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FROM YOUR COMMODORE-Wayne Ratliff

Hello sailors,

Coming soon, to a Yacht Club near you, a General Meeting! That's right, a General Meeting, featuring not one but five of your favorite officer positions to be filled. We have Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Treasurer and Secretary just waiting to get your vote. **But wait, there's more.** We will also get to hear reports from various committees on just how your club has been doing so far this year. And for the Main Event, there will be a presentation featuring John Michener and Greg Barker, supported by a cast of thousands, to show and tell about proposals for an Elevator and a Vertical



Platform Lift. Following the presentation and discussion, you will get to vote on a dues increase to fund the Elevator or Lift, and for the first hundred meeting attendees, you will even get to vote on whether we build a real honest-to-goodness elevator capable of lifting 2000 lbs. of anything or anybody or a Vertical Platform Lift capable of transporting any disabled person to the second floor.

But seriously folks, this is one of those general meetings you should not miss. The Elevator/Lift concept has been part of at least four of the last six general meetings. It has always gotten more than a majority of the votes but has not gotten a 2/3 vote necessary to commit Contingency Reserve Funds. The voting items for the upcoming meeting are of such a nature that a simple majority will suffice. Since the dues increase alone will take years to accumulate enough money to begin construction, donations will be paramount in getting to the starting point.

If anyone wishes to attend the meeting but is not comfortable with negotiating the stairs, please let me or John Michener know and we will make arrangements for sound and microphone on the first floor. It may be necessary in any event, if it looks like a big turnout.

On other fronts, John Michener and Harold Hartsell have completed installation of a webcam that overlooks the dock and mooring field. So now you can see what the weather is in Morro Bay, what the dock loading is and see if your boat on a mooring is okay. You can get to the webcam through the MBYC website. John and Harold will add pan and zoom capability in the future.

Jim Bruzenak led the Nomination Committee along with Bill Sanders and Brooks Measures and were able to convince existing officers to continue and David Prewett to join the Board as Rear Commodore. Thanks Jim, Brooks and Bill.

I understand that the new bar responsibility scheme is working well. Thanks everyone for helping to maintain the bar integrity.

I hope to see you all on the water,

Wayne Ratliff, Commodore

"Is this a rudder which I see before me, The tiller toward my hand?" adapted from Macbeth, W. Shakespeare



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 to Barbara Earl *All submissions are subject to editing for content and space.*

FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE - John Michener



the Elevator/Lift Committee platform lift to the membership at the General Membership Meeting on Saturday, November 7th. We will detail each plan and ask the mem-

with. A funding proposal will also be presented at the meeting and the membership will be asked to approve the addition of \$25 to our yearly membership dues. This money would go into a reserve account for the project.

The webcam is finally up and running. Thank you careful not to scratch it. to Harold Hartsell for working with me on this, I don't think it could have been done with out him. If you would like to see the picture from the web- John Michener cam, go to our home page at *mbyc.net*. There are *Vice Commodore*

The Board of Directors and currently two links to the webcam on this page. One link is in the center column near the bottom have decided to present both and the other is in the blue column on the right the elevator and the vertical near the bottom. Both of these links take you to the same page. The camera is focused on the dock and mooring field and takes a still photo that should update every 60 seconds. The camera has more capabilities than we are currently using and in the future we will make these available to the bership to vote on which project to move forward membership. At some point the access to the camera may be moved into the members' area. We will have to see how much of our allowed bandwidth the webcam usage takes up. Please let me know if at any time you believe it needs to have the clear dome cover cleaned, I am happy to do it and we need to be very

FUN FLOAT

Tuesday, October 6th, 10:30 a.m.

Freddie F. made a great Guest G.P.P. First he demonstrated how to fall off the dock while attempting to get in your kayak. His second lesson was to slip, slide and otherwise fall down while pulling his boat upon the beach. Although he bled, I am proud to say he only cried a little bit.

> Our Oct. float will be on Tuesday the sixth of Oct. at 10:30. I will be observing all the paddlers to see just who has the skills, leadership abilities and bandages to be our next G.G.P.P.

