

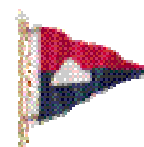


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FROM YOUR COMMODORE-Wayne Ratliff

Hello sailors,

One last reminder for the *General Meeting* on November 7. The two big items are the election of next year's officers and the presentation/vote on Elevator/Vertical Platform Lift. I've taken to calling it a Motorized Personal Altitude Transportation Device. One of the ballots is for a dues increase to be wholly put into a designated reserve fund for elevator/lift construction and thereafter for operations. The increase recommended by the Board is \$\$\$ per regular membership per year.

That comes to somewhere under \$\$\$\$\$ per year. You all need to be fully aware that it will take a number of years at this rate to fund either of the presently envisioned options. We have several donations already and should be actively seeking more to augment this fund. Other Yacht Clubs have used various fundraisers to get enough money to build elevators. In the event that a future Board or general membership votes abandon the elevator project, all donations will be returned to the donors. We are all in the debt of **John Michener** and **Greg Barker** for a massive effort in preparing for the General Meeting. I hate to think of how many hours they have spent. In the past few years **Dana McClish** and **John Schmidt** have also spent a huge number of hours researching and preparing.

The club events of October 11 happened without the "train crash" foretold by **Kevin Williams**. On that day we held a *Junior Regatta*, a *Bay Cruise*, and the annual *Lady-at-the-Helm* ocean race. It took a little more dock management than usual but all events took place with minimal inter-disturbance. I was the PRO for the Ocean race. It all went well except for two glaring mistakes on the race instructions, but the racers solved the problems on the water. The corrected race times surely set a new MBYC record. The three boats finished in a 35 second window!

By the time you get this issue of the Masthead, all the Baja Haha boats will have passed through. I have enjoyed talking to the crews and vicariously been part of the Haha. This year's Haha crews were very easy to work with and really grateful for the club's facilities.

I hope to see you all on the water,

Wayne Ratliff

Commodore

"Sail it like a dinghy. Up in a puff, down in a luff. Put some money in the bank." The *Voyager II* Compleat Guide to Sailing



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



After the typhoon we experienced in mid October the weather has turned beautiful. The fog seems to have disappeared for the year and has been replaced with warm sunny days.

It's hard to believe the year is getting so close to being over. I figure I had better get going on the deck railing project so that I don't end up passing it on to the next Vice Commodore. By the time you read this we should be well underway on the lower deck railing and hopefully getting near to completion. As I am writing this the actual work hasn't begun yet. Many people have offered their help so I think we will have a good crew. I'll wait until the next Masthead to thank them all so I don't miss anyone. Some work has gone on in what I would call the preparation phase. **Terry Paris** has been very helpful with his construction experience in planning, getting the materials and preparing to start the work. **Woody Woodruff** helped me select the lumber for the posts and then hauled it to his workshop which he also gave us the use of to drill the holes. **Jim Phillips** has helped me with painting the posts. **John Schmidt** ordered and delivered the cable and end studs we will be using for the railing. I think the spirit of pitching

in and getting things done is one of the great things about our club. I haven't had to look very far to find willing volunteers to help with any project I have had this year.

If you are able you should plan to attend the General Membership Meeting on Saturday, November 7th. **Greg Barker** and I will be presenting possible projects for both the elevator and the vertical platform lift to the membership. We will detail each plan and ask the membership to vote on which project to move forward with. A funding proposal will also be presented at the meeting and the membership will be asked to approve the addition of \$\$\$ to our yearly membership dues. This money would go into a reserve account to help pay for construction and eventual maintenance of which ever project it is decided we should move forward with. Please attend this important meeting and don't forget to come enjoy the pot-luck before the meeting.

Have a good month,
John Michener
Vice Commodore



FUN FLOAT

Wednesday, November 18th, 10:00 a.m.



in the past but who knows?

