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FROM YOUR COMMODORE - Greg Barker



This month I am writing from Oakland, California. It's all work and no play, so the closest I've gotten to water (besides taking the transbay tube) is Lake Merritt, across the street from the offices where I'm in meetings.

Some of you have said some nice things about Opening Day, but I would be delusional if I didn't recognize that this was a group effort, with practically every member in attendance contributing to its success, so thank you all for helping to make me look good. Come to think of it, I could recognize all the help and still be delusional. Regardless of my mental health, we should all recognize that Sharon Bufo is just, if not more responsible for Opening Day's success as any of the rest of us. Sharon should get more bouquets than me. Its hay fever season, so I don't want bouquets anyway.

I snuck away while so many of you were hard at work on our Opening Day to represent our club at San Luis Yacht Club's Opening Day. It turns out we were well represented already by two teams from our club receiving trophies for SLYC events. Andrew and Marrie Brown were recognized for winning SLYC's Lopez Cup in their Capri 14.2.

Kevin Williams and Judy Adkison won the Port San Luis Small Boat Cup Series.



Even before Opening Day, Sharon and I began scouting locations for the Commodore's Ball. Over the next four weeks I hope to get the major elements in place. My commodorable wife, Jennifer, the Bufos, and I recently investigated Eagle Castle Winery just west of Paso Robles. It's almost as good as Sleeping Beauty's castle, and still a possibility, but we're continuing to look for something closer to Morro Bay. We've already found out the Inn at Morro Bay is booked, so this Friday I'm visiting the Botanical Garden and next week will look into the officer's club at Camp San Luis Obispo.

Being a democratic fellow who has done nothing of this sort since planning our wedding, uh, 30 years ago this July, I would like to solicit ideas from the vast multitudes of the membership. Call, email, or even text* your top choice for a location, caterer, and/or band. Opinions come cheap, so I expect 231 of them. After some elimination rounds, we'll open it up for America to vote, then I'll decide in the end anyway. Even so, if you don't give me some good ideas, then you have to rely on me coming up with some on my own. Take that chance if you want to.

Unless my delusions get worse or some high explosives sneak into my shoes, I will be away again when my next masthead column is due. This will be my longest trip since I've been elected as an officer of the club, and I hope to have something appropriately special for you in my next column.

Greg Barker, Commodore

"Thank you for the kind words" Richard Spindler, Latitude 38 (over and over and over again)

*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

The Budlongs have done this consistently over the years. John and Frances, Thank You.



Here we are coming into May, and it is the calm after the storm. Opening Day had plenty of sunshine, but it was a little on the windy side (which I believe is up to the Rear Commodore to regulate). Much work was contributed by club volunteers to prepare the clubhouse and grounds leading up to the big day, and there was certainly significant effort exerted by the Social Committee to coordinate Opening Day festivities. Thanks to each and every one of you who stepped up and

contributed.

There are a few individuals I would like to give special recognition to. There are no trophies awarded for this, but it is special, nonetheless. First (and these are in no particular order), Staff Commodore Michael and Brooks Measures arrived early on Work Day and were working on the Bar area well after most folks had left for the day. The two not only cleaned, but gave special attention to mounting the remnants of "The Bomber" on the wall behind the Bar. A fitting tribute...

Secondly, I would like to recognize John and Frances Budlong. Working quietly, without fanfare or audience, year-after-year, they bring beauty and "curb appeal" to the flower garden in front of the clubhouse and across the street on the corner next to the Quonset hut. Sprucing up the area with red, white, and blue flowers and miniature club burgees, these are the places members and visitors first see when arriving on Opening Day.

And, as "they" say, last, but not least, I offer special recognition to Bob Smirl, woodworker, extraordinaire. As I am sure many of you had noticed, the fife rail surrounding our mast on the lower deck was in desperate need of repair. Weathered, with supports showing cracks on par with the San Andreas fault, the former fife rail needed to take its rightful place in the recycle bin. But without a replacement, that was not going to happen soon. To the rescue, in sails Bob Smirl. Within a matter of days, Bob had turned and shaped new supports and cut and finished a new rail. The spiffy new fife rail was installed with only a day or two to spare and it made its debut on Opening Day. Bob is a relatively new member, along with his wife, Holly. He sails under the radar without much notice, but I would ask you to join me in thanking Bob for fixin' the fife rail. Thanks, Bob.

Pirate's Booty Auction is an annual fundraiser to help our Juniors and it will be held on May 21st. The Juniors will be holding a bake sale that day, not to mention all of the booty that will be available at very reasonable prices.