Your ever lovin, G.G.P.P.





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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 Steward, Bill Austin @ 528-5054.

Everyone should be contacting the other people assigned with them to coordinate the Hosting Duties.

If unable to attend, it is your RESPONSI-BILITY to find a replacement. Perhaps you could trade with someone else on the Host List. Cynthia Wimer will be sending out reminders in the mail.

The club will furnish paper products and plastic ware for Host Night. Hosts tend bar from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. AND serve snacks at 6:00 p.m. till 7:30 p.m.

October 2009

- John Gajdos & Elaine Giannini John & Betsy Stenger
- Dick & Claire Grantham Jim & Christy Hoxter
- Paul & Jessica Irving Bill & Maryann Stansfield
- Rick & Corbie Von Stein Joe & Dawn Huntsinger
- "Pandora's Crew" Pandora & Gary Nash-Karner Michelle Voisenat Alan & Carol Stephens

November 2009

- Ed & Robin Stevens Pat & Sandy Hedges
- Forest & Frances Martin John & Wendy Mitchell
- Bob & Judy Salamacha Mark & Jacque Silveira
- John & Kristen Swift John & Janice Tannehill
- Polly Schneider seachange4@verizon.net



FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE—Greg Barker

There seemed to be more races during the last month than the one that preceded it. The Ocean Fleet ran the last two races of its Summer Series, and the Bay Fleet held Fall 1 and the Laser Championships.

The Laser Championships were held on a cold, overcast day. *Kevin Williams* anchored *Awfalotta* at the north end of the bay to run windward/leeward courses. Between races, the committee was entertained by all manner of ineptness among returning Cal Poly students paddling around the bay in kayaks. Certain formalities were waived as the committee shouted encouragement, insults, and handed off beers (or water) to passing racers.



Congratulations to all the following winners for the preceding month. I'm informed the Ocean Fleet's Summer 2 results reflect a correction to the results posted that day, with *Kiskedee* moving into third place:

Race	Fleet	1 st	2 nd	$3^{\rm rd}$
Summer 2	Ocean	Whizbang	2 nd Wind	Kiskedee
Fall 1	Daysailer A	Gail Condon & Kevin Williams	Terry & Charlene Paris	Dawn Huntsinger & crew
	Daysailer B	John Krossa & crew	Joe Huntsinger & crew	Pat Hedges & crew
	Lido	Don & Kit Lockwood	Bob & Jenny Kizziar	Peter & Anita Rothen- bucher
Summer 3	Ocean	Guayacan	Whizbang	Kiskedee
Summer Series	Ocean	Whizbang	Guayacan	2 nd Wind
Laser Champion- ship	\boldsymbol{A}	Andrew Brown	Lex Budge	Maren Masterson
	В	Marrie Brown	Dawn Huntsinger	Mark Soll

I particularly want to thank *Marlene* and *Duncan McQueen* and *Kent Butler* for helping me to cobble together a race committee at the last minute for Fall 1. The originally scheduled pro was unexpectedly called to assist with the Station Fire in Southern California, and these members responded with little notice to my call for help. We should also show our appreciation to *Tom Fee* and *VC John Michener*, who were pros for the Ocean Fleet's Summer 2 and 3 respectively, and *Gail Condon*, who lead the race committee for the Laser Championship.

The Bay Fleet will hold Fall 2 on October 17 and the Wysocki over the weekend of October 24 and 25. The Ocean Fleet's only race this month will be Lady at the Helm on October 11.

Greg Barker, Rear Commodore







MORRO BRY JUNIOR YACHT GLUB

Happy Fall Juniors,

I hope this article finds you having a great first few weeks of school. Now that school is back in session I just want to remind you that we are not sailing on Wednesday afternoons any longer. I didn't want you to go to the club and wonder where everyone was!

