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FROM YOUR COMMODORE

Patrick Hedges



Greetings to All,
For those of you receiving your Masthead via the internet, ahead of those who are receiving it by mail, I will remind you that we are having our General Meeting on March 31st at 7 PM. There are no items up for vote at this meeting, but there will be the usual, inspiring board and committee reports. In addition, I would like to save some time for anyone who would like to address the membership as a whole or who would like to speak with board members after the meeting. There is no organized Potluck dinner scheduled prior to this meeting, but that does not prevent individuals from organizing small gatherings.

I would like to welcome aboard two new members. Katy Crawford has been a very active prospective member and comes to us with much sailing history, some of which we are still trying to uncover. Also joining the ranks as a member is Tony Gomez. Tony has been involved in Club ocean racing for several years and took the step to become a member. Both have been active in club events and will, no doubt, continue in the same fashion. Give them a "Welcome Aboard" when you see them.

Continuing with membership updates, I want to remind everyone that when you speak with folks who you feel would make good members, don't forget to let them know the initiation fee of \$750 can be made in payments. The Board recently allowed prospective/new members to make payments over a six month period. Contact a Board member of Membership if you need details. Let's keep the membership ranks filled with active new members.

The Commodore does not have any updates on personal sailing experiences since last month's Masthead, but, as I write this column, I am preparing to leave for Puerto Vallarta to sail with members Darrell and Sarah Erickson from La Cruz up and over to La Paz. I will be back by the end of the month so that I can attend the General Meeting.

My thanks goes to Vice Commodore Bob Walker for his coordination of the Club's work day and a thank you to everyone who has pitched in either on that Saturday and throughout the month. The Club is going to look ship-shape for opening day. Please invite friends and family to this annual event.

In closing, we are in the planning stage for an open house on May 19 to let folks who aren't members know who we are, what we do and how they can participate. We are looking at ending the day with dinner, dancing and a good ol' time. I hope we can make this a reunion for members who are out of the area and want to come and visit with old friends, and new friends, too. So, save the date of May 19th and plan to come and have a good time. Angela Soll and Mary Monroe are heading up the "Open House Committee."

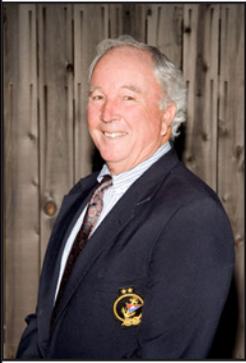
Patrick Hedges, Commodore

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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

Bob Walker



As you know by now, "WORKDAY" has come and gone. By any measure I think the workday was a success. Most of the items on the work list were completed or will be soon. On workday, I arrived at the club about 7:45 only to find Joyce Hunter and Bill Cockrill hard at work cleaning the galley and, what great job they did! As the day got started there was a great turnout of willing workers. There were a couple of lessons learned this "WORKDAY".

The first thing I did when I arrived at the club was block the parking spaces around the club with some folding chairs. The idea was to prevent overspray from getting on parked cars due to pressure washing the walkways. All was going well until someone walked past the club and objected to the blocked parking spaces. A short time later, the Morro Bay police arrived. The first words out of the officer's mouth were: "Who is in charge?" I looked around, and the thought that went through my mind was "Where is the Commodore when you need him?" It seems that the officer was responding to a complaint. The officer was not sure what to do in this instance, but most importantly, no one was cited OR went to jail. Workday lesson #1: Don't block the parking places.

Workday lesson #2 was learned by new members Joe and Donna Dervin and I thought it a good lesson to share: It is best to sign up for Workday jobs, or at least come early. When they arrived at the club for workday the only remaining job on the list was cleaning the ladies and mens restrooms. Much to their credit they took on the assignment and did a great job.

Listed below are the members who participated in our annual preparation for Opening Day. My apologies in advance to anyone who I missed in compiling this list.

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|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Bill Cockrill | Donna Dervin | Kevin O'Day | Carlton Smith |
| Bonnie Fram | Gail Condon | Laura McCarren | Kevin Williams |
| Brian Monroe | Greg Barker | Mark Brown | Tom Tydyman |
| Candy Botich | Henriette Groot | Marlene McQueen | Judy Atkinson |
| Carol Mauer | Joe Dervin | Michael Measures | Rocky Setting |
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| Dawn Huntsinger | John Michener | Steve Borges | Julie Thomas |
| Truman Prewitt | Wayne Ratliff | Holly Smirl | Bob Smirl |
| John Kincade | Pat Hedges | | |

In addition to the participation by the members of MBYC there were four Cal Poly students who with the supervision of Dana McClish spent the morning cleaning and organizing their corner of the boat yard:

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|------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Macy Stout | Kriten Schlotman | Evan Lanuza | Katy Thomas |
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The a few pictures taken during the workday (see page 8).

