
SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Sat/Sun, Oct. 1-2, Vice Commodore's Cup.**
See article.
- **Sat. Oct 8, 12-4pm Youth Sailing**
- **Sunday, Oct. 9, Small Boat Series Race**
- **Sunday, Oct. 9, 4pm General Membership Meeting & Potluck**
- **Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 15-16: Pumpkin Festival.** See article.
- **Saturday, Oct. 22, 10-2pm** Scrap booking Circle at the Club. Contact Cynthia Ramseyer 726.4860 or 2blackcats@comcast.net
- **Saturday, Oct 22, 12-4pm Youth Sailing**
- **Sunday, Oct. 23, Training, Tuning & Guest Sailing.** Contact Charlie.
- **Sun. Nov. 6, C15 Fleet 15 Year's End Series Day 1 of 2**
- **Saturday, Nov. 12, Annual Commodore's Ball** at the Harbor House in Princeton. Invitations will be mailed in October.
- **Sunday, Dec. 11, C15 Fleet 15 Year's End Series Day 2 of 2 & Post-race fleet Potluck party**
- **Every Friday – TGIF Dinner**

To reserve the clubhouse for a party or meeting, or would like to add a Club event to the calendar, send email to calendar@hmbyc.org. It's not too early to reserve for next year.

Welcome New Members

David and Mayra St. Andrew

FRIENDS FEAST FREE IN OCTOBER!!

Have you been to Friday Night Dinner at the Club lately? We have wonderful TGIF meals scheduled for your dining pleasure by our guest chefs. If that isn't attractive enough, we're adding another incentive: bring a friend with you to TGIF dinner and they'll eat for free!! (Limit one meal per membership please) See you at the Club!

OCTOBER FRIENDS FEAST FREE - Complimentary Meal Ticket

Member's Signature _____

Watch Officer Signature _____

Redeem at the bar. Limit One Coupon per Membership, please.



AHOY! October 2005

FROM THE HELM

As I approach the end of my year as commodore, and I ponder what I should like to accomplish, what comes to mind is that I would like to pass to the next commodore the reigns of a very healthy and vibrant club that is growing and prospering. Well, we ain't doin' too bad. But what thing can we focus on to really make us thrive in the market?

Let me ask you, how shall we market our club? What do you think is the greatest drawing card of the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club? Do you resonate most with our spectacular view of our quaint harbor and gorgeous coast? Does our funky beach bar call to you more than anything else? Or is it our activities from Friday night dinners with beach bonfires, to kayaking, to learning to sail, to racing and regattas, to theme parties? Certainly all of these are very attractive. Can you pick one that stands out as our greatest asset that makes our club a place you want to be.

Maybe we can't pick just one item to focus on. Perhaps it is the balance of virtues our club offers and no one thing that should be put in the spot light.

Do you feel me drawing you into a position I will rebel from? Do you already know that there is one thing I would pick over everything else, and do you know that I have already mentioned it? Yes I have and not just in this column, but it has been recurring time and again. Have you been paying attention? Have you identified my greatest passion in this club? Do you not know what I believe is our very best marketing feature? Surely you will know when I tell you that I have mentioned it more than a dozen times in this article.

Have you got it now? Is there any uncertainty? Is there any argument? Is not our greatest wealth, our most intriguing feature, that which we must build the strength of this club on simply and most profoundly: you? Yes little unimportant, not the world record holder, not the best of anything, you is what makes this club the place I want to be. Yes it is you with all those lacks of perfection that is so wonderfully complex and intriguing and is the best selling feature of this club. It is you in your imperfect genius and willingness to work together and perceive that make all that is wonderful happen at our club. It is you and your cordial welcome to visitors that have built a reputation for the HMBYC as a destination to seek out again and again.

This weekend there will be sailors in town from Marin, Sacramento, Lodi. LA and Long Beach who mark their calendars to make it back to our club.

They mark their calendars because you make this place fun and a place they long to return to.

Yes, we have an exotic location. Yes, there is a homely joy in our beach bar. Yes, there are wonderful activities at our club. But without you, they are just an empty stage. It is you that give it life and vitality and charm and irresistibility. You are what we need to market, and you are the vehicle for that marketing.

Competition for people's attention has never been so great. Indeed people are being bombarded with opportunities and demands on their time. Each of us is ripe for one approach and resistant to others. But HMBYC has an advantage. In each of you is a special strength, and that special strength is our grand attraction to a certain segment of our society. That segment has already identified itself. We know because they already call themselves your friend.

