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## FROM YOUR COMMODORE



Where do I start this month? It has to be Opening Day! My first thank you is to Janet Elliott and all of her workers. Opening Day is a huge organizational task and you pulled it off beautifully. And did you notice the bright new signal flags on the dock pilings? They were sewn and installed by John and Diane Mason. We were once again treated to the music of the Morro Bay High School Jazz Band. They are awesome! After the blessing of the fleet by Chaplain Bill Houston, our own Paul Dunn serenaded us with his bagpipes. The Coast Guard raised the flag, and Staff Commodore Roy Gammill rang six bells. Staff Commodore Bill Ullum fired the cannon, and we all jumped as we usually do when that darn thing goes off! I would also like to thank Pandora for organizing the boat parade. Also, thanks to Jim and Rachelle for making their boat available to lead the parade. Every one of our fleets was represented--the cruising fleet, racing fleet, and the power squadron. Bay and ocean races followed, what a day it was. Thanks again to everyone!

Switching gears, at the last board of directors meeting, March 11, Andrew Brown and Joss Giddings presented their schedule for summer sailing, which was approved. Good job guys! It looks like summer sailing will start up in April this year. While I am on the subject of board meetings, let me remind all of you that the first general meeting of the year is Saturday, April 3. Potluck at 6:00 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m. This is your chance to be part of the process, so let's have a big turnout.

Jumping ahead to the early part of May, here are some dates you will want to put on your calendar. The return of the amigos and the Cinco de Mayo dinner will be held on May 2. The Big Boat In and barbeque will be on May 8, and Mother's Day at Atascadero Lake on May 9.

That's all this month. I will see you around the club, and remember I've always got a minute!

Full Speed Ahead,  
Doug



**Thanks for the great photos!** — Cheryl Gould, Jan Masilun, Rachelle Phillips, Dot Rygh, John Taylor, Pandora Nash-Karner, Marc Kurth.



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 to [mbyc@mbyc.net](mailto:mbyc@mbyc.net) 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.

## APRIL

- 2 Adriaan and Helma Smulders  
John and Susanne Reiter
- 9 Wayne and Glen Ratliff  
Luisa Deal
- 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

## JUNE

- 4 Steve Nukes and Sally Mingo  
Peter and Anita Rothenbuecher
- 11 Donna and Andy Arozena  
Jean and Sandy Biscayart
- 18 Ken and Mary Bradley  
Chris and Anne Branch
- 25 Pete and Susan Canaan  
Gail Condon / Henriette Groot

— Polly Schneider

## People News



Our member Peggy Sanders from Lindsay, soon to be from Morro Bay, was named "Woman of the Year" for the 34th California Assembly District. She was presented with the award on March 15th in Sacramento.

Her accomplishments are too many to list, but among them are Woman of the Year 3 times, Mayor, cancer survivor 3 times, kept the Chamber of Commerce going, helped convert the local theater into a community theater, in charge of Lindsay Mural Committee, and Lindsay Cultural Arts Council, and more.

A well-deserved award, and we will be glad to have them over here full time. I think she deserves a rest!!!!

— Charlene Evans

## Videos Available in the Club Library



Chuck Andell, one of our newer members, has donated to the MBYC library copies of videos he's taken at recent events. The videos may be checked out and duplicated as desired. Videos currently on file include Opening Ceremonies and Boat Parade 2002; Ladies Bay Race Regatta, October 2003; Oktoberfest 2003; MBYC Tree Trim and Children's Santa Claus Party 2003; Opening Ceremonies and Boat Parade 2004.

Thanks, Chuck, for your contribution to club history and for sharing your talents with the MBYC in this way!

## Hippety Hoppety The Easter Bunny



... is coming to the Happy Hour on April 9th. Peter Rabbit is having an Easter Bonnet Contest.

The lady or gentleman with the funniest, prettiest, or most unusual will receive a prize.

## Bridge Group

Meets Fridays from 2:30 to 5:30. We have 2 to 3 tables and would love to have you join us. All levels welcome, including novices. — Jacque Kelly



## Morro Bay Yacht Club General Meeting Saturday, April 3rd

6 pm to 7 pm Potluck  
7 pm to 9 pm Meeting



### Looking for Help with Mailing

In addition to the great job she does as Club Secretary, Glenda Boatman also takes care of preparing and mailing all of the newsletters that are sent each month (including the one you're holding!). She enjoys the job, and other folks often help her fold, staple, and label. She has asked me to include a note requesting additional help, however, and says she is looking for someone who would eventually like to take over the job completely.

