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FROM YOUR COMMODORE—Dawn Huntsinger

It's that time of year again! The *General Meeting* is Saturday, April 6 at 7 p.m. Details for the Pot-luck at 6:00 p.m. will be posted closer to the date. There will be a vote on using the elevator funds to buy and install a Stair Lift. The design has changed a little bit. Instead of coming up the middle of the staircase, there may be plans to put it on the far wall so it will come up the stairs in a straight shot. We need a quorum to vote on this issue, which means that we need 15% of the memberships that are in good standing. So if you have an opinion on this issue, be sure and come on out.

Don't miss out on our *Opening Day* Sunday, April 14. Our energetic social director, **Sharon Bufo**, and her loyal crew of decorators, **Sharon Brooks** and **Cheryl Gould**, are prepared to WOW us as they prepare the club for its annual blessing of the fleets and clubhouse. There will be music, mimosas, and deviled eggs. If you want to help out in the organizing and setting up, I'm sure that your offer will be very much appreciated. Plan your outfits, decorate your boats and come celebrate with us!

If you haven't visited the clubhouse in a while, you may be surprised to see that the color has changed. It is on its way to becoming a beautiful coastal grey and white with navy accents. **Joe Huntsinger** and **Kevin Williams** have been doing a wonderful job sprucing up the siding and paint, while **Bob Smirl** has been busy carving and painting new signage to let the community know that we are in fact a yacht club. We are blessed to have such talented folks in our membership!

Did you hear the roar last weekend? *Big Rock Regatta* happened again. The clubhouse came alive as 69 Optimist sailors from San Francisco to San Diego descended upon our facilities. There were some familiar faces, some new faces, and all agreed that *MBYC* is a favorite regatta destination! Check out the Junior's article for a full account of this hugely successful weekend.

I am pleased to announce that **Barbara Earl** is back and has taken over the Masthead Editor position again! Let's all welcome her back. Please welcome **Yvonne Lazear** as the new Ship's Store manager. She could use some help manning the store; this is a really great way to meet new people on a Friday night. And finally, I am thrilled to announce that **Rich Leamon** will assist the Bar Steward in his newly created position as Sommelier. Look for future articles about featured wine, and we may even have special wine and food pairings.

In order to cut down on our expenses (approximately \$3,600/year), the Masthead will be available electronically starting in June. It is available two different ways; on our website at *MBYC.net*, and over the *Alias* (the Members Only email distribution list hosted by our resident Alias Troll, **Don Lockwood**). If you are not able to receive the Masthead electronically, let me know and you will continue to receive a hard copy in the mail.



Color outside the lines,

Dawn Huntsinger, Commodore

"Money can't buy you happiness, but it can buy you a yacht big enough to pull up right alongside it." -Unknown - Every Sailor

Editor's Note: Submissions to the *Masthead* are due by the 21st of each month. You may e-mail your written material or digital photos to mbyc@mbyc.net or to Barbara Earl
All submissions are subject to editing for content and space.

FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE - Tony Gomez



The *Morro Bay Yacht Club* is getting an all new paint job with colors picked by the "colors committee". **Joe Huntsinger** and **Kevin Williams**, our esteemed yacht club members, got the winning bid and the blessing of the Board of Directors. They have not only started painting but have replaced many sheets of siding at no labor cost to the club. The siding was in need of replacement so thank you Joe and Kevin.



Our gangway is complete and served the club well during the "*Big Rock Regatta*". Thank you to all who helped with this important improvement to our club. I hope the work party on March 23rd goes well as it has not yet happened as of this writing. Painting, cleaning and polishing will be the theme of the day.

That's all for now; keep sailing,

Tony Gomez, Vice Commodore



Happy Spring!



FUN FLOAT

Wednesday, April 17th, 10:00 a.m.

I had to miss the Feb. Float because I was laid out on what I was sure was my Death Bed, but against all odds, I recovered. TRUST ME, there is no light at the end of the tunnel. Just the night light in bathroom.

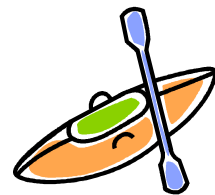


Our April Float will be on Wed., the 17th, at 10:00 AM. We are going out on a low tide, to the mouth of the bay and peek at the ocean. On a clear day you can see forever.

We shall sit on the Sand Spit and watch all the natural and nautical things come and go in and out.

Your fully recovered,

G.P.P.





