



HALF MOON BAY  
YACHT CLUB

August 2022

## Half Moon Bay Yacht Club - Tell Tales

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### COMMODORE'S FLAG

July was a jam packed month in addition to Youth Sailing Camp, which continues its strong showing into the final weeks. We also had some changes in the ranks. We welcomed a new Treasurer to the Board, Wade Painter, who brings many years of financial expertise to the role. We also bid farewell to our longtime Membership Manager, Linda Galindo, who is now finally going to be able to focus on her sailing and other volunteer roles around the club. Thank you Linda for your years of service as Membership Manager! Separately, if you're interested in being our next Membership Manager, please reach out to Sanjay or myself.

As most kids are winding down their summers and gearing up to start school again in a couple of weeks, summer is still in full swing around the club with crescendos later this month (and into next month) both in sailing and on land—the C-15 nationals are on Aug 12th-14th and our traditional labor day festivities are back Sept 2nd-4th. There is so much going on around the club in the next month, surely there is something for everyone! So, come on down and enjoy summer before it's gone!

We don't talk too much about Club operations normally, other than volunteering, which you should do, but, I think it's worth mentioning that more than 93% of our Memberships have adopted AutoPay. Volunteering aside, our Club does not exist without membership dues. And the amount of operational time that we save by not having to constantly chase down membership dues is incredible. This is also something that members had wanted many years before it was implemented in 2020 (along with the transition to the Club Essential

platform) and now we are at a point where we are realizing the benefits from this change. So, thank you everyone that has adopted AutoPay!



See you around the club!

Danielle & Sanjay, Commodores

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## SAILING EVENTS

### Sponsor's Race

Saturday, August 6

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

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### C-15 North American Championship Regatta

(in honor of Frank  
Butler)

Friday, August 12 - Sunday, August 14

The Notice of Race (NoR) and Sailing Instructions (SI) are on the Official Regatta Notice Board on the *Sailing > Racing* webpage. Dinners will follow the Friday and Saturday races. Please register on the calendar.

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### Sunday Skippers

Sunday, August 7 & Sunday, August 21

Come take a pleasurable sail on a club Cal 20. A check-out skipper will take you for a sail in the harbor. Practice your sailing skills or just enjoy getting out on the water. Members & Guests Only.

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### Cruise Out to Encinal Yacht Club

Saturday, August 20 - Sunday, August 21

Join us by car or by boat for a Cruise Out to Alameda and the Encinal Yacht Club. **Encinal has a gorgeous outdoor pool complete with food and beverage service!**

For more info, check out the [#cruising](#) HMBYC Slack channel and/or contact Spencer Nassar at [cruiseouts@hmbyc.org](mailto:cruiseouts@hmbyc.org)

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### Endless Summer Regatta

Saturday, August 20

10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Please check the website for more information.

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### Friday Beercan Racing

Friday, August 26

Come join the fun of casual racing in the harbor - a great way to enjoy stress-free racing or learn how to race in a fun format. Meet on the dock at 5:30 pm.

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**C-15 NAC  
Planning Meeting**

Monday, August 8

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**Weeknight  
Sailing**

Wednesday Night Sailing continues every week until November.

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**Women Sailing**

Women Sailing meets every Thursday at 5:30p

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**Adult Sailing  
Classes**

Saturday, August 27 - Sunday, August 28

[Check the calendar](#) for availability and registration.

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## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

Do you love our social events? Please consider signing up to be a watch officer. Help keep the bar and club open and provide the club experience that you've enjoyed since you joined. Talk to Amy or Tony Conte directly, or e-mail them at [portcaptain@hmbyc.org](mailto:portcaptain@hmbyc.org).

Current watch officers, please sign-up for upcoming shifts on **SLING**, and thank you for all you do to keep our club running smoothly! Future watch officers, you will be invited to Sling after completing your training.

Pick up a shift in Sling!

