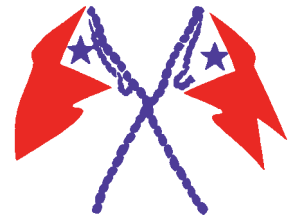


ENCINAL YACHT CLUB



SOUNDINGS

EST. 1890

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January 2011 New Years Eve





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From the President . . . Lew Lippard

Welcome to the New Year.

December started off with three events in the first weekend. The Cruising Awards Dinner led things off. This was followed with the combined dedication of the Bar, celebration of the 120 anniversary of the Club's existence and the 50th year in the present Clubhouse party. The Children's Christmas party was the final event of the weekend. These events made the first weekend a major and very exciting way to open the Holiday season. Our thanks go to **Anita Mahoney** and her committee for putting this all together. Fortunately, the rest of the month contained only the normal monthly events, so member's energies could be directed to preparing for family Holidays. By the time this is published, we will have had our New Year's Eve party to end 2010 and welcome 2011.

This time of the year means it is budget time. The good news is that there will be no member dues increase this year. But, and there is always a but, this will be the second year we are authorizing a deficit budget. In spite of having a deficit budget last year, we were able to close the actual gap significantly. This was a result of all the efforts of the dedicated staff. This was also due, in no small part, to the extreme efforts and dedication of many volunteers who donated their time and money. In particular, I would like to draw attention to the work that was done by **Chris and Vivian James** in bringing in many new members, even in an adverse economic environment.

The Club remains financially sound, but the fact remains that we still had a small deficit in 2010. The economic situation that was the basis of that deficit, still exists, although it appears to be easing somewhat. This year we will have to be equally diligent in controlling expenses. We also must be aware that the repair of our facility is not complete and that there are some major big ticket items facing us in the future.

If you haven't checked out the Blogs in the Encinal web site. (<http://www.encinal.org/pageResource/blogs/2009/blogs.php>), you should. These are interesting travel logs, one by **Jim Williams**, and another by **Jane** and Past Commodore **Rodney Pimental**. You can say hello to Rodney and Jane who are taking a vacation from their sailing adventure by being home for the holidays before returning to continue their travels.

Thanks to **Mike Scheck** for the new office furniture. It replaces the mixture of odds and ends furnishings that we had. Not only does it improve the looks of the office, it provides a better work space for the staff. This is a welcome addition to the office and conference room.

I am sure that you have noticed some other changes around the Clubhouse. They are the result of activities of our new General Manager, **Mike Palmer**. The next time you are at the Club, stop by and say hello to him, if you haven't before; if you have, stop by and say hi anyway.

One last thing, when you see one of our new members, recognized by the new member plaque on their name tag, say hello and introduce yourself and welcome them to the Club

Best Regards,

Lew Lippard

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

Happy New Years! In January we will be hosting the US Sailing Club Race Officer course. The class will be held in the Regatta Room on January 15th and will be taught by the US Sailing Area G Race Officer and National Officer. While designed for sailors who have some race committee experience, newcomers are also welcome. The seating is limited, so sign up soon. I would like to thank **Larry Westland** for arranging this event.

On January 22nd, Rear Commodore **Chris Hanson** will host the Jack Frost race and on January 29th Small Boat fleet Captain **Michael Andrews** will kick off the 2011 Small Boat Winter Series. Please contact Chris and Michael for more information.

Congratulations to **Kathryn Hodgkins** for being awarded the Islander 36 Schneider trophy for outstanding service. You can view the trophy in the club's new upstairs trophy case.

I would like to thank the 2010 Flag, Board of Directors and all the volunteers for making 2010 a tremendously successful year. I look forward to serving the club and membership in 2011 as your Commodore. Joining me on the Flag are Vice Commodore **Victor Early**, Rear Commodore **Chris Hanson**, Port Captain **Mike Byroads**, Small Boat Captain **Michael Andrews**, Cruise Captains **Stu and Julie Hill** and Jr. Sailing Parent Liaisons **Bill Emberley** and **John Kirkman**. 2011 is shaping up to be another outstanding year for our on the water activities.

See you on the water! ☐

Dear EYC Library Friends and Family,

Due to the improvements being done in the Club and Regatta Room the library has been temporarily dismantled, until further notice. Please do not bring any new books into the club as we have no place to store them.

Thank you for your patience during this process.

