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FROM YOUR COMMODORE - Greg Barker



I have to lead off this month's column with the wildly successful dinner organized by *Jayne Behman* on St. Patrick's Day. I thoroughly enjoyed the food, music, and unexpected visit from St. Patrick. If the crystal ball I use for divining future jail populations also works for social events, we can expect a similarly successful spaghetti feed on April 28th. Get your reservations soon, because if it also sells out early, we'll only be letting celebrities like Charlie Sheen or the Kardashian sisters in at the door.

I had the opportunity to attend the PRO clinic taught by *Pat and Dot Rygh* at the Bay Fleet's Spring 1 recently. It was encouraging to see both long-time and newer members getting familiar with the responsibilities of a principle race officer. I know how daunting it can be to take the responsibility of serving as the PRO for the first time, but the Ryghs make it seem so easy that even a commodore could do it.

I feel compelled to remind everyone that there is (or was) a general meeting on Saturday, April 2. The good news is that we don't appear to have anything to argue about, so the bar can reopen sooner. If the United States Postal Service manages to get this vital lifeline of information to you in time, look for the announcement elsewhere in this Masthead for times and potluck suggestions.

Our Opening day is on Sunday, April 10. It is one of two occasions during the year that we dress up and pretend to be adults. I particularly want to extend an invitation to our new members to come and add their signatures to the club's tablecloth and become better acquainted in a festive atmosphere. I have arranged for us to be entertained before the program by a men's a cappella vocal quartet (that's code for barber shop): *Fascinatin' Rhythm*. As the guy in charge of the script, I promise such brevity in the program that we'll still be awake when it is time for the boat parade and races.

Posting board agendas paid off this month by generating some member input on one of the agenda items. My goal is to clearly list agenda items that require a vote in new or old business rather than having them come out during "reports." Although the board will periodically hear controversial issues, I must warn that mobs with torches and pitchforks will not be tolerated. This is a yacht club, after all. Belaying pins and cutlasses are de rigueur.

Greg Barker, Commodore

"And then I realized that when ships' captains appear young, it is a sign of one's own advancing age." Tristan Jones, Ice

Editor's Note: Submissions to the *Masthead* are due by the 21st of each month.

Please e-mail your written material or digital photos to Maryann Stansfield at maryann@mentalmarketing.com

All submissions are subject to editing for content and space.

FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE - Pat Hedges



Allow me to begin this month's column with some important dates to remember:

April 2 - This is a "partial" **alternate work day** to complete some outdoor tasks that couldn't be completed due to inclement weather on March 19th. Also, it will allow for a make-up day for those that couldn't make Work Day. Also, the General Meeting is that evening.

April 10 - Opening Day

April 13 - The annual servicing of the club's fire extinguishers is scheduled for this day.

Many of you have fire extinguishers that require annual certification and others have extinguishers that, while not required, should be inspected to insure they are ready, if needed. If you can have your fire extinguisher(s) at the club by 9AM, they will be serviced, certified and ready for pick-up that morning. If you drop off your extinguisher prior to 9AM, please have your name on it to it can be returned to its rightful owner.

May 21 - The date has been set for the Annual **Pirate's Booty**. Stay tuned.

Moving on, March 19 was Work Day at the club. Although we were experiencing some showers the evening before, we had a good turnout and most indoor, and a few outdoor, tasks were completed. We still have some painting to finish up when the humidity drops and there are still a

few weeds that need to be secured in the boat yard. As before, if you have time available between now and the alternate work day, let me know and we'll get you scheduled with a task. April 2 will be a make-up day vs. an alternate work day.

A big Thank You goes out to all of our members who donated their time on or prior to Work Day :

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Gail Condon | Lynn Meissen* |
| Donna Arozena* | Larry Salas* |
| Commodore Barker | Liz Salas |
| Carlton Smith | Ron May* |
| Deborah Paes de Barros | Jack Daily |
| David Prewett | Brett Cross |
| Karen Prewett | Dot Rygh |
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| Joe Fram | Gail Phares |
| Bonnie Birch | Don Phares |
| Henriette Groot | Dana McClish* |
| Jim Clinton | Joe Huntsinger |
| Karen Clinton | * Staff Commodore |

If your name is not listed above, and you did participate, please let me know so we can maintain an accurate list. The above names are listed as they appear on the sign-in sheet.

Look forward to seeing you on Opening Day

Pat Hedges, Vice Commodore

Editor Note:

Reminder that the General Meeting is Saturday, April 2nd. See you all on Opening Day!!

