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# FROM YOUR COMMODORE-Wayne Ratliff

### Hello sailors,

*Summer sailing* has begun. The first week of classes had to be rescheduled due to under-enrollment. It's probably a sign of the economic times. But the first weekend class became somewhat oversubscribed when two walk-ins enrolled. Putting up those flyers outside may have done the trick.



The hoist modification is complete. Now the hoist can be reconfigured to lift twice the weight that it used to be capable of. (There, I just used a preposition to end a sentence with). At **Bob Kile's** and the

*Morro Bay Harbor Office's* advice, we hired a crane inspector to certify the hoist. An agent of *All-Cal* came out and used his truck as a test weight. He attached a scale onto the hoist hook and then strapped his truck to the scale and lifted to 25% beyond the rating, 1000 lbs in our case, and waited 10 minutes to see if the hoist clutch would keep holding, which it did. He asked me for the model number of our hoist and I told him it was a custom built hoist, but he needed a model no. So I told him it was a "*Kile-001*". I showed him the method of doubling the capacity, but since the cable loading is halved, he passed the new system without additional testing.

During the hoist work, we needed to get several cable nico-press swages done. I used to get this done at *Cuesta Equipment*, but they are no more. Next I tried *Miner's Ace* who did the swages for free, but didn't have the proper tool for passing inspection. *Larry Earl* then found out that *Jerry's Marine & Tackle* in Morro Bay had the right tool. *Jerry* then did 4 sets of swages for free. Jerry is now our only "chandlery" in Morro Bay.

*Maralee Parkin* tells me that she needs volunteers to help out with the *Tidelands Park* cleanup. Club members help out on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Contact Maralee if you want to get out for a walk in the park (carrying a bag and tongs).

You may have noticed that the dredge *Yaquina* is back. They will be working on the harbor entrance and Sand Trap areas until July 10-15. I understand that the inner harbor will be dredged in the fall in a separate operation. That will certainly give bay racing a new and exciting complication, as if all the moored boats weren't enough.

In response to *Port Captain Williams* request for clarification on the definition of "*use*" with respect to the mooring and yard policy letters, the Board decided that living aboard a moored boat does not, in and of itself, qualify for "*use*". Further clarification of "*use*" will be a topic of the July Board meeting.

Finally, the Board Meeting for July will be on July 2<sup>nd</sup> instead of the usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday due to the *Huntington High Sierra Regatta*.

I hope to see you all on the water,

Wayne Ratliff, Commodore

"You sail in the weather you get, not the weather that was forecast" (Additional comments from the commodore on pg 2)

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.\*

### **MASTHEAD**

# **FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE - John Michener**

The *Pirate's Booty Swap Meet* went well. There we may have another *Pirate's* were seven people selling items and one of them *Booty* sale again in the Fall. was a non-member. I think the Junior's bake sale On work day we got rid of the was fairly successful also. I did my best to be supportive and ate more cookies and pastries than I container

should have, but it was for a good cause. It turned out that there were no items to auction which was a disappointment, maybe next time.

Thank you to those of you that donated items for the juniors to sell and to those that came out to show your support. It is

difficult to know if all the other things going on in club, they can't be stored in the shed. town that weekend helped or hurt our attendance, by buyers and sellers, there were some other good Have a good month,

red metal fuel can storage that was selfdestructing from rust.

Since then the fuel cans that were in it have been



piled over by the junior's shed. We are going to get rid of any that are still there at the end of July, so if one of them is yours please take it home. At least for now we aren't going to have a place to store fuel cans at the yacht

choices for activities. If there is enough interest V.C. John Michener

# FUN FLOAT

Tuesday, July 21st, 10:30 a.m.

With regards to our June Fun Float to the mouth of the bay. As the G.P.P. it is my sad duty to report that Bob S. was not lost at sea. Oh well, there will be other opportunities. Our float in July will be on Tuesday the 21st at 10:30. I am not sure where we will be going or what we will be doing. My Plans are to have an honorary G.P.P. take over for one day. I'm sure it will be necessary to bring the necessities of life.



### Additional Comments from COMMODORE-Wayne Ratliff

It seems that the bar was left open last Wednesday night (June 24) including all the beer and wine taps, the liquor cabinets, the cash box and a lot of dirty glassware. This is certainly not the first time this sort of thing has happened, I have heard half a dozen similar reports this year, along with open doors, open office door, open galley cash drawer, open outside liquor storage door and on and on.

Although the last member leaving the club is responsible for closing up (regardless of whom that might be), there are ample opportunities for innocent exceptions, misunderstandings, and assumptions about who will actually do the closing.

So without changing anything in the House Rules regarding the "last member", I would like to institute an addition to that code. Whenever you open the bar and then plan to leave the bar, ask the other members in the area if they want to keep the bar open, in which case they are now "it" (a la tag). Make sure some individual gives a positive acceptance. In management school, this was referred to as a firm handoff, just like the quarterback to a halfback in football. If no one is willing to accept responsibility for keeping the bar open, then you must close it. This might well be applied to other areas of the club, the galley comes to mind.

Fortunately, we don't seem to have lost any money nor have any minors turned up with hangovers. And we haven't lost our alcoholic beverage license... yet.

### Wayne Ratliff, Commodore

The following is an item taken from the House Rules: "Each member using Club facilities is personally responsible for care, clean up, fire prevention, lights out, and com-plete lock up of the house. The last member to leave must be certain that the building is secure."



### FROM THE PORT CAPTAIN—Kevin Williams

OK folks, it seems like everything is going well. I have actually received more praise then death threats or insults. I do have about a dozen or so people really, really, mad with me though.

Yes, I know, the club has not enforced policy for a really long time, but the letters that govern the activities, intent, and mission, of the club do govern our rentals as well. The letters that you agreed to when you began renting a mooring, or a spot in the yard, are actually enforceable. That being said, I am very pleased that the board finally has a working definition of "*use*". I am sure this will be discussed somewhere else in this *Masthead* or on the club web site shortly.

On the positive side, we have added four more people to the boat yard. We could still stand to remove a couple of *Hobe* holders, a Vagabond, and a Cyclone, but other that those, most boats are participating in races and functions. The Daysailer fleet, for instance, had 11 boats on the line in the last race, and the Ocean fleet had 6 or 7 boats in the last race (which was a perfect day of sailing for those of you that weren't there). There are also a couple of *Catalina's* and a larger boat or two that may be shed from our moorings, as well, soon; so if you are looking for a mooring, which I personally know that three people are, keep your hopes high, I think there will be some openings in the near future. That being said, I do expect to rent these moorings to people who intend to follow our "use" definition.

Summer is here and we are experiencing a higher degree of traffic on the dock already. I will be looking for Assistant Port *Captains* as well to help with the daily boat counting duties. Please let me know if this kind of activity interests you, in your endeavors towards the club. I hope this finds everyone well and hope everyone has a great time on the water this summer.

### Kevo



## **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 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.

### **July 2009**

- Gail Condon Kevin Williams Bob & India Pyeatt Maralee & Blaine Parkin
- Dana Cummings 10 Chris & Anne Branch
- Jack & Barbara Daily 17 Max & Helen Sicher
- Peter & Anita Rothenbuecher 24 Pat & Dot Rygh
- Tom & Gail Spencer
- 31 Russell & Sally Williams Pete & Jeanette Wolff

### **August 2009**

- Ken & Judy Riener Alan & Cleo Holz
- Greg & Jennifer Barker 14
- Greg & Rosie Larson
- 21 Julie & Mal Towery David & Karen Prewett
- 28 John Bodine & Brooke Townsend Brian & Kathy Egan John Duffy

### September 2009

- Dick & Charlene Evans **Bill Sanders**
- Gerald & Erika Luhr

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- Nancy Craig
- 11 Dee Mace & Wayne Adair
- Tom & Gail Riley
- [] <sub>18</sub> Anne Meyer
  - Thor & Diana Ourston Henriette Groot
  - Adrian & Helma Smulders
- 25 Don & Glenda Boatman Judy Adkinson

Polly Schneider

# FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE—Greg Barker

The end of May and June have been a busy month for the fleets, as shown in the table of results below. Three days of sailing over the Memorial Day weekend, plus *Summer 1 and 2* for the *Bay Fleet*, and the *Devlin 2* and *Spring 3* for the *Ocean Fleet*. Congratulations to everyone who participated, and particularly the leaders listed below:



