



MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

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FROM YOUR COMMODORE



Ahoy Mates,

I now know why members of the sailing fleets come home from away sailing events tired and completely worn out. The Admiral and I recently joined members of the Bay Fleet at Lake Lopez and we can now attest to the fact that a full day spent in 77 degree weather, under a clear blue sky, stretched out in a deck chair with a sandwich in one hand and a cold beer in the other, isn't for the weak and uncommitted. A highlight of the day was watching three Junior Yacht club members compete with the adults. Juniors' Director Bruce Masterson brought Josh Wheeler, Nathan Friedman, and Eric Martin to the lake along with their boats and all seemed to have a good time.

If you have looked at the Bomber lately you may have noticed that it is riding much higher in the water these days. Thanks to the MBYC Juniors, the Bomber and out-drive are free of all the creatures that inhabit the bottom sides of boats. While the young folks scraped away, Brian Monroe worked on the engine and by the end of the day it went back into the water in much better shape than it came out.

If you paid your dues you should have received your new 2006 membership card. If you did, you can thank Membership chair John Schmidt and, if you didn't, give John a call. I hope all of you who have had a change in address or phone number have submitted the change to John as he is hard at work updating the club roster.

The Board of Directors, at its February meeting, approved the purchase of 6 Optimist sail boats. The new boats will provide a foundation for getting MBYC Juniors involved in competitive sailing.

There is a lot happening this month. Work Day is scheduled for March 11th and Opening Day for Sunday March 26th. Lots of folks are hard at work making sure that Opening Day 2006 is special as it will mark the 50th anniversary of the club. We do hope that all of you are making plans to attend.

It isn't too early to mention that Saturday, April 8th will be our General Membership Meeting so please set that date aside and plan to attend. At this time the agenda includes an approval for Life Membership, a discussion of plans to service the mooring field, the possible need to replace dock pilings, and, maybe, a report from our audit committee. Speaking of the Audit Committee, it is being chaired by Lee Drocco and includes Ken Riener and our current treasurer Cynthia Wimer.

Speaking of meetings, please note that I post our MBYC Board Of Director's agenda for our upcoming meeting outside the office door one week before the meeting. Should you ever want to leave the comfort of your warm living room on any second Thursday of the month, please drop by and attend a lively and exciting meeting of your Board of Directors.

Vice Commodore McClish has informed me that the House Committee is complete with the additions of Port Captain Jeff Davidson and Gary Raine. I will sleep better at night now knowing that the house is in such capable hands and you will know whom to call when the need occurs.

Until the sun sets over the yard arm.....

Jim Phillips, Commo-



Thanks for the great photos! — Rachelle Phillips: pg 7; Barbara Earl: pg. 7; Dot Rygh: pg. 7; Judy Salamacha: pg. 8; Dana McClish: pg. 5.



Editor's Note: Submissions to the *Masthead* are due by the 21st of each month. You may e-mail your written material or digital photos to mbyc@mbyc.net or send them to Sharon Brooks . 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 questions about the operation of the bar, contact our Bar Stewards, Manny Fimbres or Peter Behman. 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.

“SURPRISE!” From now on the club will furnish paper products and plastic ware for Host Night. Hosts tend bar from 5:30 to 7:30 pm AND serve snacks at 6:00 till 7:30.

If you make a change, please let Polly know.

MARCH 2006

- 3 Greg and Jennifer Barker
Don and Gail Phares
- 10 Manny and Lola Fimbres
Bob and Barbara Schwenoha
- 17 Pandora Nash-Karner
Alan and Carol Ann Stephens
Terry and Judy Wier
Karol Vogt
Michelle Voisenat
- 24 Peter and Jeanette Wolff
Roger and Victoria Marlin
- 31 Jeff and Sally Davis
Forrest and Frances Martin

APRIL 2006

- 7 Ron and Nancy May
Andrew Brown
Bill Peirce
- 14 Fred and Shauna Novy
Matt and Adrienne Jenkins
- 21 Tom and Bobbie Jermin
Thor and Diana Ourston
- 28 Dennis Johnson and Anne Bernardo
Lynn Meissen
Paul Stormoen

May 2006

**5 CINCO DE MAYO
Dinner \$5.00**



- Salas & Lockwood
- 12 John and Terry Miron
John Duthie
Christina Campolmi
- 19 Ted and Iris Jacobson
Paul Reynolds and Virginia Severa
- 26 Doug and Barbara Riddell
Bob and Judy Salamacha

— Polly Schneider

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Greeting fellow boaters. The last couple of months have been quiet in the membership arena. Zero perspective members are up for vote.