We have had a lot of participation at the September meetings. The winds have been light, and at times, frustrating, but there is always something to learn. Please remember to bring the correct gear to the meetings, including, but not limited to: shoes, glasses, hats, and sunscreen. Shoes should have some kind of non slippery sole on them so you don't fall and get hurt. I will be looking to see if these things are with you. It's a matter of safety, not style.

I would like to thank *Kit Lockwood* for organizing our practice session with the Lido sailors. The Juniors had a blast with their adult crew and a few even took a Lido out on their own. What a great opportunity for our junior sailors to take control of the helm and experience what it's like to have crew in the boat. Thank you ahead of time to all the Lido sailors for allowing the children to sail with you. We appreciate your support of the Junior program.

By the time you get this Masthead article preparation for the Harbor Festival will be in full swing. We will be participating in a race/demonstration on October 4th from 11:30 to 1:30. What a great opportunity for the Morro Bay community to see how our program works and to get information about it. We welcome new members enthusiastically!!

Lastly, we will be going out on the big ocean October 18th so make sure you can make that date. Sailing in the ocean will give you a whole different experience then the bay. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Please email with any questions you may have, and I know you will have a few!!

Angela Soll, MBJYC Advisor

p.s. We are hoping to have a sleepover sometime in October (maybe on the 17th), but I will send out an email. The price will be somewhere between \$10 and \$15 and will include dinner and breakfast.



2009 Ray Cruises

On the September 5th cruise we had perfect wind, high tide, and beautiful weather. Sooo, we sailed all the way to the south shore of the bay. *Victor Nero* led us using his excellent knowledge of the channels in the bay. The next bay cruise on Oct. 11th will have high tide again! We hope to make another trip to the back bay. Don't miss the fun. Put the schedule on your calendar. Looking forward to seeing you on the water, *Susan Wiley*

2009 Bay Cruise Schedule

All Types of Floating Craft Are Invited {Boat in the water and ready to leave the dock by 11 a.m. Bring picnic in the boat food}

Sunday October 11th—10:15 a.m. 3.3' low tide; 4:20 p.m. 5.1' high tide Saturday November 7th—12:20 p.m. 5.8' high tide; 8:15 p.m. -0.2' low tide







Cruising Fleet

Aaaaargh!

Mateys, tis pure torture to sit on me hind end and conflegrate about good times of the past, with no plans for the immediate future. That must change! Our trip to Catalina and back was inspirational! We clashed with two of them tall? ships that looked like an island and sailed like a bunch of wood tied together. The wind gods were snoring so it was a pleasant trip down and back. We saw many of those mermaids, I mean whales, dolphins and seals both ways. Arrived in Twin harbors, snuck by the Sheriff and confiscated a mooring, let the merriment begin!!! But I digress. The cruising event for September on the Labor day weekend didn't make it out the mouth. However what fun at the dock! ALASKAN EAGLE was there and gave tours of their fine vessel. The cook shared wine and chatter with us, what a delight. Our next event will be over by the time you peruse this article, but hopefully we'll get a tonne of hungry and thirsty lads and lasses at the BBQ on the 27th. Agin, it is a limp brisket in October, as nothing is planned. Yet! Who knows, we have loads of time to improvise, as any and all suggestions will be tacitly acknowledged. Blimey, mates that's all. *Norm*

**** NOTICE OF MEETING **** GENERAL MEETING



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7TH 2009

UPSTAIRS AT THE MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

POT LUCK DINNER AT 6PM

Last names beginning with A-M bring an entrée and N-Z bring a dessert

MEETING STARTS AT 7PM

AGENDA ITEMS:

(1) Election of officers:

Commodore: John Michener Vice Commodore: Greg Barker Rear Commodore. - David Prewett Treasurer - Laura McCarren Secretary - Charlene Paris



- (2) Ballot Item #1 The dues of the Yacht Club shall be increased by \$25.00 per membership per year. These new funds shall be placed into a Designated Reserve Fund specifically for the eventual construction of an Elevator/Lift in the Club House. Once operational, the funds will be reallocated to annual maintenance and fees associated with the operation of an elevator or platform lift, with any funds not needed for that purpose budgeted at the discretion of the Board of Directors sitting at the time. If, in the future, the membership decides to abandon construction of the Elevator/Lift, then the Fund shall be dispersed into other uses to be decided by the Board of Directors at that time.
- (3) Ballot Item #2 The future focus and planning of the Elevator/Lift Committee shall be directed to either a) an Elevator or b) a Vertical Platform Lift, as described via presentation.