If you have a little time to spare once a month, we could certainly use your help. Contact Glenda if you are interested or to find out more about what's involved. Thanks! — Ed.



### FUN FLOAT

Are you ready for an oral experience? Then join the Flotsam Flotilla for our April paddle to the mouth of the bay. We're going to try to find out where all this water comes from at high tide and where it goes to at low tide. It's one of those questions that has puzzled man (and woman) for eons.

One must be brave to go to the mouth because there are really big things out there.

We will leave the dock at 10:30 on Monday, April 26th.

— G.P.P.



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## FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE



Work Day was a complete success. I would like to take the time to thank each and every one who participated. Here goes. Let me take you on a working tour of our club facility.

Team Califia, Pandora Nash and crew, polished all the brass in the club, door handles, building numbers, ship's bell on the race

deck, Brasso and elbows were a flying. Speaking of the front/street side of the building, our electrician's mate first class Frank Woods ripped out the old, rusting, recessed light fixtures and said "let there be light" and new light fixtures appeared. Frank also took care of painting the safety stripe on the dock and white on the dock railing.

Inside, Janet Elliot and Cheryl Gould polished trophies, Henrietta Groot stripped down the Commodore's wall and re-arranged the pictures, cleaned all the frames and replaced frames as necessary, and some minor modifications were made to the pictures in the down stairs stairway and dining room. All of our windows in the club were cleaned by Marlene Mc Queen and Laura Masterson. Laura also took care of most of the window coverings. She even braved the mess in the office and cleaned the blinds. Stephanie Finlay's eyes will be happier in the office now! Christy gutted the galley, added locks to the lower cabinets to make storage more efficient for hamburger nights and social hour supplies storage. Kenton Hendricks engineered bracing for the above-counter storage. Christy, Janet, Bobby and the rest of the galley crew will appreciate the pots and pans overhead staying there and not crashing down. There was also a new smoke detector installed in the galley!

The shower grout was handled this year by Candy Botich, and Bruce Masterson repaired the radio cabinet upstairs and re-hung radio. The dining room and foyer were repainted with the Paint Gang, Luisa Deal was the whip, Jim Bruzenak was the voice of reason, and I had procured the wrong color paint. Jim and Luisa jumped in with many volunteers and knocked out the down stairs, foyer, hallway and parts of the bar area. WOW, what a difference. Roy Gammil and Jim Bruzenack, Larry Slayton, Dave Shinn, Bev Gammil and Jack Daily all got a lot of antique white on their hands and faces!

Barb and Jim Lewis cleaned the upstairs sliding windows and doors. Our new member Jim Orth took the

Laundry room and cleaned, dusted, polished and generally made us look good to all the cruisers who use our facility. Instead of coming out of a closet, Pat Rygh cleaned and organized all of our closet space. Bill Lockhart is the varnish master, this seems to be an ongoing process, weather permitting.

Char Lea Bruzenack removed, dusted, repaired and re-hung all the burgees in the club. During and after the paint crew had there way with the down stairs walls.

Gary Raine took the time to replace all the fasteners with screws in all the safety slats between the rails on the upper and lower deck. All the parents of Cameron age children feel more comfortable knowing our kids are safe on the decks.

To get back inside we forgot to mention or furniture repair/painter, you probably know him as the Rear Commodore, not, Mitch Walker touched up all the wooden furniture upstairs. Didn't spill any paint on the carpet and it wasn't GREEN! Max and Helen Sicher cleaned up all the chair cushions During Mitch's painting frenzy. Max and Helen held there own, the were not painted GREEN!

Larry Salas, Bill Ullum and John Neiswanger all helped to organize/straighten up the boat yard storage shed. God only knows what that crew threw away! Who's asking?

The weed situation in the yard will be sprayed by Skip and Tommy when we have some consistent weather!

Picture frames in the club were all cleaned and straightened by Chuck Andell and Jacque Kelly.

Not to overlook our very own vivacious Librarian, Janet Elliot she and her trusty gang removed all the books, cleaned out the dust and junk, replace all the shelve pins, organized once again all the books and cleaned the book case door glass.

Our piano was lovingly oiled and cleaned by Gale Leach while Richard Leach cleaned up the fire place. A cozy little alliance!

