

MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB



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FROM YOUR COMMODORE—Dawn Huntsinger

WOW! 2013 flew by fast. It seems like just yesterday that I was stepping into some very big commodore shoes; feeling like I was a little girl dressing up in my mom's grown up clothes. It turns out that this position is a lot of fun if you work with the right people, which I have. A huge thanks from the bottom of my heart goes to my wonderful board and committee chairs. Together we have accomplished a lot of good things around the club while having some giggles along the way. With everyone's help I'm not feeling so small anymore! I absolutely could not have gotten through this year without my husband, Joe. Not only was he my right hand, he also curbed my appetite for carrying out some really silly and inappropriate antics around the club. Thanks, Joe, for being my sounding board and helping me keep some sort of decorum. (The jury is still out on whether or not he succeeded)



Thank you to all who showed up to ensure we had a quorum at the General Meeting. Due to your attendance we were able to take care of all necessary business. Our new Board of Directors was elected, committee reports were made, and the motion to raise dues \$50 was passed. The crowd was not the angry mob that we anticipated so it was actually enjoyable!

For those of you that joined us at the 2013 Commodore's Ball, thank you for attending and helping make it a very special evening. It by far exceeded my expectations! Tradition was tested, limits were pushed, and silliness ensued by having Photo Booth props and kazoo's at each table. Dave Bufo masterfully performed the duties as Master of Ceremonies and the Paris' son-in-law dazzled us with music all evening. It was brilliant. Much fun was had by all! Thanks to Sharon Bufo for setting this Ball into motion and going to the extra lengths to make this year's party a spectacular affair! After shutting us down at 11 pm, the wait staff at Windows on the Water kept declaring that this was one of the best parties they have seen. Yes, MBYC knows how to throw a great party!

Well, we think that we found another way to go green while saving the club some money. Starting in the beginning of the year, we would like to put the club roster on our website behind a password protected page. Anyone who would still like to have their roster printed out will be instructed to pre-order a printed copy in which we will charge a nominal fee.

I would like to once again thank everyone who has supported and encouraged me throughout the year, and normally this is where I would say my good-byes. But, like it or not, I'm coming back for more riotous fun next year!

See you in the funny papers,

Dawn Huntsinger, Commodore



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
Barbara Edwards-Earl at :

All submissions are subject to editing for content and space.

FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE - Tony Gomez

Greetings and happy holidays from the Vice Commodore of The Morro Bay Yacht Club. It is amazing how fast this year has flown by and what a fun year it has been. I want to thank all of the people who have helped me throughout this year, there were so many willing to help I am not going to name you all, but you know who you are. Many improvements have been made to the house and I am responsible for very few of them. Oh, I did call the plumber to fix the man's shower. Oh, and I did buy new toilet seat covers!

To the new Vice Commodore I have some advice. There are so many helpful members that are willing to pitch in, don't hesitate to call them. They are listed below. However, you do not want to call Pat Hedges for help because he had a background check on me when I asked about a club

problem. He then tried to have the board remove me from office. Fortunately they could not find a replacement.

I want to thank the board for all they did for me, as well as all they did for the Morro Bay Yacht Club. Thank you all for a great year!

Smooth sailing,

Tony Gomez,
Vice Commodore

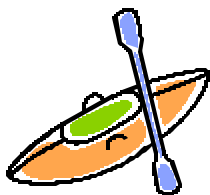


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FUN FLOAT

Wednesday, December 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Our Sandspit turkeys hunt was a little different this year. When we got to the Spit on of our paddlers volunteered to recon for the elusive, yet testy, SS Turkey. When he finally returned and we ask if he had seen any, Yes! We are surrounded by hundreds of them! I did not know if he was subject to hallucinations. We took him back to the club house and medicated him with some 80 proof medicine and he calmed down.

Wed. Dec. 18th will be our annual white elephant Christmas party. If the weather is bad, we shall stay at the club house instead of paddling to the spit

Your Elfin, **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.

