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FROM YOUR COMMODORE

Patrick Hedges



Another month is upon us and we look for to Mothers Day and May flowers.

As I write this month's column, let me start with the third item first. Staff Commodore Don Lockwood has been coordinating the biennial maintenance of the club's moorings. Aside from our annual lease payments to the city, this is the largest expense to the club, albeit every other year. It gives us an opportunity to more accurately assess our expenses and to manage the mooring field when we have current dollar numbers to work with.

I bring this to your attention as we will be analyzing our expenses and evaluating what the club charges members for use of a mooring. This information will be discussed at the May Board meeting on May 17th. We will also evaluate the fees for boat storage on shore.

The analysis will be sent out, in advance, via the club's "alias" e-mail list. If you currently receive club e-mails, you will receive the analysis. If you are not currently receiving e-mails from the club, please send me your e-mail address and we will get you included. (I moved this item to the top of the column for those who don't read the entire columns and then want to know how come they weren't aware of a potential change in fees.)

Now back to the first item. If it's April, it's Opening Day. The rain left, the clouds parted and we had a very nice Opening Day. The clubhouse was decorated beautifully and members provided some delicious appetizers. Visitors arrived from as far away as Fresno and Marina del Rey. Sharon Bufo was the conductor for arranging the event and she had many, many people who were instrumental it making this Opening Day an event that all members can be proud of. Also, my thanks go to the many Staff Commodores who were able to attend. (One note for next year...I anticipate Staff Commodore Michael Measures and a Junior member will, once again, be lingering in the background ready to fire the cannon on queue. Just a guess.)

Next item...Rear Commodore Bob Walker has been working feverishly with the city and the Coastal Commission to get us through the permit process for the replacement of the gangway. He has also been working with the California Department of Boating and Waterways in pursuing a grant to help defer some costs for this project, which was approved by the membership at the November General Meeting. I want to thank Bob for this above-and-beyond effort.

In a related observation, there is a Notice of Development sign now adorning our fence next to the gate. So you are not puzzled when you see this, in the eyes of the Coastal Commission, everything is a development. They don't recognize our maintenance project as anything other than development, so don't think that you missed some major undertaking by the club.

Finally, I would like to share a saying from William A. Ward that you may have seen before, but I think it's worth repeating:

"The Pessimist complains about the wind;
The Optimist expects it to change;
The Realist adjusts the sails"

Patrick Hedges, Commodore

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It has been a very busy month. A lot of time and energy was spent by many members making final preparations for Opening day. If you missed Opening Day festivities you probably have no idea what a fine job Sharon Bufo and her helpers did putting things together for this annual event.

Besides Opening Day, I have been getting an education. Can you imagine at my age there are still things for me to learn? We have been looking into the possibility of obtaining a grant from the California Dept. of Boating & Waterways to help pay for the new gangway. This work has given me a much better appreciation of how difficult it is to be in complete compliance with ADA requirements. It seems every time I turn around there is some other ADA requirement that needs to be considered in formulating a final design for the project. The first step in preparing for a fund request is to get Coastal Commission approval and obtain a building permit from the City of Morro Bay. After meeting with the City of Morro Bay Inspection and Planning departments, I started on the Coastal Commission's application.

I have spent a great deal of time filling out the California Coastal Commission Application for a Development permit. The first thing I learned is that the repair and replacement of our gangway is considered to be "Development" and will get the same review as a project much larger in scope. The good news is that the application has been sent to the Coastal Commission with our check for \$500.00. I was informed that the Coastal Commission has 30 days to complete their review and because of their workload, we can expect to hear from them on the 29th or 30th day.

So, in the meantime, Carol and I are going to do some traveling and will be departing Morro Bay Tuesday April 24 and will not be back until May 14 or 15th. We are going to visit family in Italy and travel with friends in France. Au revoir!

Bob Walker, Vice Commodore

What is the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation ?