To all of you who have contributed your time and talents to maintaining our club thank you!!

Bob Walker, Vice Commodore

FUN FLOAT

Fun Float APR. 19th. Thur. 10:00 AM



We had a great turn out for our March Float. The only thing that was eerie was we had four Bob's. I don't know where they are all coming from but we may want to do something to stem the flow. To be fair, I must admit, they were all very well behaved and showed the G.P.P. all the respect and admiration that he deserved.

On April 19th at 10:00 we shall once again sally forth from the dock in search of wild adventure.

Your most humble servant,
G.P.P. - May float is on Thur. the 17th at 10:00 A.M.



Kayak Fun Float, with spinnaker assist from Dot Rygh
Photo by Carol Walker



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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, Patrick Gorey at: 772-1151.

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 2012

- 6 Russ & Sally Williams
Mike & Deborah Peck
- 13 Adrian & Helma Smulders
Charles Watson
Gary Raine
- 20 Donna Arozena
Diane Mason
Carol Valley & Clayton Schmidt
- 27 John and Jan Neiswanger
Peter & Anita Rothenbueker

May 2012

- 4 Dana Cummings
Bob & Laurie Neumann
Faye Zeeb
- 11 Doug Riddell
Art Duberg
Jerome White
- 18 Joe & Donna Dervin
Candy Botich & Kevin O'Day
- 25 Pat & Dot Rygh
Tom Spencer
Gary Raine

June 2012

- 2 Jim & Karen Clinton
Brian & Kathy Egan
- 8 Dick & Charlene Evans
Max & Helen Sicher
- 15 Ken & Mary Bradley
Tom & Marty Tidyman
- 22 Earl & Marsha May
Dana & Teresa McClish
- 29 Michael & Brooks Measures
John & Janice Tannehill

— Jim & Rachelle Phillips
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FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE

Dawn Huntsinger



The Ocean fleet had a busy month with the Founders Cup and Winter III. The Founders Cup had a showing of Guayacan and Whizbang, but Winter III brought out Guayacan, Twin Fin, Voyager II, Whizbang, Evening Tide and Geronimo. The momentum stopped when the weather got rainy for the Mullen's Memorial. This was the same weekend that the ocean buoy was going to be set for a true Windward, Leeward course. For now, the big boats will just have to "reach, reach" and let Guayacan win...

The Sail, Pedal, Paddle was a new fun race that involved sailing, biking, and kayaking or canoeing. There were a couple of individuals that completed the race almost entirely by themselves, but most people competed on teams. I need to thank all of the people who stepped up at last minute and helped organize bikes and kayaks on the tarmac and directed bikers as they left the yard, as well as the PRO and race committee, and the people who staffed the kitchen and served hamburgers. I'm going to let the pictures speak of all the fun that was had.

Well Done to the following::

Race	Fleet	1st	2nd	3rd
Sail, Pedal, Paddle	Bay Fleet	Brett Cross and crew	Tom, Cyndy, Rylie, and Dylan Fee	Kevin Williams, Pat Hedges and Pat & Dot Rygh
Founders Cup	Ocean Fleet	Lynn Meissen, Guayacan	John Michener, Whizbang	
Winter III	Ocean Fleet	Lynn Meissen, Guaycan	Brian Monroe, Twin Fin	Wayne Ratliff, Voyager II

Weigh and Measure Day May 5, 2012 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Does your boat need to be weighed and measured before the Nationals at Huntington? Plan to come to the club to have your boat certified. Any questions can be directed towards Michael Measures.

Playing by the Rules 46: Person in Charge (a personal favorite of mine)

A boat shall have on board a person in charge designated by the member or organization that entered the boat. (Sounds to me like one person is in charge)

Go sail a boat,

Dawn Huntsinger
Rear Commodore



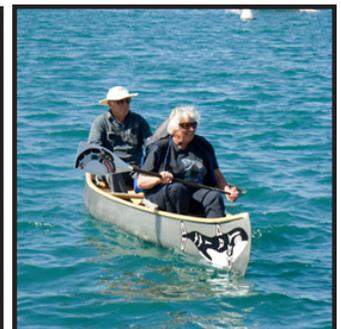
Prepping for the Sail, Pedal, Paddle



Joe Fram starting the pedal phase



Kevin Williams and Commodore Pat Hedges during the sail phase



Pat and Dot Rygh in the paddle phase for Team Satan aka winners of "Highest Cumulative Age" team award!



Brett Cross, the first place winning phase of the Sail, Pedal, Paddle!!



The delicious BBQ phase of the Sail, Pedal, Paddle!!!! YUM!!!!



