



HALF MOON BAY  
YACHT CLUB

November 2022

## Tell Tales

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### COMMODORE'S FLAG

Happy fall! And goodbye to daylight savings time! October was another busy and truly fantastic month around the club. Thanks to all of the hard work of our volunteers we had a full calendar of events culminating with the annual Pumpkin Roundup! Seriously, this has to be the most fun sailing event of the year – it is certainly the most inclusive sailing that we do, as our youngest members are encouraged to participate! In fact, you get more points

for having kids on your boat. If you missed the Pumpkin Roundup this year, be thinking about your costumes and getting yourselves and your kiddos on a boat next year!

Sanjay and I joined the Club's leadership as Port Captains because we wanted to get more out of the club and because we saw a real opportunity to be a part of positive change around the Club. After more than 4 years as part of the leadership team, we have witnessed and shepherded lots of milestones that we are truly proud to have been a part of. We have also seen the club's demographic change, as there are more families that are actively a part of the club. We are all really busy, especially as the holidays approach. But, our club and its 44 year history would not exist without volunteers. We also cannot impress upon you enough that if you're feeling like you're not getting enough out of the club, find a way that you can lend a hand or pitch in (you don't have to have any special skills), and I guarantee that you will be welcomed and very quickly feel like you have been integrated into the HMBYC community.

Finally, our seminal annual event returns this year on November 19th – the Commodore's Ball. Our Social Committee has put together a lovely evening at Mezza Luna. Personally, we are looking forward to a warm (and childless) meal out at one of our favorite local restaurants. All members are welcome and registration is now open on the club calendar so please register! We hope to see you all there!



Danielle & Sanjay, Commodores

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## SAILING EVENTS

### Knot Tying Workshop

(sponsored by  
Women Sailing)

Sunday, November 13

All members are welcome to this fun annual event. Come to learn, teach, or practice knots every boater should know. Kerry Burke will also present best practices in using VHF radios on the water. The bar will be open to add to the fun.

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### Die Hard Regatta

Saturday, December 3

Weather permitting. Please check the calendar for more details as the event approaches.

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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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| Mondays, November 7, 14, 21, and 28                 | <b>Mahjong Mondays</b><br>Join us to learn, play or teach. Please register so we know how many are coming.  |
| Mondays, November 7, 21<br>Fridays, November 11, 25 | <b>Table Tennis at the Club</b><br>Join us for Table Tennis on alternating Mondays and Fridays.   |
| Thursday, November 10                               | <b>HMBYC 2022 Board of Directors Meeting</b><br>Meetings are open to all club members.  |
| Friday, November 11                                 | <b>Friday Happy Hour &amp; Dinner</b><br>Chef Malcolm will prepare Blanquette de Veau - veal braised in a white sauce, rice pilaf, greens, & warm molten chocolate cake. For a veggie option he will offer a braised vegetable medley featuring winter squash, asparagus and wild rice.   |
| Friday, November 18                                 | <b>Friday Night Happy Hour &amp; Friendsgiving</b><br>Friendsgiving is a term that has recently emerged to celebrate thanks for friendships. Since our club is a community of friends, we thought why not have a Friendsgiving celebration the Friday before Thanksgiving on November 18?<br><br>Chef Malcolm will be preparing a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, a medley of greens, cranberry sauce, gravy, and homemade apple pie for \$22/per person. A vegetarian option will also be available. Please register online. |
| Saturday, November 19                               | <b>Commodore's Ball</b><br>The commodore's ball is fast approaching. There are only 80 spots available, so register now so you are guaranteed a spot and can start working on your pirate costume! Shipwrecked: Pirates of Pillar Point is the theme for the evening.<br><br>Dinner at Mezza Luna includes an Appetizer bar, Insalada Misto, your choice of three entrees, Farfalle al Salmone, Manicotti Vegetali  |

or Pollo Saltimbocca and Tiramisu. A vegan meal will be available. Diamond Head Jazz will present Kaiju Circus Act for your dancing pleasure.

Friday, November 25 **Friday Night Happy Hour & BYOD**  
Bring your own dinner for this happy hour.