If you have items you would like to donate, you can bring them in that morning or we can make arrangements to store some of the items in the Junior or club storage sheds. If you do drop them off at the shed, please make sure they are designated for the Pirate's Booty. Any special arrangements needed, give me a call.

Pat Hedges, Vice Commodore

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 at 800-396-6910 or jeff@eckleswealth.com And a special note of thanks to our current volunteers who are doing a wonderful job. Thank you and we appreciate you!

FUN FLOAT



Our April Fun Float was so long ago that I almost forgot what we did. I vaguely remember someone say "Whatever you do, don't tell anyone what happened."

Our May float will be on May 16th, 10:30 AM

I don't think we'll be dancing around the May Pole as that was a Pagan festival that started on the Greek Isle of Lesbos many centuries ago. (You may bring a small May Pole if you wish.)

Ever lovin Eagle Eye
G.P.P.

P.S. The June float will be Tuesday the 14th at 10:30.



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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 at: joe@huntsingerinc.com

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 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

July 2011

- 1 Keith & Lynn Valley
- Dennis & Rosemarie Boertje
- 8 Sharon & Dave Bufo
- Duncan & Marline McQueen
- 15 Ken & Linda (Barnhart) Ward
- Brian & Gail (Bruce) Crow
- Diane Mason
- 22 John Duthie
- Freddie Fernandez
- Tom Murphey
- 29 Jack & Barbara Keely
- Fredric Novy
- Cynthia Wimer

— **Jim & Rachelle Phillips**
Jimrachel.phillips@gmail.com



FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE - Bob Walker

This race was very close. Whizbang led most of the race, but was passed on the up wind leg. After 17.5 miles of racing the corrected time difference was less than four minutes.

Thanks to Andrew Brown, we have a couple of interesting pictures taken from the top of the mast of Geronimo. Not many of us have seen the club from this point of view. The second shot is of the fleet preparing for the day's racing.



Both the Ocean and Bay fleets continued their active racing schedules this past month. The Bay fleet combined Spring II (class) and Opening Day (arbitrary) races. The bookkeeping for the combined event presented some challenges for the PRO and race committee, which they handled very well. There were a total of eight Day Sailers, three Lasers, and one Lido in the Opening Day race. If you missed Opening Day, I am sorry for you.

There was good camaraderie, food, drink, and sailing.

On April 4th the Ocean fleet completed the Founders Cup, with six boats competing. The Devlin series started on April 17th. Devlin I consisted of an upwind start to 10E buoy, downwind to Point Buchon and back to finish. There were a total of six boats competing in each of these races, but not the same six for both races. It looks to me, if all the boats participating in these two races showed up at the same time, we could have 9 or 10 boats racing. Wouldn't that be great!!!

The race results for the Founders cup are:

- First Place: Guayacan and Team Meissen
- Second Place: Whizbang and Team May
- Third Place: Califia and Team Nash-Karner

Apologies to the Ocean fleet but I did not receive pictures of the awards in time for this publication.

Shown below are the awards for Devlin I. There are no action pictures of the race because it was foggy the entire race. The wind was moderate at times, it would be best described as variable, with lumpy seas. It was so lumpy that several crew members succumbed to motion sickness. Sound like lots of fun to me. Pictured below are the first and second place winners. Third place Baloo and team Morres did not make it to the club for the awards.



Shown below are some action shots from the Opening Day/Spring II racing.



First place: Tony Gomez and Team Geronimo



Second Place: Ron May and Team Whizbang



Karl Says "More Cunningham"

Tom!!!! Don't Bother me now!!!





Shown here are the race results for Opening Day/
Spring II racing.



Second Place - Laser Class
Olivia MacDonald

First Place - Laser Class
Mark Soll



Day Sailer B Class
First Place
Team Hansen

Patrick Gorey placed third in Day Sailer B Class

Day Sailer B Class
Second Place
Team Fee



Opening Day
(Arbitrary)
Third Place
Team Paes de Barros



Day Sailer A Class
Opening Day
Second Place
Team Tidyman

Day Sailer A Class
Opening Day
First Place
Team Condon



We can only guess what Dawn is saying to Kevin. Maybe we shouldn't go there. If you haven't yet joined in on the fun there is plenty of the racing season remaining. We can always use help on the race committee, safety boat and in cheering section.

Savage Lady II broad reaching about 2 miles out on leg to Pt. Buchon.



Morro Bay Junior Yacht Club

Hi Juniors! I hope you have all had a great Spring Break! With April behind us, we are on the home run towards the end of the school year, and the beginning of summer!!