Race	Fleet	1 <sup>st</sup>	$2^{nd}$	$3^{\rm rd}$	
Fleet Champion-	Lido	Team Lockwood	Team Lund	Team Rothenbuecher	
ships	Daysailer	Williams/Condon	McDonald/Deardor	Measures/Walker	
Jack Johnson	El Toro	Michael Measures	Kit Lockwood	Todd Hansen	
	Optimist	Rory McClish	Keiran Hansen	Shannon McClish	
Devlin 2	Ocean	Voyager II	Whizbang	Kiskedee	
Summer 1	Daysailer	Williams/Condon	Team Measures	Team Hansen	
	Lido	Team Lockwood	Team Nero	—	
Spring 3	Ocean	Voyager II	Whizbang	Kiskedee	
Spring Series	Ocean	Whizbang	Voyager II	Gracie Ray	
Summer 2	Daysailer	McDonald/Monroe	Williams/Condon	Team Tidyman	

Those who were there for *Spring 3* will probably notice that I have listed *Gracie Ray* as third place for the *Ocean Spring Series*. The records were not available immediately following *Spring 3*, and the members reconstructed the prior results from memory. It turns out that our collective memories were a little off, so in following up *Gracie Ray* nudged into third overall by one point. Congratulations to *John Kincade*!

By the time you read this, the *Ocean Fleet* will also have run a retake of the *Founders Cup* on June 28. The weekend was originally scheduled for the *Jenkins Memorial*, but was switched to a shorter race on Sunday by popular demand.

The next big project emerging is instruction for safety boat crews on bay races. The idea is to have a video available so safety boat crews can orient themselves on their own time before a race. I have unsuccessfully searched for existing videos, including a call to *US Sailing*. It appears we have to do this ourselves. I have talked with *Staff Commodore Roy Shank*, who ran hands-on classes for safety boat crews in the past, and would like anyone else who wants to help with this project to contact me.

This July the cruising fleet kicks off the month with a three-day weekend cruise to Avila Beach. Boats will depart from



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E-Mail waustin@pacbeachproperties.com www.pacbeachproperties.com Morro Bay on Friday, July 3, are invited to participate in the *San Luis Yacht Club's boat parade* on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and return, well whenever they feel like it. The *Bay Fleet* will be going up to Huntington Lake for the *High Sierra Regatta* on July 11 and 12 and then the *Ocean Fleet* will finish the *Devlin Series* on July 19. July will have something for everyone, so I hope everyone gets to indulge their passion for sailing.

Greg Barker Rear Commodore





Happy Summer Junior Sailors,

I trust everyone is having a great summer. The *Jack Johnson Memorial* race went really well for the Juniors. We had 12 boats out for the race. That was our biggest participation of the year!! Our championship fleet was won by *Rory McClish* with *Tristan Hansen* coming in second and *Shanny McClish* taking third. *Green Fleet* was won by *J.T. Krossa, Audrey McClish* taking second and *Andrew Monroe* coming in 3rd. Way to Go!! Although not all the sailors placed, I thought everyone did really well. You should all be proud of what better sailors you are becoming. Know that every time you hit the water you will learn something new, something fun about sailing and something that you want to improve on the next time you sail.

The bake sale went really well and I appreciate all those who made, brought, bought and served the delicious baked goods. *Burger night* is now happening on Wednesdays so feel free to come on down and have a burger around 5:30. Speaking of Wednesdays, remember we are having afternoon sailing on Wednesdays at 3:00. You can get there earlier than 3:00, but you must have an adult who can supervise you and know how to use the chase boat if you get stuck.

What else.....Oh, HUNTINGTON LAKE!!!!! I know you are all looking forward to this very special event so be prepared for an unbelievably great time!!! On Friday, July 10th we sail up to the restaurant at the end of the lake so don't miss out on that!! On Saturday (the 11th) we are going to be having a party (potluck) at a yet to be determined campsite so please bring something to share. I'm sure we'll be having a FLOG and Bocce tournament so feel free to start practicing your skills!!. Remember there are no showers up there so don't forget to bring your sun showers. If you need to reserve a boat please email me and let me know so I can get the travel liability form to you. So far, I have *Tristan* and *Joe* who need a boat. Any others?

