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#### FROM YOUR COMMODORE-John Michener



It is hard to remember a January with as much rain as the one we just had. I decided a few years ago that I wouldn't complain about rain again because we have had some very dry years but I came close last month. As I am writing this our electrical power has been off all day as it has been three times now in nearly as many weeks. I'm glad there was some charge in my laptop battery. At our house there is an added complication, we are on a well so no power means no water. Well, enough of almost complaining.

We lost our newest member, *Leverett McKim* on January first. I think I may have been the first person in the club to talk to *Leverett*. He called the club one Sunday morning and I answered the phone. He introduced himself and gave me some history. He said that he was interested in finding out about membership. I told him a good place to start would be to come to our Friday night happy hour and meet the members. I then added that I needed to go because there was a race that day, the boats were ready to leave the dock and I was supposed to be on one of them. He thought that was a good story and recounted it to me the next couple of times that I saw him at the club. *Leverett* was quite a guy, he was very enthusiastic about the club and sailing. I hope that becoming a member brought some extra happiness to his last few days. The Board of Directors decided that his initiation fee should be returned to his family.

We had the carpets cleaned near the beginning of January. It was my last act as Vice Commodore. I want to thank *Alan Rackov* and *Lynn Meissen* for helping me move the furniture out and *Ron May* and *Carlton Smith* for helping move it back in. I should have had it done sooner but felt they might very possibly have needed it again after all the holiday parties.

*Marlene McQueen* has agreed to be chairperson of the Elevator Committee. I appreciate her willingness to work on this. She is in the process of putting her committee together. One thing that her committee will be working on is a petition that was given to *Commodore Ratliff* at the end of last year. The petition was signed by nine members and it asked that the elevator would be voted on at the next General Meeting. The petition asked that the vote would be for the elevator to be started as soon as possible and paid for with funds that are in the Contingency Reserve Fund.

If the weather clears a little I hope to see you out on the water,

#### John Michener, Commodore

Thy fate is the common fate of all; Into each life some rain must fall. — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



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#### FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE - Greg Barker



This month I am reporting from beautiful Auburn, California, which has less yachting activity than Fresno — go figure. Actually, compared with some of the garden spots where I work, Auburn is, well, a garden spot.

I had the opportunity to make my first plumbing call to unclog a drain this month. I will have to adjust my wardrobe if this will be one of my primary duties. I currently don't show enough

cleavage to be considered a real plumber.

I've been schmoozing people up as I plan repairs to the landing at the top of the gangway. It could turn into anything from a minor nuisance that only interrupts dock access for a day or two to a major pain that requires us to disconnect the gangway for 10 days until the concrete cures enough to be loaded again. We won't know which it will be until we demo the bad concrete, so I have to schedule for the worst case. The next window that causes minimum disruption to other club activities is March 28 to April 9. I'll remind everyone again next month, but consider the possibility that dock access may be restricted for those two weeks when you make your own plans.

It has also been suggested that a fitting legacy to my tenure as vice commodore would be to repair the tarmac on the south side of the club. I didn't get into legacies in last month's column, but now I lay awake at night, staring at the ceiling as I ponder my legacy. To mitigate my disrupted sleep patterns, I have asked the Long-Range Planning Committee to consider tarmac repairs at their upcoming meeting. I've been sleeping better already, thank you for asking.

At Work Day last year I noticed the performance art created by people tromping through freshly painted step nosing's and dock markings, spreading painted footprints from here to Tahiti. I lack sufficient imagination to top that, so instead I'll cover up this personal deficiency by making any painting of surfaces where people walk a schedule-yourself alternative to Work Day. I plan to have a sign-up poster for Work Day upstairs by Happy Hour on February 26. It will include tasks that you can schedule at your convenience if you have to be out-of-town to visit your mother-in-law on Work Day.

And lastly, one of my spies has reported that the middle sliding glass door in the dining room downstairs was left unlocked recently. Now, don't go ruining my columns by making me into a scold! My suggestion: secure the club like you would secure your own boat before leaving it unattended. We all thank you.

Greg Barker, Vice Commodore

#### FUN FLOAT

#### Wednesday, February 17th, 10:30 a.m.



The weather gods finally smiled on us and we had a beautiful day for paddling. Maybe it is a good omen for the coming year. Our Guest G.P.P. for Feb. will be none other than our own illustrious keeper of the ships store, *Al R*. and the power behind the throne, Mary.

Al has informed me that he wants to head for the mouth of the bay. Bring plenty of provisions just in case anyone is swept out to sea. (Don't worry, I'll send **Bob S**. to bring you back in. That is Feb. 17th at 10:30.

Deadeye Dick your ever lovin, G.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, Larry Earl

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.

#### February 2010

- 5 Tyler & Sarah Mason
  - Bruce & Janice Moore
- 12 John & Terry Miron Alex & Stephanie Finlay
- 19 Roy & Bev Gammill Larry & Liz Salas
- 26 Bill & Maryann Stansfield Forrest & Frances Martin

#### March 2010

- 5 Terry & Charlene Paris Donna Arozena Brent Knowles Doug Riddell
- 12 Dale & Sandra Forsythe Bob & Carol Walker
- 19 John & Nia Schmidt Keith & Lynn Valley
- 26 Randy & Faye Zeeb Rick Paley & Holly Anderson

#### **April 2010**

- 2 Dennis & Rosemarie Boertje Brian & Kathy Jones
- 9 Fred & Francis Martin David & Sharon Bufo
- 16 Ken & Linda Barnhart Bob & Laurie Neumann
- 23 John & Nia Schmidt Tom Murphy John Duthie Freddie Fernandez
- 30 Fred Novy Jack & Barbara Keely

— Polly Schneider

#### FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE—David Prewett



Well, Blow me down Mateys. As I sit in my tiny cabin, rockin and rolling like I was in a long boat in the middle of well, a big blow, my thoughts go back to Catalina, warm breezes, beautiful ladies.....I, I mean scenery, Buffalo milk and good crew. Now to business: since the New Year, on New Year's day, we had the *Hangover race*. It appeared there were more hangovers than racers, but we did have seven boats filled with mighty crew. As for the results: team *Condon* was first, the

*Measures* were second with *Victor Nero* and *Sharon Bufo* third. The next bay race is January 23, with on ocean race the 24th, hoping that God parts the clouds and gives us some sailing weather. Please help out and sign up on the Pro list in the hallway! There are slots open! Thanks



to those who have already signed up. Rear Commodore Norm

### **Social Committee**

Our fabulous February kicks off with the Super Bowl on the 7th at 3 pm. I have started to sell spots on the football pool board for \$5 per square! Look for me at the next couple of Happy Hours to reserve your square for a chance to win a large return on your investment!!! Winners do not need to be present. However, if you are coming to the club game day, we ask for everyone to bring food to share. We will also need volunteers for the bar and those willing to be clean-up crew. A sign-up sheet will be posted.

The Social Club meeting is set for Friday, February 5th, at 5:30. It would be great to see more of our membership involved and get creative with fresh and fun ideas for upcoming events!

Happy Valentines Day to all! I would like to wish everyone a day, turn into a month, turn into a year full of love and kindness.

On our February 12th Happy Hour, in celebration of Valentines Day, anyone that wears a shade of red, pink or purple will receive a cupcake!!! Come on people, show your love!!!

Sharon Bufo, Social Chair,

#### People News

MBYC member *Jerry White* finished 4th out of 11 competitors in the Contender Midwinter's held at St. Petersburg Yacht Club. Conditions were literally freezing during the Jan. 8-10 event, with the high of 34 degrees during the day. Frostbite in Florida? Yes indeed... *Jerry* says the feeling has yet to come back in one of his fingers. Sail maker and 505 ace *Ethan Bixby* took first, with 2 Canadian sailors edging Jerry out of the 3rd place spot.



## MORRO BRY JUNIOR YACHT GLUB

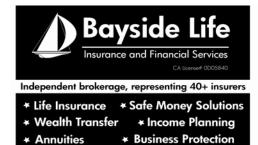
The first official Juniors day of 2010 is January 24<sup>th</sup>. By the time the *Masthead* is published that will be in the past – and we will have completed our 2010 registrations, and hopefully had a break in the rainy weather, and a chance to get out there and sail! If you haven't had a chance to register yet, but want to be involved in the Juniors, its not too late! Call or email me and we'll get you signed up!

A small band of Juniors hosted the New Year's Day Hangover Regatta. Thank you *Dana McClish* for heading up that event, and thank you to the Juniors who were able to help out, including *Audrey, Rory, Shannon McClish*, and *Olivia and Ian McDonald*.

We will be meeting February 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Also, on March 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be hosting the *Big Rock Regatta*. We host young sailors from yacht clubs such as CYC, CBYC and SFYC who come here to sail with us. It is a blast, and a great learning experience as well. Juniors, mark your calendars and don't miss this really fun event!

Gwenn Krossa, Junior Advisor,





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## Cruising Fleet

Unfortunately, for many of you, *Dave Prewett*, due largely to a lack of competition, placed me in control of the *Cruising Fleet*. If you are still interested in toppling me from this lofty post, please contact *Dave*. If however, you are complacent, then read on, and see what this year holds for the fleet.

We are starting another year with oversized plans of great ambition. Last Year *David Prewett* was hoping to do many weekend trips and was able to accomplish several. This year we will do a few trips away but we will also plan one long trip that will start in Morro Bay and travel down the coast to Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz island, and possibly further.

**Dave Prewett** and I discussed a way to add a little flair to the Cruising fleet and a way to open up cruising to people without boats. I will provide support and a degree of security with *Afullotta*. The initial plan that we discussed is to travel down the coast over a period of weekends. People can leave their boats in different ports with the security of one or more boat owners hanging around for the weeks. Additionally, **Dave** and I are offering to take additional club members on our boats as well. This should open up the "cruising" possibility for many different members.

The Cruising fleet has yet to set the dates for the maintenance days, weekend trips, and cruising trips. If you have any input, feel free to contact me. Also, if you are interested in getting on the boat, you can also contact me.

Kevin Williams, Cruising Fleet Captain, Sailorkevo@aol.com



#### Membership News

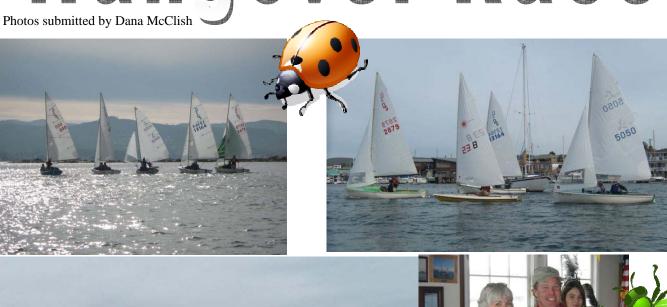
We were saddened by the news that our newest member, Leverett McKim, passed away before we could get to know him better.

Our committee will be updating the roster and getting it and this year's membership cards out to every-one.

Also, we are looking forward to welcoming anyone who may be interested in membership and seeing how we can get them involved.

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









#### Leverett Lee McKim

#### 1925-2010



Leverett Lee McKim was born in Denison, Iowa to Arthur L. McKim and Marcella Goodrich in 1925. He passed away peacefully in Morro Bay on January 1, 2010 in the presence of his family.

Mr. McKim served in the United States Navy during World War II. After honorable discharge, he graduated from Whittier College and later earned a Masters in Music Education at Fresno State. He taught instrumental music in the Santa Maria Joint Union School District in the early sixties, and composed numerous musical scores and marches including "We Serve" the theme of Lions International. Leverett played violin, viola and clarinet in the Santa Maria Symphony and was a proud member of the Morro Bay Yacht Club.

He is survived by two sons, Mark and Michael, and loving daughters-in-law Meme and Martha.



Photo Courtesy Larry Earl

We wish to thank all members of the Morro Bay Yacht Club for all the tremendous friendship and camaraderie bestowed upon our dad. It was his great wish to sail with the Morro Bay Yacht Club.

Mark and Meme, Mike and Marti McKim



#### **Day Sailer Fleet 128 News**

Good morning Daysailers,

Daysailers met downstairs at MBYC last evening. *Brooks and Michael Measures* provided our meeting icebreaker, by putting us to work stuffing "annual dues and membership" envelopes to the national membership. In addition to being our Fleet 128 secretary, *Brooks* is the editor of our national "The Daysailer" quarterly. *Brooks* reminded us that we are the largest Daysailer Fleet in the country. *Brooks* encourages us to submit articles to her at <u>DSA\_Editor@charter.net</u> It is very cool that we are so well connected with

our fellow DS sailors through *Brooks* and even neater that we are the biggest and the best.

The primary business of the evening was to accept nominations fleet members present for our 2010 DS Fleet 128 Captain. *Todd Hansen, Joe Huntsinger* and *Carlton Smith* were honored to be nominated and a vote of present members resulted in a unanimous acclamation for *Carlton Smith* to be our Fleet Captain.

All our fleet members are important to us and *Gail Condon* drove south to see *Dan and Linda McDon-ald* at Northridge Advanced Rehabilitation Hospital this week.

Gail shared her visit with us and I include here a bit of Linda's Jan. 13 note: Sunday was a great day. I brought Jake, our dog, to the hospital to see Dan. Dan's sister Mary and Kelsey brought Dan down in the wheelchair and we can take him outside at the entrance....we even have taken him down to the sidewalk and down the block...not sure if we are supposed to but we did it. We had his sister there....she was the instigator...but I am sure it was fine and a nice change of scenery. Mon, Tue and today have been very busy therapy days for Dan. They are scheduled throughout the day with a few breaks in-between. He is now getting himself onto a day and night schedule and sleeping quite well through the night...finally. That is nice. The therapists share with me that they are happy with the progress he makes each day. Things he could not do as well one day and then can the next. I sit in for the therapies and they even have me get involved with some of them. He (Dan) is becoming quite the comedian at times. He still gets his words jumbled at times and that is part of what the speech therapist is working on but he gets things straight a lot of the time too and he comes up with some pretty funny expressions and sayings. Thanks again for all the acts of kindness and prayers from everyone!!! Love, Linda and family

**Dan** is making progress but he still has a long way to go. **Gail Condon** and **Tom Tidyman** mentioned that Heritage Oaks Bank in Cambria has set up an account for the **McDonald** family which the membership was pleased to be made aware of. Those wishing to, can contact Heritage Oaks Bank in Cambria, (805) 927-1135, for information on how to help in that way. Other ideas were put out there for Fleet 128 to consider also. Put your thinking caps on and step forward with any ideas that you have. **Dan** is an important part of our sailing experience, we wish him a speedy recovery and look for him to be sailing with us as soon as possible.

As the former Fleet Captain, I closed the meeting with a <u>Thank You</u> for all the support I enjoyed in the

past year. I look forward to being a "staff" captain to *Carlton* and a great year of sailing during his watch.

Kevin Williams was very kind to be our photographer for the attached picture as a way for Daysailer Fleet 128 to send our warmest, best wishes to Dan and his family.

Fair Winds,

Howard and Sandy Grisham





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