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## **Join us for these events!**

Friday, August 5

**Catering by The Filbert & Happy Hour**

\$20, Enjoy seared salmon with crushed yukon gold potatoes, garlicky sautéed spinach & balsamic glaze, or a summer veggie blend with corn, peas, asparagus and more.

**Visit from Captain Donald Lawson**

Join Captain Donald Lawson and his wife Tori for dinner on Friday evening. Learn about his plans to set the world record for single handedly circumnavigating this planet on his 60 foot trimaran Defiant, which is anchored out in the harbor. He will be giving tours of the boat on Saturday. Details to come.

Sunday, August 7

**Social Committee Meeting**

- Wednesday, August 10      **Watch Officer Training**  
Join us to learn the ins and outs of being a Watch Officer at the club. Pizza will be served.
- Thursday, August 11      **HMBYC 2022 Board of Directors Meeting**
- Friday, August 12      **Table Tennis at the Club**  
**Jaime's Tacos & Happy Hour**  
\$20. Choice of two: chicken, pork, or vegetarian tacos w/ rice and beans.  
Rock & Roll by Tiny Mike
- Saturday, August 13      **Saturday Dinner, catering by The Filbert**  
Kettle-roasted chicken w/ pappardelle, mushrooms, and braised greens OR a medley of oven-roasted veggies.
- Monday, August 15      **Table Tennis at the Club**
- Friday, August 19      **Jennifer Celestre Send Off**  
See the Announcement section for more info!  
**Sage Bake House Pies & Happy Hour**  
Choice of chicken pot pie, seasonal veggie pie, or steak and cheddar pie w/ salad, dessert, and fruit.
- Friday, August 26      **Table Tennis at the Club**  
**Kids on the Beach**  
**PJ's Catering & Happy Hour**

FRI. AUG. 26, 5PM

**Kālua Pork Stir-fry!**

*Kids pasta \$5*

Slow cooked Hawaiian pork shoulder, served over stir-fried shredded cabbage. Served with macaroni and rice. Veggie option.

\$20 Mini salad bar. Sweet treat.

September 2-5      **Labor Day Weekend**  
We have a weekend FULL of events and activities. Please [register now](#) for meals during the weekend. Check the Volunteer Opportunities section to see how you can help out.



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# LABOR DAY WEEKEND

September 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup>

## FOOD LIVE MUSIC COSTUME CRUISE IN

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>** 5pm - Chili verde & salads - \$20  
 6pm - Karaoke with KJ Paul

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>** 5pm - Build your own tacos bar - \$25  
 6pm - Johnny Z Band

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>** 10am - Continental breakfast - \$5  
 10am - Bar open for Bloody Marys & Mimosas  
 5-7pm - Enchiladas, toppings, flan - \$30  
 6pm - Califuegos

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** 12-4pm - Club open & Food truck

Register...  
<https://bit.ly/3vq3jWO>



View the full calendar here.

## NEW MEMBERS



### Jeff, Claire, Jack & Finn Conlon

My wife and I joined the club when we moved to the coast in 2009 but stopped our membership when our boys came along. Now they're at a perfect age for our family to enjoy the club together. I've been sailing my entire life and my dad still has a boat at SBYC in San Francisco. I'm looking forward to introducing my boys to smaller boats so can fall in love with sailing the way that I did with my dad long ago.

### Cybele Erwin & Kapil, Sophia, & Jai Kamra



We are lifelong sailors who finally discovered HMBYC. We have lived in the area for a while and have mostly trailered our Hobie and put the SUP on the car. We really want to get back into our love of being on the water much more and have a place where we can meet others and share our love of the water.

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**Janna King & Arman, Peter, Malcolm, & Simone Rezaee**

The C-15 fleet brought us to the club. We are looking forward to everything!

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**Jeremy Toby & Kristy Koberna**

We have an abundance of friend's who are members. We are looking forward to renewing sailing experience, kayaking and outdoor socialization.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Send Off Celebration for Jennifer Celestre**

Friday August 19, come to the club to say goodbye to Jennifer Celestre, a.k.a. The Crab, who is moving to Texas.

