



HALF MOON BAY
YACHT CLUB

Tell Tales

December 2023

COMMODORE'S FLAG

It's an honor to have the opportunity to serve the club as your new Commodore, starting today. I'm looking forward to working with our new team on the Board, and I'd like to thank Danielle and Sanjay, our previous commodores, Martha, our outgoing vice commodore, and the previous Board of Directors, for all their hard work to manage and improve the club.

I'm excited about all the new projects and opportunities we have during the next year, including offering more events and activities for members, enhancing our sailing and racing options, and even adding space to the club.

Sometimes as a non-profit, all volunteer organization, it can be a challenge balancing the services we want to offer with the reality of expenses. Although we needed to go a different direction for our bar service, we thank Ben for all his work behind the bar and we wish him well. We look forward to offering an equally welcoming and vibrant clubhouse and bar scene for our members. Watch for announcements of new happenings especially as winter weather closes in and we offer cheerful ways to banish the chill!

Despite Covid closures and challenges, our club managed to grow its membership and take on many improvement projects like building a new dock, painting and redecorating the clubhouse, adding teak deck furniture and picnic tables, cleaning out the boatyard, and building an enclosure for the ferry drive, among many other projects. All of this work was done by volunteers. The old adage, "the more you put in, the more you get out" holds true here and I encourage you to find ways to volunteer each month in the coming year.

December is a special season for spending time with family and friends, and it's often a busy time preparing for the holidays. But our club is here to welcome you when you want to stop by to chat with friends and enjoy beautiful waterfront views amid festive holiday decor.



As the season wends its way to a close, I'm grateful for our community of friends, and to those of you who have stepped up so frequently this year to volunteer and provide your expertise to the club. We simply could not do it without you - thank you!

May your holidays be full of laughter and joy.

Cheers,
Karen
Commodore, HMBYC

SAILING & ON THE WATER EVENTS

Go sailing!

Saturday, Dec 2

Die Hard Regatta

Register [online](#). All participants must sign a waiver.

Tuesday, Dec 5

Sailing Committee Meeting (online)

Saturday, Dec 9

Lighted Boats Festival

5-8 pm. Come help us promote Youth Sailing and serve Hot Chocolate. We could use some help setting up and decorating.



Lighted Boat Festival

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM*

PILLAR POINT HARBOR

BOAT OWNERS ARE INVITED TO
DECORATE THEIR VESSELS
IN A HOLIDAY FASHION.
DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE
AT THIS YEAR'S EXCITING PRIZES.

THE LIGHTED BOAT FESTIVAL IS COMING BACK TO PILLAR POINT HARBOR! MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND BRING THE FAMILY FOR SOME MUSIC, CRAFTS, AND HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

***WEATHER PERMITTING**

Upcoming Winter Seminars

Sunday, January 21st at 4pm: Steve Gregg, meteorologist with SailFlow will be giving a zoom presentation titled: "How to get the most out of Sailflow". A zoom link will be posted on the calendar entry. Now is your chance to ask those burning questions about the weather forecast!

Sunday, February 4 at 2pm: the legend Richard vonErhenkrook of Cal 20 "Can O'Whoopass" racing fame, will be presenting: "40 years of Cal 20 Racing: How I Refused To Grow Up". He will talk about one-design or PHRF racing, boat and psychological preparation, crew relations, strategy and tactics. Thank you to Anna Alderkamp for bringing Richard in for this seminar. This seminar will take place in the event center.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Join us for these events!

Mondays

Mahjong Mondays

Come learn, play, or teach mahjong.

Thursdays

Happy Hour

Come down and enjoy \$1 off your favorite drink and meet our new bartender Nicole!

Table Tennis

Friday, Dec 1

Bar Bites by PJ's Catering

Chicken 'n' waffles... Fried Chicken tenders, freshly made waffles, Tomatoe bisque soup & Coleslaw. \$20

Help Decorate for Holidays!

Come for bar bites and stay to help us decorate!



PJ's Bar Bites

Chicken 'n' waffles...

- ✓ Fried chicken tenders
- ✓ Freshly made waffles
- ✓ Tomato bisque soup
- ✓ Coleslaw

Friday Dec. 1. 6pm \$20

Saturday, Dec 2

Kids Movie Night

We will be showing Polar Express at 5 pm. Come in your pajamas. Movie is free. Hot Chocolate too! Optional Pizza \$8 payable at the bar. Please register online so we know how much pizza to buy. Pay at the bar.

Friday, Dec 8

Kids on the Beach

Come play on the beach and stay for dinner.

Sage Bakehouse Pies + Karaoke



Karaoke

With KJ Paul

- ☀ Massive selection of oldies
- ☀ New tunes added!

Dec. 8, 7pm

Wednesday, Dec 13

HMBYC Virtual Board Meeting

Friday, Dec 15

Casita Vegana Dinner

Food truck will be at the club for dinner. Payment made directly to the truck while supplies last

Saturday, Dec 16

Holiday Dance Party

Stan Erhart Band will begin at 5:30 - have your dancing shoes on!
Buffet dinner 5:30-6:30. Visit with Santa for kids from 4-5.



**Merry
Vibes**

JOIN US FOR A
Holiday Dance Party
featuring
The Stan Erhart Band
Saturday, December 16

4-5 pm Santa visit
5:30 - 6:30 pm Dinner By Chef Suzy
6:30 - 9:30 pm Dancing
Please register online via the calendar

[View the full calendar here.](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome Laura!

Laura will be around on busy Friday evenings to serve up drinks. Laura is a La Honda native now living in Miramar and she is excited to whip up her favorite recipes for members. During the early week, you may see her shaking up margaritas at Taco Tuesday at San Benito's Cantina where she has worked for several years.

Welcome Nicole!

Nicole is a craft bartender and a mixologist who has been working busily for the last 2 years perfecting her skills. Nicole runs a private event bartending service as well as teaching virtual mixology group classes and creating cocktail kits. She loves to mix and create new recipes, garnish uniquely, and have a delish beverage as a result!



Pop Up Holiday Boutique!

We are excited to be holding a pop up HMBYC Holiday boutique for all your holiday shopping needs! Fingers crossed we'll have some exciting new merchandise by mid-December to offer members including tote bags, Helly Hansen jackets in all sizes, and more. The boutique sale will kick off Thursday, December 14 during happy hour through Saturday, December 16 during our holiday party.

Join our Slack workspace!

Miss an update? Didn't get the notice an event had been postponed? That means you should get onto Slack! 99% of our communication to members is there, not on email. Join us on SLACK! [Click here!](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for a Port Captain for the club!

This is a very important and rewarding job. You would be responsible for staffing the bar with bartenders and Watch Officers and managing Hired hospitality workers for regular and special events at the club. Responsibilities include recruiting, hiring, and training staff, managing scheduling through our Sling app and reporting to the Vice Commodores Amy and Tony Conte (former Port Captains). Please contact vicecommodore@hmbyc.org for more information.

Holiday Decorating

Join us on Friday, December 1st for bar bites and stay to help decorate the club from 5-7 pm.

Lighted Boat Festival

Help us get set up and stay to watch the boats from 5-8 pm.

Watch Officers

Watch Officers, don't forget to sign up for a shift!

Pick up a shift in Sling!

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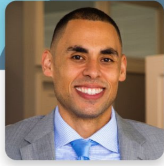
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