



MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

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FROM YOUR COMMODORE



By the time this article goes to press, we will have already had our annual Work Day, so here is a big thank you to those who participated. Don't forget that makes Opening Day, March 7, just around the corner. I know the clubhouse and grounds will look great. A note to our new members: If you haven't signed the signature tablecloth, please look for it in the lobby on Opening Day and sign it. During the year, your name will be embroidered on it as a permanent addition to the cloth. This is a special part of club history and tradition.

Meanwhile, as usual in our club, the beat goes on. Larry Stayton has come on board by taking over the scheduling of our Tidelands Park commitment. Thank you Larry! The care of Tidelands Park is a special part in our relationship with the city.

Other noteworthy events that took place this past month were Jim and Rachelle Phillips arranging for a guitarist/singer to perform for one of our Friday night happy hours. It was great, and I hope we can have more live music at the club. Then there was Bill Austin who recently took on the job as one of the assistant port captains and boat counter. Bill donated four cases of wine to the club which made Jim, our bar steward, very happy. Thank you Bill from all of us. We're not done yet with the thank-yous. At happy hour the Friday before Valentine's Day, the social committee worked with the evening's hosts, Ray and Susie Berndt and Ralph and Evelyn Wessel, to put on a wonderful Valentines' party. It was topped off by Earl Tessman playing his Paraguayan harp. By the way, Earl had just had a pacemaker installed the prior week. Now that's what I call going the extra mile for the club. Thanks Earl!

I talked with Victor Nigro recently and he said we still have a small but loyal group of sailors coming out on Wednesdays to sail together. If any of you would like to sail for fun, I encourage you to come out. There are sailors always looking for crew. Give Victor a call and he will fill you in.

One more nicety I would like to mention. We recently had a visit from the Vice Commodore and Port Captain of San Francisco Yacht Club. As luck would have it, they were here on a Wednesday evening when Christy Duthie was putting on one of her great soup nights, so the club was open and filled with members. A week later I received a letter from the Vice Commodore thanking us for our hospitality, and saying that we have to be one of the friendliest clubs on the coast. Well, that's us!

One piece of business before I close for this month. Treasurer Stephanie Finlay has asked me to remind everyone that when you turn in money, whether it be for a social event, sailing event, etc., please put it in an envelope with the date, amount, event and

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Thanks for the great photos — Cheryl Gould, p. 1 & 6, Dot Rygh, p. 6, Marlene McQueen, p. 6 & 10



Editor's Note: Submissions to the *Masthead* are due by the third Friday of each month. You may e-mail your written material or digital photos or leave submissions in the *Masthead* box in the club's office. All submissions are subject to editing for content and space. We love your articles and photos!

Thanks to all who contribute!

HAPPY HOUR HOSTS

REMEMBER! In order for us to keep our liquor license, non-members are NOT ALLOWED behind the bar and all guests must sign the guest book located at the end of the bar.

If you have any questions about the operation of the bar, contact our Bar Steward, Jim Phillips.

If this is your first HOST ASSIGNMENT, contact the couple assigned with you and they will show you the ropes.

If unable to attend, it is your RESPONSIBILITY to find a replacement. Perhaps you could trade with someone else on the Host List.

Hosts serve snacks AND tend bar from 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM.

If you make a change, please let Polly know.

MARCH

- 5 Duncan and Marlene McQueen
Bill Austin / Michelle Voisenat
- 12 Jim Ross / Mary Flaven
Paul and Michelle Dunn
- 19 Alex and Stephanie Finlay
Bruce and Linda Humann
- 26 Scott and Lori Mather
Tom and Bette Jenkins

APRIL

- 2 Adriaan and Helma Smulders
John and Susanne Reiter
- 9 Wayne and Glen Ratliff
Luisa Deal / Mary Flaven
- 16 Tom and Noreen Martin
Gordon and Judy Robertson
- 23 Charles and Laura McCarren
Chuck and Pat Andell
- 30 Fred and Shauna Novy
Mark and Angela Soll

MAY

- 7 Bob Kile
Jeff and Kathe Davidson
- 14 Pat and Dot Rygh
Brent Knowles / Earl Tessman
- 21 Joe Fram and Bonnie Birch
Tom and Gail Spencer
- 28 Dennis Johnson and Anne Bernardo
Daniel and Ruth Lapp

— Polly Schneider

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please welcome the following new members.

