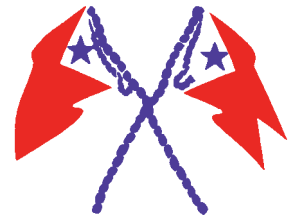


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ENCINAL YACHT CLUB

***SOUNDINGS***



Alameda, CA

President: *Mike Scheck*

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**July 2010**



Rodney Pimentel presented our club burgee to the local club in Flores, Azores after a 1771 mile journey from Bermuda. I was very fortunate to have Victor Early help me from the BVI's to Bermuda and Hal Lynam joined from Bermuda to Flores. I have been very proud to fly the club burgee where ever we go. I even had a guy come up to me in the BVI's and ask me "are you guys from Encinal Yacht Club" I said yes we are – then he said you are the club with the new bar!...word travels fast all over the world.



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**From the President . . .Mike Scheck**

Happy Fourth of July!

This year we are proud to honor one of our former jr. sailors, **Cpl Thomas Brook** of the U.S. Marine Corps, currently serving in Afghanistan. Over the Fourth we'll be collecting items to be delivered to Thomas and the men and women serving under him. While we take these simple items for granted, they are considered luxuries by our men and women serving on the battlefield. Elsewhere in this addition of Soundings, is an article on Thomas, our plans to honor him and his family over the Fourth and the items we are collecting on his behalf.

The **Master Mariner's Regatta** was held over Memorial Day weekend. The weather cooperated and a good time was had by all. It was especially nice to see the reaction of the classic wooden boat fleet to our new bar. They were impressed.

The new bar was officially opened for business on June 17<sup>th</sup> and the temporary bar removed. While there is still work to be done, it's good to have the new bar open and the dining room returned to its normal peaceful setting. Many of you have asked about a Grand Opening Party for the bar. That's in the works and we're looking at possible dates. Also, as communicated over the last few months, we are launching a fundraising effort for the new bar. Stay tuned for more details in the next few weeks to see how you can participate.

The **2010 Membership Survey** was concluded on May 31<sup>st</sup>. We received 128 online completions and 3 completed hardcopies.

I'm happy to report that our membership is growing once again. To ensure that we maintain this momentum, club **Treasurer Chris James** has formed a membership committee. Chris recently met with **Kim Bean, Anneke Dury, Anita Mahoney, Sam Benson, Vivian James, Ina Tabak, Liddy Clark and Floyd Hunter** to look at new member programs and incentives. Thanks to all of you for taking this on.

Unsung hero...sprit of doing things for the betterment of the club without having been asked to do so...just because it needed to be done. **Jackie Gordon** - polishing the trophies...

Every now and then I hear about someone who has taken the initiative to do something around the club because they see that it needs to be done. Recently, Jackie Gordon was seen polishing the trophies in the entry way. Thanks Jackie, they look great !

As always I look forward to your comments and suggestions. You can email me at [president@encinal.org](mailto:president@encinal.org)

Best Regards,

*Mike Scheck*

**OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday - Saturday . . . . . 9am -5pm

**DINING ROOM**

Every Thursday - Saturday . . . . . Lunch Service 11:30-2pm  
 Every Sunday . . . . . Brunch 12pm-2pm  
 First Thursday (Buffet) - All other Thursday (Regular Menu) . . . . . :6:00pm - 8:30pm  
 Every Sunday . . . . . Dinner 5:30-8pm  
 Every Friday & Saturday . . . . . EYC Dinner 6-9pm

**BAR HOURS**

Every Thursday - Saturday . . . . . 12pm - 10pm  
 Sunday . . . . . 11am - 9pm

## From the Bridge . . .Tom Wondolleck

First, I would like to thank and congratulate Vice Commodore **Matthew Dean** and all who help in this year's Coastal Cup. Matthew and team did an outstanding job running the race and fun was had by all. I had the honor of sailing with **Steve Waterloo** on his Cal 40 Shaman. The race down the coast saw variable conditions from very windy with moderate seas to very calm with the finish line in sight. It was truly an experience of a lifetime.

June also saw the end of the Spring Twilight Series. Rear Commodore and team did a fantastic job running the series and I am sure we'll see the same professional performance in the Summer Series. Thanks Victor! Congratulations to **Steve Waterloo** and crew for winning their division in the San Francisco to Monterey Spinnaker Cup held earlier in June. **Bob Gardner** also sailed his Olson 40 Spellbound in the race and placed 5th in his division. Unfortunately the Mahoney family on Irish Lady suffered some equipment problems, but even with the gear failure, they still finished the race. Nice work everyone!

On a special note, I would like to wish **Bob Gardner** on Spellbound and **Taylor Cuevas** on Poco Loco special luck and smooth sailing in this year's Pacific Cup.

July is a very busy month on the water. **Matthew Dean** will be running the Second Half Opener, Tony Shaffer will be running the Lipton Cup in conjunction with the PICYA and finally Tony will also be running the Santana 22 National Championships. Please reached out to Matthew or Tony should you want to help out on the race committee.

Finally, we are taking a summer break from the STEM presentations and will resume the talks in September.

See you on the water! ☐

## General Manager . . .Chuck Crawford

### Hot town, Summer in the City...

Yes, Summer is here! And it is coming on strong. The new Pool Attendant, **Andrew Pummer**, is on duty Friday through Sunday, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. He will be checking in pool users, maintaining pool rules and taking Food and Beverage orders for your convenience. As a reminder, all members need to have their red rubber wristbands with them when using the pool, including your children over 14 years old. If you have lost your band, a replacement can be obtained in the office for a nominal fee. All guests will be issued a temporary wristband daily. Please extend a BIG EYC welcome to Andrew.

And just in time for Summer, the new Bar is in operation. If you haven't yet been in to see it you are in for a great treat. Fashioned as a replica of a 1930 Stephens motor yacht it is a sight to behold. Though space doesn't allow me to thank the individuals that contributed to this project, many were involved and did an outstanding job. Watch for further communications to properly thank those involved.

Be sure to come to the Club over the Fourth of July weekend. Join in the Alameda parade with the Junior Sailing folks as a start. Many activities will then follow including an animal show for young and old, massages, and of course live music for your enjoyment. BBQ grills will be available on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> for you to "bring your own food" to grill. Be sure to be there around 4:00 pm for the Club photograph on the lawn.

Have a great July!

If I can enhance your enjoyment of the club in any way let me know.

Please stop in to see me, email at [chuckcrawford@encinal.org](mailto:chuckcrawford@encinal.org) or give me a call anytime.

See you at the Club! ☐

## Membership News . . .Chris James

Over the past few months we have been very busy growing the membership by having booths at the February Marina Village Boat Show, the Strictly Sail Boat Show in April, and at Master Mariners events. As a result we have increased our membership by over 8% which is remarkable considering we are in the worst recession since the Great Depression.

In May we held a Membership Committee Brainstorming session at the club to formulate Membership plans for the year. In attendance were **George & Kim Bean, Anita Mahoney, Chris & Sam Benson, Ina Tabak, Mike Pernitzke, Vivian James, Peggy Kidd, Liddy Clark, and Floyd Hunter**. The group came up with a number of good ideas which will act as a framework of future activities and will help us to focus our efforts. Thanks to all!

### 2nd Friday Open House

Each month the 2nd Friday event is held at the Club and serves as an "Open House" to meet new members as well as showcase the club to perspective members. Going forward we are going to invite specific groups to get a tour of the facilities, meet members, and see what Encinal is all about. We encourage you as members to attend the 2nd Friday events, bring your friends, meet prospective members, and show them why EYC is the best yacht club on the bay.

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest members:  
Regular Members

**Craig and Jennifer Adams**

**Charles Heimler** (Conversion from Racing)

We look forward to seeing you around the club. ☐

## Finance . . .Chris James

Despite a difficult economy, I am happy to report that everything is going the right direction at EYC. Our net income year-to-date May is running \$ 20.0K favorable to budget, and our cash position is strong. Everyone is staying focused on managing their budgets, our staff is doing an excellent job managing spending, and membership is currently 8% above budgeted levels. Anyone visiting the club recently has noticed that we are continuing to make improvements to the facility. The first phase of the bar renovation has just been completed, we have a new shuffle board court, the boat ramp has been rebuilt, and the fire pit near the pool is being rebuilt.