The **2006 Membership Cards** have been printed, signed, and laminated. As your 2006 Membership dues are returned to the club, we will be mailing out the membership cards.

Thank you to all those who took the time to review and submit your personal changes for the **2006 Membership Roster**. You will be seeing the new Roster in the mail soon.

Albert and Molly Rakestraw and **Ken and Betsy Cave** will be up for vote in the April General Election for **Life Membership**. Requirements for Life membership is 25 years of uninterrupted membership and has attained the age of 65, as stated in the By-Laws.

See you on the water,

— John Schmidt, Membership Chairman

**HEAR YE -- HEAR YE
NOW SHOWING:
OPENING DAY, 26th of MARCH
2006
“THE SIGNATURE TABLECLOTH”**

A showing of one day only: our one and only **Signature Tablecloth** will be on display at the “**Welcoming Table**” Sunday the 26th of March. All **new members** are requested to be sure to sign in **on** the tablecloth as they enter the club. Visitors will sign the Guest Book.

This is a tradition that had it’s beginning in 1979 and as of this date we have approximately 229 members’ signatures on the cloth. Volunteers have embroidered all signatures in a variety of colors to make them everlasting. Our thanks go to last years’ volunteers Karen Clinton and Sarah Orth.

For members that can’t remember if they have signed the tablecloth in previous years, please check the list of names that will be on the table. If your name is listed please do not sign again as you are “on the cloth”.

Volunteers will be needed to embroider the new signatures. If you can help out please call me..

See you on Opening Day

Helen Sicher

FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE



All hands on deck! All hands on deck! Prepare the club for Opening Day! This of course, means “work day”. Need I repeat the date? **March 11, 2006.** Many members have signed up for designated jobs, but come anyway and I’ll happily delegate jobs that might not be on the never-ending list. In the event of foul weather, the date will move to March 18th.

In anticipation of work-day, there have been several pre-work day contributors I’d like to thank:

- Diane Mason for making a new burgee for our mast and new flags for the dock pilings - you will see their splendor on Opening Day;
- Our resident electrician, John Bodine, for replacing bathroom light switches;
- Michael and Sharon Brooks for donating a spare refrigerator of which the bar-stewards are making good use and that is kept in the storeroom;
- Gary and Helena Raine for installing the drip system on the bank
- Joni Wells for helping make a sign for the hoist;
- Anne and Renee Morris for donating their DaySailor for the Summer Sailing program;
- Jim and Christie Hoxter for donating a 12 ft. Tender with outboard to use as a safety/chase-boat to the Junior YC program; and
- John Neiswanger and Brian Monroe for getting the outboard for the Bomber back on-line!

Further, there were a few more items in the fix-it category completed.

- ✓ Replaced the electric relay on the hoist.
- ✓ The ice machine in the bar was repaired and is making ice once more.
- ✓ Replaced the shower drain cover in the Ladies Bathroom.
- ✓ Replaced the hinge on the front gate.
- ✓ Adjusted both bathroom door hinges.
- ✓ The stove in the Galley is back online.
- ✓ The fire extinguishers have been recharged and inspected.
- ✓ Water line to dock repaired.



The 2006 “House Committee” includes the following members: Gary Raine, Jeff Davis, and myself as Chairman. If anyone wishes to participate on the Committee, feel free to contact me.

You may recall my plea last month for Optimist prams for our Juniors. You should see these **new boats** stowed with the Lasers when not being sailed on the bay!

See you on March 11th if not before!

V.C. Dana McClish



FUN FLOAT

Fun Float March 16th 11:00 AM

All of those that went with us on our Feb. float are now walking with a few more muscles. It was a snap going out with the tide and the wind at our backs, however, things were certainly different on the way back. We paddled back into the teeth of the gale, but with sheer determination and great fortitude we all made it back safely.

Our March float is the one many of you have been waiting for. On Thursday, March 16th at 11:00 AM we will depart from the dock. Head for the Bayside Cafe. If you don't want to paddle, please join us there by car, foot, airplane or skateboard. We should be there by 11:30.



Lá Fhéile Pádraig

Happy St. Patrick's Day
 MBYC Happy Hour, March 17

Come join us for Irish cheer,
 Though there'll be no green beer,
 It would sure be a kick
 If you quoted a limerick...

Leprechauns from *Team Califia*
 Will have fun sailing trivia,*
 Great food for us all,
 And Irish music to fill the hall.

*Prizes, so come prepared!