It has been brought to my attention that there is confusion in regards to the newly formed Public Charity known as the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation (MBYSF). MBYSF is separate from the Morro Bay Yacht Club (MBYC) and therefore not a part of the Morro Bay Junior Yacht Club (MBJYC). The purpose of the MBYSF is to support youth sailing in our community, while giving donors a tax deduction for their donations. MBYSF supports MBJYC and MBYC's Student programs. Most community and Yacht Club youth sailing programs receive support from such foundations.

Recently MBYSF donated an IFJ sailboat to MBYC's youth sailing programs. This process went before the MBYC 2011 Board of directors and was finalized by this years MBYC board. Also, MBYSF does not plan on storing boats at MBYC.

I hope this clears up any confusion and if not feel free to contact me at mcclishmb@charter.com or to our website www.mbycf.org . I am always happy to talk about youth sailing and how you can support it.

Sincerely,

Dana Mcclish
MBYSF President

FUN FLOAT

Fun Float MAY 17th. Thur. 10:00 AM



On our April float we all followed "Earth Mother" Dot to our appointed spots on the Sandspit in order to make our little spot of Paradise a more beautiful place.(We picked up trash on the beach) We all felt we had done something that was ECO beautiful as we sat on the beach and let the sun shine upon us.

Our May float will be on Thur. the 17th at 10:00. Join us and enjoy the fun and frivolity and frolicking on the Sandspit.

Your ever lovin

G.P.P. - May float is on Thur. the 17th at 10:00 A.M.

P.S. June 18th at 10:00 will be next.



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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.

May 2012

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

June 2012

- 1 Jim & Karen Clinton
Brian & Kathy Egan
- 8 Dick & Charlene Evans
Max & Helen Sicher
- 15 Ken & Mary Bradley
Tom & Marty Tidyman
- 22 Todd and Joyce Hansen
Dana & Teresa McClish
- 29 Michael & Brooks Measures
John & Janice Tannehill

July 2012

- 6 Gary & Joyce Granneman
Bill & Maryann Stansfield
- 13 Roger & Vicki Marlin
Tom & Gail Riley
- 20 Lee & Sure Drocco
Brian & Shelly Granger
- 27 Ted & Iris Jacobson
Peter & Jayne Behman

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The club has seen another round of exciting races last month, although nothing from the Ocean Fleet. That darn weather seemed to keep them close to home, again. But the weather didn't deter Lynn Meissen from taking her boat out to set the ocean buoy. With help from John Michener, Bob Smirl, Wayne Ratliff, and prospective member Lee Piatek, they saw some rain and a little bit of hail, but they got the job done. Hooray!

The same weather that was keeping the Ocean Fleet from racing was causing some havoc in the Bay Fleet for our Spring I. We had a good showing of boats even though the forecast called for rain and brisk winds out of the south. We were able to squeeze in one race when soon after the white caps appeared in the bay. As most of the fleet was discussing their disdain for racing in those conditions, we all watched with much alarm as our fearless Commodore Pat Hedges and his brave crew, Tony Gomez, tried with all their might to make it back to the dock. It seemed that they would almost make it to the safety of the dock but the wind out of the south combined with the current slowly pulled them away. There was quite a large crowd gathered on the dock watching helplessly, and very concerned, as the safety boat would try to rescue them by pulling them away from the neighboring slips, but alas, Doin' Time still managed to stay out of their reach. At one point Kevin dove into the water to help just as the boat was being pulled out of his reach. Oh well, nice try. Much to everyone's delight, they made it back safely with harrowing tales and a mass of seaweed attached to the centerboard and rudder.

Opening Day was another great day at the club! I was very happy to see four classes of boats come out for this arbitrary race. We had Daysailers, a Tasar, a Laser, and a couple of Optis. (Did anyone else think it was strange that the Daysailor Fleet captain was not sailing a DS?)

What made it even more special was that the PRO, Greg Barker, recruited Ocean Fleet racers to be on the race committee. It was wonderful to see all the fleets get involved for our Opening Day race. 12 boats + 3 races + no rescues = a fun day on the water.