Kerry and Pamela McCants James (Jim) and Sarah Orth

Polly Schneider has asked me to let you know she has a new email address.

By now many of you have been receiving your new laminated membership cards. If you see Wayne Ratliff, be sure to thank him for the work he did in bringing this about. It certainly made the making of cards this year a more pleasant task.

The new membership rosters are being prepared for mailing. If you see Helen Sicher, please thank her for all her great work with updates and preparing the files. Thanks also to Gale Leach for getting the file ready to be copied.

Please remember to mark your calendar for the General Meeting on April 3rd.

— René Morris, Membership Chairman

**PEOPLE NEWS**

Lots of fun on Friday, January 30th, when the club had a surprise show featuring the wonderful guitarist, Lance Robison, who sings and plays every Sunday evening at the Inn at Morro Bay. His original song, "Banana Moon," is featured in the movie of the same name in which he, along with club member, Sherrye Haynie, starred. A real treat for all our members, and may be featured in the Santa Barbara Film Festival.

(Commodore's Message continued from page 1)

your name on the envelope. Also please include all invoices and receipts for any charges or purchases you make for the club with an explanation of what they are for. This will make record keeping a lot easier.

Hope to see you on Opening Day!

Full Speed Ahead,
Doug

NOTE to all Members who have Donated Food for Opening Day:

Please come to a meeting at the club on Friday, March 5th, at 4:30 before happy hour.

Thanks,
Janet Elliott

FUN FLOAT March

Had a great float in February. We were able to sneak in between storms. There are still a lot of geese on the bay, but you can't get close enough to really goose them.



Since we missed our white elephant exchange party in December, we are going to have a Green Elephant exchange party. We will celebrate the "rites of Spring" on the sand spit. I'm trying to put together the dance of the Vestal Virgins, but tryouts aren't going very well.

Bring a gift (something you can live without very easily) and food and beverages. On Tuesday, March 23rd---10:30 from the dock.

— G.P.P.



Martini Night!

Happy hour on Friday, March 26th, brings a long-awaited night: Martini Night! In addition to the regular hosts for that night, Bill Lockwood will be an additional bartender making only martinis. Prices aren't known at press time — come on over and enjoy a couple of qualities of gin or vodka martini with an olive or a twist.

Bridge Group



Meets Fridays from 2:30 to 5:30 (before happy hour). We have 2 to 3 tables and would love to have you join us. All levels welcome, including novices.



— Jacque Kelly



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FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE



Greetings All. Well, by the time this is published, work day 2004 will be a thing of the past. I can safely say that with the will, spirit, and talent of our members, work day 2004 was a great success. Next month's column will be devoted to thanking all who participated in the fun!

The board has been moving forward with our deck repairs, Bob Kyle has assembled a top-notch gang to engineer and repair the pilings. There has been much discussion regarding the methods of repairs—it's great to work closely with members with such talent and skill.

The house is doing well. We have identified several projects for the coming year, one of which is to freshen the paint on the building—seems our facility has become faded over the years.

Through the efforts of James and Karen Clinton, we will be getting a good portion if not all of the paint needed to repaint the entire house free! The paint will match the existing color and the labor will be provided by a select group of folks. MEMBERS LIKE YOU! Staff Commodore Gammill has volunteered the use of his airless sprayer and his talent! Stay tuned for further details.

The Super Bowl party went off with great success, a good turn out and fun was had by all.

As you are probably aware, we have only had one negative plumbing episode this year (its only February): the galley sinks stopped up and had to be snaked out. I hope to get past the plumbing nightmare early on and not face it on the 4th of July. Poor Bud Moore had his hands full that day, literally!

One more item regarding the galley: we have suffered some loss of equipment from the galley again. We are going to be locking up the items not needed for day-to-day operations in the galley. Hopefully there will be no inconvenience to the members at large who regularly use the galley to heat tea, make sandwiches, and store food stuffs for regattas and events. Just the heavy tools and utensils will be stashed away.

Well I look forward to seeing you on the water.