Pandora Nash-Karner, Alan & Carol Ann Stephens,
 Karol Vogt, Michelle Voisenat, Judy & Terry Weir



FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE



The month of February was a very busy one. February was the month that everyone really wanted to sail and endured great weather opposition. We held three races, two in the bay and one out on the ocean. The bay races were held in bizarre weather conditions. Heavy offshore winds for Winter Three, and rain, hail and shift winds in Spring One. The Ocean fleet waited out the rain and held a very good race.

Winter III for the bay fleet was held during the winter makeup option. The Bay fleet also held Spring One. Winter Three was held by the Ocean Fleet and Greg Barker also held the fleet's first social get together immediately after the race. In addition the club also held a rules clinic, and a short on the water start clinic with rules in application.

Dan McDonald won the first of the Spring series, with Victor Nigro and Susan Wiley only one point behind Dan for second place. Sam and Earnie Studer are also giving it a good show with their new boat, "In Hot Water". The bay fleet also participated in the San Luis Yacht Club's annual Lopez Lake Series. Among those in attendance, Steve and Kenton Hendricks, Tom Jenkins, Gail Condon and myself, Lex and Lolo Budge, and again Sam and Earnie Studer showed up there as well. A very busy month of sailing.

February was a very defining month for the tempo of the rest of the year for the Morro Bay Yacht Club. We held seven races in fairly rough conditions with most competitors racing for the entire series regardless of wind and race conditions. Congratulations to all.


In March we have several races to run and compete in. Spring Two in the bay, Opening day for both fleets, and the Devlin series begins for the Ocean Fleet. We also have a work day to get all of the resources back up to speed and in working order. I hope to see you all out there on the water.

A wonderful job was done by the Race Committees for the past 2 Bay races they were: Jim Bruzenak, PRO; Char Bruzenak, Doug Gould, Alex Finlay, Gary and Helena Raine, Jim Orth, Larry Earl and Gail Condon, PRO; Gary and Helena Raine, Doug Gould, John Taylor, and Frank Wood.

Kevo

People News

Jack Barrett, was again elected President for the Chamber of Commerce. He is shown here with his wife Barbara and Sherry Haynie, the Ambassador Director for the Chamber.

**April 8
General Meeting
7:00pm**

Potluck @ 6:00pm



CINCO DE MAYO


HAPPY HOUR DINNER
MAY 5TH
\$5.00

Salas & Amigos

WORK DAY

Please come and help get our club in SHIP SHAPE!

MARCH 11th



FROM THE PORT CAPTAIN'S DOCK

All is well at the Port. I would like to ask all current boat owners renting Yacht Club Moorings to make sure you have a minimum of \$250,000 of liability insurance on your boat. Please provide a current copy of the insurance to the office (in the Port Captain's mailbox), or slip it in the mail slot with a note to put it in the Port Captain's mailbox.

Jeff Davidson



From your Board of Directors

Kids are not to be left unattended in the club.

Please! Members only behind the bar.

When paying your club bill, do not slide it under the office door.
Use the mail slot.

MBYC is a Wireless Access Point

On the dock: Yellow is for small boat sailors
Red for member use
Unpainted transient use
Raft up if necessary to give all a chance at the dock.

April 8th - GENERAL MEETING



MORRO BAY JUNIOR YACHT CLUB



This month the Morro Bay Yacht Club is featuring Eric Martin. Eric is the grandson of MBYC members, Forest and Francis Martin. Eric lives in Clovis with his mom, Lynn and attends Clark Intermediate School. Eric loves to visit grandma and grandpa and go sailing and surfing. When at home Eric likes to build model airplanes. In the future, Eric hopes to go to college in Colorado and become a pilot. He has been a Junior for 5 years.

A group of Juniors, led by Vice Commodore Dana McClish, helped our head Bomber mechanic, Brian Monroe, clean and shine our floating institution.

We'd like to thank our Board of Directors for approving the purchase of 6 Optimist prams. These boats will be used for our younger Juniors (age 8 - 12), providing a boat small enough to single-hand. This is a very competitive sailing class that they can stay with until they are ready for Lasers.

On February 12, Josh Wheeler, Eric Martin, and Ante Friedmann competed in Lopez 1, sailing Lasers.



Ocean Fleet News

Our Winter 2 ocean race went off successfully despite minor setbacks and my own learning curve. Rumor had it that our club mark was missing, so we dropped it from the course at the last minute. The final course was a 5.5 mile upwind leg to Constantine Rock, 4.3 miles downwind back to 18EB, then 1.5 miles downwind to finish.

