



HALF MOON BAY  
YACHT CLUB

October 2022

## Tell Tales

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### COMMODORE'S FLAG



Fall is here! The HMB Pumpkin Festival is right around the corner, which means that traffic up and down the coast will be grueling on the weekends, but, our annual HMBYC Pumpkin Roundup is also coming up this month! This is probably my favorite event of the year. Our wonderful and dedicated volunteers get all of the kids out on the boats in their Halloween costumes and sail around the harbor picking up pumpkins out of the water. This is so silly, but everyone always has such a great time. And it's great to get the next generation of sailors out on the water!

As the summer sailing season is winding down, there are still plenty of opportunities to get out on the water. In addition to our robust sailing events, this October is going to be really festive, with a Halloween party and lots of delicious Friday Night Dinners. There are also plenty of opportunities to volunteer around the club either as a Watch Officer, or elsewhere! So please look at your calendars and find a slot when you can help out – it makes the club experience more enjoyable for everyone.



Finally, a pair of important save-the-date reminders:

First, the Quarterly Membership Meeting is fast approaching, on Sunday, October 30th, at the club. Whether you are a newer or longtime member, this is a great opportunity to interface with the Board and understand the state of the club

and all of the efforts folks are making to ensure our club runs smoothly so that we can host all of these wonderful sailing and social events. Please join us.

And second, after a COVID imposed hiatus, the Commodore's Ball is back! Mark your calendars now for Saturday, November 19th. This year it will be offsite and thanks to our awesome volunteers, it will be a night to remember. All members are welcome! We hope to see you there!

Danielle & Sanjay, Commodores

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## SAILING EVENTS

### Sponsor's Race

Saturday, October 8

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

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### Pelican Races

Saturday, October 8

Races will start at 10:00 a.m. and go until 3:00 p.m. The event captain is Kelly Pike.

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### Sunday Skippers

Sunday, October 16

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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### Safety Boat (Angel) Class

Sunday, October 9

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Learn how to drive a Boston Whaler, how to set race marks, how to pull people out of the water, and tow boats in the harbor.

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### Cruise Out to St. Francis Yacht Club

Saturday, October 15 - Sunday, October 16

Join us by car or by boat for a Cruise Out to the San Francisco cityfront and the St. Francis Yacht Club

Dock Party Saturday at 4pm, followed by dinner in the club.

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

Cruiseout Captain: Wendy Collins

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## Friday Beercan Racing

Friday, October 14

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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## Pumpkin Round Up

Saturday, October 29

Skippers meeting begins at noon.  
Race start at 13:00. Music by Momo's Art, Music & Movement. \$5 Dollar Diner 2:30 - 5pm. No charge for the race.

## Last Gasp Regatta

Saturday, November 5

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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## Weeknight Sailing

Wednesday Night Sailing continues every week until November. Please note the new start time of 4:00 p.m.

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## Women Sailing

Women Sailing has had a wonderful sailing season. From the strong winds of spring to the easy winds of fall, our skippers have stepped up to the plate and helped many new sailors improve their sailing skills and attain their Skipper hats. This group effort is what makes the Women Sailing group so special. As the season starts to wind down, we will continue to meet on Thursdays, but will move the sailing time up to 5:00p due to earlier sunset times.

Our last Thursday group sail will be October 20th. Stay tuned for information on winter sailing.

Laura McGee,  
Women Sailing Manager

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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!

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| Monday, October 17 & 31, Sunday, October 9 & 23 | <b>Mahjong</b><br>Join us to learn or teach and play mahjong on alternating Mondays and/or Sundays at the club. Check the calendar for details.   |
| Sunday, October 9                               | <b>Social Committee Meeting</b><br>Join us to plan food and social events.  |
| Thursday, October 13                            | <b>Bob Riley Memorial</b><br>1:00 PM - 3:30 PM<br><br><b>HMBYC 2022 Board of Directors Meeting</b><br>Meetings are open to all club members.  |
| Friday, October 14                              | <b>Friday Night Happy Hour &amp; Dinner</b><br>Kalua Pork Stir-Fry or Chickpea fritters over coconut aminos stir-fried shredded cabbage. Macaroni salad and rice by PJ Catering.                |
| Friday, October 14 & 28, Monday, October 17     | <u><a href="#">Table Tennis at the Club</a></u>   |
| Wednesday, October 19                           | <b>Watch Officer Training</b><br>Join us to learn the ins and outs of being a Watch Officer at the club.  |
| Friday, October 21                              | <b>Friday Night Happy Hour &amp; Dinner</b><br>Chef Malcolm will prepare slow smoked beef brisket, mixed greens, mashed potatoes, and strawberry mousse.  |
| Saturday, October 22                            | <b>Halloween Party</b><br>James Bond or Squid Game themed party. Music by Slack Tide Currents. Appetizers will be served.   |
| Sunday, October 23                              | <b>Sea Scouts Meeting</b><br><b>Jennifer Celestre Send Off</b><br>3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Jennifer is moving to Texas. Come wish her the best and offer thanks for all that she did for the club. |
| Friday, October 28                              | <b>Friday Happy Hour &amp; BYO Dinner</b><br>Bring something to grill or grab some take out on your way over.   |
| Saturday, October 29                            | <b>Pumpkin Round Up</b><br>Join us after the race for music by Momo's Art, Music & Movement. \$5 Dollar Diner 2:30 - 5pm.   |
| Sunday, October 30                              | <b>Quarterly Membership Meeting</b>   |

Come review the last quarter, hear a financial report, preview next quarter..

[View the full calendar here.](#)

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## NEW MEMBERS



**Vanessa Bertollini & Kelly Westbrooks, Haskell & Lex**  
Our family has wanted to join the HMBYC since we moved to Montara three years ago. We're excited to learn to sail and meet more people from the coastside community!

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**Ian, Julia Fiona, & Oliver McPherson**  
We have had the privilege of spending time at the Yacht Club with friends who are members and enjoy everything it has to offer, for both us and our children. We look forward to spending time at the club!.

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**Tim, Wendy, Tanner, & Halle Markowitz,**  
Our wonderful friends Charlie and Erin King are club members and introduced us to the club.

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**Teddy & Paige Hutcherson, Ruby, Bobby, Penelope & Taina**  
Our wonderful friend Jennifer Celestre introduced us to the club.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Rescheduled Event: Send Off Celebration for Jennifer Celestre**

Sunday, October 23 from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., 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!



### **New Merch Available!**

Hooded sweatshirts for adults and kids size 6 youth and up. New fall colored beanies available too. Contact quartermaster for purchase.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Pumpkin Round Up**

*Saturday, October 29*

Race at 1 pm and Dollar Diner from 2:30-5 p.m. if we can recruit volunteers. E-mail [Portcaptain@hmbyc.org](mailto:Portcaptain@hmbyc.org) to volunteer. We need:

- 2 grillers: 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- 3 for set-up: 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- 1 for breakdown: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

*All dollar diner supplies will be provided just show up and grill and help with set-up.*

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### **Watch Officers Needed**

We really need watch officers to keep our club open. Please sign up in SLING if you are already a trained WO. Or register on the calendar for our upcoming training date from 6-7:30 pm on Wednesday, October 19. If that date doesn't work for you, please e-mail [Portcaptain@hmbyc.org](mailto:Portcaptain@hmbyc.org) with a preferred date.

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