Even though things are going better than Budget we

need to keep focused on our finances and not become complacent. These are still difficult economic times and everyone needs to work diligently to make sure we get the most out of our spending.

As members you can do your part by frequenting our bar and restaurant, attending club events, and inviting potential members to our facility every chance you get.

See you around the Club! ☐

## From the House Director . . .

*Fred Rutledge*

July is a busy month at the club. The Junior Sailing program is will be in full swing to including Thursday night BBQs. The Svendsen's Summer Splash, YRA Second Half Opener, Santana 22 Nationals, PICYA Lipton Cup and the Small Boat Series are a few activities occurring in July!

The Fourth of July weekend starts the month off with music in the lounge on Friday and Saturday evenings. Dance music one night and live music the next. We have a cruise in to boot. There will be a "cruise fizz" party on the docks Sunday morning. The Junior Sailors will participate in Alameda's parade in the morning as well. In the afternoon they will host their Third Annual 4th of July Handicap Regatta. The Handicap Regatta invites any and all classes of boats to participate. There will also be a prize for most patriotic boat! Bring your our BBQ fixings as the kitchen will be closed.

Tracy the Animal Show Guy, is returning with his crew of 17 animals. The pool is open, Body by Melissa will provide neck and facial massage, activities for kids are in the works and the board is planning to take a group photo in the afternoon. **Dave Sherrill** and **Carol Woltring** are working on music for the festivities.

Please plan on bringing your whole family and your friends to the club for an afternoon and evening of great fun. **Grace Glenn**, our ship's store manager will be on hand for those needing a club ball cap, a shirt or other club items. Many thanks go out to the volunteers who have helped to put the party on the Fourth together: Co-cruise captains **Carol Blackburn** and **Ina Taber, Liddy Clark, Mike Scheck**, and Junior Sailing's **Billy Zlotocha** to name a few. Keep an eye on the Signal Flag for updates.

The social committee lead by Sue Bateman, is still working on ways to marks our club's 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the clubhouse's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **Heidi Finberg** has taken the lead for the commemorations. The bar Grand Opening is part of this process.

The next Nautical Flea Market is scheduled for September (most likely Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>) date to be confirmed in next Soundings. Donated nautical items are welcome! ☐

## Jr. Sailing . . . Billy Zlotocha

With over 50 OPTI Sailors, 30 Teen CFJ Sailors, 7 Laser Sailors and 10 C420 sailors signed-up for Session One alone; we are poised for our best Summer Enrollment ever. Megan Grove, Erik Glaser, Cody Young, Megan Hayes, Lindsay Grove, Michael Grove, Alex Delle Cese, Ted Netland, Jean Rutledge and Kirsten Rutledge are all on the payroll and are all former EYC JR Sailors! To add an extra boost to the staff, we have brought in one of New Zealand's top sailing coaches, John Morgan for the first three weeks of our program. John has been an active coach for several New Zealand Olympic Teams and worked with multiple World Champions throughout the years. John is an excellent coach and has a great way with kids. The coaching staff is thrilled to be working with him.

Jr Sailing will be hosting a lot of fun events this summer and we welcome all members to come on down to the club and participate. Last week was our first JR Sailing BBQ and it was a huge success with well over one hundred people in attendance. For those of you who are new to the club, JR Sailing will be hosting Family BBQs-pool side- every Thursday night with music and sailing on the estuary. We are

hosting Women's Sailing classes on Monday and Wednesday evenings. I also encourage all the kids to come down to the club for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Alameda parade and our annual Fun Regatta. Scoring on the handicap system, all boats and competitors young and old are welcome to participate.

We have received a lot of feedback regarding auction-fatigue from our families involved in our annual fundraiser. So this year, we have decided to try a different approach; a check writing campaign. This year's theme is "**Raising the Flag**". Our goal is **\$20,000**, which represents the average of what we have raised over the past six years. In order to keep this great program running there are many hidden expenses; including the ongoing repair of motor boats, dinghies, and sails. In addition to these maintenance expenses your money will go to help fund our scholarship program, which helps serve other sailing families with financial difficulties. This week's Raise the Flag Supporters include: Eran and Maya Raber, Stephen and Barbara Grove, John Glenn Adjusters and Administrators, Inc. and Grace Glenn.