Get out there and SAIL!!!!!!!

— John

FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE



Observations from the rear of the bus.

Racing during the month of February at MBYC was quite for the Bay fleet with all races being on the road. The Ocean fleet completed its schedule and welcomes Jim and Char Bruzenak's *Kinship II* to the fleet but is curious about how they manage to race with their engine

running without any detectable evidence and why their radio transmissions have comments like "I think the turkey needs another 20 minutes to brown."

It's time to update your US Sailing memberships. If you are a current member through the club's Golden Anchor Program, you will be updated/paid for and billed through the club. If you do not want to continue and choose to pay double race fees and not support sailing in the US (why????), you must notify me or the club secretary in writing by March 15. If you snooze you lose.

Other important thoughts:

- ☼ It's raining, finally. This is a good thing but will make racing this weekend a challenge and due to it's absence will make lake sailing a challenge this year.
- ☼ Lopez Lake is a great place to sail but.....safety boats are very important!!!!!!
- ☼ The sage thought expressed at a recent board meeting: "Just consider this issue one of maintenance and not a structural problem and should be considered much like painting" recently gave me a sense of false hope. On the way home from that meeting, both the front wheels of my truck fell off. After replacing the wheels and splashing some green paint on them, they fell off again after driving a few feet. ?????????? Was it the color of paint I used, Don????
- ☼and, yes Bill, the racing schedule has changed.

— Mitch



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FROM THE PORT CAPTAIN'S DOCK



A brief request from the Port Captain:

Any member can log in transient yachts and give them a key. When you do, please give them an envelope and ask them to fill out the information and pay in advance. If the boat's registered name has changed, write both new and old name on the envelope and in the register.

We still need someone to do the duty on Saturday. It takes less than half an hour on Saturday morning to log in the boats on the dock and guest moorings.

Last, we have a mooring available.

— Lynn

Lido Fleet 59

Twenty-two Lidos competed in the SCYA Midwinter Regatta held at the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club over the weekend of February 14 and 15. Two of our Fleet 59 members went and enjoyed a beautiful 2 days of great racing. Tom and Bette Jenkins came in 4th with 21 points (one 1st, two 3rds, two 4ths and one 6th).

Don and Kit Lockwood came in 10th place with 53 points.

Some of us have had a few weeks off, so let's get sailing again. March 6 is the 2nd in the Lopez Lake Series and will be at Lopez Lake. We're hoping for a really good turnout for Opening Day March 7, Winter 3 on March 13, Spring 1 on March 20, and the Lopez finals on March 27 & 28. See you on the water.

— Dot Rygh

Ocean Fleet News

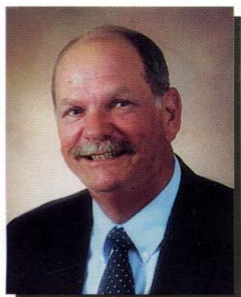
Since the last *Masthead*, the ocean fleet has had two races. Apparently the ocean fleet is taking on the characteristics of the old Laser fleet and is unaware of how to count. We raced Winter I and Winter III this month. This completed the Winter Series. Results are:

- 1st - Ron May, *Whizbang* (8 pts)
 - 2nd - Mitch Walker, *Lime Light* (8 pts)
 - 3rd - Jim & Char Bruzenak, *Kinship II* (10 pts)
- We had a total of 8 boats entered in the series.

The Devlin series will start up soon and then we have Opening Day to look forward to. I am determined that this year we will have more racers and hopefully more fun than years past. If you own an Ocean boat, don't be surprised if you get called, harassed, badgered, etc., until we get you to come race with us. Don't want to race, then don't—come out and sail with us instead. You might even have some fun in spite of us.

This article respectfully submitted by the Ocean Fleet Princess

	Winter I	Winter II	Winter III	Series Total
Whizbang	1	3	4	8
Limelight	3	2	3	8
Kinship II	2	DNF (6)	2	10
Iceman	DNC (9)	1	1	11
Guayacan	4	DNC (9)	DNC (9)	22
Califia	DNF (8)	DNF (6)	DNC (9)	23
Adriana	DNF (8)	DNC (9)	DNC (9)	26
Troublemaker	DNF (8)	DNC (9)	DC (9)	26



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Super Bowl Sunday



MBYC Cheerleaders Sherrye Haynie and Marlene McQueen score points with their great moves!

Quite a few members turned up at the club to enjoy the Super Bowl. Winners of the football pool were: Jacque Kelly, 1st Quarter; Gale and Richard Leach, 2nd and 3rd Quarters; and Fred Noy won both the 4th Quarter and the grand prize! Congratulations, all!



Big winner Fred Noy with Commodore Doug Gould



Valentine's Day

Congratulations to Carol and Don Vest who won the box of chocolates.

Earl Tessman played the harp beautifully, but Janet couldn't get the hang of it.



March 2004



Ocean Races start: 12:00 Noon
 Skippers' Meeting: 10:30 a.m.




Bay Races start: 11:00 a.m.
 Skipper's Meeting: 10:30 a.m.
 Friday Happy Hour Hosts Serve Snacks and Tend Bar from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	March 1	2	3	4	5	6
TIDELAND VOLUNTEERS						
March 1—Mal & Julie Towery; 5—Condon and Lockhart; 8—Evans and Walker; 12—Victor & Francoise Nigro; 15—John & Frances Budlong; 19—Bud & Jan Moore; 22—Fernandez and Srack; 26—Larry & Liz Salas; 29—Jorgens and Pye. Alternates: Lynn Meissen, Ted Miranda, Bob & India Pyeatt, Blaine & Maralee Parkin, Tom Haynie and Adriaan Smulders.						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
* (G18) Mann'g ABYC * Lido Schock NP 10:00am Opening Day -- Ocean and Bay Races (Pros: John N., Steve H.)		5:30pm Soup & Salad Night 	7:00pm Board Meeting 	4:30pm Meeting -- Food Donations for Opening Day 5:30pm Hosts: Duncan and Marlene McQueen / Bill Austin / Michelle Voisenat	10:30am Bay Race: Winter 3 (One Design; Pro: Steve H.) 	* (G18) Mann'g ABYC * Lido Schock NP
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		St. Patrick's Day 		5:30pm Hosts: Alex and Stephanie Finlay / Bruce and Linda Humann 7:00pm Masthead Articles Due 	5:30pm Hosts: Scott and Lori Mather / Tom and Bette Jenkins 5:30pm Martini Night! 	10:30am (If needed) Bay Race Makeup
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:30am Ocean Race: Spring 1 	10:30am Fun Float! 	5:30pm Soup & Salad Night 				* SLYC Lopez 10:30am Bay Race: Spring 1 (Arbitrary; Pro: Gail C.)
28	29	30	31			
* Lido Wood NP * SLYC Lopez						
April 2—Bob & India Pyeatt; 5—Blaine & Marilee Parkin; 9—Haynie & Smulders; 12—John & Frances Budlong; 16—Jim & Rachelle Phillips; 19—Mal & Julie Towery; 23—Condon & Lockhart; 26—Larry & Liz Salas; 30—Evans & Walker Alternates: Victor & Francoise Nigro, Lynn Meissen, Bud & Janice Moore, Ted Miranda.						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
*DS Folsom *G18 Pt Fernin CBYC Begin Daylight Savings				7:00pm Board Meeting	5:30pm Hosts: Wayne and Glen Ratliff / Luisa Deal / Mary Flaven	
				April Fool's Day	5:30pm Hosts: Adhnaan and Helma Smuders / John and Susanne Reiter	*DS Folsom MBYC General Meeting
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Easter 10:30am Ocean Race: Devilin 2		5:30pm Soup and Salad Night		5:30pm Hosts: Tom and Noreen Martin / Gordon and Judy Robertson	10:30am Ocean Race: San Simeon Run	
					Masthead Articles Due	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
					5:30pm Hosts: Charles and Laura McCarren / Chuck and Pat Andell	*Ensenada 10:30am Bay Race: Spring Z (Arbitrary)
25	26	27	28	29	30	
*Ensenada 10:30am Ocean Race: Spring 2			5:30pm Soup and Salad Night		5:30pm Hosts: Fred and Sharna Novy / Mark and Angela Soill	

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