



HALF MOON BAY
YACHT CLUB

Tell Tales

January 2024



COMMODORE'S FLAG

I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday. In amidst all the things you are busy with, the club has some fun events to help you celebrate the new year.

Thanks to our Vice Commodores, we now have a pop up New Year's Eve event on Sunday, with a bartender and festive vibes to ring in the new year. Please join us if you don't have plans elsewhere.

Then come on back on New Year's Day, when Charlie Quest will be cooking up his traditional Chili and Mussels to benefit our Youth Sailing program.

On Jan. 21 Women Sailing is sponsoring a virtual Winter Seminar for all members, featuring a meteorologist from SailFlow, one of the key wind apps we use to forecast conditions in our harbor and around the Bay.

Mark your calendars for our annual Badge Day and Quarterly Membership Meeting on Jan. 28 - stop by to hear what's going on at the club, pick up your shiny new badge, and quaff a cocktail while catching up with our community of friends.

A Request for the New Year:

Did you know the club has almost 1,000 members? And yet the same small group of members steps in again and again to volunteer to help keep the club running. They too have full-time jobs and families keeping them busy, yet they find time to help out around the club. Our low fees and prices are predicated on everyone stepping up to volunteer.

Please make a New Year's resolution to volunteer at the club at least once a month in 2024.

One great way to start off would be to sign up for Watch Officer training on January 10. You learn more about everything there is to do at our fun little club, and you earn a stipend that helps offset your dues. You also are then eligible to host honor bar sessions in the clubhouse, a very nice perk. While watch officers are in charge during their shift, if a situation arises it doesn't mean they personally have to rescue people out on the water or on land - it just means they are responsible for either enlisting other members to help or simply calling 911. Mostly you are just presiding, keeping an eye on things, and assisting serving drinks in the bar as needed, while enjoying the ambiance at the club.



I'm looking forward to seeing you soon at our beautiful little home on the harbor. All the best wishes to you and your family in 2024!

Karen
Commodore, HMBYC

2023, THAT'S A WRAP!

Club Leadership Updates

To our outgoing board members, thank you for your service to the club and for making 2023 a successful year! Congratulations and welcome, new board members!

Commodore: Karen Allanson
Vice Commodores: Amy and Tony Conte
Rear Commodore: Ryan Alfonso
Secretary: Karen Madsen
Treasurer: Chris Weber
Directors at Large: Joe Rockmore and Martha Huddle

Welcome new club leaders:
Cal 20 Fleet Co-Managers: Kat Hartman and Jeff Bubin

Congratulations to our award winners!

We'd like to extend an extra thank you to our 2023 award recipients (as presented at the Commodore's Ball). The club appreciates all that you do!

Photographer Extraordinaire: Anita Hart
Rookie of the Year: Kathleen Courtney
Goddess of the Sea: Laura McGee
WO of the Year: Javier Sanchez
On Land Volunteer: Anna Tengelsen
Service to YS: Beccie Mendenhall
Longest serving Quartermaster: Dee O'Connor
Facilities: Ralph Wigginton
On-Water Volunteer: Rick Loeper
Ferry Whisperer: Chris Ice
Pinch Hitter: Suzy Pinkerton

SAILING & ON THE WATER EVENTS

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.

Saturday, February 10 at 4pm: Gabriel Torres, a boatman with the San Francisco Bay Bar Pilots, will be presenting: "Pilot Boat and Tugboat Operations: A day in the Life. Gabriel will talk about what happens from the time the Boat Pilot boards the cargo ship to when they are moored in their berth. This should be a fascinating talk, given how much time we spend keeping a wary eye on these behemoths as they pass us by on the bay! This seminar will take place in the event center.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Join us for these events!

Thursdays

Happy Hour

Come down and enjoy \$1 off your favorite drink with the WO du jour!

Table Tennis

Sunday, December
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The bar and clubhouse will be open from 5-10pm on NYE!

Monday, January 1

Charlie Quest's Annual New Year's Day Chili & Mussel Feed
Join Charlie to welcome in the new year with his great chili and possibly mussels. \$10 contribution to our Youth Sailing program.

The bar and clubhouse will be open from 1-7 pm.

Friday, January 5

Join us for pizza and help us take down the holiday decorations.

Wednesday,
January 10

Watch Officer Training
Come learn the ins and outs of being a watch officer.

Friday, January 12

Karaoke and Friday Night Dinner (TBD)

Friday, January 19

PJ's Catering
Check the calendar for registrations to open soon.



Chili Verde
A toasted tortilla bowl loaded with pork chili verde, black beans, and Mexican rice. Veggie option.
Self-serve toppings.
Mini salad bar. Sweet treat.

Prix fixe \$25



Friday, January 26

PJ's Catering
Check the calendar for registrations to open soon.



Meatballs Marinara!
Meatballs al forno with creamy parmesan polenta and San Marzano marinara sauce.
Veggie option. Mini salad bar.
Sweet treat.

\$25



Sunday, January 28

Badge Day & Quarterly Membership Meeting
Come pick up your new badges and attend the quarterly membership meeting.

[View the full calendar here.](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Chef Program for 2024

Do you like to cook? Become a member chef and cook for the club in the galley kitchen without making a mess at home. All ingredients will be provided and it allows you to show off your cooking skills while benefiting the club as all proceeds will benefit HMBYC's operating fund. The best part, no dishes at the end and you will get to share your favorite meal with members and have support around planning the meals. Contact the Vice Commodore for more details and to schedule a date to cook.

Coming soon: Food trucks and new caterers on Friday nights using locally sourced ingredients and a larger variety of vegetarian options as well as meals for kids.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Watch Officer Training

Attend training on January 10 to become a watch officer. Already-trained Watch Officers, don't forget to sign up for a shift!

Pick up a shift in Sling!

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