A very heart felt thank you goes out to all of our JR parent volunteers. Our BBQ and Clothing volunteers are the best. We could not run all these great events without their support.

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## Raise The Flag!

Here at EYC, we are very proud of our Junior Sailing Program. We have the largest junior program in the bay, offer the lowest class fees, have the most students that return to teach as instructors, have the most graduates that continue to sail on a college level, and have the most fun!

Did you know Junior Sailing's operating budget is a break-even model? All camp and class fees cover regular operating costs: director and instructor salaries, fuel, and administrative expenses. We keep our class fees low to avoid financial obstacles for participation.

However, **there are many additional costs not covered by class fees:** boat maintenance and repairs, funding the scholarship program, purchasing new boats, trailers, engines, sails, etc. This is where the Junior Sailing program has relied on donations from members like you. Donor contributions have averaged \$20,000 a year for the last 6 years, and has kept our program thriving.

This year, Junior Sailing has decided to take a break from its fundraising auction. In its place, we are excited to announce a simple approach; a check writing campaign. This year's theme is "**Raising the Flag**". Our goal is to raise **\$20,000!** Can you help?

**To help us reach our goal of \$20,000, it's as easy as writing a check!** Donors will receive special gifts in four levels of participation:

**Sponsor:** Up to \$100, donor receives honorable mention in Soundings and an EYC burgee decal.

**Second Mate:** \$101 to \$250, donor will also receive (4) tickets to the final Thursday BBQ/Awards Night.

**First Mate:** \$251 to \$499, donor will add (4) tickets to upcoming Wine Tasting event.

**Captain:** \$500 or more will all receive a fully catered Day On The Bay for (2) aboard a yacht.

So far we have raised \$2,200, which is 11% toward our goal of \$20,000. Can you help us raise our flag even higher? Any donation amount is greatly appreciated. **Checks made out to the Junior Sailing Foundation are fully tax deductible**, and can be dropped off at Thursday night BBQs, or to the EYC office.

Help keep the future of sailing thriving at EYC. Thanks for your support of Junior Sailing!

**Cruise News . . . *The Chatty Cruiser******Cruise to China Camp***

Traditionally, China Camp is the “low- key” cruise of our cruising season. It is a chance to have a nice sail then set back and relax on your boat without any scheduled events. The climate seems to change as you round the point head for the little group of decaying buildings next to the old pier. The bottom is pretty steady at 10-12 feet deep and soft mud can mean a good hold for the anchor, unless the strong current wraps you around the keel at night. It is usually warm and, almost sub-tropical, with a gentle breeze and great sunsets and moon rises. Perfect for just chilling out.

This has been a strange year, and chilling is the operable word. It was quite windy for the crossing, starting at the end of the estuary and holding across the slot and under the San Rafael Bridge and the wind had a bite to it. Nova arrived first, followed by Paramour, making her inaugural appearance after extended time in Mexico, then Argonauta, Toujours, Turtle and Bonne Vie II. The fleet was quite spread out so a dinghy was required to visit other boats. And so the time was spent, reading and putzing around the boat, lunch, perhaps a cooling beverage, napping – so relaxing.

The tempo picked up Saturday night around 5:00 when dinghies were launched from the fleet, heading to Paramour for a luau featuring delicious Mai Tai’s, made from scratch by **Susan Sherrill**. The party- goers, dressed in bright Aloha shirts and bringing appetizers, made a very colorful gathering on the fantail of Paramour, which was also decorated for the occasion. Mother Nature did cooperate with a beautiful sunset. The party went on for hours, mindful of the rather rocky dinghy ride in the dark back to the boats.

Mid morning Sunday, the fleet hoisted muddy anchors and set out to beat the chilling winds of the main bay. It was nice in the estuary so the cruise ended on a warm note. The cruisers were: **Dave and Susan, Mike and Ina, David and Anneke, Chuck and Cathy, Thom and Suzanne, Bill and Carol, Sam and Chris, and Bill and Joanna.** □

*Your Cruise Directors, Mike and Ina, Bill and Carol*

**Women’s Cruise . . . *Deborah Stern***

The fifth annual Womens’ Cruise About, was a great success! We had two wonderful boats and six sailors: Nuance was skippered by **Laural Kaleda** with crew, **Julie Hill** and **Jennifer Vickers**. Spindrift was skippered by **Deborah Stern** with crew, **Mary Mathisson** and **Susan Jacquelin**. We met at the EYC guest dock Saturday morning, got our boats ready and set out for a day on the Bay.