House Director,

Anita Mahoney

Profiles . . . Mike Palmer



has been an integral member of the staff of EYC for almost three years. Her official title of Office Administrator doesn't quite do justice to the myriad tasks she enthusiastically performs. Everyone from the postman to

visiting yachtsmen from distant ports receives a warm welcome from Jessie, who has the remarkable talent of engaging with people from all walks of life. Her radiant smile brightens the day of everyone and her charming personality encourages many to linger, often to improve their Spanish from an accomplished linguist.

Jessie was born in Managua, Nicaragua and immigrated to the States in 1991 when she was 6 years old, uniting with a large extended family who had previously settled in the Bay Area. Last Saturday over 35 of her close relatives celebrated Christmas together, continuing an annual tradition that each year expands the family circle to include its newest bambinos.

Jessie leads a very active life, juggling her responsibilities as a loving daughter and elder sister to her siblings, evening accounting studies, Salsa dance classes and an active social life. No matter how busy her schedule, she manifests a strong work ethic by frequently staying late to finish time-critical tasks. One of Jessie's favorite adjectives is awesome, which says it all! ☐

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

2011 is here.

We need volunteers to help with the following events:

- 1.) April Fools (Put on your thinking cap)
- 2.) Cinco De Mayo
- 3.) Fourth of July
- 4.) Labor Day
- 5.) Lighted Boat Parade
- 6.) New Years

Please contact me at denismahoney@comcast.net

From the House Director . . . *Anita Mahoney*

Greetings Everyone,

We had a very eventful start for December. The first weekend began with our Cruising Awards Dinner on Friday night chaired by **Carol and Bill Blackburn** and **Mike Perninski** and **Ina Tabak** followed by our Open House Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our clubhouse and the Blessing of our New Bar (sorry but that is what it was, not a typo) and the Lighted Boat Parade on Saturday. Ending with the Kids Christmas Party on Sunday under the direction of D J Martin who as always did a fantastic job. A sold out event!!!!

The Open House made a mark in history for our club. 185 members and guest attended as the festivities unfolded. I want to thank the staff for all their help in making this a success. Tony for putting together a wonderful group of musicians and music for our event. My right hand man **Bill Emberley** for his unconditional support in helping me. I can't forget the officers and board of directors for going along with my request and never questioning me. Tony Shaffer for emceeding and bringing together the purpose of the event with the history of our clubhouse. Jubilation was felt by all!!!

Mark Bernhard and **Soren Hanson** kept their word that the bar and lounge would be completed for our Open House. The last picture was being hung just minutes before the event. That is what I call a "photo finish". Thank you Mark and Soren and to all the many members and volunteers who had such foresight to make this the greatest bar around. Just too many to mention but you all know who you are. You gave the members something to be very proud of!!!!

New Years Eve was a great success and we are looking forward to bringing in the new year with a lot of enthusiasm. The members are what makes EYC successful. We cannot do it without you.

Thanks to the Committee Chair **Noemi Warren** for helping me coordinate this event with the music, decorations and sign ups; **Mark Brunelle** for his continuous articles in the Soundings and Signal Flag that kept you wondering and the event alive; All the staff for the wonderful food and service that we want to continue throughout the year to keep you coming back for more; Mike, our general manager who never stopped obliging all our needs and making sure our members were well received; And thanks to everyone, you did an excellent job!!!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 16th. Hot

Butter Rum and Game Night. Adults and Kids invited. This will be a casual get together to just have fun. If you have any specific games you are interested in playing contact the organizers, **Penny McCullagh**, **Peggy Kidd** or myself. Watch the Signal Flag and notices for details. It is a three day holiday so plan to cruise in with your boat and spend the weekend.

I hope that you are seeing the many changes that are going on in the club. Mike, our new club manager is aggressively working to reorganize and make everything run more efficiently to benefit all of us and our staff. I am trying to do my duties as your House Director and ask that if you have any suggestions to please email me. I would look forward to passing on your ideas and suggestions. Please put it in writing because those cocktail napkins just are not working.

In case you haven't noticed our Regatta Room also has had a face lift. Thanks to **Dan and Diane Hayes** and their volunteers. The burgee on the wall was painted by Diane not Dan!!!!!! Sorry Dan. This has been a great improvement and was well received at the Open House. I know there is more to come and it will bring in more events to the club.