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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 2013

- 5 John & Kirsten Swift
Ken & Judy Riener
- 12 Mark & Angela Soll
Bob & Barbara Schwenoha
- 19 Truman & Lauren Prewitt
Mal & Julie Towery
- 26 Patrick & Michelle Gorey
Bill & Joyce (Hunter) Cockrill

May 2013

- 3 Lex & Lolo Budge
Andrew & Marrie Brown
- 10 John & Judy Michener
Matt & Jacqueline Piper
- 17 John & Betsy Stenger
John & Wendy Mitchell
- 24 Jim & Bobbie Brose
Mike Weber
Rosemary Jorgens
- 31 Stanley & Susan Craig
Adrian & Helma Smulders

June 2013

- 7 Donna Arozena
Carol Vallely & Clayton Schmidt
Diane Mason
- 14 Dana Cummings
Bob & Laurie Neumann
- 21 John & Jan Neiswanger
John Duthie
Charles Watson
- 28 Dave Hensinger & Kim Schollenberger
Bill Sanders
Candy Botich & Kevin O'Day

Jim & Rachelle Phillips



FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE—John Kincade



Lots of great weather for all the races this month. Here are the results:

Ocean Fleet, Winter 3 Race, March 10:

<i>Boat Name</i>	<i>Finish</i>	<i>Elapsed Time</i>	<i>Corrected Time</i>
Voyager 2	1	13:50:08	1:27:19
Fear Knot	2	2:15:09	1:39:47
Fiorghra	3	2:55:12	2:07:51
Guayacan	4	3:14:47	2:19:27
Beauty	5	2:25:20	2:21:55
Evening Tide	6	3:20:18	2:31:14

Note: This was Voyager 2's last race locally, as Wayne will be taking her to Channel Islands harbor.

Bay Fleet, Spring 1 Race, March 2:

The race results for the Spring 1 were attached to my clipboard, and my clipboard disappeared somewhere inside the yacht club two weeks ago. I was feeling like the kid who has lost his homework. I don't usually loose things but have also lost my sunglasses recently too, and now I've left my pocket knife out on the boat. Maybe its time to look into an assisted living program. Anyway, I found the race results just 4 hours before the deadline for the Masthead. So here they are:

<i>Skipper</i>	<i>Race 1</i>	<i>Race 2</i>	<i>Race 3</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Tidyman	3	3	5	3
Griffith	14	15	DNS16	15
Fee	5	4	DSQ16	8
Huntsinger	12	5	6	6
Borges	10	8	6	12
Hensingar	13	14	DNF16	14
Smith	2	1	3	2
Condon	1	2	2	1
Measures	9	12	4	7
McClish	7	11	7	9
Paris	11	6	12	11
Little McClish	6	9	1	4
Soll	4	7	9	5
Little Hansen	8	10	8	10
Hansen	DSQ	13	13	13

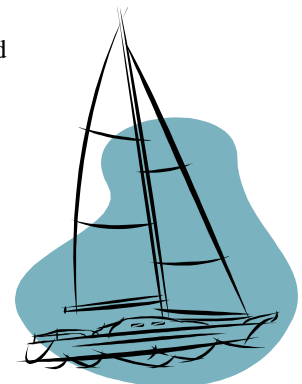
Big Rock Regatta, March 16-17

Wow, there were a lot of boats out there. Look for the full story elsewhere in this issue. And full race results are posted on the MBYC.NET website.

We have an opening for PRO for May 4th for the Bay Fleet Spring III.

Don't forget the festivities for **Opening Day** on the 14th. Happy sailing!!

John Kincade, Rear Commodore



Membership News

Please take a moment to stop and read the membership application hanging on the office door. It is **John and Karry Mac Donald** who are applying. They have been long-time friends of the club who are very active with the Juniors program. They have a "big" boat that they often make available as a committee boat along with helping wherever they can.

We're looking for your input as to how we might attract more interest in joining the Club. Please think about it and let us know your thoughts.

Your Membership Committee: Gail Condon, CharLea Bruzenak, Cyndy Fee, Lynn Meissen, Rachelle and Jim Phillips, and Marty and Tom Tidyman

Winter III Ocean Race - March 10, 2013



2nd Fear Knot - John Krossa & crew

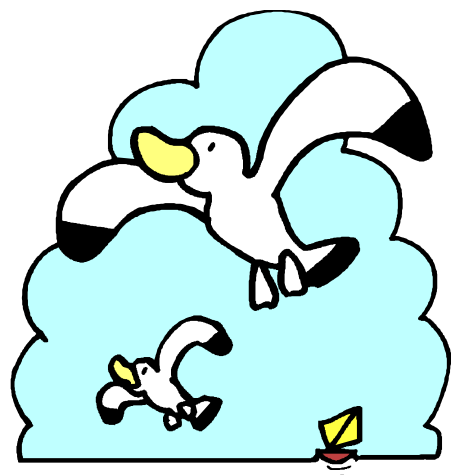


Winter Series - 1st Beauty - Lee Piatek & crew (pictured)

1st Voyager - Wayne and crew (there were many more)



This is a special shot of Wayne Ratliff's crew because he is moving his boat to Channel Island Harbor and this is his last race in Morro Bay.