Some of them are ripe for your invitation. Others are not, and no amount of argument will change that. In fact pressure to convince them will only drive them away and frustrate you. Next week, next month, next year they may be ready for the invitation, but any arm twisting now may make them resistant for years. Invite many and invite often. Those who are ready will climb aboard. Others may come later.

How much more fun would your club be if one of your friends became a member? How strong would our club be if each of us found just one friend to join us? So send out the invitations. Put our best foot, you, forward. Send out our star and let's get some friends to join. Then dust off last months Ahoy! and remember to tell me FUN you have to help us ward off SAD.

We have a great slate of new board members coming up with Kay Burns stepping up to Commodore, Kelly Pike as Vice C. and Terri Lahey as Rear C. They will be joined, with your approval, by Barbara Dennisen Sec., Terry Ramseyer Treas., Gary Namen Port Captain., Marie Parfitt-Pattie Membership Dir, Neal Wehtje Facilities Dir., and me, who will linger on as member at large. Let's give this board a super charged community filled with lots of new friends. We are indeed, as Terry Ramseyer and then some more of us have agreed, a community of friends and that without a shadow of a doubt, is our best draw.

I shall look forward to welcoming your friends into our circle.

- Charlie Quest, Commodore

Half Moon Bay Yacht Club Newsletter

Pumpkin Festival

Our annual Calamari Booth is October 15 and 16 and it is fun for all the family. We need lots of volunteers for this major event: thank you so much for your responses to the positions we need filled during Pumpkin Festival!

We still have some positions to be filled!

Please take a look at your calendars and see if you can help with any of these areas:

- Friday, October 14, 3:30 p.m. or so-5 p.m. We need 1 or 2 people to help load the truck.
- Friday, October 14, 6 pm: We could use 1 more strong gentleman to assist in putting the booth together at our booth site.
- Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16, Booth Operation Shifts at the festival:
 - Sat. 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. - 2 people
 - Sat. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - 1 person
 - Sat. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. - 1 person
 - Sun. 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. - 1-2 people
 - Sun. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - 1-2 people
 - Sun. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. - 1-2 people
- Saturday and Sunday clean up: We need 3 more people on both days willing to help Jennifer clean at the site at 5 p.m. after the booth closes

- Saturday and Sunday: We need 1 person with a pick-up truck and a helper to take the rubber mats and fry baskets to the local self-carwash at about 7:00 p.m. to clean them. Jennifer will provide instruction on this task. On Saturday they are returned to the booth and Sunday they need to be returned to the club once they are cleaned.
- Sunday 5:00 p.m. - We need 6 or 7 more people to help dismantle the booth and help load the truck at the site.
- Sunday 7:00 p.m. - We need 6 or 7 more people to help unload the truck at the club.
- Sunday 7:00 p.m. - We need a few people willing to help put away supplies at the club once they are unloaded.

Please come have fun and help make this a successful event. It pays for our property taxes every year. If you can do one or more of these tasks, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Claudia Linhares, by e-mail at Mentalfloss46@aol.com or by phone at (510)710-8843.

If you have general questions please contact Tami Schubert at Tami.Schubert@kp.org or (510) 432-3235. Thanks!

– Tami Schubert, Pumpkin Festival Committee

KUDOS!

Thank you to our September chefs, Jeff Hume & Carol Smith, Gary Naman, Phyllis Smith, & Patrick Rentsch, and to our watch officers and hospitality members who keep our club open.

Hospitality

Since the HMBYC is a volunteer-based organization, we can always use members to help with hospitality. On Friday evenings, hospitality generally means some kitchen help to assist the WO or guest chef, setting up the tables and chairs, bringing in glassware from the deck, kitchen clean-up, and sweeping at the end of the evening. If there is a special event, then we may need hospitality to help with kitchen and clean-up, and occasionally to help behind the bar, if there is not a hired bartender. Hospitality is a great way to meet other members, and you get credit towards your dues (maximum of two \$15 credits per quarter). If you are interested in volunteering for Hospitality or need more information, please email calendar@hmbyc.org.

Calling All Cooks

If you have been waiting for that moment to prepare a Friday night dinner, that time is NOW. Share your favorite meal, or contact our port captain Gary Naman to pick from some recommended menus. If you need assistance in planning for a large crowd, we have members that would gladly share their TGIF expertise with you. Please send an email to calendar@hmbyc.org if you can cook for a TGIF! We look forward to hearing from you!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting is **Sunday, October 9 at 4pm**. The Agenda includes voting on a proposed bylaw amendment which was included in the May 2005 AHOY. (From www.hmbyc.org, Click News & May) The nominating committee will present its slate for the 2006 Board at this meeting. See next article.

Nominations for 2006 Board Of Directors

The 2005-2006 Nominating Committee (Jeff Hume, Gary Naman, Charlie Quest, Cynthia Ramseyer, Dick Schubert) is pleased to announce that a full slate of candidates have been selected for the 2006 HMBYC Board of Directors which will be announced at the October 9 General membership Meeting. In concurrence with the By-Laws, nominations made from the floor with 7 seconds may be made at the General Membership Meeting. Should this occur, ballots will be sent to all regular members in good standing in time for an election to be made before the Annual Meeting of the membership at the Change-of-Watch (Commodore's Ball) on November 12.

San Francisco Bay Area Events

Fleet Week comes to San Francisco Bay Oct 8-9, with events from Oct 6 through 10. The Blue Angels return this year! For more information, see www.military.com/Content/MoreContent1?file=main

The 13th Annual **Women's Sailing Seminar** is Oct 8-9 at the Island Yacht Club. This is a great 2-day event with lots of sailing information, both in a classroom and on the water. See www.fleetweek.us/fleetweek

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Vice Commodore's Cup

This annual fall regatta is on Oct 1 & 2. Come watch the action, join race committee or help on land.

For new C15 skippers, there is now an Explorer fleet. We hope this will be a setting in which less experienced sailors, uncertain of their skills, can be brought into the action without the intimidation of trying to find a spot on the starting line beside the North American Champion, or thinking that they will be so slow that everyone will be upset as they wait for the slow boats to finish, or any other rationalization that inhibits them from joining our fleets enthusiastically and growing at a pace that works for them. This is a format designed to make you feel very comfortable participating, no matter what your experience. We want to share the fun we're having with you, and we're working to remove any barriers. The entry fee is cut in half for the Explorer fleet and, if this is your first regatta in Half Moon Bay, the fee is waived all together. While the hot shots are off banging heads in the Corinthian and Cabrillo fleets, you will be gaining valuable experience and collecting your own war stories that we will all share later in the day.

For more information, contact Charlie Quest: c15@hmbyc.org To help with Race Committee, contact Kelly Pike kpike@coastside.net We hope to see everyone at the club during the Regatta!

Attention All Our Youth Sailors!

Youth sailing is on Saturdays Oct 8 & 22, 12-4pm. To help, contact Kathy Barbarino at 728-5474 or kbarbarino@comcast.net

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The Great Laser Sailoff

From little acorns do mighty oaks grow. The first HMBYC Laser Sailoff on September 5th attracted a band of wetsuited warriors, denizens of the deep, scrappers of the swell, gladiators of the...OK, five bleary-eyed survivors of Labor Day's excesses. George and Elias MacLeod, Neil Hooper and Charlie Quest put four Lasers on the beach, and Richard Hector brought his own boat down – with some trepidation since he had not sailed it for years. He said later that the first 30 seconds back on the water got him high as a kite. Bartender, I'll have what he's having.

Charlie suggested that we use the 'rabbit start' technique, since there was no-one else around to fire guns, blow horns or gesticulate rudely. We immediately agreed, of course. Then we asked him just what a rabbit start was. For our readers' benefit, the 'rabbit' drops downwind on starboard, signals readiness (we used whistles), and turns back staying close-hauled on port. Racers start by crossing the imaginary line laid astern the rabbit. When the last boat has crossed the line the rabbit is free to tack and race normally. It actually works a treat, provided the rabbit isn't on a collision course with moored 40-footers, floating docks etc, and everyone makes their start before bunny hits the beach.

To ensure fairness we were also to change boats after each race. Had Charlie told us that before race 2 then maybe, knowing they'd be someone else's problem next, we might not have been so careful about fixing the little gear issues some of us had in race 1... naaaah, we're nice people.