The Social Committee has put together the events calendar for 2011. We are still looking for chairs and volunteers to help with events. If you are interested please contact me. I am sure we can find something for you to do.

Don't forget your Ships Store for those last minute Christmas gifts. **Grace Hess** is available to help you. Contact her.

Centennial History Books are still available to grace your coffee table for the holidays!! Special price \$15.00 ☐

Eight Bells

EYC loses a good friend

Joanne Vuylsteke

It is with sadness that we advise the Club membership of the passing of Joanne Vuylsteke. After a valiant effort of combating cancer, she succumbed to it on December 26th. Joel and Joanne have been long time members of the Club, having joined in 1964. We send our condolences to Joel and the family.

Jr. Sailing . . .Mallory McCollum Bozina



Dec 11-12 was another busy weekend for EYC junior sailors with regattas in both SoCal and NorCal! Unfortunately, there wasn't much wind at either venue. Sixteen EYC high school sailors and their families traveled to Southern California for the Anteater HS Regatta hosted by Newport Harbor YC and UC Irvine. EYC's teams competing in the silver fleet were Alameda, Miramonte, Athenian, Encinal, and Bishop O'Dowd. EYC made up half of the Bay Area teams in silver fleet! While our HS teams sat around in the fog waiting for wind, the Opti sailors were doing the same thing in San Francisco. The fog was so thick Saturday at the BAYS Opti Winter Series hosted by St. Francis YC they were only able to get two races off! Fortunately, Sunday's weather cooperated and six races were completed. Coach **Erik Glaser** had to keep a

close watch on EYC Opti sailors **TJ Mahoney**, **Jonathan Andrews**, and **Henry Strayer** so they wouldn't disappear into the fog! TJ said his biggest challenge was sailing in the light air, and of course his favorite part of the regatta was when the wind picked up! Even though he finds it challenging to sail in light air, he was still able to finish 1st place in Green Fleet out of 9 boats! **Jonathan Andrews** wished it was windier, but even with the challenging conditions, he placed 3rd overall and was really excited when he got a first place! This was Henry's first regatta away from Encinal and he placed 5th place. Great sailing boys, keep up the good work!!

Winter is a great time to learn to sail! Typically, the wind is much lighter, which can be less intimidating and easier to learn in. If it's raining and miserable outside, the students will be inside learning how to tie knots, reviewing boat terminology, practicing tacking and how to hold the tiller, watching training videos, and drinking hot chocolate! Even if the weather is less than ideal for sailing, class will still be productive and fun! Please register soon and encourage your friends and family to sign up their kids too! Class info can be found on www.encinal.org then click on the "Junior Program" tab. If you have any questions about classes, feel free to call me at 510-769-0221.

Saturday, February 5, 2011 is the annual EYC Junior Sailing Crab Feed. We have a great event planned and lots of delicious crab! This is a great fundraiser for junior sailing. Hope to see you there! ☐

Big Thanks!!

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the 2010 Commodore's Ball a great event.

Betsey Signol, Antonia Dawson, Rachel Steinman, Lee Maguire, Debra Early, Nicki Powell-Ford, Wendy Scheck, Pam Wondolleck, Clare Waterloo; who helped with the decorations.

Carol Blackburn, Ina Tebak, Debra Early, Peggy Kramer-Jara, Pam Wondolleck, Allison Wondolleck, Hal Wondolleck; who helped with flower arranging and decorations.

Tony Shaffer; who helped hang the balls & was a great MC.

Kimmy Klopping; who listened, gave good advise, Helped above and beyond with every part of planning and executing.

Mike Palmer; who made sure the facility was in top shape.

Fred & Margaret Fago; who were the photographers.

Manny Our Chef; who cooked & served a wonderful menu.

Thank You So Much! Cindy Wondolleck

Membership News . . .Chris James

As the year draws to a close, we are looking to 2011 and making plans for membership activities. In the budget for 2011 we have funding for five Open House Events, booths at three area Boat Shows, and the development of a new membership package including a DVD of the Club.

It is important to note that we have made a decision to hold the dues at EYC to the current level and will continue to focus on growing the membership as a means to increase revenue rather than raise dues. We have also decided to continue the reduced standard initiation fee of \$ 250.00 for 2011 and will review the initiation fee again at the end of 2011.