St. Pat's Day Fun at the MBYC



FROM YOUR OCEAN FLEET CAPTAIN

Ocean Race Winter 2 Mar 4, 2012

The weather was uncertain on Sunday with light southerlies at the start, strengthening to 17 knots with gusts to 23, and backing to the usual Northwest at the middle, then dying as we neared the finish, veering back to the south. This left the fleet changing positions often favoring one boat and moving it forward, then sending another to an apparent possible first. Overall the the stronger wind for the longer leg favored Guayacan. Voyager II did well usually the leader of the pack (from my point of view at the end of the pack) up to the end when she seemed to fall into a hole in the wind and had to tack in light air back to the finish mark. TwinFin stayed far out to sea and could tack downwind to the finish. WhizBang was in the middle for much of the race, catching up and rounding Constantine ahead of Guayacan but was outfoxed by handicap. Evening Tide expected a long day and short course in light air. She opted out after Mouse and returned to port.

Okay, it may be a boring report, but for the third time we had a beautiful day on the water, not too cold, clear, good visibility, which allowed us all to stay in view throughout the day, and we could see the marks. Final standings were: First Guayacan, second TwinFin and third Voyager.

Lynn Meissen
Ocean Fleet Captain



MBYC Social Committee

Faith and Beggorah, we had a grand time at the St. Paddy's Day Dinner! Gary Barker from Divine Street Catering blew us away with his corned beef and cabbage, onion, carrot, potato, salad and pistachio cake!! What would you all say regarding having a Sunday brunch catered by Gary once a month? He can keep the price pretty low. Let me know your thoughts.

Opening Day is coming up on Sunday, April 15th! This annual club wide event offers all members, not just the members that regularly volunteer, an opportunity to participate in club activities - and we need your help! If you need ideas on how to participate or what to bring, please call me. There are potluck, bar, galley, registration and clean up spots available, to name a few. Take note that the shifts are short: only 2 - 3 hours or so, so you still get the chance to enjoy the day and mingle with friends and meet new club members all the while! Since it's the biggest on-site club event of the year, it's the most successful, and most fun, when more members are involved. So please call me to sign up! Even if you aren't officially signed up, you can still casually pick up dirty glasses that someone has left behind, wipe a table or two and pick up trash off the floor. It makes a huge difference on the execution of this grand event. Let's all do our best to make it enjoyable for everyone!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 19th. We are in the midst of planning an OPEN HOUSE for new members, summer sailing and junior members! This is the first time ever to do something like this and it is very exciting. We would begin in the afternoon, around 1p.m. with sailing demonstrations or even taking interested public out for a sail or cruise! We could bring out the kayaks and let them try kayaking, too!! Our thoughts so far is to have some music (we have a lot of talent in the club), barbeque tri-tip and members provide side dishes. We could have a slide show with pictures from all our different activities running non-stop. It would especially be great to have our life members be present at points throughout the day talking with guests and possible new members. One of the greatest assets in our club are the people (friends) we have and expanding our membership will make it even better. Let's make some new friends this YEAR!!! CALL Sharon at 534-1614!

Sharon Bufo

MEMBERSHIP

You should have received your 2012 roster and membership cards in the mail. Please take a moment to check your information and let us know if anything is amiss.

Also, please welcome our two newest members and note their contact information:

Katherine "Katy" Crawford
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Los Osos, CA 93402
(805) 439-0122
fishpol@charter.net



Anthony Gomez
475 Corrida Drive
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(805) 544-1638 (h)
(805) 544-1088 (w)
GoldConcept@sbcglobal.net

We also had two resignations this past month for your notice:
Fredrick G. Novy, M.D. and Evan Dill

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



Morro Bay Junior Yacht Club

Our most recent Juniors event on February 26th looked promising at the outset. But just as we set off from the dock the wind picked up - too much for some of our newer sailors. All three coach boats were kept busy helping new opti sailors. Some of our sailors discovered that while the back bay looks big, the channel is actually quite a bit smaller. It took Brian Monroe, Scott Morris, and Keiley Hansen several minutes of wading in the muck to get the small gaggle of grounded Optis back out into open water. While the Optis mostly found the conditions a challenge, the Lasers were romping in the high winds. Since all the chase boats were pressed into dealing with the Optis, coach Steve Hendricks was calling the shots from the dock. After blowing hard for an hour or so and sending the Optis back to the dock, the wind abated and a few Opti sailors went back out to sail with the Lasers and had a great afternoon...except maybe for one un-named sailor who, after swapping boats, ended up with a Laser with no hull plug installed. By the end of the day his deck was nearly awash and it was very unstable.

The following weekend the Juniors had their work day. The work crew worked hard and cleaned boats, cleaned and organized the shed and other club maintenance. After working hard they got to go out to sail for a little Opti practice before the Big Rock.