MORRO BAY JUNIOR YACHT CLUB

Big Rock Regatta 2013 was superlative this year. Last year we hosted 52 Opti sailors. This year we hosted 69 sailors, their parents, and their coaches. The tides were mild, the winds ranged from almost nothing to almost to much, but just almost. We had fog and we had sun. What we did not have was rain this year. Morro Bay yacht club had 8 sailors in the races this year and 7 teen juniors volunteering on the water as coaches and chase boat drivers. We had so many Optis lined up on the tarmac that kids were setting their boats up outside the gate. With only 8 Opti sailors from the club in the races of course it took a lot more volunteers than just parents to make the event a success. I could not even begin to list them all but every time I turned around there was another member of the club pitching in and helping out from working in the kitchen, tending bar, to running races and manning safety boats. Of course a huge hand goes out to Dana McClish for being the marshal of all those volunteers and dealing with each crisis that came up with a smile and a patient ear. A special congratulations to our green fleet sailors for which the Big Rock was their first ever regatta.

Next Juniors is on April 21 but you don't have to wait that long to sail again. Opening Day on the bay is April 13th and there is a bay race on the 14th. If we have three boats in the same class we can get our own start.

Todd Hansen, Junior Advisor





Memories

The morning after in 1979 after a normal party at the YC. Loraine Miranda, Don Vest, Kitty Lockwood and Don Lockwood are concerned that we may have gone a little too far..... but maybe not. — Don Lockwood

Social Committee

Opening Day is but 2 weeks away!!! Dust-off your red/white and blue attire for a day of celebration. Our local **White Caps Band** will be playing on the tarmac. The **Coast Guard** will be unfurling our flag and **Reverend Bill Huston** will be onboard to lead us in a prayer for a safe sailing season! The "Highlight" is our boat parade around the bay after the ceremony! Make sure you get a ride or be at the helm yourself!

We all know the drill, except for our newer members, on food preparation! This is the "golden" rule....please bring food items that are bite-size ready. Example: deviled eggs, cut-up fruit, veggies or pastries, sweets that are bite-sized...anything as long as no cutlery is needed!!! It is nice to have protein well represented...you can never have too many deviled eggs, or lil' sausages in a blanket!!

The club will be overflowing with attendees and it will be "all hands on deck" for our members. This can only run smoothly if you are willing to pitch-in and help with 1) sign-in for guests, 2) new members need to autograph the tablecloth, 3) food needs to be displayed and 4) replenished during the ceremony, 5) dirty plates thrown away, 6) glasses returned to the bar, and 7) tables wiped off! The biggest job is the one behind the bar! I will need people from 9 to 1 preparing all the requests for drinks. We will have Mimosa's, Bloody Mary's and shots of Patron on the menu! If you have guests coming, please, let them know that our bar is very limited and no blender is available! Anyone willing to take this on, please call me, 748-3861, to set your shift! My long-suffering husband will be onboard all day! Clean-up is always a blast too!!! But if we all do our part during the event...I'm just sayin'! **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK FOR ALL** .

Thank you and I hope to see all your smiling faces soon!!!

Sharon Bufo -

Opening Day!

Don't miss the festivities!

April 14th

See you there!



STAIRLIFT UPDATE- VOTE APRIL 6TH

Hi Everyone,

At the General Meeting on Saturday, April 6th, we will be voting to use the funds that are in the Elevator Fund for a stairlift. A quorum will be needed, so we hope to have as many people as possible there to vote. Come for the potluck at 5:30 and meeting at 7:00.

Any questions about the stairlift, please call me at:

Marlene



General Meeting

April 6th, 2013

TIDELAND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of just a couple of volunteers to help with the MBYC's adopted park, Tidelands. This duty takes less than an hour a month and is an enjoyable time by the bay in *Tidelands Park*. Please contact **Jeff Eckles** to find out more. We need you! Thanks.



From the Editor—Barbara Earl



Hello All! I'm so excited to be the Masthead Editor, once again. I've missed being at the club and seeing everyone. I must apologize if I have missed any articles or pictures for this issue. I will be better organized for the next issue of the Masthead.

I appreciate the support I've been given, already. I've gone back to the format I was using a few years ago. If anyone has any suggestions please do not hesitate to let me know. My email is: BarbaraLEarl@gmail.com

Hope to see you more often, at the club!
Barbara Earl, Masthead Editor

April 2013



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

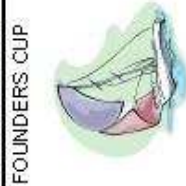
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Hosts: Mark & Angela Soll Bob & Barbara Schwenoha	11	12		13
Hosts: Mal & Julie Towery Truman & Lauren Prewitt	18	19	BOARD MEETING	20
Hosts: Bill & Joyce (Hunter) Cockrill Patrick & Michelle Gorey	25	26		27

Tidelands Volunteers — April: 1: Clinton; 5: Jorgens/Pye; 8: Smulders; 12: Prewitt; 15: Williams; 19: Tidyman; 22: Thomas; 26: Condon; 29: Butler. Alternates: Eckles

May 2013



Ocean Races Start: 12:00 NOON
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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 — <u>May</u> , 3: Jorgens/ Pye; 6: Smulders; 10: Prewitt; 13: Williams; 17: Tidyman; 20: Thomas; 24: Condon; 27: Butler; 31: Eckles. Alternate: Eckles		1	2	3	4			
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 that hands have ever made.*
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