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## FROM YOUR COMMODORE



Hello Sailors,

This year's "Strictly Sail Pacific" boat show will be April 15 – 19 at Jack London Square in Oakland. I have a bunch of \$5.00 discount show coupons that anyone can have. But, Avast there sailors! April 19 is our 2009 *Opening Day* and you simply cannot miss that. Especially after all the hard work *Elaine Giannini* and her team have been putting into this gala event. I'm sure she will need a lot more of our collective help for food, decoration, furniture movement and music.

For a somewhat less exciting time than *Opening Day*, there are a few berths available for the tall ship *Lynx* in the upcoming 2009 Transpacific Yacht Race. I wonder how many of us have been on a Transpac race or even just sailed to Hawaii? Or how many have circumnavigated the planet?

And maybe one notch lower down on the excitement meter is the April 5 general meeting. No items have been placed on the agenda for a vote. I suspect the meeting will be primarily status reports from all the officers, directors, and committee chairpersons. You should expect that the elevator/lift will be discussed but no voting can take place at this time. As I wrote in an earlier Masthead, we will have sound into the lower dining room so that anyone uncomfortable with the stairs can participate in the meeting. Video would be nice as well, any volunteers to set that up and operate it?

I have never seen anyone work as hard as *Vice Commodore John Michener* on the galley floor. Day after day, he is on his hands and knees fighting 25 years accumulation of gunk with his trusty bottle of Krud Kutter. I can't wait to see how the floor looks when he is done. I'm thinking of naming it the *John Michener Memorial Galley Floor*, in the same vein as the *Ron May Memorial Dock Step* (the one with the protest flag) and the *James Bruzenak Memorial Buoy* (#8 "Where no man has stepped before or since"). I was glad to see so many participants at "*Work Day 2009*" helping John out on his monumental task of keeping the club up to snuff.

Finally, I would like to encourage each and every membership to fill out a survey form regarding your feelings vis-à-vis the elevator/lift if you haven't done so already. *John Michener's* elevator/lift committee is working with limited direction as long as they don't know how everyone feels. Even if you do not have a strong opinion and/or still have reservations, please let John know.

I hope to see you all on the water,

Wayne Ratliff  
Commodore

*"It is better to have raced and lost than to have never sailed at all"* adapted from Alfred Lord Tennyson



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](mailto:mbyc@mbyc.net) or to Barbara Earl  
\*All submissions are subject to editing for content and space.\*

## FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE

I was very happy with the number of people that came to *Work Day* and the amount of projects we accomplished. I wouldn't be surprised if it was a Vice Commodore who started *Work Day* because I can now check off numerous projects on my list of things to do. Several people were especially helpful in making *Work Day* successful. **Jim Bruzenak**, despite a painful back, helped me sort through all the paint cans prior to *Work Day*. **Rear Commodore Greg Barker** was very helpful with the organization of work going on in the clubhouse. **Donna Arozena** did a lot of work to bring us a very tasty lunch. The added complication this year was that the galley was unusable because it was being painted and the stove and refrigerator were removed to seal the floor. **Todd Hansen** has been very helpful in the decision process and work on the galley floor. Several other people have also told me that they would not be able to make it on *Work Day* but they still want to do their part and will work on another day.

Here is a list of people that have my thanks for coming out and putting in a day of hard work to maintain our clubhouse and other facilities. They deserve the thanks of the entire club, without these volunteers and those that work throughout the year it would be difficult if not impossible to maintain our yacht club. **David & Karen Prewett, Tom & Marty Tidyman, Greg Barker, Henriette Groot, Joe & Dawn Huntsinger, Carlton Smith, Deborah Paes De Barros, Susan Wiley, Laura McCarren, Donna Arozena, Tom & Gail Riley,**

**Michael & Brooks Measures, Pat & Dot Rygh, Gail Condon, Judy Adkinson, Kathe Davidson, Dave & Sharon Bufo, John & Wendy Mitchell, Steve Encell, Roy & Bev Gammill, Alan & Wendy Rackov, Jim Phillips, Jack Daily, Andy & Ann Brennan, Larry & Barbara Earl, Terry Paris, Howard Grisham, Peter Behman, Wayne Ratliff, Lynn Meissen, Todd & Joyce Hansen, Ray & Suzie Berndt, Kevin Williams, Bob & Jenny Kizziar, John Krossa, Andy Arozena, Bob Salamacha, Dick Evans, John & Frances Budlong, Teresa McClish, Tom Fee, Duncan & Marlene McQueen, Candy Botich, Don Lockwood, Ron May, Brian Monroe, Bob Walker, Vic Nero, John Gajdos, Jon Pope, Paisley Pope & Carter Pope.** I apologize in advance because at least one name was probably left out. We tried to be sure we had an accurate list. If you, or someone you know, were missed please tell me.