December 2013

- 6 Leslie & Shields Abernathy
Tom Murphy
Bill Austin
- 13 Dave & Alicia Shinn
Rick & Corbie von Stein
- 20 Rich Leamon & Yvonne Lazear
Joe & Dawn Huntsinger
- 27 No Food Service—BYOF

January 2014

- 3 Steve & Terri Reeder
Matt & Adrienne Jenkins
- 10 Charles & Laura McCarren
John & Carole (Maurer) Dilworth
Mary Flaven
- 17 Gerald & Kathleen Ashenbrenner
Henriette Groot
Lynn Meissen
- 24 Harold & Elena Hartsell
Howard & Sandy Grisham
- 31 Chris & Lynn Helenius
Kay Milligan
Bill Sanders

February 2014

- 7 Brian Crow & Gayle Bruce
John Bodine & Brooke Townsend
- 14 Marc Goldberg & Maggie D'Ambrosia
Pat Hedges
Tony Gomez
- 21 Mark & Jacque Silveira
Jim & Karen Clinton
- 28 Bob & Holly Smirl
Lee & Bonnie Piatek

Jim & Rachelle Phillips



FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE—John Kincade



Race Results:

Ocean Race, Fall I, Oct 27:

Whizbang.....1st
Guayacan.....2nd

Ocean Race, Fall II, Nov 10:

Fear Knot.....1st
Twin Finn.....2nd
Elizabeth Marie.....3rd

Bay Race, Commodores Cup, Nov 9:

Team	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Rank
Paris.....	4.....	6.....	5	
Smith.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1st!!
Craig.....	7.....	9.....	9	
Hansen.....	2.....	2.....	3.....	2nd
Borges.....	5.....	5.....	6	
Ollie.....	9.....	8.....	8	
Leamon.....	8.....	7.....	7	
Gorey.....	3.....	3.....	3.....	3rd
Hensinger.....	6.....	4.....	4	

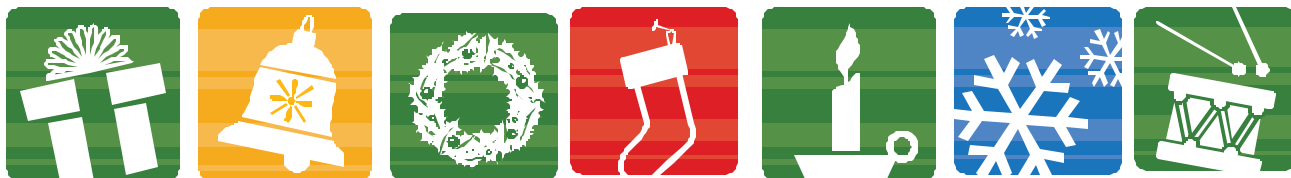


Upcoming Races:

Bay, Drumstick.....Dec 1
Ocean, O'Daniels 2-sticker.....Dec 14
Bay, Winter I.....Dec 21

Still some racing left before the end of the year!!!

John Kincade, Rear Commodore



Attention Tidelands Park Volunteers:

The key for the Tidelands Park storage room is hanging in the sail locker/closet downstairs at the club across from the galley. You will need your magnetic fob to enter the sail closet. The key can be found hanging on the right hand side of the sail locker. You will need to stop by the club first to pick up the key before visiting Tidelands, then please return the key to its place after you are done.

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers who help keep our adopted park tidy. The club and the city appreciate you! We are looking for a couple more volunteers to help out at the park. It takes less than 30 minutes and is only once per month. It's an enjoyable time outdoors along the waterfront and will make you feel warm and fuzzy on the inside knowing you are doing something great for our community and the club.

Please contact our Tidelands Chairperson Jeff Eckles at _____ or give him a buzz at _____

Membership News

We have new members! Please welcome **Werner and Lora Weinstock**. Their contact information is:

DaySailer CF# 2243 UL

Also, **Kay Milligan** has a new email address which is:

If you will, please check the current roster and, if you've made any changes this year, let us know by filling out the enclosed form, or by emailing or calling any of us on this committee.

