



September 2022

Half Moon Bay Yacht Club - Tell Tales



Photo by Anita Hart

COMMODORE'S FLAG

First off, I want to thank all of our volunteers who helped make our Labor Day festivities a smashing success!!! After a two-year hiatus because of the dreaded Covid, it was so heartwarming to see our harbor full of guest boats, our club hopping, and everyone seeming to be having a great time. Thanks to all of you, and you know who you are (and including our Watch Officers), you kept the drinks flowing, food coming out of the kitchen, the ferry running, and the club open for our members and guests to be able to land, camp out (not literally), and enjoy all that the club had to offer. I think this signals that we are back! Thank you so much everyone!!!

We are so lucky to have this wonderful club as a go to destination on a holiday weekend when the rest of the coast was overwhelmed with out-of-town visitors. We could not have asked for better weather over the entire weekend. We personally spent a lot of time at the club this weekend. The kids and their friends played on the beach until they were frozen from the cold water multiple times over the course of the day. We enjoyed the wonderful food that our volunteers prepared and served. And we danced *late into the night* (a matter of perspective, I know, well, late for us), enjoying the live music.

If you were not able to join us at the club this past weekend, mark your calendars for next year! And seeing as how it is only the beginning of September, there are tons more options for events over this month. So, come down when you can! There are so many sailing and social events this month that they all cannot be listed out here, so please see the summary below.

But now that our big Labor Day festivities are over, and we transition into our fall events and the end of the sailing season, please be on the lookout for how you can contribute to the club. We are looking for volunteers for several very important staff positions, including Membership Manager and Volunteer Manager, and there are constantly opportunities for helping out on every level of the club's operations. If when you look around the club you think, hey, that could be better, reach out to the appropriate Commodore (Commodore, Vice Commodore on land, Rear Commodore on water) who can point you in the right direction to make it happen. If everyone does a little something instead of saying you have no time (but then you binge watch the latest TV series'), our club could be even more amazing and stay completely affordable for the long run.



See you around the club!

Danielle & Sanjay, Commodores

SAILING EVENTS

Sponsor's Race

Saturday, September 10

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

Sunday Skippers

Sunday, September 11 & Sunday, September 18

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.

Sailing Movie: The Weekend Sailor.

Friday, September 16

Join one of the participants in the race, Ray Conrady, to watch the movie and ask questions. [See "The Weekend Sailor" movie trailer](#). Be sure to get Friday dinner by Sagehouse Pies at the club too.

SSS Dinner

Saturday, September 17

The Single-Handed Sailing Society racers race from SF to HMB. Come join them for dinner. All members are welcome.

Laser Sailing Class

Sunday, September 18

Come learn how to sail our Laser fleet! Attendees must know how to sail already. Bring a wetsuit! This one-day class is limited to 6 members. [Register early](#).

Beercan Race

Friday, September 23

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.

Adult Sailing Class

Saturday, September 24 - Sunday, September 25

[Register now](#) for the last Adult Sailing Class of 2022. [Check the calendar](#) for availability and registration.

Wednesday night Sailing

Wednesday Night Sailing continues every week until November.

Women Sailing

Women Sailing meets every Thursday at 5:30 PM

Vice Commodore's Regatta

Saturday, October 1

10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Please [check the website](#) for more information.

Cruise Out to StFYC

Saturday, October 15 - Sunday, October 16

Join us by car or by boat for a Cruise Out to San Francisco and the St. Francis Yacht Club. StFYC has a wonderful waterfront location with great meals and views. Dock party at 4pm followed by dinner in the dining room. Register online [here](#).

For more info, check out the #cruising HMBYC Slack channel and/or contact Wendy Collins at cruiseouts@hmbyc.org

Pumpkin Roundup

Saturday, October 29

12:00 PM Pumpkin Roundup Skippers meeting noon. Race start 1300 hrs. Pumpkin decorating, scavenger hunt & freeze dancing on shore 2:30-4:30pm. \$5 Dollar Diner 4-6pm. No charge for the race.

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.

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!

Join us for these events!

Friday, September 9

1:00 PM-3:00 PM Table Tennis at the Club

5:00 PM-7:00 PM Happy Hour & BYO Dinner

Stop by a local restaurant and grab something to go or bring something to throw on one of our grills. Enjoy dining on the deck. No registration required.