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

P.S. Remember November 18th 10:00 AM

This years October paddle was spent searching out nesting areas of the elusive but tasty *Sand Spit Turkey*. Since we found out that SS Turkeys are carnivores, we also took the time to look for *Snowy Plover* nests. November's Guest G.P.P. will be **Bob S.** and he has a plan to stake out Plovers by their little legs and lure SS Turkeys within shotgun range (about 12 feet). None of **Bob's** plans have worked





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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.

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

If unable to attend, it is your RESPONSIBILITY 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.

November 2009

- 6 Ed & Robin Stevens
Pat & Sandy Hedges
- 13 Don & Kit Lockwood
John & Wendy Mitchell
- 20 Bob & Judy Salamacha
Mark & Jacque Silveira
- 27 John & Kristen Swift
John & Janice Tannehill

December 2009

- 4 Tom & Marty Tidyman
Karol Vogt
Michael & Brooks Measures
- 11 Lee & Sue Drocco
Tom & Cyndy Fee
Andrew Brown
- 18 Matt & Adrian Jenkins
Tom & Bobbie Jermin

January 2010

- 8 Dennis & Anne Johnson
Ted & Iris Jacobson
- 15 Jim & Christy Hoxter
Peter & Jayne Behman
- 22 Ron & Nancy May
Todd & Joyce Hansen
- 29 Kent & Lois Butler
Brian & Shelly Granger

— Polly Schneider



FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE—Greg Barker

Both Bay and Ocean Fleets had their events for women skippers this month. The Bay Fleet's Ladies Day had an enthusiastic fleet. According to **Commodore Wayne Ratliff**, who served as pro, the Ocean Fleet's Lady at the Helm race must be the closest three-boat ocean race in MBYC history, with no more than 35 seconds separating all three boats on corrected time. This year's Two-Sticker was an exercise in navigation through dense fog. A fleet of Daysailers fought light winds and a strong ebb tide to put on a show for visitors to the Harbor Festival. The Bay Fleet's Fall 2 had winds so light that boats had to get towed back in after completing one race. The top finishers in these races are tabulated below:

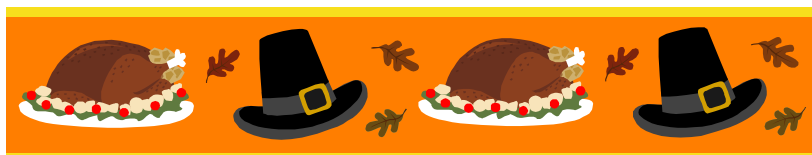


Race	Fleet	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
<i>Ladies Day</i>	<i>Bay</i>	Dawn Huntsinger Gail Condon	Maren Masterson Charlene Paris	Marrie Brown
<i>Two-Sticker</i>	<i>Ocean</i>	<i>Ho'oluana</i>	<i>Guayacan</i>	—
<i>Harbor Festival</i>	<i>Daysailer</i>	Dawn Huntsinger Dave Kerran	Tom Tidyman David Bufo	John and Gwenn Krossa
<i>Lady at the Helm</i>	<i>Ocean</i>	<i>Guayacan</i>	<i>Kiskedee</i>	Gracie Ray
<i>Fall 2</i>	<i>Daysailer</i>	<i>Team MacDonald</i>	Gail Condon/ Kevin Williams	<i>Team Nero</i>

We also provided a booth at the Harbor Festival with too little time for planning. I want to thank **John and Gwenn Krossa**, **VC John Michener**, **Glenda Boatman**, **Jim Phillips**, **Laura** and **Charlie McCarren**, **Angela Soll**, **Peter King**, **Tom** and **Marty Tidyman**, **Terry** and **Charlene Paris**, and **Kent** and **Lois Butler** for providing, setting up, staffing, and striking the booth.

The Bay Fleet will have a busy month in November, with Fall 3 on the 8th, The Commodore's Cup on the 21st, and the Drumstick on the 29th. The Ocean Fleet will be similarly active, with Fall 1 on November 1, Fall 2 on the 15th, and Fall 3 on the 22nd.