Friday, December 2 **Friday Night Happy Hour & Decorating Party**  
Do you love decorating for the holidays? Come down to the club on Friday, December 2 for pizza and help decorate trees, hang up lights, and get the club dressed up for the holidays. We'll have pizza, salad, and cookies for members that volunteer. Please register in advance.

Saturday, September 17 **Visit with Santa**  
Save the date and date change: Visit and story with Santa and gingerbread cookie decorating, and letters to Santa will now be held on Saturday, December 17 at 2 pm. Please register online so we know you are coming and have enough supplies.

**Holiday Party**  
The holiday party is coming up also on Saturday, December 17 at 6 pm we'll have Stan Erhart's Band and a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Malcolm.

[View the full calendar here.](#)

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## NEW MEMBERS



### **Amber, Bimu, Sahara, & Danny Shrestha**

We are excited to be part of the HMBYC and to spend more time on the water. Our daughter sails and we would like to learn ourselves. We are also helping out with efforts to form a Sea Scout unit on the coast.



### **Shirley Kellicutt & Malcolm Urquhart**

We are interested in sailing and social activities at the club. Michelle Dragony and other nice people that are members brought us to the club. We look forward to getting to know members and having opportunities on the water.



### **Brandon, Katie, Easley & Dominic Strebe**

We are a small coastside family; we've lived on the coast since 2016. You can usually find us exploring the outdoors, nestled behind a mountain of books at the Half Moon Bay Library, or spending time with our Church family, neighborhood friends at the park, and loved

ones at Abundant Grace Coastsider Worker and Potrero Nuevo Farms. We are newbie sailors, but we love the sport and are interested in learning more. We're very excited to join the community of coastsiders at the HMB Yacht Club.

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## EVENT RECAP



### Women Sailing

Women Sailing closed the sailing season with a beautiful evening sail and a delicious celebration meal of mezze appetizers put together by Chef Malcolm. Peggy Ruse brought Pura Vida bracelets for everyone. The group surprised me with a card and a generous gift card from West Marine, the only caveat being I am not allowed to spend it on making Cactus Flower sail faster! The Women Sailing group is amazing and I feel so fortunate to be a part of it.

Though organized sailing activities will be winding down as the boats come in for the winter, the fun isn't over. Once the two Cal20's are in the inner harbor slip and set up for winter sailing, we can orient skippers on how to access the boats. Continue to check the Cal20 Slack channel for updates.

What to do when the weather isn't conducive to sailing? Practice knots? The Knot Tying Seminar will be on Sunday, November 13. This seminar is open to all club members; we will also review radio use. Check the calendar for details.

Questions? Contact me at [wsmanager@hmbyc.org](mailto:wsmanager@hmbyc.org).

Laura McGee,  
Women Sailing Manager



### Pumpkin Round Up

A big thank you to Dave Morris and Lori Rhodes for organizing a fun and entertaining Pumpkin Roundup on the 29th, with lots of laughter as boats with crews and kids in costumes pirouetted around each other to scoop up the "pirate booty" - ghouls, goblins, and gourds. Thanks to Dave Slater for setting marks, Ryan Alfonso for chase boat driving, and Anita Hart for photography. ([See all the photos here!](#)) And congratulations to the crews of Argo, Cactus Flower, and Knot Now for winning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, respectively, in the race. And Argo got the Golden Gourd!



A special thank you to Martha Huddle for planning all the shoreside activities, with live bands, burgers, and hot dogs after the racing, and to all the other volunteers who made it run smoothly - Linda, Cheryl, and Lou on the grills, Lynn doing kitchen prep, Madeline on breakdown / cleanup, and Sam, Diane, and Ben at the bar. A very busy and fun day at the club!

## Halloween Party

The Halloween Party was well attended and we all had a blast. Lots of great costumes and plenty of pizza. Slack Tide Currents provided awesome dance music and dressed in their nautical finest.

Prizes went to the Pike family for the Best Group Costume award, to Linda Galindo for the Most Creative award, to Mike Day for the Scariest award, to Rory McGuire for the Prettiest award (not pictured) and to Amy Conte and John McGuire for the Best Dancing Dinos award.



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