Plans are being made to put the 2014 membership roster online with the possibility of having printed copies pre-ordered and a fee charged. Stay tuned for further details.

Thanks from your Membership Committee,.

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

Social Activities

Lighted Boat Parade—2013

Lighted Boat Parade!!! Saturday, December 7th starting at 6:30. (Make this sentence CAPS & BOLD) I need many hands on deck to pull this night off without a hitch. If you are willing to help decorate, bartend or help to clean up afterwards, please contact me or Hot chocolate will be provided and everyone is asked to bring something to share. If you are inviting friends or family, please ask them to provide items to share, also. They need to understand that this is a volunteer club...no paid employees and limited bar selections. A little help throughout the night will go a long way.....and we all can enjoy this magical night!

This year the Morro Bay Rotary Club is running the parade. We will have judges and announcements at the club but, the south t-pier will have the White Caps Band performing along with announcements, too!

Sharon Bufo, Activities Director
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Morro Bay Yacht Club Ship's Store

Volunteers wanted for a fun, rewarding job!!! It's a great way to meet new people and socialize. Man stores for one Friday night a month. Please telephone Yvonne at or email .



Think of the Morro Bay Yacht Club for gifts this Christmas. We have new name brand clothing; the earlier you buy the better choice you will have. Think of the thrill of advertising our yacht club when you wear your clothing out in public. It always elicits a great response and you might even recruit a new member!!

We have an impressive inventory for men, women and kids including:

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- * Sweatshirts
- * Sweaters
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- * Purses
- * License Plate Frames
- * Burgees
- * Pins
- * Scarves
- * Earrings
- * Pens
- * Aprons
- * Name Tags
- * Decals
- * Hats — all different kinds

Please visit and support our stores.
We are open between 6pm and 7pm on
Friday nights.





CINQUAIN CELLARS
PASO ROBLES



Syrah for Christmas?

With the Holiday Season here, you may be wondering which wine pairs best with holiday fare. I propose Syrah for your consideration. First, what is Syrah or Shiraz if you are an Aussie? Syrah is a very dark grape which UCD Professor Carole Meredith's DNA profiling determined is the offspring of two obscure grapes from southeastern France, *Dureza* and *Mondeuse Blanche* (reference her identifying Zin's parentage in Note 3). Syrah is the seventh most grown grape in the world and is a favorite of Aussies. Do not confuse Syrah with its modern, more acidic offspring Petite Sirah or *Durif*. Syrah blends well with other wines, among them Grenache and Mourvedre (or GSM for short, just remember Good Stuff Man) which I believe has a very bright future for Paso vintners. Syrah pairs well with a variety of foods because its balance of sweetness (residual sugar, see Note 7) and acidity. The alcohol content is also moderate; beware of Syrah with very high alcohol (questionable aging). I sometimes think of Syrah as Zinfandel's older and wiser brother. Of late Syrah's have reached the top of various wine rating lists, e.g., Shafer's Syrah and Petite Sirah blend, rated 96, was named the best wine of 2012 by Wine Spectator magazine. Excellent local Syrahs include Cinquain, Justin (note 6), and Autry (future note). Cinquain is a boutique winery near San Miguel in the northeast Paso appellation. Owners David and Beth Nagengast first vintage was 2006. Their Syrahs are critically acclaimed as is their Bordeaux blend (more on that in a later note). Cinquain's 2007 Syrah was awarded a gold medal winner at 2009 San Francisco International Wine Competition and Robert Parker of *The Wine Advocate* has this to say about the 2006 vintage, "This delicious, sexy Syrah possesses a deep plum/ruby color as well as copious quantities of sweet black cherry and black currant fruit, smoke, earth, and a gamy meatiness."

Fortunately, we have cellared a case Cinquain Cellars 2008 Syrah at the MBYC which is being released this December so you may try it yourself.