Saturday, September 10

9:15 AM-10:00 AM Yoga on the Deck

Join Mary Liz McGurdy on the deck for some yoga flow

Sunday, September 11

5:00 PM-6:00 PM Social Committee Meeting

Join us to plan fun events for members

Monday, September 12

3:00 PM-4:00 PM Kids on the Beach 3pm

Join other families on the beach for some time in the sand and water.

Thursday, September 15

6:00 PM HMBYC 2022 Board of Directors Meeting

Location: Virtual

Friday, September 16

Friday Dinner by Sagehouse Pies. Stay for the Sailing Movie, "[The Weekend Sailor](#)" with Q&A by one of the racers.

Saturday, September 17

[5:00 PM-8:00 PM SSS & Saturday Night dinner](#)

Join the Single-handed Sailing Society racers and hear about their trip from SF to HMB

[Monday, September 19](#)

5:30 PM-7:30 PM [Table Tennis at the Club](#)

[Friday, September 23](#)

1:00 PM-3:00 PM [Table Tennis at the Club](#)

5:00 PM-7:00 PM Friday Dinner by Mary Magdanz: Thai Curry - chicken and vegetarian options

Friday, September 30

Friday Dinner catered by the Filbert with chef Malcolm

[View the full calendar here.](#)

NEW MEMBERS



John Chakerian & Kim Lear

Just moved from Colorado to the coast, so it's time to trade some of our mountain activities for ocean ones!



Christopher & Robin Foster, Ella & Harrison

Our friends are joining and it sounds like a fun way to enjoy our great community.



Bruce & Kelly Lang

We took the Adult Sailing class and really enjoyed it. We are really looking forward to meeting new people, volunteering and enjoying the beautiful club!

Amanda & Romulo Melo, Max & Jackson

We have been wanting to join for a while. We love being on the water. Max attended sailing camp this summer and just loved it! We look forward to being on the water more and being a member of the yacht club community.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

What's the one dish you make everyone loves?

I'm asking because securing vendors is getting to be harder in this labor market, and our club volunteer leaders are spending too much energy trying to arrange food for us. BUT THIS COULD BE FUN! Gathering around food together at the YC is good for our mental health, and our community especially if we get to know each other.

Want help making a meal for the weekend at the yacht club? Need a little coaching on how to expand your recipe to feed a crowd? Always thought playing chef in a profession kitchen would be fun? New to the club and want to contribute your skills to an opening evening and let us get to know you?

If you'd like to share your crowd-pleasing recipe, or help others try out theirs and help build community at the club one weekend, I'd love to hear from you. If you'd like to help prep and learn other tried and true member recipes here and again email me. I have experience working with volunteers in kitchens, bringing them along on comfort and skills. And wait-there's more! Like being a watch officer being the cook can get \$ knocked off your dues. All food costs are reimbursed-only your creativity and time are your contributions

Ideally one night a weekend we'd have a member work with a small crew of members to make a fun, personal, evening. It could be really healthy, or really unhealthy, food from lands you've sailed to, dreamt of or invented. Best chocolate chip cookie EVER for dinner? Why not? Aspiring teen chef? Yes! It could be a teen-built menu of a solo chef decider with prep crew.

Brucetta Bar? Breakfast for dinner? Your mom's spaghetti? Your favorite international street food? High tea? Wings extravaganza? That thing you saw in a movie? Think wide, Think playful

You can email me at memberchefs@hmbyc.org with comments questions and offers of help.

Barrett Moore



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

EVENT RECAP





Corinthian Fleet was won by skipper Dave Rumbaugh.



Cabrillo Fleet was won by skipper Bence Gazdag

Coronado 15 National American Championship August 12-14 2022

This year's Coronado 15 North American Championship (NAC) was dedicated to the designer Frank Butler, who sadly passed away on 15 November 2020. Frank designed the Coronado 15 back in 1968 with the intention of creating a fun, competitive and affordable racing dinghy. 54 years on, the fleet is still active and competitive and though dwindling in numbers is still sailed by enthusiastic and passionate racers who enjoy nothing more than coming together to challenge the trophy.