With the bugs out of the boats, Charlie bugged new sailors instead: Kelly Ambrosi and Peggy Ruse (for all we know only there to sniff the ozone) were harangued into neoprene. They made their courageous competitive debut sharing a boat in race 3, Elias graciously stepping aside and going two-up with Neil as added ballast and general mischief-maker. Charlie tried staging a traditional start from the dock, leaping into his moored boat as he blew the start whistle. Perhaps that's a lemming start? It didn't go as smoothly as he might have liked, and the brave experiment probably cost him the race. On the last lap, Richard had an extended period of intimacy with the downwind mark, eventually disentangling, righting and toughing his way to a cold, tired, defiant finish.

Everyone except Charlie and Neil declared themselves done at this stage, so races 4 and 5 were two dueling rabbits, nibbling their way to one win each.

Results

Race 1: Quest, Hooper, E. MacLeod, Hector, G. MacLeod

Race 2: Quest, E. MacLeod, Hooper, G. MacLeod, Hector

Race 3: Hooper/E. McLeod, Quest, G. MacLeod, Ambrosi/Ruse, Hector

Race 4: Quest, Hooper

Race 5: Hooper, Quest

So, we declare Charlie overall HMBYC Laser Champion, Elias becomes our first Youth Laser Champion, and since we can't remember who sat at the bow (and therefore crossed the line first in race 3, Kelly and Peggy share the Ladies' title.

But titles aren't the takeaways here. What strikes me is how the group kept fun for all as the primary goal, maintained a competitive but cooperative attitude, and was prepared to improvise and experiment to make the day work. The results are rich: one member has restarted his single-handed sailing career, two members have discovered that racing isn't just for 'others', seven members had a ball. Maybe, just maybe, we should do this more often.

- Neil Hooper



Elias MacLeod tends his warrior steed

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AHOY! / Tell Tales Deadlines

Share yacht club related news. The deadline for the November newsletter is **Wednesday, 26 October**. Email Gayle Pietras by Tuesday evening to submit to the weekly Tell Tales email.

Current and previous issues of our AHOY! newsletters are also online at www.hmbyc.org under News.

PICYA 2005 Yearbooks

The 2005 PICYA Yearbooks were printed in early summer. They are in Ships' Store (\$14). Do you want to purchase a 2006 issue, or have your boat listed in the 2006 Issue? Send email to lahey@hmbyc.org

Solution to September Crossword

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Morning Glory at the Big Boat Series 2005

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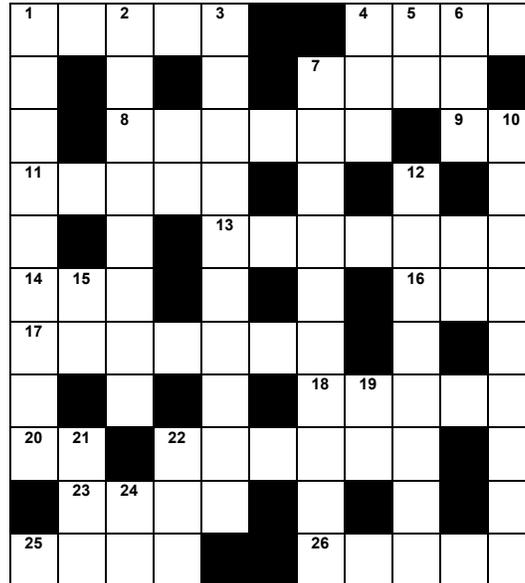
HMBYC PRIZE Crossword October 2005

By GreyGoose

The first correct entry randomly chosen from the hundreds received by Monday Oct 24th wins a free TGIF Dinner!

Across

1. Begin twisted orgy
4. Elastic or rock?
7. Me as mutant, no different!
8. Straighten Nun bed
9. Thanks! (UK slang)
11. Thespian reorganizes Art Co...
13. ...Grain Co. turns to natural products
14. Balloon is the beginnings of Strategic Air Command
16. Observe small candy?
17. Reagan, I make changes, really angry!
18. Lion bellows for right paddles
20. Granada's missing 12th letter
22. In arrears, Ben hid somehow
23. Dope about Opinion Editorial
25. Statement starts with number
26. St. Guy shifts with bursts of wind



Down

1. Wide flank? Big salvo!
2. Maritime, a cult in a swirl
3. Berm coated all over, rubbed with liniment
4. Poor start for badger
5. First person is in the morning
6. After deductions, take ten back
7. Egging Sir N. about, laughing disrespectfully
10. Addition: new scary CEOs
12. Wearing best suit, big time
15. Indefinite start to anticyclone
19. Not off to Ontario shortly
21. Much building space
22. Wager it's half better

MAIL your solution to GreyGoose at PO Box 2011, El Granada, Ca 94018, FAX it to (408) 577-7539, or just leave it behind the bar. Don't forget your name below, otherwise GreyGoose will claim and consume your meal!