Greg Barker, Rear Commodore



MORRO BAY JUNIOR YACHT CLUB

THE FOURTH ANNUAL MBYC JUNIOR REGATTA ... by Kit Lockwood

Nineteen of the Yacht Club's Junior Sailors raced on October 11th in the Junior Regatta.

It was a beautiful sailing day. By 9 am the dock, the deck, and boatyards, had kids, volunteers, Lido coaches, ocean sailors, sails and equipment everywhere. Just like a Yacht Club should be.

Let me tell you about the regatta... There were 4 Classes racing: 3 LASERS, 6 LIDOS, 3 OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP FLEET, and 7 OPTIMIST GREEN FLEET (newer, less experienced sailors). The racing was close and exciting in all the classes.

In the LASER Class, after 3 races there was only 1 point between each boat. **Joe Repucci** was racing in the Laser for the first time, and he made **Rylie Fee** and **Jenna Duberg** pay close attention to their sailing. **Rylie** made a smart move and was able to switch to a bigger sail after the first race, thanks to a loan from **Jenna**. She then proceeded to take a first place in Lasers.

In the LIDO Class the junior drives the boat and has a coach as crew, except for **Keiran Hansen**, who wanted to have a friend race with him and was lucky enough to have **Bob Kizziar** loan his boat to him. It was the first time **Keiran** had sailed a Lido, and by the last race he had it wired and took a first. For **Ian MacDonald**, **Olivia MacDonald**, and **Ben Gaines**, it was their first regatta, and a challenge for their coaches, and a great learning experience for them. The first and second place finishers were an even tie score after the first 2 races, and only one point apart at the end of the day with **Abigail Ogle** w/ **Ron Giddings** just squeaking by new sailor and racer **Sierra Frank** w/ **Pat Rygh**. The juniors are very lucky, and thankful, to have dedicated coaches: **Bryan Watson**, **Larry Salas**, **Lex Budge**, and **Ron** and **Pat**.

The Opti Sailors begged for "at least 2 more races, not just one more", and we obliged. The Deed of Gift calls for 3 races, and try to get 5 races in.

The OPTIMIST Green Fleet was the largest, and had some of the youngest sailors. They were often challenged by the light and shifty wind, and the tidal flow was light but still could present a problem to young sailors. Also, rounding marks with bigger Lido's and Lasers in close proximity could be daunting (though the RC made every effort to avoid that). **JT Krossa** finished with four bullets, **Andrew Monroe** next with all 2nds, and **Audrey McClish** with all 3rds. It was the first regatta for **Madeline Ogle**, **Anna Stenger**, **Claire Stenger**, and **Ethan Carroll**, and they did a fine job getting to the finish line.

The CHAMPIONSHIP OPTIMISTS had our top 3 sailors: **Rory McClish**, **Shannon McClish**, and **Elizabeth Soll**. These sailors have been going to "away regattas" competing in San Francisco, Santa Cruz, Newport, Cabrillo Beach, and Santa Barbara. **Rory** went to Nationals with over 100 boats to compete against. This added experience really showed on race day. When I mentioned this to **Rory**, he commented that what really helped him in this regatta was that he'd been working on his roll tacks a lot, which really helped him in light air. **Shannon** and **Elizabeth** finished in a dead tie and the racing between them was exciting to watch.

THEY ARE ALL WINNERS for getting out there and doing their best, being good sports, helping each other, and having a good time sailing.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU ... to ALL OF YOU who came to us and said you wanted to help. It took a whole bunch of Day Sailors, Lido Sailors, Laser Sailors, and Parents, who were happy to do whatever was needed. Race committee, dock facilitators, safety boats, lunch and float crews. The ocean racers who all seemed happy to share the dock with us. I can't begin to name and thank you individually...I'd be sure to overlook someone, and the long list would get boring. You know who you are and so do we.