Seven boats gathered at the High Sierra Regatta in July to warm up for the National Championship to be hosted by Half Moon Bay, California just a month later. Being host club, Half Moon Bay was able to invigorate local sailors and enter nine boats. Sacramento fielded two boats, Tahoe one boat and three boats travelled up from SoCal making a total line up of fifteen – comparable to 2021.

Conditions could not have been better for the Championship. The weeks prior to the weekend of August 12-14th were damp, foggy and very low wind. However, the stars aligned, the weather gods co-operated, the sun came out and breezy conditions made for a very competitive, challenging and all-round fun event.

Friday was the traditional Syd Corp series – designed to determine the Corinthian and Cabrillo Fleets for the Championship itself. Racers were treated to some erratic conditions with winds in the high teens gusting to nearly 30 knots. A number of boats fell foul to the gusty conditions and kept the volunteer chase boat crew very busy. Many racers were unable to join in Friday's events due to work commitments and perhaps were relieved to miss these challenging conditions. However, for those who did, there were lots of stories to tell and some urgent repairs to be made before the serious racing began on Saturday. Ole Elchorn was running on rocket fuel with a local crew for the day, Tom Hughes, while the rest of the fleet did their best to avoid taking a swim in the frigid waters of Pillar Point Harbor. The combined crew weight of Arman Rezaee and his 8-year-old daughter Simone was not enough to keep the boat upright the entire day but certainly not enough to dampen their spirits. While having to retire from one race on Friday, they participated in every race of the NAC series. Very impressive to say the least.

On Saturday the sailors were split into 8 boats in the Corinthian fleet and 7 in the Cabrillo fleet. The conditions continued through Saturday with breezy but more moderate winds than Friday, which allowed for some very tight racing around the marks with often 4-5 boats fighting for room at the marks. Mark rounding skills were certainly put to the test. That's racing!

Sunday was a slightly different story. While still being beautifully sunny, the morning began with very light winds, out of the southwest. This is not the typical wind direction for Half Moon Bay. Two short courses were run and as sailors began the third and final race of the series there was a somewhat anti-climactic feeling in the air. However, a very abrupt 90-degree shift in the wind direction during the third race gave the race committee cause for action. The PRO Beth Richards abandoned the race, the course was re-set in record time and an amended course was started within 10 minutes. Comfortable with its more familiar direction the wind picked up and the regatta ended with another breezy, lively, thrice around long course to cap off 3 fun days of racing, leaving racers fatigued but "wanting more".

The Corinthian Fleet was won by skipper Dave Rumbaugh (Sacramento), very close behind in second place was skipper Ole Elchorn (SoCal) and third place went to Travis Wilson from Lake Tahoe. The Cabrillo Fleet comprised predominantly of Half Moon Bay Yacht Club racers and was won by skipper Bence Gazdag, followed closely by Marc Arsenault and third place went to Carl Hage.

There were several memorable and take away observations from the weekend. The Hull "First in Fleet" belonging to veteran C15 racer Charlie Quest was present and despite a fallen mast on Friday causing major deck damage, some overnight repair meant this historical hull was still in the mix on Saturday and in fact was leading the 3rd race on Sunday which sadly (for them) was abandoned due to the wind shift.

Another observation was the number of familial teams. HMBYC first Commodore John Powell raced on Saturday with his grand-daughter Clara, a regular summer camp attendee over the years. Stanly Martin raced with his daughter Zoe, finishing 6th in the Corinthian Fleet and Arman Rezaee raced with his budding 8-year-old daughter Simone. "First in Class" was skippered by Charlie Quest with his son Andrew crewing. New to the NAC's was Ken Coverdell and his son KC and of course the dynamic duo husband/wife team of Marc Arsenault with Claire Sheehan. It is the next generation of up-and-coming sailors that will keep the fleet alive and blossoming and it was so encouraging and heart-warming to see this happening at a competitive level.

The other take away was the camaraderie amongst the sailors. While on the water it's "all business" and competitive. Off the water there were new friendships being forged and old friendships being rekindled. While many sailors may only see each other once a year, it's the tradition of hosting out of town racers, dinners where stories can be shared over a glass of wine, and where boat maintenance tips and spare parts can be shared in a crisis that make being a part of the Coronado 15 family so enjoyable, inclusive and fun.

Lucy Gillies
NAC Organizer



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