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FROM YOUR COMMODORE - Greg Barker



I would like to take this opportunity to make my expressions of appreciation more public. Recently, John and Janice Tannehill paid to have the club's piano tuned, which was then arranged by Duncan McQueen. I recently thanked the Tannehills in person, but want to acknowledge their contribution to everyone who hangs on my every written word.

I've started making calls to form a nominating committee for next year's officers. The job of the committee is to get prospective officers drunk, knock them on the head and carry them off to wake up at the Commodore's Ball dazed and

disoriented wearing blue blazers with bullions on the pocket. It's a time-honored tradition in sailing. Let me know if you want to be a part of it.

The July board agenda did not get posted to the "alias" due to our computer czar's participation in the High Sierra Regatta. I just want to remind everyone that we have also been posting the agenda on the club website if the alias becomes unavailable for distribution. I know, it is more effort to type www.mbyc.net than to receive an email, but think of the lively discussion regarding topics like flood insurance you'll be missing just so you can watch Minute to Win It.

Last Saturday there was a lot of traffic around the dock, with lots of Kayak Horizons' customers paddling aimlessly about as large boats tried to approach or depart. As is common among vessels underway, the crews of big boats were hailing kayakers to make their intent known. Hailing, which means with raised voices, because that's the only way one can hear a hundred feet away over the din of a diesel engine. Our neighbor to the north took exception to us yelling at his customers. Recognizing that a raised voice is the only way to communicate in these circumstances (unless Kayak Horizons starts to issue VHF radios sewn into their PFDs), perhaps we can do our part to dial it down with phrasing that is more likely to be taken as informational than confrontational. I'll talk to our neighbor and try to come to an understanding.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that the August board meeting is also scheduled on a Thursday, August 11 to be exact. In September we will "fall back" from Hamburger Savings Time (HST) and resume board meetings on the prior day of the week.

Greg Barker, Commodore

"Six minutes to start" — Wayne Ratliff's voice on the automated race countdown he designed and built.

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



I must say that we are in the apparent "calm before the storm" as most things have been running smoothly around the club. A few minor things here and there, but I will dare say the funding allocated for maintenance is well within budget.

August will certainly be seeing its share of racing activities, none-the-least will be the annual Day Sailor Invitational. We'll take a few extra steps to spruce up the club in anticipation of another excellent showcasing of what we have here on the central coast.

In light of a relatively slow month for the VC's missives, I thought I would share the following navigational report, of sorts. In an effort to meet full disclosure, I have taken no steps to verify the accuracy of this report:

Coast Guard Seaman: "Please divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision."

U. S. Navy Vessel: "Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the north to avoid a collision."

Coast Guard Seaman: "Negative. You will have to divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision."

U. S. Navy Vessel: "This is the captain of a United States Navy warship. I say again, divert your course."

Coast Guard Seaman: "Sir, I am a United States Coast Guard seaman. I say again, you divert your course."

U. S. Navy Vessel: "This is the aircraft carrier USS Lincoln, the second largest ship in the United States Atlantic fleet. We are accompanied by three destroyers, three cruisers and numerous support vessels. I demand that you change your course 15 degrees north, I say again, that's one-five degrees north, or counter-measures will be undertaken to ensure the safety of this ship."

Coast Guard Seaman: "This is a lighthouse. Your call."

With that, enjoy your summer, wherever you may be...

Pat Hedges, Vice Commodore

Navigation Class

Member Bob Smirl would like to conduct a 9 week navigation class @ the MBYC.

Bob taught this class at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa.

Bob would like a commitment from at least 15 participants to attend this class twice a month beginning September 13 and September 27 from 6:00-8:00pm. We will have a 15 minute break for cookies and coffee. Bring your plotting tools, 1210Tr chart, and a Chapman text if available (we have several in our library) RSVP to Bob: rwsmir@gmail.com.

FUN FLOAT



Next year during the High Sierra Regatta we are planning our first Low Costal Fun Float. There will be more information coming out at a later date.

Thursday, Aug.11th at 10:30 will be our next departure date. Maybe we will paddle toward the mouth of the Bay and wave goodbye to the last minute tourists.

Love Ya'll
G.P.P.

PS Sept. float is on the 13th 10:30

PSS Be kind to your web footed friends in the swamp because a duck may be somebody's mother



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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
or 528-7115.

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.