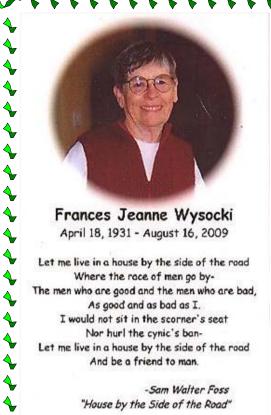
Don and Kit Lock- wood won first in the
Lido 14 fleet.

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Dawn Huntsinger and crew took third in the Daysailer A fleet.

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People News

On September 19th, friends and family from far and wide came to celebrate the life of *Fran*, who died after a courageous year long battle with cancer. A life member and Staff Commodore, Fran, tho' not active in recent years, was a prime mover and supporter of so many of our club's 'assets': the Invitational Regatta, the Boat yard, the Juniors and Summer Sailing programs, just to name a few. She was an incredibly talented and tenacious person and our hearts go out to *Pam*, *Alice*, & *Margie and their families*. — *Rosemary Jorgens*

To Our Yacht Club Family:

On behalf of our entire family, we would like to thank you for helping us honor *Fran Wysocki's* life on September 19, 2009. It was a perfect celebration- from *Kevin Williams'* taking us out for the scattering at sea, to *Paul Dunn* piping his heartfelt Amazing Grace that brought us to tears. It was comforting to visit with, and hear our cherished friends share their funny and poignant memories. We'd like to send our special thanks to the *MBYC board*, who agreed to our use of the club on short notice, and to *Teresa McClish* who helped us organize from afar. Thanks, too, to *Don Lockwood*, *Larry Salas*, and *Lex Budge* for tending to the elixirs. You know that brought a smile to mom's face! With your help, we sent *Fran* over the horizon with great love and laughter. She would have loved every minute of it!

The Wysocki Girls: Margie, Pam & Alice

FROM THE PORT CAPTAIN—Kevin Williams

Hello everyone, it has been a very productive month, for some. We had a mooring suddenly come available for a member in need. We had spaces open in the yard and spaces filled. We had many members acquiring boats (specifically lasers, 4-5).

First, some comments on responsibility and the mooring field. We had a mooring come open, but not through the easy street method. This mooring had been previously occupied for years, and is now occupied by another member, one that will follow the "use" policy of the Yacht club. The wheels of progress are turning.

Second, we have had several members move their boats off of club assets and free them up for members that currently are in need of a space to keep their actively used boat. I greatly appreciate this kind of forward thinking acts of compliance. I cannot praise these people enough for their actions in contributing for a more active club by freeing up spaces in the yard and the mooring field.

Third, we are coming into the season of the HA-HA. That means many people will be following their dreams south. However, it also means the dock will be a mess of out-of-town boats. The club is hoping to help alleviate this complication by putting up a large (I am hoping gigantic) "please do not park in the red or yellow zone unless you are a club member, or a dinghy" sign. (I don't think that will be the final version of the wordage). Hopefully this will keep a section (albeit small portion) of our dock open for club members. I have proposed a large banner that will span from piling to piling. Hopefully it will be in-place soon.

Back to the mooring field and unfinished or ignored business; I still have three boats that are not in compliance with the club's "use" rules. Two Catalina 27's, and an Endeavor 38. Please remember that you need to "use" your boat for "two Yacht Club" sponsored events a year to maintain a club mooring or spot in the yard. The Yacht Club does not have the only moorings in the bay, if you are one of these three please use your boat to be compliant with the club's intent or find another mooring, one that suits your "use" style.