Six boats showed up to race: Voyager II (Norseman 447), Whizbang (C&C33), Kiskedee (F&C44), Pampered Princess (Cal 25), Guayacan (Alden 43), and Califia (Islander 28). We didn't have a committee boat, so Wayne Ratliff invited me to crew aboard Voyager II. I divided the boats into A fleet with PHRF ratings between 222 and 291 and B fleet with ratings between 120 and 135. The A fleet started at 1200, followed in 10 minutes by the B fleet.

The wind was about 5 knots from the NW at the start, with 7 foot swells having about a 12 second period. Guayacan had a good start, edging Califia, with Pampered Princess over third. Among the B Fleet, Whizbang had lingered near the starting line, and crossed the line first with little speed as Voyager II came up from behind at about 3.5 knots. Whizbang was able to accelerate quickly, however, and maintained their lead as we headed for Constantine.

The other boats stalled in the vicinity of the start as Whizbang and Voyager II slowly made way to the first mark. The wind began to build as a fog bank cleared, and eventually the two lead boats were in clear air and wind while the rest of the fleet had to wait for their fresh breeze.

Whizbang maintained the lead around the first mark. Voyager II did better on the second leg off the wind, and caught up to Whizbang and got into position to steal their wind. Whizbang came around behind and tried the same maneuver with less success, probably because of Voyager II's taller rig. Both boats surfed along side one another at up to 8 knots, with sometimes as little as 5 feet between us. Voyager slowly pulled ahead, and was about five boat lengths ahead as we rounded the second mark and tightened

up into a broad reach, spinnaker still flying.

Voyager II was able maintain the lead to the finish, but it was not enough to win on corrected time. In the meantime, the rest of the fleet was enjoying the benefits of the stronger wind. The crews of Guayacan and Califia reported that they were neck and neck (bow and bow?) at end, with Guayacan crossing the finish just 10 seconds ahead of Califia. Guayacan took first in the A fleet and was third in the overall standings, with Voyager II second and Whizbang first.

Last month I suggested an instructional event, and a number of members have indicated interest in a spinnaker clinic. I have made some initial inquiries, and am hoping to pull something together by March 19. Please let me know of your interest if you are not on my regular e-mail distribution list for ocean fleet events.

I've exchanged some e-mails and had lunch with members of the San Luis Yacht Club's race committee. I have proposed starting our race scheduled for April 2 off Point Buchon to make it equally accessible to both clubs. We would start far enough north of Lion Rock to avoid the Diablo Canyon exclusion zone, round the Point Buchon buoy to port, then have another mark set about two miles out to form a triangular course. Race instruction would be given via VHF followed by a roll call system for questions. The race would start at 1115 to make optimum use of the daylight hours. I have begun to coordinate with the Coast Guard regarding the temporary marks, while the SLYC committee is looking for a safety boat and gear to set the marks. Planning is still in progress if you have any suggestions.

Kevin Williams and I finally got the whaler out on February 11 to verify that the club mark was indeed missing. Bill and Maryanne Stansfield joined us for the wet and wild ride. The winds piped up to about 15 knots a mile out, with seas up to 5 feet. I had a dry spot remaining on my right thigh by the time we returned to the dock. We need to assemble a team to secure materials and reset the buoy. Please contact me if you can help.

Greg Barker

Ocean Cruising Fleet News

The cruising fleet has been in hibernation due to the winter season. Hope you are all working on your boats during this down time and getting them ready for summer. Our next scheduled event will be the Opening Day Boat Parade. Hope to see as many of you as possible.

We have had messages from our far flung cruising members Sarah and GB Bucknell aboard Djarrka. Their boat is now in Thailand and they are preparing for a land trip to Cambodia and Vietnam. They have agreed to do a pictorial presentation of their adventures when they come to visit in June. They would be interested in house sitting for someone if it would co-ordinate with the dates they are here. If this interests anyone please contact myself or Brooke and we will get you connected.

Greg Barker is always looking for boats to start ocean races, so if you want to spin your prop and exercise your anchor contact Greg. From what I am told it is not necessary to stay there for the whole race but just stay there for the start. Be sure to check your dock and mooring lines!

John Bodine

Bay Fleet News



Bill Ullum's Football Pool sold out and the seats were all filled for the kickoff at 3:30 on Sunday. The decorations done by Cheryl, Bobbi, Sharon & Susie helped divide the crowd into their cheering sections. The cheers were led by our own famous cheerleaders Sherrye and Marlene. Great high kicks ladies. They kept the crowd going and everyone stayed until the game ended. If anyone didn't get their fill of great food and football, it was their own fault. The hors d'oeuvre's were fantastic and everyone had gone overboard with their contributions. Bobbi & Jim, Sherrye, and Dale & Sandi Forsythe did their best to keep everyone happy doing a great job at bartending, and no fights were reported over anyone's team prejudice or bad officiating..

