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FROM YOUR COMMODORE-Wayne Ratliff

Hello Sailors,

Congratulations, if you finish reading this article, then you have survived three years of my attempts at humor and witty sayings. And I have survived three years of Masthead deadlines, sometimes without much to say. I just recently discovered why we elect new Commodores for the next year. It's because the club tries to kill off the old Commodore with the rigors of November. It starts with the General Meeting, followed by a regular Board Meeting, the Commodore's Ball, the Commodore's Cup race, interspersed with things like a Masthead article, mooring issues, a new whaler, new railing, and ends (I hope) with the Commodore acquiring the Christmas tree. I plan to spend most of next year recovering. But pity me not to excess, every one of these activities have been accompanied by many helpers from the club, for which I am most grateful.



The General Meeting was very well attended. That should come as no great surprise, what with the elevator/lift on the agenda. I believe that some 62 memberships were represented, nearly double the 15% required for a quorum. John Michener and Greg Barker gave terrific PowerPoint presentations about the two options being proposed. In past years, people have told me that they needed more information to make a decision. Well, this time the information content was as good as it can get. The only way we could have gotten more exact information would be to spend large sums and get actual plans and estimates. The members first decided to proceed with some sort of elevator/lift with a 90 to 43 vote. Then the dual subject of a \$25 dues increase dedicated toward construction and a vote on whether the device will be an elevator or a vertical platform lift. Both items passed. The elevator option was complicated by an error in the ballot but the members clearly selected an elevator as the focus of future planning with a 72 to 23 vote. Incidentally, I would like to thank the attending membership for being so well mannered during the meeting.

The Commodore's Ball was, in my mind, a complete success. Thanks Elaine and Maryann and the whole Social Committee for this great production. Everyone I have talked to thought the food was very good. I think everyone had a good time. That was pretty much guaranteed, having Staff Commodore Lex Budge as the emcee. He was in great form. I made one big mistake in the program – I told Lex he could say anything he wanted to in his closing.

Also this month we addressed the problem that some boats on the club moorings touched during strong winds and slack tides. The Port Captain and I have spent a lot of time and effort in trying to understand where our mooring field actually is and where it should be located. Everyone has a hazy idea but nobody knows exactly. I found that the 1987 NOAA chart I was working with (18703) is about 3 seconds (about 300 feet) in error in longitude! Fortunately the latest edition is considerably better.

In leaving the office of Commodore, I believe I am entitled to one observation / suggestion. I think it is excessively difficult for adults to join the club. The MBYC Junior program is often praised for being a source of new members (and rightfully so). However, the fact that it is such a strong source points out to me that other paths to membership are too hard. I was lucky, I became friends with two members and got into the club by virtue of crewing on their boats. From time to time, people ask me how to join the club and I freeze up. The "answer" is to come to Friday night and get acquainted with members. Some gregarious people might be able to carry this off, but I

know that I would never have been able to. I don't have a bulletproof answer but I am sure that there are improvements and/or programs that would be an improvement to the current state.

Thanks to all this year's flag officers, officers, directors, chair persons, captains, stewards, editors, mailers, chiefs, advisors, PROs, race committees, *ad hoc* committees and standing committees for all the work you have done. Each and every one of you have performed wonderfully.

Good luck John, you have a great crew.

Wayne Ratliff, Commodore " 'Pretty Good' is just one step above shoddy." T. Paris



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



My year as Vice Commodore has gone by quickly and with the help of club member volunteers we were able to accomplish some important projects. Unfortunately I think there will be still things that are left for Greg to work on next year.

Thanks to Terry Paris, Joe Huntsinger and Wayne Ratliff the lower deck railing project went well and was completed in 4 days which was about twice as fast as I expected. Other people that also helped in the project were Ron May, Dave Prewett and John Kincade. Terry Paris, Jim Phillips and Woody Woodruff helped organize and prepare the material before we started the project which made it go smoothly. John Schmidt ordered and delivered the cable and end studs. Kevin Williams also loaned us some tools and gave us helpful insight along with moral support. He told me about my new favorite filler compound called Durham's Rock Hard. I believe the guys working with me thought I was a little too into using the Durhams. Vice Commodore is a great job you get to learn about things like Durhams and Krud Kutter cleaner. In addition to replacing the deck railing we also replaced one of the 4x4s that supports the upper deck. Terry and Joe filled, sealed and painted the

ends of the lower deck support beams to help keep them from rotting. We are fortunate to have such capable club members willing to volunteer.

