC and its allied organizations sent a letter to Parks Director Lisa Mangat on May 4 demanding answers to several relevant questions. A few examples: Why isn't the public receiving timely, accurate information about Parks and DBW operations and expenditures? Why is some HWRF funding going to programs of questionable value to California boaters? Why is it so difficult for entities seeking grants from DBW and why can't the grants process be streamlined?

As of this writing, neither RBOC nor any of the boating organizations that were cosigners to the May 4 letters have received a response from State Parks.

The situation is urgent because the state's next fiscal year starts on July $\boldsymbol{1}$ and a budget will need to be submitted by the Governor to the Legislature for review and approval. RBOC is continuing to pressure state officials to answer its questions and assure boaters that the programs they fund with tax dollars will not be curtailed.

Stay tuned.

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