The winners of the Pool were: 1st Quarter Janice Tannehill, 1/2 was Ken Reiner, 3rd Quarter was Joni Wells, and the big winner was Kent Butler.

Lots of the guys and gals stayed to help put the club back together and Jim Bruzenak was last seen using the sweeper to clean up all the popcorn and beer nuts & Rachele doing bar glasses. Thanks Ray & Susie, Cheryl & Doug, Sharon & Mike, Bobbi & Jim, Rachele & Jim, Lois, Stephanie, and lots of other folks. Cleanup went really well and it was done in no time when we get so much help and cooperation from everyone.

A special thanks to our Poster Girl, Joni Wells. She really got the ball rolling with a great poster and ad for our party. Also to Pat Rygh for his being able once again to get the TV working and on track. You both did a great job. (I know I missed a lot of you but your help was greatly appreciated. Dot Rygh, coordinator.)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



March 2 Social Committee Meeting 4:30 p.m.



March 11 Workday



March 17 St. Patrick's Day Friday Happy Hour



March 26 Opening Day



April 8 General Meeting 7:00pm Potluck @ 6:00pm

Winners



SHIPS STORE

Get your MBYC ties and scarves and wear them at Opening Day!
We also have blazer insignias.

Social



Next Social Committee Meeting is Friday, **March 3**, at 4:30.

Thanks to Dot Rygh for coordinating the Super-Bowl activity and to all her helpers. Thanks also to Stephanie Finlay and Lois Butler for coordinating and donating the Valentine's raffle prizes. Janet and Bobbie did a great job selling tickets. Thanks from Rachelle to galley helpers Susan Wiley, Gail Condon, and hubby Jim, for helping out at the last minute for the Ocean Fleet Hamburger feed following the race on February 19. I think anyone who attended any of these events will agree that a good time was had by all.

Last call for photos for our display that will look back into the yacht club's 50 years.

Call Rachelle if you haven't signed up to bring food or to help and would like to.

Hope to see everyone there!!

Thank You

Tidelands Volunteers

When I have run into a Parks & Rec. worker while cleaning the park recently, he has always thanked us for doing such a good job cleaning. He said it really helps and is so much appreciated. We all need 'pats on the back.'

LOST & FOUND

If you lost it, maybe we found it!
We will keep the collection through workday.
Call or come by.



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March 2006



Ocean Races Start: 12:00 NOON
 Skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM



Bay Races Start: 11:00 AM
 Skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM

Friday Happy Hour Hosts Serve Snacks and Tend Bar from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY









THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Tidelands Volunteers — March:

1: Blaine and Maralee Parkin; 3: Jim and Karen Clinton; 6: John and Frances Budlong; 8: Tom Haynie and Ad Smulders; 10: Rosemary Jorgens and Carolyn Pye; 13: Freddie Fernandez and Ralph Wessel; 15: Bob Pyeatt; 17: Bud and Janice Moore; 20: Kevin Williams; 22: Dick and Charlene Evans; 24: Larry and Liz Salas; 27: Mal and Julie Towery; 29: Harold Hartsell; 31: Lee and Sue Drocco. Alternates: Bob and Judy Salamacha; Jim and Rachele Phillips

12:00 Ocean Race Devlin 1 	5	6	7	8	9 Board Meeting 7:00 PM	10 Hosts: Manny and Lola Fimbres Bob and Barbara Schwenoha	11 WORK DAY 
Lopez 2 @ Santa Margarita 	12	13	14	15	16 Fun Float 11:00 AM From the Dock 	17 Hosts: Pandora Nash Karner & Karol Vogt Alan and Carol Ann Stephens Michelle Voesenat Terry and Judy Wier 	18
Make-up or Fun Race 	19	20 Spring begins 	21	22	23	24 Hosts: Peter and Jeanette Wolff Roger and Victoria Marlin	25 <u>JUNIORS</u>
Opening Day 	26	27 Tidelands Volunteers — April 3: John and Frances Budlong; 5: Jim and Karen Clinton; 7 Rosemary Jorgens and Carolyn Pye; 10: Freddie Fernandez and Ralph Wessel; 12 Maralee and Blaine Parkin; 14: Bud and Janice Moore; 17: Kevin Williams; 19: Bob Pyeatt; 21: Tom Haynie and Ad Smulders; 24: Dick and Charlene Evans; 26: Harold Hartsell; 28: Mal and Julie Towery. Alternates: Bob and Judy Salamacha; Lee and Sue Drocco.	28	29	30	31 Hosts: Jeff and Sally Davis Forrest and Frances Martin	