Donna Arozena, aside from taking care year-round of the tarmac planters, cleaned and oil soaped all the wood paneling in the club house to a warm, beautiful glow.

Stephanie Finlay took care of the rest of the club's seating, cleaning up our chairs, along with keeping a watchful eye on the receipts for workday purchases.

During the months preceding workday, Victor Nigro leveled and set all the red brick along the Embarcadero street fence line. Not a weed or brick was missed, Victor keeps a watchful eye on this project of his year round.

LUNCH TIME. Christy and her Galley crew cooked



## FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE

enough spaghetti to feed the Pacific Fleet! But to all the work that was accomplished that day, we all put a big dent in her creation. Plenty of leftovers for the cold and tired racers and hamburger Wednesdays.

To keep the thirsty workers on the job, Jim and Rachelle Phillips kept the drinks (soft) flowing. Jim and Rachelle also gutted the bar, the closet and cold boxes, oil soaped the bar top and front, and generally overhauled the bar! Year round they do a magnificent job keeping us all hydrated/lubricated!

During all of this cornucopia of work projects, it was sprinkling/raining. Our staff Commodore Ron May patiently sat outside in the rain and repaired the bomber's bilge pump, replaced the pump, and repaired the wiring. Last year's Port Captain was no Thomas Edison.

Now to partially wrap this up, we have visited all points of the club. Think of all the items and things that came into the club, now we can hear a report from the man who keeps things flowing out. That would be Duncan McQueen. Duncan has reported that the club's plumbing, although old and touchy, is in working order. A grand job of checking our plumbing!

To all the folks who, when their tasks were finished or waiting for supplies, just jumped into the fray and helped out in other jobs. THANK YOU! To name a savior would be Jim Brose, he was the official procurer of materials (go-fer). Way understated! Jim made things easier or possible for all of us to keep going, providing countless trips to Miner's and where ever else we sent him, without a complaint!

Thanks to the following folks: Gail Condon, Jim and Karen Clinton (they facilitated the paint for the club exterior). Dick Evans, Freddie Fernandez, the lovely Sherry Haynie, Tom Haynie, Jim Lewis, Lynne Meissen, Rene Morris, Pedro Rothenbuecher, Allan and Carol Ann Stephens, Peter Wolff, Karol Vogt, Ralph Wessel, Kerry and Pam McCants, Larry Stayton, Andrew Brown.

Please forgive me if I have overlooked you in this article. As I write this, I am humbled and blessed to be member of an organization so rich with spirit and talent, all of which in culmination paid off to a wonderful opening day.

Thanks to all, opening day was awesome, the weather was great, and the club stands tall.

See you on the water,

— John

## FROM THE PORT CAPTAIN'S DOCK



To all who store a boat at the club: This is be kind to the Port Captain week.

Identify your boat with your name or its name or CF #. Tenders should have the name of the mother ship in a visible place. Send in your insurance declaration when you renew. Send me a

note or an e-note if you move your boat from its assigned location. (No, this does not refer to USING it.) Billing changes will be effective on the date that I receive the written notice.

I feel like I'm playing guessing games and I'm losing. Thank you for your cooperation.

— Lynn



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# Opening Day!

Many thanks to those who helped make 2004 Opening Day a great success. A special thank you to Mother Nature for perfect weather.

Due to limited space, we are unable to list everyone's name. However, the following numbers will show how much help we received. Forty members brought food, and 21 ladies and 15 men had assigned jobs on Sunday, all of

which guaranteed our guests an enjoyable day.

Thanks to Rev. William Houston for being with us again, and thanks for the toe-tapping music of the Morro Bay High School Jazz Band.

Without all of the above help, no way would our celebration have been a success.

— Your Activities Group

*[See the MBYC Web Site ([www.mbyc.net](http://www.mbyc.net)) for larger, color versions of these photos as well as quite a few more!]*







# Ocean Fleet News

This is a short article on my part as I am madly packing up to take part in the NOOD regatta in San Diego. The Mastersons with their Ultimate 20, and Tom, Christina, John, and I with "Iceman" will be proud to represent Morro Bay Yacht Club in this larger, fun regatta. We hope to report back on our fun later. In Morro Bay, the Ocean Fleet continues to have fun races, and we are enjoying the recent wonderful weather. We have sailed the first Devlin race and Opening Day.