Cheers,

Maryann Stansfield, Masthead Editor



FUN FLOAT

Friday, April 1st, 10:30 am

St. Patrick dropped 4 leaf clovers on all of us and we had a great paddle. We went with the idea of checking out any damage the tidal wave may have done but we found very, very little. It's nice to live in an enchanted part of the world.

On April Fool's Day Friday April 1st. at 10:30 we shall sally forth again into our wonderful bay and search for strange and exotic things.

Your Ever-Lovin
G.P.P.

P.S. Our May float will be on Monday the 16th at 10:30 AM



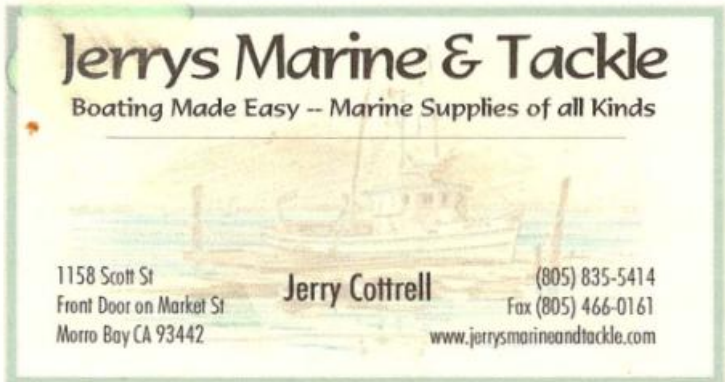
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HAPPY HOUR HOSTS

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, Joe Huntsinger

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 2011

- 1 Rick & Corbie Von Stein
John & Janice Tannehill
- 8 Jim & Karen Clinton
Michael & Brooks Measures
- 15 Donna Arozana
Brent Knowles
Diane Mason
- 22 John & Kirsten Swift
Tom & Marty Tidyman
- 29 Lee & Sue Drocco
Brian & Shelly Granger

May 2011

- 6 Ted & Iris Jacobson
Peter & Jane Behman
- 13 Jim & Christy Hoxter
Todd & Joyce Hansen
- 20 Ron & Nancy May
Kent & Lois Butler
- 27 Tylor & Sarah Mason
Bud & Janice Moore

June 2011

- 3 Alex & Stephanie Finley
John & Terry Miron
- 10 Liz & Larry Salas
Rick & (Holly) Paley
- 17 Bill & Maryann Stansfield
John & Nia Schmidt
- 24 Bob & Carol Walker
Terry & Charlene Paris

— Jim & Rachelle Phillips

FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE—Bob Walker



The Yacht Club's sailing program is in full swing. The Ocean Fleet has completed Winter I and Winter II. The Bay fleet has completed Spring I. In addition, we have had a rules clinic and PRO clinic. My apologies to the Ocean Fleet, the pictures of the Winter II awards have been lost. The results are for Ocean Fleet Winter II:

The Poseidon class (larger PHRF rating),
First Place- Lynn Meissen, Guayacan
Second Place - Muther, Evening Tide
Third Place - Steve Zawalick, Elizabeth Marie

The Neptune Class (smaller PHRF),
First Place - Wayne Ratliff, Voyager II
Second Place - Ron May, Whizbang
Third Place - Tony Gomez, Geranimo



Included are some pictures of the Ocean Fleet in action in Winter II regatta. Special thanks to Karl Deardorff of SLO Sail and Canvas for the pictures. The sailing conditions were excellent and the sailors seemed to have had a great day on the water.



Bill Sanders "Hard" on the wind



Whizbang putting a new "TWIST" on spinnaker techniques



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A very special THANKS to Ron Giddings for conducting a two hour rules clinic for the Ocean and Bay Fleets on Saturday, February 26. The clinic was very well attended (32 people by my count). The Day Sailer Fleet provided pizza for the group. Initially, there was some concern that too much pizza had been purchased. The group was up to the challenge; five large pizzas disappeared in a very short time.



At the lunch break, Gwenn Krossa provided some musical entertainment by singing her original composition "Sailing Backwards on the Bay". The chorus included: "I'm sailing backwards on the bay, I think I just saw my pride drift away..." Personally, I can identify with these lyrics. This song and other original compositions are on her new CD that will be released early this summer. Gwenn, thanks for sharing.