Well, that's it! Have a great 4th of July and I look forward to seeing you all up at Huntington Lake.



**Fun Float:** This was our most recent outing out to the sandspit near the rock. It was a fabulous day and everyone enjoyed our time on the water. Thanks, **Carol Walker** 





Your Social Committee has been hard at work making plans for the last 6 months of the year. As we mentioned in last months *Masthead*, the *4th of July festivities* at the club will be unorganized this year due to the fact that there will be a *laser light show* at Tidelands Park complete with sound and a screen for viewing. The sound will probably not carry to the club therefore members may want to get up closer to the park for viewing and sound effects. It's promised to be an exciting new event.

With that being said, we are onto August. We want you to hone up on your nautical knowledge and join us at Happy Hour, August 21st for "Why KNOT tonight dear?" There will be a little contest and fun questions with prizes awarded surrounding your knowledge of KNOTS! We can thank *Commodore Ratliff* for coming up with a "nautical" themed evening. Fall begins in September so we are ringing in the season with "No Soup for You" Night (for all you Seinfeld followers). The date will be decided at our next committee meeting, but it promises to be a Yummy evening. October will host our annual *Halloween Party*, November 14th is the *Commodore's Ball*, and December will have a series of Christmas celebrations. We plan to have our tree up and decorated for the *Boat Parade*.

I want to thank *Judy and Bob Salamacha* for doing an outstanding job with *Hamburger night*. What a feast it is. For anyone who hasn't been, come Wednesday evenings throughout the summer from 5 to 7 and cook a veggie, turkey or hamburger on the grill complete with salads, beans AND a sundae to top it off.

Our meetings are held the first Friday of each month so I'll hope to see my committee members and anyone interested to join us July 3 at 5 PM

### Elaine Giannini, Social Chair





Ahoy mates,

Not much to report from June....me thinks the Sheriff and his high hats have been following cruisers around, stayin' in the shadows, but so far, no skirmishes with 'em. By the time this is read (this damn charcoal is hard to write with), the next big bash will be happenin'. The party at Avila for 4th of July is ready to explode (got the gunpowder). At this stage of planning, there are several boats to join our Galleon in the warm and sunny waters to drink grog, eat burned flesh ,and mix it up with any and all wenches we can abscond with. Soooooo...if the grey matter is finally workin' and this sounds like fun (if it doesn't, may the queen banish you from MBYC), meet us there for the merriment. Any questions??? Jeez, send me a pigeon and maybe there'll be time to respond. 710-1911. Carriers will be operating on the way down and after the lead is dropped at Avila.

Aaaaargh, Norm heading for the pub!



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# Membership News

The membership committee extends a big welcome to our newest members: **John and Candace Kincade.** Their membership was approved by the board on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Contact Updates**

New Members: John and Candace Kincade

Phones: home: work: Email:

**Changes to contact info:** Dana Cummings



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



THE WEATHER WAS PERFECT for the June 13<sup>th</sup> bay cruise. Six boats had a great time sailing all over the bay in beautiful weather. Two Day Sailers even went out of the harbor mouth for a little ocean sailing! The next cruise on **Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>** (and the one after it) will have a high tide that should let us pretty far into 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 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



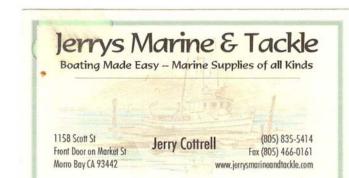


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# Morro Bay Yacht Club Has a Big Race Weekend