NAME _____

PHONE or EMAIL _____

Clip to Celebrate Your October Birthday!

HMBYC Birthday Drink coupon – Member's October Birthday
The Watch Officer will provide you with a birthday drink of your choice!

Member Name: _____

Birthday: _____

Watch Officer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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WHAT'S MORE SCARY THAN A HURRICANE?
The Half Moon Bay Yacht Club Adult Halloween Party!
“Hollywood Heroes, Horrors & Whores!”

Saturday, Oct 29 at 8 PM

A Storm Surge of Halloween Costume Frenzy is headed for the HMBYC. This year's theme is Hollywood Heroes, Horrors & Whores! Come as someone you'd like to be from the Movies. Who would you like to be (or who do you really think you are?) James Dean? Ethel Merman? (We know at least one club member sings in the shower, and it sure sounded like Ethel!) Just pick a character that you'd like to pretend to be for one evening. Cartoon characters and Monsters are welcome! Be Bogie! Bacall! Ronald Regan and Bonzo! Butch and Sundance! Shirley Temple and Burt Lahr! There is no limit to the dazzling array of characters from American and Foreign Cinema. Have fun and enjoy a night of fantasy and glamour!

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

Best Hollywood Theme Costume

Sexiest Costume

Most Glamorous Costume

Best Hero

and as always -- Best Halloween Costume

Live Music from **Thunder Gray**, who played last Halloween to great applause!

Plus: The Julia Child of HMBYC, **Phyllis Smith**, will be catering, and that alone is reason to attend!! Important note: Phyllis would like some volunteers to help with the food. Learn from the master! Stop watching Iron Chef and pick up a cleaver yourself. Call Phyllis: 728-8838.

A \$10 cover will be charged, but you'll love the decorations, the food, and the fun.

Make sure you come to this party, or our very own Category 5, Connie Malach, will personally shiver your timbers!

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Watch Officer & Hospitality Schedule

	Day	Date	Watch Officer	Hospitality	Email	Phone
October	Sat	1	Ken McNutt (2-6)			
	Sat	1	Jim Stretch (6-10)	Tom & Miriam Gleeson (5-10)	tgleeson@vitalimages.com	787-1669
	Sun	2	Veronica Ciari	Serje Bewley		
	Fri	7	Dan Bodmann	David & Betty Watson		712-8861
	Sat	8	Peggy Ruse			
	Sun	9	Bob Reilly			
	Fri	14	Gary Naman	Tom & Lavilla Barry		728-3066
	Sat	15	Kevin Wasbauer			
	Sun	16	Dan Bodmann			
	Fri	21	Carol Smith & Jeff Hume	Mike Madden & Barbara Dinnesen	michael_c_madden@msn.com	728-5399
	Sat	22	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>			
	Sun	23	Charlie Quest			
	Fri	28	Phyllis Smith	Gayle & Greg	gayle@gaylepietras.com	712-9221
	Sat	29	(2-7) Rich Symmons			
	Sat	29	(7-11) <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	(7-11) Beverly Ambrose & Lester Hribar	baambrose@comcast.net	712-8001
	Sun	30	Paul Minoletti			
November	Fri	4	Dan Bodmann	David & Carol Slater	djslater@sbcglobal.net	728-3536
	Sat	5	Terri Lahey			
	Sun	6	Veronica Ciari			
	Fri	11	Ken McNutt	Don Hilliard	dhelicon@yahoo.com	520-429-7024
	Sat	12	<i>(closed for C Ball)</i>			
	Sun	13	Dick/Tami			
	Fri	18	Carol Smith & Jeff Hume	Sabrina Brennan & Aimee Luthring		728-2867
	Sat	19	Bob Reilly			
	Sun	20	Ara Croce			
	Fri	25	<i>(closed for Thanksgiving)</i>			
	Sat	26	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>			
	Sun	27	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>			

Watch Officer and Hospitality rotations are subject to change: Please double check the roster in Tell Tales or the Club website at www.hmbyc.org. Contact calendar@hmbyc.org if necessary to reschedule your shift. It helps if you negotiate your own trade. Thank you for your cooperation!

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Sunday, 2pm-7pm
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