August 2011

- 5 Judy Adkisson
Susan Wiley
Al & Mary Romero
- 12 Mark & Maggie Goldberg
Lex & Lolo Budge
- 19 Leslie & Shields Abernathy
Roger & Sandy Shervington
- 27 Harold & Elena Hartsell
Bob & Jenny Kizziar

September 2011

- 2 Don & Gail Phares
Hal & Carol Carden
- 9 Bill Austin
Brian & Mary Monroe
Carolyn Pye
- 16 Wayne & Glen Renee Ratliff
Dave & Alica Shinn
Steve Nukes
- 23 Gerald & Kathleen Ashenbrenner
Skip & Sandy Barnhart
- 30 Joe & Dawn Huntsinger
Rick & Corbie von Stein

October 2011

- 7 Mary Flaven
Henriette Groot
Howard & Sandy Grisham
- 14 Lynn Meissen
Kay Milligan
Chris & Lynn Helenius
- 21 Victor & Francoise Nigro
Barbara Earl
Charles & Laura McCarren
- 28 Andy Arozena
John & Candice Kincade
John & Brooke (Townsend) Bodine

— Jim & Rachelle Phillips
Jimrachelle.phillips@gmail.com
805-771-8634



FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE

Bob Walker



July has come and will be gone by the time you read this article. The Ocean Fleet had two races this month, Devlin II and Summer I. Summer II is scheduled for August 14 and the series will be completed with Summer III on July 28. The following description of Devlin II and Summer I racing was provided by Lynn Meissen:

“The two ocean races for July were so much fun for all participants, we hardly noticed that it was a race. July 10, Devlin II, 3 boats started, Whiz Bang, Lynn Meissen on Guayacan and Gerry Luhr on Nanka. It was a very slow start in light air despite a forecast of a brisk 20-25 knots. For the first hour we were making good only about 15 degrees on a tack; it did bode well for even making the first mark, MBYC. Guayacan was almost calling to quit the race and go see the whales,

which were spouting all over Estero Bay. Then just after 1300, the shorten course time, the wind picked up and within 15 minutes we went from 2 knots to 6 knots. The sun was shining, it was warm, and we were sailing amid the whales, which had been around for almost a week. Whiz Bang was first across the line, Guayacan came in second. It was a wonderful day.”



The High Sierra Regatta has been the focus of the Bay Fleet this past month. If you weren't there to share in the fun, you really missed a great racing event. MBYC was well represented with sailors in the Optis, Lasers, Day Sailors, Bryan Monroe's new boat, a "570", which I am told is only slightly faster than our Day Sailors.

If you are interested in the High Sierra Regatta racing results, go to the Fresno Yacht Club web page (<http://www.fresno-yachtclub.org/hsrdetails.htm>). A couple of the interesting results include: Michael Measure and crew placed 5th in the first Day Sailor race against a very competitive field of racers, which included the current and a few past national champions. On a lighter note, in the third race Kevin Williams and crew, and Tom Tidyman and crew managed with some difficulty to beat Len Fiock across the finish line. Len is a VERY experienced Day Sailer racer. Oh! Did I mention that Len is 80 plus years old? Todd Hansen and crew took first in the Day Sailer B fleet. We all know what that means. Welcome to the A fleet, Todd.

I have included some of the action photos of a great two days of racing.



Rub a dub 6 girls plus Rory in a tub. Did it sink?



YES!!!!



LIDO racers past, present and wanna-be, just a reminder that the Lido Fleet Championship race has been re-scheduled to Saturday, August 6. Day Sailer Championships will be Sunday, August 7. We could still use a little help on the safety boat and race committee. If you are interested in helping, please email me at rewalker@calpoly.edu

The Day Sailor Invitational is scheduled August 19, 20, & 21. This is one of two major Bay Fleet annual events. The success of this event depends on the help of our membership; we are in some need of some help on the race committee, and the safety boat. If you are interested in helping, please email me at rewalker@calpoly.edu. Carlton Smith, Day Sailor Fleet Captain recently sent a request via the alias for helpers for the many jobs, besides the race committee, that are needed to conduct an event of this magnitude. If you want to get involved send an email to Carlton at carltonsmith@yahoo.com.



