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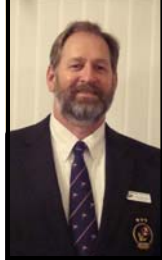
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FROM YOUR COMMODORE-John Michener



The *Opening Day* festivities went well this year. The clubhouse was decorated beautifully and everything was planned and done to perfection, thanks to *Sharon Bufo* and *Activities Committee* crew. As the festivities began we enjoyed the music of the *David Becker Trio*, then later during the ceremony the *US Coast Guard Station Morro Bay* again graciously provided us with a color guard to raise the "Stars and Stripes" as *Paul Irving* gave us a stirring rendition of the National Anthem on his horn. I enjoyed leading the six other boats in the boat parade with my little *Santana 22*; the *Harbor Patrol* also gave us an escort and a fire hose salute. These are all good memories I will have for quite a while. Thank you to everyone who attended *Opening Day* and especially to those who helped make it happen.

Our *General Membership Meeting* in April was well attended; we easily had a quorum with 78 memberships present. Thank you to all of you that were able to make it to the meeting. There were some motions on the ballot that produced strong feelings on both sides but the character of our membership was evident, as everyone present conducted themselves with decorum. The results of the voting are that Motion a) which would have used the funds from the Contingency Reserve Fund to install the elevator as soon as possible was defeated 152 no to 7 yes. Motion b) that would have begun a program of possibly matching donations to the elevator project from the Contingency Reserve Fund was voted down 138 no to 22 yes. Motion c) which would have used \$\$\$ from the Contingency Reserve Fund to build a Dinghy Ramp also didn't pass with 61 votes no and 97 yes, a 2/3rds majority was required to pass. Motion d) which would have used \$\$\$ from the Contingency Reserve Fund to install the elevator also didn't pass with 151 votes no and 9 yes. Obviously the motions to fund the elevator project from the Contingency Reserve Fund didn't pass, however the vote from last November to work toward an elevator project is not directly affected and other means of funding will need to be considered in the future. It was a successful meeting and I especially want to thank the *Membership Committee*. They did a great job of welcoming and counting memberships, distributing ballots and I had also asked them to act as tellers in collecting, counting and reporting the votes. They were very busy that night and deserve our gratitude.

Speaking of the *Membership Committee*, at the end of last year then *Commodore Ratliff* asked them to work on making the membership process less intimidating to people who may be interested in joining but don't know where to start. I feel the committee and *Staff Commodore Jim Phillips* in particular have gone a long way towards fulfilling that request by giving a lot of extra time and attention to potential members.

Thor Ourston passed away in the first part of April. *Thor*, a long time club member, was active in the Ocean Racing Fleet a few years back with his 65' MacGregor "Blackjack".

We could still use a couple more volunteers to help organize and run Hamburger Night this summer. If that sounds like something you might want to be involved in please contact me.

John Michener, Commodore

"The ocean has always been a salve to my soul...the best thing for a cut or abrasion was to go swimming in salt water. Later down the road of life, I made the discovery that salt water was also good for the mental abrasions one inevitably acquires on land."

-Jimmy Buffett

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 - Greg Barker



This month's column comes to you from scenic Tracy, CA. I accept work from only the most choice locations.

This month's Ed Norton Service Award goes to **Larry Earl** for his help to save Opening Day from the most horrendous fate: backed up sewers. As those of you who paid attention to messages on the alias know, there was sewage bubbling up one of the men's shower stalls. Larry met the plumber on my behalf, then

VOLUNTEERED to clean up the dried sewage from the shower once the plumber left. All was well on Opening Day as a result. I expect each member to shower Larry with rose petals the next time they see him.

I also want to thank each and every one of you who came out for Work Day. Unfortunately, I pulled the wrong sheet of paper from my file with all your names on it, so you will also want to thank my daughter, Jenna, for typing the following list of members who burned a perfectly good Saturday for the benefit of the club: *(not in any particular order)*

Brian Monroe
Lynn Meissen
Joyce, Todd, Keiley & Keiran Hansen
Anne & Andy Brennan
Jack Daily
Wayne Ratliff
Jim Phillips
Brooks & Michael Measures
Peter Behman
Dick Evans
Bob & Carole Walker
Bob Salamacha
Carlton Smith &
Deborah Paes de Barros
John Kincade

Donna Arozena
Andy Arozena
Dot & Pat Rygh
Pandora Nash-Karner
Al Romero
Carol & Hal Carden
Karen & James Clinton
Judy Adkison
Debbie & Michael Peck
Gail Condon
Larry Earl
Roy Gammill
Howard Grisham
John Michener
Tom Riley
Tom Murphy
Ron May
John Krossa
Elaine Giannini
Tom & Cindy Fee
Charlene & Terry Paris
Duncan & Marlene McQueen
Kevin Williams

Prospective Members:

Robert Patterson
S. Strebin
Carole Maurer & John Dilworth

My apologies if I missed anyone, spelled your name wrong, or didn't alphabetize your name.