Jenn joined the club after taking the 1992 Adult Beginning Sailing Class, has been an incredible volunteer for many years, and has worked to build our welcoming community. She has done almost EVERYTHING at the club including serve as Watch Officer, Port Captain, Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore and Commodore. She is an excellent cook and baker and has cooked many many MANY meals and desserts at the club. She was the calamari queen when we participated in the Pumpkin Festival, negotiating with the local fishermen to get us 500 to 700 lbs. of calamari every year. She has chaired the Events Committee and Labor Day Weekend Event several years, helping us net positive revenue and have a good time. She has also chaired numerous other events at the club. She has been an outstanding example of what volunteerism can be with a wonderful attitude and always with a smile on her face. She is cherished by the membership and will be deeply missed!

Come down and wish her a great send-off!! Dinner is also available that night. Please register for each event on the calendar.

**Say Hello to our Newest Hired Bartenders!**

We're happy to introduce Ben, our newest hired bartender, who generally works on Friday evenings. He is an



experienced bartender that recently moved to El Granada and his personal favorite drink to make and enjoy is the classic daquiri.

Also meet Lenore, our hired bartender, who you will see around the club for private events and occasional Friday evenings. Lenore is an experienced cocktail waitress and banquet server who has worked at The Ritz Carlton and Sam's Chowder House. Say hi next time you see her behind the bar.



A quick note about our hired bartending staff: Tipping is encouraged and members should close out their tabs and tip our hired bartenders. If a watch officer or volunteer is working behind the bar, you are still able to tip, but that money goes directly to the club's general operating fund rather than the individual. Questions? Contact [portcaptain@hmbyc.org](mailto:portcaptain@hmbyc.org)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



### Membership Manager Opportunity

I'm going to get my Vitamin Sea! It has been a pleasure serving as the club's volunteer membership manager the past 5 years. Time to turn over the reins! I look forward to seeing you all at the club. I learned to sail here and I love it!

Linda Galindo

### C-15 National Championship

We are honored to host the national championship again this year August 12-14. Our own Lucy Gillies is chair of this event and will be competing as well - please lend a hand and help incoming racers have a great experience at our club! [Sign up to volunteer!](#)

### Labor Day Weekend Opportunities

Labor Day weekend we really need watch officers to step up. All shifts are open in sling or contact [Portcaptain@hmbyc.org](mailto:Portcaptain@hmbyc.org) if you have questions or availability that isn't listed. Check the Volunteering channel in Slack for updated information. We need help with the following:

2 volunteers needed to help with breakfast on Sunday from 10am-12pm.

Volunteer Bartenders needed on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 5-7pm. Pour beer and wine mainly with the help of a watch officer.



1 volunteer needed Sunday from 10am - 12pm to help Cynthia Lucero with Bloody Marys and Mimosas.

Watch Officers, we need all shifts covered and have 10 shifts to fill that weekend. If you have limited availability, email Amy Conte to request a 2-hour shift.

Be on standby as additional Hospitality to check garbage and bathrooms and keeping the club tidy on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 3-5pm and 5-7pm. Our cleaning crew will help daily every morning.

Decorating committee members needed on Thursday, September from 5-7pm. Enjoy a glass of wine with Tami and Amy on the deck and help us decorate the club.

Email Amy and Tony Conte [portcaptain@hmbyc.org](mailto:portcaptain@hmbyc.org) if any of this sounds appealing to you and you want to pitch in!

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## EVENT RECAP



### Take the Tiller Regatta

Women Sailing Take The Tiller was a great success! Despite the low wind and misty conditions, positive attitudes prevailed and a fun time was had by all. We had 15 sailors and 5 boats total. Argo took the win with Lucy Gilles, Karen Allanson, and Teffaney Ebert. Merlin came in second with Sarah Burge and Alice Pevyhouse. Cactus Flower came in third with Laura McGee, Sylvia Teng, and Lauren Eisele. In fourth place was Venus with Peggy Ruse, Rea Inglesis and Kat Hartmen. Knot Now took fifth with Julie Walters, Madeline Mindek, Johanna Saab, and Cheryl Phillips.



