



Tell Tales

Half Moon Bay Yacht Club

October 2021



photo by Deborah Hirst



Commodore's Flag

October 2021

A Rip Roaring October coming up!

We are making up for lost time this month with plenty of fun activities. We begin with the Vice Commodore's Cup Regatta on Saturday, October 2, followed by our Dollar Diner on the deck from 4 to 6pm. Then we have our traditional Pumpkin Roundup on Saturday, October 16: the sailboat race will be open to all classes with one start at 2pm. On land activities will include a scavenger hunt for kids, a pumpkin decorating contest, a costume contest and a freeze dance event. All followed by another Dollar Diner event featuring pumpkin pie for dessert.

As a grand finale to the month we will have three Members Appreciation events over the Halloween weekend. Matt Tucker will be serving dinner on Friday night, we will have Karaoke and a costume contest on Saturday and a Halloween Brunch on Sunday. All these events are free to members as a thank you for hanging in with us during these difficult pandemic times. Please choose one of the two meals. You can attend the other for a fee.

Martha Huddle
 HMBYC Commodore 2021
 commodore@hmbyc.org

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 Sunday Skipper	27	28 Women Sailing	29 Wednesday Night Sailing	30 Women Sailing	Oct 1 Friday Night Happy Hour & Dinner	2 Vice Commodore's Regatta Dollar Diner
3 Sunday Skipper Social Committee meeting	4	5 Women Sailing Sailing committee meeting	6 Wednesday Night Sailing	7 Women Sailing	8 Friday Night Happy Hour & Dinner	9 Pelican Races Sponsors' Race member event rental
10 Sunday Skipper	11	12 Women Sailing	13 Wednesday Night Sailing	14	15 Friday Night Happy Hour & Dinner	16 Pumpkin Roundup Dollar Diner
17 Social Committee meeting	18	19	20 Wednesday Night Sailing	21 HMBYC 2021 Board of Directors Meeting	22 Friday Night Happy Hour & Dinner	23 Saturday Beercan Race
24 Quarterly Membership Meeting	25	26	27 Wednesday Night Sailing	28	29 Member Appreciation Weekend Friday Night Happy Hour & Dinner	30 Member Appreciation Weekend
31 Member Appreciation Weekend Brunch Social Committee meeting	Nov 1	2 Sailing committee meeting	3	4	5	6 Last Gasp Regatta

Click the above [calendar](#) and login for more details and the newest events.

Quarterly Membership Meeting

Sunday, October 24 4pm

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 24 at 4pm, for our Quarterly Membership Meeting featuring the election of our new Board of Directors. We will be reporting on the events of the last quarter and previewing the upcoming quarter. The meeting will be held in person in the event center of the club. Masks will be required.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Dues increasing January 1, 2022

With the support of its members, HMBYC is surviving the challenges of the pandemic and continues to offer social and recreation opportunities for members. Dues have not been increased for years, despite increased costs and significantly reduced revenue due to all the COVID closures of the past year and a half. In addition, we haven't been able to open the Club during some weekend days due to a lack of Watch Officers. We need a more reliable way to ensure the Club can be open during its posted hours.

With this in mind, your Board voted to increase the membership initiation fee from \$500 to \$800. We have not increased the initiation fee for some time and this will have no impact on existing members.

Further, your Board voted to increase monthly dues from \$60 per month to \$100 per month. However, if you set up your member charge account in our bookkeeping system, you will receive a monthly discount on dues of \$25 bringing your dues down to \$75 (up from \$60). [Click here](#) for instructions on how to set up your member charge account, open Frequently Asked Questions and scroll down to How do I set up autopay for Yacht Club Dues.

The utilization of these additional fees will support hiring an additional staff person that will be responsible for having the Club open consistently on the weekends. These fees will also help pay for more staff for our Youth Sailing Program and help upgrade our boat fleets and facilities, and will allow us to consider adding other services to enhance your member experience."

The new fee schedule will be effective January 1, 2022.

board@hmbyc.org

Membership Appreciation Weekend

Oct 29-31

We are planning a weekend full of fun events as a thank you to our members for hanging in with us during our forced closure.

Friday, 10/29 Its a dinner by Matt Tucker 5-7pm
Saturday 10/30 Karaoke! 7-9pm
Sunday 10/31 Halloween Brunch 10-12am

Please register free for one of these weekend meals. You can register paid \$20 for the other meal. Everyone is invited to Karaoke

Hats off to Bernard!