For those of you who were not around the club on the *Memorial Day* weekend, you missed a lot of racing excitement. A total of 38 boats competed in 24 races. Counting skippers and crew that adds up to 60 competitors on the water. The racing started on Saturday with eight *Lido14s* competing for their *Fleet 59* championship. Seven races were sailed. As has become the custom, the race officials came from the *Daysailer fleet*. For the second year our *Commodore* provided his boat as the committee stake boat. On Sunday fourteen *Daysailers* raced for their *Fleet 128* championships. Again seven races were sailed. The *Lidos* provided the race officials, with *Voyager* again as the stake boat. On Monday three *El Toro's* competed in five races, for the *Jack Johnson Memorial* trophy with *Michael Measures* winning followed by *Kit Lockwood* and *Todd Hansen*. The *Junior Optimists* were also invited to sail on Monday, and 12 of them showed up. They also sailed five races. Hot dogs, chili, sauerkraut, and potato salad were provided for everyone on Memorial day. Including safety boats, coaches, race committees, and galley workers, well over 100 club members were involved in the weekend and it was a great time for all. *Pat Rygh* 





Complete results Day Sailer Fleet 128 Championship:

1. Kevin Williams/Gail Condon, 2. Dan McDonald/Karl Deardor, 3. Measures/Walker, 4. Tidyman/Bock, 5. Smith/De Barros, 6. Pope/Cross, 7. Hansen, 8. Krossa, 9. Fram/Niro, 10. Wiley/Murphy, 11. Grisham/Earl, 12. Paris, 13. Huntsinger, 14. Fee

Message to participant skippers: I have prepared a photo CD, thanks to Andy Brennan for his gift to the fleet, in 4x6 format for convenient printing and playable via your preferred computer photo program. I will make sure that all participant skippers get a copy. *Howard Grisham* 



# Yes, Buck Jorgens has broken his hip. He broke it getting out of the car. He is in the hospital and will be transferred to Vineyard Hills Care Center on Monday, June 29th. Vineyard Hills is located across from Twin Cities Hospital. Rosemary says, "Many, many, thanks to everyone for their good wishes and kind words. It will be a long haul, but Buck will be back at the club before we know it." Please feel free to go in and visit Buck, he is getting very lonely and would love the company. When going in to visit Buck please ask for "Even", no one at the facility knows him as Buck. Rory McClish & family are on their way to Poland! I don't know the particulars, but I believe Rory won yet another competition and has gotten the chance to go to Poland. I'm hoping to get an article out of the McClish family, on their return! How exciting! Congrats Rory! Image: Congrame Provide Pro

Participant report by Howard Grisham

Great sailing weather *Memorial Day* weekend. The *Day Sailer Fleet 128 Championships* were held in the south bay, a windward/leeward course on a west wind near the 17 mark in the bay. Turn out was awesome, fourteen Day Sailers participating in an appropriately *"Indianapolis 500"* format. *Wayne Ratliff's Voyager II* served as committee boat and the northerly starting pin.

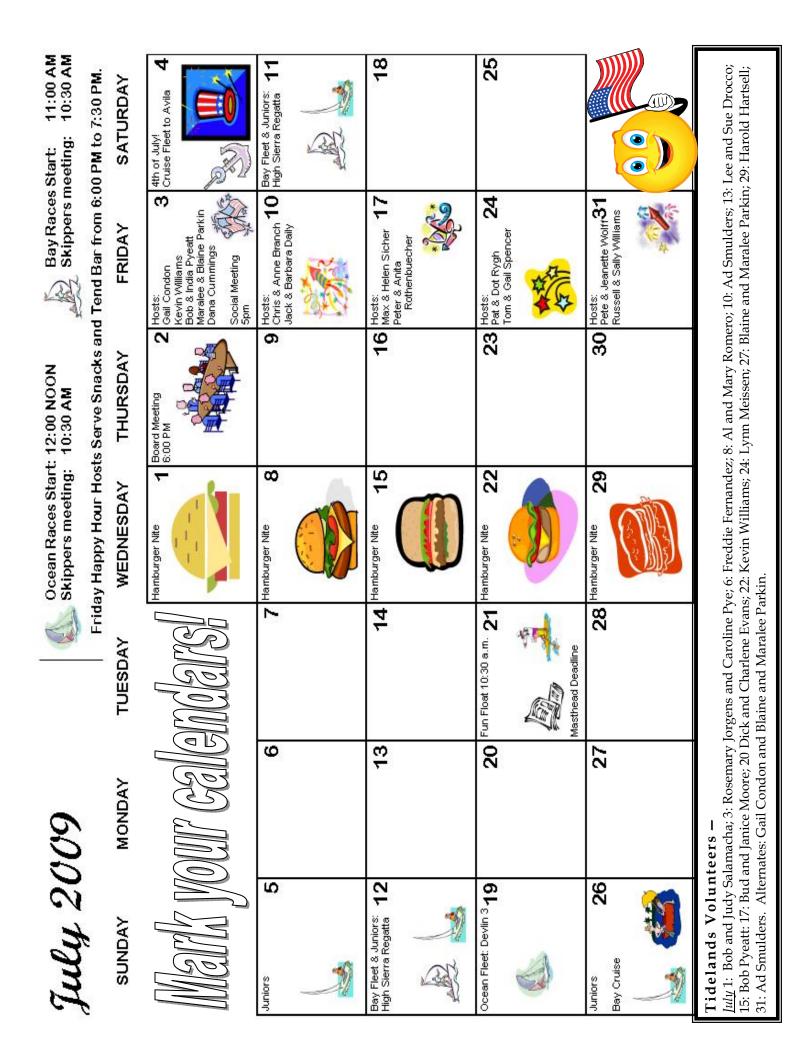
In race one, my main sail outhaul came undone soon after the start, a new idea for my outhaul wasn't all that good. The predictable loss of sail power made for frustrating up wind