I do have to name the 5 dedicated sailors who work with the juniors often and all the time, making the program what it is today. Advisor, **Angela Soll**, who keeps it all organized and makes it fun. Coaches: **Dana McClish**, **Lex Budge**, & **Ron Giddings**.

IT TAKES A YACHT CLUB!!!



2009 Bay Cruises

On the October 11th cruise we had perfect wind, high tide, and beautiful weather. Unfortunately, other programs held that day deterred participation and crowded the dock. So, the few of us cruised and enjoyed the time available between other activities. The last 2009 bay cruise is on November 7th before the general meeting. Unfortunately there will be a high tide that is strongly flowing out. Sorry I have a wedding to go to that weekend; so I can't make it. Boat in the water and ready to leave the dock by 11 a.m. Bring picnic in the boat food. Have a great bay cruise.

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}

Saturday November 7th—12:20 p.m. 5.8' high tide; 8:15 p.m. -0.2' low tide



Thanksgiving



2009 COMMODORE'S BALL

*MORRO BAY GOLF COURSE— SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 14TH*

6:00 p.m.: No host cocktails

7:00 p.m.: Plated dinner

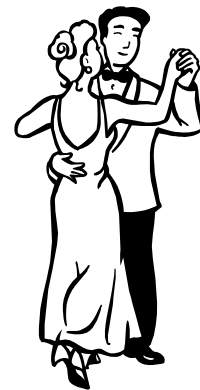
8:00 p.m.: Program

Followed by dancing to the music of Oasis

Tickets are \$ per person

Dress is semi-formal

Please RSVP no later than November 6th



Membership News

2010 Roster

It's time to notify us of changes to your information in the MBYC Roster. All you have to do is complete the form printed in this Masthead and put it in the office slot or mail it to the MBYC. The deadline is *January 15th*, but the sooner the better.

Prospective Member

The Membership committee is happy to announce that we have another prospective membership. The application will be posted on the office door on or before November 1st--**Mike Weber**, who has been boating for a long time. He has crewed on MBYC ocean boats and worked the safety boat for the bay races. He is sponsored by **Kent Butler** and **Paul Irving**. The next step is that all members should review the application and voice any comments to the commodore. Then at the November 12th board meeting the two sponsors will present the application information to the board for their approval.

Contact Updates

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Atascadero, CA 93422

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Templeton, CA 93465



Your Membership Committee:

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

Caught'cha!

This Caught 'cha goes out to members; Bruce and Laura Masterson for making and installing lee cloths in the Jr. shed for the summer sailing sails and the life jacket shelves while on a visit from their British Virgin Islands charter business aboard their catamaran Amaryllis. Nice job!



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People News

Congratulations to **Lorraine "Lo" Budge** for receiving the 2009 Values-in-Action award from French Hospital. It is presented annually to individuals who exemplify French Hospital Medical Center's Core Service Values of Dignity, Collaboration, Justice, Stewardship, and Excellence. Way to go **Lolo!**

Earl & Marsha May are cruising on their s/v *Mahurangi*. They have been in Fiji and are now heading for New Zealand. Safe Journey to them!

Social Committee

The Holidays are rapidly approaching with our annual Commodore's Ball heading up the festivities. Don your favorite special occasion outfit complete with dancing shoes and join us at the Morro Bay Golf Course, Saturday, November 14 at 6 pm. To clarify any confusion, the "plated" dinner is a delicious, sit down feast. Make certain to get your reservation in by November 6. It's guaranteed to be an enjoyable evening for all.

Saturday, December 5 is the Annual Lighted Boat Parade. Bring an appetizer and your best Fa-la-la-la. The Social Committee will "Deck the Halls" and bring "Joy to the World". Join the group and get in the spirit of Christmas.

In lieu of the December Social Committee meeting, please join me on Wednesday, Dec. 2 to decorate the club.

