



HALF MOON BAY
YACHT CLUB

December 2022

Tell Tales



Photo by: Anna Tengelsen

COMMODORE'S FLAG

After a two year hiatus, the Commodore's Ball was back in November! We hope that everyone who attended had a wonderful time! We loved everyone's personal take on the fancy pirate theme. We personally thought that returning to the Mezza Luna venue was awesome and that they really hit it out of the park with the food and service. We unfortunately could not stay for the band and the *real* party because of family illness, but we heard that it was lovely. Thanks to everyone who attended and made the evening a special

one. And special thanks to everyone who participated in the planning and preparation for a truly special event for all!

During the Commodore's Ball, we recognized and honored members who truly made a special contribution to the Club over the past year. We mixed it up this year and omitted some of the awards for which none of us had any idea about their significance. And we added a few awards so that we could recognize additional folks that were deserving of an award. Please check out the list of awardees below - we thank them all immensely for their service to the Club!

November otherwise was a month where we welcomed our "California" winter and our volunteers worked tirelessly to get all of our Cal20's safely on land to weather the winter storms and undergo annual maintenance and repairs. Wintertime at the Club is its own special experience and in December there is no shortage of special events going on at the club. There's also many ways to volunteer throughout the winter as well, so please be looking for ways you can participate and contribute.

Don't let a little foul weather keep you away from the club... We personally like to come down to the club and enjoy the cozy clubhouse when the weather is a bit blustery. It is super fun to watch the storminess out in the harbor from within the protection and comfort of our facilities.



Hope to see you around the Club this winter!

Danielle & Sanjay, Commodores

SAILING EVENTS

Die Hard
Regatta

Saturday, December 10

Check the the [Sailing > Racing](#) webpage for more details.

Sailing
Leadership
Celebration

Sunday, December 11

By invitation only. A celebration of the people that keep our sailing tradition alive.

Women's Sailing Recap

Women Sailing held their annual Knot Tying Seminar November 13th. Besides practicing the usual figure eights, cleat hitches, bowlines, and round turn with 2 half hitches, we were introduced to other knots. Sylvia Teng had us practicing the rolling hitch, and Kerry Burke introduced the anchor hitch. Karen Allanson and Peggy Ruse helped lead the rope throwing practice. In a new twist, Kerry Burke led a fun review of VHF marine radio etiquette with role

playing scenarios for everyone to practice. Many thanks to all participants for a fun learning experience!

SOCIAL EVENTS

Join us for these events!

Thursday, December 8
Welcome Reception for Ben Middlemiss
Come meet our new Hospitality Manager, Ben Middlemiss and check out his first project of making the bar a cozier place to hang out this winter.

Friday, December 9
Kids on the Beach
Come play on the beach and then stay for dinner.
Friday Happy Hour & Dinner
Pizza Pot Pie by PJ Catering. Italian Sausage or Gourmet Veggie.



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Pizza pot pie! Kids pasta \$5

A golden baked, deep-dish pizza turnover - **Italian Sausage** or **Gourmet Veggie** - made with whole mushrooms & three-cheeses.

Mini salad bar. Sweet treat.

\$20

Fridays, December 9 & 23
Monday, December 19
Table Tennis at the Club

Mondays, December 12, 19, & 26
Mahjong
Come learn, play, or teach mahjong.

Thursday, December 15
Board of Directors Meeting
Meetings are open to all club members.

Friday, December 16
Friday Night Happy Hour & Dinner
Cacita Vegana food truck will be parked at the club. She is preparing a Salvadorian tamal wrapped in banana leaf filled with veggies and rice, beans and pico de gallo on the side or a veggie taco plate with a side of beans, chips pico de gallo topped with salsa. \$9 each.
Register and pay in advance so she knows how much to cook. Walk ins will pay her directly.

Saturday, December
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Visit with Santa

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Santa will be available for photos, reading, and cookie decorating.

Holiday Party

Dinner 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Dancing 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Join us for our Holiday Party featuring the Stan Erhart Band!
Come just for the dancing or sign up for the dinner ahead of dancing.
Chef Malcolm will be preparing a Roast Beef Dinner, Salmon option,
and a Vegetable Saffron Fricassee.

Friday, December 23 Happy Hour & BYOD

Friday, December 30 Happy Hour & Dinner by Cafe Gibraltar
Jose Luis of Cafe Gibraltar will be cooking a very special meal. Stay
tuned for details.

[View the full calendar here.](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Save the date! The next Watch Officer training will take place on January 19, 2023 from 6:00-7:30-p.m.