Congratulations to the following sailors:

Race	Fleet	1st	2nd	3rd
Spring I	Bay Fleet	Dawn Huntsinger and Brett Cross	Kevin Williams and Gail Condon	Carlton Smith and Deborah Paes de Barros
Open Day	Bay Fleet	Kevin Williams and Gail Condon	Carlton Smith and Deborah Paes de Barros	Brett Cross and Dawn Huntsinger

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.

Upcoming Races:

- Ocean Fleet- Estero Cup, May 5, 6
- Spring III, May 20
- Bay Fleet- Spring III, May 12
- Laser Fleet Championships, rescheduled to a date TBD
- Lido Championships, May 26
- Daysailor Championships, May 27
- Jack Johnson, May 28

Playing by the Rules: 14 Avoiding Contact

A boat shall avoid contact with another boat if reasonably possible. However, a right-of-way boat or one entitled to room or mark-room

- (a) Need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other boat is not keeping clear or giving room or mark-room, and
- (b) Shall not be penalized under this rule unless there is contact that causes damage or injury.

Go sail a boat,

**Dawn Huntsinger
Rear Commodore**



1st Place- Spring I



2nd Place- Spring I



3rd Place- Spring I



MBYC Open House 2012

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday May 19th, 1:00 to 6:00ish

Have you ever thought about bringing your friends to the club to share in all the fun? Well, now is your chance to inform and educate members of your family and friends about our special place. This is also a chance for our club members to learn about the new and exciting things that we have planned for the rest of the year. We will be having sailing demonstrations and a casual race starting at around 1:00 p.m. with Daysailors, Lidos, Lasers, and Optimists. In addition, we will also be having tables set-up for summer sailing classes, Morro Bay Junior Yacht information/ sign-ups, New Membership information, and our newly founded Junior Yacht Club Foundation (501 3c). Be sure to check out the Ships Store for the "Deal of the Day" special. Somewhere a little birdie told me that we might be having a small band (or at least music), but details to follow as the date and arrangements are still being made

Brett Cross will be cooking up a Santa Maria Style Tri-tip dinner, which includes delicious tri-tip, beans, yummy salad, garlic bread and all the fixins' for a mere \$8.00 the day of open house. Pre sale tickets will be sold starting on May 1st for \$7.00 during our Happy Hour (such a deal!!). No cash on hand when we're selling them on Friday night??? No Problem! We can put it on your club bill.

Finally, the only way to make this a success is with your participation. Be a part of our celebration and make our club shine! If you have any questions, comments, concerns, please feel free to email me or one of our committee members.

Angela Soll- slocat@hotmail.com
Mary Monroe- mmonroe@poorrichards.com
Pat Hedges- hedges101@hotmail.com

FROM YOUR OCEAN FLEET CAPTAIN

We have a new race mark. John Michner, Wayne Ratliff, Pat Hedges, Bob Smirl, Gay Cantwell and Burke Vanderhoff (a non member) who was curious what we were doing and lent a hand- or more accurately: a back- to the project. John had done the heavy work of mixing and casting 5 bags of concrete with rebar and 1 inch chain (donated by Gene Doughty) buried in the block which will anchor the big yellow buoy. Bob Smirl lent his talent in painting the buoy and splicing the rode to the thimbles. Thursday morning was not cooperative with a heavy shower, thankfully brief at 7:30. We were to depart at 8:30 and the sky was brightening then.

We headed out into a dark horizon with refreshing wind and swells higher than hoped. The guys had done a yeoman's job in securing the can with its 300+ pounds of concrete and chain; it did not move until the lines were untied. It sprinkled, it rained, it hailed. With wind and swell it was difficult to hold course for the last minute details of putting it all together. (Sailboats handle better with at least a handkerchief up but not one of the crew brought this fact to the skipper's attention.) It was almost ready for the plunge when a fouled line was noticed. Remove the shackles, overhaul the line and start again. When it was ready for real, John asked the navigator, Wayne, if we were in position. The response was an eager affirmative, wherever that position may have been! The lines were untied and the can was allowed to tumble 180 feet to the bottom.

Actually we were only about 250 off the intended GPS position. Good enough for government work. Home Jeeves, wet but pleased with the expedition.

