



HALF MOON BAY  
YACHT CLUB

May 2022

## Half Moon Bay Yacht Club - Tell Tales

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### COMMODORE'S FLAG

First off, we want to apologize for there being no “Commodore’s Flag” in last month’s Tell Tales. I know when we were not Commodore, I enjoyed reading the monthly musings myself, so, there may have been some of you that were like, what?! There really is so much going on around the club these days that it really was a missed opportunity to promote the wonderful sailing and social events our volunteers are working so hard to put on and to highlight that

with the good weather and the Cal 20's being back in the water, that opening day came and went just like that!

May is going to be no less busy, with sailing season kicking into gear. I am so excited that new members are taking advantage of our adult sailing classes, as this is the best way to get familiar with our Cal 20s even if you already know how to sail. We have awesome volunteers who run these classes. Sanjay and I took the class when we were new members and it was a great learning experience and really fun too! For those of you who are technically checked-out skippers, but who have not sailed in awhile (myself included), or may be a newly minted skipper from last season, please make sure to review our club policies and rules of the water, and use your better judgment by not going out when conditions are more challenging. Consider joining us on May 15th for our Docking Clinic and Docking Derby. We want to make sure that all of our member sailors have fun, but more importantly, we want everyone to be safe!

On land, we also have a lot going on this month! One of my personal favorite events is the Mother's Day brunch – a lovely excuse to come down to the club Sunday morning and there's food too! There's also lots going on around Cinco de Mayo, and there are events for young and \*older\* members alike. Come on down to the club for a drink, a meal, or just to enjoy the awesome location that we all call home.

Lastly, we want to continue to emphasize that volunteerism is truly a pillar of our club culture – it is how our club runs, how we put on club events, and why we are able to keep dues so low. Even if you are busy, (we have two small kids and we work full time in addition to our club responsibilities), there is probably some way in which you can contribute to the club that will make it a better place for all other members. We are on the lookout for volunteers to take on certain leadership roles within the club. We have open positions that we are actively looking to fill. If you are interested, please reach out to us directly. There are an infinite number of ways small and large, for you to be able to get involved.



If you are newer to the club, please start out as a Watch Officer, and once you have that under your belt, you will likely feel empowered to expand your involvement. We are a better club if we all contribute in more ways than just paying dues and using the club's offerings!

Danielle & Sanjay, Commodore

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## THANKS FOR A GREAT OPENING DAY!

Opening Day of HMBYC's sailing season on April 16 was a fun, Hawaiian-themed celebration of our newly launched Cal 20 fleet and our plans for the coming season. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who made our Opening Day such a success: Amy and Tony Conte, and Martha Huddle, for all their work to organize the food, 3 local young bands for amazing music, and to Watch Officers Diane Palme and Chris Ice for tending bar on a very busy day, with Joe Rockmore and team manning the grills. All their hard work made it possible for a large number of members and guests to have a great time on what turned out to be a sunny and beautiful spring day.

And on the water side of things, thank you to Laura McGee for presiding over the traditional Blessing of the Boats and leading our Boat Parade through the harbor on "Cactus Flower" - the blessing must have worked, because the boats and crews all returned safe and sound through 25 mph gusts in the harbor. Beth Richards drove a chase boat for Anita Hart who produced beautiful photographs of the panoply of boats. A special and heartfelt thank you to all the Sponsor teams who worked so hard to get their boats ready for the season!

Our Opening Day events make us grateful for all our club has to offer - thanks to all our volunteers who made it possible.



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## UPCOMING SAILING EVENTS

### Weeknight Sailing

Begins Wednesday, May 4

Wednesday Night Sailing begins on May 4 and continues every week after that until November.

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### Beercan Racing

Begins Friday, May 13

Beercan Racing will begin May 13 and will alternate between Fridays at 5:00 and Saturdays at 3:00 every other week through end of October. Beercan racing is casual, fun racing - a great chance to dip your toe into racing with others in a fun, stress-free environment.

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### Sponsor's Race

Saturday, May 14

Skipper's meeting begins at 10:30. Races are from 11am until about 3:30pm.

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### Rear Commodore's Regatta

Saturday, May 28

Check the [Racing page](#) on the HMBYC website for more information.

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### Summer Youth Sailing Camps

Registration is ongoing.

Weekly camps, Monday-Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm, will be held from June 13 - July 29. Register from the online calendar. Register early to be sure to attend your preferred camp(s). [For more information, click here.](#)

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### Women Sailing

Women Sailing meets every Thursday, at 5:30pm. If you are looking for a fun, relaxed evening on the water, join us on Thursday

evenings. Women Sailing is open to experienced sailors who just want to sail or new sailors who wish to improve their sailing skills. We will have 1 to 2 boats available with a skipper willing to mentor those sailors working towards check out. We will get together every Thursday evening, April through October. Please check the Women Sailing Slack Channel for updates and any questions.

Let's Go Sailing!  
Laura McGee, Women Sailing Manager

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### Adult Sailing Classes

The May 7/8 sailing class is full, but there are openings in later months. [Check the calendar](#) for availability and registration.