I appreciate the people who came to the General Meeting. We had enough of the membership present to have a quorum. We were able to elect officers for next year which I'm sure made Wayne happy. He won't have to be Commodore for another year. I think he's going to miss it though, he won't know what to do with all of his free time. It was important that the members had a chance to hear the two proposals that were presented. The membership voted to move forward with planning and fund raising for an elevator. Also \$25 will be added to the yearly membership dues. This money will go into a designated reserve account to be used in construction and eventual maintenance cost for the elevator. We have a long way to go before we will have the necessary funds to build the elevator and it will require donations and a lot of effort toward raising the money.

If you weren't able to come to the Commodore's Ball you missed a good time. Lex did a great job as M.C. and who knew that Wayne was such a comedian. Oh well, I guess you had to be there, maybe next year.

Thank you to everyone for making this a very good year. I look forward to next year and serving as Commodore.

For the last time as *Vice Commodore, John Michener*



FUN FLOAT

Thursday, December 17th, 10:00 a.m.

It's all my fault, I should have known better than to put Bob S. in charge of anything. He was our Guest G.P.P. in Nov. We haven't had a trip cancelled in 2 years. The wind was blowing the tail feathers off the Snowy Plovers. Mark your calendar for Thursday Dec. 17th at 10:00. This is our Sandspit Christmas party. Bring food to share and one white elephant per person (limit \$500.)



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Eagle Eye Evans . *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.

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.

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

February 2010

- 5 Tyler & Sarah Mason
Bruce & Janice Moore
- 12 John & Terry Miron
Alex & Stephanie Finlay
- 19 Rick Paley & Holly Anderson
Larry & Liz Salas
- 26 Roger & Sandy Shervington
Bill & Maryann Stansfield

— Polly Schneider



FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE—Greg Barker

I will open this month with a correction. The results posted for the Bay Fleet’s Fall 2 in the November Masthead contain an error. Team Nero actually placed first in B Fleet. Team Brown/Dillworth placed third in A Fleet. Team Nero finished ahead of Brown/Dillworth in the only race that day, contributing to the confusion.



At the beginning of the year I indicated my goals were to participate with each of the fleets on a monthly basis and get a replacement ocean mark placed. The Ocean Fleet needed my attention at the beginning of the year, but once that was squared away the Bay Fleet actually started to see me around. I collected bids for a permanent ocean mark, and a cost benefit analysis showed that we are better off with lighter duty marks that we can maintain ourselves. The new ocean buoy has been shipped and should arrive before this month’s Masthead arrives.

The last 30 days have had a busy race schedule. Congratulations to the top finishers (and those who had fun without getting listed).

Race	Fleet	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
<i>Wysocki</i>	<i>Daysailer</i>	Kevin Williams/ Gail Condon	Team Murphey	Terry & Charlene Paris
<i>Fall 3</i>	<i>Daysailer A</i>	Kevin Williams/ Gail Condon	Team McDonald	Tom Tidyman/ Brian Booth
	<i>Daysailer B</i>	Carleton Smith/ Deborah Paes de Barros	Gwenn & John Krossa	Tom & Cindy Fee
<i>Fall Series</i>	<i>Daysailer</i>	Kevin Williams/ Gail Condon	Tom Tidyman/Brian Booth	Carleton Smith/ Deborah Paes de Barros
	<i>Lido 14</i>	Don & Kit Lock- wood	Bob & Jenny Kizziar	Peter & Anita Rothenbuecher
<i>Fall 2</i>	<i>Ocean</i>	<i>Voyager II</i>	<i>Whizbang</i>	<i>Guayacan</i>
<i>Commodore’s Cup</i>	<i>Arbitrary</i>	Kevin Williams/ Gail Condon	Brian Monroe/ Dan Huntstead	Carleton Smith/ Joe Huntsinger

December will be marked by more holiday festivities and less racing. The Lighted Boat Parade is on December 5. Saturday the 12th our Bay Fleet holds its holiday party, followed by the Ocean Fleet on December 13th. The following week the Bay Fleet will hold Winter 1 on December 19. The Ocean Fleet has no races scheduled in December.

In the next issue I get to change the emphasis of my columns. I am planning a table like above for the races to itemize which plumbers have been called the most times, which projects go the most over budget, and a countdown of the Vice Commodore’s dwindling resources. I’m sure everyone will find it captivating reading.

Greg Barker, Rear Commodore



MORRO BAY JUNIOR YACHT CLUB

Season's Greetings!

Well, this is my last Masthead article as the Junior Advisor. It's been a great 3 years and I know you will be in good hands with **Gwenn Krossa** taking over as the new advisor. At the beginning of my tenure we started out as 11 juniors with 6 club Optimists and 1 privately owned. We still have 6 club Optimists, but we have 7 privately owned Optimists, and we now have quite a few Juniors moving into the Laser fleet. We have grown in attendance as well. At the peak of sign-ups we were up to 34 Juniors and somewhere between 21 to 26 show up at any given time. We went from a starting time at 10:00 and ending at 3:00 to having to break the Juniors up into two groups (green- championship fleets) so everyone could get a boat to sail in. It was my private goal that we increase membership, have the juniors get to know each other better, and have fun learning to sail. I think that I have accomplished everything that I set out to do.

My goals could have happened without the help of our fabulous coaches (Dana, Lex, Ron, and Kit), wonderful parents, and enthusiastic club members who don't even have children in the program. The success of the Junior program depends on many helpful and caring hands and all the help that I received during my time as the advisor did not go unnoticed.

Finally, I would like to thank my family (Mark, Kathryn, and Elizabeth "Bee") for supporting me in this endeavor. Thank you for driving the coach boat when needed, helping other Junior's out when they were stuck in the wind or didn't know how to rig or de-rig their boat, and always coming early and staying later than you really wanted to. Your patience and encouragement are very much appreciated!! I look forward to being there to encourage you and watch you grow as sailors. Have a great holiday season everyone and I will definitely see you at the club or on the water!

Best Regards, *Angela Soll*

p.s. Lighted Boat Parade is December 5th-bring an appetizer or something to share (bring a chair, blankets, and warm clothes) Christmas party is on Sunday, December 13th--more details to follow so CHECK YOUR EMAILS!!



HEY MBYC KIDS, GRANDCHILDREN, AND GUESTS!
IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL

MBYC CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

COME TO THE CLUB FOR FUN,
GAMES, AND A CHANCE TO
CHAT WITH SANTA!!!
Saturday DECEMBER 12TH
10AM to NOON



rsvp TERESA MCCLISH
w/children's names and ages

2009 Bay Fleet Holiday Party

Attention all support members of the bay fleet races:

You are invited to our Bay Fleet Christmas party and appreciation dinner for your help in Safety Boat, Race Committee, Big boat stake boats, and all Supporters of our bay fleet.

Sat. Dec. 12, 2009 &

White Elephant Gift Exchange:

Each family may bring ONE wrapped gift only.

5 PM Happy Hour

6 PM Dinner (\$5)

All Bay Fleet skippers, crew,
friends and support team please

RSVP... to Kit

e-mail: or

Dot Rygh e-mail:

with your number of family members attending.



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.

New Member

The membership committee extends a big welcome to our newest member, *Michael E Weber*. His membership was approved by the board on November 12th.

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 December 1st. *Leverett McKim* has taken the MBYC sailing lessons and participated in many activities including crewing with *Larry Earl*, kayaking, and safety boat for the bay races. He is sponsored by *Jim Phillips* and *Susan Wiley*. The next step is that all members should review the application and voice any comments to the commodore. Then at the December 10th board meeting the two sponsors will present the application information to the board for their approval.

New Contact Information

Michael E. Weber,
Barbara Butler,

Passing the Gavel

Thank you to the members of the membership committee for their willing and congenial support this year. Chair of the membership committee is a big job; so there will be co-chairs for 2010. *Gail Condon* and *Cindy Fee* will be taking over. I'm sure they will do a great job.

See you on the water.

Your Membership Committee:

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



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FROM THE PORT CAPTAIN—Kevin Williams

I had a great time, pleasuring the commodore last year and all of the fine patrons of the Morro Bay Yacht Club. I feel that the Board gave me a great opportunity to make some minor adjustments to keep the club healthy and the fleets active. I am confident that **Don Lockwood** will continue the tradition of improving the clubs holdings and assets.

In particular I would like to thank **Larry Earl, Pat Hedges,** and **Lynn Meissen** for signing in many people and acting as great ambassadors for the club. I saw their names many times on the sign in sheets of the club and greatly appreciate their aid.

Cheers **Kevo**



Social Committee

Can you believe it's December already?? Well you know what that means..... Santa is on his way. Starting out this month we will have our *Annual Lighted Boat parade*, Saturday, Dec. 5. Please bring a snack to share with others and make sure your guests accompany you as the doors and gates will be locked.

Check the Masthead calendar for your respective Fleet party during the month. **Wayne** is busy scheduling the Children's party.

Our club is hosting the *Chamber of Commerce Mixer* Thursday, December 17 @ 5:30-7:00 p.m. I would ask that you help the club out by bringing an appetizer for our guests. We would love to have you there to explain the many benefits our club has to offer our boating friends.

It has been my pleasure being your *Social Chairperson* this year and I know **Sharon Bufo** will do a terrific job next year. Let's all come out to support her at the January committee meeting.

Happy Holidays,
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!

Commodore's Ball - 2009



Thank you Rachelle Phillips for these photos.

WHAT TO DO WITH THAT DIRTY OLD EXTRA MONEY???

It has come to my attention that many of us life members give back what our dues would be monetarily, and often prefer to direct it to a particular fund. There is support directed toward children... Sailing Lesson Scholarships & Junior Member Scholarships. I think this is great! I'd like to point out that these programs are supplied with boats that need maintenance and upkeep, as boat owners well know. Thanks to many of our members who donate their time and skills to keeping the boats maintained. My point is, that you may want to direct your donation, or part of it to boat maintenance for Juniors and/or Sailing Lessons. After our General Meeting you know there will also be a fund to raise money for the elevator, soooo, I've solved any problem you may have with the burden of extra cash, *Kit*



It's not too early to think about the High Sierra Regatta at Huntington Lake July 10-11, 2010

There will be a short get together beginning at 5 pm before Happy Hour at MBYC on Friday, December 4, 2009. This will be an opportunity to see who might be willing to share campsites and ask questions and share information.

You will be able to make your Camping Reservations 6 months to the day before your date of arrival.

So if you want to arrive on Wednesday, July 7, 2010, you will be able to make your reservation on Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 7 am.

Reservations are made by campsite now, and the good sites will be reserved early.



You will be able to make your reservations online
at www.recreation.gov or
By phone at 1-877-444-6777

Brooks Measures

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.**

Remember?



<<< Doug Gould, Don Lockwood and Santa!

Commordore's Ball Fun cont.



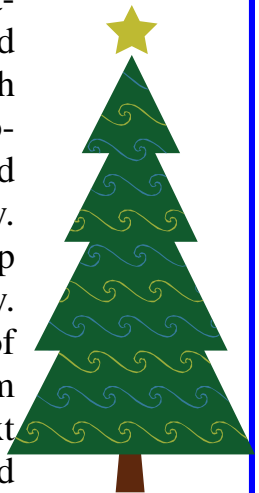
Above: Wayne accepting his 'Commodore's Gift.' Above right: Jim & Rachelle Phillips. Bottom right: Maryann Stansfield, Char Bruzenak, Rachelle Phillips, & Glen Ratliff..



Thank you Maryann Stansfield for these photos

Cruising Fleet

Damn the cannons, rammmmiiii speed!!! At times it felt that way and others like drifting down a lazy river (always on the lookout for the infamous hard hats, no not the yellow kind) with your pants rolled up and feet in the water. Aaaaarrgh! What lily livered, joker comes up with such drivel! He should be banished from the kingdom and flogged publicly!!! It is a never ending, thankless job of creating frivolity around here, especially with the Sheriff sniffing around on the trail of his prey. Ha! It will be a sad day in the swamp before them hard hats come up with a plan to snag us! They don't like getting their boots muddy. AAARRGH, don't get yur hoops in a tizzy ladies! There's still plenty of rum in the barrels. All the other drivel has already been spouted by them others, ya know, OFFICERS! OOPS, I guess I are one? Not till next yearrrr, so let's stop with the tom foolery and all the drivel and PPPPAAAAARRRRRTTTYYYY. Your humble servant, *Norm*



December 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

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TUESDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Tidelands Volunteers –

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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Ocean Fleet Party Juniors Party 			Board Meeting 6:00 PM 	Fun Float 10:00 am 	Hosts: Lee & Sue Drocco Tom & Cyndy Fee Andrew & Marrie Brown 	Bay Fleet Party Children's Party
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Juniors 				Fun Float 10:00 am 	Hosts: Matt & Adrian Jenkins Tom & Bobbie Jarrun 	Bay Fleet: Winter 1
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Juniors 	Masthead Deadline 				MERRY CHRISTMAS! 	
27	28	29	30	31	<p>Tidelands Volunteers –</p> <p>January: 4: Freddie Fernandez; 8: Rosemary Jorgens and Carolyn Pye; 11: Dick and Charlene Evans; 15: Blaine and Maralee Parkin; 18: Lee and Sue Drocco; 22: Bud and Janice Moore; 25: Ad Smulders; 29: Al and Mary Romero. Alternates: Bud and Judy Salamacha and Kevin Williams.</p>	

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



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3 A HAPPY NEW YEAR	4	5 	6	7 	8 Hosts: Dennis & Arne Johnson Ted & Iris Jacobson 	9 		
10	11 	12	13 	14 Board Meeting 6:00 PM 	15 Hosts: Jim & Christy Hoxter Peter & Jayne Belman 	16		
17 	18	19 	20	21 Masthead Deadline	22 Hosts: Ron & Nancy May Todd & Joyce Hansen 	23 		
24	25 	26	27 	28	29 Hosts: Kent & Lois Butler Brian & Shelly Granger 	30		
31 								