As usual, the Bay presented interesting conditions. As we sailed under the western span of the Bay Bridge on a straight course for the windward side of Angel, the skies were blue and welcoming for Spindrift. Once we passed the lee of Alcatraz, the fog which had been hiding the Golden Gate began to rapidly move into the Bay, moving toward the Bay Bridge to catch Nuance on her way to the slot and over the south side of Angel above Spindrift as we passed between Alcatraz and Angel. To continue or to turn around....that was the question. Not wanting to get caught in dense low lying fog, we watched carefully and decided to stay on course to Racoon Straits which kept its blue sunny skies as we sailed on a comfortable broad reach on our way to the leaside of Angel. Once there, the wind died down, we peeled off our warmer layers of clothing and let Spindrift have fun rocking in the water as we ate, laughed and basked in the warm sunshine, awaiting Nuance. Once she arrived we maneuvered our boats so we could capture pictures of each other and share plans for our return.

Nuance took off first, full sail, easily cruising across the slot. As Spindrift’s bow entered the windy slot, we unanimously decided that despite one reef in the main, we had too much sail out for the crossing so tacked back behind the protective shield of Angel and reefed the jib. By the time we returned to the slot, Nuance was far ahead, looking perfectly balanced and beautiful. It was a great sail back. Nuance and her crew sailed off to Hunter’s Point while Spindrift and her crew sailed down the estuary, getting a lot of jibing experience. It was a great day of sailing! We returned to have dinner at EYC joined by friends and significant others. For those of you who weren’t able to come this year, put it on your calendars for next year. It is a great opportunity for women sailors to learn from each other . □

Fairwinds

# **EYC ADOPTS A PLATOON SERVING SERVING IN AFGHANISTAN.**

On the Fourth of July EYC will honor our men and women serving our country by putting together necessity and comfort items to send to Afghanistan. Thomas Brook, one of our Jr. Sailing alums, is severing as a Corporal on the front line. The club would like to give some small tokens as appreciation for these brave soldiers. We are asking all members to contribute some items on the list below or give cash/checks to help with the shipping costs. All items will be collected during the first week of July and shipped out immediately to his platoon.

We have invited Thomas' s family to join in our July 4th celebration at the club, please welcome them, and imagine what it' s like to have your son or daughter in harms way 24 hours a day. With club support, we can make a difference in these soldier' s daily lives.

## **Items requested:**

chap stick  
body wash  
toothpaste  
face wipes  
baby wipes  
Advil etc.  
Neosporin  
white crew socks  
any foot care products  
sunblock  
single serving powdered drink mixes ~  
Gatorade, Kool-aid etc.

individual tuna or chicken salad packs  
beef jerkey  
hard candy and gum  
cookies  
flip top soups or ramen noodles  
flip top raviolis  
chips and bean dip  
cards  
frisbee  
sports magazines

# JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Save the DATE:</b> Sunday, July 4th - 4th of July BBQ Saturday, July 24th - Second Half Opener				<b>1</b> Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner (Buffet Menu) 6 - 8:30pm Dinner Buffet Jr. Sailing BBQ	<b>2</b> Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm EYC Cruise In Live Music	<b>3</b> Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm EYC Cruise In Live Music
<b>4</b> EYC Cruise In 4th of July BBQ Live Music	<b>5</b> EYC Cruise In	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner (Regular Menu) 6 - 8:30pm Jr Sailing BBQ	<b>9</b> Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm Second Friday Jr. Sailing Clinic	<b>10</b> Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm Jr. Sailing Svendsen's Summer Splash
<b>11</b> Brunch 12 - 2pm Dinner 5:30 - 8pm Jr. Sailing Svendsen's Summer Splash	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner (Regular Menu) 6 - 8:30pm Board of Directors Meeting Jr. Sailing BBQ	<b>16</b> Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm Summer Twilight Race	<b>17</b> Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm PICYA Lipton Cup Richmond Cruise Out
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