Bob Walker
Rear Commodore





MBYC Social Committee

- July's decorations are a reminder of what a fantastic 4th celebration our club had!! Let's do next year in the same manner!
- August 4th's fish dinner changed to a pot luck - since I'm writing this in July - I can't report on its success - or not!
- Wednesday Hamburger nights are always fun and Brett Cross offers a **Meatless Monday beginning August 8th**. Because it's a new program, tickets are being presold.
- There's an easy way to make weekly strides toward better health while still enjoying delicious dishes. Meatless Monday, an international movement, encourages people everywhere to cut meat one day a week for personal and planetary health. Join the Yacht Club August 8, 5:00-7:00 p.m., for Morro Bay's first ever Meatless Monday. We'll be serving spicy chipotle tacos loaded with black beans, local greens and shredded carrots, mango salsa, and topped with a dollop of tangy cashew sour cream. You can look forward to a sweet finish-off featuring a local, in-season fruit. Make sure to bring your appetite because these tacos will fill you up with lots of local, green goodness. Please purchase your tickets (\$7 each) at the Yacht Club ahead of time so we'll know how much grub to make! Tickets available Wednesday & Friday evenings, or email Brett at brettcross@yahoo.com.
- **INTERESTED IN A MONTHLY MOVIE NIGHT?** Some of the members were talking about beginning a monthly movie night at the Palm Theater in SLO. Movies usually begin at 4pm and then the group could swing into the diner next door for a light dinner. If you are interested in participating on a Sunday evening, please email jayne at psjayne@mac.com.
- **THE COMMODORE'S BALL** is set for time and place...right here in Morro Bay. Need a room for the night, just email psjayne@mac.com and I will begin a group rate package for the travelers. Sharon will need help with set up, decorations, etc., and will post the sign up sheet in October.
- **December is the Boat Parade - don't forget. Let's do a pot luck dinner?**
- Thanks, Jayne Behman and Sharon Bufo



3rd Annual Zongo Yachting Cup!

8/19 FRIDAY

Race/Cruise - Morro Bay to Avila Beach!

All Ocean Craft
Welcome!

HUGE PARTY in AVILA - 4PM 'til Sunup!

THE RACE: 8AM Pancake breakfast @ MBYC / 9AM Skippers Meeting / 11AM Start.
THE PARTY: 4-8PM Zongo All-Stars on the Boardwalk, 8-1:30AM at Mr. Ricks with
 2 reggae bands and a HUGE SuperJam at midnight! **Afterparty at SLYC!**
RSVP NOW! Call Paul Irving: 805-441-3344

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Morro Bay Junior Yacht Club

Hi Juniors!

First, going back to some news from June ... Andrew Monroe completed the SoCal C.O.A.S.T. Optimist Series by racing in every one of the six regattas since last October! This means he traveled to: SBYC, VYC, CBYC, LAYC, MBYC (our own Big Rock Regatta), and MDRYC over about eight months. As anyone who has raced in a series knows, half the battle is showing up! He placed 5th overall out of 34 sailors. Congrats Andrew!

Also, Shannon McClish and Olivia MacDonald went to Richmond for the Laser Radial Junior Women's Singlehanded Championship at the end of June. They had a great experience sailing with some top junior women's sailors and in clinics with some top coaches! I've included a couple of pictures.

The High Sierra Regatta was a blast as it always is! Some of our juniors competed, some came for the camping, casual sailing and friendship! The cove was a haven for water fights, kayak adventures, the Macarena and swimming dogs. The Friday before, we continued a new tradition - the 3rd annual unofficial Junior at the Helm Daysailer race. We had 8 juniors participate with their adult crew. They sailed a long, full sized race, and 5 of the 8 boats flew spinnakers on the downwind leg! The participants, in order of finish were: Rory McClish (crew Michael Measures), Shannon McClish (crew Dana McClish), Keiran Hansen (crew Joyce Hansen), Cameron Wright (crew Todd Hansen), Elizabeth Soll (crew Mark Soll), Rylie Fee (crew Tom Fee), Olivia MacDonald (crew Terry Paris), JT Krossa (crew John Krossa). It was an exciting, close race from start to finish. A special thank you to Keiley Hansen for the creative trophies!

In the official High Sierra Regatta, on Saturday and Sunday, the mbjyc had 3 radial lasers (Olivia, Rory and Shannon), 1 Daysailer (Keiran Hansen and crew Cameron Wright both juniors) and 7 optis (Andrew Monroe, Audrey McClish, Hank Ogle, Brayden Corriea, Zane Leslie, Ian MacDonald, and Ansyn Meacham), not to mention the many adults who act like juniors. A great showing for a yacht club our size, I think!

For the rest of the summer, we will be continuing to sail on Wednesdays before burger night, in addition to our scheduled junior days, so drop by! And don't forget, Juniors will be hosting Burger Night on Aug 3rd!

- Gwenn Krossa
Junior Advisor



ATTENTION JUNIOR SAILORS.... THE JUNIOR REGATTA at the MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB IS COMING UP!!!

Mark your calendars...SEPTEMBER 18TH.
THIS REGATTA IS FOR OPTIS, LASERS, LIDOS,
and any other class of 3 boats.

The Notice of Race, and Registration forms will be on
the MBYC web page shortly, and we'll get the forms to
you on Junior sailing days.

YES...THIS IS THE REGATTA WITH ROOT BEER
FLOATS & a Great Lunch too.

ATTENTION YACHT CLUB MEMBERS...mark your
calendars and come down and cheer on our juniors...
it's a lot of fun.