Don't forget the **Pirate's Booty Auction** on Saturday, May 15 (and NO, its not THAT kind of booty).

Greg Barker, Vice Commodore

FUN FLOAT

Thursday, May 13th, 10:30 a.m.

Beware the calm before the storm! Our April paddle started off picture perfect and then things began to fall apart. We were just finishing our meal at Bayside Cafe when someone noticed that the wind was coming up fast (about force 5). The wind was full in our faces and we were taking green water over the bow. Our Good Person award for this month goes to **Carolyn P.** She was the only one who stopped to help the kayaker who fell out of his boat. (He is a visitor from the valley). The Harbor Patrol brought him in safe and sound. Our May Float will be on Thur. the 13th at 10:30. Bring yourself and something to snack on.



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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, Larry Earl.

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.

May 2010

- 7 Susan Wiley
 Judy Adkinson
 Al & Mary Romero
- 14 Jon & Chrystine Pope
 Marc & Maggie Goldberg
- 21 Roger & Sandy Shervington
 Leslie & Shields Abernathy
- 28 Harold & Elena Hartsell
 Bob & Jenny Kizziar

June 2010

- 4 Lex & Lolo Budge
 Carol & Hal Carden
- 11 Brian & Mary Monroe
 Carolyn Pye
 Bill Austin
- 18 Wayne & Glen Renee Ratliff
 Dave & Alicia Shinn
- 25 Skip & Sandy Barnhart
 Gerald & Kathleen Ashenbrenner

July 2010

- 2 Skip & Sandy Barnhart
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- 9 Mary Flaven
 Henriette Groot
 Linda Hatch
 Lynn Meissen
 Kay Milligan
- 16 Howard & Sandy Grisham
 Chris & Lynn Helenius
- 23 Peter & Bev King
 Victor & Francoise Nigro
- 30 Charles & Laura McCarren
 Larry & Barbara Earl

— Polly Schneider

FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE—David Prewett



Alright, you scurvy vermin, take in the main brace, let go the top gallant and feed that wormy rear commodore to the sharks! Ohhhh, that's me. Heelp, forget it, there's no helping this lost soul. On to the racing. Bay Fleet Spring 1, Juniors, Founders Cup and the daddy of them all, the BIG ROCK REGATTA! Other lost souls will report on the Junior events. As for the Spring 1.....1st went to *Gail and Kevin*, second to *Dawn and Brett*. Third place, I could not find the info for this report. I apologize to that team and will publish the info next month. The Ocean Fleets Founders Cup actually occurred. Absolutely amazing! *Team Ratliff* was first, with *team May* second and *team Behman* third. April holds for us, Spring 2, Juniors, those kids are always racing (yeaaaa), Opening day and for the Ocean Fleet, Devlin 1. All will be reported on next month, that is if the racers haven't mutineed, wrapped me in irons and tossed me in the sea. From my tiny cabin aboard the good ship *Katabatik*, fair winds, following seas and the pointy thing towards the sky. Triple the ration of rum (soda for the young uns) for all those who brave the mighty gods to race another day. Norm

Social Committee

Wow! What a grand Opening Day we had...nice weather, good food, good people and a spectacular boat parade! I would like to thank all of you who were gracious in your volunteer role to make this day go well. I had a blast!!!

As for May, we would like to put on a "Bobby Flay throw down" for a fabulous guacamole recipe. A person of culinary skill, I have yet to ask, will provide complete anonymous and impartial judging in choosing the winner. I have connections!!! If you are interested in participating in our take on the hit show, please contact me through email or phone. We will "set the date" in May when we get people involved!!! I am looking at May 14th. It all depends on your level of interest! I hope to hear from you soon...

Remember the Zongo All Stars will be performing at the back bay May 22nd, from 6 to 8 pm. Good music, good friends and a perfect setting in paradise...it just doesn't get better than that! See you on the bay!