As always, the previous month has proven that we can all use and share the great facilities of our club. I am confident, that soon we will reach my goal of having a very active sailing community, with every boat participating in the year's events.





Membership News

The membership committee extends a big welcome to our newest members, **Shelly and Brian Granger.** They have a Day Sailer and children active in the MBYC Juniors. Their membership was approved by the board on September 10th.

New Members:

Brian and Shelly Granger

Changes to contact info:

Richard Paley William and Patricia Phillips

Richard and Corbie Von Stein Charles Watson

Your Membership Committee:

Susan Wiley (chair), Carol Carden, Gail Condon, Peter King, Victor Nero, Jim Phillips, and Rachelle Phillips.





The Morro Bay Yacht Club

Cordially Invites You to the

2009 Commodore's Ball

Honoring Incoming and Outgoing Officers

Saturday, November 14, 2009 at the Morro Bay Golf Course

6:00 pm: No host cocktails
7:00 pm: Plated Dinner
8:00 pm: Program

Followed by dancing to the music of Oasis.

Tickets are \$50.00 per person Please RSVP by November 6th

I / We would love i	to attend the ball!
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Dinner choices:	
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Roasted stuffed Chick	en with Gorgonzola
Slow Roasted Prime R	ib

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MBYC Junior Regatta

Juniors

Mark you Calendars.

The Annual Junior Regatta is scheduled for

October 11th.

It takes place right in front of the Yacht Club and has four classes.

Opti Greens, Opti Champs, Lasers, and Sloop class—(most likely Lidos, if we have enough interest for 3 boats.)

The sloop class is a great opportunity for new sailors who have never sailed in a regatta to have private coaching all day on the ins and outs of regatta sailing.

YC members...mark your calendars and come down for lunch and cheer on our juniors and meet their parents on the deck.

October 2009

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.

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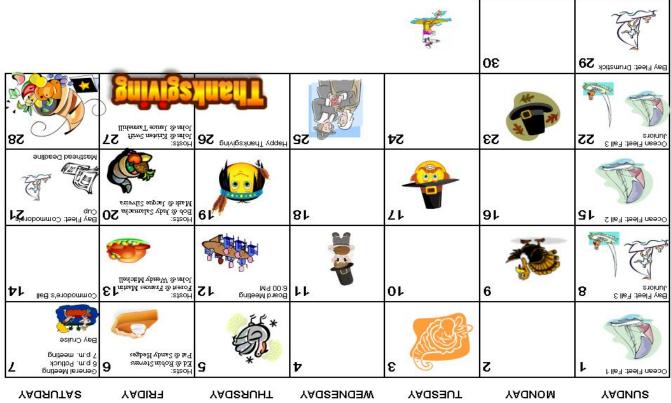
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n 2 Giannini John & Betsy Stenger Hosts: John Gajdos & Elaine and Judy Salamacha *November:* 2: Bob Pyeatt; 5: Kevin Williams; 9: Rosemary Jorgens and Carolyn Pye; 12: Freddie Fernandez; 16: Bud and Janice Moore; 19: Ad Smulders; 23: Blaine and Maralee Parkin; Parkin; 26: Lee and Sue Drocco; 30: Dick and Charlene Evans. Alternates: Al and Mary Romero and Bob Tidelands Volunteers - October: 2: Bob Pyeatt: 5: Kevin Williams; 9: Rosemary Jorgens and Carolyn Pye;12 Freddie Fernandez; 16: Bud and Janice Moore; 19: Ad Smulders; 23: Blaine and Maralee 26: Lee and Sue Drocco; 30: Dick and Charlene Evans. Alternates: Bob Pyeatt and Gail Condon

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7 Board Meeting 8 6:00 PM	15	22	29
	14	21	28
Fun Float 10:30 a.m. 6	13	20	27
5	12	19	26
4	Ocean Fleet: 'Lady at the Helm' Bay Cruise	Juniors 18	Bay Fleet & Juniors: 25 Wysocki @ MB



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

Skippers Meeting: 11:00 AM

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