Rich Leamon, MBYC Sommelier "Que Syrah, Syrah"

The December Wine Event is the release of Cinquain Cellars 2008 Syrah

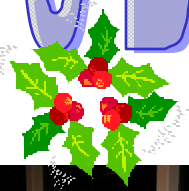


Cinquain Cellars 2008 Syrah
 Alcohol: 14.5%
 Total Acid: 6.1 grams per liter
 pH: 3.77
 Residual Sugar: 0.12%
 Harvest Date: Sept 14, 2008
 Cases Produced: 125



**Cinquain Cellars
David and Beth Nagengast**

Commodore's Ball - 2013



To all MBYC Members: ~~~ROSTER UPDATE FORM ~~~

To assist the Membership Committee in the production of the **new 2014 Roster**, please check your listing in the current 2013 Roster to be sure that the information contained therein is accurate

**Did you move, change or add a phone number, email address, or fax number?
Did you buy or sell any boats? Did you change sail numbers?**

Please enter your name and any correction(s) on the slip below and return it to the club office or email a your new info to anyone on the membership committee.

Deadline for the submission for the 2014 Roster is January 15, 2014.

NAME: _____ NEW PHONE: _____

CORRECT ADDRESS: _____

NEW EMAIL: _____

NEW FAX: _____ RADIO CALL: _____

BOAT (ADDED?) NAME: _____

CLASS: _____ CF#: _____

BOAT (SUBTRACTED?) _____

SOLD TO MEMBER? _____

NOTES: _____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS UPDATE FORM WITH YOUR CORRECTIONS TO THE MORRO
BAY YACHT CLUB,
ATTENTION: MEMBERSHIP. THANK YOU.**



STAIRLIFT UPDATE

In 2012, the membership voted to give the board the authority to use the Elevator Fund for the purchase and installation of a stairlift. In January of 2014, when the dues come in, we will have almost enough money to purchase and install a stairlift. We are asking the Life Members to make a contribution, or a pledge for the purpose of installing a stairlift. \$100.00 per membership would be great or whatever you are able to donate. If you would like to do this, please designate your contribution to the elevator fund and ask the board to please move forward with this project as soon as possible.

Sincerely, Marlene McQueen



Movie Being Filmed at MBYC!



#1 was a camera check.

#2 was director's directions before the shoot.

Action: The star, Olivia Thirlby, walks down the dock, gets in the boat, starts it up, and motors away.

The movie (at this time) is called "The White Orchid", a murder mystery, also starring Nichelle Nichols (Star Trek).

*Pictures and info provided by:
Rachelle Phillips.*



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Ocean Races Start: 12:00 NOON

Bay Races Start: 11:00 AM
 Skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM

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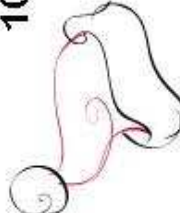















TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 DRUMSTICK 	2 	3	4 	5	6 Hosts: Leslie & Shields Abemathy Tom Murphy Bill Austin 	7 Junior Christmas Party Lighted Boat Parade 
8 	9	10 	11	12 	13 Hosts: Dave & Alicia Shann Rick & Corbie von Stein 	14 O'Daniels 2 Sticker MBYC Christmas Party 
15	16 	17	18 FUN FLOAT 	19 Board Meeting 6:00 PM 	20 Hosts: Rich Leanon & Yvonne Lazaar Joe & Dawn Huntsinger 	21 Winter I  Masthead Deadline
22 	23	24 Christmas Eve 	25 Christmas Day 	26	27 Hosts: No Food Service —BYOF 	28 
29	30 	31 New Year's Eve 	<p>Tideland's Volunteers — December - 2: Smulders; 6: Jorgens/Pye; 9: Williams; 13: Tidyman; 16: Thomas; 20: Condon; 23: Butler; 27: Wright; 30: Eckles. Alternate: Eckles</p>			

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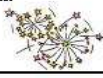





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