Sharon Bufo, Social Chair



WANTED: Masthead Editor

This is my 4th year being editor of the Morro Bay Yacht Club's Masthead newsletter. I have enjoyed putting the newsletter together. It has been very fun for me. But I feel it is time to get some fresh blood in here. To pass the torch, so to speak. So, with that being said:

If anyone is interested in taking over the Masthead for the 2011 year, please contact me . You should have basic computer knowledge. The Masthead is done in Publisher. It is easy to learn to use if you don't know it. Mostly a cut and paste kind of thing, but typing is a good skill to have. A little creativity is a good thing, Proofreading, and spell checking. You should have email capabilities and you get your own box in the office at the club. Will hate giving that up! :o) The Masthead is put out on a monthly basis. It takes me about 8 hrs to put the whole newsletter together, give or take.

Thanks to everyone for their support these last 4 years. I've really had a lot of fun doing the newsletter and hate to give it up, but it is time.

Barbara Earl, Masthead Editor



Opening Day! 2010



Thanks to Rachelle Phillips & Howard Grisham for the photos!

MORRO BAY JUNIOR YACHT CLUB

We've had a little bit of a Goldilocks start to the year – The winds have been too light or too strong, and we can't wait for some "just right"! But we've had some fun this month, and more to come!

We had a somewhat impromptu mid-week spring break sailing day, on what turned out to be the warmest day of spring break. The BBQ-ing afterwards made me antsy for summer, when the Wednesday night Burger Nights start up again! It was even better since our regularly scheduled day the next Sunday was blown out by gale force winds!

A few juniors have been branching out lately. Keiran Hansen sailed his new Daysailer, with his dad as crew, in one of the Bay Fleet races. He did very well, placing 3rd!

Three juniors sailed in the Opening Day races. Rory McClish sailed a Laser, and placed 3rd overall. Keiran Hansen with crew Joe Repucci sailed his Daysailer. Way to go guys! It was awesome to see you out there! Keiran, how did it feel to beat your parents?

May 1-2, a few families plan to go to the Lake Piru Regatta. It will be my family's first time there, I'll give a report next month!

The Juniors will be part of the Pirate's Booty Sale on Saturday, May 15th – some donations have already come in. We will be holding a bake sale and selling donated goods to raise funds for the juniors. If anyone has donations, please let me know! Juniors, I'll be looking for volunteers to bring goodies and work the booth. More details to come.

Our May Junior Sail Days will be May 8th (Saturday!) and Sunday May 23rd. Memorial Day, May 31st is the Jack Johnson Memorial regatta. It will be at Atascadero Lake this year. It will be a really fantastic venue for the green fleet. More details to come – mark your calendars!!

Gwenn Krossa, Junior Advisor



News from the Elevator Committee

As you know by now, the petitions for funding the elevator were voted down. We're happy not to have to spend that much money on a full elevator. **Greg Barker** has been analyzing a stair lift and we are waiting to hear from several sources regarding other options. In the mean time, we will start raising funds by having a monthly 50/50 raffle.

Sincerely, Marlene and the Elevator Committee

Membership News

.Hanging on the door is the application for prospective members John Dilworth and his wife, Carole Maurer. They are sponsored by Bob and Carol Walker and Henriette Groot.

John and Carole own both a Lido 14 and a Ranger 23. They have participated in several of our club events and are very active in the community.

Changes To The Roster:

Polly Schneider has a new e-mail address.

Please delete the following memberships:

Barrett, Jack and Barbara; Duffy, John; Jones, Brian and Kathy; Swaaley, Scott

Membership Committee: Gail Condon, Cyndy Fee (co-chairs), Lynn Meissen, Rachelle and Jim Phillips, Angela Soll and Marty and Tom Tidyman.



April 6 at the Change of Command Ceremony of the US Coast Guard. With Commodore **John Michener** is new **Chief Kevin Morgan**.

Spring 2



Kevin and Gail 1st

Carlton and Deborah 2nd

Todd and Keiran 3rd

Spring 3



Thanks to Rachelle Phillips, Howard Grisham, & Tom Tidyman for the photos.

El Toro's Jack Johnson Memorial Day Regatta at Atascadero Lake

Attention: All El Toro sailors, Sabot sailors, young Optimist sailors, Supporters of Sailing, cheerleaders and everyone who likes to picnic and enjoy a day in the Lake Park.