We have junior sailing days on May 1st and 15th. We often have great weather and good sailing this time of year, so I hope to have lots of juniors out this month! We also have the always-a-hoot Jack Johnson Memorial Regatta, on May 30th, Memorial Day. The Jack Johnson is for Optis and El Toros. Lasers are not a part of the Jack Johnson, but they have lots of opportunities to sail in bay fleet and other laser events. All our lasers should be on the laser email list - if you're not and you want to be, let me know!

Juniors, please plan to attend the Pirate's Booty sale on Saturday, May 21st! Our junior program raises money at the event in two ways: selling and auctioning off donated items and selling baked goods. We will need donations of baked goods, and lots of kids to come help at the sale. We always have a good time, and last year we raised over \$1000!! More information will be coming to you via email, but please be sure to mark this date on your calendar!

- Gwenn Krossa
Junior Advisor



MBYC Social Committee

Opening Day was a huge success thanks to the efforts of many of our members. The entertainment was terrific and the food fabulous. Decorating the yacht club is always fun - plus it makes for a total event.

The next catered dinner is June 9th. A Roast Beef Bonanza - Cowboy style! We are working on the menu now and it will be posted in May in the Yacht Club. There is a ticket price differential between members and non members so make sure you have the correct amount posted.

On July 4th we will decorate the club, inside and out - want to help, just give us a WAHOO-yell or sign up. This will be a mbyof (members bring their own food) event.

Jayne and Sharon

Special Note from Don and Kit Lockwood

To All our Yacht Club Friends,

We want to extend our gratitude for all the support, sympathetic words, and generosity from all our dear friends. It has been overwhelming, and heartwarming to hear from so many of you. We really appreciate your kind thoughts and prayers. We've been involved with Laurie and the children, and with the Jenkins these past few months. Our lives are changed. We hope to see you at the Club sometime soon.

With sincere thanks,
Kit, Don, Laurie, Logan and Chloe

Laser Corner

Olivia MacDonald takes Richmond by storm or was it stormy in Richmond? It was both. Olivia makes Morro Bay Yacht Club History by placing 1st in Laser Radial at the Richmond Mid-Winters. The series is sailed the 1st Sunday of the month in December, January, February, and March with 267 boats entered; 18 classes on 3 different race courses. After leaving Cayucos before 5:30 a.m. for a four hour drive, she would race in all conditions-some days cold, raining and wind gusting over 24 knots. Other days were nice and some having no wind at all with boats being towed in and out. After racing she would have a four hour drive home usually doing her homework. She beat 14 other radials with 12 races scored to win her 1st place. Congratulations Olivia!

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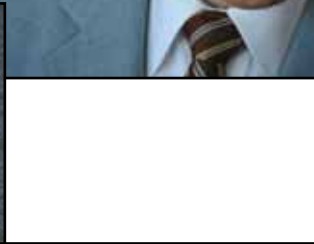


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May 2011



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 Skippers Meeting: 10:30 am
 Friday Happy Hour Hosts Serve Snacks AND Tend Bar from 6:00 PM to 7:30PM.



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 Skippers Meeting: 10:30 am
 Friday Happy Hour Hosts Serve Snacks AND Tend Bar from 6:00 PM to 7:30PM.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---------|--|----------|---|---|
| 1 Juniors  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Hosts: Ted & Iris Jacobson Peter & Jane Behman | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Board Meeting 9:00 PM  | 12 | 13 Hosts: Jim & Christy Hoxter Todd & Joyce Hansen | 14 Summer I: Bay Fleet  |
| 15 Juniors  | 16 FUN FLOAT  | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Hosts: Ron & Nancy May Kent & Lois Butler | 21 Masthead Deadline |
| 22 Spring I: Ocean Fleet  | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Hosts: Tylor & Sarah Mason Bud & Janice Moore | 28 Lido Fleet Champ  |
| 29 Daysailor Fleet Champ  | 30 Memorial Day Juniors Jack Johnson | 31 | Tidelands Volunteers — MAY MAY 2 Salamacha, 6 Jorgans/Pye, 9 Smulders, 13 Meissen, 16 Williams, 20 Moore, 23 Condon, 27 Romero, 30 Evans, Alt for May: Eckles | | | |

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*"At sea, I learned how little a person needs,
 not how much." - Robin Lee Graham*

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| Spring III: Ocean Fleet 19  | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Hosts: Bob & Carol Walker Terry & Charlene Paris | 25 Laser Fleet: Champ  |
| Juniors 26  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |