



## COMMODORES' COMMENTS

- BY NANCY RANDALL & ANJIE MCCABE -

We kicked off March with a successful fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club at the Harbor Lanes Bowling Alley. We raised almost \$3,000 for their cause. Our teams had a fantastic time and we were recognized as a participant in the event.



— HYC AT BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE —

Many of you may have noticed that we are reaching out to the public. For instance, the club was featured in a Times Newspaper Article about our concerns over the windmill project. We have also included our race schedule in the Lost Coast Outpost in hopes that the public will come out to see us race.

This leads up to our Open House which is on April 6th from 2-4pm. If you are available that day, swing by the club and show your support by donating a dessert or speaking to visitors about our yacht club. Our social hour hosted by Mario and Bree Kalson is also on April 6th from 5-7pm.

We have three races scheduled for April, In-Bay Keel 1 & 2, plus an In-Bay Dinghy. If you are interested in watching the races, come by and watch from the balcony or from inside the club. We are very fortunate to have the best views of Humboldt Bay.

Co-Commodore Nancy Randall

### IN-BAY KEELBOAT RACES

The In-Bay Keelboat series involves four days of sailboat racing throughout the 2024 racing season. Boats tend to be 20 feet and up, with crews of up to 5 people. On each race day there are typically two to four races, depending on the wind conditions. All of the races are held in front of the Wharfinger Building, and either the clubroom or the parking lot are great places to watch the boats battle for first place. The starting/finishing line is between an anchored committee boat and daymarker #19. The first race on the series is on April 6th, and the second on April 27th. All races start at 1:00 p.m.

# WHISTLER

**OPEN HOUSE:  
SATURDAY  
APRIL 6TH 2-4PM**



**YOU ARE INVITED! ENJOY SOME COMPLIMENTARY DESSERTS AND DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIPS AT HUMBOLDT YACHT CLUB. WE HAVE BEEN SAILING SINCE 1938.**

**MEMBERS ENJOY THE BEST WATERFRONT VIEW WITH EXTRAORDINARY SUNSETS, UNLIMITED ACCESS TO THE CLUB HOUSE AND CLUB OWNED BOATS. WE HAVE MANY EVENTS INCLUDING RACING, TRAINING, AND SOCIAL PARTIES.**

## HYC DISCUSSION FORUM?

If you had't heard (or seen) yet, the yacht club now has place to discuss various topics without unnecessarily involving all club members in a particular discussion. Topics include racing, all things crew, for sale& wanted, social events, Board of Gov'nors stuff, general membership meetings, workshops & training, and the obligatory miscellaneous. Here is the link:

[Humboldt Yacht Club Discussion Board - Humboldt Yacht Club Discussion Board - Forum -](#)



### BOARD OF GOVERNORS

*Co-Commodores:*

**Nancy Randall & Anjie McCabe**

*Vice Commodore:*

**Ed Mattson**

*Rear Commodore:*

**Bill Wickman**

*Co-Secretaries:*

**Steve Buck & John Brown**

*Treasurer:*

**Garrett Coonrod**

*Port Captain:*

**Will Bagnall**

*Members At Large:*

**Darren Weiss**

**Caris Cassady**

**Mike Bynum**

*Immediate Past Commodore:*

**Wesley Hodges**

### HUMBOLDT YACHT CLUB

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# WHISTLER



## Clubhouse of the Humboldt Yacht Club 1959-1998

Here is the artwork that was the centerpiece of our calendar in 1995, showing the old Humboldt Yacht Club, built by club members in 1957 from the remains of the old Chicago Bridge and Iron Co. building. It was later moved to the Eureka Small boat basin and was dedicated on June 8, 1959. It served as the club's meeting room, race review and potluck location and was a

colorful place to meet and make sailing friends. For thirty years it provided club members with access, on-the-water convenience and an excellent view of Humboldt Bay. On November 10, 1998 the building was demolished to make room for extensive rehabilitation of the Small Boat Basin. The illustration was done by Marisol A. Bradley, daughter of John & Adrienne.

[Nautical Nonsense]

### “FAST”

Firmly attached, as for example, a line made fast to a piling, or “hold fast” as in “don’t move!” Thus a boat that appears to be unusually slow, may in fact be “fast.” Nautical terminology is full of these amazing paradoxes!



# WHISTLER

## HOW TO TIE A FAST BOWLINE

Here is a video from the *American Sailing* website about how to tie a bowline quickly. It is pretty neat. Impress your boating friends!

<https://asa.com/knots-made-easy-videos/#foobox-2/0/264327704>



Why Knots ???

## NEVER A ROPE AGAIN

- by Gail Forsewin -

Once you cut a piece of rope off the spool at the chandlery and bring it aboard your boat and give it a job to do, it is never called a "rope" again.

It becomes a "**line**" that you have put to work. Whatever job it is performing - - whether it becomes a jibsheet, a fender whip or a dock line - - there is an ideal knot, hitch or bend for its given task.

Generally, types of knots fall into three general categories. The first are those tied on the end of a line and are commonly called "*knots*," such as the bowline knot and the stopper knot. The second category are those used to join two lines together. They may have "*bend*" in their name, as in a sheet bend, because to bend, in sailor talk, means to join. The last group are those which secure a line to a cleat, piling or stanchion, and they are known as "*hitches*."

The ends of a line are referred to as either "working" or "standing." The working end is free, while the standing end is secured to something. A loop formed in a line is known as a "bight."

## keeping a weather eye:

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| Apr. 2  | Potluck & Member Mtg - 1800 hrs  |
| Apr. 6  | In-Bay Keel #1 - 1300 hrs        |
| Apr. 6  | Open House - 1400 hrs            |
| Apr. 6  | Social Hour - 1700 hrs           |
| Apr. 9  | Board of Gov'nors Mtg - 1800 hrs |
| Apr. 21 | In-Bay Dinghy #2 - 1300 hrs      |
| Apr. 27 | In-Bay Keel #2 - 1300 hrs        |