Many thanks to our race committee, Martha Huddle and PRO Molly Vandemoer. Molly's expertise in setting up the race course during shifty winds was invaluable. As was the markset crew, John Vandemoer and Dave Slater, not only for moving marks (several times) but also for rescuing a sinking kayaker just outside the harbor! Photography was by Anita Hart, who had a wonderful chase boat driver, Ryan Alfonso. More regatta photos will be posted on Slack. A delicious lunch was provided by Barrat Moore and Indrani Stangl.



After the race we celebrated with a glass of champagne and fresh strawberries. I can't forget Nicholas and Nora Vandemoer for their contributions to radio communications and assistance in bringing in marks. Thank you everyone for making this fun regatta!

Laura McGee,  
Women Sailing Manager



### **OYRA One-Way Race to Half Moon Bay**

Thank you to the race committee for running yet another successful OYRA Race to Half Moon Bay on July 9: Terri Lahey as PRO, and the race committee: Steve Smith, Kelly and Susan Pike, and Joe Rockmore. Thank you to the water taxi drivers who ferried racers between their boats and the beach: Skip Granger, Jeff Ebert, Kelly Pike, and Ian McGee.

Thanks also to the team behind the awesome dinner to greet the OYRA sailors at the club last night. Over 40 meals were sold and the visiting sailors had a great time visiting our club. Thank you, Amy and Tony Conte, and Martha Huddle, as well as our watch officers Kenji and Martha. Thanks also to Dee for doing a great job on Ships Stores for the event.



### **Cruise Out to Corinthian Yacht Club**

On July 23 and 24, the HMBYC had its second cruise out of the season to the Corinthian Yacht Club in Tiburon, CA. Originally our fleet was to be composed of four boats, but due to unforeseen circumstances, only Eldamar and Meritime were able to sail in, however that did not stop the members of our club. When unable to come by boat, we come by car! More than 20 members joined the crews of Meritime and Eldamar for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on the dock before a lovely three course meal in the Corinthian dining room. The weather complied, giving all ample time to enjoy fellowship on deck before and after dinner. Beautiful views, an excellent meal, and lively conversation were enjoyed by all. Everyone in attendance agreed that we should all come back again next year.



If you were unable to attend this event, please join us for the next one. We will be sailing out to Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda this month and perhaps St. Francis in October. Stay tuned, details will be posted on the Slack Cruising channel. If you are unable to sail on future cruise outs, land cruisers are always welcome. These are events you do not want to miss.

### **Summer Youth Camps**

We held our last week of camp August 1-5, for a total of 8 straight weeks, Monday through Friday teaching kids how to sail and how to have confidence out on the water. Many thanks to our wonderful team of instructors - many of whom went through camp as students when they were younger:



Sonya Cullen, Harrison Nash, Anna Krylova, Noah Hill, James Loft, and Kieran Clarke.

Also we express gratitude and heartfelt thanks to our hard working crew of volunteers, without whom camp would not have been possible: Lucy Gillies, John Vandemoer, Charlie Quest, and Tom Hughes for fixing up and repairing the youth fleets; Terri Lahey and Margie Gater for managing registrations, and Tom Hughes for checking in and being on call for any camp needs.

## Pacific Cup

HMBYC salutes two members who just completed the Pac Cup, sailing from San Francisco to Hawaii in challenging conditions (from no wind at the start, to 20 foot seas at the finish). Dave Morris doublehanded on *Surprise!* and Carliane Johnson skippered *Kynntana* with an all-woman crew. We are looking forward to congratulating them in person once they finish their return voyages - wishing them fair winds and following seas!



## Women Sailing Virtual Presentation: It's Better in the Bahamas

Former club members, Katy and Joe Vohs, talked about their sailing adventures as they cruised from Houston to Florida and then across to the Bahamas. The presentation is accessible to members from the club website on the News / Seminars tab.

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