**Lynn Meissen
Ocean Fleet Captain**





MBYC Social Committee

April showers have brought us flowers, but it did not rain on Opening Day! It was a perfect sunny day, cool and with a breeze!

We had several officers with their spouses from other clubs join us and many members with guests to make a large crowd.

The White Caps played on the tarmac and everyone was enjoying the music and good food. I would like to extend a big

THANK YOU to all who contributed food and helped with taking care of decorating, set-up, greeting, serving, dish washing, bartending and clean-up. It was grand! Especially with the new skirted tablecloths!

After Opening Day, we were hit by the contrast of our club chairs and those borrowed for the White Caps. Ideas were flowing on how we could replace our old, uncomfortable chairs with new, comfortable ones!

If you have any good ideas, let me or Pat Hedges know.

Open House is quick on the heels of Opening Day! Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 19th. We need members to help make this a successful event in promoting for new members, jr. members and summer sailing classes.

Your input would be greatly appreciated.

Sharon Bufo 534-1614



Sand Spit Clean Up

A Dozen MBYC Fun Floaters turned out on Thursday April 19 to cleanup the Sand Spit in conjunction with earth day cleanup this month. Several bags of trash were collected along with our usual oyster plastic remnants, garbage lid & toilet seat. (We had to leave the truck tire on the beach for later pickup) Thanks to Bob Salamacha, Dick Evans, Pat Rygh, Dave Shinn, Rachelle Phillips, Mark Mason, Dot Rygh, Carolyn Pye and not pictured, Rosemary Jorgens, Alicia Shinn, and Adrian Smulders. Thanks again everyone, It was fun and worthwhile and we will do it again next year.

Dot

MEMBERSHIP

Posted on the office door this month are two applications for prospective members for your review.

Please take a look if you're by the club.

They are:

Rich Leamon and wife, Yvonne Lazear, are sponsored by Terry Paris and Dawn and Joe Huntsinger. Rich and Yvonne live in Southern California but spend as much time as they can here in their Morro Bay home until Yvonne retires and they move here for good. Rich entertained us at the St. Patrick's Day dinner with a few limericks and they are eager to be more involved in the club.

Lee and Bonnie Piatek, who are sponsored by Bob Smirl and Char and Jim Bruzenak, live in Cayucos and own a J Boats 130, "Beauty", which is here in the bay. Lee is an orthopedic surgeon in San Luis Obispo and Bonnie is an active hiker.

These prospective members will be presented to the Board of Directors in May for their consideration.

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



Morro Bay Junior Yacht Club

Another Big Rock Regatta has come and gone, however during the week leading up to the event, it was doubtful that it was going to happen at all. Heavy rains were forecast for the entire weekend. But this year we had our largest turnout ever with 52 sailors and their Optimist dinghies launching off the yacht club dock. There were 32 championship sailors sailing a course set at the top of the bay and 20 green fleet sailors sailing a course set back near the launch ramp. The rain held off, but it was cool, and it was hard to recognize the sailors bundled up in their cold weather gear. Both fleets found the currents a challenge on the start line, resulting in numerous general recalls. Saturday night the Junior volunteers hosted a taco bar feast featuring tri-tip steak that had the club full of sailors and their parents visiting and enjoying each other's company. Sunday started off similar to Saturday, with winds from the South-East back on the green fleet course. In the last race the wind clocked around 180 degrees signifying a change was afoot. The sailors had just enough time to pack up their boats before the predicted deluge arrived. I had the good fortune to spend the weekend at the club on my boat and I got to see firsthand all the volunteers arrive early in the morning and leave late in the evening. A huge thank you to everyone (see Dana McClish's note) but especially thank you to Dana for making sure the event got on the Cal Opti calendar and for heading up the event. We could only include few photos here - for a slide show set to music go to YouTube and search "Big Rock Regatta, 2012".

At our next Juniors day, the weather toyed with us again. Only a few hearty Opti sailors gambled against the forecasted high winds, but they were rewarded with nice conditions, at least until lunch time. As they ate lunch the wind picked up, and up, and up. We had planned on taking a sail on the bay together on a small keel boat but that was blown away.