## Devlin I results:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ron May's "Whizbang"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Jenkins' "Iceman"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bruce Masterson's Ultimate 20
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mitch Walker's "Limelight"

## Opening Day results:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ron May's "Whizbang"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Ratliff's "Voyager II"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tom Jenkins' "Iceman"
- 4<sup>th</sup> Lynn Meissen's "Guayacan"
- 5<sup>th</sup> Jim Bruzenak's "Kinship II"

The results so far seem to see Ron May consistently leading the fleet. On that note, the Ocean Fleet has had Ron May write a short description of his winning boat and team.

"WHIZBANG" is a 1986 Canadian-built 33' sloop displacing about 11,000 pounds with a 4,000 pound lead keel for ballast. She has 511 sq. feet of sail plus a spinnaker with an 18 hp Yanmar diesel for no-wind conditions. She is fully equipped and has hot and cold pressurized water, along with a 3-burner stove including oven. Learning this boat was like learning a new airplane. There's the power plant, electronics, hydraulics, head, fuel system, galley, and controls.

"My crew: Andrew Brown, who grew up in the juniors, is my bowman. John Michner, who I met as my plumber, is my mastman. Jim Barbour, who is my port jib trimmer, is a neighbor. Mike Moore, who is my starboard jib trimmer, I

met through my pharmacy. Phillip Langston, my mainsail trimmer, grows the tomatoes I buy at farmer's market. Kevin Donahue, my floater, is a student at Cuesta. With the exception of Andrew, these people are all new to sailing and we are still learning together. BTW, Phillip broke his wrist during a jibe 6 weeks ago and Greg Barker, a club member, has been filling in on the mainsail trim.



"So you see there is crew out there where you least expect it. When I was planning the purchase of my boat for racing, I assumed I would use members of the club for crew. However, for whatever reason, that didn't happen. If anyone is interested in becoming a crewmember, there is always some boat that needs crew each race. Skippers meeting is at 1030 on race day, that's a good place to find a ride."

Hopefully this will inspire you to come out and race with us. The schedule is posted on the MBYC web site and comes out each month in the Masthead.

See you out sailing,

— Bette Jenkins (Still the Ocean Fleet Princess)



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# Bay Fleet News

We completed the Bay Fleet Winter Series last Saturday, March 13. We had three separate fleets. Arbitrary was Andrew Brown first in Winter 3 and the Jenkins twins were second.



Day Sailer  
Results were  
Gail Condon  
and Kevin Wil-  
liams winning  
the trophy for  
the Series as  
well as winning  
Winter 3. Sec-  
ond in Winter 3  
was John  
Neiswanger and  
Kenton  
Hendricks.  
Third in Winter  
3 (a new skipper  
to the fleet),  
John Taylor and  
Victor Nigro as  
crew.

Lido Results



were Dot and Pat Rygh winning the trophy for the Winter Series as well as second place in Winter 3. Second place in the Series went to team Salas. Third went to Peter and Anita Rothenbuecher as well as 1st place in Winter 3. Jim Orth (our newest Lido skipper) and crew Christy Duthie were third in Winter 3. The Lidos had seven entries in the Winter Series.

1st place Gail Condon & Kevin Williams  
2nd place Victor and Laura Masterson  
3rd place Michael Measures and Dana McClish

The Atascadero Sailing Society will start up their Wednesday El Toro Fleet as soon as daylight savings times go on. They want to encourage all the El Toro sailors to get their boats ready for the Memorial Day (May 31) Regatta to be held at Atascadero Lake. More in next month's *Masthead* from the regatta pros, Dot, Pat & Don.

— Dot Rygh  
Lido Fleet  
Captain



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Scenes from the Harbor  
in Morro Bay





# Day Sailer Fleet 128

Fleet 128 sailed a couple of races in March 2 of these at the club, opening day and winter 3. Opening day saw several sailors hitting the line of this arbitrary race. Among those in the Day Sailer fleet were Victor Nigro (Tiller Time), Michael Measures (Full Circle), Gail Condon (Student Driver). Race one saw the fleet heading up to channel marker 8, then back for a return parade down the bay around E, and finally to finish. Hitting the starting line exceptionally well were Full Circle and Tiller Time, kudos to those teams. Hitting the line within five minutes of the starting gun was Student Driver—remember, do not drift too far away from the line before the start, currents and wind shifts maybe your undoing. Heading back to E, Student Driver picked a chance winger line to E and it paid off in the offshore breezes. Remember offshore breezes mean that the wind comes off of the shore on its way to the ocean, therefore any boats between you and the wind will steal your wind.