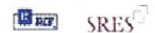


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In Remembrance

Gail Spencer

Club member Gail Spencer passed away Thursday, June 30 after a year and a half battle with multiple myeloma, survived by her husband of 47 years, Tom Spencer. Gail and Tom met while racing sailboats in the Bay Area, most recently enjoying their Beneteau 35.7 Pegasus. Gail also spent almost three decades in the sport of dressage and breeding horses. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Gail's name to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (www.themmrf.org).

Roy Shank

Past Commodore Roy Shank peacefully passed away earlier in July after a very long illness. His obituary was published in the San Luis Obispo Tribune and which, in summary, contained the following information:

Roy Shank was born in Big Springs, Texas in 1922, served in the US Army Air Corps during WWII, attended the University of Utah, married Joann Penard in 1948 in Indianapolis, moved to Utah, then Billings, Montana, moved to California in 1959, was active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Morro Bay Yacht Club and the American Red Cross. He is survived by his wife Jo, his sons Greg and Terry and five grandchildren.

Beyond the limitations of the obituary, many of our yacht club's longer-term members may recall his extraordinary participation in the club's administration and its activities. He served as Membership Chairman for many years and then as Commodore. In each of these offices, as well as other responsibilities he accepted, he was most thorough and competent.. And earlier, he layed down the lines for our very unique half sailboat hull bar as well as aided with the negotiations with the City for the development of our second floor facilities.

More recently, and for six years, he headed up our Wednesday Hamburger Nights. In this, he worked hard to keep the costs to the club at a minimum, with weekly trips to San Luis Obispo for discount foods and supplies. And days of cooking preparation at home and the galley beforehand. To provide for additional club income and a worthwhile service, he kept the galley refrigerator loaded with pre-made sandwiches that could be purchased by our skippers, their crews and others involved in our racing activities. He also worked with the Morro Bay Coast Guard for many years to assist in its participation in our Opening Day events.

Roy organized the area district Coast Guard Auxiliary in Santa Maria and was its Captain. And some years ago was the Director of the American Red Cross in San Luis Obispo where he developed its initial training courses and certification for artificial respiration.

Well-read and with many interests, skills and experiences, to many of us he was entertaining and instructive in his discourses on a multiple of subjects (his family referred to him as "the professor"). But most of all, despite a series of illnesses, he remained active and involved in the affairs of our club and was most appreciative of its organization and its members, many of whom he valued as his friends.

Our hearts go out to Jo Shank and family as Roy died recently, having suffered ill health following a fall on Memorial Day last year. Typical of his patriotism, he was struggling to raise the flag. A lifetime member of the Club, Roy was also a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and often served us on safety boat patrol. My first introduction was being fished out and wrapped in a blanket by Roy, having capsized my Toro bow first up by the stacks.

Roy and Jo, I believe, instigated the Hamburger Nights and did it almost single handedly for years. Roy really balked at raising the price from One dollar!

Older members will remember and join me in wishing Jo peace.

Rosemary Jorgens

August 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 7:30PM.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Hamburger Night 	4 Fish Bake Dinner 	5 Hosts: Judy Adkison Susan Wiley Boertje Al & Mary Romero	6 Lido Championship: Bay Fleet 
DS Championship: 7 	8	9	10 Hamburger Night 	11 Board Meeting 6:00 PM 	12 Hosts: Mark & Maggie Goldberg Lex & Lolo Budge	13 Juniors 
Summer II: Ocean Fleet 	15	16	17 Hamburger Night 	18 Zongo Cup: Pre-Party Zongo Cup 19th: > 	19 Hosts: Leslie & Shields Abernathy Roger & Sandy Shervington	20 DS Invitational: Bay Fleet 
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Summer III: Ocean Fleet 	29	30	31 Hamburger Night 	Tidelands Volunteers — AUGUST AUGUST 1 Evans, 5 Jorgans/Pye, 8 Salamacha, 12 Meissen, 15 Smulders, 19 Moore, 22 Williams, 26 Romero, 29 Condon Alt for Aug: Eckles		

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 - Louisa May Alcott

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Juniors 4 	5	6	7	8	9 Hosts: Bill Austin Brian & Mary Monroe Carolyn Pye	10
Fall I: Ocean Fleet 11 	12	13	Board Meeting 14 6:00 PM 	15	16 Hosts: Wayne & Glen Renee Ratliff Dave & Alica Shinn Steve Nukes	Ladies Day: Bay Fleet 17 
Juniors Regatta: Juniors 18 	19	20	21	22	23 Hosts: Gerald & Kathleen Ashenbrenner Skip & Sandy Barnhart	Laser Slomon: Bay Fleet 24 
Lady @ the Helm: Ocean Fleet 25 	26	27	28	29	30 Hosts: Joe & Dawn Huntsinger Rick & Corbie von Stein	

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