The red locker that held fuel cans has been removed because it was falling apart. The cans are now stacked on the left side of the shed. If one of these cans belongs to you please take it home, they can't be stored inside the shed.

I look forward to seeing you at the General Meeting and Opening Day,  
V.C. John Michener

## FUN FLOAT

**Thursday, April 23rd, 10:30 a.m.**

One of these days when I grow up and get real SMART, I'm going to start having the fun floats at the first part of the month (before the 21st when I have to have next month's article in). I am positive that we had a great paddle on March 26th. There was a feeling of sadness on the float because **John Kunkle** was not there and never will be again. John was one of our oldest and most regular paddlers. John, we will miss you very much. Our April paddle will be on Thursday the 23rd at 10:30 AM. We will be going down to the *Bayside Cafe*, so bring some money and good cheer.



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



# Thank You!

*Cynthia Wimer* will be taking on the daunting task of sending out the Happy Hour Host reminders. Thanks, Cynthia, for volunteering your services.



## AHOY MATES!

**Opening Day**  
**Sunday, April 19th,**  
**10:00 a.m.**

Don your most festive nautical attire and join us for another memorable Opening Day. Festivities begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by the ceremony, boat parade, and races.

Hope to see everyone there!



### 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.

#### April 2009

- 3 Leslie & Shields Abernathy  
Howard & Sandra Grisham  
Carolyn Pye
- 10 Lynn Meissen  
Linda Hatch  
Gerald & Kathy Ashenbrenner
- 17 Skip & Sandy Barnhart  
Mary Flaven  
Chris & Lynn Helenius
- 24 Jack & Barbara Keely  
Peter & Beverly King  
Kay Milligan

#### May 2009

- 1 Victor & Francoise Nigro  
Don & Gail Phares
- 8 Mark & Angela Soll  
Jack & Barbara Barrett  
Charles Watson
- 15 Hal & Carol Carden  
Larry & Barbara Earl
- 22 Matt & Jacque Pipers  
Charles & Laura McCarren  
Jerome White
- 29 John & Judy Michener  
Paul & Marilyn Schmidt

#### June 2009

- 5 Carol Vallyely & Clayton Schmidt  
Earl & Marsha May
- 12 John & Jan Neiswanger  
Jim & Roberta Brose
- 19 Candy Botich & Kevin O'Day  
Ken & Mary Bradley
- 26 Gary & Joyce Granneman  
Jeff & Karen Cederberg
- Polly Schneider

## FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE

We may not have an *Ocean Fleet Captain* yet, but I want to lead on the positive note that a number of members are stepping forward to help pro the ocean races. I mentioned **Ron May** previously, and **Tom Fee** is scheduled to pro the *Founder's Cup* ocean race the day after the deadline for this column. A couple of others have agreed to help once they receive an orientation. Anyone else who is willing to help pro ocean races but are hesitant because they don't know what to do, give me a call and we'll arrange a personalized briefing.



I need your help! As I was getting trophies engraved, I noticed that there was no engraved placard for the 2007 *Drumstick*. There is no record of the race results in the files either, and nobody I have asked seems to know who won that race. So, let me know if you know your name belongs on the *Drumstick* trophy as the 2007 winner.

The Bay Fleet's *Spring 1* at the end of February had a marvelous turn-out, with 22 boats in four fleets, but hardly any wind. In contrast, *Spring 2* challenged crews with strong winds and a fast current. After two races canceled by weather, the Ocean Fleet had an exhilarating time in the *John S. Mullins Memorial*. Congratulations to the winners of these races:

Race	Fleet	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Spring 1</b>	Daysailer	Kenton Hendricks	Dana & Teresa McClish	Tom Murphy
	Laser	Spenser Branch	Lex Budge	Steve Hendricks
	Lido	Brian Watson	Andy Brennan	—
	Optimist	Keiran Hansen	Shannon McClish	Elizabeth Soll
<b>Mullins Memorial</b>	Ocean	Voyager II	Whizbang	Kiskedee
<b>Spring 2</b>	Optimist	Rory McClish	Shannon McClish	Luke Woods
	Laser	Spencer Branch	Lex Budge	Steve Hendricks
	Daysailer	Brett Cross & Dawn Huntsinger	Tom Murphy & Tiffany Smart	Tom and Cyndy Fee

This month we successfully rolled out vouchers as race awards. Vouchers can be used at the bar, the ship's store, and for race entry fees. They can be given to members of the winning skipper's crew, including non-members. To minimize bookkeeping hassles, the whole voucher gets used at purchase, but can be used for multiple items. Winning skippers will be given a choice between a voucher or something more tangible like a mug or wine glass. Please, continue to give me your comments, positive and negative.

Our Ocean fleet will hold *Spring 1* on Sunday, April 5. That same day, the *San Luis Yacht Club* will be holding races at Lopez Lake (Saturday's races were cancelled). Our own Bay Fleet will hold its *Spring 2* on April 14 and will be racing again on *Opening Day*, April 19. The Ocean Fleet will finish with *Devlin 1* on Sunday, April 26.

**Greg Barker**, Rear Commodore



# MORRO BAY JUNIOR YACHT CLUB

Happy Spring!!!

I trust everyone is adjusted to the time change and is looking forward to the many daylight hours that are upon us (more daylight = more sailing!.) We had a great clean up day of our own on the 15th of March. Although we were not there when the club members were, we managed to get a lot done! Thank you to all of you who showed up to help clean up the Jr. shed and around the boat areas. We got a lot done and those areas now look spic and span. Let's try and keep them neat and orderly so we don't have to have an unscheduled work day!

Remember, this is your club and we want you to feel a sense of ownership and feel like you know where you can get supplies and tools when necessary. At the last meeting we also announced the officers for the 2009 seasons. They are as follows; *Commodore: Elizabeth "Bee" Soll, Vice Commodore: Shanny McClish, Rear Commodore: Kathryn Soll, Port Captains: Joe Repucci and Tristan Brown, Treasurer: Rylie Fee, Secretary: Liam Granger, Social Coordinator: Madeline Ogle and Jenna Duberg, and Junior Assistant: Natalie Marquardt.* I will be planning on meeting with you in April to discuss upcoming events, what we can do to make our junior program better, and how we want to spend our funds.



By the time this Masthead article arrives at your doorstep or over the internet the *Big Rock Regatta* will have already happened. So, let me thank you now for all the hard work that was put into this event. It would not have happened without all of our fabulous volunteers and of course our event master *Dana McClish*. Thank you to all the chase boats, sandwich makers, bartenders, and dock helpers, as well as all those who worked on race committee and those who helped with clean-up on Sunday. Thank you, thank you, thank you for making our *Big Rock Regatta* (and Junior program) so successful! All of your hard work does not go unnoticed and is much appreciated!!!



Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or ideas that you may have to make our junior program even better.

Best regards,  
Angela Soll

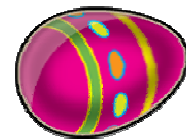


## Cruising Fleet

### Car 54 Where Are You?

Cruising fleeeeeeeeeeeeeeeet! Where art thou. March is a very busy month, so there wasn't any cruising events planned. Be that as it may, many of us (me) are still looking for the treasure, that be *San Simeon*. Some declared, let's just depart Saturday and come home Sunday. Aaaaargh, is that enuf time to enjoy the treasure that we find there? Me thinks not, but I may be the lone gull hovering, searching for that true meaning of .....paaaaarty! So, lads and lassies, let me hear from all corners of the club, what is your pleasure? Not that you shameless wench, later. Do we plan a short journey or spend a fortnight enjoying the pleasures that come from finding our treasure. With bated breath (cough, cough, cough) I am awaiting your joyous responses, so the merriment can begin again. From the depths of the dungeon, .....heeeeeeeeeeeeeeeelp.

Norm (David in a present life)



# Social Committee

Many thanks to our Wee **Cyndy Fee** and **Karen Prewett** for helping make *St. Pat's Day* extra special with their beautiful baskets. I missed out on the fun as I didn't pick a four leaf clover and instead caught a cold!

I know you've read it already but just one more reminder of *Opening Day*, Sunday, April 19. We really need the support of the entire club to make this day as special as it should be. Volunteers are needed for many areas. Our usual supply of yummy finger foods including deviled eggs, finger sandwiches, mini quiches, fruits, and desserts will delight our guests so please make certain to sign up on both lists. If you are unable to make it to the club for sign ups, feel free to email or call me and I'll take care of you. We have sent out over 120 invitations to dignitaries and other yacht clubs. Festivities begin at 10:00 a.m. so don your favorite nautical outfit, bring your favorite brunch item (ready to be served on a party appropriate tray) and prepare to have a gala day.

Friday, May 1 our own **Rachelle Phillips** and **Suzie Berndt** have promised to do a Mexican Hat dance in honor of *Cinco De Mayo*. Only kidding..... but they do plan on having Margaritas at the bar. Dig out that sombrero, serape and huarachas and salsa on down to the club to join in the fun.

Our next *Social Committee meeting* is Friday, April 3 at 5 p.m. downstairs at the club. I would appreciate everyone's attendance so that we can finalize *Opening Day* details.

Happy Sailing,  
Elaine Giannini, Social Chair



## 2009 Bay Cruises

### 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 April 25<sup>th</sup>—11:20 a.m. 4.0' high tide; 4:20 p.m. 1.4' low tide  
 Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>—8:40 a.m. 0.3' low tide; 3:50 p.m. 3.8' high tide  
 Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>—7:50 a.m. 0.3' low tide; 2:20 p.m. 5.2' high tide  
 Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup>—11:10 a.m. 5.2' high tide; 5:05 p.m. 1.1' low tide  
 Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup>—10:15 a.m. 3.3' low tide; 4:20 p.m. 5.1' high tide  
 Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>—12:20 p.m. 5.8' high tide; 8:15 p.m. -0.2' low tide



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## Membership News

Welcome to our newest members **Alan and Wendy Rackov** and **Tom and Gail Riley**. We're so happy to have you in the MBYC family.

**The 2009 Rosters and new membership cards** are in the mail. Special "thank you" go to **Peter King** for dispensing membership cards on Friday nights, **Cyndy Fee** for hours of accurate word processing, **Gail Condon** for sorting and labeling, **Rachelle Phillips** for return labels, and **Erika Luhr** for making mailing labels and mailing the rosters.

Your Membership Committee:

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



# People News

## Friends Passing



### *Peggy Sanders -*

I am sorry to have to report that my wife Peggy passed away in the French Hospital after a long struggle with Pulmonary artery disease complicated by a fractured hip sustained in a fall at home on Jan. 20th. Many thanks to the members who responded with kindness during her recent illness. She enjoyed the Morro Bay Yacht Club and the welcoming attitude of the members. I hope to see you all again and participate in club activities when I can.  
Sincerely, Bill

### *John Kunkle -*

It is with sadness we inform you of the passing of MBYC member John Kunkle. He frequently paddled with the fun float group and his presence will be missed.



Winners of the May 8 Mullins Memorial:

Crew of Voyager II accepting 1st Place.

John Michener of Whizbang accepting 2nd Place.

Peter Behman of Kiskedee accepting 3rd Place



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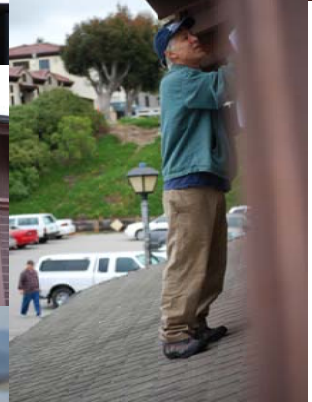
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### Tidelands Volunteers –

May: 1: Al and Mary Romero; 4: John and Frances Budlong; 6: Jim Clinton and Tom Haynie; 8: Rosemary Jorgens and Carolyn Pye; 1: Freddie Fernandez and Ralph Wessel; 13: Kevin Williams; 15: Bud and Janice Moore; 18: Dick and Charlene Evans; 20: Bob and Judy Salamacha; 22: Lynn Meissen; 25: Bob Pyeatt; 27: Harold Hartsell; 29: Lee and Sue Drocco. Alternates: Gail Condon and Blaine and Maralee Parkin.



# Work Day 2009



# Daysailer Fleet 128

*Bay Fleet Spring II, March 14, 2009.*

The wind that was absent from *Spring I* must have been saving its strength to provide Bay Sailors with a very exciting couple of races Saturday. Bay sailors turned out for a repeat of the close competition that has marked this years events in the first race of the day. The wind continued to build strength during the second race. Sailors faced a test of their metal tacking up in a big wind against a very fast tide after rounding the 17 mark. The safety boat earned its keep by assisting two boats to return to the dock. After lunch the consensus was to forego race three as the wind did not appear to be abating. The awards ceremony was ably MC'd by Race PRO **Gail Condon**, who rewarded sailors who placed well with their choice of a MBYC coffee mug or a voucher redeemable for club merchandise. The smiles on the faces of those who reached the podium are ample testimony to the fun we all had at *Spring II*. Congratulations to: *1st Opti, Rory McClish, 2nd Opti, Shannon McClish, 3rd Opti, Luke Woods, 1st Laser, Spencer Branch, 2nd Laser, Lex Budge, 3rd Laser, Steve Hendricks, 1st Daysailer, Brett Cross and Dawn Huntsinger, 2nd Daysailer, Tom Murphy and Tiffany Smart, 3rd Daysailer, Tom and Cyndy Fee.*

Thank you to the race committee, **Judy, Marty, Sandy and Joe.**

**Howard Grisham,**  
Daysailer Fleet 128,



# April 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

<p>5</p> <p>Bay Fleet &amp; Juniors:          SLYC @ Lopez          Ocean Fleet: Spring 1</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Board Meeting          6:00 PM</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Hosts:          Lynn Meissen          Linda Hatch          Gerald &amp; Kathy Ashenbrenner</p> <p>Good Friday</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Bay Fleet: Spring 3</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Easter Sunday</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Hosts:          Skip &amp; Sandy Bamhart          Mary Flaven          Chris &amp; Lynn Helenius</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Opening Day</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Masthead Deadline</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Fun Float</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Hosts:          Jack &amp; Barbara Keely          Peter &amp; Beverly King          Kay Milligan</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Bay Cruise</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Ocean Fleet: Devilin'          Juniors</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p><b>Tideland's Volunteers –</b>  <i>April:</i> 1: Jim Clinton and Tom Haynie; 3: Rosemary Jorgens and Carolyn Pye; 6: Freddie Fernandez and Ralph Wessel; 8: Al and Mary Romero; 10: Bud and Janice Moore; 13: Jim Clinton and Tom Haynie; 15: Bob Pyeatt; 17: Lynn Meissen; 20: Kevin Williams; 22: Bob and Judy Salamacha; 24: Lee and Sue Drocco; 2: Dick and Charlene Evans; 29 Harold Hartsell. Alternates: Gail Condon and Ad Smulders.</p>																									

*May 2009*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 Ocean Fleet: Devil 2 						
24 Bay Fleet: Fleet Championships 	25 Memorial Day Jack Johnson Memorial 	26	27	28 Hosts: John & Judy Michener Paul & Marilyn Schmidt 	29 Hosts: Matt & Jacque Pipers Charles & Laura McCarran Jerome White 	30 
17 Ocean Fleet: Spring II 	18	19	20 	21 Masthead Deadline 	22 Bay Fleet: Fleet Championships 	23
10 Mother's Day 	11	12 	13 Board Meeting 6:00 PM 	14 Hosts: Hal & Carol Carden Larry & Barbara Earl 	15 	16
3 	4 	5	6 	7 Hosts: Mark & Angela Soil Jack & Barbara Barrett Charles Watson 	8 Hosts: Don & Gail Phares Victor & Françoise Nigro Social Meeting 5PM Cinco De Mayo Festivities 	9
					1 Hosts: Victor & Gail Phares Don & Françoise Nigro Cruise Fleet Event 	2 Boat Inspection Cruise Fleet Event 

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