Race two was anybody's race for the first half with the lead exchanging between most of the Fleet 128. Race three was a quick drag race out to the sand spit, back to a mark that John Neiswanger and Kenton Hendricks had set on the edge of the navigable channel, then back to the spit and home. Tiller Time again saw a great start with Student Driver snuggled along side and above. On the way to the sand spit, the racers encountered a large sailboat that was motoring along quickly and unfortunately directly adjacent to the first mark. Student driver missed the tip of the bowsprit by less than two inches hoping to keep it close enough to catch Victor before the end of the race. Close behind was Full Circle. Mark two saw a quick spin and back out to the sand spit. Now, normally this would be the ideal time for Student Driver to fly their infamous chute. But it was rigged wrong, so the chute stayed in the bag, and the win went to Victor Nigro on Tiller Time. At the trophy deck, it was Full Circle third, Tiller Time second, and Student Driver first. Thus ended opening day.

Winter three saw some more great racing, this time with Steve and Tammy Hendricks acting as the race committee. Up on the line for the first start saw Lemon Head (John Neiswanger's Boat), Student Driver, Sparkle Plenty, Doin Time, John Taylor's boat, and Gary Raine's boat (as yet un-named). The first race saw Lemon Head off to an early lead with Student Driver desperately taking classes to keep up with the pace. Heading from 8 to 10 and back to 8 again, the boats were parked close to each other with spinnakers overhanging competing boats; heading back up

to 8, Lemon Head made a crucial mistake by not staying between Student Driver and the next mark. Student Driver tacked off heading to the new wind that was building on the left hand side of the course, and Lemon Head stayed in the channel in light wind and heavier currents. When the two boats crossed tacks again, Student Driver was a hundred yards in the lead, all in just a matter of minutes.

Race two saw a new comer to the fleet sailing with a long time member in the fleet finish high in the rankings. John Taylor and his very fast boat hugged the Lemon Head stern right to the very end of race two with Student Driver struggling to hold a third after missing a mark and almost finishing prematurely.

After eight races and three separate days of conditions, the Winter series trophy came down to the last race, with

John Neiswanger and Gail Condon both being within striking distance of the win. Let us pause here and remember the rules of the road: starboard has right of way over port. The second rule that played into the start was that a boat, even if over early, has rights until that boat has begun its way back to clear the start line. Race three and the win was over at the starting line. Lemon Head was unsuccessfully attempting to start on port at the pin end, unfortunately fouling Student Driver which was busy charging down the line, albeit barely able to lay the line on starboard. Although Lemon Head gave a good effort to catch Student Driver, the win slipped away. Race three and the Winter series trophy went to Gail Condon and Student Driver.

Two races are on the horizon and may well be over by the time everyone one receives this: they are the Lopez series and the Big Dinghy series at Richmond Yacht Club. If you have any questions about upcoming travel races, please contact Kevin Williams and I will be glad to answer them or direct you to someone who can answer them.

Cheers, Kevo





Bay Races start: 11:00 a.m.  
Skipper's Meeting: 10:30 a.m.  
from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Tideland Volunteers — April</b> 2—Bob & India Pyeatt; 5—Blaine & Maralee 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.						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
*DS Folsom				7:00pm Board Meeting	5:30pm Hosts: Wayne and Glen Ratliff / Luisa Deal / Mary Flaven	
*G18 Pt Fermin CBYC Begin Daylight Savings					Easter Bonnet Parade/Contest (at Happy Hour)	
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 2 (Arbitrary)
<b>Tideland Volunteers — May</b> 3—Blaine & Maralee Parkin; 7—Bob & India Pyeatt; 10—John & Frances Budlong; 14—Ted & Anne Miranda; 17—Mal and Julie Towery; 21—Condon & Lockhart; 24—Larry & Liz Salas; 28—V&F Nigro and C. Walker; 31—T. Haynie						
25	26	27	28	29	30	
*Ensenada 10:30am Ocean Race: Spring 2	10:30am Fun Float to the Mouth of the Bay (and Back)		5:30pm Soup and Salad Night		5:30pm Hosts: Fred and Shauna Novy / Mark and Angela Soll	

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