Many thanks to Bernard Prinz for his eight years producing our Tell Tales Newsletter. His signature graphics helped keep our members informed of all the news about the club and upcoming events. He displayed a lot of patience waiting for text and images from many different contributors. He also put up with a lot of last minute articles and revisions. I hope he can spend some of his, now, free time relaxing at the club.



Bernard Prinz



Women Sailing

Many thanks to Linda Galindo for the "show up and sail" energy she brought to managing the Women Sailing program for the last few years. Her efforts have resulted in quite a few new Women Skippers with many more in the

pipeline. While she is leaving the management role I'm sure we will see her on the water frequently aboard her beloved Knot Now.

And a huge welcome to Laura McGee who is stepping up to take on the Women Sailing Manager role. Laura has years of skippering and racing under her belt and some new free time to invest in the club and Women Sailing.



Linda Galindo



Laura McGee

Join the discussion on Slack!

HMBYC encourages any member who has not joined our Slack workspace to do so. There are many different channels you can join depending on your interests. Then you can be in on the discussions around those interests. Lots of good pictures too!

[Click here to join!](#)

October 1st

Dinner by PJ's Catering

FRIDAY OCT 01, 5-7 PM

Gnocchi!

Tender gnocchi di patate with spinach, sausage, and pine nuts in a silky cheese sauce - toasted to perfection. Served with mini salad bar. Sweet treat. Vegetarian option.

Prix fixe **\$20**

[Dinner Registration](#)

October 8th Menu

\$20.00

Kings Hawaiian Roll

Grilled Vegetable w/Miso Glaze

Smoked Ham Fried Rice

Smoked Ham, Peas, Carrots, Onions, Soy Sauce, Chili Paste, Sesame

Hawaiian Garlic Shrimp

Pan Fried Shrimp w/Garlic, Butter, Scallions

OR

Maui Grilled Chicken

Grilled Chicken Thigh w/Sweet Soy Glaze, Fried Shallots, Scallions

OR

Teriyaki Soy-Gardein (V)

Soy Gardein "Chicken" w/Sweet Soy Glaze, Fried Shallots, Scallions

[Dinner Registration](#)

October 15th

Chicken Enchilada Casserole

OR

Veggie Enchilada Casserole

Cilantro Lime Slaw

Chips and Salsa

\$15.00

Caramel Brownie \$4

While supplies last. 5-8 p.m.

Denise de Somer
Chef for Hire

Dinner Registration

October 22nd

\$20.00

Sauteed Vegetables
Broccoli, Carrot, Squash, Onion

Roasted Garlic Mashed Potato
Creamy Mashed Potato w/Roasted Garlic

Lamb Osso Bucco
Slow Braised Lamb Shank in Tomato Burgundy Sauce

OR

Chicken Saltimbocca
Pan Roasted Chicken w/Prosciutto, Provolone, Sage and Mushroom Marsala Sauce

OR

Eggplant Stack (V)

Grilled Eggplant, Mozzarella Cheese, Marinara, Spinach

Dinner Registration

October 29th

Member appreciation (gratis) or

\$20.00 per person

Sides

Roasted Corn Salad
Roasted White Corn with Peppers, Onions, Cilantro, and Citrus Vinaigrette

Achiote Rice w/Peas
Jasmine Rice w/Achiote Paste, Olive Oil, Peas, Salt, and Pepper

Choice of:

Poblano Cream Shrimp Enchiladas
w/Grilled Shrimp, Monterey Jack Cheese, Roasted Poblano Cream Sauce, Corn Tortillas

OR

Ancho Braised Beef Enchiladas
w/Slow Braised Beef, Monterey Jack Cheese, Corn Tortillas, Ancho Chili Tomato Sauce

OR

Grilled Vegetable Enchiladas (Vegetarian)
w/Grilled Vegetables, Roasted Poblano, Ancho Chili Tomato Sauce, Corn Tortilla, Monterey Jack Cheese

OR

Grilled Vegetable Enchiladas (Vegan)
w/Grilled Vegetables, Roasted Poblano, Ancho Chili Tomato Sauce, Corn Tortilla

Dinner Registration

*Sunda
y
Brunch*

October 31
Member Appreciation Weekend -
Watch for Details!

Saturdays October 2 & October 16
4-6pm

Club Access:

You are now free to use the club buildings!

We are giving club access to all interested members starting in July. If you don't already have the key to the event center bathrooms you will have to download the free Nexkey app. Set up your own account with your mobile phone number for your username and any password you like. Email your mobile phone number to me or to Rachel so we can send you the key to the bar and the event center front entrance.

[Email your mobile number to commodore@hmbyc.org](mailto:commodore@hmbyc.org)

You will have access from 6 am to 10 pm. I will be adding the two new keys to all the accounts that already have the bathroom key. Please continue to use the event center bathrooms and use only the members refrigerator in the bar area - not the galley fridge. Doors will lock behind you.

Please make sure the club is secure when you leave.

BBQ Code: Discouraging non-member use of the BBQs

We have built a little cage around the BBQ gas line valve on the deck and locked it. The combination can be found on our website under "about", club facilities, near the bottom. Members are free to use them. But please don't share with non members. You must also open the black valve that is behind the picnic table closest to the deck in order to get the gas flowing.

Watch Officers Wanted

Watch Officers are vital to club operation and help maintain a club everyone can enjoy. Volunteering as a Watch Officer is a great way to help our club and meet other members.

Click here to
email the Port Captain

Tell Tales Editor Wanted

Are you interested in applying your reporting and creativity skills to the once-a-month Tell Tales Newsletter? Collect information from the calendar, board, and other members to create our monthly newsletter that is emailed to all members and posted on our website news pages. Contact media@hmbyc.org or commodore@hmbyc.org for more information.

Terri Lahey, Media Volunteer

Click here to
email the Commodore

Click here to
email Media

Social Committee Wanted

HMBYC Social Committee is looking for volunteer members to help plan future events. For more information, email the Social Committee

Chair: socialcommittee@hmbyc.org

Click here to
email the Social Committee

Kayak & Paddle Craft

Sign-Out Reminders

We have a new sign out sheet in the paddle locker.
Look for the pink binder.

You must sign out and sign back in any of the club's paddlecraft that you are taking out.

Remember that this equipment is for members only.

You must wear a PFD at all times and stay in the harbor.

Children under 16 must be under the supervision of a parent or guardian.

SUPs are single occupancy only, no pets.

Please don't leave equipment on the beach when done.
Please clean our gear and properly stow when you check back in.

Thank you and happy paddling!

Sailing Events

**Vice
Commodore's
Regatta**

Saturday
October 2, 2021

The Vice Commodore's Regatta is open to members and non-members. For details, see the Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions, and Waiver which are posted on the Sailing/Racing webpage.

Dollar Diner 4-6 pm

*Vice Commodore's Regatta
Registration*

**Sponsors'
Race**

Saturday
October 9, 2021
10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Skipper's Meeting 10:30.
Races 11am until about
3:30pm

Sponsors' Race

**Pelican
Race**

Saturday
October 9, 2021

The Pelican Fleet comes to HMBYC for a day of racing.

Pelican Race

**Sunday
Skipper**

(2) *Sundays in October*
October 3 & October 10
2-4 pm
Members only

Come take a pleasurable sail on a club cal20. A checked-out skipper will take you for a sail in the harbor. Practice your sailing skills or just enjoy getting out on the water.

**Pumpkin
Roundup**

Saturday October 16

Our ever-popular Annual Pumpkin Roundup on the water. On land activities include a Pirate Treasure hunt for kids, pumpkin decorating contest, a freeze dancing event, and Dollar Diner. Watch for more details.

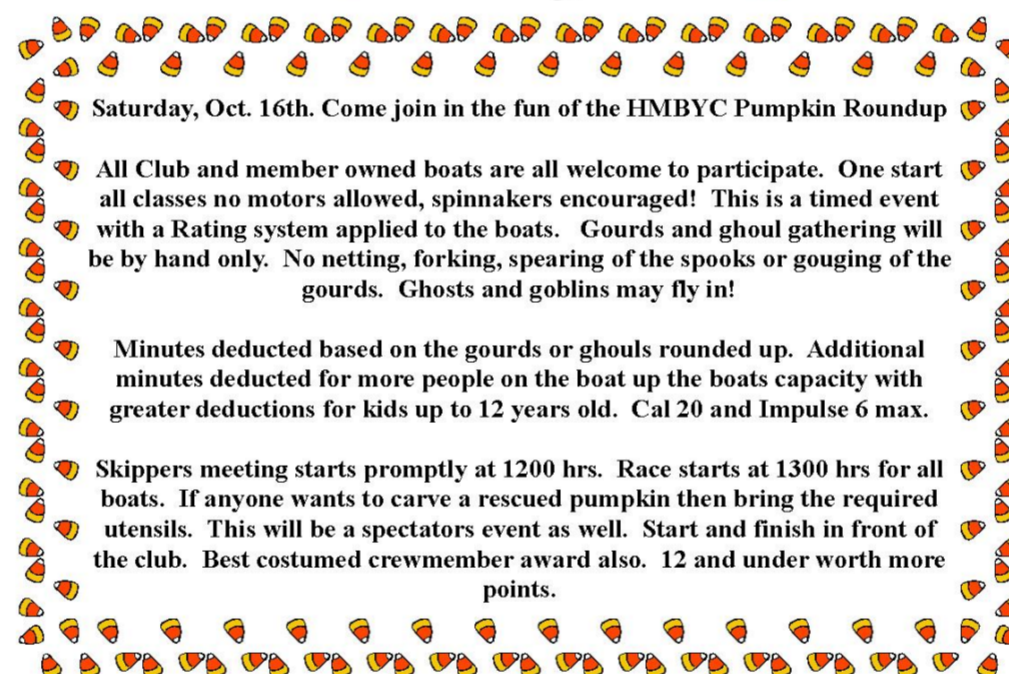
Wednesday
Night Sailing

We're back on the Water!
Every Wednesday 6 - 8pm

Women
Sailing

Join HMBYC Slack Channel:
#WOMENSAILING

Sail Tuesday & Thursday
September 30, October 5, 7, & 12
5 - 7 pm
Show up and sail!



There will also be on-land activities including:

Pirate Treasure Hunt for kids
Pumpkin decorating contest
Freeze dancing event
and Dollar Diner.

Watch for more details.

Recreational Boaters of California Sacramento Report

by Ray Durazo, *Staff Commodore, HMBYC*

And the Beat Goes On

While on the surface, it appears that, legislatively speaking, things are quieting down in Sacramento for the fall/winter recess, the reality is that action in the Assembly and Senate will continue through the end of the year. How so?

This is the first year of a two-year legislative session, so there will be discussions and negotiations throughout the last quarter both on any 2021 measures that will need to pass the houses of origin in January, as well as new measures planned for introduction upon the return of the Legislature on January 3.

In addition, we anticipate meetings of the Division of Boating and Waterways (under State Parks Department) on the Harbors and Waterways Revolving Fund financial deficiency to get going in October and continue in November. As reported here last month, this will be a forum on how to resolve HWRF shortfalls with the likelihood of proposed increases in vessel registration fees on the agenda. RBOC will be an active participant in those meetings.

Meanwhile, at the regional and local levels, there is much activity in which RBOC has intervened. Example: The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (SARWQCB) is taking action to impose new restriction on copper-based anti-fouling paints on questionable science and RBOC has taken a hard position against said action.

On a related matter, San Diego harbor officials are proposing a suspension of in-water hull cleaning on the premise that this practice increases water-borne copper levels beyond acceptable limits. RBOC has filed a protest pointing out that boaters only have two ways to keep their boat bottoms free of fouling. One way, the most commonly used, is in-water cleaning in which divers scrape marine growth from the hull. The other way is to haul the boat out of the water and do the cleaning on land. The second method is very expensive and will overwhelm boatyards if implemented.

RBOC is also supporting an effort in Dana Point Harbor to prevent big increases in slip rental fees. In June, boaters were notified that slip rates would increase by between 26 and 90 percent (based on boat length) starting in October. The Dana Point Boaters Association asked RBOC to step in and help to eliminate or greatly reduce the increases, to which we agreed. RBOC has gone on the public record opposing the proposed rates.

While readers may wonder why they should care about matters in the Southern part of the state, the answer is simple: When either regulatory issues or boater fees are adjudicated in places like Marina del Rey or San Diego, they can ultimately show up on our Northern doorstep when agencies or harbor operators take actions that are detrimental to recreational boating. The battles RBOC fights in the South are relevant to boaters statewide.

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A Member's Cruise

by Skip Granger, *HMBYC*

San Francisco to Monterey Part 1

An ebb tide allowed us to leave Brisbane Marina early morning on our 34' motorboat with plenty of time to reach Pillar Point before the afternoon winds came up.

After a couple of nights in the harbor's transient slips Poem (boat name), left Pillar Point in the fog en-route to Santa Cruz. Radar and a sharp watch are imperative in these conditions. In addition to other traffic, we carefully watched for floats marking traps, etc. Although Dungeness crab season does not open until November, we still had to dodge three small floats. These present a dangerous risk to our motorboat with her single screw. Getting tangled up in a line will force a stop until the line is cleared. One solution is to jump in and try to untangle the line from the propeller. As a last resort, a sharp serrated knife can cut the line away. I have had to do this in the warm Bahamas waters and in the chilly Chesapeake. Diving into our 59-degree water without a thick wetsuit is out of the question. The other solution is to call a commercial outfit with the hope that weather will permit their diver to clear the tangle. This has to be in calm weather as waves cause the boat to rise and plunge with consequences to the diver underneath.

Several miles off Ano Nuevo there appeared to be a group of very small sailboats flying small black mainsails. And then they spouted and disappeared. They were some distance away; I believe they were a small school of Orcas. These magnificent, intelligent mammals belong to the dolphin family. Except for sperm whales, no marine mammal has a heavier brain. Although there are dozens of instances where they have deliberately collided with sailboats (usually striking the rudder), some believe this is play for them. Many people fear them, but there are no documented instances of orcas attacking or killing humans except for those orcas kept in captivity. These apex ocean predators usually feed on fish, sharks, seals, sea lions, and occasionally whales; in early days, sailors saw them killing and eating whales (they favor the liver). They came to call them "whale killers". That name eventually transposed to "killer whales".

Motoring into Santa Cruz harbor on a sunny Saturday morning presented an amazing sight. There was a panoply of kayaks, SUPs, commercial and sport fishing boats, a large charter sailboat, a commercial whale-watching boat, a procession of seven 30' one-designs with black mainsails, all actively crowding the narrow inlet that forms Santa Cruz Harbor. This was overseen by a cheerful Harbor Patrol officer on a fast R.I.B. while a flock of hundreds of pigeons

wheeled overhead. Music, radio chatter, seagull cries, amicable shouting and cheers provided a festive intensity to this carnival-like scene. We tied up to our assigned slip and just watched this all in awe.

New Members

Welcome Aboard!



Cameron & Gillian Ewing,
Maeve and Deryn
We grew up sailing and spending time on the water in the summers and look forward to getting back to that at the HMBYC. We can't wait to expose our girls to the joys of sailing, kayaking and SUPing in the harbor!



Alec & Ana Marshall
We've become such a part of the El Granada community that we wanted to bring the harbor into our family. The Yacht Club is such a part of this place that we had to join and get sailing again! We are looking forward to the events, sailing, paddle boarding and our 10th anniversary next August!



Michael Bland & Alexis King, Eloise
We moved to El Granada in 2020 and the sellers mentioned the yacht club as being a really cool place. We are looking forward to learning how to sail (post-COVID) and to becoming more involved in the coast side community.



Georges Saab & Johanna Sunden, Elina and Alex
We are looking forward to sailing and relaxing.



Patrick & Tua Mulligan
Looking forward to having fun, meeting new people, spending family time on the water.

Rick Loeper & Jannae Oliver
Would like to get back into sailing and extend paddle boarding activities. Looking forward



to activities, and connecting with those who have similar interests.



Manual & Marisol Figuroa
Looking forward to having fun and learning new skills and meeting new friends.



Brittany & Jacob Boettcher,
Harrison and Lillian
Opportunity to socialize with our coast community and introduce my kids to sailing/SUP/kayaking in the HMB harbor. Looking forward to Seeing familiar faces and making new friends!



Kent Wu & Corinee Reimers
We love spending time at Pillar Point and felt the club would be a great fit for us. We are looking forward to being a member of the community, meeting new people, learning new skills, and being on the water.

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as they will be changing

Hours will be added as demand warrants

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