Happy Holiday,
Elaine Giannini, Social Chair, email



Ship's Store!

***Do your Christmas Shopping at the Ship's Store!
We have new merchandise! Come in and take a look.***

***Jackets, caps, T-shirts, sweatshirts,
blouses for the ladies, and more!***

***If you haven't stopped by in a while, come by any
Friday night and take a look.***

Happy Holidays!



To all MBYC Members: ~~~ROSTER UPDATE FORM ~~~

To assist the Membership Committee in the production of the **new 2010 Roster**, please check your listing in the current 2009 Roster to be sure that the information contained therein is accurate

Did you move, change or add a phone number, email address, or fax number?

Did you buy or sell any boats? Did you change sail numbers?

Please enter your name and any correction(s) on the slip below and return it to the club office. **Deadline for the submission for the 2010 Roster is January 15, 2010.**

NAME: _____ NEW PHONE: _____

CORRECT ADDRESS: _____

NEW EMAIL: _____

NEW FAX: _____ RADIO CALL: _____

BOAT (ADDED?) NAME: _____

CLASS: _____ CF#: _____

BOAT (SUBTRACTED?) _____

SOLD TO MEMBER? _____

NOTES: _____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS UPDATE FORM WITH YOUR CORRECTIONS TO THE MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB,
ATTENTION: MEMBERSHIP. THANK YOU.**

JOHNNY LOOKS AT 40

All friends of John Krossa are invited to join us
to celebrate his

40th Birthday Jimmy Buffett style!

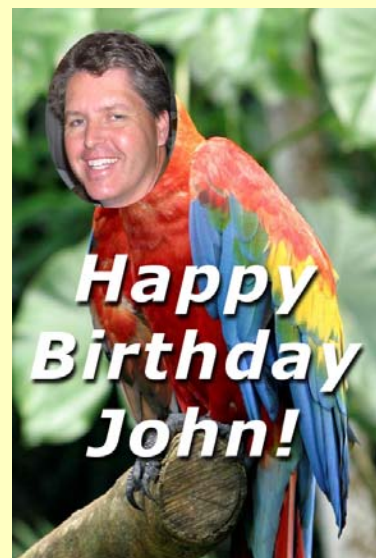
MBYC, November 21st, 6 pm

Island Attire Encouraged!

No gifts please.

P.S. - it's not a surprise... it's in the
Masthead.

Questions? Call Gwenn at.