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## SOCIAL EVENTS

**From Margaritas to Mahjong to Mimosas and Muffins, May is absolutely packed with events! Please refer to the club calendar for the most up to date information.**

### Join us for these events!

Thursday, May 5	Margaritas and Salsa
Friday, May 6	Make Your Own Darn Taco Bar
Sunday, May 8	Mothers' Day Brunch
Wednesday, May 11	Watch Officers Appreciation Dinner
Thursday, May 12	Mahjong on the Deck
Friday, May 13	<u>Table Tennis</u> Happy Hour & California Girl Catering
Saturday, May 14	Mimosas & Muffins  Kids' Night at the Movies
Sunday, May 15	Social Committee Meeting
Monday, May 16	<u>Table Tennis</u>
Friday, May 20	Kids on the Beach Happy Hour & PJ's Catering Karaoke

Friday, May 27

[Table Tennis](#)  
Happy Hour & Sagehouse Pies

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day Dollar Diner

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[View the Full Calendar](#)

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## NEW MEMBERS



### **Wendy & Chris Collins**

We love water sports and the ease of use with equipment on site. We are looking forward to more time on the water and meeting others with interest in water sports.



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### **Anjuli Gupta, David & Kiran Steinmiller**

We love living on the Coastside and want to make the most of being in this fabulous marine environment! We're excited to make new friends, contribute to the HMBYC community, and spend time on the water, but above all, we are thrilled that our son will grow up understanding how to respect and enjoy the ocean.



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### **Taylor, Sheridan, Blake, & Wesley Matthews**

We spoke with the McGuires who recently joined and had phenomenal things to say about it. We'd also run into a few other members through our child's preschool, all of whom enjoyed the club as a social outlet. Fun for us and fun for the kids! I've sailed in the distant past and always enjoyed it, and I'd love to get myself back up to speed.

Sheridan is pretty keen on the whole standup paddleboard concept. We're both excited about the opportunity to meet new people from the area (we're new here, just moved from SF), to make some new friends, and to become part of the community. And as for the kids, having a destination for them to hang out, play, learn to sail (eventually), and make some new friends themselves is great too.

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### **Jan and Arthur Manzo**

Rosemary Lanyon, has brought us to the club. I've been coming to Princeton since a was young girl. Now that we live in El Granada we felt it was time to join in on the fun at the HMB yacht Club. Kayaking, social live at the club, & helping out where needed.

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### **Sarah, Jody, Nash, & Magnolia Miller**

Ginny and John Mangan brought us to HMBYC. We are looking forward to relaxing with good people by the beach!

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### **PJ, Maggie, & Hudson Ruffier**

We were born and raised here, so it's time for us to become members. We're excited about some social interactions with our friends who are members with children the same age.

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### **Nate, Alisha, Maika, & Kestral Terry**

We are new boat owners as a small family with young kids, and our friends referred us who are currently members. We are looking forward to contributing to the HMBYC community and learning more about sailing!

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### **Nolan & Autumn Williams, Kristin Raj**

We came to the club out of general interest and are looking forward to hanging out.

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## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**



### **Crafty Individual**

We are looking for someone who knows their way around a sewing machine to make some cushions for our cold, hard seats in the bar.

### **Watch Officer Training**

We will have another watch officer training session on May 18. Register here to join us!

### **Paddleboard Manager**

We are seeking a Paddleboard Manager to help with our small paddlecraft.

### **Guest Speaker Coordinator**

HMBYC has been lucky to host a few fascinating seminars recently, and we'd like to schedule more. If you can help coordinate a future speaker or would like to present a topic, please let us know.

### **Cal 20 Fleet Manager**

The role entails scheduling boat work days and moving boats to/from our dock, tracking boat needs, and coordinating the fleet, but does not mean you have to do the work yourself. That is the job of the boat sponsor teams.

Please contact [vicecommodore@hmbyc.org](mailto:vicecommodore@hmbyc.org) if these opportunities interest you.

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## **TIPS AND TRICKS**



### **HMBYC Website Tip**

Want to contact another Club member, but don't know their email address or phone number? No problem! There is a directory of all members that is available for you to search. Go to My Club > Directory, and enter some part of their name in the search field. You will find a list of all members who match your search, and by clicking on the name you will access their profile.

What is a member profile that comes up when you find a member? It's some basic information about the member, plus whatever else the member chooses to share. Want to add some info to your profile, or change it? Easy! Go to My Club > My Profile, and you will be presented with your current profile. Change whatever you want or add more information, including a photo of yourself. When done, hit Save My Profile at the bottom, and your new info is now in your profile.

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## **LAST MONTH'S REPORT**



### **Safety "Angel" Boat Class**

On 4/24 a new group of 12 club members was trained in how to drive and crew on the club's Boston Whalers. They learned how to use the boats safely, how to do basic rescues of paddlecraft, how to tow small sailboats, and how to rescue people from the water.

### **Adaptive Sailing**

HMBYC had its first special needs children event of the season on 4/19. Nine new sailors from the local high school, some in wheelchairs, participated and had a wonderful time. A specially designed sailboat adapted for use with special needs children was used, along with a beach wheelchair, and many volunteers from the yacht club. The next event is scheduled for May 24th with junior high school children.



### **Mission College Marine Biology**

On Friday April 15 Jean Replicon Ph.D from Mission College held one of her marine biology classes at HMBYC. The class of 15 students started out from the club in the morning with a guided bird tour along the coastside trail. The students brought lunch which was enjoyed on our deck after the tour. They then attended a lecture and lab in our multi purpose room. Jean said this was a great venue for the class and would like to include it in future semesters. Bravo Zulu HMBYC.

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