Some of our Juniors missed work day because they were off racing at the Richmond Yacht Club Mid-Winter Series. Olivia MacDonald took her Laser radial up to compete with others at Richmond and came away with a sixth place overall finish for the series (out of 24 boats). Also at Richmond were Keiran Hansen and Cameron Wright racing together on a Daysailer. They had an interesting day. They were running late in their boat set up so the guys got a little help from Keiran's mom Joyce. Well, she acted like she was helping, but in truth she misplaced his hull plug so that, unnoticed, his boat starting filling up as soon as it was placed in the water. So, for the first races of the day Cameron and Keiran sailed with many pounds of water ballast in the bottom of their boat. Despite the (accidental) sabotage, Cameron and Keiran managed to get fourth in the series out of 10 boats. If Keiran and Cameron had been able to race the first weekend together they easily would have placed second.

News Flash: Juniors program has a new Laser! And when we say new it really is! It's a 2008 Laser that has only been used three times. We now have three identically rigged Lasers for our teen juniors. The galvanized trailer it came on is for sale - contact Junior Advisor at mbyc.jrs@gmail.com if you are interested in the trailer or a nearly new Laser full rig main sail.

**Todd Hansen
Junior Advisor**



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EXTRA! EXTRA!

A note from Evan Dill received on March 2, 2012

To all of my friends at the Morro Bay Yacht Club:

It is with regrets that I am not renewing my membership. Although I haven't been an active member due to my extensive sailing overseas for the past 9 years, it has always been a joy to see y'all at Happy Hour whenever I return to see friends and family in SLO.

This past year marked my sail from Mexico to Australia, where my catamaran, JAVA, now lies. I envision spending a few years exploring the Western Pacific and Asian waters and making fewer trips back to the USA, so it doesn't make a lot of sense keeping up my Club membership, especially considering that I live very simply on my social Security only and need to watch my budget.

I simply want to say that it has been wonderful knowing many of you and enjoying the club. If and when I return back to California, I will surely stop into a Happy Hour and renew old acquaintances.

I don't know where I'll be, but please know that you are welcome to write me and come avisting if you get the cruising bug and want to see what it is like in the islands. You can reach me at revandill@yahoo.com. And be sure and bring the peanut butter!

Thanks again for your help, wisdom, and happy smiles!

Evan Dill

April 2012



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
Spring I: Ocean Fleet  Juniors	2	3	4	5	Hosts: Russ & Sally Williams Mike & Deborah Peck 6	7
Easter 	9	10	11	Board Meeting 6:00 PM 	Hosts: Adrian & Helma Smulders Charles Watson Gary Raine 13	Opening Day Race  14
MBYC Opening Day Opening Day Race 	16	17	18	Fun Float 10:00 AM 	Hosts: Donna Arozena Diane Mason Carol Valley & Clayton Schmidt 20	21
22	23	24	25	26	Hosts: John and Jan Neiswanger Peter & Anita Rothenbueker 27	Spring II: Bay Fleet  28
Spring II: Ocean Fleet  Juniors	30					

Tidelands Volunteers — APRIL
 April 2 Butler, 6 Clinton, 9 Thomas/Brown, 13 Jorgans/Pye, 16 Smulders,
 20 Williams, 23 Tidyman, 27 Prewitt, 30 Condon, Alt for APR: Meissen

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*"There are three sorts of people; those who are alive, those who are dead, and those who are at sea."
 - Old Capstan Chantey attributed to Anacharsis, 6th Century BC*

May 2012



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		1	2	3	4 Hosts: Dana Cummings Bob & Laurie Neumann Faye Zeeb	5
Spring III: Ocean Fleet 6 	7	8	9	Board Meeting 10 6:00 PM 	11 Hosts: Doug Riddell Art Duberg Jerome White	Spring III: Bay Fleet 12 
Mother's Day 13	14	15	16	Fun Float 17 10:00 AM 	18 Hosts: Joe & Donna Dervin Candy Botich & Kevin O'Day	Estero Bay Cup: Ocean Fleet 19 Laser Fleet Champ: Bay Fleet 19 
Estero Bay Cup: Ocean Fleet 20 Juniors 	21	22	23	24 Hosts: Pat & Dot Rygh Tom Spencer Gary Raine	25	Lido Fleet Champ: Bay Fleet 26 
DS Fleet Champ: Bay Fleet 27 	Memorial Day 28	29	30	31		

Tidelands Volunteers — MAY 2012
 May 4 Jorgans/Pye, 7 Smulders, 11 Meissen, 14 Williams, 18 Prewitt,
 21 Thomas/Brown, 25 Butler, 28 Tidyman, Alt for MAY: Condon