Two Sticker

The good crew of the *Guayacan* sailed out into the fog to compete in the Two Sticker. Our skipper, **Lynn Meissen**, and crew **Gay Cantwell**, **Howard Grisham** and **Rich Olney** sailed the *Guayacan* to second place. We did not have the foggiest idea where we were but with the aid of GPS we found the MBYC marker and laid a course for Constantine. Visibility was so low that we had to make several attempts at the GPS coordinates for Constantine before we found the mark at 4:08 PM thanks to assistance from **Howard's** \$2.99 iPhone navigation application. Now, that was a well spent three bucks! Our Skipper noted our time at the mark, we also noted that the Constantine buoy was not "exactly" at its coordinates but it was so foggy that even a very small inaccuracy in our gear made finding the mark very difficult. Even with our GPS we had basically stumbled onto the mark. We made a course for Morro Bay. When we arrived at the bay entrance, visibility was less than 50 yards. We posted lookouts, strained our eyes and tuned our ears for the harbor entrance buoys. We took all sail down outside the bay and motored on quietly, with just enough turns on our prop to give headway. Slowly, slowly we approached the sound of surf our ears could hear but our eyes could not see. Trusting GPS and wishing we had radar, finally, thankfully, the north break water buoy was sited very close to our starboard bow. The suspense really builds when your instruments tell you that you have arrived but you cannot verify the fact with your eyes. Then we were all pointing and shouting at the ghost of the green entrance buoy as it materialized out of the fog. With the green buoy in sight and correctly on our port bow the red entrance buoy made a brief, fuzzy appearance and we crept into the bay in near zero visibility finding the sand spit close on our starboard bow, eight feet of water. A slow turn to port found some automobile headlights peeking through the fog on the Morro Rock road and then we found the channel. Gradually, the 4 and then the 8 buoys came into view. As they did the Coast Guard Cutter met us, hailing that they were responding to a call from MBYC that MBYC had not been able to contact *Guayacan* on channel 16 or 9 even though we were listening for them. Assured that we knew our way home, the Coast Guard returned to their dock. We were warmly greeted at the MBYC dock. **Peter Behman** and **Lynn Meissen** spoke and from what I overheard, our foggy entry to the bay has to be one that will be remembered a long time. **Peter** reported that the fog was so thick at Constantine when he arrived at the proper latitude and longitude he could not find it even with the aid of radar. That made it even more amazing that we had found Constantine at all. Our crew will speak with great reverence and respect for **Lynn's** sailing skills in the future. We didn't have the foggiest idea where we were but the *Guayacan* has a nose for home. We had a guest crew person aboard the *Guayacan*, **Richard Olney** from San Jose, visiting his cousin **Sandy Grisham**. **Rich** was an awesomely game sailor and **Lynn** awarded him the second place MBYC mug at the award presentations. The crew of the *Guayacan* enjoyed the hospitality of the Cruising Fleet and their very tasty chicken barbeque. Congratulations to the HO' OLUANA and crew for their win. — **Howard Grisham**



November 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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Ocean Fleet: Fall 1 	2	3	4	5	Hosts: Ed & Robin Stevens Pat & Sandy Hedges 	6 General Meeting 6 p.m. Potluck 7 p.m. meeting Bay Cruise
8 Bay Fleet: Fall 3 Juniors 	9	10	11	12 Board Meeting 6:00 PM 	Hosts: Don & Kit Lockwood John & Wendy Mitchell 	14 Commodore's Ball
15 Ocean Fleet: Fall 2 	16	17	18 Fun Float 10:00 a.m. 	19	Hosts: Bob & Judy Salamacha Mark & Jacque Silveira 	Bay Fleet: Commodore's Cup
22 Ocean Fleet: Fall 3 Juniors 	23	24	25	Happy Thanksgiving 26 	Hosts: John & Kristen Swift John & Janice Tamehill 27 	28
29 Bay Fleet: Drumstick 	30	Thanksgiving				

Tidelands Volunteers – November: 2: Blaine and Maralee Parkin; 6: Al and Mary Romero; 9: Freddie Fernandez; 13: Lynn Meissen; 16: Ad Smulders; 20: Bud and Janice Moore; 23: Kevin Williams; 27: Lee and Sue Drocco; 30: Dick and Charlene Evans. Alternates: Gail Condon, and Bob Pyeatt

December: 4: Bob and Judy Salamacha; 7: Freddie Fernandez; 11: Rosemary Jorgens and Carolyn Pye; 14: Blaine and Maralee Parkin; 18: Bud and Janice Moore; 21: Kevin Williams; 28: Lee and Sue Drocco. Alternates: Dick and Charlene Evans and Al and Mary Romero.

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		1	Decorate Club / Holiday	2		3	Hosts: Tom & Marty Tidymann Karol Vogt Michael & Brooks Measures	4	5	Lighted Boat Parade
6	7	8		9	Board Meeting 6:00 PM	10	Hosts: Lee & Sue Diocco Tom & Cyndy Fee Andrew & Marrie Brown	11	Bay Fleet Party	12
Ocean Fleet Party Juniors Party	13	14	15	16		17	Hosts: Matt & Adrian Jenkins Tom & Bobbie Jemlin	18	Bay Fleet: Winter 1	19
Juniors	20	21	22	23	24	MERRY CHRISTMAS!	25	26		
27	28	29	30	31	New Year's Eve					