Every member is encouraged to help grow the membership as well as attend as many functions as possible throughout the year. Being active in the club and attending events provides the needed revenue to continue to make improvements and keep dues at the current levels.

To start the year we are going to once again sponsor the EYC Certificate Program which was initiated by **Mike Scheck** last year. The EYC Certificate Program gives every member of EYC a certificate "gifting" the initiation fee to new applicants who submit applications to join the club before February 15th. Each member will receive an Initiation Fee Waiver Certificate with their December statements and are encouraged to give them to family or friends who you feel would make good additions to the EYC family.

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

Regular Membership:

Franklyn (Tony) Seabrook

**Regular Member - Conversion from Racing
Lee & Carol Perry**

**Corinthian Member
Michael James Johnson**

See you around the club! ☐

Cruise News . . .The Chatty Cruiser**Cruising Season Ends with Gala Awards Dinner**

The 2010 cruising season finished with a grand party at the clubhouse on December 3rd, with more than 60 cruisers in attendance.

It was a weird year, weather-wise, we only had one or two really warm sunny cruise -outs. We did have more than our share of severe weather, wind and rain and with the prospects of La Nina developing -next year could be much more of the same. Does it matter? Not with our cruise fleet, we seem to roll with the punches and have a great time, most of the time.

The 2010 Cruise Fleet leaders, **Ina Tabak, Mike Pernitzke, Carol and Bill Blackburn** presented the award plaques to all the participating boats from this year. Our Rear Commodore, **Chris Hansen** awarded the prized "Half Fast Award" to this year's recipient **Jeff Leonard** of Cat Man fame for his "sink the dink" maneuver, although there were several very close runners up. Its all fun, and eventually we all will be suspects.

Adrienne Rogers put an awfully lot of time in preparing the year's summary in pictures and music that was shown before and during dinner and we are very grateful – thanks Adrienne. Individual cruise leaders were given tokens of appreciation, and after the ceremony we repaired to the dance floor for a night of rock and roll.

And so we look forward to another year of great destinations, great sailing moments and wonderful companionship. The new cruise fleet leaders Stu and Julie Hill have certainly hit the ground running if their "Morning After" planning meeting was any example. The 2011 Cruise Schedule should be out soon, so start marking your calendars.

As for the four of us, we thank you all for the support and participation you have given for the last two years, it all went very well. ☐

Fleet Cruise Captains: Mike, Ina, Bill and Carol.

Game Day at Encinal Yacht Club

The holidays are over, the weather is cold and gloomy, but our members are spirited, energetic and ready to take on the New Year.

Come join us for a day of games!



Let's fill the clubhouse, bring the kids, the grand kids, and invite your friends. There'll be a warm fire in the fire place, table games, active games, and a room full of fun people to lift your spirit. Spirits? Speaking of Spirits, hot buttered rum will be our featured adult drink of the day.



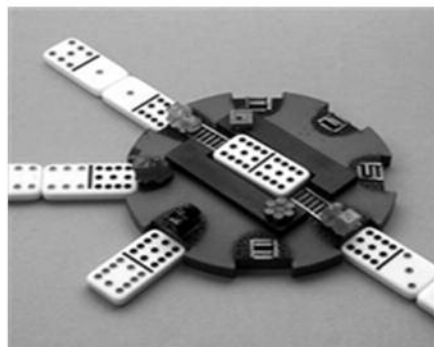
When: Sunday, Jan. 16th 2011 - Starting at 2 PM

Manny's home style comfort menu

- Meatloaf
- Fried Chicken
- Pasta Primavera
- Spinach Salad
- Chili
- Kid's menu

Dinner service from 4 until 8 PM ~ Great prices from \$6 - \$12

Don't miss EYC's First GAME DAY



JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Save the DATE: Saturday, February 5th - Jr. Sailing Crab Feed Sunday, February 6th - Super Bowl						1 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm Cruise Around the Island
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9 Brunch 12 - 2pm Dinner 5:30 - 8pm	10	11	12	13 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner (Regular Menu) 6 - 8:30pm STEM	14 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm Second Friday	15 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm US Sailing Seminar
16 Brunch 12 - 2pm Dinner 5:30 - 8pm Game Night	17	18	19	20 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner (Regular Menu) 6 - 8:30pm Board of Directors Meeting	21 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm	22 Lunch 11:30 - 2pm Dinner 6 - 9:00pm Jack Frost Midwinters
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