Since only one Laser sailor showed on April Fool's Day, coaches Steve Hendricks and Terry Paris put in some more time on the club Lasers. In addition to fixing up the two nice Lasers, Steve also helped us find and purchase two very gently used Lasers. We now have four Lasers all rigged the same and ready to go. A huge thank you to Steve for all of his help with the Juniors Lasers.

As I write this six of the Juniors are packed up and ready to race at Lopez Lake in a San Luis Yacht Club race. Even our Opti sailors are going to brave the winds on Lopez, with Coach Dana providing support from his Optimoto.

The days are getting longer and its starting to warm up. I'd love to see everyone who signed up for Juniors come join us on the water.

**Todd Hansen
Junior Advisor**



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OPENING DAY



HIP HIP HOORAY!!! for all those who volunteered at the 2012 BIG Rock Regatta

Registration: Karry Macdonald, Brooks Measures, Teresa McClish, Olivia Macdonald, Shannon McClish.
 Championship Fleet Race Committee: PRO Lex Budge, Brooks & Micheal Measures, John Macdonald, Bruce Masterson, Carlton Smith
 Race Committee Boat "Ho'oluana" provided by John Macdonald
 Mark Set: Terry Paris, Brian Grainger,
 Coach/Support: Rory McClish, Brian Monroe
 Protest Committee: Don Lockwood, Ron Giddings, Kevin Williams
 Green Fleet Race Committee: PRO Todd Hanson, Joyce Hanson, Cameron Dave Hensinger
 Coach/Support: Keiran Hanson, Shannon McClish, Dan and Molly Russell
 Race Results: Brooks Measures, Joyce Hanson
 Dock and Tarmac Crew: Scott Morris, Dave Hensinger, Joe & Dawn Huntsinger
 Galley Crew: Mary Monroe, Teresa McClish, Angelia Moore, Laural Morris, Shelly Grainger, Christine Saavedra, Joe & Dawn Huntsinger, Molly and Dan (bbq) Russell, Dave Hensinger, Joyce Hanson, Keiley Hanson and I'm sure others...
 Bar Duty: Joe & Dawn Huntsinger, Don & Kit Lockwood, Brian & Mary Monroe, Todd Hanson, Bob Walker and.....
 Event Photographer, Youtube Video: Keiley C. Hanson, Devlin Lamose

Thanks also to all the participants and spectators for supporting youth sailing in our community.

BRR Regatta Chairman Dana McClish

P.S. (Looking for volunteers for Optimist PCC's at Huntington Lake, Aug.10,11)



EXTRA! EXTRA!

Pandora Nash-Karner has passed the U.S. Coast Guard Master Mariner exam and received her Captain's license good for up to 150 passengers in near coastal waters. She also received the Sailing and Towing certificates.

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

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"I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as is what direction we are moving: To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it - but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor."
 - Oliver Wendel Holmes."

June 2012












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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Hosts: 1 Jim & Karen Clinton Brian & Kathy Egan	Shenanigan Race 2 Bay Fleet 
Summer I: Ocean Fleet 3  Juniors	4	5	6	7	Hosts: 8 Dick & Charlene Evans Max & Helen Sicher	EVENT: Pirate's Booty 9
Make-Up: Ocean Fleet 10 	11	12	13	14	Hosts: 15 Ken & Mary Bradley Tom & Marty Tidyman	Summer I: Bay Fleet 16 
Father's Day 17 Juniors 	Fun Float 10:00 AM 18 	19	20	Board Meeting 6:00 PM 21 	Hosts: 22 Todd and Joyce Hansen Dana & Teresa McClish	Laser Slalom: Bay Fleet 23 
Summer II: Ocean Fleet 24 	Memorial Day 25	26	27	28	Hosts: 29 Michael & Brooks Measures John & Janice Tannehill	30

Tidelands Volunteers — JUNE 2012
 June 1 Jorgans/Pye, 4 Smulders, 8 Meissen, 11 Williams, 15 Prewitt,
 18 Thomas, 22 Tidyman, 25 Condon, 29 Butler