Notice of Race

Date: Monday May 31, 2010

Place: Atascadero Lake

Time: Skippers meeting at 10:30 A.M. Boats need to be ready at that time also.

Rules: This event will be governed by the Racing Rules Of Sailing.

Eligibility: Everyone with and El Toro or Sabot is invited to sail, but only MBYC members may compete for the trophy.

Schedule of Races: A total of 5 races for the trophy will hopefully be held. Maybe 3 before lunch and 2 following lunch.

(Winds will determine events).

Modification of Notice of Race: The race committee at it's own discretion will disqualify any racer who falls so far behind that it impedes the start of further racing.

Optimist Sailors: Separate races will be held for the skippers interested n racing.

The plan is to have a Pot Luck lunch with hot barbeque coals supplied for those who would like to throw something on the fire. Lunch will be sometime between noon and 2. Also bring your own beverages. *The Race Committee* of **Terry Paris PRO, Victor Nigro, Steve Hendricks, Peter Rothenbuecher and Howard Grisham** will officiate the event. Everyone is invited, so bring your family and friends. If anyone is interested in organizing or participating in the social event or any other questions please call

Terry Paris

Caught'cha!

Back in 2008 we had a 'Caught'cha! For **John and Frances Budlong** for planting flowers and getting dead plants, etc, out from around and in the boatyard. We find ourselves in need of saying another Caught'cha!, and great job!, to **John and Frances Budlong**. They work hard to keep the foliage trimmed back over by the boat yard along with weeding as needed. They are a great asset to our club.

Thank you John & Frances!

People News

Update on members, **Earl & Marsha May**. "We are heading for Tonga with ICA Rally on May 1st, (weather forecast permitting). On the way we'll stop for about 3-4 days snorkeling & diving at Minerva Reef (North & South). Plan to spend about a month in Tonga and then head to Fiji. Our son and girlfriend will join us in July for a visit and then our daughter & her husband will join us in October. We plan on painting Mahurangi while in Fiji as well. During that time we hope to do some more cruising in Yasawas and Sueva Sueva areas. I know it sounds like a lot to accomplish in 6 months, but we will see plans change easily in the yachtie world."

They are loving what they are doing. Nice to hear from you **Earl & Marsha**.

May 2010



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

Tidelands Volunteers —

May: 3: Jim and Karen Clinton; 7: Lynn Meissen; 10: Freddie Fernandez; 14: Kevin Williams; 17: Bob and Judy Salamacha; 21: Bud and Janice Moore; 24: Lee and Sue Drocco; 28: Dick and Charlene Evans; 31: Blaine and Maralee Parkin, Alternates: Gail Condon and Al and Mary Romero.

									Bay Fleet: Spring 3 1
Ocean Fleet: Devlin 2 						Hosts: Susan Wiley Judy Adkinson Al & Mary Romero 	Hosts: John & Cynthia Pope Marc & Maggie Goldberg 	Hosts: Roger & Sandy Shevington Leslie & Shields Abernathy 	Hosts: Harold & Elena Hartsell Bob & Jerry Kazzar
					Board Meeting 6:00 PM Fun Float 				
Ocean Fleet: Spring 1 Juniors 									Fleet Championships: Lido
Fleet Championships: Daysalers 	Memorial Day Bay Fleet: Jack Johnson 								

Tidelands Volunteers —

June: 2: Bob and Judy Salamacha; 4: Rosemary Jorgens and Caroline Pye; 7: Freddie Fernandez; 9: Kevin Williams; 11: Lynn Meissen; 14: Blaine and Maralee Parkin 16: Al and Mary Romero; 18: Bud and Janice Moore; 21: Ad Smulders; 23: Dick and Charlene Evans; 25: Blaine and Maralee Parkin; 28 Lee and Sue Drocco. Alt. Gail Condon and Bob Salamacha.

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Ocean Fleet: Spring 2 	6	7	8	9	Board Meeting 6:00 PM 	10	Hosts: Brian & Mary Monroe Carolyn Pye Bill Austin	11	Bay Fleet: Summer 1 	12
Juniors 	13	14	15	16	17	Hosts: Dave & Alicia Shinn Wayne & Glen Renee Ratliff	18	19		
Ocean Fleet: Spring 3 Father's Day  	20	 Masthead Deadline	21	22	23	24	Hosts: Skip & Sandy Barnhart Gerald & Kathleen Ashen- bremer	25	Bay Fleet: Summer 2 	26
Juniors 	27	28	29	30						