Current watch officers, please sign-up for upcoming shifts on [SLING](#), and thank you for all you do to keep our club running smoothly!

Pick up a shift in Sling!

AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

2022 HMBYC Awards

The awards were announced at the Commodore's Ball on 19 November. Congrats to all, and thank you for your service to the Club!

The winners of the 2022 Awards are listed below:

- **Volunteer of the Year - Ryan Alfonso** - for jumping in and contributing to everything on the water and in the boatyard.
- **Goddess of the Sea - Laura McGee** - for her contributions to the Women's Sailing Program and special events sponsored by Women's Sailing.
- **Commodore's Award - Amy & Tony Conte** - for their herculean efforts as Port Captain - keeping the Bar open and running smoothly, and all of their contributions to the social committee and club events.
- **Rookie of the Year - Stan Martin** - for bringing his wealth of experience and knowledge to taking over leading the Adult Sailing Program.
- **Social Heroes - Anna Tengelsen, Madeline Mindek, Cynthia Lucero** - for their efforts to keep club events happening routinely and for adding new and exciting events.
- **Youth Sailing Heroes - Terri Lahey, Margie Gater, Tom Hughes, John Vandemoer** - for their efforts to make this year's Youth Sailing Camp a huge success.
- **Bravo Zulu - Chris Ice** - for a job well done in bringing Mercury back to life.
- **Mentor of the Year - Linda Galindo** - for her contribution to personally taking out scores of new sailors out on Cal 20s to help them gain experience on the water.



Ryan Alfonso



Amy & Tony Conte



Linda Galindo



Margie Gater



Tom Hughes



Chris Ice



Terri Lahey



Cynthia Lucero



Stan Martin



Laura McGee



Madeline Mindek



Anna Tengelsen



John Vandemoers

NEW MEMBERS



Michael, Mia, Joseph, & Max Pabros

It will be an honor to participate and expose my children to such a great place. I'm looking forward to attending some of the social events and using the boats with my girl and boys.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Introducing our new Hospitality Manager, Benjamin Middlemiss

Beginning in December Ben will be working to keep the bar open on a more consistent basis, and will be working to create more events and reasons to come to the club. Please join us for a reception in his honor on Thursday, December 8, from 5-7pm. Bring any ideas you have that might draw more members to the club at cocktail hour.

Check out his delicious and festive Sangria for the holiday season and enjoy the results of his first project - making the bar area cozier and warmer for the winter.

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New Access System

Nexkey has gone out of business. We have installed a new access system that works with an app called Brivo Mobile Pass. You should have received an email from Brivo inviting you to install the app and add your mobile pass to your app. Unfortunately, there was only a three day window for installation. If you have not already set yourself up you will need to contact vicecommodore@hmbyc.org or facilitiesmanager@hmbyc.org and we will resend the invitation to you. You will then first download the Brivo Mobile Pass app and set up your own account with any username & password you like. Then return to the email and add your mobile pass to your app. You will then be able to open the

Bar Door, Event Center Front Door and Event Center Back Door anytime you wish.

Important Reminders

As you know we are an all volunteer club. Please try your hardest not to create work for other volunteers by cleaning up after yourselves. If you borrow a PFD from the sailing locker, please return it on a hanger to the rack. If you used club dishes, please wash them. If you are enjoying a drink on the deck, please bus your glassware to a bus tray, or the bar. If you use the ferry, please send it back out to the dock when you are done. If your children play with the toys, please pick them up so they don't end up in the ocean. And a reminder about three very important club policies:

- Do not bring any outside alcoholic beverages to the club. We are only allowed to consume alcohol purchased from the club on club property. Please do not take drinks off of our property.
- Children must be directly supervised by a parent or guardian at all times.
- Pets, most commonly dogs, must be kept from annoying other members.

You can read [all of our club policies here](#).

IN MEMORIAM



Kay Burns

Our wonderful Kay Burns passed away this last week on 11/21/2022 of natural causes. She has lived on the Coast for over 60 years and raised her two boys here. Kay was a wonderful Commodore of our club at the time when we were building the Event Center. She served as Commodore with grace and professionalism. Kay was well respected by the Real Estate folks here on the coast. She sold many a home to our members and gave a percentage of her commission to the club from each sale. She volunteered for many things over the years and was a Life Member of the club as a result. We will miss her terribly!



Wesley Brykailo

Wesley Brykailo, a long time member of Half Moon Bay Yacht Club, passed away October 29th, 2022 after a long battle with lung fibrosis. He was 77 years old. There will be a Celebration of Life in the springtime for Wes. He is survived by his wife Deirdre OConnor.

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