On Saturday, March 12, Pat and Dot Rygh conducted a PRO clinic for a group of bay sailors. Notice Pat making a real point or is he asking Dot for permission to talk? The group asked a lot of great questions. I think that many of newbies were surprised by the many details and decisions that are made while conducting a race.



After the clinic, many of the participants acted as PROs for the Bay Fleet's Spring I regatta. The sailing conditions for the day were very interesting. The tsunami effects were certainly apparent in the bay. The current changed direction rapidly and frequently apparently due to the surge effects of the tsunami. By the start of the third race, the wind had increased to levels not enjoyed by many of the racers. One skipper described it as simply being in survival mode. The picture of Dana and Dan will give some idea what many of the racers faced during the third race.



Dan !!! Hike out more .
PLEASE!!!!

The newest members of the Day Sailer fleet survived the third race and crossed the finish line. Then, the unexpected happened, their boat overturned. So, Bob and Jenny baptized both their boat and themselves.



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Racing results for the Bay Fleet's Spring I Regatta:

The Day Sailer A Fleet

First Place- Team Condon

Second Place - Team Parris

Third Place - Team Smith

The Day Sailer B Fleet

First Place - Team Hansen

Second Place - Team Smirl

Third Place - Team Gorey

The Lasers Fleet

First Place - Steve Hendricks

Second Place - Lex Budge



See you on the water

Bob Walker, Rear Commodore

For those of you looking to improve your understanding of the racing rules, try this WEB page. http://www.ukhalsey.com/RulesQuiz/quiz_list.asp

FROM YOUR OCEAN FLEET CRUISING CAPTAIN - Paul Irving

Greetings, all! First I'd like to give a big thanks to Bob Walker for taking the post as Rear Commodore, and getting a bunch of boats out on the ocean for racing. I've been a little quiet, but I've cooked up a great big cruising calendar for your oceanographic pleasures. Announcing the 2011 Morro Bay Yacht Club Ocean Fleet schedule of events:

April 30 - May 1 (Sat-Sun) - San Simeon overnight
 June 10 - 12 (Fri-Sun) - 2 nights in Avila / Port San Luis / Pirates Cove
 July 12 - 24 (Tues - Sun) - Circumnavigation of Santa Cruz Island
 August 19 - 21 (Fri - Sun) - 3rd Annual Zongo Yachting Cup!

If you have an ocean worthy boat and think any of this is interesting, please prepare to stretch out and have a bunch of fun this summer. Visit our Facebook Page as a way to connect with other boats & crews: www.facebook.com/mbycocean. I'll be updating it with details & event info as it develops. Drop me your ideas, and let's make these cruises ones for the history books!

MORRO BAY JUNIOR YACHT CLUB

Nothing like Spring in Morro Bay to keep you on your toes!!

We had **three** junior sailing days since the last masthead. One was cancelled due to rain, but turned out sunny. One was not cancelled because of rain, but turned out rainy. One was the weekend after the tsunami. And some juniors sailed on every one of those days!! We should start handing out medals for your persistence!

Perhaps some of that persistence was your desire to be ready for the Big Rock Regatta, which will have happened by the time this Masthead is published - the Big Rock is in the Harken Opti series, and we expect Opti sailors from yacht clubs up and down the California coast!



Phew! After all this sailing, you may look at the April calendar and say... hey, Gwenn, where are the junior sailing days?? April appears to be the month of spring breaks and holidays and bad tides... but despite all that, I know you all are going to want to sail. Depending on weather and who's in town, we can try to pull some days together over spring break. And we will be back at it with lots of sailing in May.

In addition to our junior sailing days here at the club, Olivia MacDonald had an exciting time at the laser mid-winters in Richmond... I'll let Dawn tell that story!!

And the article wouldn't be complete without thanking the many juniors who came out for our work day. When I look at the long list of things accomplished, I am genuinely impressed. The laser/opti rack was painted, the Bay Bee was repaired, the shed was cleaned, weeds were pulled in the boat yard and on the tarmac, and delicious cupcakes were consumed. Thank you so much for your hard work.

Gwenn Krossa, Junior Advisor



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MBYC SOCIAL NEWS FROM THOSE WILD AND CRAZY GIRLS

Our first catered dinner on **St. Patrick's Day** was fabo! With 65 in attendance we brought the party upstairs to give everyone plenty of room. The food was plentiful and delicious, catered by Chef Sowell of Frankie&Lola's Front Street Cafe (on the Embarcadero in Morro Bay). A fiddler played, St. Patrick visited and told his story, and many of our members entertained us with a Limerick, or two! A huge thank you goes out to Susan Wiley, Rachelle Phillips, David Bufo, Peter Behman, Cynthia V., the couple Kin-cade, and Christine Haag...and anyone who was helping and those Jayne forgot to include herein -ALL A HUGE THANK YOU for helping with what it took to make this event a success. It was great to see many of our long time members, new members, and our new perspective member! Best of all, this was a social event, using the club, and giving us ample time to get to know each other beyond the 10-minute Friday night stop and chats.