legs but a full, spinnaker like main on the down wind run. We performed the function of back marker, finishing 12. Returning the outhaul to its former configuration greatly improved our experience. All starts were exciting, unbridled enthusiasm resulting in a general recall in race two. On the restart we crossed the line just under the stern of *Voyager* and beat up wind in fourth place behind *Kevin Williams, Dan McDonald* and *Tom Tidyman*. Seven laps later on the final beat to the finish, *Michael Measures* inched up to beat our boat by the smallest millimeter of margins. We finished in fifth place, best ever for *Snap* and proving that even a blind squirrel finds a nut now and then. The windward mark proved to be an adrenalin rush when closely placed boats rounded on port and returned down wind on starboard. As a later arriving boat at the mark on port tack there were some quick decisions to make. On port, it was go ahead or astern and don't make a mistake because the Day Sailers were making great speed in both directions. My first time crew, *Larry Earl*, performed his tasks smartly while I made mistakes that slowed our boat on tacking and rounding marks, ending the morning session 11th and 13th. The windward/leeward course was short compared to the usual race courses. I really enjoyed the close racing, never out of touch with other boats. It's fun because the only boat that matters is the one directly ahead or behind and in this style of racing that is all the time. The saying goes that when ever there are two sailboats going in the same direction, that is a race, and that certainly held true on Sunday.

The fleet returned to *MBYC* for lunch break to discuss the morning's events. There were many animated conversations on tactics, the exclamation points, fickle winds and "oops sorry about that" things that occur in every race. On returning to the marks for the afternoon set of races *Snap* "snapped" its boom vang on the afternoon's increasing winds and we had to retire. We returned to the boat hoist to lift a broken *Snap* out of the water, but no such lift was needed for crew, *Larry* and I had a glorious time. Being able to say we were right there with the leaders in a race will give my grin muscles a good workout for some time to come.

I appreciate that sailors more skillful than I are quick to share their knowledge and help with the set up of all the boats in the fleet. Race committees are all about ensuring the enjoyment and safety of all participants in our sport. The awards ceremony is a celebration of everyone that make it work. It is a good environment for an old pollywog like myself. My only regret is that I did not start sailing sooner. Come and sail with us, it is a beautiful thing to do.

Thanks to *Andy Brennan* for taking pictures from the safety boat, *Howard Grisham* pre-race and *Sandy Grisham* from Committee Boat, *Voyager II*.





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<b>Tidelands Volunteers</b> – <u>August</u> 3; Freddie Fernandez; 5: Bob and Judy Salamacha; 7: Rosemary Jorgens and Carolyn Pye; 10: Blaine and Maralee Parkin; 12 Kevin Williams; 14: Al and Mary Romero; 17: Lee and Sue Drocco; 19: Bob Pyeatt; 21: Bud and Janice Moore; 24: Dick and Charlene Evans; Alternates: Gail Condon and Blaine and Maralee Parkin					31	nuniors <b>30</b>
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