April 10th is OPENING DAY. Get those blue blazers out of your closet and come out to the club to join this annual event. There will be entertainment as well as plenty of treats. The cannon is being readied. Yes, we could use your help and will be setting up on April 9th at 1pm. A sign up sheet is posted in the club - with a pen - to make it easy for you to add your name. If you are willing to help - please call or email Sharon Bufo.

April 28th = Spaghetti Feast.

Themed for the food's origin...Italian, we are bringing in a pianist and song sheets for some collective Opera sing-a-longs. We are hoping that Figaro will attend. Choosing a menu with the help of the caterer was simple. Besides beginning muchies, the main course includes 2 types of pasta will allow you to enjoy Alfredo and Marinara sauce with the right noodle! The meatballs, Sausage, and Roasted Vegies are all available "on the side" because we aim to please all dietary needs. No one will go hungry! And best of all, the Bar will have a small stock of a Chianti rated 91 points for \$15 a bottle - Reserve and pay for it with your dinner reservation. Member prices inclusive of tax and tip per person: Adults: \$19.99 and Kids 12 and under \$12.99. Non member prices inclusive of tax and tip per person: Adults \$23.99 and Kids 12 and under \$12.99. Reservation Tickets are available at the club, or simply send a check payable to MBYC by April 18th to secure your space. There's no limit on who can enjoy this night!

SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY JUNE 9TH - SUMMER ROAST BEEF BONANZA DINNER BUFFET! (WESTERN THEMED EVENT - PLEASE NO CHEWING TOBACCO.) Horseshoe toss anyone???

For more information or for ideas for more events, please EMAIL or call Jayne Behman or Sharon Bufo.



Tidelands Park Volunteers Needed

We need a few more volunteers to help with the Tidelands Park Cleanup. It is fun, easy, and a wonderful way to keep our town and bay looking as good as possible. Better yet, it's only one day per month and is a really enjoyable time in the park. Please call or email our Tidelands Park coordinator Jeff Eckles for more information and to get on this most coveted of rosters. And a special note of thanks to our current volunteers who are doing a wonderful job. Thank you and we appreciate you!

Membership News

As I write this, the 2011 membership rosters and cards are being mailed. This would be the best time for everyone to check your listing for accuracy and for any feedback you feel is needed.

A big thanks to my committee who spent an afternoon sorting, stuffing, putting address labels on, stamping, and licking to get this mailing out.

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

April 2011



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 — APRIL
 APRIL 1 Jorgans/Pye, 8 Meissen, 15 Moore, 22 Romero, 29 Salamacha, 4 Smulders,
 11 Williams, 18 Clinton, 25 Evans, Alt for April Condon/Eckles

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| Founders Cup 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Hosts: Rick & Corbie Von Stein John & Janice Tannehill FUN FLOAT | 9 | 1 Hosts: Rick & Corbie Von Stein John & Janice Tannehill FUN FLOAT | 2 General Meeting/ Alt Workday |
| Opening Day/ Spring II 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Board Meeting 6:00 PM | 14 | 15 Hosts: Donna Arozana Brent Knowles Diane Mason | 16 | 15 Hosts: Donna Arozana Brent Knowles Diane Mason | 16 |
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| EASTER Spring III 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Spaghetti Feed | 29 Hosts: Lee & Sure Drocco Brian & Shelly Granger | 30 | 29 Hosts: Lee & Sure Drocco Brian & Shelly Granger | 30 |

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"I don't know who named them swells. There's nothing swell about them. They should have named them awfuls." -Hugo Vihlen



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|---|--|---------|---|----------|---|--|
| Juniors 1  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Hosts: Ted & Iris Jacobson Peter & Jane Behman 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | Board Meeting 6:00 PM 11  | 12 | Hosts: Jim & Christy Hoxter Todd & Joyce Hansen 13 | Summer I: Bay Fleet 14  |
| Juniors 15  | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | Hosts: Ron & Nancy May Kent & Lois Butler 20 | Masthead Deadline 21  |
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